





## A Word From Our Bishop

Between the celebration of All Saints, the commemoration of All Souls and the solemnity that Remembrance Day has become, November is a month where we spend a great deal of time remembering. Whether it is the saints who have been the models of our faith through all of time or the souls of those we love but see no longer - or the remembrance of those who have died to give us the life we have today through their service in the conflicts of the last 120 years - November draws us inward to consider the blessings we have received at the hands of those who have gone before us.

As a bishop I spend a great deal of time visiting in parishes and nosing about in parish halls. One of my favourite things to do is inspect the line of photos usually put up of all the former rectors of a parish. Often called the "Rogues Gallery", I have my own place hanging on walls of parish halls back in Ontario. I see in them such faithfulness and commitment to the work of helping the people of the land through all of time. Dusty photographs of Ivor Norris standing proudly with confirmation classes; Or Wilfred Thomas standing by as the members of Synod stand around him. I often think that we are doing our best to honour their work, for in many ways we are their living legacy.

You might think that what we leave behind when we depart this life is memory (often in the form of photographs) and stone - usually a headstone marking that we lived. Beyond a will and the financial settlements that follow us, the permanent testimonies of our existence on this



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earth are usually few in number. Unless you count the lives we have the chance to touch. I still tell stories of my grandmother, who died in 1972. I still remember stories about my great-grandfather told me by those who knew him late in his life - and he was born in 1857!

You and I, while we live now are the living legacy of those who have gone before us. We are the love letter that previous generations have written to the future. This is a beautiful thought and it comes with a large dose of a sense of responsibility in that we are in the process of writing our own letter to the future. We are the people that others will one day tell stories about. We are making, right now, the memories that will be treasured - or worried over for generations to follow.

The Diocese of Brandon is a place where we are learning to love and transform our lives into the Christ-like persons we are meant to be. We are proclaiming a gospel that is life-giving, and, reconciling us with the traumas and broken hearts of the past - this gospel is calling

us to be brave about moving into the future to which God has created. The photographs on the wall, or the headstones with names we love are the remnants of the lives and loves who were once transformed and now rest with the Father in heaven.

Be mindful as you spend time with the little ones, or the youth as you speak of your faith. It is our responsibility to pass on to them what was handed to us by those who taught us to pray. Be the love letter your ancestors wrote, and become yourself the message to the future upon which the next generations can rely. Be more than stone, and more than photograph. Be the loving arms which someone will remember long after you are gone. Be the heart of faith that others will teach long after your own heart is with God.



## The Mustard Seed

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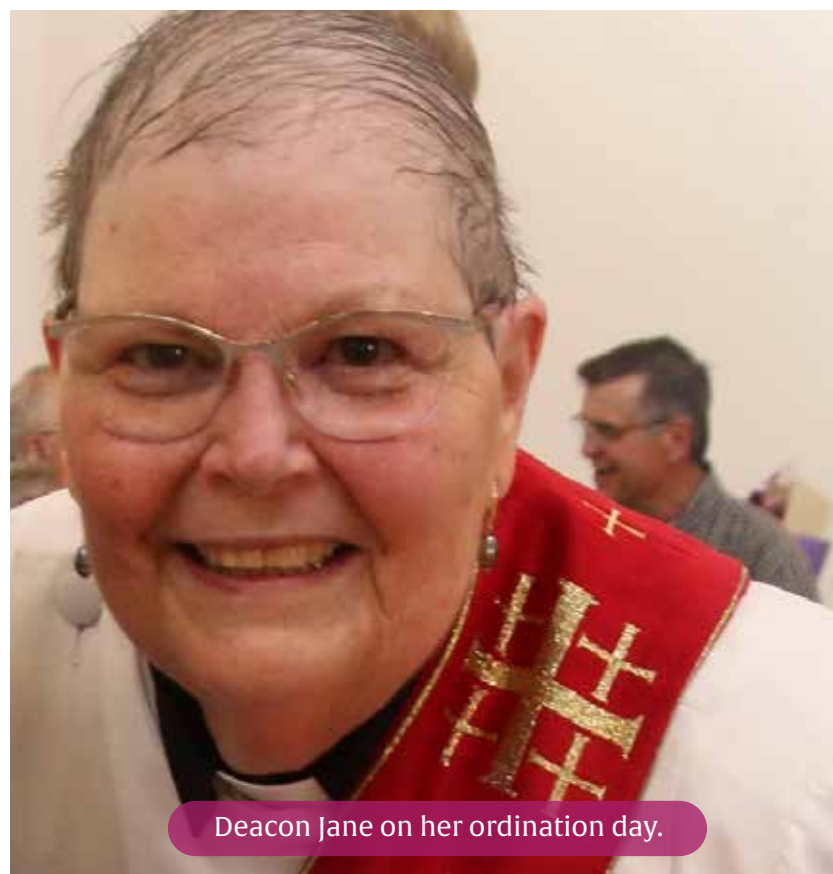
## In Memoriam: the Reverend Jane Best-Morton (1946-2022)

On September 20, the Reverend Jane Best-Morton died peacefully after a brief illness.

Born in August of 1946, and raised on Kingston Row in Winnipeg to adoptive parents Vida and Keith Christie, Jane developed a strong faith and love of public service. Early in her career at Manitoba Forestry, she fell in love with her boss, Bill Best. Within a few years, they married and their two children soon followed. Both Bill and Jane were dedicated members of St. Mark's and later St. Bart's Anglican parishes for many years. They were also active members of the Anglican Summer Camp community, with Jane serving as hostess for several years in the 1980s.

After Bill died in 1999, Jane decided to give love another chance. After one date, she knew Chuck Morton would be the one. They married in 2003 and travelled extensively during their short time together. After Chuck died in 2008, Jane's faith was tested again by a battle with breast cancer. While convalescing with family in Brandon, Jane made the choice to move there permanently, combining households with Christie and her growing family. There she became an active member of the St. Mary's, Brandon and was ordained as a deacon for the parish on June 29, 2019. Jane remained active in the Diocese of Brandon, taking services in Carberry and Brandon right up to the Sunday before she passed. Her Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Bishop on October 1st at St. Matthew's Cathedral.

*Rest eternal grant unto Jane, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul, along with all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



Deacon Jane on her ordination day.



## News from the Pews

### ST. PAUL, DAUPHIN as submitted by Sandy Pacey, People's Warden

Congratulations to Cairo Humphries and Morris Moosetail on their wedding on July 16, 2022. The Reverend Barry Nadolny officiated the service in St. Paul's.

May God grant you both many years together.



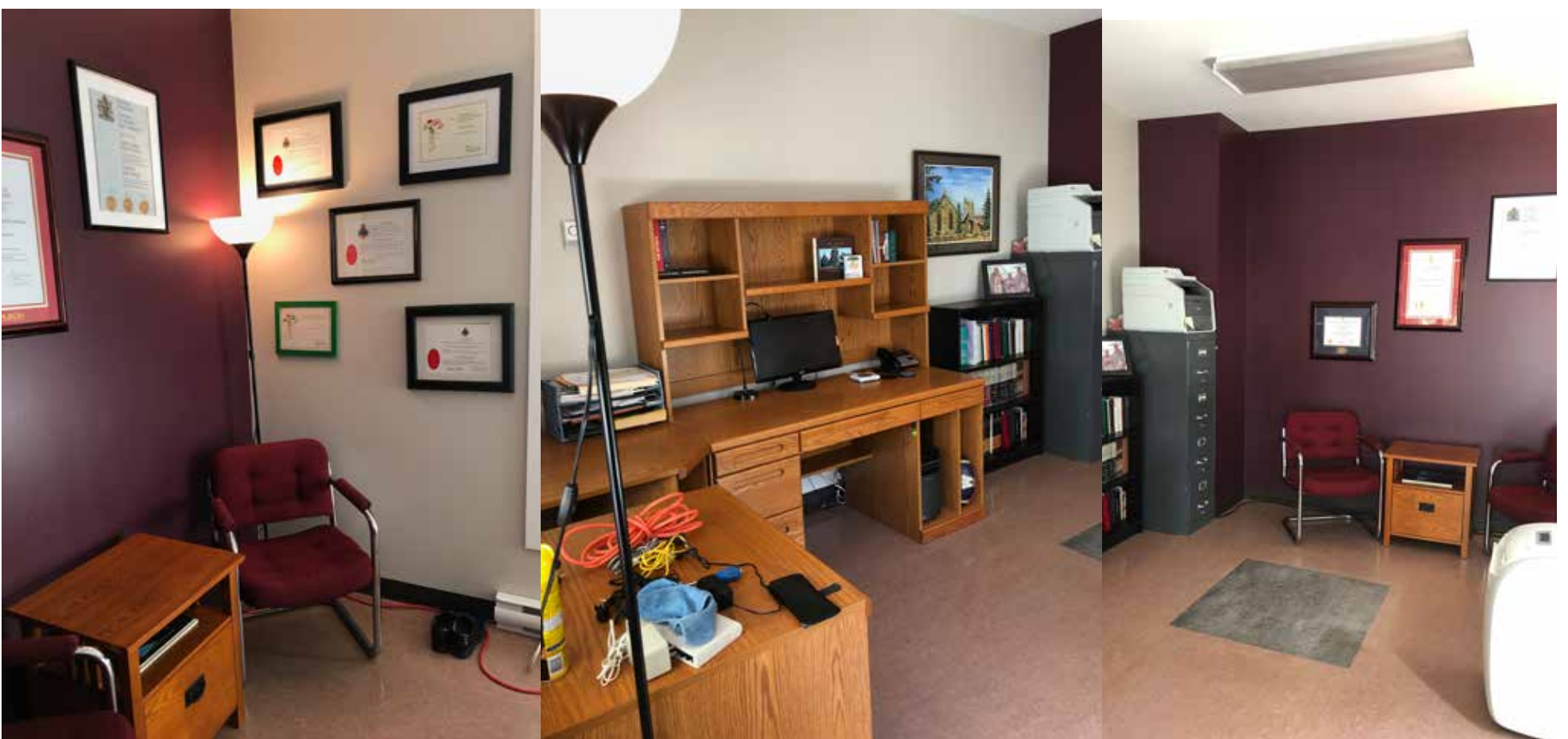
### THE TRI-VALLEY PARISH/ST. MARY'S, VIRDEN as submitted by the Rector/the Editor

As you may remember from the last edition of *the Mustard Seed*, the rector's office was undergoing a bit of a facelift. As the last edition of the paper was being put together, the office was being painted, which necessitated me working from a folding table in the hall for about a week. It was not ideal, as I quite like having an office to work out of, but at the end of the day, I was willing to give up a week of working in my office to see this long-talked about project finally come to fruition.

The repainting of the rector's office at St. Mary's is now complete. Overall, it took about a week, between having to clean out the office (it's absolutely amazing at how much can collect in an office), collect the new furniture from varied and sundry places, paint it and let it dry, and then put everything back in the office.

However, all is complete now, and I couldn't be happier with the results (shown below). Many people have commented to me that it looks a lot more inviting than it did before without the giant desk in the way.

My thanks to go the family of Allison Done (sometime Warden at the Cathedral), who donated the desk, the Dean, who donated the two burgundy chairs, and Jennifer Andrew who made the whole thing happen. It had been a project we talked about for a while, and I'm so glad we finally got around to it!





## In Photos: Ordinations in the Church of God

On September 29, 2022, the Bishop of Brandon ordained Lieutenant Jacob Friesen to the diaconate and the Reverend Barry Nadolny to the priesthood. In attendance at this service was the Rt. Rev'd Nigel Shaw, the Bishop Ordinary of the Canadian Forces, who will become Deacon Jacob's bishop following his time in the Diocese of Brandon. Pictures of the occasion are below (with a more fulsome selection on the Diocesan Facebook page), and the full video of the service can be found on the Diocesan YouTube page.

Lieutenant the Reverend Jacob Friesen will serve the Diocese as the Assistant Curate at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Brandon, and the Reverend Barry Nadolny will continue to serve of St. Paul's, Dauphin and St. Michael and All Angels, McCreary, but now as the Associate Priest.

Congratulations, Deacon Jacob and Fr. Barry! May God grant you many years in your new ministries.



The candidates for ordination make their oaths and subscriptions in the presence of the Bishops.

Deacon Jacob's parents, the Rev'd Canon Douglas and the Rev'd Canon Jeannine Friesen dress their son as a deacon for the first time.



Fr. Barry Nadolny is vested as a priest by the Dean.



The newly ordained clergy stand at the altar with the Dean and the Bishops.



The traditional group shot following the service.

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