



The Grapevine

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)

May 2021—2026

**Congratulations to
Rev. Bonnie on her
5th anniversary as
our Incumbent!**



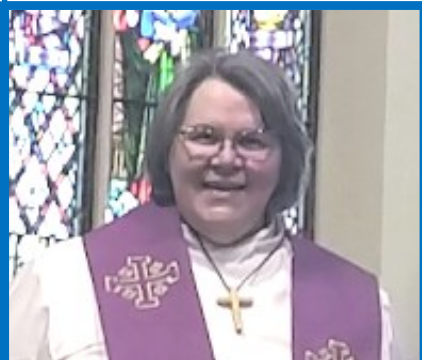
**June 24th Strawberry
& Salad Supper!!**

Tickets on sale June 2.



May God bless you and your family throughout the season of Pentecost!





I begin my column for May with much gratitude for the wonderful Holy Week and Eastertide that we have had at St. Paul's so far this year. We have shared together in many different types of services, welcomed many guests and experienced much joy, both through our worship & music and in our times of fellowship, especially the Spring Thaw dinner.

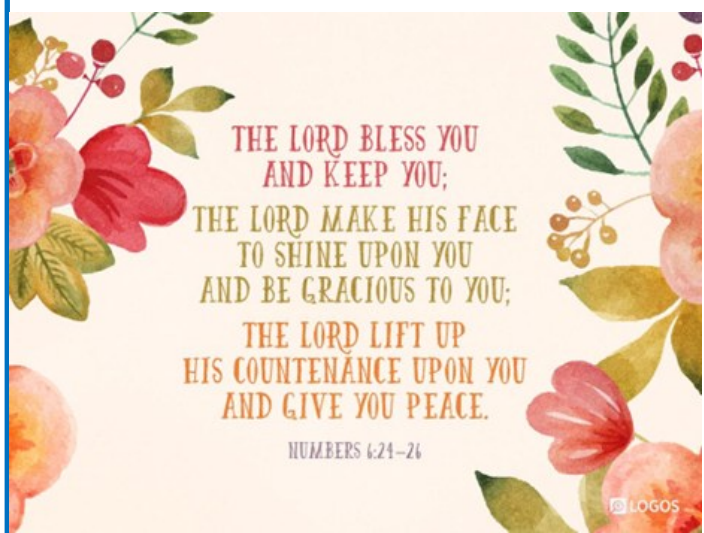
It is from this place of joy that I write to you. For the past few years, we have collectively worked hard, in many ways, to recover from the negative effects of the pandemic. At times like these, we can see the fruits of our labours and how the Lord continues to bless the parish of St. Paul's. It is clear to me that God wants to see the faithful ministry that has defined St. Paul's over these last 190 years to continue to bless the community of Lindsay. I encourage each of you to continue in your ministries, and as St. Paul wrote to St. Timothy, "Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession" (1 Tim.6:12).

Over this Summer I will be reviewing liturgical roles and breaking the worship assistant role into smaller tasks in an effort to engage more people in our worship services. I may ask you directly to take on a role, but please be encouraged to contact me directly if you would like to be involved in liturgy. There are also many other ways to get involved in the parish. Please speak with me if you have any questions or ideas.

As we prepare for the travels and trips that the summer brings, may you go with God knowing that he holds you in His loving care every day.

Blessings for a safe & happy Summer.

Rev. Bonnie



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On May 10th, we celebrated Rev. Bonnie's 5th Anniversary as our Incumbent.



We look forward to many more years with Rev. Bonnie leading us. We also celebrated Mother's Day.



COMING TO ST. PAUL'S ON

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH STRAWBERRY & SALAD — SUPPER —

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
45 Russell St., West, Lindsay



Event help:

Please consider signing up to help with our Strawberry Supper! We would be happy to have lots of people involved (many hands may lighter work) and Paul will have sign up sheets in the church hall. Thanks!



WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 24, 2026



4:30 – 6:30PM



DELICIOUS SALADS,
DINNER AND DESSERT!



ADVANCE SALES ONLY: Tickets will be available soon!



Church office: (705) 324-4666 (Tues. to Thurs. 9am–noon)

Tickets: \$20 adults \$10 children age 5—12

****NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**** (Get yours by June 22nd)

Starting Tuesday June 2nd tickets will be sold Mon - Thurs 9am to noon until Mon June 22nd and after church on Sundays.



Thy Kingdom Come

God with us

14th-24th May 2026

thykingdomcome.global

Thy Kingdom Come: who will you pray for this year?

Please join us in observing the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost, dedicated as a special time to pray for others to come to know Jesus or to come back to church, now known as TKC or Thy Kingdom Come. In this time of epidemic levels of loneliness, our prayers for others are needed greatly. Pick up a prayer card, or speak to Rev. Bonnie about getting a TKC Prayer Journal or Novena.

Ten Daily Ideas for Thy Kingdom Come 2026: New Ideas for Prayer: on pages 14-15 of this Grapevine!



PARISH ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY **May 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
WEBMASTER:	Diane Stecher
ADVISORY BOARD: Chairperson	Cynthia Morton
ARCHIVES:	Ian McKechnie
AV-COORDINATOR & SOUND BOARD	Arlene Gray
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:

STRAWBERRY & SALAD SUPPER



Wed. June 24

4:30—6:30pm

Advanced sales only.

(no tickets will be sold at the door)

Tickets: Adults \$20.00

Children: 5—12 years \$10.00

Tickets sales start June 2nd

Kawartha Lake Singers Concert

Classical and Canada Strong

featuring Brahms Hungarian Dances—piano duets. (Has some members from St. Paul's too)

Sunday May 24, 2026 at 2:30pm

Cambridge Street United Church

\$25 Adults \$10 Children



Like to sing?



Our church choir could use more singers. Please speak with Arlene for information.

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

We Strive to be a Scent free space

Next Grapevine Issue:

Sept. 2nd 2026

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



The Canon's Corner: The Rev. Canon Greg Physick May '26



The weekend Artemis II successfully came home, the NY Times front page, top of the fold proclaimed in picture and in word: *The mission to the moon inspires a sense of reverence' and noted words from Psalm 8: 'When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established, what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them...?'*

As I watched four astronauts marvel at the sights and universe, hugged one another and cried as they named a crater for the late wife of one of their own, I too was moved. Such moments were so different from cries on earth about sending a people back to the stone age. It is all so terrible and ugly. Then we have Artemis II and four amazing human beings.

Yes, I realize someone reading this will disagree with such missions when so many problems exist on earth. It has always been thus of course. Those of us who watched the Mercury flights in our classrooms and later, the Apollo flights and moon landings that followed have heard it all. For me there is something about the moon! Millions around the world were caught up in the wonder and pictures from Artemis II. It shapes the seas' waves, our own emotions and cycles.

When people set off on land to discover other lands and in turn discover other people as well, when people set off in fragile wooden ships across vast seas and did not fall off the face of the earth but learned about other lands and also people who also had found such land before them; when people have great dreams and so much is carried out, the soul is touched.

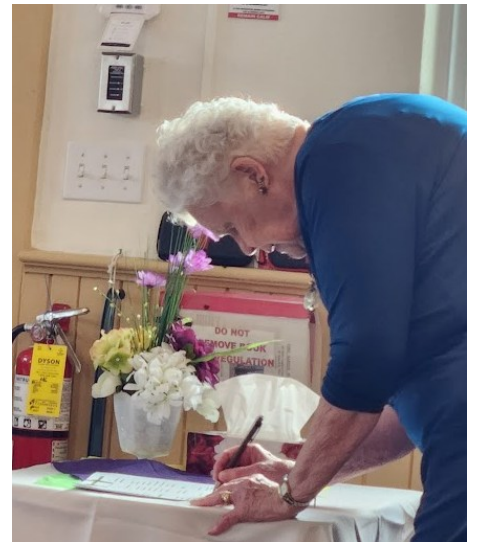
One Eucharistic prayer speaks of this 'fragile earth, our island home'. When it comes right down to it, this earth is very resilient, yet there is fragility. Environment damage is real.

We really do not wish to go back to the stone age. We just need to keep learning about balance and awe and reverence. God has created this world and humankind: In the words of the KJV of Scripture: Gen. 1: 27, 28 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.' Subdue? Have dominion over.....? It really is all about stewardship, about taking care of creation.

The crew of Artemis II will never be the same again. As they continue to unwrap their feelings and how their souls were touched so far from home, may we join them in that quest as we look on photographs of our moon's dark side, of earth and the utter wonder of it hanging out there in this vast cosmos. 'When I look at your heavens,....the moon and the stars...., what are humansmortals that you care for them....? Souls are touched once again. We look up at that moon with awe!

Deo gratias: yes, 'thanks be to God'. *Canon Greg*

Photos of our Spring Thaw Dinner & Auction held on April 25th



More Photos of our Spring Thaw Dinner & Auction



Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and talents to make our 2026 Spring Thaw Dinner & Auction a success!!! Thanks to those who bought tickets and participated!



More Photos of our Spring Thaw Dinner & Auction



Warden's Letter by Diane Stecher/Paul Carpentier

As everything around us is quickly growing and turning green we are once again reminded how God brings new life into all living things. There is the colour of the tulips, the joyful singing of the birds, all the majestic trees once again opening their leaves and the warmer temperatures that enable us to spend more time outside.

We are extremely pleased with the significant growth in attendance each Sunday over the past couple months. We have been blessed with new people choosing to come to St. Paul's, as well as several parishioners returning after a hard winter. We encourage you to continue joining us for worship in our beautiful church each Sunday.

We are grateful for all the volunteer work so many of you do to make things happen in this parish; so much of it done humbly behind the scenes.

Are you looking for a place to spend time with others while accomplishing something tangible? We really need more people in the choir! The chancel guild could use more people. The coffee hour "host" list could use your help once every 3 months. It is my experience that one benefits when one gives for others.

We acknowledge with gratitude, the anonymous bequest of \$69,532 that the church received last month. As interim treasurer and warden I can share there were a few "Halleluiahs...Thank you Lord" said when I saw what was in the letter!!

A special thanks goes to Arlene and Tom Ross for the "tech support" provided to recover our back-office computer's hard drive. It is amazing how much grief a 3.5 x 1 x .2 inch circuit board (the hard drive) can deliver when it has problems. Our thanks also goes to the three **Musketeers: Marlene, Marg and Megan** (the back-office team), for working around the computer issue. Thank you ladies for your dedication to keeping accurate records.

As an update to our vestry, we have been in contact with Canon Laura and Bishop Riscylla seeking help on arriving at a budget that has us living within our means. The various departments of the Dioceses are being consulted, and we expect to be meeting with the bishop before the end of the month in preparation for the special vestry we are to hold in late June to set the 2026 budget.

We have had a contractor in to assess the brick work required on the tower. He has provided us with a safety certificate for the bells and tower structure, due to the requirement of him climbing up to ensure any water or other issues needing attention are identified. From the ground he identified more work being necessary (copper flashing, sills, painting, likely all 4 corner tower bricks) and the estimate is coming in close to \$30,000 (double the amount vestry approved). We will have to have a special vestry to approve this new amount that will be paid from our renovation endowment fund.

We end by thanking Rev. Bonnie for shepherding our flock over the past five years. We invite you to join us for a celebration of her ministry at St. Pauls' during a reception in the hall on Mothers Day (May 10th).



Our St. Paul's Family:

FROM OUR PARISH REGISTERS:

(Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals)

Funerals:

Date of death:

March 12, 2026 Carey Tanner-Kennedy

A Memorial Service was held for Shirley Williams.

Go in peace. Mark 5:34

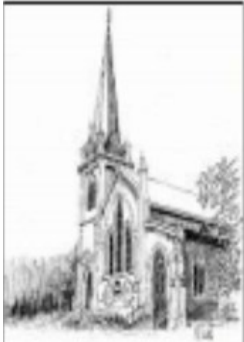


UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS.....

(June—Aug)



- June: Cynthia Morton
- Liam (Skerritt-Ricketts)
- July: Doug Read
- Donna Williams
- Barb Appleton
- Beverly Baxter
- Barb Truax
- August: Catherine Philps
- Shirley Hanes
- Betty Tyndall



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!

New Members: Please give Arlene your email address so you can be included when The Grapevine, Parish Notices, and special mailings go out. Plus, she can help you get a name tag to wear.



Happy Anniversary

To those celebrating in June—August!

- July: Judy & Ed Robinson
- Marguerite & David Lawson
- Aug: Marg & Don Brohm
- Marlene & Greg Wood
- Betty & Lawrence Drummond
- Linda & Larry Todd
- Sandra & Bill Daniels
- Ann & Gerald Armstrong



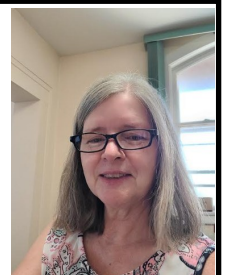
Note: We strive not to miss anyone. If you know of someone celebrating a special day, please let us know. Contact Diane S. "THE GRAPEVINE" editor. The celebrations in this issue are from June through August 2026.

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays—Thursdays

9am—12 noon

Arlene Gray, Office Admin. Assistant.



3. Archive Item: St. Paul's Service Register from 1907

One of the most interesting items in the archives at St. Paul's is this service register from the turn of the twentieth century. This page, which records details of services from the early summer of 1907, provides us with a wealth of information about what was happening on Sunday mornings almost 120 years ago. There were morning and evening services (occurring at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively); notations about who was reading the scripture lessons and who was preaching; a record of attendance (the numbers of which ranged from 46 to 400!); and, in the column on the right, notes about what the minister was planning to preach on. The Rev. Charles Henry Marsh was the incumbent at this time, and his assistant curate was the Rev. Alfred J. Vale. Following his time in Lindsay, Mr. Vale went north and later served as the principal of two residential schools.

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"	16 3 rd	11	C. H. Marsh	J. Brighton	300	7 65						Jer. 50: 5. Perpetual Covenant
"	"	7	C. H. Marsh + J. Brighton	Alf. J. Vale	400	6 62						Math 28: 20 "Lo I am with you"
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11	A. J. Vale	A. J. Vale	300
7	A. J. Vale	C. H. Marsh	400
11	C. H. Marsh	J. Brighton	300
7	C. H. Marsh + J. Brighton	Alf. J. Vale	400

An enlarged view of the top 6 lines of the register page.

Heb. 9:13, 14 - In Trinity
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Joel I: 21 - C. O. Forsters abth.
Jer. 50: 5. Perpetual Covenant
Math 28: 20 "Lo I am with you"

Two services each on June 2nd, 9th and 16th (the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays after Trinity).





ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB By Lorna Green



The book club season is winding down. We met on May 5th at the home of Dianne Allen and we discussed Behind The Pickle Jar by Wendy McQuaig. In June we will meet at the home of Emma Bowrin to discuss plans for next season.

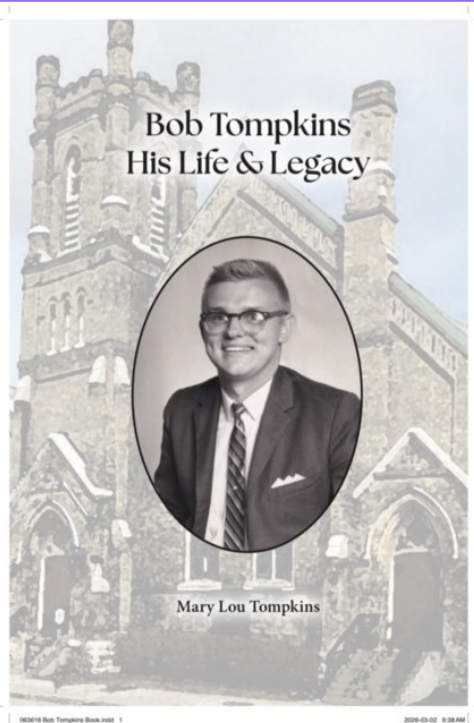
We were all saddened at the loss of Shirley Williams, one of our long time members. Shirley was known for her delicious desserts and faithful attendance. We could always look to Shirley if we needed a book that wasn't available at the library – Shirley usually had a copy to lend. And I remember her stylish sense of fashion. As per her wishes there was no funeral or celebration of life. So the book club collected \$230 and donated it to The Boys and Girls Club in Shirley's memory.

The only silver lining in this loss was the fact that we were able to welcome Barb Allen into the club. Barb had been waiting patiently on our wait list so we were happy to add her name to our book club members. Welcome, Barb!

A reader lives a thousand lives... the man who never reads lives only one.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Green

Shirley Williams



New Book available: [Bob Tompkins. His Life & Legacy](#)

Mary Lou Tompkins, a member of our parish, wrote a book about her late husband, Bob, and would be happy to order copies for anyone who would be interested in purchasing it. Please speak to Mary Lou for more details.

You may remember Bob playing the organ, singing, and leading the choir at different points in time, and helping with other events, etc.





Ten Daily Ideas for Thy Kingdom Come 2026

We are encouraged to pray for 5 people who may not know God or attend church. (May 14-24)

These could become daily habits! These are for anyone who perhaps needs to find some variety in praying for five people to come to know the love of God in Christ Jesus for themselves.



DAY ONE: Try praying only using your hands

Sit with your hands open as if holding one of the five people. Take time to rest in God's presence in silence. When you are ready simply offer them up to God by slowly lifting your hands upwards. Waiting again until you are ready to release them into God's hands. Then close your hands together and after a short while place them on your knees. Repeat with each of your five.



DAY TWO: Write down the first name of your five people

Alongside each letter write down what you desire the Lord to do in their lives. Here is an example for the name Jean: J – Just to hear that you love her Lord E – Envelop her in a sense of your presence A – Let her be aware of her need of you N – Be near to her Lord



DAY THREE: Today try and walk as you pray

It might simply be around your home or the garden. You may wish to combine this with praying for the streets as you walk to work or go shopping. You can also do this at home if you're house-bound by using a map (including a virtual map) of your area to pray.



DAY FOUR: Send a card to your five

Why not send a message of encouragement to each of your five with a message of encouragement and love.



DAY FIVE: Either find a cross or make one from two twigs

Take a little time to reflect on the Cross of Christ and all He did for you. Now bring your five slowly to the foot of the Cross either by naming them out loud, writing their names on pieces of paper shaped as hearts or by lighting a candle for each person.



DAY SIX: Plant a sunflower seed (or other plant seed) in a pot for each of your five

(One for each of your five.) As you do, pray that their desire for God will also grow. Water daily with prayer. Once established, if possible, give them the plant saying that you have watered this with prayer for them.

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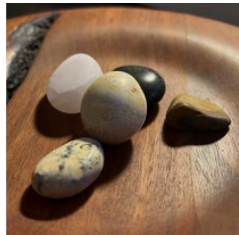
DAY SEVEN: Choose a different coloured pencil, felt tip etc. for each of your five people plus a piece of white paper

Sit quietly with God and then take one of the colours and as you bring that person to mind allow your hand to simply travel across the paper forming whatever shapes or lines it does. Sit back and then take another colour and again, allow it to travel across the paper. Do not worry if the lines intersect with each other or some are more bold than others - God knows these people and can see shapes and patterns in their lives. Repeat with the remaining colours. When you have finished, wait in silent prayer.



DAY EIGHT: When you think of your five people I wonder what comes to mind?

Is there anything in your home that makes a connection with them? It might be as simple as a photograph, or an object, or a flower etc. As you pray for them today, take the object in your hand and simply pray that they would desire to know Jesus. You could keep the object visible in your home in a mini display to remind you to pray daily.



DAY NINE: Gather five stones

You may wish to write a name on each one or choose which one represents each of your five. Some people might wish to paint the stone. Then take each one on your hand as you pray. Place them in a light-filled area of your home until you pray again. After the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, you might choose to keep the stones in a tub somewhere outside or on a window ledge, to remind you to pray every time you pass them.



DAY TEN: Breath prayers or using scripture as a breath prayer

Here is an example using scripture: Matthew 6:8 – (inhale) – “Father, you know” – (exhale) – “what I need”. Adapting this form of prayer, you might pray – (inhale) – “Father I bring [INSERT NAME] to you” Then – (exhale) – “meet them in their need of Jesus.” Repeat for each person slowly.



Pray for 5 Pledge

People I am praying for:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

I am praying for:


- God to bless them.
- Opportunities to share my faith with them.
- Them to come to know Jesus.

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OF PRAYER

localhousesofprayer.org



thykingdomcome.global



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

On Friday March 6, 2026 St. Paul's hosted the annual World Day of Prayer. There were 6 churches that participated in this ecumenical prayer service: St. Paul's, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Cambridge Street Baptist, Cambridge Street United, St. Mary's Roman Catholic, and the Salvation Army.

The World Day of Prayer is a global prayer movement of informed prayer and prayerful action focusing on relevant issues affecting women and children. Each year a committee of women from different countries write the prayer service. In Canada, the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada distributes the material to participating churches in all provinces and territories.

The committee of local parishes met on February 11th to plan the service i.e. assign readings, choose hymns, organize desserts for the reception, and discuss issues about Nigeria, the country chosen as a prayer focus for 2026. On March 5th we had a run through in the church proper of the actual service.

The day itself was a great success with an attendance of 47 people and \$920.00 raised for the social justice projects sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council in Canada and world wide.

Many thanks to all who participated from other churches and the people who assisted on the day of the service: Betty Hooper who assisted the chair of the committee, Heather Burnham who prepared coffee, tea and a lovely fruit tray, Betty Tyndall who greeted people as they entered the church, and Eileen Grace who acted as sidesperson. Special thanks to Arlene Gray who provided the music and Paul Carpentier who organized table set up for the reception following the service.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Green



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026 Photos



Thanks to Lorna for sending in these photos!



Canon Greg agreed to share his views, after I made a special request as Grapevine Editor! We at St. Paul's offer our hearty congratulations to Rev. Canon Greg on 50 years as a priest (ordained 51 years)

Diane Stecher, Editor



50 Years A Priest by Rev. Canon Greg

The front page in The Anglican newspaper now out has meant some questions asked of me. Pictures of anniversary stoles being given by the diocesan Bishop to priests ordained for 25, 50 and 60 years were a big part of that page. (one priest was noted for 64 years as a priest—Bishop Riscylla was priested 25 years ago and later elected & ordained/consecrated a bishop.

While the early morning drive to the Cathedral on King Street in Toronto, was a little daunting, I did watch the streaming. As many have noticed, my name is listed for those who have been ordained a priest for 50 years. To hear my name certainly was an emotional moment for me.

My ordination to the priesthood was May 16, 1976 at our Cathedral. I was 28. What is often not realized is that a priest is ordained first as a deacon and for me that was May 20, 1975, age 27. Yes, I look back and realize how young I was and then be sent forth to serve people of all ages.

The Anglican Church, despite the break with Rome in the 16th century, maintained what is often called the three-fold ministry of Deacon, Priest and Bishop. For most of us, the 'Minister' in our parishes was a priest. Some parishes would have an 'Assistant Curate'—a person ordained first a deacon and in this diocese ordained a priest about a year later. So while the stole is a thank you for 50 years as a priest, I have been ordained for 51 years (adding the year as a deacon).

Most do not know that I graduated from York University and then went to Toronto Teachers' College for a year. I would then teach a grade 4/5 class for one year. During that year, this 'cradle Anglican' felt I was not called to be a teacher, but was being called to study for the priesthood. I handed in my resignation and went to Trinity College for the 3 years Masters of Divinity program.

I am mindful that in many discussions with parishioners I felt it important to note that while being a priest has historically been seen as a vocation (from 'vocare', 'to call'—tied to a call from God), they lived out a calling as well. They, too, entered into a vocation as they carried out their calling from God to be a nurse, teacher, mechanic, doctor, chef, mother, father. Etc. etc. etc.). I wanted them to know that 'vocation' isn't just tied to the clergy or those of the Monastic communities. Yes, Anglicans also have nuns and monks.

As I give thanks to God for my vocation for all these many years, may each of you stop for a moment and give thanks for your ministry, your vocation in whatever field over your many years. Through your baptisms, you have been called as surely as I have been, 'to represent Christ and his Church, to bear witness to him....' (borrowing words from the Catechism found in the prayer book of the Episcopal Church, our sister church in the U.S.)

Many times, I thought to myself that the ministry of my lay people was not always 'easy' come Monday morning—yet into God's world each went and strived to live out their faith. As I have strived to do all these many years. Thanks be to God.

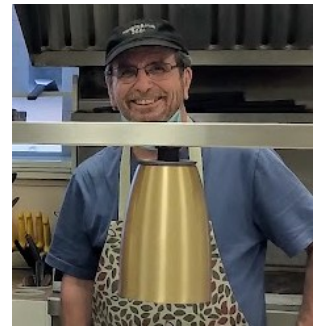
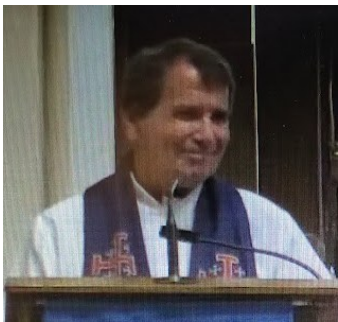


From the Editor, Diane Stecher: *A bit more about our Honorary Assistant the Rev. Canon Greg, after I checked back through older Grapevine issues! (My privilege as editor of having Issues #1—116 handy for any "editorial research" or "curious fact checking"). I wanted to also share photos from earlier Grapevines because Canon Greg has blessed us in so many ways.*

Honorary Assistant: Rev. Canon Greg

The Rev. Canon Greg was appointed by the bishop as our honorary assistant priest in March 2013, as requested by our former incumbent Rev. Dr. Warren. Rev. Canon Greg continued in that role until April 2021, when he stepped down, as per diocesan protocol, whenever a new incumbent is soon arriving. In May 2021, we welcomed the Rev. Bonnie to St. Paul's as our new priest. Then, Sunday Nov. 21, 2021 we were blessed by Bishop Asbil's announcement that the Rev. Canon Greg would be returning as our Honorary Assistant.

Thank you Rev. Canon Greg for 13 years of blessing St. Paul's as Honorary Assistant, and hopefully many more! I believe I speak for many at St. Paul's who have appreciated your wisdom, dedication, ministry, music, humour, and being such a good sport about events and happenings here! Congratulations on 50 + 1 years of ordination with the Diocese of Toronto!



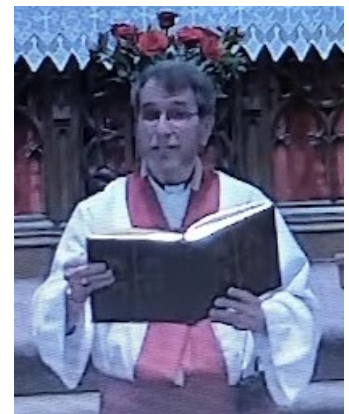
Kitchen helper



Reinstated as Honorary Assistant Nov. 2021 by the Bishop.



Mystery Dinner actors: with his son, Ian.



Singing outside for our Christmas Tree lighting.





ST. PAUL'S SISTERHOOD by Shirley Hanes



Our small group continues to meet for lunch Thursday afternoons at noon. We bring our own lunch and put the kettle on for tea and cookies. The Rev. Bonnie usually drops by on her way home for lunch and shares a story or two with us. We enjoy this time she takes with us.

We have just about completed acquiring all the items we need for Women's Resources. We will deliver 20 bags again at the end of June for women and children. Some of the items that must be bought for the bags are:

Colouring books	Crayons	Small toys for girls & boys	Soft toys (bears, monkeys)
Hair combs	Socks	Toothpaste & Toothbrushes	Personal products for women
<i>(Any donations of these items would be appreciated)</i>			

We always appreciate any help from our parish family. Items can be left on the sewing machine in the library.

The Sisterhood continues to take a turn regularly to provide for the coffee hour following the Sunday morning Service.

We welcome any woman of our parish family that would care to join us on a Thursday afternoon. There are no skills needed, although some knitting is usually accomplished. We can promise tea and a cookie.

Shirley Hanes



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) DYSON Alarm has checked smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms at the Glenelg Street residence and we have to replace 5 carbon monoxide detectors as expiry date comes up in the fall.
- 3) 32 Glenelg still requires new water meter as per City request and we have to work through Double R Plumbing on this item. June 12/26 is target date for this item.
- 4) Sump Pump was checked at 38 Glenelg—all was running well.
- 5) 41 Russell (Midwives) required maintenance on upstairs bathroom; replaced valve.
- 6) 36 Glenelg had roof leak in back shed and this was repaired
- 7) Cleaning of furnace/boiler for Glenelg St Tenants is slated for July 15/26
- 8) Rent increase letters have gone to Tenant's of Glenelg St properties
- 9) 34 Glenelg fridge broke and Tenant purchased a used fridge at no cost to St. Paul's. (Cost was: \$ 350.00)

JUST SO YOU KNOW

Don Brohm



OUTREACH COMMITTEE by Gail Payne

Your Outreach Committee continues to address urgent local, national and international needs on behalf of our church and congregation.

King Albert School: we recently delivered a large tote of boots, socks and some knitted items requested as donations for their students. Much appreciated by staff.

St. Paul's Pantry; this continues to fill an obvious need in our community, as it always empties quickly. We often run short on supplies due to this increasing need. Your donations of different types of non-perishable food items are really important to this ministry. Thank you.

Outreach Service: on April 26 Peter Mentis, Campaign Manager of Faithworks, spoke to us regarding their support of many community organizations helping the unhoused and hungry. This includes our local resource, A Place Called Home. Faithworks celebrates their 30th anniversary this year. They were the recipients of our Designated Givings in April this year.

Designated Givings: Foster Children in May and Doctors Without Borders in June.

Queen Victoria School: we continue to provide nutritious snacks for the students in need every Friday noon. Many thanks to our volunteer food preparers.

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 first Sundays of March, June, September and December. Our next meeting is June 7, 2026.

I John 3:16-18



The Designated Givings for May will benefit **Our FOSTER CHILDREN** in Latin America where they enjoy the protection of S.O.S. Children's Villages and the Arms of Jesus Mission. We at St. Paul's are their sole sponsor. It is only through our donations that these children are comfortably housed, well nourished, much loved and educated for a successful future.

The Designated Givings for June will benefit **Doctors Without Borders**.





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.

If you have any questions please contact me or Marg Brohm.

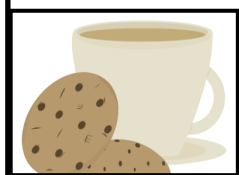
Thank you

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.



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.



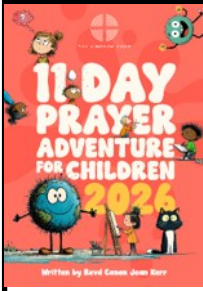
Suggested Items

St. Paul's Pantry

(no glass please)

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





KID'S KORNER - submitted by Rev. Bonnie

A digital resource is available for children to take part in Thy Kingdom Come. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact Rev. Bonnie and she will send you the link.

PENTECOST FOR KIDS

The story of Pentecost, also known as the birthday of the Church, can be found in Acts 2. It is a rich story, full of bold and beautiful imagery and action to stir the imaginations of children. Below is the story of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21, 41-42) from the kid-friendly Biblical paraphrase, *The Message*.

A Sound Like a Strong Wind

2¹⁻⁴ When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

5-11 There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;
Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;
Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;
Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

12 Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

13 Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

Peter Speaks Up

14-21 That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people:
Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters;
Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams.
When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit
On those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy.

I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below,
Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,
Before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous;
And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved.

41-42 That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers. (continued on pg. 24)



GET CREATIVE!

What do you think the Day of Pentecost looked like?

PENTECOST

Reading from the Bible
Acts
chapter
2

LANGUAGES I CAN SPEAK

- 1 _____
 - 2 _____
 - 3 _____
- (CONTINUE OVERLEAF)

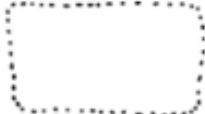


FIRE

Things that fall over when it's windy

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

Why the hurricane sound, fire and different languages?
your ideas here



What seemed to be tongues of fire came to rest on each of them... I sound like a violent gale... they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in languages from all around the world...

OR



How do you imagine the scene?

I spend time listening to _____
but I would prefer to listen to _____

I would like to speak to _____

what happened before this story?

what happened next?



My name is

I prefer:

- Flying a Kite
- sailing
- chasing leaves



My hair on a windy day

MARKS OUT OF 10

- ornate fireplace
- fire alarm going off
- fire engine
- Firefox
- bonfire night

I would like it if the spirit helped me to...

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MARKETING & COMMUNICATION ITEMS (by D. Stecher)

The Events Team: Tickets will be sold soon for the **STRAWBERRY & SALAD SUPPER!**

SAVE THE DATE!!!



STRAWBERRY & SALAD SUPPER

Wed. June 24, 2026 *advanced sales only*

Tickets \$20 adults \$10 children 5-12 yrs.

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!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this Grapevine Issue!!! Diane S. Editor

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.

**DEADLINE FOR THE
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MORE PHOTOS: Congratulating Rev. Bonnie on her 5th Year as our Priest



Thanks Rev. Bonnie! It's been wonderful to have you, Michael and Liam here at St. Paul's for the past 5 years.

Ceremony by the Bishop in 2022.



A FEW MORE PHOTOS



Heather and Phyllis busy in the kitchen preparing sandwiches!

Repairman "goes to the top" fixing the fridge.



Beautiful flowers by the font.

Historical plaque in the upper hall in appreciation of the work of priest Rev. Canon C.H. Marsh and his wife Emily. The hall was named The Marsh Memorial Hall in their honour.



Sunday April 19th: UnBELLievable performing during our Easter 3 service.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

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

Sunday May 17—Ascension Sunday 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday May 24—Pentecost 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday May 31—Trinity 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday June 7—Pentecost 2 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday June 14—Pentecost 3 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday June 21—Nat. Indigenous Day of Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday June 28—Pentecost 5 10am Holy Eucharist

Summer Services—Held in the Church hall (air-conditioned)

Sunday July 5—Sunday Sept. 6, 2026 (10am)

Sunday Sept. 13th: **Welcome Back Sunday** (join us in the sanctuary)

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

