



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

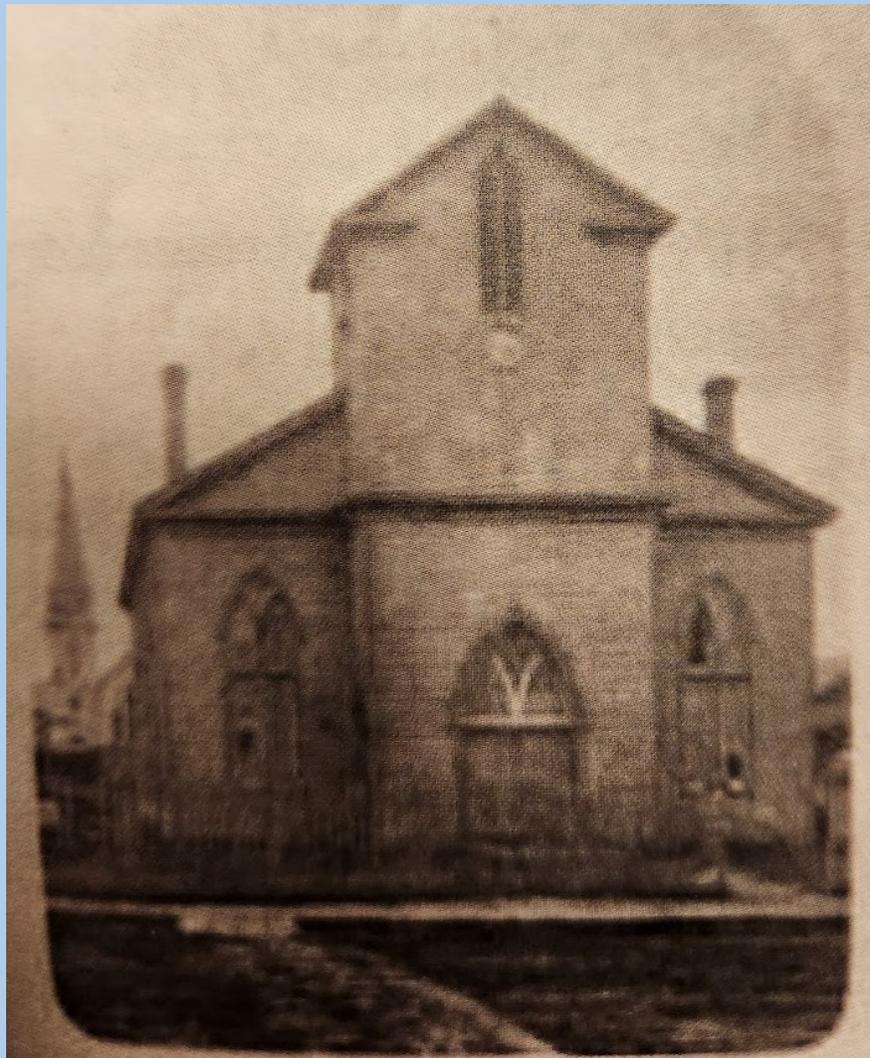
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ST. PAUL'S 190TH ANNIVERSARY (1836—2026)

The original St. Paul's Church built in 1859 was on Kent Street between Cambridge and Williams Street. The one acre property had been deeded to the Anglican Church in 1846 by Queen Victoria.



By the mid-1880s, it was deteriorating badly and overcrowded. So, in 1885 a new St. Paul's church was built one block south on Russell Street (the church we worship in to this present day!).



May God bless you and your family this Easter!





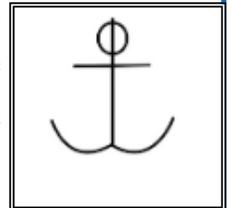
As I write this, I am eagerly anticipating a change in the weather...the promise of a few days above the freezing point. What a long, hard Winter it has been! I think that pretty much everyone has had their fill of snow and cold, and I cannot remember a time when I had more conversations about Seasonal Affective Disorder.

And yet, just when it seems bleakest, little signs of Spring appear. Receding ice on the driveway, patches of grass appearing and a first sighting of a squirrel in weeks and weeks. All of these remind us to always have hope. I think that this can be a way for us to frame Lent too. It is easier for us to engage in a penitential season when we can see the hope of the Resurrection on the other side. I have often held these words from the prophet Jeremiah close to my heart:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (29:11)

Sometimes hope can help us move forward and make plans for the future knowing that the Lord walks with us every step of the way. Other times, hope is needed simply to get out of bed each morning. Hope can be a precious commodity at those times. I pray that each of you know that you are a beloved child of God and that every day God is as close to you as your breath. You only need to bring your concerns to the Lord in prayer, and in His way, He will answer them. Not always as we want, but as is best for us.

As we continue to move through the roller-coaster weather of late Winter/early Spring, as well as the roller coaster of the geopolitical climate, I encourage you to hold firm to the hope we have in Christ. The Christian symbol for hope is an anchor. The early Christians often used this symbol in the catacombs to represent that hope in Christ is the anchor of the soul. May Jesus be your anchor in the storms of life, whether it’s physically stormy outside or the unrest lies within you. And remember that His plans are to give you hope and a future.



In Christian love,

Rev. Bonnie



Get your tickets for SPRING THAW!

Please join us for Holy Week!

SPRING THAW

DINNER & AUCTION

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lindsay

Sat. April 25, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
(Doors open at 5:30)

Cost: \$40.00

Wine Bar



FOR RESERVED SEATING CALL : 705-324-6257

St Paul's Anglican Church

46 Russell St W

Holy week Services

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29th, Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist 10:00 am

Holy Tuesday

March 31st, Adelaide Place 10:30 am

Holy Wednesday

April 1st, Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd, Agape Meal, 12 noon

Maundy Thursday

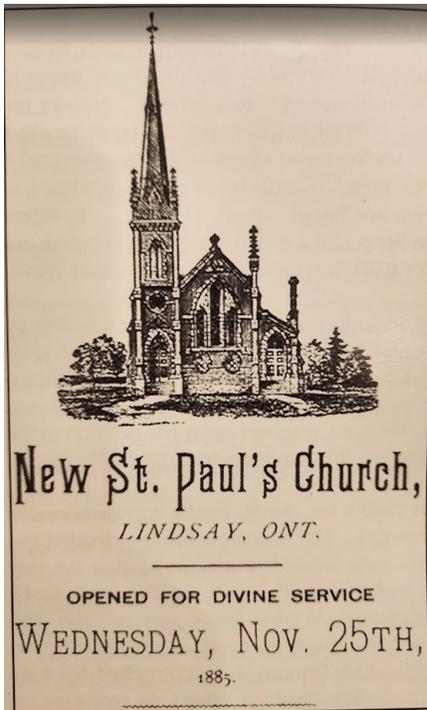
April 2nd, Holy Eucharist with Hand/Foot Washing 7:00 pm

Good Friday

April 3rd, 11:00 am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion,

Easter Sunday

April 5th, Holy Eucharist, 10:00 am



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PARISH ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY **Mar. 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 Diane Stecher
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
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CHOIR REP: Don Chase
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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
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SERVERS GUILD: Clergy
SIDESPERSONS, GREETERS/COUNTERS: John Sale

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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:

SAVE THE DATE:

SPRING THAW DINNER & AUCTION!

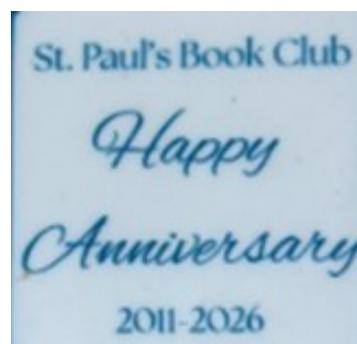


Sat. April 25, 2026

Tickets: \$40

Delicious dinner, and a Loonie and Silent Auction!

Please speak to Linda Todd for information!



🎵 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:

May 4th, 2026

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





Well, as I write this, I realize that, by the time it's published, we will be almost through the 40 days of the season of Lent. I was thinking about how I used to celebrate Lent when I was a child in Sunday School and I wondered how many of us here were given a Lenten coin box, which looked a little like a teepee and which we put our pennies in all during Lent and then took them back to Church at the end of the season? At this point, I don't remember what the money was used for and I'm assuming that they were used to help needy children and some of you may also remember this!

Then, as I grew older, we were taught that we gave things up for Lent. Usually, it would be something like chocolate, or butter tarts or something that wasn't particularly good for a person anyway. And, once someone told us that Sunday didn't really count as Lent, then we could sneak in chocolate, or a butter tart or whatever delight it was. And, of course, once Lent was finished, we could go right back to eating or drinking or the activities which we felt were worth giving up for the time. And, that, in itself, seemed to me to be very little short of useless. If it wasn't something that was good for me, then why would I start doing it again, just because Lent was over?



Gave up for Lent



So, what was an alternative?? How could we honour Jesus, and everything he ultimately went through during this long season of Lent? I felt that there must be a better way to do something.

And that was when I thought that, maybe, just maybe, instead of worrying about taking something away from myself that wasn't terribly necessary anyway, why not do something for someone else each day during Lent? What could we do? Perhaps, take something out of our own cupboards that was special and donate it to a Food Bank or spend a little money and buy extra at the supermarket in order to donate that. If you know someone who is ill, make up a meal and take it to them! If you know someone that you think is lonely, phone them and have a chat or invite them for coffee. Do you know someone who is sad because they have lost a loved one to death, call or write them and listen to them. There are so many ways to show God how much we love Him by showing how much we love and care for God's people, and what better time to begin than the 40 days of Lent.



A Brief Biography from our new Honorary Assistant, The Rev. Susan Tate

The Rev. Susan Elizabeth Bones Tate:

Susan grew up in the east end of Toronto, and then in Scarborough as the eldest child of Bill and Betty Bones: Susan, Brian and Bruce. Partway through high school at R.H. King Collegiate, she decided that school wasn't for her, and she went to doing office work. Along the line, she met Barry Tate through doing volunteer work with Cubs and Scouts respectively and, after a time, they were married in 1968 and subsequently became parents of their two boys, Ian and Graham, whereupon, Susan became a "stay-at-home" mom. Once the boys were in school, Susan began realizing that she was being called to do more but was unsure what it could be, and began going back to university part time in 1978. With a lot of stories and conflicts along the way, but the tremendous support of Barry and a few other people, it became much clearer to her that she was being called by God to become ordained, (still not a common practice for women then). And so, after a number of Field Placements, she was ordained Deacon in 1988, and Priest in 1989. Since then, she did her Curacy in Scarborough at St. Dunstan of Canterbury, her first parish Fenelon Falls/Coboconk—which consisted of St. James, Fenelon Falls, Christ Church, Coboconk, St. George's Cameron, St. Thomas, Balsam Lake, the summer parish of St. John's Rosedale and yearly service at the closed Church of St. Peter's, Bury's Green. After being there for 8 years, she went to Christ Church, Woodbridge for 6 years until both Barry and Susan retired and wanted to be nowhere else but back in the Kawarthas. We've now been back for 21 years and are both extremely happy to be here and to be at St. Paul's.



Thanks Rev. Susan for all you do to support St. Paul's! We are blessed to have you and Barry with us!



From your Rector's Warden: Diane Stecher

I'm happy to step back into the role of Rector's Warden, because I care deeply about this church and its future. For those who don't know: I was both a Deputy Rector's Warden and Rector's Warden for a number of years starting Feb. 2014 under Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, including the transition from his departure, to Canon Gloria as Interim, and then Rev. Bonnie's arrival in 2021. I was a Warden throughout the Covid period of church closures, partial closures, mask & sanitizing protocols and restrictions, and part of the group of five of us who were pre-recording Sunday services in an empty church for weeks and weeks. I stopped being a Rector's Warden in Feb. 2022 when I was hired to be the Director of Music at St. Paul's. Now it's Feb. 2026 and when Rev. Bonnie asked if I would be willing to be a Rector's Warden I said "sure". So, in a sense I've "come full circle" and am ready to do my best to support St. Paul's as Rector's Warden, along with the other "hats" I've been wearing around here (Grapevine Editor, Communications & Marketing Coordinator, Webmaster, singer and bell ringer).

Diane Stecher



PEOPLE'S WARDEN LETTER by Paul Carpentier

I would like to start off by thanking Betty Hooper for all the assistance and support she has given me over the better part of the last 2 years, as rector's warden. Betty's knowledge of scripture, her bold commitment to spreading the Gospel and her humble service to others are all examples of Christian character-building lessons I received during our time together. Thank you Betty for the boost you have given me on my journey.

Secondly, I would like to welcome Diane Stecher as the new rector's warden. Diane has always been a person who has stepped up to take on tasks when the ask went out. She doesn't stop until the task is done. I really respect the work she has put into the Communications portfolio, especially as editor of the Grapevine. St. Paul's is blessed with the gifts she brings.

Thirdly, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who attended vestry and participated in the open, transparent, respectful discussion we had on the proposed 2026 budget. I believe that we made a positive step forward by facing the fact we have not been living within our means for far too long and that approving another \$60,000 plus deficit budget is not acceptable. The defeat of the proposed budget was decisive and the direction to the management team clear.

A four month time period was given to the management team to have dialogue with the Diocese on what can/might be done to achieve a balance budget. At the end of those discussions the vestry requests a special vestry, chaired by the bishop, be called to set a 2026 budget that reflects our desire for a balanced budget. **WHY??? Because:**

“We believe strongly that St. Paul's (in our 190th year) still plays an important role as a place of worship, witness and service in the name of Jesus Christ in the city of Lindsay.”

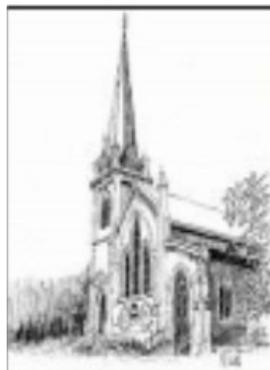
It is important we get our finances in order to continue this good work, our mission, in this community.

We also acknowledge, with thanks, the allotment relief (\$10,750) we are receiving from the Diocese while we go through this process.

Personally, I am encouraged that we are looking seriously and realistically for solutions, not Band-Aids, in addressing our budget.

Finally, as we once again make our way to Easter, may each of us embrace the HOPE that FAITH in the RISEN LORD brings.

Blessings for a time of growth during Lent, for meaningful time at the cross on Good Friday, and the blessings we receive as a “Easter People”!



PARISHIONER PROFILE— SUZANNE MCALLISTER

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

I was born in Lindsay in 1947. My parents were very active in St. Paul's. I was baptized, confirmed, and belonged to J.A. (Junior Auxiliary) and G.A. (Girl's Auxiliary). I was married three times at St. Paul's. I taught Sunday School, was Church Secretary, belonged to the Choir (& still do). I also am a Reader (which I get great pleasure doing). I volunteer as much as I can.



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

I have been a member of St. Paul's all my life, 78 years to be exact! Lol Although I attended other churches where I lived, St. Paul's has always been my home church.

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

I would have to say my passion is singing. I have been active in this role for the biggest part of my life, from singing in choirs, or solo for weddings and funerals—of which were many!

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?

My favourite bible verse would be Psalm 23. It reminds us that God is a constant in our lives, and when I recite it, it brings me back to how he is always walking beside me and that gives me comfort and grounds me.

5. Your choice: Anything else you'd like us to know about you?

St. Paul's is always my "go to" when I need uplifting! It's the most beautiful church in every way!



*Thank you Suzanne for all that you do at St. Paul's!
We really appreciate having you in the choir, and
reading on Sundays.*

Bless you!



Our St. Paul's Family:

FROM OUR PARISH REGISTERS:

Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals:

Date of death:

Feb. 20, 2026 Bruce Edward George Faulkner

Mar. 10 Philip Newton (Newt) Lilly

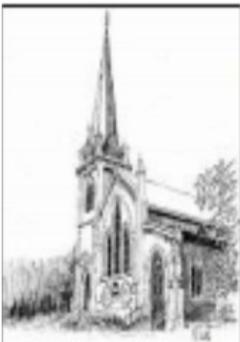
Go in peace.

Mark 5:34

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS..... **(April—May)**



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.

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

To those celebrating in April or May!



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 May 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



[2. Museum exhibit with St. Paul’s Connection comes to Lindsay.](#)

“Well, he was not a very good preacher.”

Such was the somewhat blunt observation offered by the Rt. Rev. Henry Hooper Marsh of his late father, the Rev. Canon Charles Henry Marsh – who served as minister at St. Paul’s, Lindsay, between 1887 and 1935 – when interviewed by the Rev. Bob Hartley in 1986 for a parish history the latter was compiling as St. Paul’s celebrated 150 years of Anglicanism in Lindsay.

Though apparently unimpressive in the pulpit (at least according to his son), Canon Marsh apparently excelled in pastoral care and community engagement, which undoubtedly helped to ensure that his tenure at St. Paul’s would be a lengthy one of nearly half a century.

Bishop Henry Marsh also recalled in that same interview that his father generally eschewed many of the trappings of “ritualism,” and apparently preferred to wear a simple surplice over common street dress when presiding at worship services. Stories likewise abound about the elder Marsh’s habit of carrying chocolate bars around with him, which he cheerfully gave away to children in his travels throughout downtown Lindsay.

The Rev. Canon C.H. Marsh is well-known in the pages of parish lore at St. Paul’s. But his son had an equally interesting career, culminating in a five-year tenure as Bishop of Yukon, from 1962 through 1967. During this period, Bishop Marsh had occasion to meet students attending residential school[s] in his diocese, and records in St. Paul’s archives indicate that the congregation supported the work of these schools in northern Canada through the 1950s and 1960s. (St. Paul’s has a long association with Canada’s residential school system: a former curate, the Rev. Alfred J. Vale, would go on to serve as the principal of one such school at Hay River, in the Northwest Territories.)

While serving in northern Canada, Bishop Henry Marsh’s wife, Margaret, began collecting examples of Inuit carvings. Eventually the Marshes retired to Northumberland County in Ontario, where Bishop Henry died in 1995. Margaret’s collection of Inuit carvings and sculpture was donated to the Art Gallery of Northumberland in 1976. Half a century on, an exhibit about this collection, curated by the AGN, is on loan to the Kawartha Lakes Museum & Archives at the Olde Gaol here in Lindsay.

“A Collection Built on Relationships: Inuit Art from the Art Gallery of Northumberland’s Permanent Collection” will be formally opening at the museum on April 30, 2026. Stay tuned for details.



A Letter from Betty Hooper: in response to Ian's article titled: *Unsung Heroes of St. Paul's: Roma Page (1925-2021)* from our last Grapevine!

Roma Page: Betty Hooper's memories.

Thank you Ian for bringing some wonderful memories to my mind of Roma and my years in St. Paul's Junior choir.

Roma arrived by train from Toronto on Friday afternoon and was whisked away after the Sunday Evening Service to the CN train station on Durham St. by someone in our congregation. I believe she was billeted at the home of Gordon and Elsie Bate, who lived on Wellington St. Roma and their daughter Florence were friends.

I was not a member of the Junior Girls choir that won at the Music festival that Ian mentioned, the only member of that choir I think of still around, is Olive Richards.

The Boys choir practiced at 6:30 to 7:30 Friday night and were joined by the Senior choir at 7 to 8. while the Junior Girls practiced on Saturday morning at 10.

Our part in the service was to lead the children out to "Junior Church" located where the kitchen is today. Lanny Staples operated the projector for the hymns and the service which was taken from the Book of Common prayer page 622 "Service for Young People". Secondary school teacher and Lay reader Reg Cousins officiated at our services. The first Anthem we sang in harmony, that I can remember, was from Nu 6:24 The Benediction "The Lord Bless You and Keep You".

Christmas: They brought the curtain down from the upstairs stage and strung it across from the pulpit to lectern and the Sunday schools performed the Nativity while the choir sang the music behind the curtain. Martha Walling was Mary, I was typecast as an Angel (stop laughing). The senior boys that played the Magi wore beards and carried candles the first night, one of them had his false beard catch fire, no damage done, but they carried flashlights the second night.

I felt privileged when Donna MacArthur and I were asked to join the Senior Choir to practice Stainer's The Crucifixion. I enjoyed going to Senior practice with my Mother on Friday evening, little did I realize what a big deal this was until the Soloists Tenor and Bass arrived from Toronto for our performance of this wonderful composition.

All was well music wise at St. Paul's, until the Merchants in town decided to open the stores on Friday night instead of Saturday night. Choir practice had to be shifted to Thursday evening. Many were affected by this move, including Roma who had many obligations in Toronto on Fridays, and so she submitted her resignation. The search was on for a new organist.

The Wardens were urging Rev. Clinton Cross to get help with his ministry and Alex Pudwell, who was a part time student at Wycliffe and also an accomplished Organist and choir director at a Wellington Boys School, was hired and filled both bills.

Thanks again Ian for the recall of many happy memories.

Thank you, Betty for sharing your memories with us!



ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB

15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Tuesday February 3rd , 2026, St. Paul's Book Club gathered at the home of Barb Truax to celebrate 15 years together. The first meeting of the book club was held in February 2011 at the home of Lou Clement Hobbs in Cannington. And we all cast our thoughts back to that first meeting. How many were there? Who was there? And so on. Betty Tyndall confirmed through archived Grapevine copies that there were seven members present and we guesstimated who from our memories. The book discussed that evening was The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls. Present that evening were these charter members:

Charter Members

Beverly Baxter
Lorna Green
Donna Gushue
Catherine(Cay) Heron
Lou Clement Hobbs
Susan Physick
Susan Schrier

In 2026, the following members were present for the anniversary:

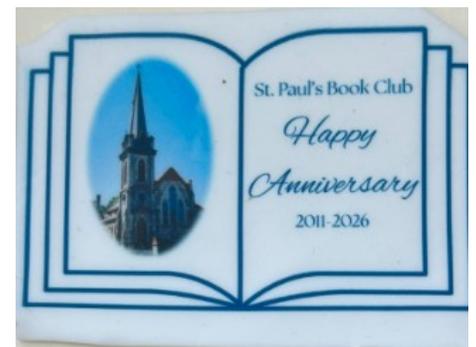
Emma Bowrin
Lorna Green
Donna Gushue
Shirley Hanes
Betty Hooper
Ethel Morris
Barb Truax
Betty Tyndall
Donna Williams

The other members who were absent:

Dianne Allen
Beverly Baxter
Catherine Philp
Shirley Williams

As well, Reverend Bonnie joined us for the celebration.

As usual, we wined, dined, and discussed our book selection which was The Briar Club by Kate Quinn. We enjoyed anniversary cake and book mark party favours. We remembered past members who joined us over the years and then moved on, either physically moving or passing on to the Lord. Great memories and fun times. (continued on pages 13 & 14)



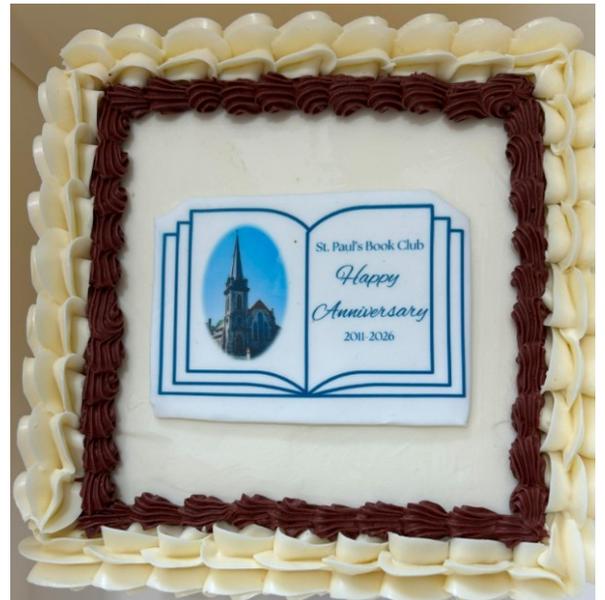
Here are some of our other members over the years:

Over the Years

- Helen Anderson
- Cindy Gagnon
- Jan Guillard
- Lois Hunter
- Rose LaGravalline
- Helen Roberts
- Pam Tod-Hunter
- Rev. Susan Tate

A joyful afternoon!

Lorna sent in photos
from the Book Club's
15th Anniversary
Celebration! 😊



MORE PHOTOS FROM THE BOOK CLUB!



Congratulations to our St. Paul's Book Club members for 15 years!!!





ST. PAUL'S SISTERHOOD by Shirley Hanes



This year due to illness and other excusable reasons we were unable to deliver our Christmas personal care and activity bags to Women's Resources in December. They were delivered as soon as possible in January and were gratefully received as usual. We are always sent a lovely letter of thanks.

As we go to press one of our faithful members is in hospital following a holiday to the Dominican. We pray for your recovery Barb and may you be back with us soon.

We are continuing to work on the knitting required for the two schools and the Seafarers. We will have more items to deliver in June to Women's Resources



We still meet for lunch every Thursday afternoon, from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. We welcome any woman of the parish to drop in for tea and fellowship, as we attempt to solve the problems of the world. 😊

Shirley Hanes

A photo of items being passed onto Women's Resources, who are always grateful to receive them!!



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) APRIL ONE; DYSON Alarm will be in to check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms at the Glenelg Street residence and Tenants have been advised.
- 3) 32 Glenelg still requires new water meter as per City request and we have to work through Double R Plumbing on this item.
- 4) Pipe Organ Blower has been greased and circulating Pumps have been oiled.
- 5) Property Group is made up of myself; Don Chase; Paul Carpentier; Ray Marshall

JUST SO YOU KNOW

Designated Givings #215 March: will benefit **War Child**, a charity supporting children in areas of violent conflict. Please support this cause if you are able to.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE by Gail Payne

The Outreach Committee last met on March 1, 2026. We strive to follow Christ's command to love our neighbours as ourselves in all our actions and programs at St. Paul's.

Queen Victoria School: we have decreased our numbers of Friday noon snacks to 150 now as more children fortunately seem less in need of our support.

St. Paul's Pantry: due to increased overall community need, we have increased the number of days per week that we fill the pantry. We now fill it on the following days, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This of course, means we have in increased need for food donations. Many thanks for the support of the congregation in this ongoing need.

Our Designated Giving for March is War Child, a charity supporting children in areas of violent conflict.

The Quarterly Allotments for the upcoming quarter are:

Outreach

Local: Boys and Girls Club

National: Angel Tree and Moorelands Camps

International: FINCA

Designated Givings

April: Faithworks

May: Foster Children

June: Doctors Without Borders

Note: each of Angel Tree and Moorelands summer camps will receive \$200.

FINCA is an organization making small loans to disadvantaged people (mostly women) to begin small businesses to help support their families. The repayment rate is over 90%!

Spring Outreach Service: April 26. We will focus on Faithworks through the month and welcome Peter Mentis as a speaker on the 26 th. Please watch for further information on Faithworks as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary.

Forward Movement Booklets: we have received 15 extra copies for Rev. Tyrell to distribute at the Central East Corrections institution.

Our thanks to our parishioners for your faithful support of your Outreach Committee programs.

May our Lord Jesus bless us as we strive to serve Him through His people. [1]

Matthew 25: 31-40





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 were placed in the hallway mail slots in January for pick up. If you have any questions please contact me or Marg Brohm.

Thank you

Marlene Wood & Marg Brohm



Sanctuary Flowers: Providing memorial flowers in the sanctuary is a lovely way to remember our loved ones throughout the year. There are envelopes and a sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board. Please speak to Marg Brohm if you have any questions.

NOTE: For donations towards **Memorial Flowers for Easter**—please have your requests into the office by Tuesday March 31st. Thanks.



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!

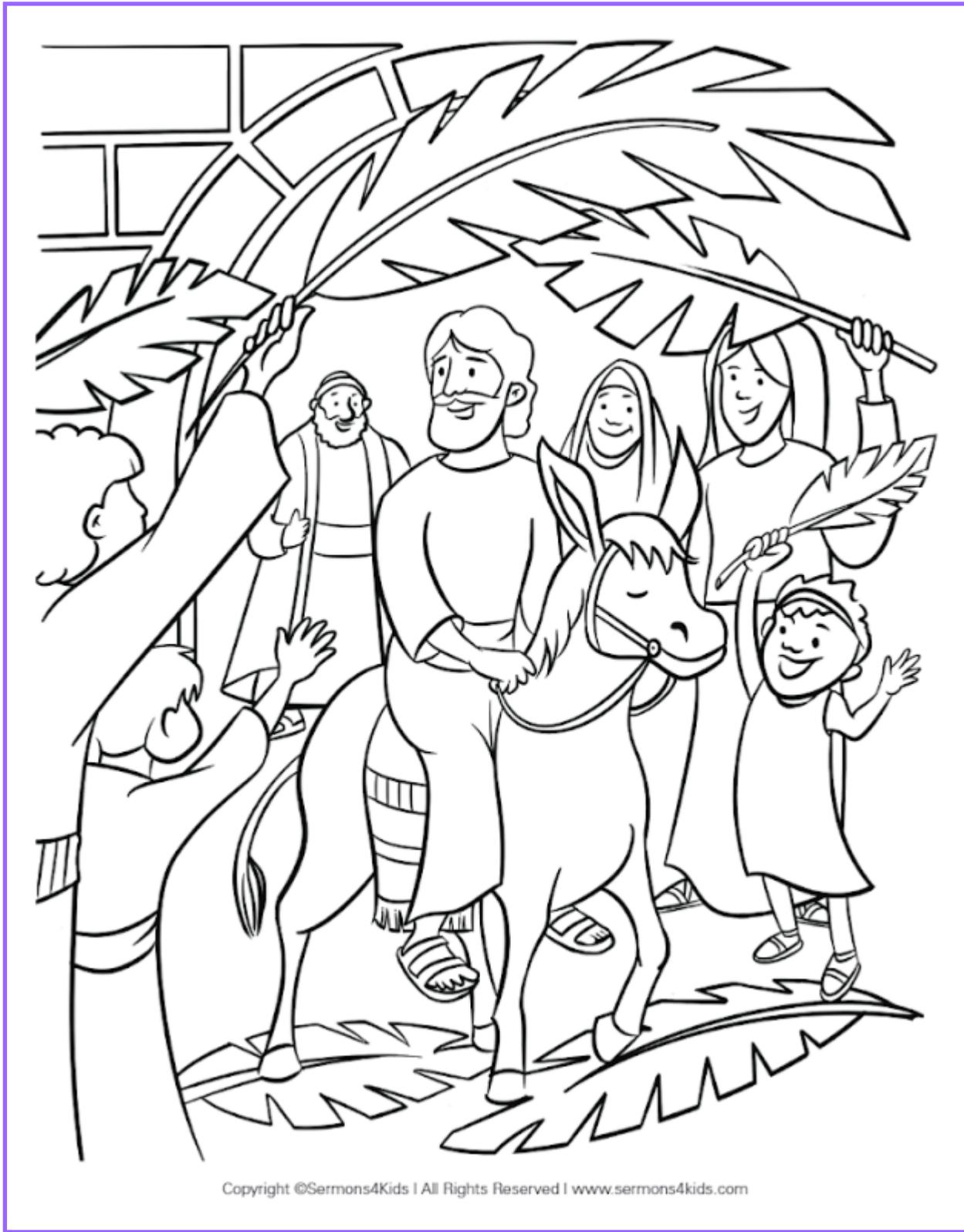
Food donations for our St. Paul's Pantry are always welcome! The need is great and ongoing.



<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



FAMILY ACTIVITIES: A Palm Sunday Colouring Page



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MARKETING & COMMUNICATION ITEMS (by D. Stecher)

The Events Team: Tickets will be sold soon for the **SPRING THAW DINNER & AUCTION!**

SAVE THE DATE!!!



SPRING THAW DINNER & AUCTION

Sat. April 25, 2026 Tickets: \$40

Delicious dinner, & lots of auction items!

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

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!

For Upcoming Grapevines— Help needed:

1. Photos Appreciated! I do my best to take photos but please help by taking photos of group get-togethers, church events and special moments at St. Paul's! Then send them to Diane S. by email.

2. Birthdays & Anniversaries: Please let me know what month your birthday or anniversary is, so I can update the Birthday & Anniversary Lists which were quarterly, and not monthly. Plus, let me know if you want your name added to the lists. Thanks! Diane S.

*Thanks to everyone who
contributed to this Grapevine
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WEEKLY SERVICES

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

Sunday Mar. 15—Lent 4 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mar. 22—Lent 5 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mar. 29—Palm/Passion Sunday 10am Holy Eucharist

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Tues. Mar. 31— Holy Tuesday 10:30am (at Adelaide Place)

Wed. Apr. 1— Holy Wednesday 10am Morning Prayer

Thurs. Apr. 2—Maundy Thursday 12pm Agape Meal (must pre-book)
7pm Holy Eucharist + Hand/Foot Washing

Fri. Apr. 3—Good Friday 11am Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Sun. Apr. 5—Easter Sunday 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Apr. 12—Easter 2 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Apr. 19—Easter 3 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Apr. 26—Easter 4 10am Holy Eucharist

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

