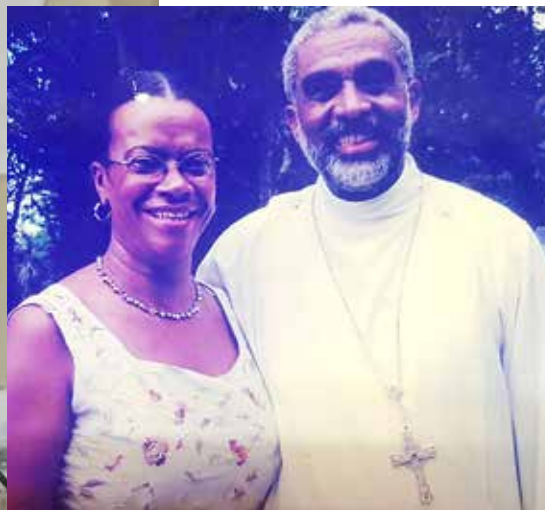


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*Bishop Thompson & Charmaine,
his wife of 41 years*

Robert McLean Thompson - Born to Minister

The Rt. Rev. Robert Thompson, who retires in August after 47 years of Ministry, declares that his decision to pursue his lifelong vocation in the Church was made for him by God. The Suffragan Bishop of Kingston, who was ordained a Deacon at age 24, admits that: "There were times when I said, this is not for me, but in the end, God has his way."

In fact, there was a call on his life from his birth, as he says that his late mother, Elethia, literally presented her first born son as an offering to God, in fulfilment of her desire to serve in the Baptist Church which, at the time, did not accept female Ministers. His father, the Hon. James Thompson, former Custos of Westmoreland, and the Rev.

Canon Weeville Gordon, Rector of St. James Mission, Grange, which he attended as a child, and who he said was "the model of priesthood as he exuded a joy while exercising his ministry," ignited the spark within him to live a Christ-centred life and become a priest. As a boarder at Jamaica College, he was further influenced by Fr. John McNab, School Chaplain and Rector of Church of the Ascension, Mona.

Bishop Thompson entered the United Theological College in 1969 and was ordained a Deacon on June 29, 1973, along with Archbishop Howard Gregory and The Rev. Canon Abner Powell. The following year, he was ordained priest on Trinity Sunday. Further

studies at McGill University earned him the Bachelor of Theology Degree and the Master's in Sacred Theology in 1979. He was appointed a Research Fellow at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University in 1988; and he received the Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge in 2004.

Action-packed Ministry

Oversight for construction of the Church of the Resurrection in Duhaney Park was his major achievement as Assistant Curate at The Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The project assigned by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Ernle Gordon, made Robert Thompson the first Curate in the Diocese to undertake a task of this magnitude. Conceived as a community centre and basic school, the structure showcases the work of two outstanding Jamaican artists, Carl Parboosingh and Christopher Gonzales, both of whom offered their service free of cost.

In 1980 he was appointed Rector of St. Jude's, Stony Hill. Describing his 10 years at that Church as "my hardest bit of work," Bishop Thompson recalls spearheading its Centenary Celebrations in 1987. This included monthly activities which featured presentations by specially invited guests from overseas. During his tenure, he also guided the rebuilding of St. Phillip's, Brandon Hill and St. Christopher's, which were destroyed by fire and hurricane, respectively.

He subsequently served as Rector of St. Andrew Parish Church for 15 years from 1990-2005, during which he was appointed a Canon of the Cathedral. The transformative work undertaken by the Parish Church's flagship St. Andrew Settlement project in the Majesty Gardens community entered a new phase when Bishop Thompson mobilized support from Habitat for Humanity and the Ministry of Housing to construct houses on land leased by the Church. He also successfully promoted the establishment of a Community Council to assume responsibility for the protection and maintenance





of social facilities in the area. The St. Andrew Care Centre for Street Boys which provided meals, sanitary facilities, basic education and life skills was another initiative led by this advocate for human development, who has boldly engaged the support of private and public sector heads for sundry projects over the years.

He speaks of the joy in serving as a parish priest with overall responsibility for a Cure, teaching Confirmation class, conducting Baptismal interviews and visiting the sick and shut-ins.

"When you can enter through the backdoors of your members' home, you are in. You belong; they belong to you; and you have to love and care for them," he maintains.

This is an aspect of pastoral ministry that Bishop Robert misses since his consecration as Suffragan Bishop of Kingston on May 31, 2005. However, he says his Episcopacy has enabled him to serve both his fellow clergy and thousands of members across the six parishes in the Region.

One highlight of his tenure was his successful negotiation of a grant from Trinity Church, Wall Street in the United States of America to enhance the Social Media capabilities of the Diocese.

"This has enabled us to deepen virtual communication especially during this COVID-19 pandemic; and it has fundamentally changed how we communicate

in our Diocese, with colleagues in the Province of the West Indies, and further afield," he informs.

The funds also facilitated development of the Diocesan and Provincial websites.

Bonds of Support

Looking back at his 47 years in ministry, he notes that the late Bishop Alfred Reid was a major source of spiritual guidance. At the same time, he says young clergy have also mentored him.

"Clergy must learn to rely on others in order to achieve their objectives," he advises. "This is not a one-man show. You must seek buy-in from members of your congregation, and also find a way to incorporate those persons who you perceive to 'terrorize' their Rector."

Family adds value to our ministry and meaning to life, and clergy should always remember this, Bishop Robert states. He is especially grateful for the support of his parents, who are both deceased; his wife, Charmaine, who he says has been a wonderful resource to him; his sons, Matthew and Joseph; and his granddaughter, Maliyah, who he describes as his "bundle of joy."

An avid reader, Bishop Thompson also enjoys listening to music, caring his ornamental

1. *Installed a Canon at the Cathedral*
2. *Consecrated as Bishop of Kingston*
3. *With his late mother, Elethia Thompson*
4. *Seated with his wife, Charmaine and sons Matthew (left) and Joseph*



fish, and when it comes to relaxing, he says: "There is nothing like having a Red Stripe with a friend, or a glass of red wine." A serving of curried goat and roti, for which he developed an affinity during his childhood in the farming community of Fort William in Westmoreland, where many Indians lived, is a great treat for him.

Looking Ahead

As he looks forward to retirement, Bishop Thompson advises clergy and persons entering ordained ministry that: "If you don't love the Lord, and if you don't love

yourself, don't bother to apply." He adds that there has to be a deep movement in the lives and souls of priests which reflects this love.

He says that he plans to be around; and therefore, persons can approach him for counselling and advice. "Let love reign in our hearts for each other and this Church of ours," he concludes.

Written by Beverley Newell based on an interview done by The Rev. Orlando Gayle



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Communicating in a different way

One of the results of the corona virus pandemic which has swept the world is the need to communicate in new ways, using the Internet and Information Technology. Our Diocese, fortunately, was prepared for this. This is largely because of a 2016 Synod Resolution which called for the "reconstitution of the Communications Committee, now Board, with a view towards implementing a more effective strategy for communications within the Diocese". Among various suggested measures was to make "better and more widespread use of technology."

The Communications Board quickly embraced this challenge, produced a Communications Policy and took measures to enhance the use of technology. These included the revision and upgrading of the existing website, the increased presence of social media as a result of the employment of a full-time Social Media Officer (to join the Communications Officer who was by then full-time), the organization and delivery of training courses in all Regions of the Diocese and the procurement of computer paraphernalia to enable on-line meetings. The purchase and installation of the computer hardware and software was facilitated by a grant to the Diocese from the Trinity Wall Street Church in New York and the Diocese is greatly indebted to them.

Therefore, when the pandemic struck and face-to-face meetings and Church Services were cancelled, the Diocese had in place the personnel and facilities to allow new methods of communicating. As a result, meetings are now being held on-line, information on church-related matters – including times for the streaming of services – is being disseminated on a timely basis via the website, What'sApp groups and other social media channels.

On behalf of the Communications Board, I would like to thank everyone responsible for establishing and maintaining these communication channels. Appreciation in particular is being expressed to Mr Yhanic Morris, the Systems Administrator; Miss Beverley Newell, the Communications Officer and Mrs Clavia Watson-Reid; the Social Media Officer for their work in keeping us connected in what The Rev. Canon Dr. Georgia "Grace" Jervis has so appropriately described as these "differently difficult times".

**The Rt Rev Robert Thompson,
Bishop Suffragan of Kingston &
Chair, Communications Board**

My COVID Experience Aboard a Cruise Ship

By a Member of St Luke's Church, Cross Roads

We all watched as China went into lockdown due to the Corona Virus; and we started praying it wouldn't get too close to us. On March 15, 2020, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued a **No Sail Order**, meaning all cruising should be discontinued for 30 days.

It soon became clear, however, that we would not be returning to work as the **No Sail Order** was extended to 60 days. So, all contracts were terminated, and plans were being put in place to send us home. However, before that could happen, borders started closing around the world, making it difficult to obtain flights. A few days later, the shocker was announced, Covid -19 has made its way on board!!

What? My mouth hit the floor in disbelief. All crew in my line of sight were frozen in place. As we lined up for lunch, using established social distancing protocols, there were plenty murmurs about the next move.

After an extended lunch time it was announced that all persons were to return to

their cabins immediately and stay there until further notice.

We were later told we would be all assigned guest cabins with balcony access for more comfort as we were to be isolated for 14 days. The following morning, we received our new cabin keys which allowed only a one-time entry and we were told to start moving immediately. After settling in, all meals were served in the cabins as we were not allowed to go past our doorways.

I always wanted to see an evacuation process but couldn't as they were done on the other side of the ship. However, I got my chance one day as we pulled into a port and observed the ambulances, fire trucks, police cars and port workers doing their thing. I saw my co-workers being removed to ambulances in full protective gears; and tears came to my eyes.

There were frequent announcements about plans to get us home ...but each time we were scheduled to go into a port we were told we couldn't; and sometimes we had to get supplies transferred to us at sea from another vessel.

Our captain was usually upbeat as he tried



to keep us motivated; but I could tell as he opened the mike that he had bad news. One such time was when he reported there was a death among us, caused by the virus.

At the end of 14 days another 7 were added, taking us to 21 days in total.

Our faith in God helped to soothe the rough patches, as there were times when a Reflection from the Daily Bread really offered a bit more motivation... Thanks to my Rector who reached out across the waters to help us stay focused. As more church services became available online it was easier to participate in worship, especially at Easter.

After many set-backs, we finally sailed into our home port.



COVID-19 and Clergy

New Normal for Ministry

St. Paul's Little London Cure includes St. Paul's in Little London, St. Mary the Virgin in Negril, St. Silas in Mount Airy and St. Helena's in Sheffield. All four churches in Westmoreland have different contextual features for mission and ministry. This posed challenges during the COVID-19 lock down, and continues to impact our operation. Most members in the four churches are over 65 and many over 80 years.

The more rural the community, the stricter the observance of the orders given by the Government. Members could only be reached by phone, and only a few were able to access the Services that were distributed through social media. The number of shut-ins has increased because while members go to the doctor, pharmacy and supermarket in faith, they are reluctant to attend church.

All Bible Study groups were suspended for weeks and could not be resumed because of challenges with technology. On the other hand, I was able to continue teaching the Confirmation Class by forming a WhatsApp group.

Hospital visits were very challenging because of entry and age restrictions.

I was also able to visit one member who celebrated her 100th birthday, and serve Communion.

Our Outreach Ministry was bolstered by donations from the Chamber of Commerce and Service Clubs; and our Wardens and active members assisted in the preparation and distribution of care packages and Gift Certificates to needy members in the Cure and the wider community. This initiative also required much driving around and shopping for shut-ins, even out of our own pocket.

I was not fearful as I moved around, but I tried to be careful as I carried out the scheduled activities of the Church. It is challenging, but somehow, God provides new hope for each day of this new normal experience.

Rev. Veronica Thomas
Rector
Little London Cure

Opportunity to do Church Better

For many of our members, in the Meadowbrook/Merrivale Cure, especially retired persons, church is not just about worship, but about fellowship. COVID-19 took away the only social outlet in which they were routinely involved.

Even though we have been able to stream Services, Bible Study and other activities, and even though participation has been far greater than when these were conducted on a face-to-face basis, we recognize that we are not reaching some of our membership. This is not restricted to older persons; and identifying these members has been a challenge. Now that our churches have reopened we have to determine the number of persons who can attend Services each week and how to effectively and lovingly communicate this.

With respect to our Outreach Ministry, we have seen an increased need, but the available resources have been reduced. Our soup



kitchen has ceased to function because of people's fear of contact with the disease. We're now also trying to identify our congregants who now need physical, financial and mental support.

In these times of restrictions, keeping in contact with as many of our members as possible is a Christian necessity. We have been emphasizing an 'each one reach one' programme through which members are asked to call persons in their fellowship groups, other ministries, or those who used to sit near them in church. We have also asked members when they make contact to enquire whether the person is able to link electronically and to offer assistance wherever possible.

COVID-19 has created challenges, but it has also provided opportunities to do church differently and better. The lessons learned and the initiatives which have worked – such as the use of social media and other communication channels – should be adopted full-time.

Rev. Paul Sharp
Supplementary Priest
Meadowbrook//Merrivale Cure

Bringing God's People Closer Together

My response to the virus was initially very slow. When the services stopped in March, for about 2 weeks we had no alternative method of meeting. WhatsApp became the method of communication in the Falmouth Cure; and we established three groups, one for each church. Approximately 70 % of our members signed up in the group for their church.

Then we decided to film the Service at St. Peter's on Saturday afternoon and upload to YouTube for viewing early Sunday morning. Streaming of mid-week Services from Christ Church and St. Stephen's followed, but the Sunday Service attracted much better viewership. The response to Bible Study online was also very tepid.

What is encouraging is the sharing that takes place on WhatsApp. The health status of members, their problems and joys, prayer requests, and the names of persons in hospital are made known and prayers are offered, as required. Birthdays and special events are also posted. I think this is a good way of keeping in touch and establishing relationships with members who usually would not speak; and I believe it brought us all closer together.

The down side is that now that our churches are opened for Sunday Services the attendance is low as many persons are in the vulnerable age group and have to rely on public transportation. Therefore, we continue to upload Services; and we certainly will continue to use Social Media in the "New Normal" environment.

Rev. Father Basil McLeod
Rector
Falmouth Cure



The Church is Always Present

When the Government announced in March that the number of persons gathered for worship should not exceed ten, we suspended public worship in the St. Gabriel's Cure. We operated with the understanding that although the doors may be closed, the Church – the Body of Christ – is not closed because we, the people of God, are the Church and where the people of God are the Church is always present.

The pandemic opened the opportunity for us to accelerate completion of our multi-media system. We set up a WhatsApp group for the two main congregations – St. Gabriel's, May Pen and St. James', Hayes. This facilitated communication between the Rector and members – sending out devotional and inspirational messages. Homilies were also recorded and posted to the Groups on Sunday mornings. Our WhatsApp Bible Study Sessions attracted members who would not normally attend, and also engaged participants from overseas. We are now at the stage where Worship Services are streamed live on Sundays; and we are working to recommission our website.

With the assistance of business persons in our congregation who provided care packages on a monthly basis, we maintained the programmes spearheaded by the Outreach and Social Concerns Committee for less fortunate members of our congregations and the neighbouring community. The Women's Auxiliary also made masks for the children of St. Monica's Home in Chapelton. Telephone contact with members, especially the elderly and house-bound, continues.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Festival at St. Gabriel's is negatively impacted but we are exploring alternatives. The budget of the Church is adversely affected. The Church Hall, which is an income generating centre has not had any business since February. We have revised our budget; made downward adjustments to the remuneration of staff; and are curbing expenditure. We know that in time of crisis we are not alone because our Lord reminds us all the time that he is with us and will not leave us or forsake us.

The Venerable Winston M. Thomas
Rector, St. Gabriel's Cure

Since the Coronavirus (COVID-19) entered Jamaica, many lives including mine, have changed. I am a person living with underlying health issues, and so I made the hard decision to stay home. I quit work, put a lot of business on hold in order to take care of my two grandchildren on a full-time basis. My son dealt with anything that was required outside of the home.



In addition to caring for the children, I caught up on my studies (Associate Evangelism Programme), church work, a backlog of community work, housework and work portfolios. I have come to realize that working from home can be even more hectic than being on the road.

Then came the lockdown on May 7 for 14 days, after persons from the community tested positive for COVID-19. All churches and businesses were ordered closed, we were not allowed to leave our homes, nor could we leave the community. The nearest town, where our citizens go to shop, and access commercial, as well as medical services, was also on lockdown. To add to this, some parts of the community, including my neighbourhood,

were without water. The lockdown was unannounced and caught us unaware and unprepared. I could not attend church, I struggled with irregular Internet Service and, eventually, a mobile phone that crashed.

I felt helpless, and frustrated to the point where I got frequent headaches. It took two months before I got the courage to leave my home. The lockdown was lifted on May 21; and the fear I experienced earlier has now subsided. I pray for courage for others who experienced the same feelings; and especially for the front-liners who face similar challenges daily.

Submitted By:
Dahlia Brown
St. Barnabas Mission
– Enfield, St. Mary

“...where the people
of God are the
Church is always
present.”

- Archdeacon Thomas

Helping the Vulnerable during COVID-19



**Tuesday
Charity**



**Southfield
Cure**



**Litchfield
Hanover**



St Boniface

Declining financial and other resources, and the COVID -19 health protocols have restricted the operation of soup kitchens and other outreach programmes offered by many churches islandwide.

In light of this, the Diocese launched an initiative to distribute care packages to the elderly, shut-in and indigent members of our congregations. The project was funded initially through a grant from the British-based charity, United Society Partners in the Gospel.

Director of Mission and Ministry, Miss Claudette Marshall, says there were approximately 1,200 requests for assistance as against the original projection for the delivery of 500 packages. Additional support came from private sector organizations and individuals who responded to appeals by the Diocese for either cash or kind.

"As we prepared the packages, our team was very conscious that we were not just putting items in a bag, as care was given to the combination of supplies provided. Within two weeks, 680 care packages were ready for distribution," Miss Marshall explained.

A priest shared this response in a letter: 'One blind man remarked, "You are the first person to give me anything since the pandemic."

If it is even for one... mission accomplished!

Tuesday Charity Continues at St. Andrew Parish Church

The monthly Tuesday Charity programme at St. Andrew Parish Church, now in its fortieth year, continues to minister to indigents despite the financial and other challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The programme is financed by the Church, its members, their friends and private organisations; and a project team offers spiritual support, a meal and care packages to approximately 200 needy persons who come from as far away as Golden Spring; St. Thomas and St. Catherine.

As a result of the closure of churches following identification of the first case of the Corona Virus, there was a downturn in the number of persons assisted in April and May. In June, some 150 packages and 50 boxed lunches were distributed to meet the growing demand for help. However, the sit-down meal and the Eucharist Service have been discontinued because of the guidelines governing public gatherings.

The organisers are planning to increase the number of persons served to 200 in July.

St. Boniface Launches YAM Project

A special initiative is being mounted to improve the nutritional status of the 100 children at the St. Boniface Early Childhood Development Centre, Harbour View. The YAM Project, as it is called, was launched by Research Administrator, Dr. Audia Barnett, as part of her birth month celebrations in May.

The first segment of the Project (**Y – young and yield**) is aimed at encouraging the children to grow what they eat and eat what they grow. It involved the distribution of callaloo and tomato seedlings to the children and teachers. The children are working to get a "yield" from the starter plants; and prizes will be awarded to those who can show thriving plants at the start of the new school year in September.

In the Project's second segment (**A – Assistance**) parents received care packages including nutritious grocery items, and kiddies' face masks.

The third phase (**M – Money**) will feature sponsorship of a breakfast programme for the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Barnett, who is a member of St. Boniface Church, has mobilized contributions from friends for the feeding programme.

Adapting to a New Way of Life

We have had to change the way we do everyday activities because of COVID-19. Although I have not been able to worship in the usual manner, it has provided opportunities for my spiritual growth through the various methods of “online worship” available. I now participate in at least two Services on Sundays and get different perspectives on the Scripture readings for the day; and these are enhanced by meditations provided by our Archbishop and Rev. Kirk Brown; and **Pause for Prayer** by Father Michael Elliott.

Like everything else, my social life has been curtailed. I am unable to visit family and friends and to enjoy my sporting activities; but we have maintained contact by video and audio phone calls. Thank God, I am able to reduce some of the stress caused by the current restrictions by doing gardening and enjoying the beauty of nature in my environment.

I look forward to the time when we will all be able to worship and fellowship with each other in the Church building, once again, and reach out to our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Carmen Alexander
The Cathedral, Spanish Town



Covid-19 has allowed me to be open to other options through which I can worship and appreciate the things I once took for granted. It has given me more time to do a personal reflection about where I am in my Christian Journey with Christ; to read, meditate and dedicate more time in deep prayer to re-connect with God. I have been able to form a closer bond with my family by sharing the faith, while spending time together.

On the negative side, it hinders me from worshipping with other members of the faith under the same roof. The normal way of moving about, greeting each other and participating in our rituals has been restricted or suspended; and this leaves me with a sense of disconnection.

Vinnette Molar
*St. James Church, Annotto Bay
St. Mary*

We have enjoyed a closer fellowship and relationship with the Lord, and spent more time reading and meditating on the Word of God. Our faith has been strengthened through constant prayer.

We have been able to tune into various church Services that are presented on Sundays and weekdays; and we have been evangelizing, using social media which has allowed us to contact many persons. There has also been added time for quality caring and sharing. This outreach has positively impacted persons who were targeted and who were encouraged through the Word and prayers.

Maureen & Marie Smith
*– Retired Educators
Saint Mary Parish Church, Port
Maria*

I love attending church Services especially during the Easter season, only to realize that, owing to my age and illnesses I was unable to do so. Although I tuned in to the various services on YouTube, it was still not Church for me. The thought of the various restrictions, including social distancing, made me wonder, if I would survive, and for how long. Then, there was the stress of health protection practices, such as the wearing of masks.

The shared challenges have been phenomenal, but I dived into my safety net, Prayer, and began more regular daily worship. Slowly but surely, I have become more confident, growing from strength to strength in my daily activities, and obeying all COVID protocols, even though I am uncomfortable with the mask. During this period I have kept in touch with family members and friends via the phone, sharing experiences – happy and sad – as any average human. I am holding on to my Faith. I know that COVID-19 is here, but with God, all things are possible. “Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning”.

Dorothy Gibbs
*Rector's Warden
St. Andrew's Church,
Albert Town, Trelawny*

**“There is good news that the church has,
which a broken world still needs. “**

Very Rev. Sean Major-Campbell
(Dean's Lecture – Barbados, Feb. 2020)

Managing Your Mental Health During Covid-19

The following are highlights of the presentation delivered on May 21 by Dr. Alex Gardner, Psychologist, in the weekly series **'Ministering to the Whole'** produced by the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Molynes Road:

Recognizing Signs of Depression in yourself or in your loved ones

Pay attention to your feelings, any shifts in mood or motivation. Put a name to the feeling and locate it within your body. Identify your thoughts during those moments.

Managing Worry and Anxiety

- Acknowledging that you are worried is the first step, as worry can increase stress. Higher levels of anxiety can result in difficulty in breathing, panic attacks, and greater physical problems such as respiratory and heart conditions.
- Identify what is worrying you – what is the specific source of this worry, what are the aspects both within and outside of your control?
- To counteract the worry, you could limit the stressful situations in your day, such as watching the news. Try to accept your worry; and set aside time to relax. Put your thoughts on paper and move away (don't stew all day). Challenge your worry (are you being realistic or is it just fear?)

Develop Creative Coping Skills

Life has changed with COVID-19. The disease has disrupted our social life. However, new opportunities can be found as the pandemic challenges us to be creative. You could, for instance

- Learn a new skill
- Do more physical exercise at home
- Do tasks you never had time to tackle before
- Schedule more phone calls with friends

Being creative and thinking differently will help **you to get back on track to deal with ongoing challenges and to better face long-term uncertainties.**

Dr. Gardner's Closing Advice:

- Despite the threats posed by this pandemic, you can maintain a sense of calm and control for yourself and your family
- Check-in with your feelings and thinking
- Arm yourself with facts, and not misinformation
- Become creative with your coping
- Take time-out for yourself
- Commit yourself to your relationships with your family, friends and wider church family

You may view the full presentation on You Tube:
https://youtu.be/IV_cDNEydGA



Designer Masks for Bishop Rose

Conceived by The Rev. Michael Brown, and made by a member of the Trelawny Parish Church, masks reflecting the Liturgical seasons caught the fancy of Jamaican-born Bishop of Dover, The Rt. Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin. Her friend in Montego Bay has sent the masks to the Bishop, as a gift, along with a "brawta" featuring the Episcopal mitre and crozier.



Healing Conference

Closing Service of the
two-day Virtual Healing
Conference held at
St. Andrew Parish
Church on July 5.



Praise & Worship



Processional

Prayers of the People



Sermon by
Bishop Rose

The Holy Eucharist



COVID -19: A Young Person's Reflection



Photo by Marvin Meyer on Unsplash

Before the first case of the Coronavirus (COVID -19) was identified in Jamaica, I was going about my life trying to complete my degree; and looking forward to my graduation and independence from being a student for 17 years. However,

changed quite quickly after and I went being at school every to being at and attending school online.

as we knew it became for everybody, young and at heart. The has resulted in diverse

changes – physically, socially, emotionally and mentally, especially for young people.

With the many restrictions imposed, especially social distancing, we are unable to participate in our usual physical

activities and enjoy social gatherings such as Champs and going to the movies. Many of us took to social media to find activities such as Church Services, online parties and online chats, to satisfy our need to interact with our friends and to occupy ourselves.

Despite this, we have been forced to contend with many other issues. Foremost among those were concerns about our examinations, overseas studies, and difficulty in connecting online for classes due to the unavailability of wi-fi or other facilities. We have also faced the challenge of unemployment, family financial displacement, the stress of caring for younger siblings, and just being home full-time.

Additionally, there is the stress of worrying about the virus affecting you, your family and friends, the country at large; and when there will be an end to it. I feel sad and frustrated, knowing that there isn't a cure as yet; and I feel sorry for those who have been affected and those who have died due to the virus. Not to mention those who have been stigmatized and rejected by their communities. How will they get over these emotional scars?

As I reflect on these concerns, the following questions come to mind: "Is my soul right with God?" What if I should die? I have relied on my spirituality for peace and hope; and I take comfort in the fact that God has promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

Young Autistic Artist Defies Odds With mARTism



Martin (center) with his parents Janice and Neville

Many persons would have seen this very heart-warming story in the Gleaner and not realized that St. Augustine Church, Coral Gardens, St James plays an important part in the life of Martin Thomas and his family. His father Neville, is the Rector's Warden while Janice, his mother is a

Sunday School teacher. Martin, who is autistic, plays the keyboard for the Sunday School and also plays the organ in the absence of the organist, and on occasions, has played for the duration of the worship service.

Twenty years ago Autism was

relatively unknown in Jamaica, so to say his diagnosis at age 4 proved countless challenges for the family is an understatement. With years of speech therapy and prayers he has found his niche in painting and music.

This story of how this young man who is now 24 years old excels at art and music is an inspiration to all parents who have autistic children. It demonstrates clearly that these children are gifted in many areas and they need sensitive parents and teachers to encourage them to achieve their full potential.

Martin, who has participated in exhibitions in Jamaica and in the United Kingdom, where he was born, has achieved fame with

his artwork. His recent best seller is entitled 'One Nation' as he gets his inspiration from people of different races worldwide. As the Gleaner article says, he has "created a niche for himself with his paintings, illustrations and products such as cups, key rings and holiday cards" under his own brand.

"I thank God every day that he has brought us to this place, whereby he is independent and can make a living for himself," says his grateful Mother, Janice.

For details see his website **mARTism.com**

St Andrew Sunday School Festival Goes Virtual



Determined that the 2020 Children's Festival should proceed despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the St Andrew Deanery Sunday School Council produced a live video stream on June 14 under the Child Month theme, "Together We Encourage and Nurture Disciples".

Titled "Children's Celebration," the presentation, which lasted just over an hour, engaged children from 11 Sunday Schools in creative expressions which reflected the theme. The programme also featured the reading of scripture and the intercession.

The Rural Dean for St. Andrew, Very Rev. Franklyn Jackson, opened the Celebration with Prayer and Greetings, while Director of Youth, the Rev. Craig Mears, and Mr. Dijon Davis served as co-hosts. Mr. Davis also provided musical support. The message was delivered by Priest-in-Charge of the Lucea Cure, the Rev. Nina-Rae Barrett, who told the children that being a disciple of Christ empowered a person to be a positive force and make a difference in the world.

Although all the items submitted could not be included, the

children used their skills and talents to produce video synchronized altar dances, action dances, and instrumental performances. They also presented poems, rap compositions, new poster art, a cheerleading routine, a puppet show and a video lesson on discipleship.

Director of Christian Education, Rev. Natalie Blake, said the presentations demonstrated that the children understood the theme; and the event opened new opportunities for sharing the Gospel.

The Sunday Schools participating were: St Philip's, Whitfield Town; St. Luke's, Cross Roads; St. Jude's, Stony Hill; St John the Evangelist, Mannings Hill Road; St Cyprian's, August Town; St Mary the Virgin, Molyne's Road; St. Andrew Parish Church; Church of the Resurrection, Duhaney Park; Church of the Ascension, Mona; Church of the Transfiguration, Meadowbrook/ Merrivale.

Submitted By:
Gwyneth Harold-Davidson
St. Andrew Deanery

Medical Scholarship for Jeremy Thomas



Jeremy Thomas, a Deputy Head Boy at deCarteret College, Mandeville, has been awarded a scholarship to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Clinical Medicine. The award by the Government of China will be tenable at the China Medical University starting in the 2020/21 academic year.

An outstanding student, Jeremy received a national award in 2018 as a top performer in the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)

examination in which he passed nine subjects at Grades one and two. He is an active member of the school community, having served in the choir, the band and the cadet unit, as well as the basketball and tackle football teams. He is also President of the Music Club.

News of his latest achievement came in a letter from the Deputy Director of the Political Division of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Jamaica who explained that dispatch of

the formal Admission Letters and the Notice of Enrolment was delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jeremy credits much of his personal growth to the foundation laid by his biological family and mentors at St. Mark's Church, Mandeville, where he worships and is a strong member of the Anglican Youth Fellowship.

Perspectives on Disestablishment

Dis-establishment and Its Relevance Today

An article in the December 2019 issue of *The Anglican* entitled “150 Years of ‘Independence’ – the Anglican Church Since 1870” stated that:

“For us today, the act of disestablishment suggests liberation and freedom from the fetters of the Government. In fact, the Church as the body of Christ, is a liberating force, with the obligation to free people in body, mind and spirit. Disestablishment, therefore allowed the Church to fulfil its mission to a wider number of persons, especially the majority black population recently freed from slavery.”

The activities planned to celebrate this milestone were derailed by the Corona Virus epidemic. As we move into a post Covid-19 world, these words are even more significant because the Church, like all other institutions, has to adapt to changing circumstances. The pandemic has affected persons in many ways (not only economically) and the Church has a responsibility to help in the process of healing. Additionally, the world has been swept by protests and demonstrations against injustice and racial oppression. We in Jamaica have not been immune from these events as members of the public have been outraged by several cases of injustice.

The act of Disestablishment 150 years ago, which gave the Church its ‘freedom’, allowed it to expand and operate in new ways – ways not even envisaged by persons at the time. This Anniversary should be used by us as a ‘call to action.’ It provides the Church with the opportunity to reevaluate the ways in which it operates and to develop, yet again, new and creative ways of carrying out its mission.

This is in keeping with the theme chosen for the commemoration activities **“The Anglican Church 1870 – 2020: liberated to liberate: assessing the past, contemplating the present, strategizing for the future.”** The phrase ‘strategizing for the future’ is even more relevant now than when it was conceived in 2019 as the world moves into a new and uncertain era.

Submitted By:
John A. Aarons
Church Archivist

The Disestablished and the Disenthralled

Who knew that one of the oldest examples of disestablishment is the Anglican Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands? How interesting that at this time of increased sensitivity to the evils of colonialism, our Diocese is commemorating 150 years of independence from State control. In 1870, the Church was handed to the people, so that the State would have no obligations, financial or political.

Conversations about statues, buildings, monuments and other symbols relating to the colonial experience have now taken centre stage; and this conversation intersects with the Church’s timely reflections on 150 years of disestablishment.

While we look at current global events inclusive of concerns surrounding those spaces, art forms, and systems that continue to perpetuate racism and give strength to white superiority, we do well to explore what and how we might uniquely interrogate these concerns in our

Caribbean spaces. Maybe for us, there are larger issues than places and art forms built by racists or owners of slave plantations.

There must be of necessity a conversation about the monuments of planters. However, one observes that through the evils of plantation slavery, the Bible and the Church have travelled to this day where many of the descendants of slaves now use the contexts of Bible and Church, to condemn slavery, racism, and white supremacy, while using the very “tools” of enslavement to embolden the work of liberation - albeit a long journey.

Perhaps the most dangerous vehicles of white supremacy and racism, are not “monuments”, but the minds and systems surrendered to carrying on the cruelties we see today.

Extract from a Facebook post by
The Very Rev. Sean Major-Campbell
Rector, Christ Church, Vineyard Town and Rural Dean, Kingston

The Anglican Church’s First Black Clergy

The Dis-establishment signalled the reception and acceptance of black Jamaicans among the predominantly English-based clergy and the beginning of the evolutionary process of descendants of our former enslaved ancestors to lead the Church.

The Morant Bay Uprising had generated terrible fear among Colonial Britain that Jamaica might emerge like Haiti in its 1791-1804 Revolution, a Black Majority Rule nation. At the appointment of the new governor, Sir John Peter Grant, the governing Jamaica Assembly was replaced with full Crown Colony Government (1866-1884).

In 1870, after the disestablishment of the then Church of England in June of that year, the Bishop of Jamaica, in a most significant action of the Church in upholding the integrity of its mission to the Black Jamaican population, delivered a blow to the root of white privilege, with the axe of ordination when the first black Jamaican, **Thomas Banbury**, was ordained at St John’s Church, Black River on September 4, 1870 as a Deacon in the new dispensation.

**THE Bishop will hold an Ordination
at the Parish Church, Black River, on
Sunday, the 4th September, when Mr.
E. Clarke, Head Master of Manning’s
Free School, Savanna-la-Mar, and Mr.
T. Banbury, Catechist of St. Peter’s, will
be admitted to the Holy order of
Deacon.**

The Daily Gleaner, August 29, 1870

Research has identified at least three other Black Anglican clergy ordained in Jamaica before 1904 – R. O. Taylor, C. L. Barnes and A. Cole.

According to the historian Dr. Joy Lumsden, "The Rev. Mr. Banbury wrote in 1902 about the circumstances of his ordination as deacon in 1870; it is clear that there was objection to him on the grounds of colour and that Bishop Courtenay refused to consider such objections." "... he simply returned their petition, alleging that he "had found Mr. Banbury equally qualified with the white man" the Rev. Edward Clarke, "and did not see any reason why he would not ordain him." *Daily Gleaner*, February 8, 1902

**Extracted from an article by
Dudley C. McLean II
Member, St. Andrew Parish Church**

See full article at: <https://itsthehammer.wordpress.com/2020/06/12/150-years-of-the-dis-establishment-of-the-anglican-church-dudley-c-mclean-ii/>

Domestic violence and the Christian

Domestic violence is not limited to any particular demographic. Sadly, it also involves the church community, where views expressed by some members, or the silence of others have helped to encourage this ill.

In the Bible, we see various examples of violence in the family, such as the experience of Tamar, daughter of King David, who was raped by her brother Amnon. Not even her father, King David, sought to secure justice for her. She was broken. Her brother, Absalom, eventually got Amnon killed.

Incest, rape, and murder are also known in our Jamaican context. Many of the victims have lived with these painful experiences for years. We have enough information to know now that hurt children who do not get help, become adults who may also harm others. Sadly, this COVID era has also seen increased time being spent by the abused and the abuser in confined spaces, due to curfews and restrictions of movement.

Talking with someone you trust is very important; and supportive counselling is also beneficial. However, it is most helpful to talk with God outside of your regular prayer time. Where it is safe to do so, go for a walk, and talk with God while you walk. As you tell God about your struggles and challenges, remember that God is with you, and that our Lord Jesus, will not leave you, nor forsake you.

Gracious God, we pray for those who are hurting from violence in the home. Make us agents of healing and support. May our homes be places of peace, love, compassion and justice for all. This we ask through the One who called us to love one another, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Contributed By: The Very Rev. Sean Major-Campbell, Rural Dean, Kingston

Clifton Rebuilding Nears Completion: Approximately J\$10 Million Funding Shortfall

Following delays resulting from the suspension of work in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, financial challenges and difficulties in accessing some building materials, construction of the new Clifton Boys' Home in Darliston, Westmoreland is now nearing completion.

With work on the outer structure at an advanced stage, focus is now being given to the installation of the ceiling, floor and bathroom tiles, electrical and plumbing fixtures, sanitary conveniences, cupboards and other facilities.

Chairman of the Home and Rebuilding Committee, The Rev. Canon Hartley Perrin, is appealing for public assistance to close the funding gap of just under J\$10 million, required to complete the building project.

"As we seek to bring our boys back home, we must now also focus on furnishing the two-storey building which will accommodate up to 40 boys. Our immediate needs include computers for the Homework Centre, tables, chairs, linen, crockery and kitchen utensils. Persons who are downsizing their home could consider donating items that are no longer needed, but which are in good condition," Canon Perrin urged.

In addition, he has called for the assistance of landscapers to establish a garden and functional games field on the premises. The Committee is working assiduously to have the Home ready for occupancy by the beginning of the academic year in September.



Ground was broken in March 2019 for construction of the 4,000 sq.ft. building after the original Home was destroyed by fire in January 2017. The new building designed by architect, Ray McIntyre, is being constructed by the Savanna-la-Mar-based Neville Daley Associates and Construction Company.

Estimated to cost J\$60 million, excluding fixtures and furnishings, the project has been financed, to date, by fundraising events mounted by the Diocese and contributions from corporate entities and private donors. These include an J\$18 million donation, proceeds from the 2020 Sagicor/Sigma Corporate Run.

Since the fire, the 30 boys who lived at the Clifton Boys' Home have been accommodated at the Assemblies of Holiness Church in the neighbouring district of Caledonia.

Meet Father Jerome Small - St George's, Grand Cayman

The Rev. Fr. Jerome Small, who assumed leadership of the St. George's Cure, Grand Cayman on March 1, joins the Diocese of Jamaica and The Cayman Islands from the Diocese of Barbados where he was ordained to the Diaconate in December 2011, and nine months later, to the priesthood in September 2012.

Prior to taking up his current assignment, he was Rector of St. Phillips the Less; and he also served as Anglican Chaplain to the University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus. He was a member of the Synod Council and was elected in 2019 as one of the clergy representing the Diocese of Barbados at the Synod of the Church in the Province of the West Indies (CPWI).

Father Jerome holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Psychology, along with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology. Being cognisant of the dynamic nature of society, he also completed a Fresh Expressions/Mission-Shaped

Ministry course in his final year in seminary. He is currently enrolled in the Master of Arts in Pastoral Care programme at Fordham University.

"I am driven by a desire to continually reequip myself in my ministry, especially as society changes and the issues that are faced by individuals become more diverse," he explains.

A former Youth Director on the National Council of the Barbados Red Cross Society, Father Jerome, who is 35 years old, believes his age is an asset in his quest to hone the requisite skills, theoretical knowledge and spiritual development for his ministry.

He is married to Nikita, his wife of almost 7 years. Father Jerome is an avid volleyball fan and former volleyball player.

Submitted by:
Andria Dilbert
St. George's Church,
Grand Cayman



Rev. Horace Ward Is Chaplain to Jamaican Men of Florida

Jamaican-born Rev. Horace Ward, Rector of the Holy Family Episcopal Church in Miami Gardens, has been appointed Chaplain to the Jamaican Men of Florida.

The Jamaican Men of Florida seeks to promote brotherhood among men of Jamaican descent, as well as their social and economic empowerment.

A graduate of the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI), Father Ward was ordained priest in the Diocese of Jamaica and The Cayman Islands in 1978. He has been serving at the Holy Family Church since 1995; and with the congregation, he has engaged in several development projects for the Miami Gardens community.

He is also Chair of the Miami Gardens Ecumenical Clergy Group, a consortium of several churches in the City; and he is a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee to The Police Department.



Fr. Ward addresses the Jamaican Men of Florida. He is joined by The Rt. Rev. Robert Thompson, Bishop of Kingston and The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Bishop of the Diocese of Southeast Florida.

Fr. Ward with his wife Marcia (center) and Jamaican Ambassador to the United States, Her Excellency Audrey Marks



Archdeacon Stone Celebrates 60 Years in Ordained Ministry

Archdeacon Emeritus, Alvin Emanuel Stone celebrated 60 years in the Ordained Ministry on Pentecost Sunday. The anniversary was marked with a Service of the Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at Bishop's Lodge, which was attended by family and close friends.

Archdeacon Stone was ordained to the Diaconate in 1960 and to the priesthood in 1961. He served as Assistant Curate at St. Matthew's, Allman Town from 1960-1962; Rector of St. Augustine, Porus between 1963 and 1969; and Rector of the Highgate Cure, St. Mary from 1969-1974. A former Chaplain to West Indian Farm Workers in South Florida, he also acted as Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in Washington D.C. In 1974, he was appointed Rector of St. Luke's Church, Cross Roads; and during his 34-year tenure, he was appointed Rural

Dean of St. Andrew in 1977. He was subsequently installed as Archdeacon of the Kingston Region in October 1978 during the episcopacy of the late Rt. Rev. Neville DeSouza, and served in that capacity until 2005. Following his retirement, he was retained as Archdeacon of the East Jamaica Region until 2011.

For 20 years, Archdeacon Stone represented the Diocese at the Provincial Synod from 1978-1998, and he was appointed the clergy's representative to the Anglican Consultative Council in 1986.

Noting that Archdeacon Stone was known for his precise and thorough nature, Archbishop Gregory described him as a clergyman who will be remembered for his integrity. Archdeacon Stone is married to Valrie, and has two children, Alison and Phillip.



Archdeacon Stone prepares to receive Communion

Archdeacon and Mrs Stone are greeted by Archbishop Gregory



Grateful Patients Donate to Nuttall Hospital

Three times in one month, grateful patients of the Nuttall Memorial Hospital have donated equipment in appreciation of the excellent medical care they received at the institution.

Mrs. Maureen Chang, a recent patient and member of St. Margaret's Church, Liguanea, surprised Hospital personnel in late May when she purchased and delivered twelve stainless steel portable stands which are used to administer drips and intravenous fluids in patient rooms. She returned one month later and presented another twelve stands in the Maternity Ward.

In expressing thanks, Matron, Miss Carol Bennett, said: "This is a timely gift, as for several decades Nuttall has been using wooden stands, which are very heavy and immobile, and have also

become disfigured with age. The new stands are lighter in weight, and are on wheels, which makes it extremely easy for patients to carry along as they walk."

Mrs. Chang expressed her desire to further assist the Hospital, and she also promised to encourage other Anglicans to support the 97 year-old institution which was established in memory of the longest-serving Bishop of the Diocese, Archbishop Enos Nuttall.

In June also, the Hospital received 12 digital blood pressure machines, two foetal dopplers



From left: Mr. Joel Coley – Hospital Porter; The Very Rev. Franklyn Jackson – Rector, St. Margaret's Church; Rt. Rev. Robert Thompson – Bishop of Kingston; Mrs. Maureen Chang; Miss Carol Bennett – Hospital Matron; and Mr. Harvey Levers – CEO, Nuttall Hospital.

and a television set from sprint star Usain Bolt and his partner, Kasi Bennett. The gifts were presented as a Thank You for the safe delivery of their daughter.

In a tweet, Miss Bennett wrote, "To give birth safely to our beautiful daughter at the same place my mother gave birth to me was the most ethereal feeling."

St. George's, East Street Turns 190



Under the theme **'This Far By Faith'**, St George's Church, at East Street, Kingston, marks its 190th anniversary this year. However, the year-long anniversary celebrations have been rescheduled because of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Started originally as a Chapel of Ease, St. George's was officially consecrated on August 12, 1830 to serve the then densely populated community in that part of the City. It quickly became a place where many families literally put down roots, making the Church a virtual institution in the City.

The original building was lit by gas lamps until electricity was installed in 1891. The building was damaged in the 1907 earthquake; and the construction of the present structure began in 1908. The new edifice was consecrated on January 18, 1911.

As the community around the church changed, so too did its mission and ministry. With the urban shift, many members moved to the new communities being developed, but they maintained their relationship with St. George's and commuted to Church on Sundays.

At its 100th anniversary St George's had over 2,000 communicant members and by 1962, there were some 3,300 registered members – the largest settled congregation in the Diocese of Jamaica at that time.

From as early as 1893, St. George's has promoted the academic development of youth. The tradition continues and hundreds of students have been awarded scholarships to secondary and tertiary institutions to date. The Church established the St. George's Girls' Primary and Infant School in 1904; and the institution continues to perform well in

regional and national academic tests and extracurricular programmes.

Among the many stalwarts who have led the ministry of the congregation are Enos Nuttall, Percival Gibson, J. L. Ramson, R. O. C. King, Gervais Clarke, Cyprian Dawes, and more recently Edmund Davis, who all held major Diocesan offices.

St. George's, East Street continues to serve the spiritual and socio-cultural needs of the community in which it is planted; and it remains a place of reconciliation and hope in the City.

Submitted By: Miguel Thomas

Around the Anglican Communion

Lambeth Conference Postponed to 2022

The Lambeth Conference of Bishops, which was originally scheduled for July 2020, will now be held in the summer of 2022.

This was announced by the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon Justin Welby, in a filmed message to the Anglican Communion on July 8. The Conference which is held every 10 years, had been rescheduled to 2021, but, the Archbishop explained that, following consultation with the Primates, a further postponement was decided because of on-going concerns regarding the effects of COVID-19.

Archbishop Welby said that in the interval "we will put together a carefully thought through programme of being together virtually. We will encourage one another in caring for the sick and vulnerable. We will walk together, electronically... and we will work together as we seek to live out the transforming hope of Jesus Christ during this crisis and to strengthen each other".

In a reference to the book of 1 Peter – the Biblical foundation supporting the theme of the conference – The Archbishop also said: "The first letter of Peter reminds us to love each other deeply, to offer hospitality, to use the gifts we have...I am aware that God has given us new means of being the Communion. In the next two years, we will explore those and provide mutual support for each other."

Archbishop Welby noted that although members of the Communion were isolated from one another by the lockdown and restriction, he sensed that the Spirit of God had drawn them closer together.

"As we look around the world, we see how important it is that the Anglican Communion walks together as we seek to be good news," he asserted.

New Archbishop of York

Following the retirement of the Most Rev. John Sentamu on June 7, the Rt. Rev Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, has been named as his successor. His election was formally confirmed in a Service broadcast by video conference on July 9. He will be formally installed in 2021 as the 98th Archbishop of York.

Commenting on his successor, Archbishop Sentamu said approvingly that "Bishop



Archbishop Welby (left) and the new Archbishop of York Rt Rev Stephen Cottrell

Stephen Cottrell has the Gospel in his belly and a tiger in the tank! ...I am glad he is returning to the Northern Province where he with others developed the Emmaus course for evangelism, nurture and discipleship. His greatest passion is to share the Gospel with everyone in a friendly and accessible way."

The Archbishop designate has served in the ordained Ministry for 36 years; and he was consecrated as a Bishop in 2004.

Bishop Rose leads the Charge

'Jamaican Bishop Stirs Black Lives Matter Protest – With A Touch of Marley', the Gleaner headlined in its issue of June 17, 2020.

The article referred to the impassioned address the Jamaica-born Bishop of Dover, the Rt. Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin, delivered to crowds at a Black Lives Matter protest march in Canterbury, England.

After saying how devastated she was by the footage of a Minneapolis cop fatally pressing his knee on the neck of American George Floyd, she described racism as a pandemic – amid a deadly outbreak of the new coronavirus – and stated that blacks had been unfairly targeted. "It is a pandemic and we have been dying in many ways. We can put a stop to it," said the Bishop.

Bishop Hudson-Wilkin said that she had endured the pain of rejection, but was "damn lucky" to have been born and raised in Montego Bay, Jamaica. She credited her



Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin at a BLM rally

formative years to her upbringing for offering "images of myself in all walks of life" and spurring self-belief that she could achieve her dreams.

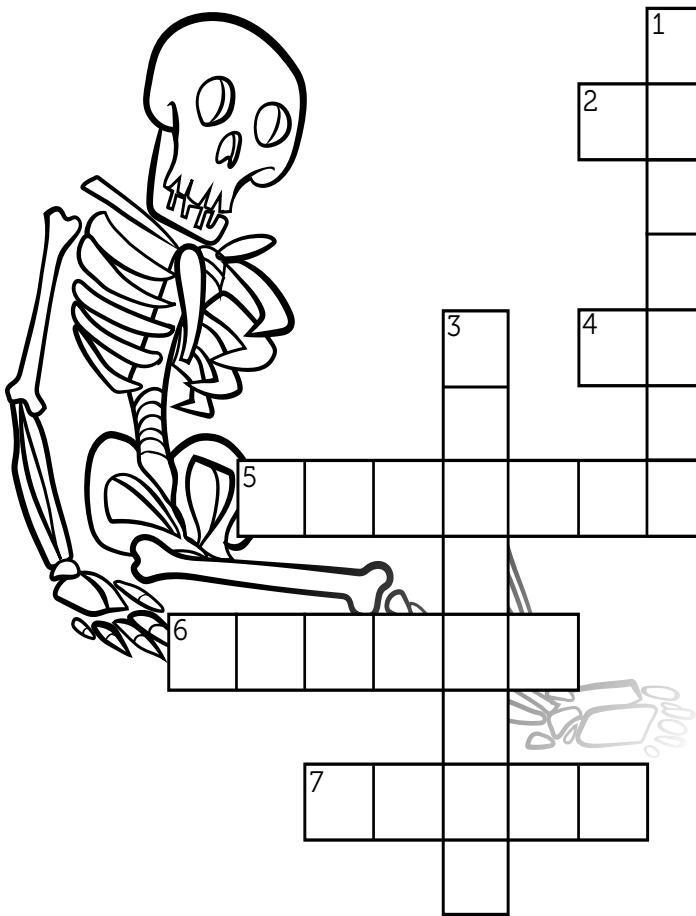
The Bishop has long decried institutional racism, not only in the society, but in the Church of England itself. The Church is moving to address this issue as it is creating a Racism Action Commission in order to implement 'significant cultural and structural' change. The Commission will also monitor progress in implementing change. The House of Bishops said that, in spite of previous reports and apologies for racism within the Church of England, there has been 'insufficient' progress towards racial justice, equality and inclusion.

The statement was in reference to the Apology by the General Synod of the Church of England issued in 2006, acknowledging the part the Church itself played in the institution of slavery. The Church said that "While we recognise the leading role clergy and active members of the Church of England played in securing the abolition of slavery, it is a source of shame that others within the Church actively perpetrated slavery and profited from it."

The Bishops asserted that: "For the Church to be a credible voice in calling for change across the world, we must now ensure that apologies and lament are accompanied by swift actions leading to real change."

VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14



Across

2. Ezekiel prophesied that the Lord would fill the bones with _____ and make them live again.
4. Ezekiel's _____ took him to a valley filled with dry bones.
5. The Israelites were taken _____ by Babylon.
6. The bones in the valley represented the _____ of Israel.
7. Ezekiel prophesied that the bodies would be filled with breath from the four _____.

Down

1. When all of this came to pass, the Israelites would know that the Lord fulfilled His _____.
3. After Ezekiel spoke God's prophesy, the valley was filled with a _____ sound.



Jesus Taught About Giving Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.



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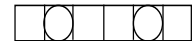
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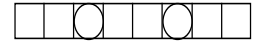
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GOD OUR FATHER

ANSWER KEY

Across

4. We should pray in private so that we can pay **(Attention)**.
7. From forgiveness of our sins to the food we need each day, God will **(Provide)** our every need.

Down

1. Our Father will **(Protect)** us from the enemy.
2. Jesus told us to **(Practice)** what we pray.
3. We should ask God to bring Heaven to earth so we can experience the **(Wonders)** and goodness of our Father.
5. God is a **(Loving)** father who wants to bless his children.
6. Our Father knows what we **(Need)**.

Around The Diocese



**The Very Rev. Jean Fairweather-Wilson
Retirements**



Sister Molly Walton

- The Very Rev. Jean Fairweather-Wilson, Rector, St. David's, Yallahs, and Rural Dean of St Thomas retired effective April 1, 2020
- Sister Molly Walton, Head of the Church Army and assigned to Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Molyne's Road, retired effective May 1, 2020

The Archbishop thanked them both for their pastoral leadership over the years and extended best wishes as they entered a new phase of their lives.

He expressed gratitude to Rev. Jean for deciding to continue her ministry and to serve as Priest-in-charge of the Holy Trinity Cure, Trinityville, "even while on retirement."

Appointment

- Rev. Ralph 'Jim' Parkes as Priest-in-charge of the Morant Bay Church Cure effective 1 June, 2020.

The Archbishop said Rev. Jim had completed his assignment as Property Manager at Church House on June 1, and he thanked him for the "tremendous work he undertook in the identification and development of the properties

owned by the Diocese." He noted that even while occupying this position, Rev. Jim was assisting with Sunday Services in the Morant Bay Parish Church Cure, for which he was now assuming formal leadership as Priest-in-Charge.

Condolences

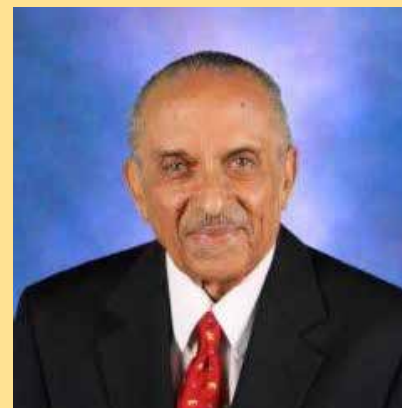
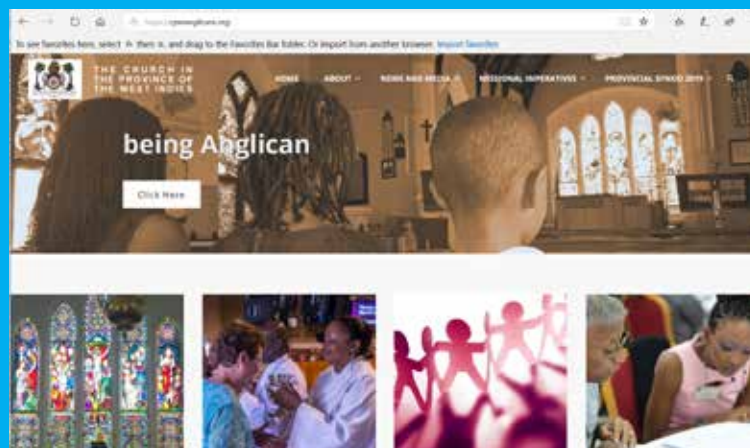


Image from The Observer

Death of Mr. Denis Goldson

The Diocese notes with regret the death of Mr Denis Goldson on June 27, 2020. He was the former Managing Partner of Paul Goldson and Company, which was the Diocese's auditors from 1983 until 2018. The Company later merged with Crowe Horwath. A founding member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica (ICAJ), Mr. Goldson also served at times on the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Financial Board. A life-long member of St. Michael's and All Angels Church on Victoria Avenue, Kingston, he worked with the Church Committee in many capacities, including that of Treasurer for more than 10 years. The Service in celebration of his life was held at St Michael's on July 8, with the Most Rev. Howard Gregory, the Diocesan Bishop and Archbishop of the West Indies, as the Chief Celebrant.

Check out the updated CPWI website



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Based on the gift each one has received,
use it to serve others, as good managers
of the varied grace of God.
1 Peter 4:10

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