



# The Grapevine

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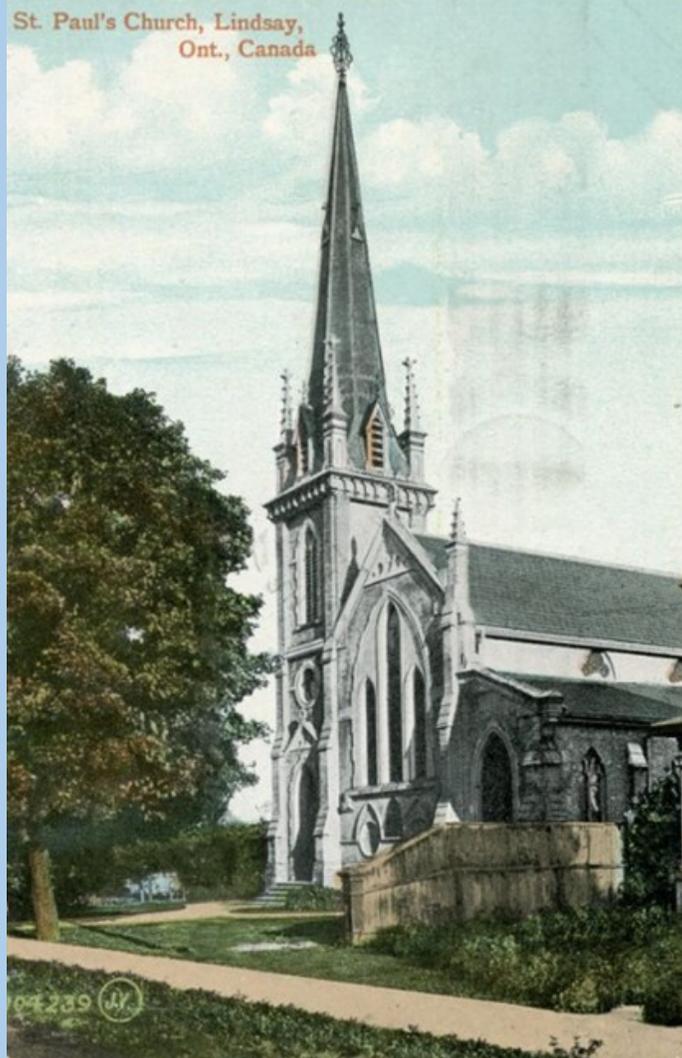
*I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5*

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## ST. PAUL'S 190TH ANNIVERSARY (1836—2026)



1909 Postcard of St. Paul's Church on Russell Street.

This church was built in 1885, replacing the original church on Kent Street. It opened for service on Wed. Nov. 25th, 1885.



**May God bless you and your family this year!**





Happy New Year!

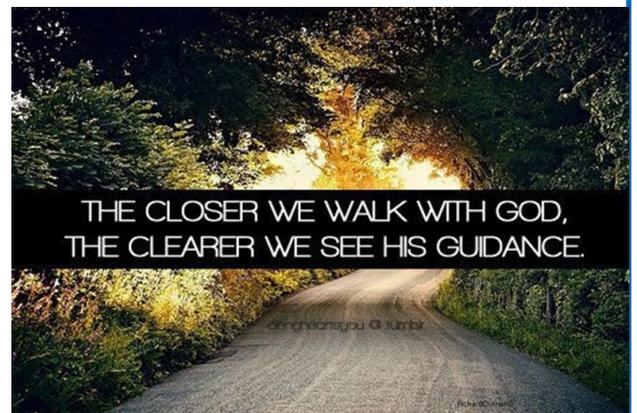
Ring in a new year is always a wonderful time of celebration. There is something special about the prospect of a new year and a new beginning. For some folks, a new year also brings a chance to make resolutions as we reflect on who we are and what we can do better. A resolution is something that we resolve to do, something we decide for ourselves that we are going to undertake. This might focus on relationships, finances, health, education or maybe our spiritual life.

As the Season of Spiritual Renewal for the diocese finished with the Feast of the Epiphany, this is an excellent time to take the next step on your spiritual journey with a resolution regarding what you might do this year to progress spiritually. Below are three suggestions:

- ◆ Practice speaking to others about your faith – this is something that is easiest to begin with people who you know are at the same place as you spiritually, perhaps someone who you consider to be safe. As you become more practiced and confident in talking about your faith, you can begin to widen your circle.
- ◆ Encourage family members to come closer to God – we often take teaching children about God seriously, but this is the responsibility of every Christian to every other Christian regardless of age. Our baptismal vows include proclaiming by word and example the good news of God in Christ and seeking and serving Christ in all persons. Encouraging our parents, children and grandchildren to come to church with us shows them how important faith is to us and proclaims this by example.
- ◆ Take up the practice of the Daily Examen – as mentioned in my homily for the Feast of the Epiphany, the Daily Examen is a spiritual practice developed by St. Ignatius. It requires sitting quietly in the evening or at bedtime and reviewing each aspect of your day, looking for where God was present. An excellent source of more information can be found at <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen/>.

Whatever you resolve to do this new year, may it bring you peace and joy and a step closer to Jesus. I leave you with this verse, “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6)

In Christian love,  
Rev Bonnie



## Congratulations to Dr. Gail Payne!



Gail received the **Order of the Diocese of Toronto** on Jan 1, 2026.

**Bishop Riscylla presented Gail with her medal, and read the statement sent in from our parish:** “Dr. Gail Payne has been nominated by the Bishop for being an excellent example of Christian love in service and faith in action. Her gifts are used widely touching many in the parish as an anointer, lay reader, pastoral visitor, Eucharistic minister, chair of the Outreach committee, refugee sponsor and champion of the environment as well as Indigenous relations. On a Diocesan level, her efforts resulted in A Place Called Home becoming a Faithworks ministry.”

*Thank you Gail, for all you do for St. Paul’s, and others! A well-deserved honour!*

### Remembrance Day Service on Nov. 9th:



Parishioner Lynne James, a Vietnam veteran from the Royal Australian Navy, gave a reflection. Guest musician Martin Neuland played the trumpet.



### Christmas Dinner Photo



**Dawn shared this photo taken at our Christmas Dinner event!** Thanks to the three of you, and to all of our volunteers for helping bless many local people with a wonderful meal!



The Choir’s Christmas get-together after rehearsal on Dec. 18th.

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## PARISH ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY Jan. 2026

**INCUMBENT:** The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt  
**HONORARY ASSISTANTS:** The Rev. Canon Greg Physick  
 The Rev. Susan Tate  
**PARISH MANAGEMENT TEAM:** Rev. Bonnie Skerritt  
**WARDENS:** Rector's Warden (Interim) Betty Hooper  
 People's Warden Paul Carpentier  
**TREASURER:** (Interim) Paul Carpentier  
**BOOKKEEPER:** Megan O'Neill  
**OFFICE ADMIN. ASSISTANT:** Arlene Gray  
**ENVELOPE SECRETARY:** Marlene Wood & Marg Brohm  
**CHURCH CUSTODIAN:** Don Brohm  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Arlene Gray  
**WEBMASTER:** Diane Stecher

**ADVISORY BOARD:** Chairperson  
**ARCHIVES:** Ian McKechnie  
**AV-COORDINATOR & SOUND BOARD**  
**BIBLE STUDY / PRAYER GROUPS:**  
 The Seekers Gail Payne  
**CHANCEL GUILD:** Marg Brohm  
**CHOIR REP:** Don Chase  
**COFFEE HOUR CO-ORDINATOR (Sundays)** Donna Williams & Eileen Grace

**COMMUNICATIONS GROUP:** Chairperson Diane Stecher  
 Newsletter 'The Grapevine' – Editor Diane Stecher  
**CONNECTIONS (formally E.T.A.)** Donna Gushue  
**FAITH & FRIENDSHIP:** Rev. Bonnie Skerritt  
**FELLOWSHIP TEAM (Sisterhood, etc.)** Shirley Hanes  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Rev. Bonnie  
**HOSPITALITY (Long Term Care, Funerals)** Heather Burnham  
**LECTORS:** Beverly Baxter

**ORDINARY JANES & JOES:** Don Brohm  
**OUTREACH: Advisory Rep.** Gail Payne  
**PASTORAL CARE REPRESENTATIVE:** Rev. Bonnie Skerritt  
**PROPERTY MANAGER:** Don Brohm  
**SCREENING IN FAITH COORDINATOR:** Doug Read  
**SERVERS GUILD:** Clergy  
**SIDESPERSONS, GREETERS/COUNTERS:** John Sale

**SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM: contact person** Barb Truax  
**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Rev. Bonnie Skerritt  
**ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB:** Lorna Green  
**ST. PAUL'S KITCHEN OPERATIONS** Paul Carpentier  
**SYNOD DELEGATES:** Doug Read & Lorna Green  
**VERGER:**  
**WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

Please visit the church office 9am—12 noon (Tues—Thurs), or call (705) 324-4666 to reach Rev. Bonnie, or one of our church leaders. Thank you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



Lunch 12—1:30pm

Dinner 5—6:30pm

### Ash Wednesday—Feb. 18, 2026

Service at 7pm

### Annual Vestry Meeting—Feb. 22, 2026

Social Justice Vestry motion 2026—available in the main hall, or on the Diocese website.

### World Day of Prayer—March 6, 2026

We will be hosting this year.

### 🎵 Like to sing, or learn to play the handbells? 🎵

Now is the perfect time to join our church choir, or handbell group!!! Speak to Arlene or Ken.

Choir: (led by Arlene Gray)

Thursdays 7pm

Handbell Group: (led by Ken Gray)

Thursdays 3:45—4:15pm (beginners)

4:15—5pm (experienced)

### Next Grapevine Issue:

March 2026

Please remember to take photos of church group meetings, events, etc. for the Grapevine!



## The Canon's Corner: The Rev. Canon Greg Physick Jan. '26



We have once again followed the star and found ourselves at the manger. We need not go on about that recent journey each. The main point is that we embarked on that journey with its wonder and anticipation, some stress of course but certainly one holding joy but also sad moments. To use the image of an empty chair, the poignant memories of loved ones who have died wash over us as we feel their absence at our tables. Yet, we raise a glass, and know we were blessed. We loved and were loved.

We are in the season of Epiphany, beginning with its story of Wise Men from the East who followed the star and found themselves kneeling before the Holy Child. I recall a theme preached some 50 years ago at a clergy gathering by our then diocesan bishop, Lewis Garnsworthy. He moved from the literal reading of the magi returning home by another road to a figurative reading of that: yes, another road to travel, yet as they had been in the presence of the divine on that visit, they were changed for all time, their souls touched with the mystery of it all. Yes, they went home by another road, yet also in another way—they were no longer the men they were when they started the journey.

We know the story they had just discovered. We have heard it and entered into it year after year after year. The theme of 'another road', literally and figuratively, is written about in the current Forward Day by Day devotional many enjoy using daily. We read these words:

*'The message of the angels—God's unconditional grace and favor to all of humanity--matter not a whit if it doesn't fundamentally change things in our lives and world. The good news must be made manifest and visible....., painted for all to see on the canvas of our lives.'*

How has this recent journey changed you, changed me? How will we live our lives in this new year? We do not know what the Wise Men did or said when they returned to their homes in the East (Persia as some believe). But they did go home changed, for they had been in the awesome presence of the one we believe to be both human and divine, God in human flesh. We see the Incarnation as being for all humankind, not only the people of Israel. The Wise Men represent the 'other', the Gentile world. They represent us.

May we travel new roads in new ways for once again, we have beheld "God's unconditional grace and favor...". Let us continue to do so, for as an old saying goes: Wise men and women still seek Him.

Pax, Canon Greg



## Nov. 22 Christmas Tea & Concert

Thanks to everyone who helped with our Christmas Tea & Concert! Thanks to Arlene for organizing a wonderful concert featuring Brass Chamber members, Kawartha Lakes Singers members, Ruth F. on violin, and Arlene & Ken on handbells.



Photos sent in by Lorna G., and Bev. B. (Thanks)



## PEOPLE'S WARDEN LETTER by Paul Carpentier

As we begin this new year I pray God's blessing upon each member of our St. Paul's Family, our tenants and our beautiful church. May we each grow in Faith and may our membership increase!

My New Year started off on a very happy note. Phyllis and I were fortunate to be in attendance as the following was read by Bishop Riscylla in St. James cathedral during the presentation of 35 Order of the Diocese of Toronto (ODT) medallions on New Years Day:

*"Dr. Gail Payne has been nominated by the Bishop for being an excellent example of Christian love in service and faith in action. Her gifts are used widely touching many in the parish as an anointer, lay reader, pastoral visitor, Eucharistic minister, chair of the Outreach committee, refugee sponsor and champion of the environment as well as Indigenous relations. On a Diocesan level, her efforts resulted in A Place Called Home becoming a Faithworks ministry."*

We are so blessed to have Gail and Peter in our congregation; they are such an excellent example of Faith in action and how to serve with humility. Their combined efforts have made a very positive change in many lives.

I would like to recognize the other members of our congregation that have received the ODT in the past: Barb Truax, Don Brohm and Ethel Morris. Thank you for the many roles in which you continue to serve Jesus, this church and this community.

Our parish is now blessed with a second "Honorary Assistant". The Reverend Susan Tate joins our beloved Canon Greg Physick in supporting Rev. Bonnie and our congregation. Thank you, Susan and Greg, for continuing to use your gifts here at St. Paul's, even as you are in retirement. We are grateful to each of you.

I would also like to take the time to thank those who stepped-up at last year's vestry and volunteered to assist Don Brohm and myself in keeping the janitorial duties in-house and saving the parish over \$8,000. Thank you Donna Williams, Carol Hughes, Kim Walsh, Jim Allen and Doug Read. Collectively a terrific job has been done in the upkeep of our facility.

Thank you to Rev. Bonnie and Ray Marshall for convening the Christmas Tea/Concert and our new venture "Breakfast with Santa". Thank you Arlene (Gray) for lining up a very impressive group of local talent and the amazing program you presented at the Christmas Tea/Concert.

Thank you to all the volunteers and those who made donations to the Christmas dinner. Again, we made a lot of people happy by feeding both the Body and the Soul. We fed 117 guests and 33 volunteers using 150 lbs of turkey, 37 lbs of ham, 45 lbs vegetables, 70 lbs of potatoes, 3 gallons of gravy, 45 lbs of stuffing, 4 gallons of cranberries and a whole lot of desserts. Phyllis' cheesecake and the Christmas pudding were the favourites!

Vestry will be happening shortly after the Pancake Supper, and I ask you to be open to any requests the Nominating Committee may ask you to consider. It is only by sharing the workload that things get done. Please be the "Someone" who steps up to do part of the tasks!

You will have noted that the books have been cleared from the library and the area is being de-cluttered. The main hall and the washroom halls have been freshly painted, at no cost to the church. The same will soon happen to the lower hall.

Finally, I wish to recognize, and thank, Tom Ross for all the help he has been giving me with the finances. My skill set is limited in this field, and I hope my days as Interim Treasurer (since Nov 1/24) are coming to an end very soon.



## PARISHIONER PROFILE— DON CHASE

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

I was born in Peterborough, ON. on May 14, 1955, the second youngest of 5 boys and 1 girl. We grew up in Omemee and attended Christ Church in Omemee, where I sang in the choir for a short time. My third oldest brother William Patrick drowned in Omemee at age 17 in 1970, and we moved to Lindsay. We lived at 42 Kent East for 36 years and moved to 287 Angeline N. in 2006. I graduated from LCVI in 1973, and worked at John McCrae Ltd. for 5 years. Then went to Bonar Plastics for 10 years, and Binney and Smith (Crayola) for 12 years. I became self-employed in 2000 and 2024 was my 50th year working in the “trades”. I still run a Machine and Welding business.



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

I have attended St. Paul’s since 1978 when I joined the choir.

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

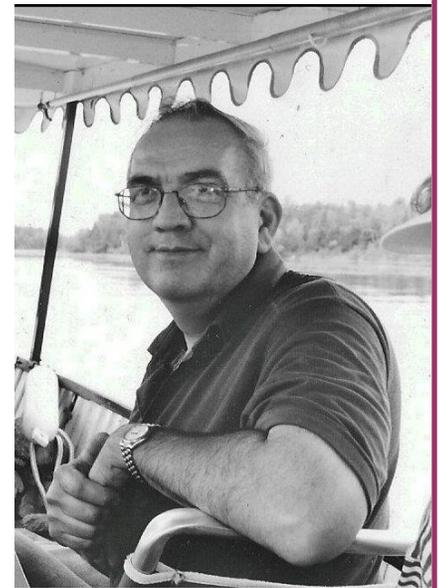
Music has been my passion for ever as I also joined the Community Choir in 1979. Two songs that are special to me are: “Trouble in the Amen Corner” by Tex Ritter, and “Alleluia” by the Gaitlin Brothers. They are available on YouTube—have a listen and see how they speak to you.

### **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?**

I have a 24 ft. steamboat in my shop, that is according to Ian McKechnie, the last surviving streamer in the Kawartha Lakes. I re-tubed the boiler in 2000, and purchased the boat in 2004. (Please visit my Facebook business page to see more photos and projects I’ve done: **Don’s Machinshop Services**)



Thank you Don for all of the wonderful ways you have supported our parish over the years! As a Choir member and Cantor, member of our Properties’ Team, former Church Warden, and much more! Enjoy some time off this month. Bless you! 😊



Donald Chase  
This picture was taken on the steamboat just after I re-tubed the boiler.



# Our St. Paul's Family:

## FROM OUR PARISH REGISTERS:

### CHURCH FUNERALS:

Date of death:

Nov. 18, 2025 Robert Ian Pepper  
Nov. 27 Douglas David Powell  
Dec. 27 Bruce Edward Peck  
Jan. 7, 2026 Hazel Armstrong

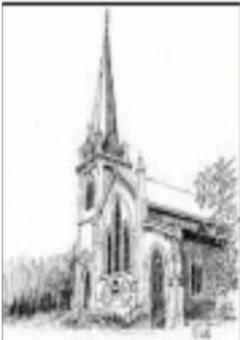
*Go in peace.*

*Mark 5:34*

## **UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS.....** **(January —March)**



Jeannette Bowrin  
Ken Gray  
Marg Brohm  
Ian McKechnie  
Jim Buchanan  
Margaret Elizabeth Hurlburt  
Betty Drummond  
Ross Graham



**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.*

*Please see Arlene in the church office if you want to speak to Rev. Bonnie, or a church leader. Thank you.*

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

*Happy Anniversary*

Rev. Bonnie & Michael Skerritt



**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 January through March 2026.

### **Church Office Hours:**

**Tuesdays—Thursdays**

**9am—12 noon**

*Arlene Gray, Office Admin. Assistant.*



### **Wet or snowy Boots and Outdoor Shoes:**



Please remove wet boots or shoes once inside the church. This helps keep the floors dry, clean and safer to walk on!

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

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



## 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL'S

1836

If this year is your birth year, you share it with a number of interesting events and people.

Things that happened 190 years ago....

The Battle of the Alamo



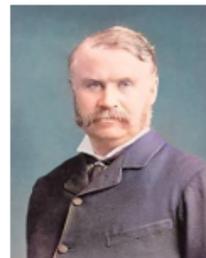
The Arc de Triomphe was dedicated in Paris

Charles Darwin's epic journey on the HMS Beagle reaches Australia and returns to England by year's end



Famous people born this year...

W. S. Gilbert of Gilbert & Sullivan fame



French Impressionist artist, James Tissot (self-portrait)

English painter, Sir Edward Poynter



And most importantly...

Anglican worship is established in the newly settled town of Lindsay in the form of St. Paul's, beginning 190 years of worship !



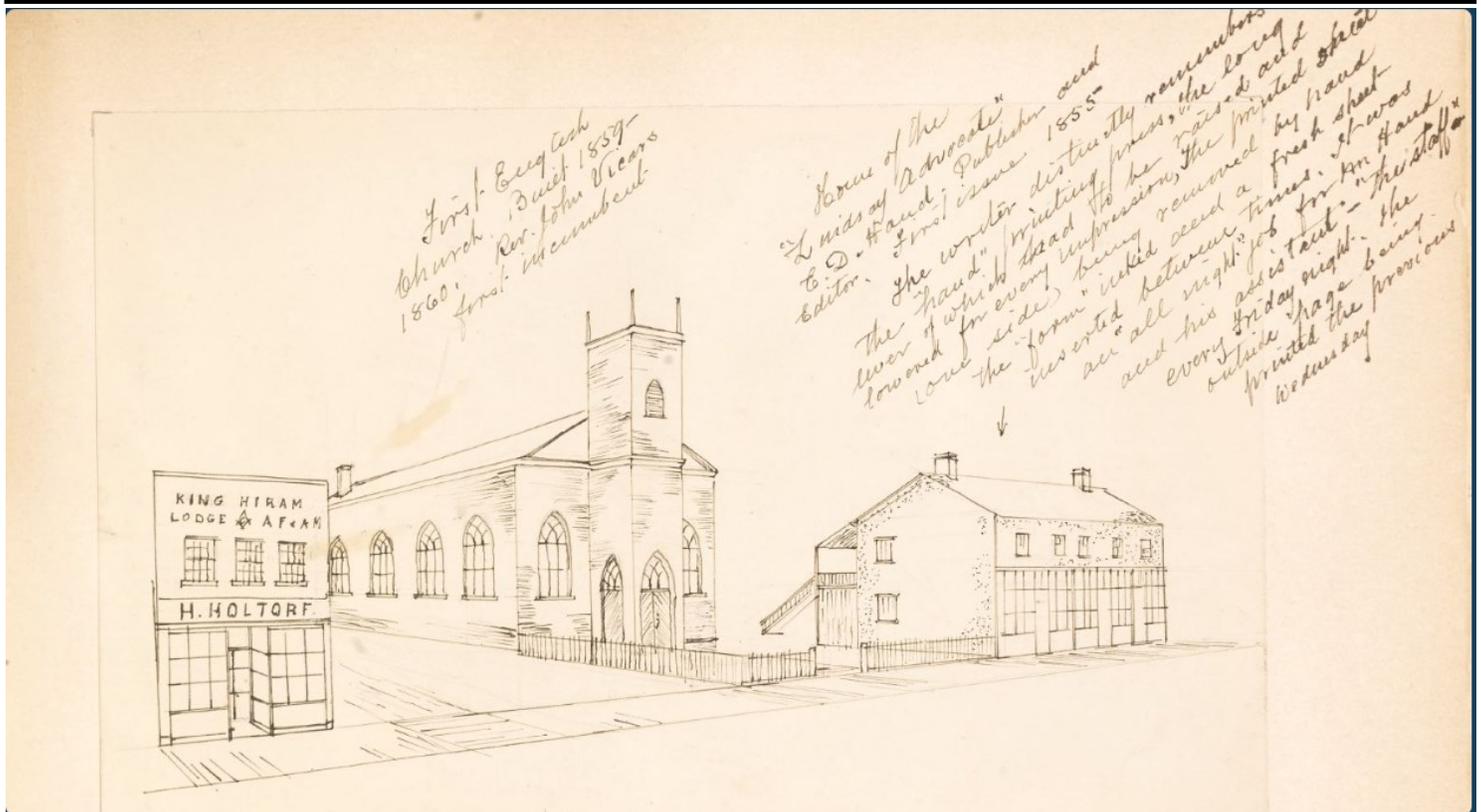
In 2026 Google AI wrote of St. Paul's, "Today, St. Paul's Anglican Church remains a welcoming, historical landmark in downtown Lindsay, offering accessible services and continuing its long tradition of faith in the Kawarthas". This testimony is gleaned from what others say about us online, and shows that after 190 years St. Paul's still has a mission in this community.

So please join me throughout this year in celebrating this amazing accomplishment, culminating in a special anniversary service on November 22<sup>nd</sup> with Bishop Riscylla Shaw presiding.

Long live St. Paul's!

The Rev'd Bonnie Skerritt

**1860 Sketch of the original St. Paul's Church**—a large white frame church built in 1859 on the south side of Kent Street. By the mid-1880's, the church was deteriorating badly and was overcrowded. The congregation was divided on what to do (repair or sell it). Rev. Weston-Jones, rector, helped begin plans to build a new church. Mr. Adam Hudspeth, a parishioner donated land on Russell Street and by 1885 a new St Paul's Church was built and had it's dedication service on November 25, 1885. *D. Stecher, ed.*



South side of Kent Street c.1860, including the original St. Paul's Anglican Church

Image from: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/>

Info. from St. Paul's 175th Souvenir History booklet



### [1. Unsung Heroes of St. Paul’s: Roma Page \(1925-2021\)](#) by Ian McKechnie

Suppose a televised trivia game were to be developed by St. Paul’s, Lindsay (and a parish-wide trivia night might actually be a fun way of raising funds and fostering fellowship!). In the tradition of Jeopardy, players would first be given an answer and would as such have to respond with a question.

“Roma Page,” intones the host, looking over at the hopeful crew of contestants. Some of them scratch their heads, mystified. “Might this have something to do with the Romani people?,” wonders one person. “Sounds like the name of a Bond girl,” someone else mutters to themselves, cynically.

“Who was the organist at St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Lindsay, during the Second World War?” asks the third contestant. And he or she would be right.

Though she has largely become a footnote, Roma Page left an indelible mark on parish’s music ministry over the course of the five or so years that she occupied the organ bench. Born in Toronto in 1925, Roma was something of a prodigy. Under the tutelage of the renowned Dr. Charles Peaker, Roma undertook piano and organ studies at the Royal Conservatory of Music as a teenager. At 15, she became the organist at the Church of the Nativity in her native city; by 1942 or early 1943, Roma had been appointed as the organist of St. Paul’s, Lindsay. She was only 17 years old at the time.

Why Roma came to Lindsay when surely more lucrative positions could be found in a larger population centre is something of a mystery. Did she know someone in the area? Would she have lived in Lindsay during those years, or did she make a commute up from Toronto by train? One surviving bulletin from this time period lists a local telephone number beside Roma’s name, but a newspaper article from 1946 implies that she was still living in Toronto. It may be that she boarded with someone while in town for choir practice and Sunday morning worship.

Regardless of how she came to Lindsay, Roma’s tenure at St. Paul’s was marked by many musical moments that were documented for posterity in programmes now residing in St. Paul’s archives. Sunday bulletins from the latter part of 1945 reveal that she played a series of organ recitals at St. Paul’s during the Advent and Christmas seasons. There was much to celebrate that year; the war had ended and St. Paul’s commemorated the 60th anniversary of its church building. (1945 also marked the fortieth anniversary of St. Paul’s pipe organ, which had been installed by Breckels & Matthews firm in 1905; it would remain in use until being replaced by the present Keates organ in 1958.)

In 1946, Roma led the St. Paul’s junior choirs in winning the “Alderman Charles Walton Shield” at the Toronto East Music Festival. She also continued her musical education while serving in Lindsay; an article in the March 4, 1946, issue of The Lindsay Daily Post indicates that she took First Class Honours in Grade V Theory “in examinations held recently by the Toronto Conservatory of Music in Lindsay”.

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1947 saw Roma Page leave St. Paul's, Lindsay, for a post at St. Paul's, Bloor Street, in Toronto, where she presided at the console of one of Canada's largest pipe organs. A few years later, Roma was off to Paris, where she studied under the famous French organist and composer, Marcel Dupré. At Dupré's recommendation, Roma was appointed as the director of music at the British Embassy Church in Paris – a far cry from the edifice at 45 Russell Street West she had worked at less than a decade earlier!

From the 1950s into the 1980s, Roma – who married Norman Lynde in 1951 – held several posts as organist at Anglican, Presbyterian, and United churches in suburban Toronto; from 1960 through 1969 she served as organist at Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple. Roma Page's ministry of music was truly both ecumenical and inter-faith. Roma was always ready to share her musical gifts well beyond the walls of the church, and for a few years in the early 1970s, Roma conducted The Travelling Choristers, a 60-voice youth choir that performed around southern Ontario and into Quebec. She taught music until 1996 and for the next 25 years worshipped at St. James Cathedral, Toronto.

Roma Page Lynde died in 2021, nearly 80 years after she began making her mark on St. Paul's, Lindsay. Her story reminds us that though “we are a mist that appears for a little while” in a parish, we can make an impact with the gifts our Lord has bestowed upon us.

**Note:** I am grateful to Deborah McCallum, daughter of Roma, for the additional biographical information that helped me construct a fuller picture of Roma's life.

*Ian McKechnie*

**Photo of Roma Page**

Ian believes the photo dates from 1947—1950, and would be of Roma playing at the organ console of St. Paul's Bloor Street. (Photo was on her obituary page for Armstrong Funeral Home)



**Santa's Breakfast Event Photos (Dec. 13)**



Thanks to all who helped at our first Santa's Breakfast!





## ST. PAUL'S SISTERHOOD by Shirley Hanes



Many thanks to everyone that supported our mini Craft / Bake sale at the end of November. Our group is small and it's getting more difficult for us to do the things like this as we've done in the past. The proceeds go to purchase materials and a flower fund.

Due to illness within our group we were unable to pack our personal care and activity bags for Women's Resources in time for Christmas. However this past week we delivered 40 bags to the Centre. The staff are so helpful by coming out to the car to carry it all in. We also contributed the remaining knitted sweaters etc. to Women's Resources. As we were packing up the bags we noticed we are now out of toothbrushes. We are always grateful for any contributions from dental appointments. Please keep us in mind so that we may replenish our supply for June when we do this again. Any help our parish family can give us is a great help.

We still meet at noon, bringing our own lunch, until about 2:00 p.m. Tea and cookies are always on and we invite any woman in the parish to join us on a Thursday afternoon for friendship and fellowship.

Happy New Year everyone!



### CHANCEL GUILD REPORT



The Chancel Guild is responsible for preparing the church each week for the Sunday church service, clearing up after the service as well as any special services during the week such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, funerals and weddings. As we have eight volunteers working in teams of two we are on duty for one week a month. Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas we all work together to decorate the church. If this ministry would be one that interests you please speak to Rev. Bonnie or me or one of the members of the guild and we can discuss any questions you might have. New members are always welcome.

If you wish to donate flowers in memory of loved ones please note the flower calendar and envelopes on the bulletin board in the main hall. Fill in the information and place it on the collection plate or speak to a Chancel member and they will take your request. Thank you to everyone who donated for flowers over the past year. If you have any questions please speak with me. God Bless.

Marg Brohm

### Designated Givings #215 January: to the *Alzheimer's Society of Kawartha Lakes.*

Almost all of us know of someone—perhaps a person very dear to us—who has been diagnosed with dementia. Imagine if we could prolong whatever is now positive in their life. This is how the Alzheimer Society helps: with specially designated programs and very practical guidance for friends and family. Our donation helps strengthen this service. (Please remember to write the 215 NUMBER CODE on the "Designated Giving" line of your envelope.) Thanks!

**Announcement from our Treasurer: Re: Cheques** The bank has requested that all cheques made out to the church say **St. Paul's Church** only no "Anglican" no "Lindsay". Thanks Paul C.





## CHURCH PROPERTY UPDATE



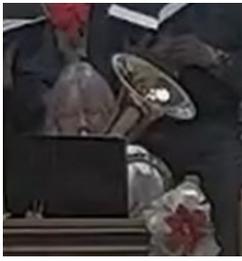
Don Brohm, Property Manager, assisted by Ray Marshall, Don Chase, and Paul Carpentier

- 1) Let's start with good news and report as always; all rents are up to date.
- 2) 34 Glenelg -- Found to have a leaking water pipe in the basement, which we had repaired.
- 3) Boilers in Church required new Pressure Relief Valves. Valves are to be replaced every 5 years.
- 4) Pipe Organ Blower has been greased and circulating Pumps have been oiled.
- 5) City advises new water meters required. 32 Glenelg still not done due to road work still outstanding; plan on reviewing with Double R Plumbing.
- 6) Property Group is made up of myself; Don Chase; Paul Carpentier; Ray Marshall

JUST SO YOU KNOW

Don Brohm

**Lessons & Carols Service:** Thanks to our readers. Thanks to Arlene, the choir and guest musicians.



**Vocal Quartet:** Arlene, Ken, Yasmine & Derek    **Bell Quartet:** Arlene, Ken, Yasmine & Diane    **Violin:** Ruth    **Baritone Horn:** Diane

**Cantor:** Cynthia    **St. Paul's Choir:** Arlene (director), Cynthia, Suzanne, Shirley, Diane, Paul, Ken, & Don

**Readers:** Ethel, Tom, Suzanne, Paul, Rev. Bonnie, Ken, and Lorna.



# OUTREACH COMMITTEE by Gail Payne

Your Outreach Committee last met on Nov. 30, 2025 as we continue to extend St. Paul's caring to others in our community and world.

Stamp Out Poverty: We continue to collect used stamps for this program. Jim Allen kindly reviews, with his expertise, the contributed stamps. He sells any of particular value and returns the profits to Outreach to send on to Oxfam.

Queen Victoria School: We still provide nutritious snacks to students of Queen Victoria School on Fridays. Thanks for a recent donation of apple sauce pouches from a Tai Chi member and supplemented by 2 parishioners. This enabled us to supply these as Christmas treats for the students. We thank our neighbourhood dentist for clothing contributions to King Albert School.

Food Cupboard: We have recently increased the frequency with which we fill the outdoor pantry in order to meet increasing needs. As a result, we are asking that parishioners remember to bring in non-perishable food items whenever possible to meet local needs with this important ministry. We thank neighbouring Post Office workers for their contributions to the pantry.

Foster Children: There have been no changes with our children but we have received correspondence from Carlos in Bolivia, Kevin in Honduras and Carlos in the Dominican. All seem to be doing well.

Quarterly Allotments for this quarter are as follows:

## Outreach

Local: Hospice Kawartha Lakes

National: Arctic Diocese

International: Hope and Healing

## Designated Givings

January: local Alzheimer's Society

February: Anglican Council of Indigenous People

March: War Child

Angel Tree: Members bought, wrapped and delivered Christmas gifts to 6 local children and one distant child. These gifts are on behalf of an imprisoned parent to strengthen ties between them.

Forward Movement Devotional booklets: We have increased our order of regular print copies to 15 in order to donate these to the local Prison Chaplain.

On behalf of our committee, we pray New Year's blessings on all our parishioners and our varied ministries.  
John 3:16

Friday morning preparations for Queen Victoria School. Thanks to Jo-Anne B. for sending in these photos!



Janice R.



Sandra L, Heather B., and Gail P (& Jo-Anne)



Peter P.





## 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.

Your 2025 donation receipts will be available for pick up Sunday January 18th in the mail slots in the hallway. They are alphabetical. If you have any questions please contact me or Marg Brohm.

Thank you

Marlene Wood & Marg Brohm

**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 if you are interested in helping in this important role.

*We are very grateful for the time Lorna and Mike put in as Live Stream & Audio Coordinators the past number of years! They stepped down from this role on January 1st.* 😊



**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!

**Food donations for our St. Paul's Pantry are always welcome! The need is great and ongoing.**



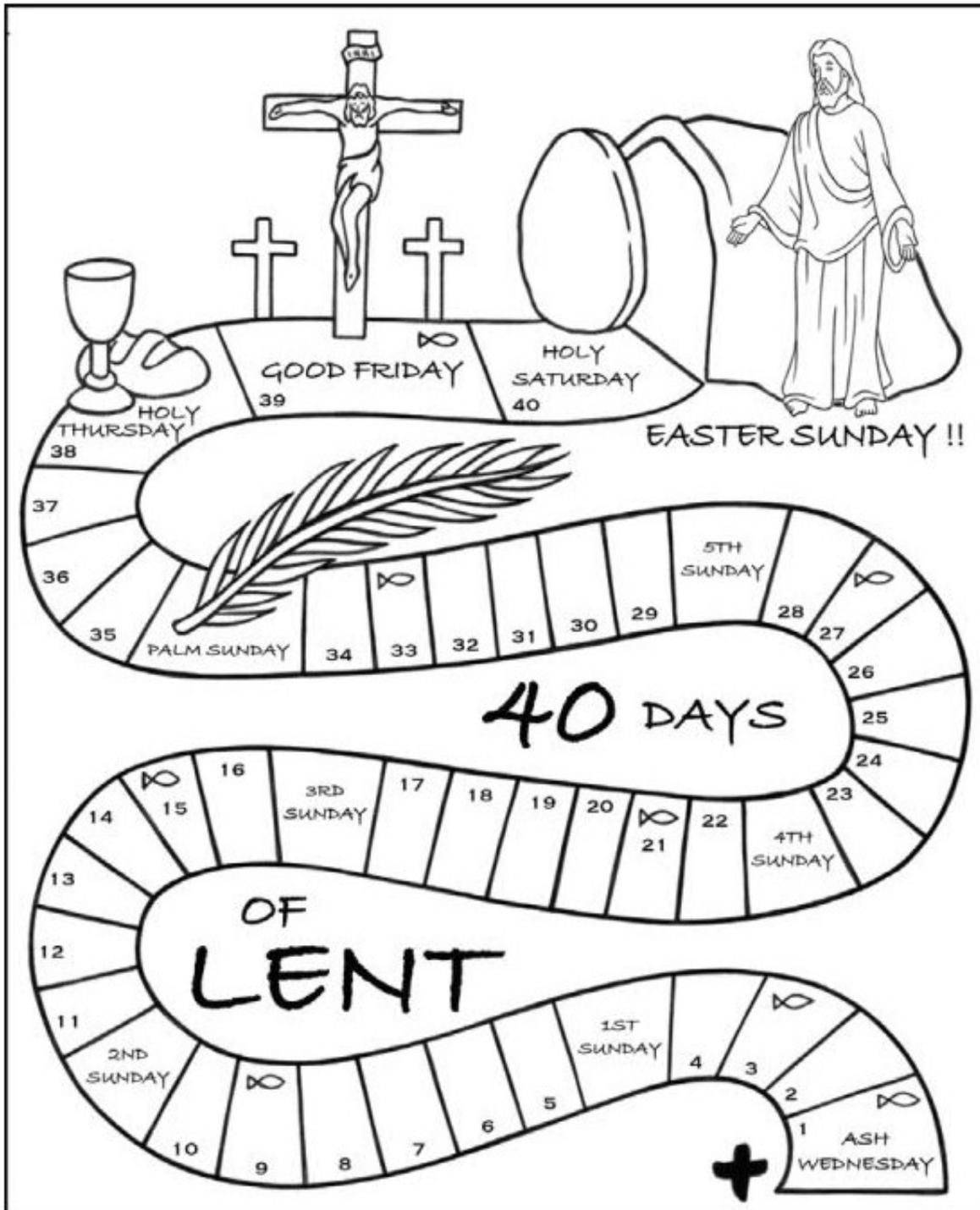
<b>Suggested Items</b>	<b>St. Paul's Pantry</b>	<b>(no glass please)</b>
Peanut butter	Canned beans/lentils	Couscous, quinoa
Canned baked beans	Pasta	Rice
Cereal	Fruit cups	Instant oatmeal
Cup-o-Noodles	Nuts	Granola bars
Soup (can or dry)	Snack crackers (Goldfish)	Canned meat/fish
Dried fruit	Beef jerky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



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Use this colouring page to help your children follow the 40 days of Lent. Here are some suggestions, but adapt activities to your own family: On each day pick one of these to do: do a good deed, say a prayer for one person or needy cause in your community, give up (fast) one activity (Eg internet, tv), read one Bible verse, put aside one item to donate to charity, walk outside and find one thing of interest from God's creation, etc.

### PATH TO EASTER - LENTEN WALK



From: Lenten Family Activity Pages [stJosephbogata.org](http://stJosephbogata.org)



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

The Events Team: Tickets will be sold soon for the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch & Supper!**

**SAVE THE DATES!!!**



Pancake Lunch & Supper **Feb 17**

Ash Wednesday **Feb. 18**

Annual Vestry Meeting **Feb. 22**

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

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

**Parish Happenings or Announcements:** Emailed out & on the website (occasionally—as needed)

**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)

**Church Hall Bulletin boards & table:** Notices of community events, church information, brochures, are there.

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. Suggestions are welcome!

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

*Diane S. Editor*

**Congratulations to  
Kylie Stecher!**



Kylie is graduating from Global Korean Studies at EWha University in Seoul, Korea!

Kylie will begin a post-graduate program at Kyung Hee University in March. Way to go, Kylie!!!!



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## WEEKLY SERVICES

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

Sunday Jan. 18—Epiphany 2 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Jan. 25—Conversion of St. Paul 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Feb. 1—Epiphany 4 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Feb. 8—Epiphany 5 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Feb. 15—Transfiguration Sunday 10am Holy Eucharist

*Wednesday Feb. 18 —Ash Wednesday 7pm Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes*

Sunday Feb. 22—Lent 1 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mar. 1—Lent 2 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mar. 8—Lent 3 10am Holy Eucharist

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

