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God Has the Last Word Over Evil

Easter Message from Archbishop Gregory

The Book of Psalms is a collection of books which fall in different categories. Chief among these are those expressing lament, those expressing trust and confidence in God, and those expressing anger and calling for God's judgement on enemies. This last category is designated as imprecatory psalms; and of course, there are also the psalms of praise and thanksgiving.

Close examination reveals that, whatever the human condition and experience to which the psalmist sought to give expression, he ultimately came toward the end of the particular psalm with an affirmation of God and God's goodness, and entrusted the situation into God's hands, as the ultimate source of light and hope.

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There is a sense in which the human condition and experience today are not different from those captured in the Psalms, so there is suffering, injustice, and the evil designs of people and institutions. Across our world, we see the horror and the suffering being inflicted on people in Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti and countless nations where wars are being fought. However, these are no longer being highlighted as they have ceased to be nine-day wonders, or of interest to international and national forces. Who can watch the suffering of children and women of Gaza who face an artificially-induced state of trauma, dislocation, starvation, and death from malnutrition and conditions now defined as famine, and not cringe that a world which claims to be civilized can still perpetuate and watch such inhumanity with dispassion?

Jesus Proclaims a Different Kingdom

And yet our journey through Lent, Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter parallels such inhumanity. It speaks of a world in which God in Jesus Christ enters the life of a people and culture where oppression, injustice, and even distorted institutional religious expression, were dominant. Jesus comes to proclaim the reality and vision of a different kingdom in which these evils are ended; the evil thoughts and ways of human beings and institutions are defeated, and the ultimate threat which humans fear and with which the forces of evil threaten others, namely death, is conquered.

The complicity of political and religious evil forces brought death to the life of Jesus under the assumption that they had won the day. Good Friday was their expression of the worse that they could do, but they did not know that there would be an Easter morning because, unlike the psalmists, they did not know that the last word resides with and in God.

Our world today, whether at national or international levels, reflects in varying degrees the reality and existence of these forces. Some are armed with military and political might, while others simply use the power of institutions, or the evil human mind against humanity. Like the psalmists, we know that these forces do not have the last word.

So, while we wrestle with our own challenging experiences in life and watch the forces of evil threaten and exercise power over the people of God, we can be assured that they do not have the last word. Easter morning came as the manifestation of victory and triumph, and Easter morning still comes to us as a daily reality for the people of God. Halleluyah!

Have a blessed Easter.

**++The Most Rev. Dr. The Hon. Howard Gregory, OJ
Archbishop of the West Indies, Primate and Metropolitan
Bishop of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands**



St. George's Church, Grand Cayman is 45



The congregation of the St. George's Church in Grand Cayman will, on April 1, mark the forty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Church building.

The land on which the Church still stands today was acquired in February 1976 by a small group of vibrant and committed Anglicans who sought to reestablish an Anglican presence on the island. The Rt. Rev Herbert DaCosta Edmondson, Diocesan Bishop, officiated at the groundbreaking ceremony on June 20, 1976, and returned to lay the cornerstone on February 17, 1978. The building of the Church was the culmination of the work which started in 1961-62, when Anglicans resident on the island started having fellowship meetings, first in homes and/or hotels and later, with permission, in the United Church (1967) and then in the Roman Catholic Church buildings in George Town (1969).

The reestablishment of an Anglican presence in the Cayman Islands in the 1960's followed a lapse of almost 125 years. This was due mainly to the devastating hurricane that hit the island in 1837/1838. One Church building was badly damaged, and the other was flattened. Despite efforts to rebuild the Church in George Town, which was also called St. George's, the funds were insufficient. The last resident clergyman, Rev. Charles Wilson, was recalled to Jamaica by Bishop Lipscomb in 1839.

In January 1963, a formal request for assistance was made to the Rt. Rev. Percival Gibson, Bishop of Jamaica. The Suffragan Bishop of Kingston, the Rt. Rev. J. C. Swaby visited in February, [along with other clergy] and in August 1963 the Rev. Canon Weeville Gordon was given oversight responsibilities for Anglicans in the Cayman Islands.

Since the fledgling start in 1962, the membership has continued to grow and thrive. The congregation has remained a blend of Caymanians, other residents, and contracted workers, all united to serve in the Cayman Islands. From the first confirmation of five candidates held in the Elmslie United Church in 1970, when the St. George's Mission was firmly established, to April 1987 when the Church was elevated to the status of a settled congregation at the 117th Synod, the congregation has continued to find a variety of ways to serve the community. Today, the Church runs a preschool, an after-school programme, as well as a food pantry, and these are only a few of the outreach activities we undertake each year. Members of St. George's are ardent worshippers, intent on spreading the love of God within the community.

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St. George's Church, Grand Cayman

Rev. Barrington Buchanan Overcoming Life's Obstacles

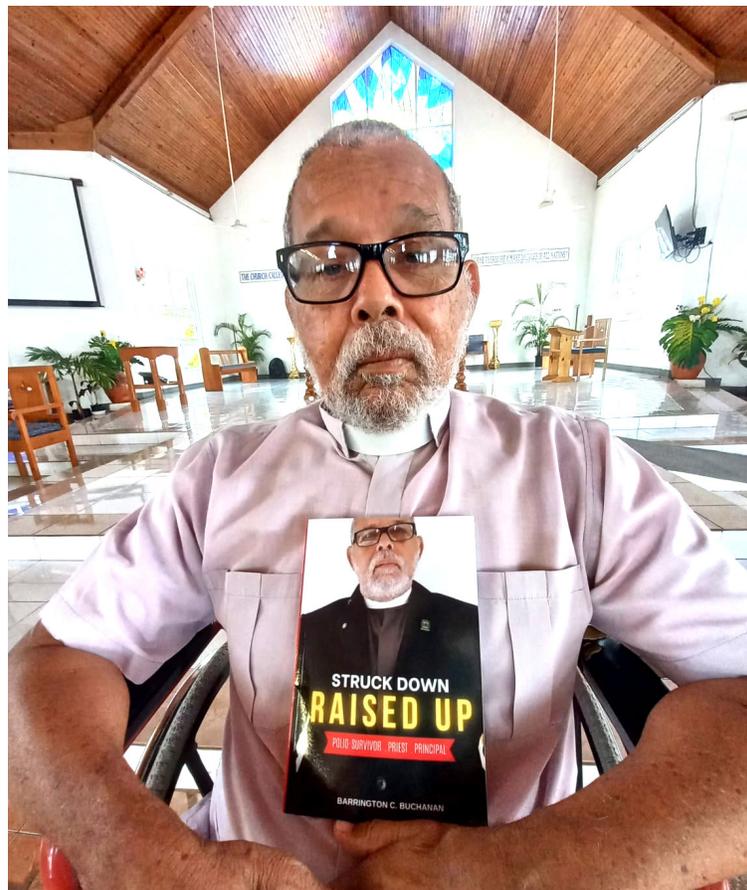
Rev. Fr. Dr. Barrington Buchanan – priest, educator and publisher – is a strong-willed individual who never allowed his medical condition to deter him. Being among the first diagnosed Polio cases in Jamaica at 3 years old, he spent part of his childhood in the then Mona Rehabilitation Centre in Kingston.

At age 12, he returned home to St. Elizabeth where he enrolled in the Sandy Bank Primary School in Treasure Beach. In 1970, he entered The Mico Teachers' College, where he attained the Certificate in Primary Teacher Education. This was where his call to the priesthood began, and he responded by joining the Anglican Fraternity, in which he was greatly influenced by the Rev. Dr. Veront Satchell, the fraternity's president at the time. In 1977, he went to the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) to train for the priesthood, and was ordained in 1981. He emphasises, however, that he was not called to full-time ministry, but to a bi-vocation of education and the priesthood.

Undeterred by Physical Disability

After leaving Mico, Rev. Buchanan taught at Black River Primary, Newell High School, and Church Teachers' College, to name a few. He also served as Principal of Kingston College and finally at Black River High School, where he led the institution for 18 years (1994-2012).

Despite the challenges resulting from his physical disability as a polio victim, Rev. Buchanan never allowed his condition to define him. He could not participate in sports, he was unable to access classrooms above the ground floor, and he faced discrimination by some persons, but he also experienced the love, support and respect of many others. Determined to achieve his goals, Rev. Buchanan, while working as an educator and priest pursued many studies. These included a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology (UWI), a Post Graduate Diploma in Education (UWI), the Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Management (Birmingham University, England), and a Doctorate (Bath University, England).



Inspired by his favourite Bible verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13), Rev. Buchanan passionately pursued his dreams and has endured much. His recently-published book, "Struck Down, Raised up: Polio Survivor, Priest, Principal" is a strong demonstration of his will and commitment to his personal development while also making a worthwhile contribution to nation-building. With his parents' support, as well as that of his wife, Marjorie, and other family members, Barrington Buchanan was encouraged not to pity himself because of his disability.

His advice to other persons who may be faced with similar challenges is that they must have "A will to achieve and become who they are meant to be. With God's help and guidance, they will realize their goal," he affirms. He also emphasizes the need to be focused and not let the burdens of life overcome them.

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Rev. Olando Gayle

Rector, Southfield Cure, St. Elizabeth



Archdeacon Justin Nembhard – A Lifetime of Service

The Venerable Justin Albert Nembhard is retiring after 53 years in Ministry. We reproduce the Citation that was presented to him at the 2023 Diocesan Synod when his retirement was imminent.

The Venerable Justin Albert Nembhard exudes an aura of calmness that belies the heavy responsibility of his ministry as Rector of the St. James Parish Church for 41 years, with the added duties of Archdeacon of the Montego Bay Region since 2012.

A native of New Forest, in St. Elizabeth, Archdeacon Justin's formative years as a member of St. Michael's Church in that district planted the seed for servanthood in ministry. On leaving school, he worked briefly in the Postal Service before enrolling in the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) from which he graduated in 1971 with a Licentiate in Theology and a Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree from The University of the West Indies. He also holds a Master's Degree in Sacred Theology from the University of Hull in England.

Archdeacon Nembhard was ordained a Deacon in 1971 and was priested the following year. He first served as Assistant Curate at the St. Andrew Parish Church, and in 1973, he went to Durham, England on a Priest Exchange Programme. On his return in 1975, he was appointed Rector of St. Cyprian's Church in Highgate, St. Mary, and seven years later, he assumed duties as Rector of the St. James Parish Church.

For several years, he was Rural Dean for St. James and Hanover. He became a Canon of the Cathedral of St. Jago de la Vega in 2003 and was installed as Archdeacon in 2012. A member of several Diocesan Boards, he has also served as Canonical Administrator of the Diocese on many occasions.

Within two years after Archdeacon Nembhard's appointment as Rector, the Parish Church cleared its indebtedness to the Diocese. Under his watch, several of the six Churches attached to the Parish Church became settled congregations; and some of these were subsequently formed into new Cures. The Archdeacon has an enviable record of infrastructural developments across the Cure, especially at the Parish Church where major restoration was undertaken; the Church Hall was refurbished and extended to house offices, a counselling



room and conference facilities; and the grounds were secured with the construction of a perimeter wall.

An excellent administrator and compassionate pastor, his emphasis on the training of Curates, the mentorship of youth, and the promotion of vibrant outreach programmes has contributed to the numerical and spiritual growth of the Church which stands as a beacon in the community. "I am humbled and privileged to serve as Rector of this historic Church, and I am acutely aware of my responsibility to build on its rich tradition," he says.

Archdeacon Nembhard's conviction of the importance of Christian love and his deep sense of social responsibility are demonstrated through his service on the boards of several educational institutions, his involvement with the Peace Management Initiative, his role as Chaplain of the Montego Bay Community College for more than 30 years and his tenure as a Justice of the Peace.

Throughout the years, up to 1999, he was greatly supported in ministry by his late wife Lorna, and he has watched with pride as their children, Martin and Christine, have grown up in the Church.

Archdeacon Justin Albert Nembhard, The Diocese of Jamaica and The Cayman Islands commends you on your commitment to your pastoral ministry and to national service. We thank you for your contribution and pray for the Lord's continued blessing in your life.

The Most. Rev. Howard Gregory

April 13, 2023

**Archbishop of the West Indies, Primate & Metropolitan
and Bishop of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands**

The People vs. Judas Iscariot...the Punishment Phase

Lenten reflections at St. George's, Grand Cayman this year went to court. The congregation was invited to participate in a worship and drama series 'The People vs. Judas Iscariot...the Punishment Phase', each Wednesday evening. The captivating five-part series, written by William Clayton McCord, was mounted in the Church, which was transformed into a courtroom, complete with a Judge (the Rector), a bailiff and attorneys. Attorney Justice for the prosecution and Attorney Grace for the defence presented evidence and arguments based on the Bible and tradition.

Following a set order of Service that included scripture readings and hymns, the hearing would begin with witnesses being called to the stand to testify. Witnesses included John, Peter, Mary Magdalene, the Apostle Paul and the surprise fifth week witness, Death. Each week, the prosecution and defence attorneys attempted to sway the judge and congregation as they presented biblical evidence in each act of the drama series under the following broad themes: Act 1: 'Nothing is hidden from God'; Act 2: 'All have sinned: All need forgiveness'; Act 3: 'Others try to save themselves'; Act 4: 'In bondage of sin'; Act 5: 'Who will save us'.

The format of this five-act drama was both easy to present and easy for the congregation to follow, no memorisation of a script was required. Even as the drama dealt with serious topics, the 'actors' portrayed the characters well and even managed to intersperse a little humour that

kept members of the congregation returning each week to see what would happen next. Following Act 5, the 'jury', formed by the congregation, was given instructions and asked to deliberate and return a verdict of either Forgiveness or Eternal Punishment.

What would your decision be? 'The People vs. Judas Iscariot...the Punishment Phase' was a very interesting and thought-provoking reflection for Lent.

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St. George's Church, Grand Cayman



Death-giving testimony



Mary Magdalene testifies



A Changing of the Guard



New Mothers' Union President, Yvonne Johnson-Reid (Front Row – Centre) with newly-commissioned officers and Past Presidents. In the back row (centre) is The Rt. Rev. Garth Minott, Bishop of Kingston, who was Celebrant and Preacher at the organisation's Annual General Meeting.

Both the Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BSA) and the Mothers' Union (MU) have new presidents.

On December 2, 2023 **Mr. Upton Fisher** was elected the ninth Lay President of the BSA and was invested into office by Bishop Leon Golding at the St. James Parish Church on January 14, 2024.

Mr Fisher, who is a Justice of the Peace and a commissioned Civil Registrar of Marriages, has been a member of the Christ Church, Vineyard Town Chapter of the BSA for over thirty-nine years. He is a member of the BSA Team which assists at St. Mark Mission, Scotts Hall and St. Patrick's Mission, Devon Pen in St. Mary.

He has also served the Diocese as a member of the Board of Nominations, and the Diocesan Financial Board. Mr. Fisher is the first male Parenting Facilitator for the Mothers' Union in the Province of the West Indies and the Americas. A former active member of the Anglican Youth Fellowship, he has taught Sunday School for many years.

The Mothers' Union held its Annual General Meeting at St. Luke's Church, Cross Roads on February 25. The Celebrant and Preacher was the Rt. Rev. Garth Minott, Suffragan Bishop of Kingston.

Mrs. Yvonne Johnson-Reid was commissioned as Diocesan President in succession to Mrs. Judith Spencer-Jarrett. Other officers commissioned were:

- Mrs. Sandra Touzalin-Butler as Regional President, Montego Bay
- Mrs. Alison Nickle, Public Relations Officer
- Ms. Vanessa Banton, Faith and Policy Coordinator

At the meeting, the following awards were made:

- Special Award for innovation and sustainable projects – St. George's, Grand Cayman
- Jean Murray Trophy for most improved Branch – St. Mary the Virgin, Molynes Road

Molynes Road

- President's Award – Church of the Ascension, Mona & St. George's, East Street
- Sir Clifford Campbell Banner for best Deanery – Portmore & Westmoreland

At its Annual General on February 29, members of the Women's Auxiliary's Executive who were elected in February 2023 were all returned to office, with the exception of the Secretary who declined nomination. Miss Carol Cuffley remains the Chair of the organization.

New BSA President, Upton Fisher (Front Row: 2nd left) with The Rt. Rev. Leon Golding, Bishop of Montego Bay, Archdeacon Justin Nembhard and BSA Executive members.



The Church and National Elections - Two Perspectives

In the wake of the downward trend in voter turn-out for national elections in recent years, we explore the responsibility of members of the Church to participate in this process from two perspectives, namely, as a Christian duty and a civic obligation.

A Christian Duty

It is sad to see that Jamaica is currently at risk of losing what we have known to be a democracy. When only 29.6 percent of the electorate goes to the polls (as happened in the recent Local Government Elections) we are in trouble. What's worse, is that an increasing number of those who vote are doing so on transactional terms.

Many of whom complain on social media while posting disgusting videos of individuals engaging transactional arrangements on both sides of the political divide, are from church and various middle to upper middle-class backgrounds. Many have in common the fact that they often do not bother to vote.

In the bible, we see godly people who though in the world, remained faithful to godly principles while engaging the political process. It is okay to speak out. It is okay to write to the print media and call the talk-shows. It is also important to advocate for change using the voting process.

We can learn much from Mary's Magnificat. Her political declaration recognizes that God brings down the mighty from their thrones and lifts the lowly. She sees that the rich are sent away empty while the poor and dispossessed are filled. Her vote is for anyone whose mission lines up with God's will of empowerment and liberation for the poor and oppressed.

Let us avail ourselves as agents of God's message and mission in the world, to vote in the national elections for Jamaica. Do not do blind loyalty to party. Instead, seek what you understand to be God's will for God's people.

Protect our democracy. Vote for justice, peace, economic progress, and good governance for Jamaica land and people we love.

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The Very Rev. Sean Major-Campbell, JP
Rural Dean – Kingston and
Rector, Christ Church, Vineyard Town

OUR VOTE: OUR RIGHT, CLAIM IT, USE IT

Public debate on voter apathy and its dire implications for our democratic tradition is nothing new, and the subject has gained momentum in pre and post-election periods. It's a fact that the greater the number of persons who vote, the more we have a say in how we are governed and the stronger is our democratic system. The opposite holds true; the lower the number of voters in national and local elections, the weaker our voices and the more threatened our democracy becomes.

Figures from the Electoral Office of Jamaica show that in 1990, voter turnout in the Local Government elections was 56.02%. But this percentage has been dwindling since 1998, reaching just 29.66% in the recent Local Government elections. This means that less than 1 in 3 persons in the Jamaican electorate voted on February 26, 2024. The General Elections have fared no better.

In the ongoing debate on low voter turnout, the focus seems to be on why persons aren't voting. Let us focus instead on why we should be more than mere spectators and vote in elections:

- The Bible speaks to selecting leaders to govern God's people. Our democratic tradition fits in with this prescription.
- Voting is part of our civic responsibility and our historical legacy, as our forefathers fought long and hard and made great sacrifices to achieve this right.
- Voting also allows us to hold our leaders accountable and improve the standard of governance
- In addition, voting ought to imbue in us a sense of national pride and inclusiveness. When we participate in the process, and there are tangible benefits for all, we can truly be satisfied that we contributed to this result.

So, as we prepare for the General Elections constitutionally due by 2025, let us help to bury the spectre of voter apathy, and build a more vibrant democracy while also creating a sound political platform for future generations.

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Grange Hill Primary School 100, not out!

Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Grange Hill, Westmorland, was filled to capacity on March 3, as past students and special guests joined with members of the local congregation to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Grange Hill Primary School, one of the man Diocesan primary schools. The presence of the Diocesan Festival Choir, led by Mr. Audley Davidson, ensured that it was a real Diocesan celebration.

The Chief Celebrant was the Rt. Rev. Leon Golding, Suffragan Bishop of Montego Bay. In his homily, he congratulated the School on the milestone, noting that the institution began life inside the Church building where “a concept took root and blossomed.”

Using verses 1-6 from Psalm 105 for his text, the Bishop reminded the congregation of the importance of giving “thanks to the LORD,” charging them to “begin by encouraging people to praise and thank God.” He spoke of the historic work of the Anglican church in the development of education in Jamaica, and noted that the first Bishop of Jamaica, Christopher Lispcomb, who was appointed in 1824, constructed some 150 schools during his episcopacy. He further said that thanksgiving recalls what was done in the past. “Recalling the past.... the road journeyed ... and remembering our heritage – both good and bad.” He ended his homily by reminding the past students, who were the main hosts, that they should continue to be a blessing to the School and the nation.

The Service was dedicated to all the teachers, ancillary workers, past students, and to the memory of past principals. It is noteworthy that the school's first principal was Clifford Campbell, who in 1962, became the first native Governor General of Jamaica. In attendance at the Service was Mrs. Alberta Malcolm, who is the school's oldest surviving past student.

Submitted by: Dudley McLean II



Mrs. Alberta Malcolm, the school's oldest past student

E A S T E R

200th Anniversary Celebrations Launched

Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow: Celebrating Service, Guarding Justice, Affirming Hope

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The year-long celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Jamaica on July 24, 1824 were launched at a service at the Cathedral of St Jago de la Vega in Spanish Town on February 11.

The Sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Jamaican-born Bishop of Dover in England, and the first female black bishop in the Church of England.

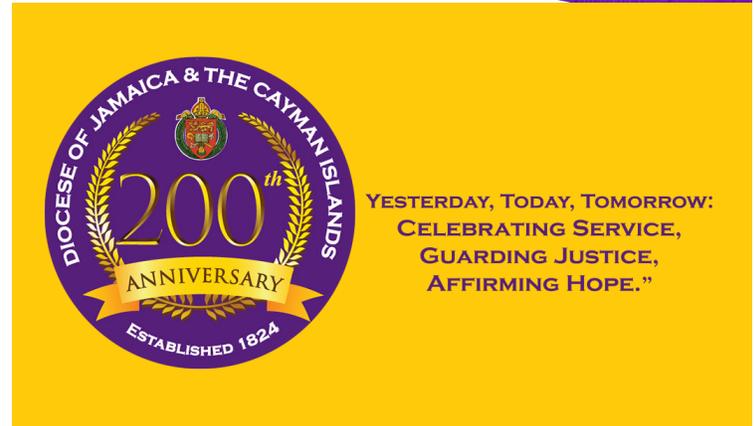
In a powerful message, Bishop Rose spoke to the theme of the celebrations stating that we should know about the past, **Yesterday**, be vigilant today, the Present, to safeguard Justice and to plan for the future, **Tomorrow**. She highlighted this by quoting the saying: "if you don't know where you are going, then any road can get you there."

Following are some key points from the Sermon:

- "It would be disingenuous of me, of us, if we pretended that the church to which we belong was not complicit in some evil things in the past. But let us also remind ourselves that we did get some things right too... So we celebrate some of the good things that began in the past...more schools, more social projects and our contribution to additional health care."
- "Guarding Justice. This must be a touchstone in what we work for...What are the issues of justice that as a church you need to be awakened to? As Christian leaders, how are we equipping our congregations to engage in the world around us?"
- "I was recently sent a short poem which said: 'O' stands for opportunity, which is absent in 'Yesterday', available in 'Today' and appears 3 times in 'Tomorrow.' So never lose 'Hope'. Hope is important going forward."

The Sermon is posted on the Diocesan website on a special page dedicated to our Anniversary celebrations

<https://diocesan200thanniversary.wordpress.com/>



COMING UP

- **National Anniversary Service** at the National Arena on July 21, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, will be the Preacher. Members from churches across the Diocese are expected to attend.
- **Newspaper Supplements** in The Gleaner and The Jamaica Observer on July 21 highlighting the history and ministry of the Diocese
- **Launch of a Commemorative Postage Stamp** by the Postal Department on July 24
- **Webinar on Restorative Justice** on July 20, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury will be one of the presenters
- **Deanery Evangelistic Crusades** beginning in September 2024
- **Closing Service** at the Cathedral of St Jago de la Vega on February 16, 2025

The Anniversary programme is incorporating significant anniversaries being celebrated by individual churches, schools and diocesan organizations. This is to ensure the involvement of congregations and church institutions across the Diocese.

Highlights of Launch Service



Top left: Rt. Rev. Garth Minott, Chairman of the 200th Anniversary Planning Committee, delivers the welcome



Top right: Bishops join in a celebratory hymn



Students of Hilda's High School participate in the worship



Above: Bishop Rose and retired Church Army Sister Myrel Moss exchange a warm greeting



Left: Bishop Rose (centre) with members of the Church Army and Associate Evangelists



Bishop Rose with members of the Cathedral Chapter



Bishop Rose with Diocesan Chancellor, The Hon. Zaila McCalla and Registrar, Mr. Peter Depass. In the background is Archdeacon Patrick Cunningham.

The Anglican Church and 'Contested Heritage'

The treatment of monuments and memorials with racial overtones or which honour individuals connected to chattel slavery and the slave trade is a matter of concern for the Church of England and it should also be carefully considered in our Diocese.

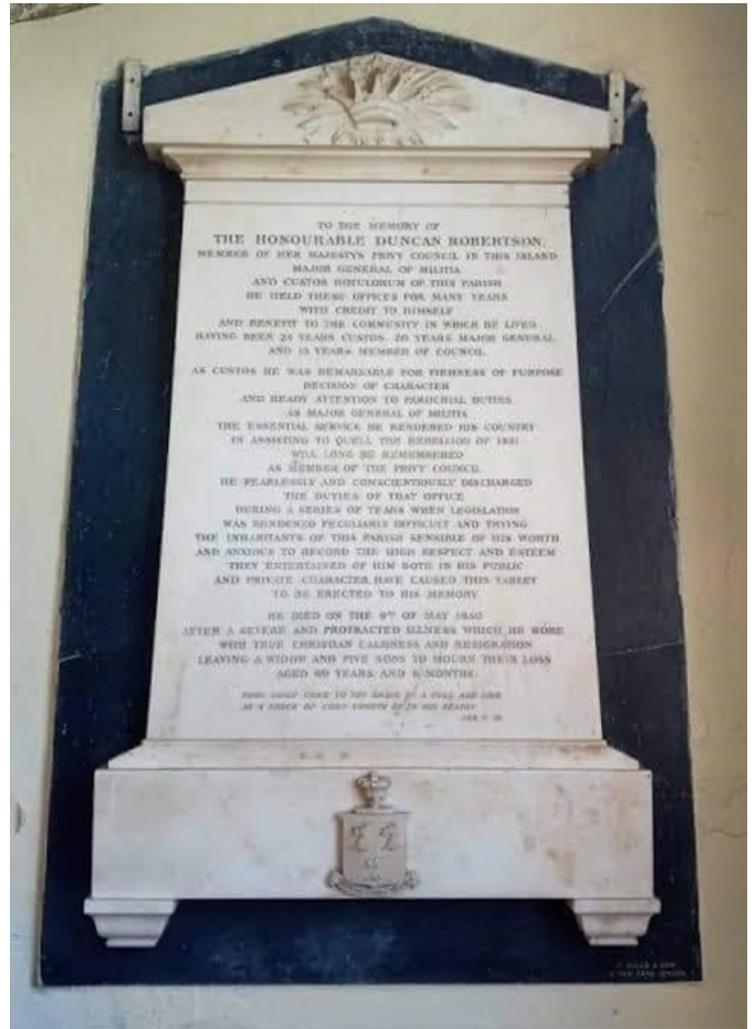
In May 2021, the Church of England issued guidelines on dealing with these reminders of the past which it says constitute 'contested heritage' defined as objects or places that can be seen as "symbols of injustice" and "a source of great pain for many people". This decision was sparked by the events that followed the killing of George Floyd in the United States on 25 May 2020. Among actions taken in England was the destruction of a statue of the Bristol slave trader, Edward Colston, which was thrown into the harbour.

England is famous for its historic and majestic Cathedrals. Now, some of them are realizing that much of their wealth came from individuals involved in slavery and the slave trade. Bristol Cathedral has mounted an exhibition entitled *All God's Children* which invites viewers "to reflect on how 200 of those commemorated in the Cathedral were connected to Africans' enslavement. Signs depicting the church's connections with slavery will be placed beside memorials and grave markers."

Wells Cathedral in Somerset has also been researching its ties to slavery and the Cathedral Chapter has promised to work with institutions in the Caribbean to redress some of the historical imbalances.

Some English churches have already removed monuments deemed offensive, with the best example being the one to estate owner, John Gordon, in St Peter's Church, Dorset, which has been moved to a museum.

How are we in our Diocese addressing issues of 'contested heritage'? Our historic churches have numerous memorials to individuals who were involved in the suppression of enslaved Africans. For example, St John's Church, Black



The Monument to Duncan Robertson

River has a monument to Duncan Robertson, which states that his role in "assisting to quell the rebellion of 1831 will long be remembered". This is the Christmas Rebellion led by National Hero, Sam Sharp, which played an important role in ending slavery.

What should we do with memorials such as this one and how do we represent them to the younger generation?

John Aarons
Hon. Diocesan Archivist



Remembering our Musical Icons - Trevor Beckford and David Reid



The Diocese pays tribute to two illustrious musicians, Trevor Beckford and David Reid, who made outstanding contributions to our worship and church life through their musical gifts. They both received the Order of Distinction, Officer Class (OD) from the Government, as well as the Bronze Musgrave Medal of the Institute of Jamaica.

The first musician is **Trevor Beckford**, Organist Extraordinaire, who died September 30, 2023. He was a dedicated organist, choir master and music teacher whose life revolved around music. He served as a President of the Jamaica Guild of Organists, and is best remembered as organist and choir master at the Cathedral of St Jago de la Vega for over fifty years.

In lauding his gifts as an organist, Archbishop Howard Gregory at his funeral service said that "In a sense, there are many people who can play an organ but, there are not many persons who are church organists, at least from an Anglican perspective. Church organists have a sense of appreciation for liturgy, for the role of the congregation in the worship experience, and the difference between a performance and the accompaniment."

The Cathedral in September 2017 held an appreciation function in his honor under the theme 'Celebrating The Music Ministry of Trevor A Beckford', during which he gave a recital of some of his favourite composers. After his



passing, the Diocesan Festival Choir dedicated its Annual Advent Concert in December 2023 to his memory.

The second musician is **David Reid**, one of the country's outstanding tenors who died on February 12, 2024. An active churchman, he served for over 70 years as choir master in several churches including St George's Church, East Street. In reporting his passing, the Gleaner hailed him as one of the best tenor voices in the island who became a national treasure as the solo voice recorded within the three-part submission to Parliament which went on to become Jamaica's National Anthem. A renowned singer, he began performing at age 11 at The Ward Theatre. He later became a foundation member of the original Jamaica Operatic Society. Among the many tributes paid to him was one from the Rev. Canon Dr. Grace Jarvis who said, "As one who benefited from his musical genius as a student of his back in the 1980s, I have always been in awe of this remarkable man who in his nineties, was able not just to sing well, but to convey through his music, a deep love for God, and God's people".

A Mass of the Resurrection for his life was held on March 9, 2024 at St. George's Church, Kingston.



Dayton Jennings –Youngest Spelling Bee Finalist

Dayton Jennings, an eight-year-old student of Nonsuch Primary School in Portland, is the youngest Parish Champion ever to reach the finals of the Gleaner's Children's Own Spelling Bee Competition. The two-time Parish Champion first competed at the national level as a seven-year-old in 2023. On his second outing this year, he spelt nine of his ten words correctly to place among the top twelve from the fourteen parishes represented at the National Finals in Kingston.

Last year, Dayton was selected to represent Nonsuch Primary which is affiliated to St. Paul's Church, Nonsuch, by the Principal, Mrs. Marlise Cowie-Adiansingh, who was impressed by his extensive vocabulary. After one month of rigorous preparation and, brimming with confidence, he felt ready to face the challenge.

Dayton's parents, grandmother and sibling took turns on weekends and at nights to help him prepare for the competition. However, the coach, Mrs. Cowie-Adiansingh, says there are several things that need to be done to effectively prepare him for the nationals for which the school is not equipped.

A past participant in the 1977 competition, Mrs. Cowie-Adiansingh has a passion for preparing students for Spelling Bee and she has done so for many years. She is a member of St. Mary the Virgin Church, Rural Hill, where she serves on the Fund Raising Committee and also, in the Mothers' Union.

Dayton's major challenge at the nationals was competing with high school students who were more advanced, but he has at least five more chances and his coach and family are confident that he will continue to improve. He is however, more than a Spelling Bee Champion as he recently received a cash award for placing first in the 2023 Cattle Breeders Society of Jamaica 4H Essay Competition for Portland and St. Mary.



Dayton with his coach, Mrs. Marlise Cowie-Adiansingh, Principal, Nonsuch Primary School

His Principal says Dayton is a role model for his peers as he stands out in anything he sets out to do and never backs down from a challenge. This promising student also enjoys playing football and wants to become a professional footballer and an investor.

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New AYF National Council on the Job



Left to Right - front row: Zara Campbell-Secretary, Jenalee Johnson-President, Stephen Minott-Vice President, Yazmin Powell-Treasurer

L-R Back Row: Dahlia Lodge-Spiritual Coordinator, Dujaughn Knott-Public Relations Officer, Tiana Whyte-Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Stephen Ramcharan-Sports Coordinator

Miss Jenalee Johnson, the newly-installed President of the National Council of the Anglican Youth Fellowship is mobilizing her members to “echo the compassionate example of the Good Shepherd.”

In expressing her vision for the Council's Mission year, Miss Campbell notes that the members of the youth organization are currently dispersed. She says that before the Council can “embark on the sacred journey of Telling and Teaching to Transform the World, it is imperative that we diligently Tend to those who are distant.”

Miss Johnson, who is a member of the Church of the Ascension, Mona, will be supported by Vice-President, Stephen Minott; and Secretary, Zara Campbell, both of whom are also from the Church of the Ascension, Mona; as well as Treasurer, Yazmin Powell from the Church of the Holy Trinity, Westgate, Montego Bay. Other members of the Executive include Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Tiana Whyte of St. Mark's, Mandeville; Public Relations Officer, Dujaughn Knott, from the St. James Parish Church; Spiritual Coordinator, Dahlia Lodge, of St. Marks, Mandeville; and Sports Coordinator, Stephen Ramcharan, from St. Augustine's, Coral Gardens.

They were nominated to serve at the Annual General Meeting of the AYF on January 27, and they were installed on February 11 by the Rev. Judith Atkinson, who presided and delivered the message at the Service which was held at the Church of St. Mark in Brown's Town, St. Ann.

The Rev. Nina-Rae Barrett, Rector of the Lucea Parish Church, will serve as Chaplain, providing spiritual guidance and support for the team and its activities; while Drs. Paul and Angela Scott of the Church of the Ascension, Mona, have taken up duties as Advisors over the one-year period which ends in January, 2025.



Former Deanery Youth Coordinators at the 200th Service.

L-R: Sandra Becca- Portland, Nigel Elliott -St. Andrew, Doreen Webley- St. Catherine and Rudolph Forsythe- Kingston

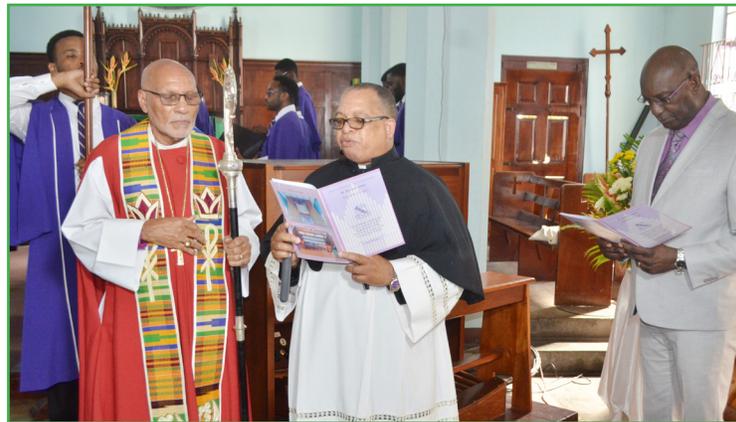
Organ Rededicated at St. Augustine Chapel

January 28 was a memorable day for the Kingston College family as the 1949 Walker Organ was rededicated to the glory of God in the St. Augustine Chapel at Clovelly Park. The organ fell into disrepair in 2022 after 75 years of service, and received its first major overhaul since its installation in 1949. The Most Rev Dr. Howard Gregory, Archbishop of the West Indies, and Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, was Celebrant and Preacher for the occasion.

The complete factory renovation, which included the addition of enhanced features such as the Double Trumpet and the Acoustic Bass, will greatly enhance and extend the life of the organ which is an integral part of the Chapel's worship experience. It also plays a critical role the School's music ministry which extends to the wider society through the Kingston College Chapel Choir.

The award-winning Choir, founded in 1947, boasts an enviable reputation and tradition of being one of the oldest choral ensembles in Jamaica. It shares an intimate relationship with the Chapel's organ in the fusion of voices, rhythms, and melodious strains in devotion and thanksgiving to God, who reveals His glory, nature and power through music, to inspire, heal and transform.

Since 2008, under the guidance and directorship of Mr. Audley Davidson, the Choir has grown significantly, diversifying its repertoire to include some of the finest renditions of contemporary genres, without losing its objective of performing sacred music.



Noted Jamaican entrepreneur and philanthropist, the Hon. Dennis Lalor, who was the benefactor for the project, was recognized at the Rededication Service for his passion, commitment and generosity in ensuring the successful overhaul and upgrade of the organ, with support from his family.

Dr. Richard Beckford, accomplished Choir Director, musician and distinguished alumni of Kingston College was also recognized.

The fully overhauled Two-Manual Organ, which was installed in memory of the late Edeline Soutar, the first music mistress at Kingston College, will undoubtedly continue to be a source of inspiration to the many persons for whom the St. Augustine Chapel is a preferred venue for significant religious events.

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Bustamante Hospital Chapel Rededicated

The newly-renovated Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin at the Bustamante Hospital for Children was rededicated by The Rt. Rev. Garth Minott, Bishop of Kingston at a Service on February 20.

This rededication followed a recent renovation project sponsored by the Sandals Foundation to improve the aesthetics of the Chapel and the facilities for counselling. The upgrading work included installation of an air-conditioning unit, painting of the walls, and outfitting the counselling facility with comfortable chairs and other amenities.

Established in the mid-1970s to early 1980s by Friends of the Bustamante Hospital for Children under the auspices of the St. Luke's Church, Cross Roads, this multi-denominational Chapel provides a comfortable and serene environment for its beneficiaries who seek pastoral and counselling services in their time of need. Over the years, it has been used for Services and Sunday School for in-patients of the hospital.



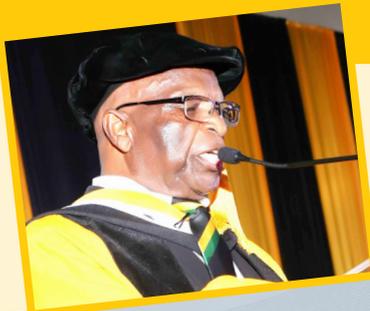
The Hospital's Chaplain, The Rev. Beverly Donald, coordinated planning for the Service with assistance from the hospital's administrative staff. In attendance were Her Excellency the Most Honourable Lady Allen, as well as representatives of the Sandals Foundation; the Ministry of Health and Wellness; the South-East Regional Authority; the Kingston and St. Andrew Health Services; Friends of the Bustamante Hospital for Children; and staff of the hospital. Since 1974, Hospital Chaplains of the Diocese of Jamaica and The Cayman Islands who have been assigned to the Kingston Public and Victoria Jubilee Hospitals have also served the Bustamante Hospital for Children. They include:

- Rev. Cyprian Dawes
- Rev. Maj Egbert N. Schloss
- Rev. Canon Ewart Gordon
- Rev. Paul Bogle
- Rev. Margaret Jean Forbes
- Rev. Stephanie Warner
- Rev. Beverly Donald

Rev. Donald notes that: "The Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin will continue to provide a supportive space for all stakeholders, thus enabling them to experience healing, comfort and strength through the spiritual, mental, and emotional enrichment provided within its walls."

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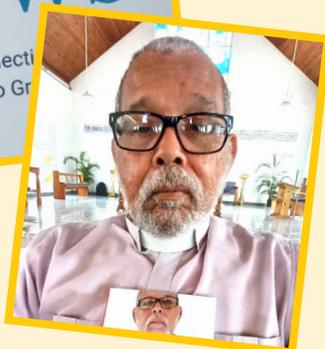
CONGRATULATIONS



Mr Vivian Crawford, outstanding Anglican cultural historian and organist on receiving the Gold Musgrave Medal of the Institute of Jamaica for leadership in cultural management. A former Executive Director of the Institute, Mr. Crawford has not only dedicated his life to the work of the Anglican Church but to many areas of national life especially in the fields of arts and culture.



Ms Meris Haughton a member of St Margaret's Church, Liguanea. on the publication of her book **From the Pews: powerful reflections from key scriptures to grow your faith.** A review of the book will be published in the next issue of The Anglican.

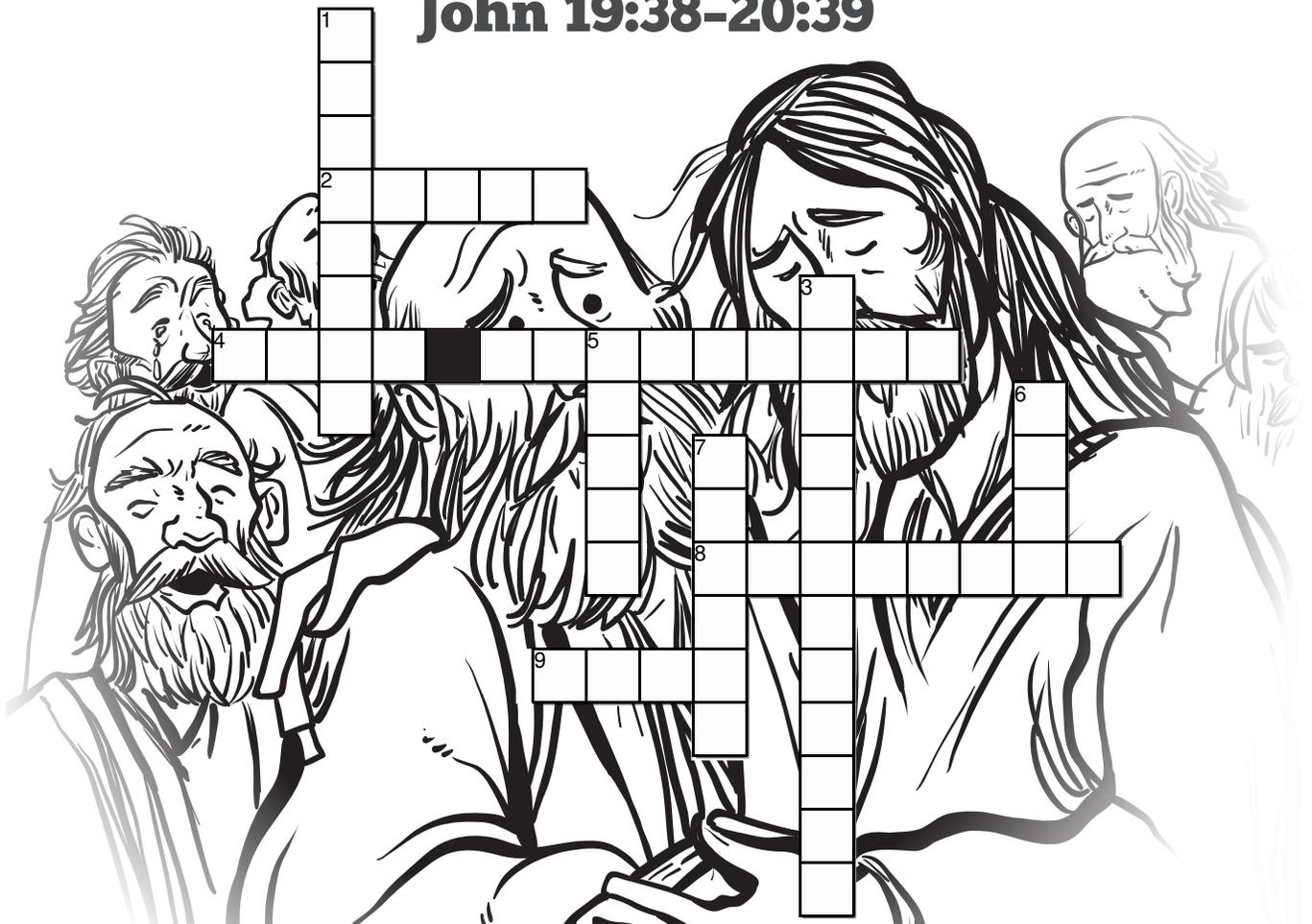


Rev Fr Barrington Buchanan, former Principal of Black River High School, on the publication of his memoirs **Struck Down: Raised Up, Polio Survivor, Priest, Principal** (See Interview on pg 4)

PUZZLE CORNER

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Matthew 27:57-28:15;
Mark 15:42-16:8; Luke 24:1-49;
John 19:38-20:39



Across

2. On the ____ day after Jesus's burial, a few of the women decided to visit the tomb.
4. Who was the first person to reach the tomb?
8. Mary thought Jesus was the ____ at first.
9. When Jesus visited the disciples, he didn't use the door. He just walked through the ____.

Down

1. Jesus told Mary to 'Go and tell my ____'.
3. Jesus appeared to many more people and word spread of his ____.
5. To prove that he wasn't a __, Jesus ate with his friends.
6. Jesus told Thomas to touch his hands and __ so that he would believe.
7. Who told the women, "Jesus isn't here. He has risen!"?



Regional Assistant for Kingston Region

Mr. Dudley Walters, a retired senior banking professional and specialist in transformational management, has assumed duties as Regional Assistant for the Kingston Region with effect from February 19.

Mr. Walters, will provide critical administrative support to Archdeacon Patrick Cunningham, as well as the Rural Deans in the Diocese's largest Region, which includes some seven Parishes.

His specific functions include working with the Attorneys in the Region to ensure the accurate and timely submission of Ecclesiastical, Financial and other Returns in compliance with established civil and Canonical Law. The inspection of Rectories, other church buildings and burial grounds and access to registers also fall under the purview of the Regional Assistant.

In addition, Mr. Walters will facilitate the analysis of returns for Regional and Deanery Council Meetings; and where

necessary, he will assist the Archdeacon with reports to the Diocesan Bishop, the Diocesan Council or the Diocesan Financial Board. Other portfolio responsibilities cover the planning of workshops to enhance the spiritual life of members and promote the educational and outreach ministry of the Church in the Region.

Mr. Walters brings to this assignment some 40 years' experience in the financial sector, serving in senior capacities with the Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Limited and the Management Consulting Firm, Lumin Consulting.

We welcome Mr. Walters to our Diocese.



CONDOLENCES

We remember in our prayers the families of the following priests:

The **Rev. Fr. Ronald Keane-Dawes** who died on 19 February 2024. This beloved "soft spoken and gentle giant of a pastor" was ordained to the priesthood in 2002 in the Supplementary Ministry. He later transitioned to full-time ministry and in 2004 was appointed Priest in Charge and later Rector of the Linstead-Bogwalk Cure where he served (beyond retirement) until December 2023. He also chaired the Guanaboa Vale Primary and Trinity Preparatory Schools. His funeral service was held at the Cathedral on March 15, 2024

The **Rev. Dr. Alton Tulloch** who died on 27 December 2023. He gave 44 years of devoted service to the Diocese following his ordination in 1975. He served as rector of St Matthew's, Claremont for 16 years, before joining the staff of Church House as Administrative Officer in 1994. While there he assisted at St Andrew Parish Church. In 2002 he became rector of St Michael's Church, Kingston, where he served until his retirement in 2019.

Rev Melvin Carey, who died on 23 January 2024. A member of the Supplementary Ministry, he was ordained a deacon in 2005 and a priest in 2007 and assigned to the Meadowbrook/Merrivale Cure. From 2010 to 2018 he served as Chaplain to the University Hospital. His funeral service was held

Condolences to the following members of our Diocesan Family who lost loved ones

Mrs. Christine Davidson, Executive Secretary to the Archbishop, on the passing of her Mother, Mrs Iris Vassell on January 5 2024 at 105 years old. An active member of St Peter's, Petersfield, she served on the Church Committee in many capacities and was a member of the choir, the Women's Auxiliary and the Mothers' Union.

Ms Rhena Williams, Administrative Assistant to the Archbishop, on the passing of her sister, Mrs Jennifer Baugh on 31 January 2024

Rev. Canon and Mrs Vivian Cohen on the passing of their eldest son, Jason, on 14 February, 2024

Rev. Fr. David "Tony" Reid, Rector, St Thomas, Lacovia Cure, on the passing of his father, Mr David Reid on February 12, 2024. (See tribute).

Mr. Glenroy Phipps, General Accounting Officer, Church House on the passing of his sister, Ms Marcella Royal, on February 28, 2024

Mr Anthony Coy, Bearer at Church House on the passing of his uncle, Mr Rovell Hall

May the Souls of all the departed rest in peace and light perpetual shine on them

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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.

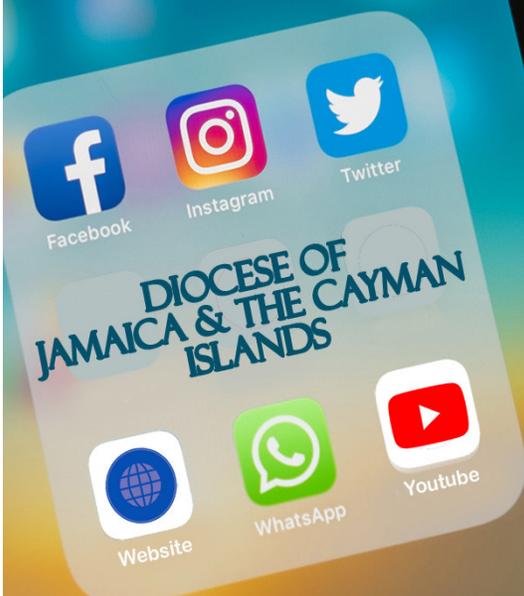
1 Peter 4:10

While you are contemplating bequeathing your assets, you may wish to consider a charitable bequest to the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and its various ministries. Bequests may be made in your memory, if you so desire. We suggest that you discuss the matter with your attorney-at-law (or financial planner) prior to making any final decision.

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