



CATHEDRAL CALLING

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Message from the Deacon



Our name has changed! We are now “***Cathedral Calling***.” This is nothing new – it was the title of the Cathedral’s newsletter in the 1980s and 1990s. We think it appropriate, given the history and place of St. Paul’s Cathedral in the Diocese of Qu’Appelle and the City of Regina. But just what is a *cathedral*? While it is a parish church ministering to its members (and in our case to the city’s downtown), in the Anglican tradition a cathedral has two other prime roles.

First is the ***church or “ecclesiastical” role***. The cathedral is where the bishop’s chair, or *cathedra* (hence the term “cathedral”), is symbolically located. It is the preferred location for diocesan events such as synods and ordinations. The cathedral is expected to show leadership in liturgy and music and St. Paul’s has long history of endeavouring to do just that. We also have an ecumenical vocation. For over four decades our patronal festival in January, the Conversion of St. Paul, has been a celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In 2011, the Anglican-Roman Catholic Covenant between the Diocese of Qu’Appelle and the Archdiocese of Regina was signed by the two bishops at a service at St. Paul’s.

The incumbent priest of a cathedral has a dual function: “rector” of the cathedral parish and “dean” of the diocese. The dean is the second-ranking clergyperson in the diocese after the bishop and acts as vice-chair of synod and diocesan council.

Second is the ***civic or community role***. Cathedrals provide an interface with civil society beyond the church doors, offering a religious dimension to events for the wider community. One example at St. Paul’s was Dean Mike Sinclair’s initiative in 2015 to commemorate missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, through bell-ringing and a projection of their pictures inside the Cathedral. Another was a service of celebration for the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of her 90th birthday in 2016, where representatives of the Legislature, judiciary, city council, the Canadian Forces, RCMP, Indigenous organizations, and other Churches played active roles.

St. Paul’s Cathedral has since 1978 been the regimental church of The Royal Regina Rifles. Members and veterans attend services on Remembrance Sunday and the Sunday nearest “D-Day,” June 6. Regimental colours are preserved in the south transept.

But while St. Paul’s Cathedral is the oldest Anglican parish in Regina (and the oldest place of worship in the city), it has not always been the cathedral! In a future issue, diocesan archivist and cathedral historian Canon Trevor Powell will tell us when, why and how this came about.

Canon Michael Jackson

Gail Bowen – Saskatchewan’s Queen of Crime

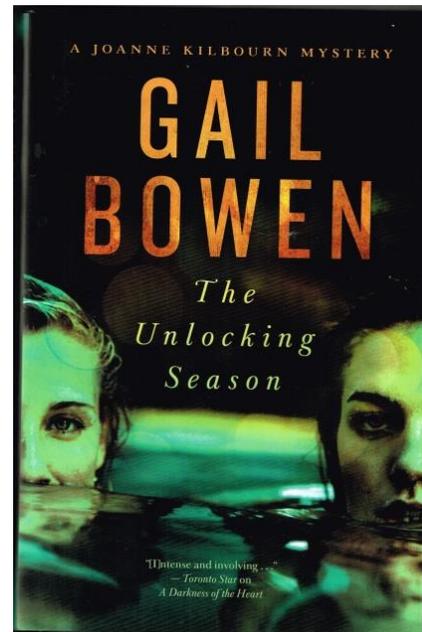


Long-time Cathedral parishioner **Gail Bowen** was featured in the Regina *Leader-Post* on September 19, celebrating publication of *The Unlocking Season*, the nineteenth in her Joanne Kilbourn series of crime novels, set in Regina, which started in 1990. Says the *Leader-Post* writer, “Bowen has a lot in common with Joanne – an affection for Bouvier dogs, a sturdy Anglican faith, a thing for butcher block tables.”

Gail is up front about her religious affiliation – and her passion for social justice – in her novels. The services and congregation of St. Paul’s Cathedral appear from time to time in the books. In chapter 2 of *The Unlocking Season*, Joanne Kilbourn and her family attend an Easter Day service at which her granddaughters Madeleine and Lena are servers. If those names sound familiar, they should – Gail’s granddaughters Madeleine and Lena Bowen were prominent Cathedral servers for many years! Asked to comment on what St. Paul’s Cathedral means to her, this is what Gail told us:

“The Kilbourn/Shreves attend church regularly and faith is an integral part of their lives. Like me, Joanne is a cradle Anglican who attended an Anglican girls’ school in Toronto. Over the years, I’ve attended many Anglican churches; all of them have enriched my life and sustained me through difficult times, but St. Paul’s has been a perfect fit for our family.

“Madeleine, Lena and Ben have all been servers, and Lexi put in a brief appearance as a boat-girl. Hildy and I have taught Sunday school together, and that’s been a gift for us both... What we value most about St. Paul’s is that it’s so inclusive. We are not of one mind about every issue, but we respect one another; we pray for one another, and we rejoice and mourn together. We are a family. We know we are never alone, and that is a blessing.”



The real Madeleine and Lena?

In 2014, Dean Sinclair admitted 4½-year-old Lexi Bowen as cathedral boat-girl. With Lexi are her cousins Lena and Madeleine Bowen. Behind are servers Maeva Markestyn and Gillian Engen.

Photo by Margaret Ball

Update on “521” Parish Amalgamation

As all are aware, there is a process underway to amalgamate five of the seven Regina parishes – St. Luke, St. Matthew, St. James the Apostle, St. Philip and All Saints – into one. Despite the current circumstances associated with the pandemic, this process has continued from its formal start in January 2020. Prior to this there was a two-year assessment to determine the best route forward for the Anglican community in Regina, with the conclusion that amalgamation of the five above parishes was necessary. Other plans are underway for the renewal and re-energizing of all parishes in the St. Cuthbert archdeaconry, including ourselves as Cathedral, St. Mary’s Regina, and Plain and Valley Parish (Lumsden).

The original objective for the “521” amalgamation was to have the new parish up and running in January 2021. This objective remains in place. Bishop Rob Hardwick is expected to select a new name for the parish from a short list provided by parishioners from the five affected churches in a few weeks. In October, Diocesan Council will consider a proposal to create the new parish, with the expectation that the five congregations involved will commence worship at one location this coming January.

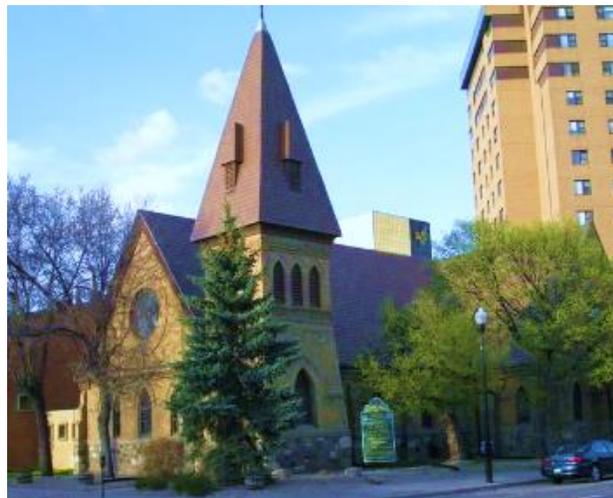
The single location for the new parish remains to be finalized. At this point, all of the properties have been, or are in the process of being, assessed as well as examining the potential for a new site somewhere in the city. No decision has been made as of yet for the sale, repurposing, retention of any of the current properties, nor of the potential for securing a different site altogether. All options are on the table.

Finally, the congregations are engaged in determining details such as the kind of church they would prefer, how the services should be conducted, and similar matters. As you can appreciate, these are not easy subjects to tackle, with much give-and-take required on the part of all. The ending of in-person worship occasioned by the pandemic resulted in a successful delivery of remote services via YouTube, but starting from September 27th, in-person services are being provided.

There remains a great deal to be finalized by the “521” parishes as they work to become a harmonious whole. Congregational meetings and various surveys as to views will continue over the balance of the year. As ever, we at St. Paul’s Cathedral are very happy to assist as may be desired and requested. Your prayers for the all the congregations and parishioners involved are sought with thanks. A further update is expected at the upcoming Synod in November.

Ian Yeates

Rector’s Warden



CATHEDRAL SERVICES

In-person services are being held at St. Paul's Cathedral **on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.** **Advance registration** is required by telephoning the Cathedral Office at 306-522-6439 **no later than noon on the Friday before the service.** Registrants must give a disclaimer that they have not knowingly been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and that they are without any symptoms of COVID-19. Mask use is mandatory – please bring your own mask. Form of service is Morning Prayer from the Book of Alternative Services. **It will also be LIVEstreamed on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsAnglicanCathedralRegina>**

News Bulletin Contributions

We'd be glad to receive contributions, comments and questions for the News Bulletin. Please send them to dmichaeljackson@sasktel.net Photos are welcome.

News of Parishioners

Veteran choir member and Cathedral photographer **Margaret Ball** has moved, after living at the same address for 43 years! Among those helping her with this demanding operation were choir members **Marian Powell** and **Susan Gorges**.

Amy Millard tells us she is active and well, but missing Cathedral services and her volunteer work with the Cathedral Lunch Program.

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