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and  
make Him  
known”

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# **ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, LINDSAY**

## **ANNUAL VESTRY REPORTS**

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Vestry 2014

Dear friends,

Welcome to our annual Vestry meeting!

2013 was quite a different year for me. It began with my nomination for Suffragan Bishop for our Diocese. It was an exciting experience that challenged me to reflect deeply on my faith and my pastoral identity. It was a great honour to be a candidate and one I will always remember. Your supportive prayers for Annette and myself during the election process were appreciated.

The other part of the year included my Sabbath leave; I would like to thank the Wardens for their willingness to take on the additional work in my absence. I also want to thank our guest clergy who filled in for me each Sunday and a special thank-you to Canon Greg who was available for pastoral emergencies.

The Sabbath leave was a time for me to gain some physical and spiritual rest as well as a time to do some studying. During my time off I attended a conference on the use of Social Media in growing the Church, held in Virginia. I plan to attend a follow-up conference this June.

My Sabbath leave also included visiting several churches to observe their styles of worship and discover what programs and small groups were working well for them and maybe of a value to St. Paul's. During my discussions laity and clergy, I discovered that a common denominator in healthy and growing churches was vibrant worship, taking risks in ministry, to be actively involved in the lives of parishioners through relevant programs and small groups, and to be engaged in active ministry in the community.

While none of what I learned was new to me, it confirmed that we need to take a serious look at how we do ministry at St. Paul's and whether our worship and programs are adequate and meaningful to all age groups. Are we meeting people's needs spiritually and socially? Are we providing enough Christian Education opportunities geared for different needs and age groups? Are we providing opportunities for spiritual and personal growth for our working families who are only available to participate in the evening?

As I reflect on the past year there were also disappointments. We were unable to establish a Children's and Senior's Ministry. Financial needs were front and centre as well as issues regarding our youth minister that has created division in our parish.

The wardens and I are aware of the concerns regarding our youth program and have been addressing these concerns with our youth minister. However, we acknowledge there is more to be done and more will be discussed at the Vestry meeting. A plan is currently being worked out to ensure a healthy growing youth program.

While we have had challenges this year, on a positive note, we have welcomed Gordon Brown as our new music director and look forward to him sharing his wealth of experience with us.

This past year we have also restarted the visioning process which was put on the back burner while we addressed several major issues within the parish over the last two years. A Group gathered at Mill Stream Camp in November for a Day Away to continue the process of planning for the future.

A few weeks ago seventeen parishioners and I discussed the "next steps", scheduling a larger parish planning day to be held after church on February 23rd. I hope that all of you will attend and help our parish plan for a strong and positive future.

To assist in this forward movement, I need a strong and trustworthy team of Wardens that can work well with each other as well as to assist me and support the efforts of the parish.

This year we have two openings for wardens- the People's Warden and the Deputy People's Warden. Normally we wouldn't have both positions open, but Dave Golding's term has come to an end and Donna Banks has fulfilled her promise to provide a year's coverage when the need arose at the end of 2012.

Choosing wardens is an important task. I want to thank the nominating committee and the parishioners who took the time to approach the nominating committee over the last two months to provide names for the various parish positions as well as bringing forth names for the warden's positions.

I am happy to say that Barb Truax has been nominated for People's Warden and Bob Whitfield who served as warden for six years at Trinity Port Credit, has been nominated for Deputy People's Warden.

Both Barb Truax and Bob Whitfield bring many years of experience as wardens, and if elected will be a great addition to the team which currently includes Frank Wills my Rector's Warden and Diane Stecher my newly appointed Deputy Rector's Warden.

2014 is the year we need to get back on track. Our parish is aging. This is not a surprise to anyone, but the reality is that it is becoming harder to find volunteers and leaders. In addition, the loss of members due to death and infirmity has had an impact on our finances.

The focus this year must be on strategies to grow our parish. This includes bringing about healing and reconciliation after several challenging years. A positive and welcoming atmosphere must be the goal. Only then will it be possible to implement any plans for growth. We need to be more prayerful and put aside the negativity that has permeated this church for many years and replace it with a spirit of love. We need to be less a church that just worships, to becoming a church that is worshipful in spirit and attitude, and a church that honours God in word and deed.

As we continue the visioning process, we need to learn how to be more open and flexible in worship, our current ministries, and in developing new ways to reach out to our community. We need to be intentionally inter-generational in our planning and visioning to include the lost generations into our church family and set a solid foundation for the future.

Thank-you to all volunteers and leaders who give of their time, talents and treasure to our church. It is your faith and dedication that has kept the ministries at St. Paul's alive and sets the stage for the future. Without your participation and prayers our parish could not function.

A very special thank-you to Carolyn Terry who is stepping down as Treasurer. Carrie has been a dedicated and important member of our administrative team and will continue on as our book keeper. At the same time we welcome Tom Ross as our new Treasurer.

I also want to thank Donna Banks, Dave Golding and Barb Truax for their dedication to our church as our wardens. You have had your share of pastoral and administrative challenges. In addition, you have had to work with the city and the contractors to get the accessibility ramp built.

Dave and Donna, many blessings to you as you move on to other areas of ministry in the church, and to Barb who is coming back as a warden to help us move forward with our plan for growth!

May God bless our church as we continue to plan for the future and may God help us to *Know Jesus and to Make Him Known*, in a powerful and life giving way!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Warren" followed by a small cross-like flourish.

The Rev. Warren Leibovitch  
Incumbent, St. Paul's Lindsay

## Archbishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2014

*to be read or circulated on the Sunday of the parish's annual vestry meeting*



**Diocese of Toronto**  
Anglican Church of Canada

To the Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners  
**My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

Grace and peace in the name of the Triune God: Omnipotent, Incarnate, and Indwelling Intercessor.

As you gather for your annual vestry meeting, the College of Bishops gives heartfelt thanks for your faithfulness in worship, work and witness to the Christian faith as members of the Anglican Church.

The mission of the Diocese of Toronto calls us “to worship God and proclaim Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and to embody – in word and action – God’s reconciling love, justice, compassion and liberation, through which knowledge of God’s reign is extended.” A publication from the Anglican Communion called “*The Anglican Way: Signposts on a Common Journey*” notes that Anglicans are formed by scripture, shaped by worship, ordered for communion, and directed to God’s mission.

Here in the Diocese of Toronto, we seek to serve that mission through **Compassionate Service, Intelligent Faith, and Godly Worship.**

All that we do should enable us, as a diocese, and as parishes and other ministries within the diocese, to be missionally focused – increasing our capacity to respond as vibrant partners of God’s activity in the world as identified in the Marks of Mission:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

I see this as continuing our work of building communities of hope and compassion through investment in building healthy parishes, with strong leadership, appropriate infrastructure and responsive engagement with the neighbourhood.

In our tradition, the diocese and the parish are in an essential partnership, neither sufficient without the other. The parish has particular responsibility for a specific ministry within a defined geographic area of the diocese, with the diocese responsible for the overall mission strategy and allocation of the resources of the whole church for the provision of ministry of word and sacrament, pastoral care, and evangelism within the whole diocese. Each parish shares in the ministry of their "siblings" and is inextricably invested in the welfare of the whole family.

The ministry of the Bishop is an essential aspect of Anglican expression of church. Bishops have a multi-faceted role: proclamation of the faith through teaching, including preaching and by example; making provision for pastoral care and the sacramental life of the church; governance, strategic planning and

oversight of the mission of the church within the diocese; defense of the vulnerable in society; and participation in the leadership of the whole church. (*Ordination of a Bishop, BAS, pp. 636f.*)

Priests and Deacons also are called to exercise this ministry under the authority of their bishop, and to engage in God's mission in the world, "to make Christ and his redemptive love known," "to love and serve the people among whom [they] work," and "to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world." (*Ordination Rites, BAS, pp. 646, 655.*) All of us who are baptized Christians have promised to "proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ", and "to seek and serve Christ in all persons" (*Holy Baptism, BAS, pp. 159 f.*)

We all have a role to play in God's mission to the world. I said in my Charge to Diocesan Synod in November that my vision is that every parish will be Mission-Shaped. My expectation is that every congregation will be looking for new opportunities to engage in God's mission to the community in every area. There is work to be done, and we are the workers. In this New Year, I ask you to consider how God is calling you to exercise your gifts for the building up of the Kingdom and the furtherance of God's mission.

On New Year's Day I presented the inaugural awards for "The Order of the Diocese of Toronto" at St James' Cathedral in recognition of outstanding lay ministry in our Church. It was a marvelous occasion when these first 48 individuals receive recognition for their years of faithful witness and service in their parishes. As I said in my sermon, they are not super heroes but ordinary Anglican "folk who by everyday acts of love and kindness keep the darkness at bay." We have many saints among us, who are quietly carrying out God's mission in their tasks, duties and joys, and act as models for us to emulate.

You too are engaged in the work of mission! Those of us who have been gifted with children and grandchildren are evangelists to budding believers, encouraging difficult questions and nurturing intelligent faith. Our volunteer hours and stewardship of time and talent all contribute to the building up of God's Reign. Looking farther afield, with whom can you share the good news and hope that you have found in Christ Jesus? Your friends, colleagues, associates? Research has shown, and our own experience has been, that people are searching to fill that "God-shaped hole" that each of us carries around.

I want to thank especially the churchwardens and the lay leaders of your parish, as well as the clergy, for their incredible gift of their time and energy this past year for the ongoing life of the church. We could not function without them. We welcome those who are beginning or continuing in office this year.

Together with the College of Bishops, I wish each of you every blessing for the year of our Lord that lies before us.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Colin R. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. To the left of the signature is a small, stylized cross or plus sign.

The Most Rev'd Colin R. Johnson  
Archbishop of Toronto



## **Trent Durham Pastoral Letter for Vestry 2014**

*To be read at Annual Vestry Meeting and/or included in Annual Vestry Report*

January 2014

Dear friends in Christ,

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them the light has shined.  
Isaiah 9:2*

*You are the light of the world ....  
let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works  
and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:14,16*

We have just celebrated the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany in which our celebrations of 'light out of darkness' took on an ironic significance in the face of ice and snow storms that left many churches and people without power. Some worshipped on Christmas Eve, literally lighting the Christ Candle in the midst of the Advent wreath not only as a symbol but in order to 'see' to worship together! We are people of God giving thanks for the light of Christ shown to us in 2013 and boldly ready to continue to share it in 2014.

The past year has seen parishes that were struggling financially begin to turn the tide through intentional stewardship practices alongside new missional initiatives in their communities. We are discovering we are stronger than we have imagined.

- One congregation, St. Alban's, Peterborough, amalgamated with All Saint's, Peterborough and has discovered that rather than being swallowed up in a larger congregation, they had gifts to bring that are appreciated there.
- Several parishes began community garden projects that built relationships within and outside the parish.
- Both the Peterborough City and East Northumberland area churches have discovered exciting and creative ways to strengthen ministry by working together. Peterborough City Churches are contemplating a covenant to share ministry resources (people, program, buildings & finances) wherever possible while East Northumberland is sharing educational events including a Confirmation Reboot program that has excited nearly forty adult participants!
- Natural disasters – floods and ice – have proven to be opportunities to deepen relationships, partner with others, and show the compassionate face of Christ – especially in Minden as the town was deeply flooded last Spring!





Personally, I have had the largest confirmation classes so far in my episcopate in 2013 and larger yet anticipated in 2014. Even though we may not see attendance figures rising I hear anecdotal stories of deepened conversations about faith with people in the community with curiosity and openness. There is an atmosphere of delicate hopefulness if we will be attentive to God's presence both in our midst and in those around us.

The Trent-Durham Area has a unique identity within the life of the Diocese. The parishes of this Area have been willing to dig in and tackle the challenges all churches are facing, sometimes reluctantly, but always with the same spirit of endurance and faithfulness that has carried them to 2014. We are a particular and valued part of the whole of the Diocese of Toronto!

I pray that you will be encouraged as you look at the ministry of your parish over the past year and will not only tell the stories of the financial statements and building projects of the past year but also the quirky, surprising, grace-filled stories of people deepening (or coming to) their faith; of worship that touched your souls in new ways; of surprising yourselves by the creative ideas and solutions you discovered together. With that encouragement we will face whatever challenges 2014 may bring with confidence and continued hope.

Thank you for all you are doing to witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ through your parish. Thank you to all who take on the task of leadership and to all who serve God in the parish and in the community. Together we are the light of Christ that others may come to see God with and in us!

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls  
Area Bishop of Trent-Durham  
& Bishop Suffragan of Toronto



# **St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lindsay**

## **Annual Vestry Meeting Minutes**

### **February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013**

The Annual Vestry Meeting was called to order with 77 members present and opened with prayer by Rev. Warren Leibovitch.

Rev. Warren outlined the requirements for voting at vestry as follows:

- Voters must be 16 years of age
- Voters must have been members of this parish for at least 6 months
- Voters must have attended at least 3 communions in the last year

The minutes of last year's vestry meeting were read.

**MOTION:** Moved by Betty Drummond and seconded by Norm Davies that the minutes of the 2012 Annual Vestry Meeting be accepted as written. **CARRIED**

Rev. Warren read his vestry report and charge to the vestry. This included an overview of the past year at Saint Paul's and a look forward at what we hope to accomplish in the coming months. He then asked if the congregation wished him to read the Bishop's letters as well.

**MOTION:** Moved by Paul Carpentier and seconded by Lois Hunter that the bishop's letters be accepted as circulated. **CARRIED.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Norm Davies made a comment in addition to the Sidesmen's Committee report asking that we refrain from leaving used Kleenex tissues behind in the pews. This is a health and safety concern, particularly this year with a lot of flu going around.

Paul Carpentier made a correction to the Cooks Fare figures on Page 14. An extra deposit of \$120.00 was not included in his figures. This brings the total from \$537.00 to \$657.00.

**MOTION:** Moved by Betty Tyndall and seconded by Lorna Kay that the committee reports be accepted as amended. **CARRIED.**

#### **Power Point Presentation**

Barbara Truax gave a power point presentation reviewing the past years activities. Most notably, the operating deficit has been reduced from \$37,000.00 TO \$15,000.00. The wardens expect to balance the budget in 2013.

#### **Done:**

- The rectory has been rented to the Midwives of Kawartha Lakes
- Slates on the church roof have been repaired
- Funding has been obtained from the City of Kawartha Lakes to build a wheelchair ramp accessing the parish hall.

#### **Outstanding:**

Still outstanding from last year is the purchase of audio video equipment to enable the broadcast of church services. Funds are not currently available for this.

#### **What else?**

- Sale of shopping cards has produced a profit of \$21,000.00 for the church.
- The Sunday School has been moved and renovated with funds from the Baker Grant
- An ad hoc fund raising committee was formed to review our fund raising and look at other possibilities
- The trip to the Orillia Opera House was a sold-out success
- The boat cruise was enjoyable despite being on the only rainy day we had all summer

- The Bishop's Company dinner was held here and was well received
- The Baker fund gave a grant of \$10,000.00 to Saint Paul's to be used for the Sunday School
- The Reach fund gave a grant of \$5,000.00 to be used for the youth outreach program
- A commercial copier was purchased which will allow us to do most of our own printing in house. This will include printing the Grapevine.
- The stewardship program was completed
- Women's Breakfast group was restarted
- A book club was started
- A defibrillator was installed in the church building
- The youth ministry was started and is progressing well
- Vacation Bible School was very successful with over one hundred children attending
- PAR (pre authorised remittance) brochures were developed and distributed
- 5 used computers were donated to the church by the TAG program
- Many regular events such as the Pancake Supper, Strawberry Supper etc. took place as usual
- Upper Hall renovation to provide a new stage, storage and sound baffles with monies used from the Baker Fund.

### **Administration Go-to Chart**

The wardens have been working on a chart showing the various groups, functions and activities which take place in the church throughout the year. The purpose of this chart is to make clear who is responsible as the leaders of various activities. It will also create a time line for advance preparation where needed. This should help clear up some confusion in these areas. The charts will be posted and also circulated in the Grapevine.

Dave Edney our Youth Pastor, reported on the success of the youth outreach ministry to date. The young people who take part in the activities are starting to make the church a place to come when they are out of school. A number of activities are planned for enjoyment as well as the development of life skills. These include:

- A quiet room with a computer set aside for doing homework after school
- A meal program on Tuesday evenings with cooking instruction
- A community garden
- Building a garden shed
- Mountain Men camping program to teach basic outdoor skills

Dave Golding asked whether Pastor Dave was looking for interested church members to act as mentors in these and future programs. If anyone is interested in mentoring, please contact Dave Edney.

### **Financial Report**

Carolyn Terry presented the Financial Report. She thanked the many people involved in the church finances during the year including the counters, envelope secretary, record keepers, and money raisers.

Envelope offerings are up, and the financial situation is improving.

Gail Payne asked if the \$1000.00 contingency fund for outreach had been approved. Answer: Yes.

Paul Carpentier asked why the 2012 Reach Grant was expensed. Discussion and explanation followed.

**MOTION:** Moved by Carolyn Terry and Seconded by Gina Coleman that the 2012 Financial Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

Carolyn then asked if anyone had any questions about the 2013 budget. Some discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Moved by Carolyn Terry and Seconded by Norm Davies that the 2013 Budget be accepted. **CARRIED.**

### **Narrative Budget Report.**

Marg Steffler and Tom Ross explained the development of the Narrative Budget which grew out of the visioning exercise we undertook in 2011 – 2012. Copies of the Narrative Budget booklet were distributed. Questions and answers followed. This booklet is designed to outline more fully where the church spends its money.

### **Nominating Committee Report.**

Tom Ross explained the purpose of the Nominating Committee and the procedures it follows. Some of the positions within the church are appointed positions and some are elected positions.

The purpose of the committee is to identify individuals who are willing and able to fill these positions.

In the case of all positions, anyone at vestry may nominate additional individuals for the elected positions if they so wish. He asked if anyone wished to do so. No additional nominations were made.

MOTION: Moved by Tom Ross and Seconded by Don Brohm that the Nominating Committee candidates be accepted as presented. CARRIED

### **MOTIONS:**

#### **1. ARCHBISHOP'S MOTION (January 2013)**

(Text) I move that this Vestry recommends to the Government of Canada the repeal of the "Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act" and its replacement with legislation more in keeping with this country's tradition of justice and hospitality.

MOTION: Moved by Gail Payne and Seconded by Marg Steffler that the Archbishops motion be adopted. CARRIED.

It was further suggested that this be sent to the office of our local M.P.

#### **2. MOTION: Moved by Dave Golding and seconded by Joseph Cloutier that we reinstate the position of Property Manager appointed by the wardens. CARRIED.**

### **PAR Program**

Tom Ross explained the PAR (Pre-Authorised Remittance) program for church giving, and handed out brochures outlining how this works and how to sign up.

### **Other Items:**

Rev. Canon Greg Physick thanked Phyllis and Paul Carpentier for their work in the kitchen and the Cooks Fare team. Dave Golding added his thanks to them as well. We look forward to others carrying on the work that they have begun.

Bob Whitfield asked what the church's policy is regarding the investment of money received as bequests.

Don Brohm (past Warden) explained that there is no policy as such since many bequests carry their own stipulations as to use, investment, etc.

Barb Truax thanked Susan Schrier for her work of the church archives over many years. Barb also thanked Joan Humphries for her past service as Parish Council President. A thank you was also extended to Marg Steffler and Tom Ross for their work on the nominating Committee and to Chris Buitenwerf for his Auditor's Report.

MOTION: Moved by Bob Coleman and Seconded by Joseph Cloutier that the Annual Vestry Meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

Lutie Anne Presley Clerk of Vestry

## Addressing Poverty Reduction - **MOTION FOR 2014 VESTRY MEETINGS**

Moved that the vestry of St. Paul's, Lindsay urge the government of Ontario to raise the provincial minimum wage from \$10.25 per hour to \$11.50 per hour immediately, with a further increase to \$14.50 per hour\* by 2015, and thereafter to keep the minimum wage indexed to the rate of inflation.

\*The \$14.50 wage would lift a person working 35 hours per week 10 percent above the poverty line (Low Income Measure).

## **WARDEN'S REPORT TO VESTRY**

As I sat down to start this report I had no idea what to say other than regurgitate a calendar of all our usual events, then it struck me I FORGOT TO PRAY so I stopped and yes PRAYED. So here it is because all kinds of thoughts started coming :-----

Two years ago I had a heart attack, had two stents implanted; then a year plus ago; a quadruple bi-pass. The Lord saw a work unfinished in me, so he kept me here. I realized there are many many of us heart hip cancer survivors etc. so why are we still here? God has not finished his work through us, we are His hands and voice and the Glue of this church. We have come through a tough financial year and it is not over yet, we are making decisions to try to survive. This has and is creating anguish and bickering. We seem to be at each other throats, and these are our friends!!! We were without our spiritual director for many months and seemed to lose our Direction. We had to make tough decisions in some of the dream programs and could not let them get started because we could not fund them. We hurt people's feelings, we have collateral damage. Too much of it.

We have an amazing youth program that we have come to realize is an Outreach Program because of the energy and passion of a young man. We want to see it continue! I hope we can since it is obvious that we have alienated each other.

We continue to participate in our many annual fund raising programs and our fun dinners and social activities all of which keep us together as a family. We are finally on the path of finding ways to meet and encourage new people to Christ through our visioning and action activities all of which are being moulded into shape. We are going to be challenged to try things outside of our comfort level in our efforts to grow this church. If we all participate in this mission after all that is what we are called to do, with prayer, faith, hope and trust in the lord and His WORD (glue of love) this church of St. Paul's will be sticking around.

I give thanks to Barbara Truax, Bill gosling, donna Banks, for their terms in office and stepping up to fill the gaps as they came and again to don Brohm counting the offering, so I can stay and sing the anthem with the choir, and for lightening the load on all the wardens by being property manager. I thank you the people of St. Paul's for your support of all of us. The confirmation when you agreed and the honest advise when you perceived a different solution.

I am not standing for another term at this time; but will remain involved in many of the activities.

Your servant in Christ. David Golding.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO VESTRY– 2014

## ELECTED POSITIONS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>
PEOPLE'S WARDEN	BARB TRUAX*
DEPUTY PEOPLE'S WARDEN	BOB WHITFIELD*
SYNOD DELEGATE # 1	ROBERT COLEMAN*
SYNOD DELEGATE # 2	BEVERLY BAXTER*
DEANERY REPRESENTATIVE #1	BETTY HOOPER*
DEANERY REPRESENTATIVE #2	JO ALDRICH*
MEMBERS AT LARGE	DEBRA BROHM*, BARBARA BROWN*
AUDITOR	CHRIS BUITENWERF (CMA)

## APPOINTED POSITIONS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>
RECTOR'S WARDEN	FRANK WILLS*
DEPUTY RECTOR'S WARDEN	DIANE STECHER*
BOOK KEEPER	CAROLYN TERRY*
FINANCE COMMITTEE	LUTIE ANNE PRESLEY, JUDY SEDLEY, LARRY TODD, BARB TRUAX
TREASURER	TOM ROSS*
SHOPPING CARD CO-ORDINATOR	BILL WITHAM
OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON	GAIL PAYNE*
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON	BARBARA TRUAX*
GRAPEVINE EDITOR	BETTY TYNDALL
PUBLICITY/ADVERTISING	SHIRLEY WILLIAMS
ST. PAUL'S WEB SITE CO-ORDINATOR	MARY SULLIVAN
CHANCEL GUILD	BETTY HOOPER*
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES	ANNE TAMLIN*
SIDESMEN CHAIRPERSON	NORM DAVIES*
NEWCOMERS/ WELCOMER	BETTY TYNDALL*
SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON	JANE WHITFIELD*
PASTORAL CARE REPRESENTATIVE	ETHEL MORRIS*
MEMBERS AT LARGE	MARK FISHER*, MARLENE WOOD*
SYNOD DELEGATE ALTERNATE	TOM ROSS
ENVELOPE SECRETARY	MARG BROHM
NURSERY CO-ORDINATOR	MARG BROHM
ST. PAUL'S/COMMUNITY CARE LUNCHEON CHAIRPERSON	BETTY DRUMMOND
VERGER	HAROLD JAMES
ARCHIVES	PAT and ROSS SMYTH
LIBRARY COMMITTEE	
FUNERAL RECEPTION CO-ORDINATOR	DENISE BANHAM
VESTRY CLERK	LUTIE ANNE PRESLEY
KITCHEN OPERATIONS CONVENER	BARB TRUAX
NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2015	(ONE FORMER WARDEN – BARB TRUAX), BOB COLEMAN, ETHEL MORRIS, BOB WHITFIELD.
PARISH TRIBUNAL	INCUMBENT, 2 WARDENS AND 2 MEMBERS OF VESTRY - MAL HICKSON AND CHRIS GUILLARD

\* ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT ADVISORY BOARD

## *FOR INFORMATION ONLY*

ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRPERSON	JANE WHITFIELD**
ADVISORY BOARD SECRETARY	GINA COLEMAN**

\*\* TO BE ELECTED/RATIFIED BY 2014 ADVISORY BOARD

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# St. Paul's Parish Register

## 2013

### Baptisms

Cameron Frederick Watts  
Foster Leigh James  
Emily Loraine Mullen

Anne Louise Day  
Luke Tyler Day  
Tucker Brodie Day

### Weddings

Sarah CJ Lawson-Brown  
Jana Victoria Wills

and  
and

Michael Thomas Stacey  
Kevin Robert Walden

### Burials

Edmund McLaren Waterhouse  
Betty Marie Nokes  
Garland Arthur Swanick  
Margaret Kathleen Walker  
Margaret Jean Mackey

Alexander George Murphy  
Harvey Keith Walsh  
Clifford Albert Pearson  
Vincent Edward Jones  
Theodora Jean Brown



## BIBLE STUDY REPORT

The St. Francis bible study group meets in the church library from 1:30 to 3.00 P.M. on the first and third Mondays of most months. This group began in 1968 and still has some of their charter members. (which shows how interested their members are in bible study) Over the years we have studied many books of the bible and special themes, like Prayer, the Holy spirit, certain prophets, etc. This year we studied Prayer by Philip Yancey – Does it make a Difference. We are now studying the same passage of scripture as written in the 4 Gospels. Very interesting. Come and join us.

Submitted by Bette Witham

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

ATTENDANCE: Attendance was usually between 6-10 children on average (usually excluding nursery numbers). Children ranged in age from 3 to 11. Although a relatively small number, the children were regular attenders and participated eagerly in learning songs, sharing personal ideas and connections to Bible stories and lessons, creating crafts and other representations, and playing games.

CURRICULUM: A new lectionary-based curriculum was purchased in the Fall. Several people suggested this to provide consistency between the Church lessons and readings and the Sunday School lessons. The curriculum, "Seasons of the Spirit," is designed for small groups of children aged 5-12. There is no supplement to send home each week for parent involvement.

HELPERS: We were fortunate to have Marg Brohm and Shirley Williams volunteer their talent and time with ideas, supervision, and help with crafts. Their help has made the program workable with such a wide age range of children.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: The kids chose to have sundaes as a special year-end treat in June, and participated in a birthday party after the Christmas concert with cake and ice-cream. Despite poor weather, Mary, Joseph, the angels, the shepherds, King Herod, his Roman soldier, the inn keeper, the animals, the wise men, and the youth group narrators all arrived for the Christmas pageant. Boys and girls (and adults) enjoyed being the stars in retelling the story of the 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas, and the congregation was very appreciative of their talents! For their effort and participation, each child was given a small gift from St. Paul's Sunday School.



SNACK: Juice boxes were purchased from Mr. Grocer and handed out each Sunday.

SUPPLIES: The Sunday School cupboard is relatively well-stocked at this time with supplies. Specific craft supplies are purchased as needed.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Children participated this year and were able to fill 2 boxes.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE:

Although we are a small group of God's army, every Sunday is a joyful experience. Boys and girls love to share their own experiences as we try to relate God's word to our own lives. Singing and playing musical instruments is an integral part of our worship time, and using the nursery as our meeting area allows younger nursery children to hear our praise and participate as they can. Having two boys baptized this year was very powerful for the children: they were so excited to watch the baptisms and seemed to understand the concept more completely. All of the helpers recognize how blessed we are to have been given the opportunity to support these children. When the kids remember the names of other kids in our group that are not able to be with us on any given Sunday, and include them in our song and prayer, we recognize the power of love, inclusion, and community. As young as they are, these children are becoming familiar and comfortable with the church and their church family. There is no doubt that these children are instruments of the Lord! We thank St. Paul's for your continued financial and spiritual support.

NEEDS: Our biggest needs are for **additional leaders** so that an older group of children can be serviced on Sundays, and a **method of sharing short videos** to support the lessons.

Currently the Internet does not work in the nursery, Sunday School room, or activity room on a consistent basis, so using YouTube has not been successful. The upstairs hall does receive Internet. Speakers, a projector, and a pull-down screen (unless a wall can be used) are also needed to show/play songs, videos,



stories etc. from the computer. Additionally, a television and VCR on a stand would be helpful in order to have special movie Sundays.

**Additional leaders**, able to run a Sunday once in a while, or to be on-call for bad weather and emergencies, **are needed**. I have moved to Bobcaygeon and will continue as leader for the time being; however, Shirley and I need additional support in the event that neither of us can be here.

We would like to **repair/replace costumes for the Christmas pageant**. The crèche also needs repairing. We love to offer craft opportunities, but need **helpers to prepare supplies** (and possibly package in individual containers for ease of handing out).

If you can help in any of these ways, please let us know!

Respectfully submitted by Anne Tamlin

## **BOTTOMLINE YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT**

We have seen growth across the board with Tuesday Nights in 2013. We have seen an increase in Students from St Thomas School, which has been amazing to see how hungry they are for the true Gospel of Christ. Our God is amazing and has provided a way for relationships with youth in our community that usually don't find themselves in Church buildings. Our core group for Sr High is sitting at 25 students with 10-15 fringe students.

### **Tuesday Evening time frames Programs 2:30pm-9:00pm**

2:30pm-5:00pm- Drop in/ Kitchen Program

5:00pm-6:00pm Dinner

6:00pm-7:00pm clean up/Games

7:00pm-8:00pm Service

8:30pm-9:00pm Hang out pick up.

Staff Meeting 9:00pm-10:00pm (Depending on the evening 11pm)

### **Tuesday Night Dinner**

A big thank you to M.A Wills for her hard work in the Kitchen this past year. We have seen the kitchen program grow from just serving the kids supper every Tuesday to a program of mentorship and the developing of kitchen skills for our students. It's been extremely beneficial for our students. Dinner has become a family setting and the building of community amongst our students.

### **Tuesday Night Service**

The Tuesday evening program has been going well as we go through different series and going deeper with our faith and growth. We've done Jesus in the red Gospel study, we are starting the question study and we will be doing Sex and Bible study in Feb.

### **JHIGH**

JHIGH is a new program that was started in 2013. It is a group that picks up where kids club left off with the ages of 9-13. We have seen over 30 kids come to the program. We have a core group of 15-20 kids. The students are learning hands on bible stories. JHIGH is in direct partnership with King Albert School working alongside with the school to have kids come to our program.

### **The Friday Program runs as following**

4:00pm-5:00pm drop in

5:00pm-5:30pm Games

5:30pm-6:00pm Service/Pick up

### **Sr. High Mission Trip**

Thank you to everyone who supported our youth mission to Glace Bay Cape Breton this past summer. We took 12 students and 6 leaders to Lighthouse church in Glace Bay to work alongside the church for community ministry. The students ran kids games in park outreaches; they worked in the harvest house and worked on the church building. It was a great mission trip and our students did an amazing job representing St Paul's.

### **Garden program**

This has been our third year planting and it has been amazing. We had a good harvest of cucumbers and beans that went to the dream center food bank. We also put up a nice rustic farm fence. The garden was worked by our students going to Cape Breton to help pay for their trip.

### **Mountain Men**

Mountain man is a program that we launched in 2013, it is a program that teaches JHIGH boys how to use camping and forest skills. We did 3 sessions in 2013 with every session being a success. We taught the boys Axe skills fire skills and building shelters.

### **Sunday Morning**

We are building Sunday mornings in regards to building our theology and doctrine. We have done one book series (Crazy Love). We are going through another series (Vintage Jesus) both books go through the life of Jesus and his heart. We see 5-10 youth every Sunday.

### **King Albert Ball hockey**

We started and are proceeding with ball hockey at King Albert School every Wed from 3:15-4:15. It's an amazing outreach with King Albert.

### **Closing thoughts**

These last few years have been a journey; we have seen well over 150 students come through the churches doors. We have been able to meet the needs of those who need the church. We have been able to feed those who need food, clothe those who need clothing. Thank you for your support of our programs and believing in our community and its youth. It's been a blessing to work on behalf of St Paul's; it's been an honor to meet you all.

Submitted by Pastor Dave Edney

### **CHANCEL GUILD REPORT**

This past year was fairly quiet with Rev. Warren being on sabbatical we didn't have many extra services. With fewer weddings and funerals our funds have really decreased. We use these funds to refurbish items needed for services. Our hopes to purchasing the liquid paraffin candles for the Advent wreath, has not happened yet.

Marg. Brohm, who so graciously washes, irons, and rolls the "Fair Linen" (altar cloth), has informed me that we are in need of a new cloth. We have three but one is old and is now showing small holes because of the wear and tear that comes with the washing etc. It takes Marg. most of the day to prepare the Fair Linen for our use should one become soiled with wine or other marks. The last Fair Linen we last purchased was over one thousand dollars so we do not like the constant laundering that come with mishaps of pouring the wine into the chalice from the flagon over the altar.

We added Catherine Philp to our team this year and Marg Tyrell has taken leave due to health issues. Lutie Anne Presley has taken the job of polishing the Eagle and the repair of the Cross that sits on the Reredos and will assist anytime we are in need of help.

To date it has been given thought to a Lenten Taizé Service; watch the Grapevine for more information. If you happen to see white pillar candles at a bargain price please let me know.

That pretty well sums up our work for 2013.

Submitted by Betty Hooper

### **SIDE-TEAMS, GREETERS AND COUNTERS REPORT**

Each Sunday we require 4 sidespeople and 3 counters to assist during our church service. We were fortunate to have excellent support from most people we ask, however for 2013, we had great trouble setting schedules because people were not able to make monthly commitments. Consequently whoever was the Captain on duty had to wait and see who attended church and hope that there would be enough to meet the needs.

For 2014, if there are any members who would be willing to assist, please speak to myself or call me at 705 878 9179. Jim Buchanan and I thank everyone who helped us this past year.

Submitted by Norman Davies

### **LECTORS REPORT**

Our Lectors, under the direction of Rev. Warren, very ably read the Scripture Lessons at the 10am services. We are thrilled to welcome Joanne Morgan and Mark Fisher to our list.

The current roster of Lectors is as follows;

Phyllis Carpentier, Gina Coleman, Jessica Drury, Mark Fisher, Michael Green, Tim Middleton, Joanne Morgan, Lutie Anne Presley, Helen Roberts, Tom Ross, Barbara Truax, Judy Sedgley and Beverly Baxter.

I would once again offer my sincere appreciation to these dedicated men and women for blessing us each Sunday.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Baxter

### **LAYREADERS REPORT**

Under the direction of Our Incumbent, the Layreaders have covered the 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Church services. The Layreaders read lessons and/or The Holy Gospel, serve and administer the Chalice or the Bread; whatever our Incumbent decides.

The roster of Layreaders consists of Ethel Morris, Gail Payne, Laine, Deb and Don Brohm, Dorothy Heaslip, Lutie Anne Presley, Kathy LeGresley and Sue Dalton.

We thank all these individuals for their participation in the services of St. Paul's over the year 2013.

Respectively submitted by Donald Brohm

### **ADVISORY BOARD REPORT**

St. Paul's Advisory Board met for seven regular and two special meetings in 2013. The Board was given a financial statement at each regular meeting in 2013. At the April meeting the name was officially changed from Parish Council to Advisory Board to reflect the name used in Canon Law. In essence the responsibilities stayed the same only the name changed.

I found this year that many Parishioners are not really aware of the responsibilities of the Advisory Board. In fact, many Anglicans are not aware of what the Canons say about the Board so St. Paul's is certainly not alone. Canon Law #17 clearly states the responsibilities of the Advisory Board as well as who are to be the members of the Board.

This year, as chair, my goal was to foster a closer relationship with the Incumbent, Wardens and Members of the Board. To that end, each month the incumbent and wardens were contacted prior to the meeting to ascertain whether or not they had specific items that needed to be discussed. As well Board members were also asked to notify me regarding any items that needed to be put on the agenda. We also had, from time to time, non-Board members address the meeting. We were able to focus on topics and therefore have more open and honest discussions regarding Parish life. Sometimes there was controversy, sometimes agreement but overall there was a clearer picture of how everyone was feeling about matters at St. Paul's. As well, each month there was follow-up on items from the previous meeting if needed.

The next task will be to review the budget for 2014 prior to the Vestry Meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and thus complete the annual term of this 2013 Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted by, Jane Whitfield, Chair 2013

### **CHOIR REPORT**

Martin Luther said: "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our thoughts, minds, hearts and spirits."

It is a privilege to serve God in St. Paul's choir! In Hebrew worship, and throughout Christian church history, choirs have been an important factor in group-worship, and in the proclamation of the gospel. Music can minister to our own spirits in a significant way when the written or spoken word does not seem to minister to us.



Our choristers have remained faithful during this extended period between Choir directors, and we thank them for their dedicated service. We appreciate the talents, and the above and beyond efforts, of Doug Copp, Bob Tompkins and Steve Peasgood to help us through this period. We eagerly look forward to Gordon Brown taking over the reins fulltime (in the near future) in order that we regain the discipline and consistency of practice that is required to master the music.

We seriously are in need of more members; especially sopranos! As Church choir members we do not sing to entertain, rather we sing for the glory of God and the deepening of our congregation's worship experience. Has God blessed you with the talent to sing? Please consider, "is God calling you to this form of service?"

Submitted by Paul Carpentier

## **LAY PASTORAL VISITORS REPORT**

The Lay Pastoral Visitors are committed to reaching out to St. Paul's members (and other Anglicans/community members) who can no longer attend church services. We have members who visit regularly at Ross Memorial Hospital and others who visit or assist with services at the Manor or Nursing Homes. Services or hymn sing are held monthly at the Victoria Manor and Caressant Care, McLaughlin and every other week at 140 William, Frost Manor Extendicare and Caressant Care, Mary St. We are also continuing to try to find ways to keep in touch with former members of our congregation who are house bound. We meet for lunch and discussion of opportunities and problems three times a year.

We have been glad, over the last year to welcome several new members to our group, and we would be happy to have you join us at any time. You could become a hospital visitor, join a team that holds services (push wheelchairs to the meeting room, help find hymns in the books, read lessons, play the piano, lead the singing, all according to your interests and comfort zone) or "adopt" a former parishioner with whom you can keep a phone contact. If you are interested in this area of service, please contact the church office or Ethel Morris (co-ordinator).

Our next meeting will be held Wed. April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by Ethel Morris

## **COMMUNITY LONG TERM CARE AND SENIORS WORSHIP SERVICE REPORT**

In 2013 St. Paul's hosted three services for those in Long Term Care Homes and four funerals. With the help of our many volunteers we were able to show once again, to our community the support and concern we have for our neighbours. Thanks to everyone for all the help you give to these outreach projects.

Our first Long Term Care and Senior service for 2014 is on Wednesday April 23rd at 11: a.m.

Submitted by Denise Banham



## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

It was a quiet year for the Social Committee at St. Paul's. We hosted a Sunday Refreshment Hour in May. Back by popular demand, there was another Summer Theatre outing. This time it was an evening performance with a picnic dinner at the 4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre. It's always a good time of fellowship on the bus, eating together and then enjoying a live performance. Our activities are not intended to be fundraising so ticket prices reflect the cost of the adventure.



In my report in February 2011, I gave our Mission Statement.

"The Social Committee's primary role is to develop and encourage new social activities within St Paul's. The social committee may also help identify people to lead the social activity on an ongoing basis, support them as they get started with funding, facilities or effort as required, and leave the group to continue as appropriate. The role is one of 'incubation' versus continuous involvement."

It has become clear to the members of the committee that in 2014 we need to revisit our purpose here in the parish. We will be meeting to address our contribution to Parish Life early in the New Year.

Submitted by: Jane Whitfield, Chair.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST REPORT**

We started off the New Year continuing our study on Angels and we had Gordon James as a guest speaker again. This time he delighted us with the adventure of his trip up the Kyber Pass and the ever present dangers that they were at first oblivious to. Attendance waned a little as we approached the summer months, and my own enthusiasm dropped off somewhat as well, I can only attribute it to the very busy summer as, us four then three wardens were; whilst Rev Warren was on Sabbath leave.

As a result and my new job, I did not push for a restart on September, but low and behold we will get going

again as of Feb 8th, after Vestry is behind us. We have two more CD's of Angel subject, and another speaker in the wings. Then we need some new material, and I believe Frank Wills has an idea.

So listen and watch for the sign-up sheet, bring a friend invite new members, we have some fun and interesting discussions all in a very casual environment on our home turf.

Submitted by David Golding

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Thanks be to God for the many volunteers who generously contributed time, talent and financial resources to the outreach of St. Paul's locally, nationally and internationally in 2013. The following report summarizes our activities in 2013.

Outreach and Designated Givings donations were allocated as below:

Quarterly Allotments

### **Outreach**

**Local:** Kawartha Haliburton Children's Foundation, Lindsay Boys and Girls Club, RBC Ministries (Daily Bread booklets), Telecare

**National:** Moorelands Camp, Faithworks, CKL Disaster Relief Committee, Atctic Diocese

**International:** FINCA, South American Missionary Society, Anglican Appeal, Jamaican Self Help

### **Designated Givings**

Foster Children, Stephen Lewis Foundation, Community Care, Bottom Line Youth Ministries, Kenya Outreach, Central Food Cupboard, Council of the North, Mission to Seafarers, Central Food Cupboard, Alzheimer's Society of Victoria County, Community Care Lindsay, Foster Children

### **Special Services**

Rev. Ed Call spoke to us in May about the new Habitat for Humanity chapter in Lindsay. The presentation clearly informed us of the work they do to provide affordable housing and personal dignity to families.

In November Mr. Bill Huskinson spoke to us about the roots of poverty in our own community and offered some solutions.

### **Foster Children**

We support 2 children in Honduras, 1 in El Salvador and 1 in Nicaragua through SOS Children's Villages. Francisco in Nicaragua and William in El Salvador replaced children who had grown up and moved on. We also support a girl in Guatemala and a boy in Haiti through The Arms of Jesus.

### **Fair Trade Coffee**

We continue to support small coffee farmers in developing countries by offering regular and decaff "Fair Trade" coffee for sale at cost. We appreciate prepaid orders on the first Sunday of the month with delivery the next Sunday.

### **Refugee Sponsorship**

Karangwa has recently discovered that he must update 2 of his accounting courses this term and so unfortunately, will not be able to graduate until spring. He very much appreciates our faithful moral and financial support.

### **Angel Tree**

The committee bought, wrapped and delivered Christmas gifts to 7 local children in 2013. These gifts are requested by an incarcerated parent and given on his/her behalf as an important way to stay connected to family.

### **Kenya Outreach**

In 2013 both Melinda and Anne graduated from their catering courses and began their own small business. Since they no longer require our financial support, we have decided to support 2 younger cousins, Gift and Kent, in elementary school for this academic year, which began in January. Kent and Gift are also AIDS orphans from the same extended family.

### **Other**

Your committee also sent funds to help 2 local residents with extraordinary needs as well as a local organization in crisis.



As a committee we warmly welcome anyone interested in furthering God's kingdom through social justice action. Please join us as we strive to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbour. We meet only 4 times per year in March, June, September and December following the 10:00 a.m. service. ***Come and find out more about new initiatives for 2014. For more information, please contact any committee member or the church office.***

***Please Note: The Outreach Committee strongly supports the Archbishop's motion on Poverty reduction.***

Respectfully submitted, Gail Payne Chair, Outreach Committee

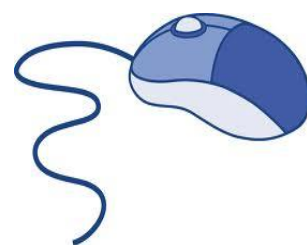
## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Members:** Barb Truax, Betty Tyndall, Barb Appleton, Beverly Baxter, Gina Coleman, Hazel Armstrong, Barbara Brown, Jane Whitfield, Pat and Ross Smyth

The Communications Committee continues to bring news to keep you informed about the events and happenings at St. Paul's.

**Website** Please visit our revamped web site ([www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca](http://www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca)) for church schedules, issues of the Grapevine, reports on our special events, births, baptisms and news about our Archives and Outreach.

**Filling the Gap** continues to maintain communication with Baptised children (and their families). A welcoming card with Baptism photograph is sent following all Baptisms. We have had some flattering responses to these. That is followed with a St. Paul's birthday wish each birthday until the child's 5th when a Sunday school pamphlet is included encouraging attendance.



We continually receive returns of Grapevine newsletters because of incorrect mailing addresses due to someone moving, or becoming deceased. It costs the church \$1.15 for each of these returns. Therefore, we would appreciate any updates or address changes you may hear about.

**Grapevine Publication** Betty Tyndall continues to present us with her wonderful quarterly publications. These newsy communications are made, in part, by your contributions, so keep them coming! We are interested in all subjects!

**Chamber of Commerce** Our membership with the Lindsay and District Chamber of Commerce offers us the opportunity to know and provide our information to over 600 businesses in the area. The Chamber offers 'open houses' throughout the year called 'Business After Hours' where all are invited to attend to learn about current and new businesses. If you would like to attend and represent St. Paul's contact Valerie in the office.

**Advertising/Publication of Grapevine** Hazel Armstrong provides the revenue for the publication of the Grapevine by selling advertising space. This allows us to produce these issues at no cost to the church.

**Archives** We hope that you have enjoyed the archival features that have been inserted into the Grapevine by our new archivists, Pat and Ross Smyth. The subject of these articles remind us of our rich heritage. They are very interesting! If you recall some interesting facts about St. Paul's past history please share with our readers by passing them along to Pat and Ross.

Around the church and in the vestibules there is a Self-Walking Tour brochure that includes the history of some of our church windows and various plaques. Look for it and take a tour! It points out some very interesting and informative features. If, however, you would like a conducted tour please call the office and we will set up one for you.

**HATS OFF TO ST. PAULS!!!** We are honoured to have been asked by Heritage Victoria to present St. Paul's as a heritage and architectural site for the 2014 Doors Open EVENT on September 14, 2014!

What is This??

Sunday September 14, 2014! 10am – 4 pm

Come out and discover Lindsay's most exciting stars as Doors Open Lindsay once again celebrates some of its most popular heritage sites. Doors Open Lindsay will offer residents and visitors a chance to connect and engage with the architectural and cultural heritage of this community. Free fun for family and friends!

\*\*\*\* St. Paul's will be one of the historical and architectural sites being offered this year. \*\*\*\*

(See further details in the upcoming Grapevine)

The **Communications Committee** consists of some wonderful devoted individuals. **I would like to thank each and every one of them for making this committee viable and forward thinking.**

Submitted by Barb Truax

### **ORDINARY JANES AND JOES REPORT**

This Group is made up of people who volunteer their time and talent on Monday mornings to work on the fabric of our Church building. The year 2013 has been a busy year with many jobs accomplished. These jobs range from painting, repairing lights, repairing doors and floors to installing fence and repairing sheds. We did get to add more shelving in the Church basement which helps to keep items up off the floor.

On behalf of St. Paul's; our many Thanks to all who give of their time, talent and treasure.

Respectively Submitted by Donald Brohm

### **St. PAUL'S/COMMUNITY CARE LUNCHEON REPORT**

I coordinated luncheons held the last Tuesday of January, March, April, May October and November 2013. The attendance averaged 70 – 90 persons, including volunteers. The delicious meals were prepared by Edna Smith and her kitchen crew.

Parishioners participating with this luncheon are.

Betty Drummond – table setting and waitresses.

Don Brohm – Table set up

Barb Appleton and Hazel Armstrong – Tickets sellers and takers

Betty Tyndall – Church Activity Handout

Susan Schrier – Entertainment Arrangement

Blood Pressure Team were from Community Care Kawartha Lakes under Ryan Alexander.

Thank you to all involved

Submitted by Susan Schrier

### **CRAFTY LADIES REPORT**

Our group has continued to meet on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. for conversation, fellowship and coffee. We also work on individual projects for our fundraising events. In April we made up a basket for the Silent Auction. The highest bidder paid \$56.00 for it.

The first fundraising event was the Strawberry Supper where we took in about \$100. This money was held over to add to the Harvest Happenings total. A total of \$800.00 from that event was given to the church funds. At the November Community Care Luncheon we had another table. We have held that money back as we were looking for another worthwhile project. One such project presented itself in the form of the King Albert School Lunch program. Our group voted to give \$100.00 towards this project. We have also been able to continue to help Women's Resources by taking a total of 50 personal care bags to the shelter. We are very grateful to our parish family who help us gather the small items for these bags. We also donated many afghans, knitted blankets, mitts, slippers and scarves to Women's resources. Still the only items that we seem to have to buy from our funds are toothbrushes, toothpaste and combs. Please continue to leave any of these items on our sewing machine in the library. These bags are very much appreciated and we get many warm "thank-you" every time we go to the Centre.

Our Group is open to all women of the parish. Even if you feel you don't knit, sew or do crafts, there will most likely be a place for your talents. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Hanes

### **PROPERTIES REPORT**

The year 2013 finished with all of St. Paul's properties rented.

Midwives continue to rent the Rectory and continue to be Great Tenants.

Our Glenelg Street Houses are all rented but unlike 2012 we have found ourselves with more repairs in 2013. You no doubt have read the reports in the Grapevine and as well noticed some highlights in the financial report.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Wardens and Rev. Warren for their support and indeed, all of St. Paul's.

Respectively submitted by Donald Brohm

### **HAPPY COOKS REPORT**

What a wonderful year it has been!

When asked to help a very worthy program in the St. Paul's kitchen continue, I jumped at the opportunity. It was offered in a way that included benefits such as fund raising for the church, a wonderful service to the community and parishioners at the continued possibility of providing nourishing homemade food for sale at a reasonable cost. The most interesting of all the benefits to me was the offer of fellowship, and this benefit has far become the most important for me personally. Change is a difficult thing to accept, and with the program having been created and operating so successfully since its beginning, the task of being the new kid on the block was a bit daunting! Does it run the same way? Not really. Does it serve the same type of purpose as it had originally been intended? Somewhat. Has it developed into a new program with the focus on friendships, volunteerism and good will? I think so. What an extraordinary group of people that gathers weekly with open and warm hearts wanting to give back and have a little giggle along the way. If you walk into the St. Paul's kitchen on Friday mornings you might think there is little getting accomplished, it just looks like we are having too much fun!



Our successes have been the opportunity to assist the church's fund raising efforts in events like the Fall Fair and Harvest Happening, in providing the weekly food service and seasonal items like fruit cakes and gumdrop cakes. Our group also rallied together and helped prepare the Christmas Dinner for those that attended on Christmas Day.

Costs were met, services provided and friendships developed. Again, what a wonderful year it has been! Thank you to all that continue to support us!

Submitted by Edna Smith

### **CENTRAL FOOD CUPBOARD REPORT**

Even though eleven years have passed since the Central Food Cupboard first originated, unfortunately, the need has become greater.

Our parishioners are very generous donating monies toward this most worthy cause. If everyone who attends church could bring just one or two items to help fill our basket at the front of the church, it would help greatly to stock our shelves. An example of items that are needed for the basket: canned fruit and vegetables, canned meats and tuna and salmon for sandwiches, boxed macaroni and cheese, juice, peanut butter, cereal (hot or cold), canned stews, evaporated milk and personal items: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc. are always welcomed. The Kawartha Lake Food Source delivers one order per month which makes up the bulk of our supplies and the added items from our church and other facilities, help to supply the growing number of clients. The churches within the Central Food Cupboard are: St. Andrew Presbyterian, Queen St. United, St. Mary's Roman Catholic, Bethel Missionary and our church, St. Paul's.

The following statistics are clients served in Lindsay by the CFC, for the year 2013:

Households	1997
Adults	2683
Children	<u>1706</u>
<u>Total</u>	4389 persons
New Clients	347
Volunteer Hours	5375

Some of our parishioners have volunteered their time and energy for many years. At this time, I would like to thank Bill Witham and Harold James ever so much, who have just retired after many years of dedicated volunteering to the Central Food Cupboard.

There have been many dedicated volunteers over the years and all have been greatly appreciated.

At the moment, our volunteers from St. Paul's have dropped dramatically and we desperately need younger retired volunteers to work in the supply room and can manage organizing boxes, etc. and to be able to fill the food shelves. Also, more interviewers are needed – we only have one from St. Paul's at the moment and it

would be nice for this interviewer to have someone fill in for her once in a while. Also, we have only one volunteer from our church at the moment to help fill out orders of clients and it would be good to have more help in this area. There are other volunteers also, who help from the other churches.

Blessings to all and a big “thank you” goes to our St. Paul’s Parish for their generosity to this much needed cause and may we continue to do so through monies and food.

Respectfully submitted, Joanne Morgan

### **SHOPPING CARDS REPORT**

2013 was a disappointment for the shopping Cards Committee. Instead of experiencing the yearly increase of the previous three years, we had a drop. It all came in November and December. Up to then 2013 was slightly ahead of 2012 but there we experienced significantly lower sales. Was it caused by the weather, the ramp construction which closed the door to the hall or the smaller congregation?

Nevertheless, **we did earn \$18, 687 for the church, down from \$19,400 in 2012.**

We are constantly aware that several prominent members of the congregation do not participate in the Shopping Card Program. Our church would benefit enormously if we all were involved.

Submitted by Bill Witham

### **SMALL GROUPS REPORT**

A Review of three years since Visioning in Spring 2011

**The 2011 vision for Small Groups:** “We see a vibrant church of small groups where everyone can experience Christ’s true community. We see many different kinds of groups that will provide an atmosphere of safety and acceptance, sharing and caring, learning and serving and growing in their faith”.

**Small Group Ministry key result area:** “to create a network of small groups that help people grow spiritually and enhance their experience of community at St. Paul’s”

**2011:** An **inventory** of small groups was done. Two new groups were initiated but were still in the planning stage—a home prayer group and a group for those who have suffered a loss of a spouse.

**2012:** The home **prayer group** met biweekly and also attended a day retreat at St. John’s. An **assessment** was done with eight recent widows to determine what activities would be useful. One member planned to negotiate with a Community Care **Bereavement** Coordinator regarding follow-up specific to St. Paul’s

**2013:** The home prayer group dissolved due to difficulty meeting but one member has started a **meditation** group following some Wed. morning church services. **ETA** has been successful all year (see separate report). Two **small group course outlines** have been purchased for **use in 2014:** Grief Share and Small Group Leadership.

Submitted by Donna Gushue

### **E.T.A (ENCOURAGING TRAVELING ALONE) REPORT**

**The first year: 2013-----**

**Mission of St. Paul’s:** To know Jesus and make Him known

**Purpose of ETA:** To provide Outreach group for parishioners who are alone by choice or chance.

**Core Value:** We believe in the importance of being a welcoming Christian community. We value fellowship as a means of sharing and growing in our faith and of supporting one another in times of joy and sorrow.

**History:** With an aging population and many retirees moving into Lindsay without having family nearby and/or few local friends, it was apparent that support at St. Paul’s might need to be increased. A group was started following two consecutive luncheons to assess the needs as expressed by eight recent widows. The acronym **ETA** was arbitrarily chosen by the facilitator because it is easy to remember. E.T.A. reminds one of a journey. This concept encompasses going by oneself to an event, meal, or vacation but also implies one’s personal journey through life.

**Membership:** The group is open to anyone living alone or having to go to activities alone. During the first year there has been participation from 31 parishioners. Some have come once and others many times.



**Activities: 18 E.T.A.** activities were held in the first year.....attendance ranged from 4-18

2 hosted luncheons at the facilitator's (to generate ideas and assess the need)

4 restaurant lunches: Jan. 28, Feb. 6, Feb. 14, Feb. 19 (to generate enthusiasm and meet others)

5 breakfast meetings: Mar. 9, Apr. 27, June 1, Oct. 5, Jan. 11 (sharing and planning)

3 dinner and show events: June—"On Golden Pond" in Peterborough; Summer--"Shirley Valentine" in Bobcaygeon; , November---"Three Priests" in Lindsay

2 Mystery tours and restaurant lunches: Red bus and Green bus trips (learning to use Lindsay buses)

2 church services preceded by restaurant meals: Mar. 1 "World Day of Prayer" and Dec. 18 "Blue Christmas"

**Food for Thought. Stewardship:** "We value the unique talents and gifts of our church family". (We are encouraging shared leadership). **Prayer:** "We believe in integrating Christ centered prayer in all aspects of our life and worship" (we are remembering to open and close with a prayer). **Outreach:** "We believe that each of us is called to reach out with compassion and love..." (We are going to welcome new and old ETA members and invite them to join our activities)

Submitted by Donna Gushue

### **VICTORIA HALIBURTON DEANERY REPORT**

Although it has been three months since our last meeting I cannot report on all the activities that may be on going in the area.

Rev Ted McCallum was made a Canon at Synod, our Congratulations to Ted for the work he and the congregation of St. Paul's Beaverton have done in making the Mexican labourers welcome in their community.

Funds have been granted for the keeping of Dr. Sylvia Keesmatt on as a "Biblical Scholar in Residence." for another year. I'm sorry that more people from our congregation do not support the studies she provides. At our Advent study she outlined briefly what she would be doing this year in different churches. It's also worthwhile mentioning that again our Deanery has led the way in getting Sylvia into our fold, now other Deaneries are thinking of a similar undertaking.

Christ Church Bobcaygeon has selected a new minister in the Rev. Bob Bettson we look forward to meeting him at our spring meeting here at St. Paul's in April.

St. Paul's Minden survived the spring floods although they had to cancel services for a few weeks. With all the snow we have had this year I hope and pray there is not a repeat of last spring's run off.

First event for all churches will be the annual Pancake-Shrove Tuesday luncheon/suppers as we enter into our journey in Lent. Easter Blessings to all.

Submitted by Betty Hooper

### **SYNOD 2013 REPORT**

The diocese's 155th Regular Session of Synod convened on Nov. 29- 30 at the International Plaza Hotel in Toronto. Both Archbishop Colin Johnson and Bishop Jane Alexander, the Bishop of Edmonton, spoke passionately about shaping the church for God's mission.

Synod members listened to Missional Moments and took part in workshops designed to help them share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. "Being missional is not the flavour of the day, it's not a program, it's not a quick fix, it's not about getting more people into our pews," said Archbishop Johnson in his charge. "It's an attitude, a way of being."

Archbishop Johnson named 13 honorary canons of St. James Cathedral:  
among them • The Rev. Canon Ted McCollum Archdeacon of our Deanery.

Synod approved a parish assessment rate of 25 % in 2014, which is the same rate as in 2013, and 24.85 % in 2015. The above information is taken from The Anglican. For a complete report see the January 2014 issue.

Submitted by Bev Baxter and Bob Coleman

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013**

<b>GOAL NO.</b>		<b>START</b>	<b>OUTREACH</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>END</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>OUTREACH CONTINGENCY</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1087</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF FOSTER CHILDREN</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>2724</b>	<b>2784</b>	<b>395</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>CENTRAL FOOD CUPBOARD</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2469</b>	<b>2469</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL &amp; YOUTH MINISTRIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23865</b>	<b>23865</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>PWRDF</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2354</b>	<b>2354</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>67</b>	<b>RENOVATIONS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1605</b>	<b>1605</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>90</b>	<b>HANDBELLS</b>	<b>2222</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>842</b>
<b>95</b>	<b>ROOF RENOVATION</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>97</b>	<b>KIDS CLUB</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6505</b>	<b>6505</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>100</b>	<b>A PLACE CALLED HOME</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>101</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS SCHOLARSHIPS - THEOLOGICAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>102</b>	<b>STUDENTS</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>112</b>	<b>LIBRARY, BOOKS, TAPES, ETC. CHASUBLE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>138A</b>	<b>CHANCEL GUILD FLOWERS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>146</b>	<b>CHOIR GOWNS, MUSIC</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>4308</b>	<b>3930</b>	<b>368</b>
<b>150</b>	<b>FAITHWORKS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1564</b>	<b>1564</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>200</b>	<b>LOCAL OUTREACH</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>215</b>	<b>SPECIAL OUTREACH PROJECTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4530</b>	<b>4530</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>222</b>	<b>REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP (KARANGWA)</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>1304</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>225</b>	<b>ST.BARNABAS/KENYA OUTREACH</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>250</b>	<b>SPECIAL (RECTOR)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5120</b>	<b>5120</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5352</b>	<b>64630</b>	<b>62320</b>	<b>3042</b>

## ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S VESTRY REPORT

### St. Paul's Stewardship Stairway

There are approximately **404 families** that make up our community.

**\$100** - 5 families

**\$95** - 1 family

**\$90** - 1 family

**\$75** - 1 family

**\$60** - 2 families

**\$55** - 1 family

**\$45** - 1 families

**\$40** - 1 family

**\$35** - 9 families

**\$30** - 5 families

**\$25** - 14 families

**\$20** - 23 families

**\$15** - 15 families

**\$10** - 23 families

**\$5** - 43 families

**\$4** - 10 families

**\$3** - 9 families

**\$2** - 9 families

**under \$2** - 54 families

Weekly giving breakdown by number of families.  
Locate where you are on the stairway, and try to  
move up 1 step (i.e. 1 loonie a week) next year.

If you are not one of the 227 families on the stairway,  
*please join our team.*



### RESULT:

If all 227 families moved up

\$1.00 the impact would be:

$227 \times 52 \text{ weeks} \times \$1.00 = \$11,804.00$

Additional resources for ministry and education.