



# The Grapevine

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*I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5*

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May God bless you throughout this Easter season.





Over the next couple of months, both in the Church and in our environment, we will journey through a time of transformation. We begin March completely blanketed in snow and with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday to kick-off our season of Lent. My hope is that by the time we get to the glory of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, we will also be surrounded by the glory of spring flowers and budding trees.

It is amazing how quickly the transformation of our environment can take place once new growth begins to happen. I am always amazed at snow-drops and crocuses that manage to get growing before the snow is even gone. They are a testament to how growth can be happening in places where it is not obviously apparent. They do their work of growing and pushing forward in God's time, not according to any other plan.

This Lent, we will have the opportunity for spiritual growth, both through the Lenten study #LiveLent: Our Story, God's Story and the Lenten retreat day. I encourage you to take part in both of these opportunities as you are able. Use this Lent as a time of transformation in your spiritual life through self-reflection and prayer. Look to see the green sprouts of new life, and do not give up if they are not obviously apparent from the beginning. This is just the Holy Spirit taking time, "beneath the snow" to prepare the bulb of your soul. Keep pushing forward and you may be surprised when and how you sprout!

I pray that these words about spiritual maturity from St. Paul inspire and sustain you throughout your Lenten journey. "God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. As a result, we aren't supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ." - Ephesians 4:13b-15 (CEB)

In Christian love,  
Rev Bonnie



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Tickets selling now for this popular April event! Call (705) 324-4666

**SAVE YOUR LOONIES!!!!!!**

# **SPRING THAW DINNER & LOONIE AUCTION**

**Saturday April 5, 2025**

**6:30pm Dinner (doors open at 5:30pm)**

**Come and enjoy a 3-course catered dinner!**

**\$40.00 PP—Prebooked reserved seating**



**Donations of auction items are needed:** pies, baked goods, gift cards or certificates, preserves, wine, knitted goods, ceramics, etc. are welcome. To be handed into Linda Todd, Barb Truax or through the church office (please indicate ‘Spring thaw’ and your name on each item).

**Tickets go on sale:** Feb 2 (cash, cheque, square) every Sunday and during church office hours (Tues-Thurs 9-12)

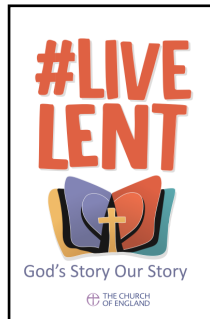
## **Wednesdays in Lent**

### ***Morning Prayer & Diocesan Lenten Study***

**Morning Prayer** will be offered at 9:30 am beginning on March 19th. At least once during Lent we will use the BCP, the BAS and the Iona Worship Book. Morning Prayer will be followed by our **Lenten Study**.

#### **A Diocesan Lenten study resource**

will be available for you beginning on March 2nd. This is a daily resource that we will use for small group discussion, beginning on March 19th.



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**Cover Photo:** Our beautiful church on Sunday March 9, 2025. Taken by Diane Stecher



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Updated March 2025

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## The Canon's Corner: The Rev. Canon Greg Physick Mar. '25



*While Easter comes quite late this year, Lent seems to have arrived so quickly. Perhaps it is because Ash Wednesday, March 5th, was really noticed as one turned the calendar from February to March. How will you live out this time the Church gives us? Disciplines of giving up chocolate or taking on some special reading are recalled and are always in need of updating—for each of us is different from the person one was many years ago, and even last year. Life has offered its goodness and its challenges. God's Spirit whispers anew.*

*We live in a time of political turmoil, war and calls for peace, the cries of hunger and need from those on our streets. We will brush aside the plea or offer a loonie or two, perhaps offer to buy a coffee. We go our way and wonder, perhaps mumbling a quiet prayer. This season of Lent will once again hold moments of reflection, prayer, questions and frustration. 'How long, O Lord, how long'. As God's children in Christ, we will sing out the good news of Christ's resurrection on Easter Day, April 20th. As we move towards that day, Lent calls us to be still, and then be still again—and again-- and listen to the whispers of the Spirit.*

*There just is so much that is before us, behind us, around us, above us, beneath us, within us. It can be exhausting. Each Lent is a time to take time. Over many years I have appreciated words of Henry Ernest Hardy (1869-1946), an English Anglican priest and monk, affectionately known as Father Andrew. He wrote prose and poetry some of which is in a book given me 50 years ago by an Episcopal priest who had an impact on my journey. One piece is found in our hymn book, Hymn 197 "O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head". I leave it to you to take a little time and effort to search it out in hard copy or through Google. As you read it, may your head, hands, feet and heart know the blessings sent forth by our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*In that book, 'A Gift of Light', the introduction by Gertrude Behanna speaks of a discipline Fr. Andrew lived out in the war years in London. His first act each morning was to take down the blackout curtains: to let the light in, he said, not the darkness out. The author wrote: "That's it. That is where mankind gets on the dead end track, trying to let the darkness out instead of allowing the light in....." She writes, moving from light coming in, to love: "Bless you, Fr. Andrew, for making it clear that love is never what we do; it is what we let be done to us. We are cups, receptacles; our part is to hold ourselves right side up that God may fill us with Himself." Yes, let light in! Yes, let love in!*

*As we journey through this holy season, may we be such cups that God may fill us with Himself, and Easter's good news of Resurrection may fill our souls in these difficult times.*

Pax

Canon Greg

### A Gift of Life

1968 advertisement,  
one year after the  
book was published.

### **A GIFT OF LIGHT**

A Collection of Thoughts  
from Father Andrew

By Harry C. Griffith

Introduction by Gertrude Behanna

"Bless you, Fr. Andrew, for making it clear that love is never what we do; it is what we let be done to us. . . . To let the light in, not the darkness out . . . to accept that destiny, to seek, to know and then to serve the Lord of all creation, is our purpose just as it is the purpose of the peach-tree to bear peaches."

— Gertrude Behanna  
Cloth, \$3.95



**Deanery Lenten Retreat**

**When: Saturday, March 29th**  
**9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

*Lunch is provided  
including vegetarian options*

**Where: Celebrations,**  
**35 Lindsay St. N**  
**in Lindsay**

**Topic: Discovering our Gifts  
for Growing Ministry**

**Facilitator: Janet Marshall  
of Congregational Development**

**Space is limited!**


**Please register by March 26th  
Through the Office at  
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*Organized by St. Paul's Lindsay Spiritual Development  
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& North Territory*



Multi-talented Arlene tuning up our baby grand piano in February. Great job!!



**LIFT UP OUR HEARTS**   
*Gathering as a diocese to worship God*

**Bishop Andrew Asbil is encouraging Anglicans to attend one or more of these “Lift Up Our HEARTS” services from around the diocese!**

In 2025 we’re coming together as a diocese to worship God at five distinct Eucharistic services throughout the year.

Each service will include wonderful music, inspirational preaching, a joyful lay witness talk, and the opportunity for prayer and anointing, followed by a reception that will offer delicious food and plenty of time to reconnect with friends from other parishes.

- **March 22 (2pm) St. James Cathedral**
- **March 29 (2pm) St. Trinity, Streetsville**
- **May 31 (2pm) All Saints, Whitby**
- **Sept. 27 (2pm) St. James, Orillia**
- **Oct. 25 (2pm) St. Paul, Bloor Street**

**LIFT UP OUR HEARTS**   
*Gathering as a diocese to worship God*

**MARCH 22 2 PM** **St. James Cathedral**  
The Rev. Molly Finlay, preacher 

We turn to God in humility  
as God's people,  
seeking God's purposes.

  
Diocese of Toronto  
Anglican Church of Canada



# Highlights of the 2025 Annual Vestry Meeting—February 23, 2025

The Annual Vestry Meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. There were 47 members in attendance. Reverend Bonnie Skerritt opened the meeting with prayer. She read the Vestry Declaration and explained it. Janice Ross was appointed Vestry Clerk. There were no questions, comments or corrections from the February 25, 2024 minutes. A motion was made by Fred Welling and seconded by Betty Drummond to accept the 2024 Vestry Minutes as written. Passed. No one opposed.

## **Incumbent, Wardens and Committee Reports**

A motion was made by Doug Read and seconded by Barb Truax to accept these reports as written. Passed. No one opposed.

## **Audited 2023 Financial Report**

These are the audited financial statements from the year ending December 31, 2023. Tom Ross made the following motion: “That the audited 2023 financial statements and report, as received from Peter Shennett Professional Corporation, be accepted by Vestry”. Seconded by Betty Tyndall. One person opposed. Passed.

## **Highlights of the Financial Report 2024: Tom Ross, Treasurer**

Tom Ross thanked Marlene Wood (Envelope Secretary), Marg Brohm (Designated Givings), Don Brohm (rental properties and rent), Linda Todd (Gift Cards), Megan O’Neill (Bookkeeper) and Paul Carpentier (Acting Treasurer) for their dedication and help throughout the year. Tom made the following motion: “That the unaudited 2024 Financial Report, as presented, be accepted by Vestry, subject to audit verification”. Seconded by Paul Carpentier. One person opposed. Passed.

Total receipts for 2024 were 33% over budget. Total disbursements were 0.01% over budget. However, the 2024 finances of the church were impacted by several extraordinary or unusual items. In summary, a year which would have otherwise resulted in a significant deficit was saved mostly due to the generosity of our late parishioners and the hours volunteered by our temporary office staff. A vote was held to accept the unaudited 2024 Financial Report, as presented. The motion passed with one opposed.

## **Highlights of the Presentation of the 2025 Budget Part One: Tom Ross**

Tom Ross thanked the members of the Finance Committee, Management Team and the Advisory Board for their help and input. Tom made a motion to accept the 2025 Budget, as presented. Seconded by Barb Truax. The bottom line is we are budgeting for a \$94,672 deficit for Fiscal 2025.

## **Highlights of the Presentation of the 2025 Budget Part Two: Paul Carpentier**

Paul noted the increasing deficit in recent years, and said that the budget could be pared down by cancelling exterior paint work, and custodial work being done by volunteers. Paul made a motion to remove these two expenses from the proposed budget, leaving a new budget deficit of \$62,725, seconded by Fred Welling. The motion passed, with no one opposed.

Paul thanked Arlene Gray for her wonderful work as music director and office administrator. Arlene will also be handling the church website, a cost savings. Paul said the church has saved money on utilities due to lowered thermostats, and hopes lawn cutting can be done by volunteers. Paul is hoping to get our diocesan allotment lowered; since we provide low-income housing. Paul then proposed an idea for reducing or even eliminating the \$62,725 deficit for 2025. He has calculated St. Paul’s financial shortfall on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. Then he broke this down further in the hopes that parishioners might donate \$0.47 per day, \$3.30 per week, or \$14.32 per month, to cover the deficit. A package will be mailed out to all parishioners who were not present at Vestry. The allotment for Synod delegates was reduced. Paul made a motion to accept the amended 2025 budget. Seconded by Tom Ross. The budget passed with two opposed.

## **Appointments and Elections**

Rev. Bonnie thanked Betty Hooper and Donna Gushue for their service as Rector’s Warden and Chair of Advisory Board, respectively. Doug Read presented the Nominating Committee Report. Graham Walsh has been appointed Rector’s Warden. Betty Hooper will be Past Warden. Linda Todd and Fred Welling were acclaimed as Members at Large on Advisory Board.

## **Other Business**

Rev. Bonnie presented the Social Justice Vestry Motion 2025: Protecting and Expanding Harm Reduction in Ontario. Gail Payne moved to endorse the motion, seconded by Donna Gushue. A vote was held: In favour – 15, Opposed – 8, Abstentions – 7. The motion passed. Paul Carpentier thanked Tom Ross for his many years of service as Treasurer and for his support during Paul’s training period. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

*Vestry Highlights by Diane Stecher (based on Vestry Minutes by Janice Ross)*



## Introducing our new Rector's Warden: Graham Walsh

Graham has been married to his wife Kim for 38 years and they have two adult sons. He was raised in Toronto where he married and worked as a postman for twelve years. He then moved to England to study and travel. While in England he earned a B.A. In Theology as well as a P.H.D. in Biblical Studies from Birmingham University and a Certificate in Biblical Studies from Cambridge University, as well as a High School and Adult Teaching Certificate from Neuman College, Birmingham.



While in England he taught high school religious studies, adult higher education, English as a Second Language, A level sociology, and taught at several different secondary comprehensive schools. He was a member of the Church of England where he served as a Deputy Church Warden and Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary and St. Ambrose, Birmingham.

After returning to Canada he taught religious studies for seventeen years at Notre Dame Catholic High School in Ajax, Ontario. He enjoyed leading many after school groups but his favourite was the chess club.

He retired three years ago and moved to Lindsay where he is a member of the Lindsay Book Club and teaches English as a Second Language at St. Paul's. twice a week.



### Graham & Kim have been teaching E.S.L. (English As A Second Language) classes at church.

#### **Kim gave a description of the E.S.L. classes:**

We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Paul's. It's a free mixed level class with an emphasis on speaking. The object of the class is to welcome newcomers and hopefully give them the skills necessary to communicate effectively in English. Our group is made up of several nationalities and cultures, for some English is their 4th language! It's a lot of fun.

Thank you Graham and Kim for the time and talents you give to St. Paul's, and to the students learning English!





## Our Management Team

### INCUMBENT

Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

### TREASURER

Paul Carpentier (Interim)

### ADMINISTRATOR MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST

Arlene Gray

### PAST WARDEN

Betty Hooper

### RECTOR'S WARDEN

Graham Walsh

### PEOPLE'S WARDEN

Paul Carpentier

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Jo-Anne Burridge

Doug Read

Donna Gushue – Interm

## PEOPLE'S WARDEN REPORT – Paul Carpentier

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Vestry on February 23rd and participated in our review of all the things that happened in 2024.

More importantly I am grateful for the opportunity we had to discuss the 2025 budget and make you aware of the realities and challenges we are facing. I trust by discussing how our funds come in and expenses go out, in a “Big Picture” format, you came to understand how little “wiggle room” there is and why I as people’s warden and interim treasurer am concerned. Each parishioner has received a letter from me outlining the issue, along with a request to help, AS YOU ARE ABLE, by contributing to the “Deficit Reduction Fund” (Designated Givings #7) to off-set a day’s/a week’s/or a month’s shortfall. If anyone has questions about this initiative, please speak with me.

Thank you for your response to the “Buy a Key” Fundraiser towards our purchase of a baby grand piano for \$1,800. Arlene found this beautiful instrument and got us a terrific deal on the same. This 115 year old young instrument was built in the day when your name was synonymous with your reputation for quality work. We are fortunate to be graced with the sound and visual appeal of this piano, as well as the skill Arlene brings to us each Sunday when it is played.

Thank you to the 7 people who have come forward to help us keep our custodial duties in house, saving the church close to \$10,000 in salaries. Sharing these duties will continue the level of cleanliness Don and Marg provided last year.

Thank you to Betty Hooper for her service as the Rector’s warden for the last two years. It was a pleasure to work alongside, and learn, from this deeply committed Christian who is so well versed in the bible. I will miss your “Well fix it dear Henry” approvals!

I will close by wishing all a Lenten journey that brings us closer to Christ in our walk with Him.





**Bishop Riscylla Shaw  
visited on Jan. 26, 2025  
Conversion of St. Paul  
(our patronal festival)**



**Candidates: For Reception MaryLou Tompkins & Ursula Ruhbach. For Reaffirmation Ashley Boteler & Gail Payne  
Congratulations to all! (Thanks to Ashley for sending in these photos).**



# Our St. Paul's Family:

## FROM OUR PARISH REGISTERS:

### **BAPTISMS:**

Jan. 12, 2025 Gwendolyn Marie Iris Hughes  
Vaughn Christopher Miller  
*He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit. Matt. 4:11*

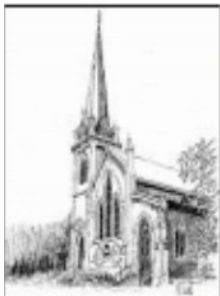
### **FUNERALS:**

Date of death:  
Dec. 28, 2024 Marsha Geraldine Bell  
*Go in peace. Mark 5:34*

## **CELEBRATING.....** **(April—June)**



Bob Pool  
Elsie Camp  
Arlene Gray  
Carol Hughes  
Don Chase  
Lawrence Drummond  
Ethel Morris



**St. Paul's Church Services are listed on the last page of this Grapevine.**

*Due to our wide circulation on the internet and to the new Privacy Act regulations, no personal phone numbers are listed on the first or last page of all issues.*

**A special “WELCOME” to newcomers, and visitors to St. Paul's. We are glad to have you worshipping with us!**

**Note:** We strive not to miss anyone. If you know of someone celebrating a special day, please let us know. Contact Diane S. “THE GRAPEVINE” editor. The celebrations in this issue are from April through June 2025.

## Church Office Hours:

**Tuesdays—Thursdays**  
**9am—12 noon**



*Arlene Gray, Office Admin. Assistant.*

**A reminder to wear nametags to help others know who you are.**

**We Strive to be a Scent free space**


### **Gift Cards**

Reminder to continue purchasing these cards until we run out and for those who already do, Thanks!



## OUR SPONSORS!

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## CHURCH PROPERTY UPDATE

Don Brohm, Church Property Manager, assisted by Ray Marshall and Don Chase



Let's start with good news and report as always; all rents are up to date.

- 2) 34 Glenelg required a new stove and moisture collector box for the furnace.
- 3) 36 Glenelg requires new kitchen sink tap.
- 4) Hot water tank in the Church hall requires a new gas valve.
- 5) Thanks to the winter our Church and both 32 and 38 Glenelg require eavestrough repairs.
- 6) Custodian duties coming to the end of the line.
- 7) Still carrying on as Property Manager as discussed with Paul C.

JUST SO YOU KNOW

Don Brohm

### LIVE STREAMING REPORT

Mike and I continue to operate the camera for live streaming every Sunday. We also stream some special services such as Ash Wednesday, Christmas Eve, etc. We are always ready to provide live stream service for any funerals as well. It has been an incredible journey. I never imagined that I would be so involved with such a "techy" enterprise!

Over the past two years, Peter Payne and Ray Marshall have provided this service when we are away on vacation or if we have a family Sunday event. Last October/November Peter and Ray filled in for us. As well, Margo Collins who is a parishioner at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, provided live streaming in our absence. Margo has also generously shared her time instructing Mike and me in the various ways to add to the streaming. We now have an opening picture screen and a closing screen, too.

Mike and I have been leading the live streaming since its inception in January 2021. We feel it is time for us to step down and for someone else to lead in this ministry. We plan to leave in 2026 after a term of five years. We are happy to instruct anyone interested in leading this function. And we will run the system once a month so that whoever leads this effort can have at least one Sunday off per month. Please contact Rev. Bonnie, me, or any member of the Advisory Board if you are interested in pursuing this. It really is a rewarding experience.

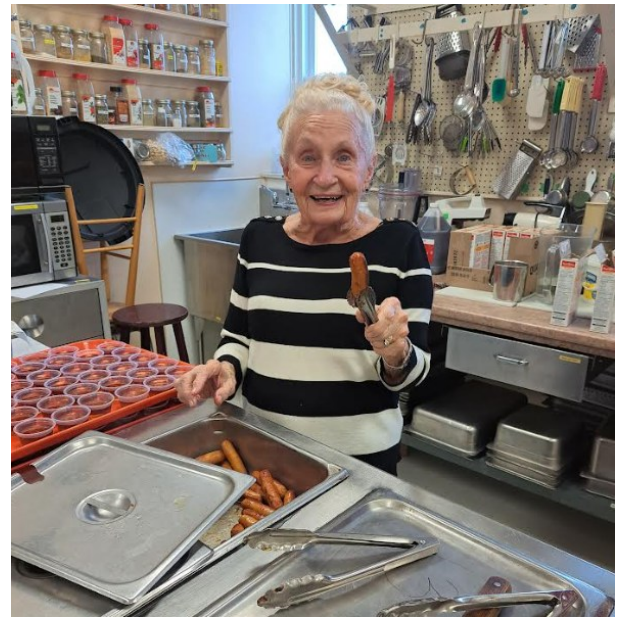
*Respectfully submitted by  
Mike and Lorna Green*



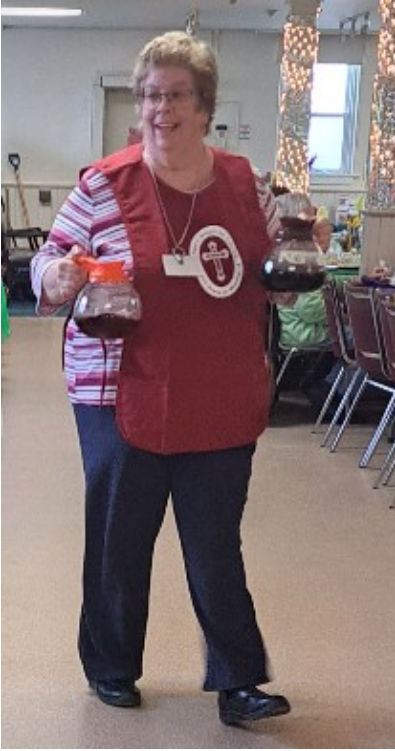
## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE LUNCH/SUPPER – Paul Carpentier

Jo-Anne Burrige and her team set the scene for this event with an amazing Mardi gras theme in our main hall. Several compliments were received for the service and the quality of the food; do they ever love those pure pork sausages! We had 65 (+/-) for each setting, and they went so smoothly, thanks to our friendly, efficient volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who worked and/or supported this event that nets our church about \$1,200 (equivalent of one week's expense shortfall).



## More Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch & Supper Photos



Annual Vestry Meeting photos.





## ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB

By Lorna Green



The book club will be winding down for the season in the coming months. Our April meeting will take place at the home of Ethel Morris and we will be reading *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods. In May we meet at the home of Catherine Philp and we will discuss *The Secret Pianist* by Andie Newton. June is our last meeting of the season and we will plan our programme for next year. This meeting will be held at the home of Emma Bowrin. We reconvene in September after our summer break.

We continue to meet for a potluck lunch followed by discussion of the book selection for the month – good food, convivial company, and stimulating conversations!



## ST. PAUL'S SISTERHOOD

Shirley Hanes, Coordinator



Our group continued to meet every Thursday—now at noon until 2:00pm. This is a new time for us to fit into the new church open operating hours. We bring our own lunch and then continue with knitting and sewing projects.

We completed our on going commitment to help Women's Resources by providing personal care and activity bags for women and children. Twenty bags were delivered in June and the same number in January. Time crept up on us and the bags weren't delivered for Christmas but were thankfully received a little late.

Our group provided many scarves and toques for seafarers again and were delivered by Gail Payne. A lovely note of thanks was sent to our group in appreciation of our efforts. We also knit mittens and toques for King Albert School and also Queen Victoria School. This year I asked for help to deliver our contribution to the schools and five people responded. Thank you Cynthia. You were the first person to offer help so you got the job. Many thanks as each one of us in our group is disabled.

Being disabled is not a criteria to be a member of St. Paul's Sisterhood. We welcome anyone interested in what we do to join us, even for conversation and fellowship and a cup of tea.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Shirley Hanes

**Photo 1:** Scarves and hats for the Seafarers.

**Photos 2 & 3:** Knitted hats and mittens for the school children.





A few photos of Arlene, Ken and our musicians!



Arlene wasn't sleeping under the piano...she was putting the screws underneath once the pedal section was in place! 😊



St. Paul's Bell Choir rehearsing on Feb. 23. Thanks to Don Chase for sending in the photos!





## CHURCH ENVELOPES



Marlene Wood, Envelope Secretary

Anyone who wishes to have envelopes, or if you would like to go on PAG please contact the church office at 705-324-4666.

It is a very simple process to sign up for PAG or to change your PAG. Simply phone, email or drop a note into the church office in a sealed envelope with your instructions. If you are new to PAG, please pick up the forms at the back of the church or from the office.

Please advise the church office of any change to your address or telephone number so that our records are correct. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding envelopes, Pre Authorized Givings (PAG), contributions or receipts.

There are a few boxes of envelopes that have not been picked up. Please let us know if you do not have your envelopes and we will make arrangements to get them to you.

Thank you, *Marg Brohm & Marlene Wood*



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## OUTREACH COMMITTEE by Gail Payne

Your Outreach Committee met on March 2, 2025 as we continue to try to be the voice and hands of our Lord Jesus in our world, on behalf of St. Paul's.

The upcoming quarterly Allotments are as follows:

### Outreach Givings

Local: Haliburton-Kawartha Children's Fund

National: Kairos

International: Justice Mission

### Designated Givings

April: Foster Children

May: Seafarers

June: Hospice Kawartha Lakes

Foster Children: we received updates on Kevin in Honduras with SOS Children's Villages . The SOS advised us that Juan has happily left the village in Chile to rejoin his father. He is being replaced by David in Bolivia. Thank you to Catherine Philp for corresponding with David. We also had updates on our 3 children in Haiti, Joanna, Schineyda and Jean. They are in the Arms of Jesus program. All seem safe and well.

King Albert School: during Dec. and early Feb. we delivered several totes of winter clothing for the students.

Queen Victoria School: as of Feb. 21 our small team of volunteers has been preparing and delivering nutritious supplements to the 178 students on Friday afternoons. We are also collecting mittens for them as the school has requested.

Angel Tree: we bought, wrapped and delivered Christmas gifts to 7 children whose parent is in incarceration, in order to maintain and strengthen their relationships.

Spring Outreach Service: on May 4 Rev. Judith Alltree will speak to us on her work with the Mission to Seafarers.

Your Outreach Committee has decided to increase our donation to programs listed under Outreach Givings. We have been giving each \$150 but will increase that to \$200 now.

Thank you all for your continued prayerful and financial support of St. Paul's many Outreach programs. May God bless your generosity.

Galatians 6:9,10



**Designated Giving #215 for March** will benefit the **Kawartha Food Source**. Ask any food source volunteer and they will tell you we are enduring an unprecedented local hunger crisis. More than ever, our donations are needed to help fill an urgent need for fresh produce, milk and eggs, and to support the food source meal programs.




**Jan. 12, 2025 Baptisms!**



*Blessings to:  
Vaughan Miller  
& Gwendolyn Hughes!*





**Baby Grand Piano update.** The piano is in. We have a "Buy a Key" for \$34 Campaign going; there are 88 keys! "Please mark "Baby Grand (or designated #101) on your envelope and it will be added to your givings for tax purposes. Thank you so much!

**Helping with the deficit.** Would you please mark any donations you are making to help out with our budget shortfall under designated givings #7.

Thanks - Paul



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR LENT

### **Family Time Activities for Lent: Learning about Praying**

An excerpt from *Rings, Kings and Butterflies: Lessons on Christian Symbols for Children* by Harriet VanderMeer - Submitted by Rev. Bonnie

Here are some ideas to share with the children in your family about praying, which is a central principle of Lent.

Symbol/Object: Hands

Verses to Learn: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. Psalm 63:3-4  
The Lord's eyes are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayers. 1 Peter 3:12

#### A Children's Message

If I ask you to fold your hands and close your eyes, what am I asking you to do? Whether we pray alone or with other people, we usually fold our hands. Or we might hold our open hands together, palm to palm. Sometimes we pray holding hands with other people around a table or to form a circle.

If the crossing guard holds her hand to traffic, what does she want the traffic to do? If someone asks you to put your hand on the Bible, what are you asked to do? If a baby reaches his hands up to you, what does he want you to do? If I wring my hands like this, what am I doing? If someone cups his hands together ...and extends them, he is often asking another person to give him something.

When I hold my hand out to you like this, I am telling you that I want to shake your hand. Is that a friendly gesture? If I cover my face with my hands, what do you think I am feeling? Some people, especially those who can't hear, communicate with their hands using sign language. You will know what I mean if I raise my hand to "give you five." If we clap our hands loudly what are we showing? A potter shapes a pot with her hands. ... If I gently and warmly place my hands on your face or throw you a kiss, what am I showing you? Hands can express love, warmth, and support, but they can also show fear, anger, and sadness.

Many times when we read about God in the Bible, there is a reference to God's hands. Moses said to God, "Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power—your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy" (Exodus 15:6). God's hands are powerful: they can heal and they can hurt. We can feel God's hands on us and all around us. This week, gently lay your hands on the people around you. Hold hands with someone who is afraid. Your hands can be helping hands. You can clap your hands in joy, raise your hands in praise to God, gently touch others' hands in love, and fold your hands in quiet prayer to God. Your hands can show what is in your heart.

#### Pray with Children

Dear God, we thank you for hands, including ours. We thank you also for the big and little things your hands have done for us. Teach us to use our hands in loving ways for others, and to fold them in praise and prayer to you. Amen

#### To Do Together

Before meals this week (or before going to bed), ask the members of your family to hold hands together and raise them in praise to God as you offer a prayer of thanksgiving.

Check out the "Five Finger Prayer" on the next page for more ideas! Also, Rev. Bonnie has lots of resources to help with teaching children to pray.

## FIVE FINGER PRAYER



# Five Finger Prayer

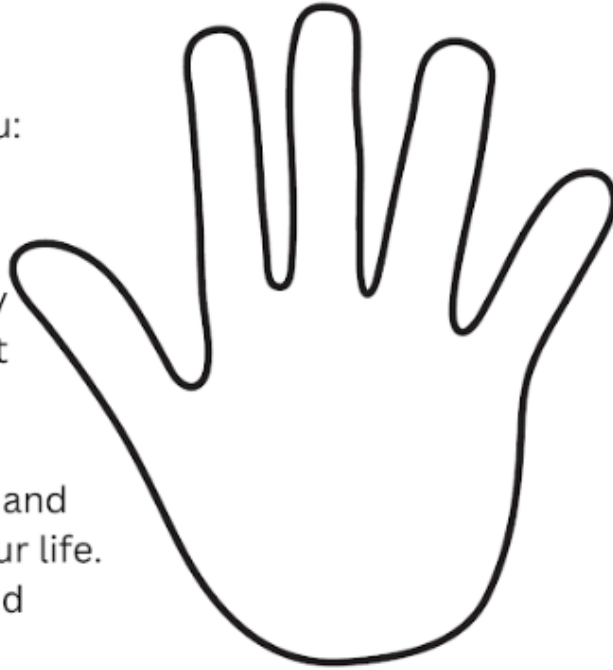
**Thumb:** Pray for those closest to you: your family and friends.

**Pointer finger:** pray for those who point you in the right direction: parents, teachers, mentors, and other leaders in your life. Pray for wisdom and support.

**Tallest finger** (third finger): pray for those that lead us: those in government, in business, in church leadership, in community leadership. Pray for guidance.

**Ring finger** (weakest finger): Pray for those who are poor, sick, in pain, in trouble (those most in need).

**Pinky finger** (smallest finger): Pray for yourself and your own needs.



## MARKETING & COMMUNICATION ITEMS (by D. Stecher)

The Events Team: Get your tickets for our **Annual Spring Thaw Dinner & Loonie Auction March 5th** event!

**SAVE THE DATES!!!**



**Spring Thaw** April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Strawberry Supper** June 19<sup>th</sup>

**Murder Mystery** October 25<sup>th</sup>

**Concert and Tea** November 22<sup>nd</sup>

**House Tour** November 29<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Day Dinner** December 25<sup>th</sup>

### Archives:

Our Archive Committee is continuing to organize the church archives. Update coming in a future issue!

### Church Website: [www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca](http://www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca)

Check out our website for lots of information about St. Paul's, upcoming events, donations, and more!

Thank you to Arlene for inputting the events and information onto the website. If you have any questions about the website, please speak to Diane Stecher. Diane as the webmaster, will be overseeing the information that needs to be added or updated on the website.

### Church Facebook:

Don't forget that we also post information on our Facebook page. If you are active on Facebook check it out!

### Live-Streaming:

Our services are live-streamed! Links to our bulletins and live-stream videos are on the website & Facebook!

### The Grapevine –some changes are in the works

We are planning on producing the Grapevine more frequently, or about 5 times per calendar year. Now that the Lent/Easter Grapevine is finished, the next issues will go out in May, September, and November 2025.

Each Grapevine will be shorter, and more focussed on activities and events in the next couple of months.

The schedule for 2026 issues will be: January, March, May, September, and November.

As a cost saving measure, the Grapevine will be posted on our website as a pdf, which can be viewed electronically, downloaded, or printed on a home computer. The benefit is that we no longer have to pay for printing, and can make every issue in colour! Also, if you view it online, you can enlarge the view to suit your eyes.

Diane Stecher will continue on as Grapevine Editor for now.

### Marketing:

If you would like to assist Diane with getting information to our local newspapers, and other media outlets, let her know. The March e-newsletter by the Chamber of Commerce has our ad in it for March/April events.

Thanks to Barb Truax who continues to look after the outdoor sign in terms of getting it updated with info.

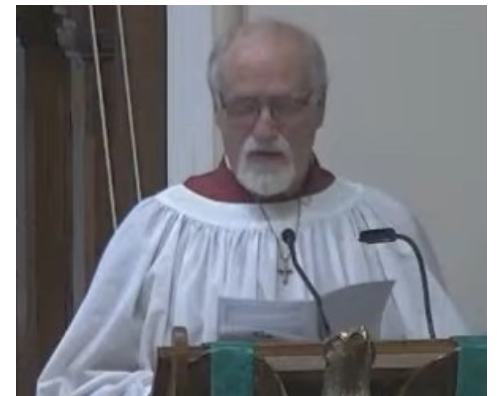
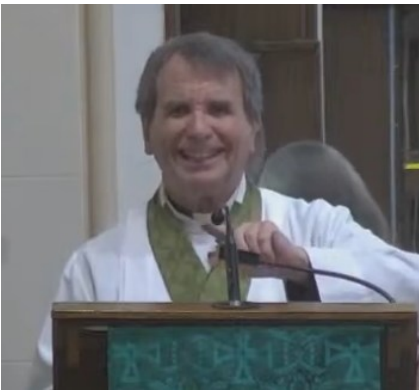
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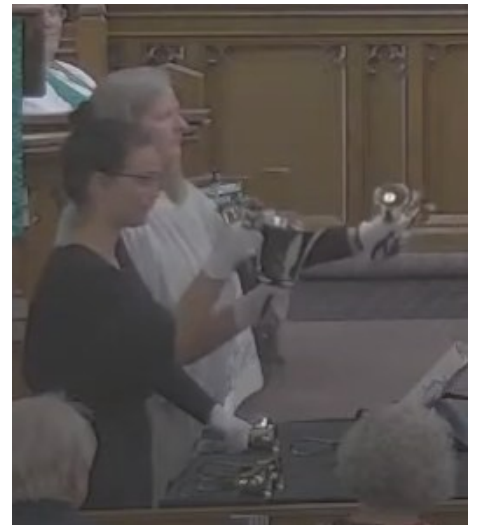




**PHOTOS OF OUR PARISHIONERS IN ACTION!**







Our Bell Choir on Sunday Feb. 23rd.



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## WEEKLY SERVICES

**Our services on Sundays are at 10:00am. All are welcome!**

Sunday March 16—Lent 2 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday March 23—Lent 3 10am Holy Eucharist

**Saturday March 29—Lenten Retreat** 9:30am—3:30pm (must register by March 26th—call the church, or check the website for location and details).

Sunday March 30—Lent 4 10am Morning Prayer

Sunday April 6—Lent 5 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday April 13—Palm/Passion Sunday 10am Holy Eucharist & dramatic reading

### HOLY WEEK

**Mon. April 14—Holy Monday** 9:30am Morning Prayer

**Tues. April 15—Holy Tuesday** 9:30am Morning Prayer

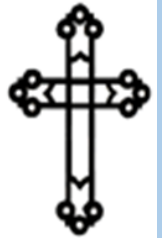
**Wed. April 16—Holy Wednesday** 9:30am Morning Prayer

**Thurs. April 17—Maundy Thursday** 12pm Agape Meal (must pre-book)  
7pm Holy Eucharist & altar stripping

**Fri. April 18—Good Friday** 11am Service with Seven Last Words

**Sun. April 20—Easter Sunday** 10am Holy Eucharist

To view services online go to our website: <https://st-pauls-lindsay.ca>



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