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Double-Benefit Feed Auction Held at Killarney

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Reporter, Manitoba Co-Operator



Nancy Howatt stands in front of donated straw, set to hit the Killarney Auction Mart on August 30. Photo Credit: Chris Lea

In another year, Nancy Howatt of Manitou would have been picking out a steer to donate and bring to the ring at the Killarney Auction Mart.

It's become something of an annual tradition for the producer, with the proceeds going to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

This year, however, is different. This year, there was crisis close to home. Beef producers, Howatt included, watched anxiety ratchet up through the growing season as drought gripped the province. One dire story after another flowed out of Manitoba's northern cattle country: producers with no pasture, little water, hayfields that weren't worth the fuel to harvest them, productive breeding animals hitting the market by July, or herds dispersed entirely.

At the same time, Howatt's normal charitable destination, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, put out a plea for funds to help Haiti, which, on top of political instability, had suffered a 7.2 magnitude earthquake Aug. 14, killing thousands and causing widespread infrastructure damage — just in time for the nation to be hit by Tropical Storm Grace days later.

Howatt saw a chance to help both.

Unlike many northern producers, Howatt did have oat straw to spare this year. Instead of her normal steer, she thought, why not donate and auction off the feed? Proceeds would still go to the foodgrains bank — dedicated to Haiti — and the donation might also help keep some cows in province that might otherwise hit the market.

"I thought this year, with the drought situation and the shortage of feed, this just kind of seemed like a double-dipper," she said.

Howatt pitched the idea to her brother, Chris Lea, who added his support.

The idea quickly gained momentum.

Allan Munroe, owner of the Killarney Auction Mart, agreed to auction the feed Aug. 30. The auction later put out a social media post promoting the event.

From there, participation snowballed — including grain producers who do not own livestock. Howatt said she was "overwhelmed" by the family, friends and neighbours who also pledged straw, while other producers contacted the auction mart to add their own contribution.

"The one morning, I got four phone calls," she said.

Munroe, likewise, said he was contacted by one of his customers the day after the social media post went out, interested in donating.

"It's certainly grown beyond what I was expecting," Munroe said.

"It's a win for everyone," he added. "It's making a little bit of feed available to people and it's raising some money to a good cause."

As of Aug. 25, the donation list included 10 producers, and the auction had grown to 11 loads of cereal straw, as well as 100 tonnes of donated corn silage, courtesy of Peter Gilbraith of Gilbraith Farm Services, estimated at a value of \$6,000, assuming a price of \$6 a tonne.

This year, with feed shortages expected, that value was expected to be considerably higher.

Aid need

Gordon Janzen, Manitoba representative for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, said the organization is working through the Humanitarian Coalition — an umbrella group of aid agencies — to provide food support for Haiti.

Details of that aid is still being hammered out, as the coalition works with local partners to respond to the crisis, he said.

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank has not laid out a fundraising goal for its campaign, although Janzen noted the Humanitarian Coalition has put out a nationwide appeal for funds.

"We are expecting significant donations," he said.

For Howatt, the event, and the response to it, was a "good news story," in a year when so much of the news in the industry has been bad.

"It's kind of like a community effort in the ag circle, is kind of how I look at it," Howatt said, "and this way, we get to also help our bigger world community by doing the Haiti disaster relief overseas."

Why it matters:

A handful of farmers in central and southwestern Manitoba hope feed donations will both add some buffer for producers whose feed is stretched, as well as raise money for disaster relief in Haiti.

A Word From Our Bishop

November is a time of remembering. The Calendar makes it easy to remember some things, but there are other reminders of strong memories that are better even than Calendars. A smell can drag me instantly back to another time or place. I can be completely oblivious one moment and then suddenly I am stopped in my tracks by a memory triggered by a smell. There are a number of examples of this for me. The smell of Cherry Cavendish pipe tobacco instantly reminds me of my father; as does the smell of his Old Spice aftershave (even 19 years after his death). The particular blend of the smell of floor wax and cleaning solution which was used in the stair wells of the Faculty of Music combined with the scent of Polo cologne can transport me instantaneously to September 1984.

It's the same for people I have known and loved. Some are still alive and some have died and gone to be with the Lord, but they don't crowd my mind the way memories of my father do. Still there are moments when a smell, a song or some other trigger immediately reminds me. This happened recently when I was with someone who had ordered lamb for supper. The particular way that lamb was prepared immediately reminded me of an old parishioner - Norah - now many years gone. We had dinner in Rome together, just we too. We spent the better part of a whole afternoon sitting together in a café and laughed and told stories and enjoyed each others company. So many years later, lamb is brought to the table and vividly, Norah is there and I smiled.



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The memories are still in there, inside my brain when I am not conscious of them. They still reside somewhere in the grey matter - but there needs to be a trigger - a smell, a song on the radio, or some other thing that causes me to "un-forget" what I had otherwise packed away in the dusty attic of my mind.

The church uses this concept of "un-forgetting" when it talks about the Eucharist. It's a greek word (of course) and it is the word used in particular for the Eucharistic prayer. Anamnesis means "un-forgetting" which has a lot more for us than the usual understanding of simple "remembrance". Put this way when we celebrate together in the Eucharist we can be triggered back all the way to Calvary, much the same way that I can be triggered back to my Father, or to life in Music at Western, or to a happy afternoon with Norah in Rome.

The action of remembering is more than simple reminding ourselves of something that has happened. Rather, it is a point of drawing us away from ourselves to a vivid and emotionally engaged knowledge of our selves and our story. When I smell my father's aftershave, he is there. Vividly and wonderfully present in a way that he wasn't before and

I know myself as his son. The Faculty of Music was replaced years ago at Western, so I can't go back to a large part of it, but if I stand in a stairwell and smell that brand of floor wax, I am 18 again - and I am a musician and the faces and the relationships from those days become real and fresh and impel me toward renewal of those friendships and memories. Norah is long gone, but I have revisited that afternoon with her all those years ago and smiled and laughed and I am a curate again and can touch the enthusiasm and hope of my vocation all over again.

So it is at the Eucharist. When I am gathered, in small groups or great, at night or first thing in the morning, I am drawn out of myself and into the great mystery of Christ's love for me. The prayer we know as The Great Thanksgiving (the eucharistic prayer) helps me "un-forget" all the things that God has done for me, and who I am because of his Son's love for me. From there, having "un-forgotten" the truth of Christ's cross I am impelled out into the world to seek out and renew the relationship God has prepared me to walk in. In "un-forgetting" I remember who I am, and why I am here. God is good to me. I have been given all I need in the simple act of "un-forgetting".

November is a time of remembering - of the fallen from the war or the loved ones we have lost to death in the feast of All Souls Day and more recently large parts of Canada are now in the process of "un-forgetting" the children who were lost at Residential Schools in Canada. We must constantly bring to our minds the truth which we must "un-forget". In

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the act of "un-forgetting" we will find ourselves again and be able to open our minds and hearts to the work that God wants us to do and the relationships we are called to heal and transform.

Congratulations!

Our hearty congratulations go out to the Reverend Leon Morehouse and the Reverend Barry Nadolny, who were ordained deacons on October 16th at St. Matthew's Cathedral. Our congratulations also go out to the Reverend Dr. Paul Shore who was ordained a priest at the same service.

Photos of the event will follow in the December edition of the Mustard Seed (because they were not available when the November edition went to print.)

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News from the Pews

CHRIST CHURCH, THE PAS

photos submitted by the Rev'd Jann Brooks, photos taken by John E. Erickson (with text by the Editor)

On the weekend of Sunday, September 12, 2021, I was able to travel with the Bishop to The Pas to attend the induction of the Rev'd Jann Brooks as the Rector of Christ Church, The Pas.

It was called "Homecoming Weekend" with a coffee house with musicians on the Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning, we had a confirmation, a reception into the Anglican Communion, as well as the induction itself.

It was an absolutely amazing weekend, and I was privileged to be able to attend the service alongside lay leaders in the parish (as well as other clergy.)

Below are some photos of the service on Sunday morning.



The Bishop inducts the Rev'd Jann Brooks as the Rector of Christ Church, The Pas.

Fr. Matt Koovisk reads an exhortation while the Rev'd Jann Brooks and her wardens look on.



The Bishop poses with the confirmand (Tyler Atkins, on the bishop's left) and his family following the service.

The Bishop poses with the newly received (Brenda Reinfort on the bishop's right), the Rev'd Jann Brooks, and Brenda's sponsor.

ST. MARY'S, VIRDEN submitted by the Editor



On Sunday, September 19, we had a very unexpected visitor at St. Mary's. Before the service, I was in the cloisters of St. Mary's preparing when I heard a crash. Thinking nothing of it, I returned to my work. I then heard another crash. I looked up and saw this squirrel. It had found its way into the church somehow. It scampered up the wall and found a brief reprieve on a pillar. I can imagine that it was pretty scared, as it would have been in an unfamiliar environment.

I tried to convince it to stay for the service, but as I ended up chasing it through the church, it ran through the nave, scampered along the back wall and out the back door.

Never in my life would I thought I would be chasing a squirrel through my church before the service started, but ordained ministry has shown me that anything can happen!

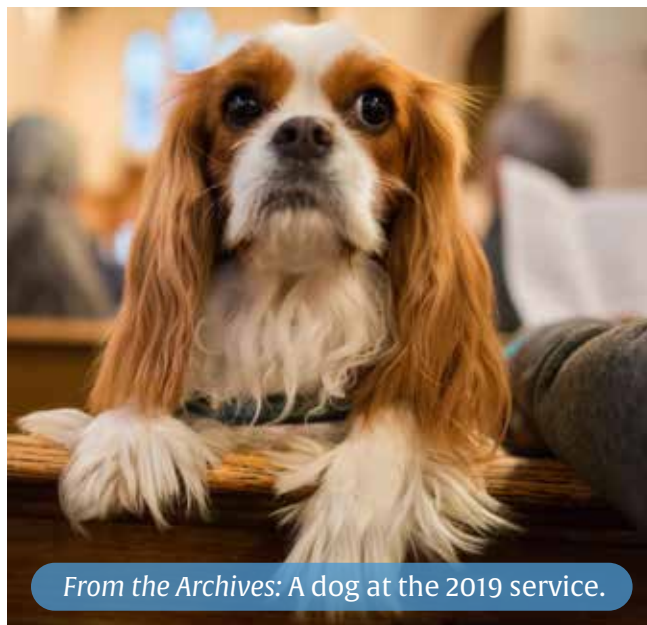
The Blessings of the Animals at the Cathedral

as written by the Rev'd Dr. Paul Shore

Honourary Assistant, St. Matthew's Cathedral, Brandon (with file photos from Chelsea Kemp of the Brandon Sun)



From the Archives: Dean Don Bernhardt tssf blesses a dog at the 2019 service.



From the Archives: A dog at the 2019 service.



From the Archives: Animals leaving the 2019 service.



A fresco of Saint Francis of Assisi

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi was celebrated at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Brandon on the evening of Monday, October 4. A record number of dogs and cats (as well as their owners and care givers) turned out for the event, with Dean Don Bernhardt remarking that it was the biggest gathering for the Saint's day in many years.

The connection between Saint Francis and the animal world stretches back to the thirteenth century, when Francis became renowned for preaching to the birds and for persuading the Wolf of Gubbio to give up violence. In our own times, the life of St. Francis reminds us of the preciousness and value of all living things.

The service was marked by hymn singing enhanced by enthusiastic vocal contributions from the canine attendees – the cats were quieter, but at times still audible. Each animal was given a blessing and the dogs received a treat. Dogs ranged in scale from the queen-

sized Beyoncé to the petit Hammer, and everything in between. To keep things peaceful in the Franciscan tradition, the three cats remained in their travel kennels, but received a blessing all the same.

Pets that had passed away were also remembered in a prayer, and we were reminded in another prayer that by caring for our animal companions, we can learn to love and care for all God's creatures. Dean Don preached on the life of the saint, and of his powerful love for God, and for all of God's creation.

The gathering of people and creatures, some of our parish, and others from the wider community, was an uplifting and unifying experience in this time of pandemic, and we look forward to repeating this happy evening in the future. Special thanks to Funds for Furry Friends who helped spread the word about this celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.

Memorial Gospel Jamboree

for the late
Deacon Caroline Chartrand & Eileen Lavallee

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John 3:16

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