



CHRIST CHURCH NEWS SPRING 2015

The Quarterly Newsletter of Christ Church, Warwick, Bermuda

Louis Kempe Mowbray

Louis was born in Bermuda in 1933, the son of Louis S. and Nellie Frances Kempe Mowbray. His paternal grandfather, Louis L. Mowbray, a well known naturalist whose career involved designing and operating public aquariums had returned from the U.S. to found the Bermuda Aquarium in 1926 – his father later became its curator. His maternal grandfather was Charles W. Kempe, and as one of the Kempe family, Louis has been a member of Christ Church all his life.

He attended the Whitney Institute and Saltus Grammar School before furthering his education in the United States at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts and later, Yale University.

In 1955 he went to Montreal, Canada to begin a career with Alcan Aluminium Limited in the field of staff and labour relations. His initial years with the company were spent in Montreal and at the Company's aluminium smelters in the province of Quebec. While there he met Betsey and following their marriage in 1960 they lived in Arvida in northern Quebec. Several years later they and their infant son David, spent a year in Geneva, Switzerland, where Louis attended Alcan's International Management school – this took him to many interesting places in Europe on Industry Study tours. They then moved to Kitimat in northern British Columbia where they lived for two years and where Mary was born.

The next move was to British Guiana (now Guyana) in South America where Louis was Labour Relations Manager of the Company's large Bauxite mine and where their daughter Andrea was born. That posting lasted six years. While living there they took advantage of the opportunities to explore some of the southern Caribbean islands and experience the Trinidad Carnival.

Following five years back at the Company's head office in Montreal the family returned to Bermuda in 1976 when Louis joined the Bank of Bermuda which at the time was expanding overseas to the UK, Channel Islands and the Far East – he made a number of business trips to these various locations. He retired as Executive Vice President in 1996.



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Dear friends,

We are still basking in the memory of your fantastic farewell reception for us. While the winter storms outside blew their best around the church the generosity of your farewell was heartwarming. We were both delighted to see so many members and friends of Christ Church, ecumenical colleagues and people from many walks of island life attend the lunch. What richness of gifts, with a veritable feast of food, paintings, books, collages, songs, musical treats, followed by photos and video recordings.

Nobody does it better!

We take with us these and the happiest of memories of six wonderful years on your beautiful island as we journeyed together.

We are grateful for all your kindnesses to us and hope that God will continue to bless Christ Church, Warwick on the next stage of your journey.

With our very best wishes to you all.

Barry & Hilda
Photos on p. 10 and 11.

LOADS of LOVE

It is our birthday on 19th March. Four amazing years. It's hard to imagine Christ Church without Loads of Love. Now. Even the diehards among us must agree that we are providing a much needed service & a successful one.

We have 57 volunteers, the youngest of whom is 14 yrs & the oldest 80+, with lots of them having volunteered since day one. Thank you Barry for sowing the seed, & guiding us through the unknown.

The response to my appeal for razors & toothpaste etc. has been overwhelming, we have enough supplies to last us through 2015 !!! Thank you for your generosity.

I must also thank the following, LINDO'S, Warwick, for their donation of bread etc. We never have to buy it.

TERCEIRAS Gas Station, Southampton, donates pies, sandwiches & wraps, every Saturday.

NONNAS KITCHEN for her ginger bread.

Monetary donations	\$1,936.00 from Christmas offerings
	\$1000.00 from Jardine Matheison
3 x	\$100.00 from 3 caring people

and our anonymous donor, whose monthly gift pays our electricity bill.

Thank you, and God bless.

Christ Church Calendar

- March 20 Sale of Rotis in the kitchen in aid B. O. M.
- March 21 10am Saturday morning coffee talk on Energy Efficiency and Conservation, given by Jeane Nikolai, presented by Fellowship Ministry
7pm "Night of Poetry & Song", Cathedral Hall, Hamilton in aid of B. O. M.
- March 24 7.30pm Warwick Alliance Lenten Service at Rehoboth Church, Warwick
- March 29 PALM SUNDAY Worship at 10am only
AGM of Christ Church Warwick in Thorburn Hall following the service, with refreshments.
- April 2 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service at Christ Church, Warwick
- April 3 10am Good Friday Service at St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton
- April 4 9am Decoration of Church for Easter
- April 5 EASTER SUNDAY -
6.30am Sunrise Service at Elbow Beach Hotel
8am and 11am Worship with Quarterly Holy Communion
Church open until 4pm for the public to view floral decorations

Easter Celebration for CCY

29th March– Palm Sunday: Children will come into the church waving palms at the end of the 11 AM service, following an all-age programme

5th April– Easter Sunday: Special all-age programme for the children aged 3-12, followed by our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Family News

BAPTISMS

- Oct. 19th /14 Phoebe Jana Rose Tompkins
Lily Anna Grace Tompkins
- Jan. 18th /15 Sloane Josephine Wright
- Feb. 1st /15 Elizabeth Rose Cartmill

DEATHS/BURIALS

- Dec. 4th /14 Anthohty Frith Smith Jr.
- Dec. 6th /14 Sheila Jessie Skinner

Dear Members,

As the short term locum at Christ Church, I wish you Christian Greetings at this time as we prepare for Easter and the arrival of the Rev Derek Lawson, who will be guiding you through the Vacancy process.

May I thank you for your warm welcome to the Island on this my first ever visit.

It is wonderful to be among you, and share in the worship during these weeks, and to feel myself part of the wider communion of the church.

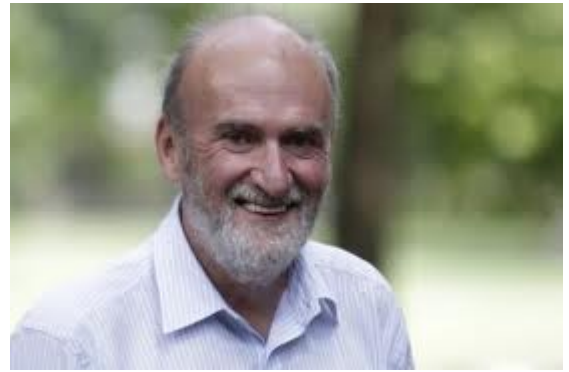
Over my working lifetime, most of which was based in Scotland, I had the opportunity to meet Christians from different backgrounds in Europe, Asia, America and Africa. I have experienced weather contrasts from the cold of Salakhard in Siberia at minus 40 to the warmth of Asia and 40 above (degrees are Celsius). In the cold of Siberia I had trudged across the frozen tundra to meet some aboriginal people living in tents of reindeer skin. I was invited into the tent, and to this day I remember how I had to take off all my outer garments quickly, as the heat from the fire in the tepee was so intense that the children were running about in T shirts.

The Christian community across the world is what we are part of. The temperature may vary, the climate may alter, but we are together worshipping the same Lord Jesus and seeking to bring his values and faith into our world.

May the Lord bless us as we try to be faithful in our calling

May God bless you

Rev Norman Hutcheson



Louis Mowbray, continued from P. 1

Over the years he has been active in the business community, having served as Chairman of the Public Service Commission, Chairman of the Police Arbitration Tribunal, President of the Bermuda Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Bermuda Employers Council at various times. After his retirement he helped to establish and served as first Chairman of the St. George's Foundation when, as part of a community effort, the Town achieved recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Louis and Betsey love to travel and have enjoyed trips to the Far East, including China and Russia, Europe and the UK. They and the family also love spending time at a summer cottage on Lake Memphremagog in southern Quebec (the lake is almost the same size as Bermuda).

They live near Flatts, in the same house where Louis grew up. He spends many hours in the garden tending roses, a large banana patch, citrus and loquat trees (the fruit of which he makes into chutney, which is always a big seller at the Church fair) and growing and potting up numerous plants destined for various plant sales. Daughters Mary and Andrea and four grandchildren all live in Bermuda and they are frequent visitors at the house. Son David lives in Vancouver, B.C.

OUTREACH Committee

The first quarter of 2015 celebrated Barry and Hilda's farewell event on 15th February 2015. As many of you know it was a wonderful celebration of the six years they gave to Christ Church. My special thanks goes to all the ministry conveners and the members of each ministry for making the event so special. A lot of work went into catering for the event and even though we experienced a delay in the arrival of the food from the outside caterer I think most people went away feeling nourished and able to say their farewells to Barry and Hilda. Thank you!

The Soup and sandwich lunch on Sunday 1st March raised \$742. Thank you to everyone for your continued support in providing soup and sandwiches for the event. The proceeds will go to fund Outreach Activities.

David Thompson CPA

Annual General Meeting

It's that time of year, when you can catch a summary of 2014 from the Congregational Board, and look ahead to the plans for 2015.

Sunday March 29th there will be just a single morning service, at 10 a.m., followed by the AGM and then a light lunch.

It will also be a your first opportunity to mingle with our new Interim Moderator/ Minister Derek Lawson

2013 offerings were about \$120,000, but last year offerings were about \$90,000. This dramatic reduction is having an impact on our ability to maintain the services and structure of the Church.

This year there are a couple of vacancies on the Board, and if you, or someone you know, would be interested in providing guidance and ideas, please have a word with the Minister or Duncan Dawson 238-3648. Remember, joining the Board is not a life-long commitment, but we do need your life-skills committed to the Board.

Letter from our Interim Moderator

Friends,

We have not yet had the chance to meet, far less get to know each other, but I have been appointed by the International Presbytery of the Church of Scotland as your Interim Moderator in the vacancy into which you've now entered following Barry and Hilda's move back to Scotland. Unfortunately, as I'm presently serving as locum in the Church of Scotland, Costa del Sol, in Spain, I'm unable to arrive in Bermuda until 25 March, but I have every confidence in your present locum, Norman Hutcheson, who will accompany you through the first few weeks of your vacancy.

Perhaps I should begin with a few words of introduction. My name is Derek Lawson and I am a retired minister of the Church of Scotland, my Parish having been just to the north of Perth. On retiring, my wife, Moira, and I moved to France, where we had had a house for some 10 years, and I became a member of the Presbytery of Europe (now the International Presbytery). Moira and I have two children: Paula, who is married to David - they have two children and live in Edinburgh; and Iain, who is not married and lives in Tayport. Within the last 4 months I have had spells as locum at the Scots International Church in Rotterdam and at the Church of Scotland, Costa del Sol in Spain, as well as a few weeks at home in France, leading worship in our local Eglise Protestante Unie de France.

Principally, though, I wanted to outline for you what the procedure is in the vacancy you are now entering. All progress is dependent upon the International Presbytery granting you permission to call a minister, which it should do at its meeting on 6-8 March, although your Kirk Session has already begun to review the Congregational Roll in anticipation of preparing the Electoral Register, which will comprise those on the Roll plus any Adherents who apply to be included. Intimation of this will, I hope, be made at the services on 22 and 29 March, with anyone who is not a member but who wishes to be included on the Register as an Adherent having the opportunity to complete the necessary claim form. The Kirk Session will then meet, possibly on Sunday 5 April, to prepare the draft Electoral Register.

Intimation will then be made to the congregation the following Sunday that the draft Electoral Register is available for inspection at the close of worship (and at such other times and places as the Kirk Session agrees) and that the Kirk Session will meet again on Monday 20 April to finalise the Electoral Register.

The process can then move forward to the selection of a Nominating Committee - this requires 2 Sundays intimation (26 April and 3 May) of a Congregational Meeting (on Sunday 10 May), at which the Nominating Committee will be appointed. The number on the Nominating Committee will be an odd number, up to a maximum of 13 (as determined by Presbytery). Thereafter the serious business of seeking a new Minister for Christ Church can begin!

Moira and I are looking forward to meeting you all in the course of our time with you and sharing in the life and worship of Christ Church and, meantime, I would wish you God's blessing as you move into this time of vacancy: always a time of challenge, but one to which I'm sure you will be well able to rise.

Derek.

PS. Should you need to contact me, my email address is derek.lawson@sfr.fr

CARE MINISTRY REPORT 28/2/15

Sharon Swan has kindly agreed to do a presentation on Dementia.

Unfortunately there are an increasing number of people with the problem but with good education and understanding of the issue we should be able to help those who are suffering.

Sharon's presentation to the Care Ministry will further educate us on the issue and will enable us to understand what this illness can involve.

We would still like to make sure that members of the Congregation can call us if they require transportation to Church or for shopping or Doctor's appointments. The phone numbers are always in the Church Bulletin.

We have had some beautiful flowers over the last several weeks, which have been given to those who may be ill or have had a happy occasion and we very much appreciate those who donated them.

Midge Oliver

Installation of Acoustical Wall Panels in the Thorburn Hall

After a lengthy selection process, an acoustic treatment company was located to supply wall panels designed with a combination of appearance and acoustical performance. Hall dimensions and window location drawings were provided to enable the precise location of acoustic panels on the walls and ceiling. A

total of 18 panels were required to achieve a solution to the Thorburn Hall reverberation problem. The panels were delivered to the Church on Wednesday, 19th November, 2014. Installation was scheduled during a Play with a Purpose holiday from the 9th of January to the 13th of January when the hall was not being used. Installation started on Tuesday, January 10th, and was completed by mid-day on Thursday, January 12th. After the acoustic panels were installed, tests were carried out resulting in a significant reduction in the reverberation within the Hall. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Unlimited Supplies, a local company, for carrying out this very tricky installation, and a special 'Thank You' to Island Construction for donating the use of an Electric Scissor Lift, a cost saving of over \$3000.00. I am happy to mention, all expenses for this project were donated.



Roger Oldfield, Co-Convener– Worship and Communications Ministry



**BARRY AND HILDA'S
FAREWELL**

*Clockwise from top left:
The Whitfield pulpit all
dressed up for the occasion;
the Chancel Choir watching
the children's performance;
"So Long, Farewell" as
never heard before, per-
formed by CCY; gales of
laughter from Hilda; a be-
mused Barry looking on from
a very strange place— a pew!*





Clockwise from top left: Goodbyes from our parishioners; Barry and Hilda's last walk out of Christ Church in their 'official' capacity; 'loads of love' all around; a warm embrace; it was a well-attended service, and all of us wished them well.



Clockwise from right: Thorburn Hall in all its finery, filled with well-wishers; Thanking Val Protheroe for her musical efforts; David Thompson giving a heartfelt speech; Another view of Thorburn Hall from the balcony; Cindy Campbell regaling the crowd with her hammer dulcimer.





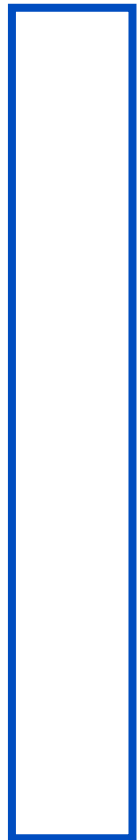
Clockwise from top left: Barry thanking Liz Parker for her many efforts over the years; Lorraine Rest Home saying a fond farewell; There's always time for cake; the Bell Choir offering 'Highland Cathedral' and 'And Can It Be?' (below right and below left); Close-up of that fabulous cake!



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