



# 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 the fall season.**





Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ!

This Season of Creation at St. Paul's began with our "Back to Church" service and Parish BBQ, but also with much concern for the state of creation immediately around us. While many at the BBQ asked me if I had had a good summer vacation, the second question that many asked was "were you affected by wild-fires?" Many also shared that they had been praying for me and my family while we were in New Brunswick. We were also praying for all of you when we heard of the fires in Kawartha Lakes. Who could believe that the forests and meadows

would be tinder dry after all the snow we had this past Winter!?!

Our focus on Creation, coupled with our prayers, seems like a natural space for us to occupy at this time. Wild-fires, droughts and failing crops are in our community and touch us directly. The reality of our lived experience is catching up to others in Equatorial and Far Northern regions of the globe where they experience the warming of our planet through rising sea levels, calving glaciers and more severe hurricanes. Into this, the Season of Creation speaks words of peace and hope.

The theme for 2025 is "Peace with Creation" and focuses on the writings of the prophet Isaiah and his visions of "a peaceful Creation where God's people live only when justice is achieved". The hope for this year is that we are able, with God's help, to move forward beyond the destruction that Creation has suffered at the hands of humankind and begin to transition into re-growth and abundance. In our diocese, this pairs wonderfully with Bishop Asbil's support and encouragement of the "Communion Forest Movement", an initiative adopted at the 2022 Lambeth Conference. It is a call for each parish across the worldwide Anglican Communion to consider what they might do to conserve, re-store, protect and grow in the context of our relationship with Creation. The possibilities here are almost endless. Currently in our parish the Spiritual Development Committee is considering ways for St. Paul's to enter into the initiative.

In the meantime, each one of us can respond to the call to live in peace with Creation by considering our own actions and praying for God's help to show us how to be better stewards of His Creation.

In Christian love,

*Rev Bonnie*



***Verse for Season of Creation 25 – Isaiah 32:14-18 (CEB)***

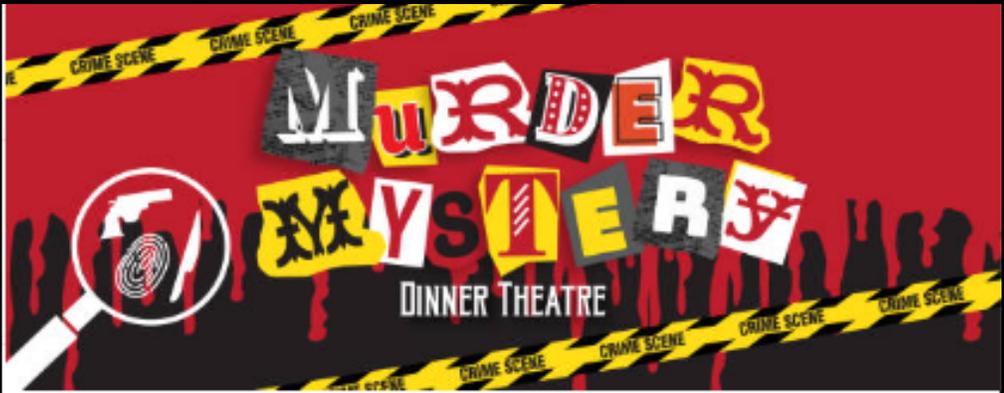
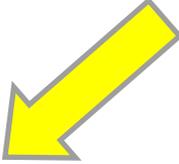
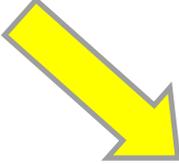
<sup>14</sup> The palace will be deserted, the crowded city abandoned. Stronghold and watchtower will become empty fields forever, suited for the pleasure of wild donkeys, and a pasture for flocks—

<sup>15</sup> until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the desert turns into farmland, and the farmland is considered a forest. <sup>16</sup> Then justice will reside in wild lands, and righteousness will abide in farmlands. <sup>17</sup> The fruit of righteousness will be peace, and the outcome of righteousness, calm and security forever. <sup>18</sup> Then my people will live in a peaceful dwelling, in secure homes, in carefree resting places.

<sup>1</sup> p. 10, "Season of Creation Celebration Guide 2025"



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



When I presided and preached in August, my homily held words relating to the theme of the 'cloud of witnesses' noted in the letter to the Hebrews—people of faith who have died, many martyred by terrible cruel deaths. It is an image about the truth that we do not walk alone. I moved to the phrase in the Apostles' Creed: the 'communion of saints'. I made note of this as an image referring not only to those who have gone before us but the living who surround us, who walk with us. I recall a date night at a restaurant when we saw a young couple spending more time on their phones than speaking to one another. It is an image of how even at a dinner some people seem to live in isolation rather than a sense of community. Yet that is the world we live in more and more. The struggles with getting young people off their screens and talking to one another can also extend to older people as well. Even on a date night.

As Christians, we are reminded many times that we live and move in community. The images of the cloud of witnesses and the communion of saints remind us we walk not alone. Those who have died pray for and with us, as do those who are alive. God's light enters into any darkness, if only a little; someone's life is changed, if only a little.

A faithful Anglican priest & monk, Dom Gregory Dix has written fine words about the Eucharist and this cloud of witnesses, this communion of saints of which the Christian is a part:

*"To those who know a little of Christian history probably the most moving of all the reflections it brings is not the thought of the great events and the well-remembered saints, but of those innumerable millions of entirely obscure faithful men and women, everyone with his or her own individual hopes and fears and joys and sorrows and loves—and sins and temptations and prayers—once every whit as vivid and alive as mine are now. They have left no slightest trace in this world, not even a name, but have passed to God utterly forgotten by men. Yet each of them once believed and prayed as I believe and pray and found it hard and grew slack and sinned and repented and fell again. Each of them worshipped at the Eucharist and found their thoughts wandering and tried again, and felt heavy and unresponsive and yet knew—just as really and pathetically as I do these things."*

You may feel quite alone on your journey, yet believe you are a member of a communion of saints, that a cloud of witnesses surrounds us. The dead and the living pray for us even when we are not able to pray ourselves. In God's eyes, each of us matters.

As the next Grapevine is not out til later in November, this reflection can be one to ponder anew on November 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints' Day) and November 2<sup>nd</sup> (All Souls' Day). At such times we commemorate the great Saints as well as loved ones who have died and carry us in their prayers—as we carry them in ours. Thanks be to God.

*Pax, Canon Greg*



## PLENTIFUL PANTRY—Thanksgiving Food Drive

Introducing “Plentiful Pantry.” This year our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is changing from the “Tower of Tins” to “Plentiful Pantry” and the recipient will be our St. Paul’s Pantry. We have seen an increasing demand throughout the year and have been receiving assistance with stocking the pantry from community members but still struggle at times to keep the pantry stocked. Help us stock a “plentiful pantry” this Thanksgiving! All food items are accepted, however items that are easy to eat or prepare are our priority. (see suggestions on pg. 18)

*Thank you for supporting this food drive!*



## DIOCESAN SERVICES & WORKSHOPS

### Lift Up Our Hearts:

**Two more services: Sept. 27 & Oct. 25.**

**LIFT UP OUR HEARTS**

Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m.

SEPT 27	<b>St. James, Orillia</b> The Rev. Dr. Rob Hurkmans, preacher
OCT 25	<b>St. Paul's Bloor Street</b> The Rev. Dr. Alvarado Adderley, preacher

Come together as a Diocese to **worship God** in wonderful music, inspirational preaching and the witness of God's people.

### Season of Spiritual Renewal

#### **Short-term workshops**

We're delighted to offer the following workshops on Wednesdays at noon.



**Especially for Lectors** with Judy Paulsen, Oct. 1.

**Hospitality and the Spiritual Life of a Church** with Janet Marshall, Oct. 8.

**Preaching Evangelistically** (two weeks) with Dr. John Bowen, Oct. 22 and 29.

**A New and Ancient Evangelism** with Judy Paulsen, Nov. 19.

You do need to register in advance to take part in these workshops. [https://](https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritualrenewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/)

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

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



Our Book Club enjoying  
an afternoon together on  
September 2, 2025.



Thanks to Lorna for sharing these photos!



## PARISHIONER PROFILE—DOUG READ



### **1. Briefly describe your bio (e.g. birthplace, family life, career, etc)**

- Born in Toronto – 1947 – East York Hospital – Suffered with polio 1950's;
- Grew up in “the new planned community” (1956) of Don Mills, Ontario; attended Don Mills C.I.
- No brothers or sisters (spoiled). One lovely Aunt and Uncle who we shared a cottage with near Bala, Muskoka.
- Graduated Toronto Metropolitan University (Ryerson) in 1970 in Hotel & Restaurant Management. Accepted a management training position with Four Seasons Hotels in London, England – 2 years;
- Worked in the industry for 47 years mostly in Ontario, as a Hotel General Manager;
- Married once and divorced once. No children. Never to take the plunge again. But I've amassed a multitude of friends and relatives around the world which I highly value; always including wonderful church families;

### **2. How long have you been a member of St. Paul's Lindsay?**

- I've been a member of St. Paul's Lindsay for five years now. I sit on the Management Team, Advisory Board, Chalice Servers, and Sidespersons (ushers), screening coordinator and synod representative. And help out where I can. This is a warm and comforting family of good people providing spiritual care and friendship;
- I retired 10 years ago this year to Peterborough but couldn't find suitable accommodation. I was a member of St. Luke's Peterborough for 5 years, prior to coming to Lindsay;
- Previously I spent 28 years at St. Peter's Erindale with the same rector – Jennifer Reid. I consider this my “home” parish, whilst of course having to ‘move on’. It might be of interest that our associate priest was Rev. Rick Miller and we got along fabulously. He taught me how to do the screening process;
- I grew up at St. Paul's Bloor Street in Toronto (seats 3,000). I sang in the choir as a young person along with my father under the leadership of Dr. Charles Peaker. The boy's choir would often be asked to sing for weddings and funerals generally under the direction of either Sir Ernest Macmillan or Dr. Healy Willan. We were each presented with a Canadian Silver dollar for our efforts. I was selected to attend the summer choir school for boys, at Trinity College Port Hope. Alas, when my voice broke around 12 or 13 years old, I couldn't begin to hold a note. And consequently, my singing career was over. Mind you, I have thousands of my favourite songs on Spotify;

### **3. What is one interest, hobby, or activity that you are passionate about? Why?**

- As you might imagine, polio left me on the side lines of most sports. Whilst I tried to keep up with my friends, I was often shunned by most teams, as ‘hopeless’. I've enjoyed hiking and camping and canoe paddling for most of my adult life and have put in hundreds and hundreds of miles with my little green canoe.
- In my younger years (1965), I was trained as a Race Car Track Marshall and logged quite a few races both in Canada and the USA. I eventually retired to be a spectator and have enjoyed hundreds of races in different parts of the World mostly Formula 1 races. My favourites being Monaco, Silverstone England, and Le Mans France;
- The only other sport I follow in the NFL. I'm afraid it is somewhat of a good thing that I'm single, because during the playoffs, I can be stuck in front of the TV for 32 hours of games over a weekend;



#### 4. Do you have a favourite bible passage, hymn, poem, book, quotation, memory, or tip you'd like to share? If so, what is it and what has it meant to you?

- As far as a favourite bible passage, I would have to say it is John 3:16. But really, there are so many;
- As previously explained regarding my singing and subsequent loss of voice, I no longer sing and am unfortunately a bit 'crusty' over music in the Church. At St. Peter's Erindale, we had a lovely quiet, service using the BCP with a small amount of professional 'canned' music which I find gives one more time to meditate.
- Having said that, music is still a huge part of my life. I mentioned that I have thousands of my favourite songs on Spotify. But if I was asked to name a couple of favourites in a religious context, I would have to say that I think Lauren Daigle: A superstar in contemporary Christian music, is one of the finest. I'm still trying to catch up to one of her concerts. And two songs that I think are so far over the top they are un-touchable are: "Hallelujah" sung by Lucy Thomas (England) (approx.100 million hits on You Tube), and "How Great Thou Art" sung by Vince Gill and Carrie Underwood. Look on You Tube for the version done at the Academy of Country Music Awards Show 2011 (Girls Night Out – Female Country Superstars) where they received a standing ovation from their peers.
- As far as books and reading are concerned, I was a TV junkie as a child and I don't think I read 3 books. However something happened in adulthood that could be described as crazy. I now read everyday and have literally read thousands of books over adulthood. There is no way I can pick one as being the all time greatest, but to give you an example of the type of writing I admire, I would probably use "The Book Of Negroes" as one of the finest out there. I also thought highly of books such as "The Glass Castle", "Life of Pi", "Pride and Prejudice", etc.
- My favourite quotation would have to be by Kahlil Gibran (from The Prophet): "Ever has it been that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation";
- I have hundreds of good memories and hundreds of bad memories, but I believe the memory that is most instilled in my mind, is watching the towers collapse at the World Trade Centre;

I humbly submit this Profile of myself, John Douglas Read, in the hopes that you found it entertaining, enlightening, funny, serious, and best described as a life well lived. As I'm well into my twilight years, I'm thankful that I have you all as friends to help me enjoy the pleasures of my life, and ease the burdens of my journey.

God's Blessings,

Doug Read

*Thanks Doug for sharing with us, and thanks for all you do at St. Paul's church: (management team, advisory board, screening coordinator, synod rep., usher, and chalice server). Wow!*





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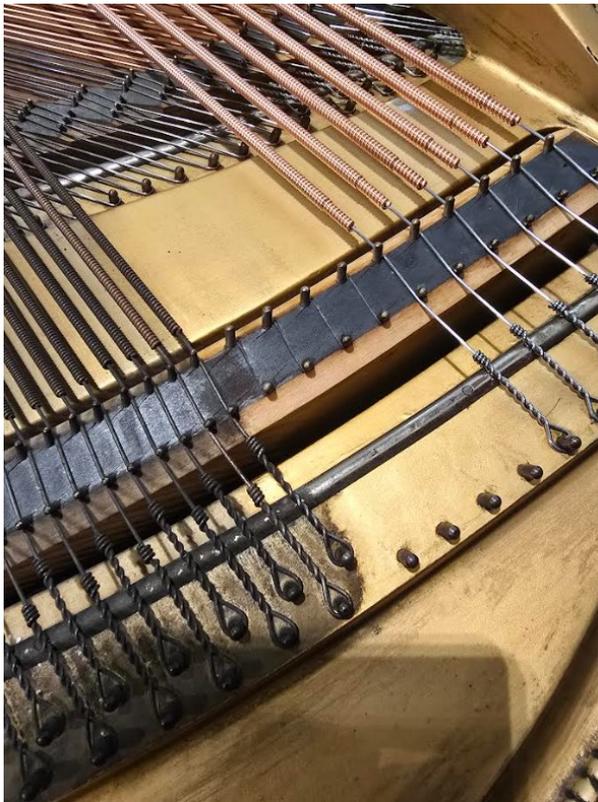
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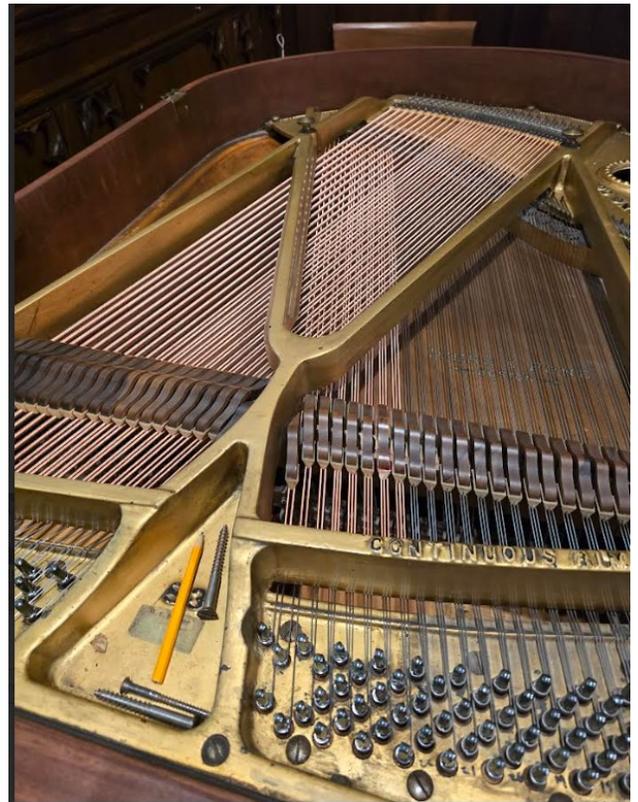


## SOME PHOTOS OF THE PIANO AND ORGAN REPAIRS

### OUR MULTI-TALENTED ARLENE HAS BEEN DOING!



Arlene had to replace many of the piano strings on the grand piano. The new strings are nice and shiny, and sound great!



Arlene also spent hours carefully checking & adjusting the oboe pipes, and then re-installing them back into the organ pipe slots. So nice to have the organ back to full sound capacity with all of the stops back where they belong!



**Here is Rev. Bonnie's Reflection on the favourite hymns our Parish members shared.**

## **Reflection for Hymn Sing, August 31, 2025 – Pentecost 12 (C)**

*Holy Spirit, take my words and speak to each person who hears, according to their need. Amen.*

What a joy it is to gather in worship of our God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to sing beloved songs which express the love and peace God has brought to our lives. A famous saint once said, that to sing is to pray twice pointing to praising God with both music and lyrics.

I have been so pleased, and a bit overwhelmed, at the response you have given to sharing your favourite hymns with me. When Arlene and I first put our heads together to start to plan what a hymn sing service might look like, we hoped that we would get 8 different hymns, that was the goal. We ended up with over 30 hymns, praise songs and even a Christmas carol (!), several of them being submitted multiple times. That's the good news! The other good news is that we are not going to sing all of them today. Instead, we are going to include them in our worship over the next several weeks, so please look for them either to be sung or played as preludes or postludes once we get back to our beloved organ. The only one that you are going to have to wait a little bit longer for is "Silent Night", but I promise the person who submitted that carol that you will indeed hear it before the year is out!

I also want to thank each of you who took time to reveal a little part of your faith journey with me in your answers to why these hymns are your favourites. I have been deeply moved in what was shared and so am going to share a bit of that with you now and then again over these next several weeks via the bulletin as your hymns make it into our weekly worship. All of this will remain anonymous, no names will be shared today or in the bulletin. But I think that one of the most important and encouraging parts of our journey with Christ is knowing that we are not alone, our brothers and sisters in Christ journey alongside us. I feel greatly blessed that my flock of shy Anglicans have entrusted me with these insights, so I share them to encourage others and to be a buoy in the storms of life.

Some of the hymns and praise songs that we will sing today are songs that people just like and don't get to hear. Responses to why they are a favourite were things like "has a great tune and the words are great too" for "We'll Sing in the Morning"; "I sang it at morning assemblies and love the melody" for "I Feel the Winds of God Today" (which I also have fond memories of singing at school); and songs that remind folks of Cursillo such as "Bind Us Together Lord" and "Here I Am to Worship". These are all warm, happy memories brought to life again by singing these songs.

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Others went a bit deeper, and as I share the responses, I am sure that each of you will concur with the sentiments. For “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” – “reminds me that God is with me always – gives me strength & courage to meet every day challenges”. For “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord” – “when I sing this hymn it quiets my mind and reminds me of God’s unwavering presence and reminds me I can rely on God during challenging times. For “Just As I Am” – “each time we seek God’s presence we come just as we are”. For “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” - “the lyrics are simple...the music is sweet and memorable...it speak of the [briefness] of life and the eternity of Jesus” and then quotes this lyric “and the things of earth will become strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace”. Amen to that!

The hymn that is included in our service today that comes as no surprise to anyone is “Amazing Grace”. It was selected more than any other. Some of the responses to why people love this song include how it reminds them of family members no longer with us, and others responded by saying “I wasn’t even searching for him, yet he found me. I couldn't understand why he would want someone like me, but he opened my eyes and changed my heart”. And another responded, “God saw the good in me I did not see in myself” and quoted the lines “’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.” Deeply powerful and moving and we are so blessed to have a hymn like this that allows us to express these thoughts that many, many people hold deep within themselves, which is what makes this hymn so powerful and relatable.

I think that the operative word in all that I have shared with you is “relatable”. The hymns that we love and touch our souls are able to do so because they are relatable. They express the words and ideas that we struggle to communicate ourselves. They are also memorable, something that Anglicans are big on – memorizing stuff. If we can sing to ourselves any of the opening lines of these hymns: be still for the presence of the Lord ; turn your eyes upon Jesus; here I am to worship; just as I am; amazing grace, etc. – then we have an instant balm for body, mind and spirit. So this morning I praise God for the gift of music in our lives and the way that it binds us together in our love of God and each other.

Let us pray,

Heavenly Father, thank you for the song in our hearts and the melodies that flow forth from us. Thank you for the voices and instruments that bring forth praise and worship. Help us to use this gift to your glory and to make it a balm upon the spirits of others. We praise your name as we sing of your Son, Jesus Christ and the mercy and grace that is His song of love, now and evermore. Amen.





# ST. PAUL'S SISTERHOOD

Shirley Hanes, Coordinator



Thanks to Shirley for sending in these photos of the Sisterhood members meeting and getting items ready to go to Women's Resources.



Shirley H.



Ursula R.



Carol N.



Items Sisterhood has ready to go to Women's resources.



Barb A. and Ursula R.

**Sisterhood** meets on Thursday afternoons for conversation, and fellowship over a cup of tea. They also knit beautiful mittens and other items that are donated to Women's Resources, Seafarers, etc. Speak to Shirley Hanes if you would like to join.





## CHURCH PROPERTY UPDATE

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



- 1) Let's start with good news and report as always; all rents are up to date.
- 2) 32 Glenelg eave trough has been repaired
- 3) 38 Glenelg eave trough and dead trees have been looked after.
- 4) Dyson Alarm will be in on Oct 22/25 to check smoke Alarms and Carbon Mon. detectors for Tenants.; done Spring/Fall
- 5) Heating systems for Tenants have been serviced for winter.
- 6) City advises new water meters required.  
32 Glenelg still not done due to road work
- 7) Church eave trough and flashing has been repaired
- 8) Wheel chair ramp at Midwives required repair and this has been done.

JUST SO YOU KNOW

Don Brohm

*Thanks Don & crew for doing such a great job looking after our church and rental buildings!*

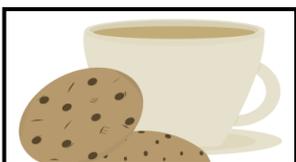


### **Designated Givings for September will benefit the **Kairos Jubilee Initiative.****

Kairos is a Canadian multi-faith organization that advocates for justice, in all its forms, in the least-developed parts of the world. Based on scripture (Lev. 25), Kairos is promoting the Jubilee Year of Debt Forgiveness in places where debt is one more unsustainable burden. Our support shows that we care too.



**Sanctuary Flowers** This is a reminder about sanctuary flowers. The signup sheet and envelopes are in the hall on the St. Paul's bulletin board. Providing memorial flowers in the sanctuary is a lovely way to remember our loved ones. Please speak to Marg Brohm if you have any questions about flowers for Thanksgiving or any time.



**Refreshment Time helpers:** The sign-up sheet is up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!



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# OUTREACH COMMITTEE by Gail Payne

Your Outreach Committee last met on Sept.14, 2025. We strive to reflect Christ's great love and compassion toward the disadvantaged and oppressed, on behalf of St. Paul's.

We are once again supporting Queen Victoria School by supplying nutritious snacks on Fridays. These consist of veggies and dip and a chunk of cheese. These are received with enthusiasm by staff and students. Thanks to our volunteers who prepare these.

Our food pantry continues to fill an obvious need in our community as it always empties quickly. St. Paul's Food Pantry will be the grateful recipient of our Fall Food Drive, or Plentiful Pantry as it will be called. Please continue your much appreciated support by contributing non-perishable items of several different kinds.

Good news! Rev. Bonnie has been advised that, as requested, we will receive 10 large print and 15 regular print editions of the Forward booklet by Nov.1, 2025.

Your Outreach committee has increased the Christmas gift for each of our 6 Foster Children. The increase is from \$50 to \$75 per child. We recently received news from Kevin in Honduras, David in Bolivia and Carlos in the Dominican. Many thanks to our loyal parishioners who keep up this important correspondence.

We have agreed to support 6 local children this Christmas through the Angel Tree program. We buy, wrap and deliver Christmas gifts on behalf of an incarcerated parent, at their request in order to keep their bond strong.

The diocesan Fall Outreach Conference will be presented online on Oct. 18. More details and registration can be accessed through the diocesan website.

The quarterly Allotments are as follows:

## Outreach

Local: Lindsay John Howard Society

National: Yukon Diocese

International: Stephen Lewis Found.

## Designated Givings

October: Foster Children

November: Women's Resources

December: Alongside Hope

Thank you all for your continued prayerful and financial support of St. Paul's Many Outreach programs. We welcome all to our quarterly meetings on the 1st Sundays of March, June, September and December. Micah 6:8

Matthew 25:31-40

<u>Suggested Items</u>	<u>St. Paul's Pantry</u>	<i>(no glass please)</i>
Peanut butter	Canned beans/lentils	Couscous, quinoa
Canned baked beans	Pasta	Rice
Cereal	Fruit cups	Instant oatmeal
Cup-o-Noodles	Nuts	Granola bars
Soup (can or dry)	Snack crackers (Goldfish)	Canned meat/fish
Dried fruit	Beef jerky	Baby food
Fruit roll ups	Canned fruit	Canned Vegetables



# Fall/Thanksgiving Children's Message

(from **Rings, Kings and Butterflies** by Harriet VanderMeer)

Submitted by Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

## Verse to Learn

They are like trees planted by streams of water which yield their fruit in its season and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do they prosper. Psalm 1:3

## A Children's Message

In autumn, as we rake yards, we find ourselves thinking about the fun we had in summer but also about doing things to prepare for winter. Lawn mowers may be replaced by snow shovels; swimsuits are put away and out come the jackets. We take screens down and put up storm windows. The animals also are getting ready for winter. Squirrels are madly racing around trying to find nuts to store for the winter. Some thicken up their coats and deepen their nests. Fruit like apples, pears, and peaches need to be picked and root vegetables dug up. The final crops are harvested as we prepare to live indoors rather than outdoors. People take the summer fruits and make jam from the berries or pickles from the cucumbers. Some people put extra food for the winter in fruit cellars. School kids settle in for the long haul of school. The leaves that we rake up remind us that summer is over, autumn is here, and winter is coming. They also remind us that life is moving on, from one year to another, from one age to another, from being young to getting old.

Many trees are mentioned in the Bible: oak, almond, balsam, olive, palm, cedar, walnut, sycamore, and boxwood. Some trees provided food, and some offered healing. Twigs were used to make baskets, and wood was used for building homes and temples. God used trees to teach us lessons. The first trees we read about in the Old Testament were in the Garden of Eden: the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Trees were involved in changing the world from good to evil. In the New Testament, the most important tree, a tree that also changed the world, was the tree that became a cross on which Jesus was crucified. That tree helped save us from death and give us everlasting life.

The falling leaves remind us that seasons change and that we need to prepare for the next one. Leaves also remind us that spring will come and buds will appear, blossoms will emerge, and leaves will break out in beauty. Trees remind us that God has saved us from sin and has given us a beautiful world. God gives us life and takes care of us in death. We are like God's trees: God plants us, helps us to grow and blossom, to be fruitful and productive, to be strong and beautiful in every season. God helps us change and adapt to every season of our lives.

## Pray with Children

Dear God, thank you for the beauty of this earth and the beauty of the skies. Thank you for every detail of each season of the year and of our lives. Thank you for preparing the way for us. Amen

## To do Together

Search for many different leaves and other natural objects that fall from the trees identify, describe, and display them on paper or in a box; or make a collage with them. Choose a favorite leaf. Frame it and draw, paint, or write about it. Find many references to leaves in the Bible. (Plus: Colouring activity on page 20)





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

The Events Team: Get your tickets for our **Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre!**

**SAVE THE DATES!!!**



Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre **Oct. 25**

Christmas Concert & Tea **Nov. 22**

Breakfast with Santa **Dec. 13**

Christmas Day Dinner **Dec. 25**

Communications: **Our main sources of communication available to you!**

**Sunday Church Bulletin (Order of Service):** Handed out, or available on website & Facebook.

**Parish Happenings:** A general newsletter from the church office (also on the website)

**Outdoor Sign:** Short message on what is happening now or soon at St. Paul's.

**Website:** Lots of information!!! [www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca](http://www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca)

**Facebook:** Service links, events, & more! <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulslindsay>

**Grapevine:** Our seasonal newsletter with lots of information, photos, etc. (on website)

Of course the best communication is always in person at church with others.

### Marketing:

Diane is continuing to send ads and event information to our local media or community organizations/groups each month, on behalf of the church.

Events Team: Event Coordinators also have a role in ensuring their individual events are well-promoted at the church, and locally. Plus, letting Diane know if they have a poster that can be added to the church website, Grapevine, etc. too.

**Thanks to everyone who contributed to this Grapevine Issue!!!**

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## Did you know....that 2026 marks our 190th anniversary?!?

We are looking for 3 people to form an Anniversary Committee and work alongside the Events Committee to plan 2 or 3 events as we celebrate 190 years of Anglican worship and outreach in Lindsay. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please speak with Rev. Bonnie.

**Sound and Live Stream** We are still looking for people to take on a once a month role in worship as part of the sound/livestream team beginning in January. Live stream has been simplified. Please contact Arlene in the office.



Choir get-together Thursday night to say goodbye and wish Ruth G. the very best. Ruth will be relocating to another town in the near future.

Ruth: Please come back to sing with us—anytime you are back for a visit! We will miss your lovely voice in our soprano section.



Liam & Rev. Bonnie learning the handbells.



Some of the handbells.



Arlene tuning the piano.





Beautiful fall colours and gardens at St. Paul's on Sept. 18, 2025!



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## WEEKLY SERVICES

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

Sunday Sept. 28 —Pentecost 16 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Oct. 5 —Pentecost 17 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Oct. 12 —Harvest Thanksgiving 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Oct. 19 —Pentecost 19 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Oct. 26 —Pentecost 20 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Nov. 2 —All Saints Sunday 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Nov. 9—Remembrance Sunday 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Nov. 16 —Pentecost 23 10am Holy Eucharist

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