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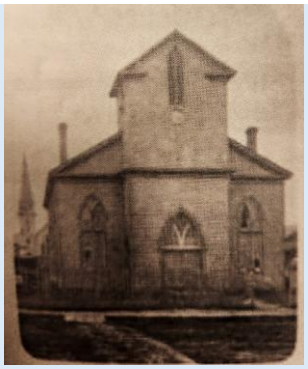
ST. PAUL'S 190TH ANNIVERSARY (1836—2026)

Anglican services were held on farms, in homes, and then in the old Town Hall in the 1830s and '40s. In 1846, Queen Victoria deeded land for a future Anglican church on Kent St. In 1859, a small, white frame church was built and named St. Paul's.





By the mid 1880's, St. Paul's on Kent Street was deteriorating and overcrowded. After a parishioner donated land on Russell Street, plans began and a new St. Paul's was built. It opened on Wed. Nov. 25th, 1885.





St. Paul's now in 2026!

Celebrating 190 years of Anglican ministry and excited for the future! All are welcome – join us!



Ask & Imagine: Insights from your Incumbent Rev. Bonnie Skerritt Nov '26



In my Grapevine piece for September, I wrote about a Legacy Fund for our parish that has been assembled over the past several months and will be launched with a Legacy Campaign at our 190th Anniversary Service on November 22nd. Firstly, let me express my gratitude to the Wardens and Finance Committee for working with me to do this exciting work. I also would like to thank John Walden and Ian McKechnie for their assistance to the committee. Hopefully, the many homilies that we have had over this Fall have been helpful to you as we dug into both spiritual and physical legacies. I encourage each of you to consider if leaving a legacy to St. Paul's might be possible for you and your family. The Legacy Committee is looking forward to launching the 1836 Legacy Fund and will be happy to discuss it with you after it launches.

Looking beyond our anniversary celebrations, it will soon be Advent and Christmas, the start of a new year in the Church. I am delighted that since Advent 1, 2025 we have welcomed 14 new parishioners to St. Paul's. Welcome all! On behalf of the St. Paul's family, we look forward to celebrating this special season of anticipation, hope and love with you. If you are a new parishioner, I encourage you to consider getting involved in parish life beyond our Sunday morning congregation after you have taken some time to get to know us. Please speak with me or one of our wardens about how you might get involved.

And finally, as we celebrate both the old and the new, I leave you with these words from Eric Clayton, a contributor to IgnatianSpirituality.com, entitled Comfort in Old Things. I pray that these words of deep spirituality bring comfort to you.

In thanksgiving for this parish and for each one of you,

Rev Bonnie

Comfort in Old Things by Eric Clayton

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Comfort in Old Things by Eric Clayton



I draw comfort from old things. An ancient tree, twisted and gnarled, reaching for the sky. A humble hillside chapel, its stones from a distant age, a spiritual shelter for pilgrims past. A simple pathway, well-trodden and well-kept, flattened by booted feet year after year.

I draw comfort from old things and from knowing that in their shadows, others have stood or passed, while others have wondered, wandered, and wept. I am not the first. If past is prelude, as they say, I won't be the last.

I look for this comfort in these sturdy, well-worn places, because the storms of life are many, and already I feel weathered. But then I look to these old trees, these old stones, this old path, and I think, ***Things can hold.*** *Things can weather. Things can remain*.

It is not the *things* that give comfort—not entirely. It is what they have seen. Who has passed this way before? What wearying burdens and hidden joys did they carry as they went?

When these forebearers of mine—of *ours*—leaned upon the old bark of this tree, what did they think? When they rested upon these aged stones, what did they feel? When they passed through this storied path, where were they going?

It's these forgotten people, then, from whom I draw my comfort. I see a reminder that we are a pilgrim people, and our lineage stretches back into the far distance. Though the storms batter us, that lineage remains. So, too, do our shared humanity and dignity.

We encounter a communion of people: women and men made holy by the shared pilgrim journey through this graced life. This is a communion of struggling saints. We share this legacy, this lineage, this story. I draw my comfort from a shared narrative thread, woven across time and space, a rope we all fumble to grasp as we make our way onward.

I draw my comfort from this shared story, a tale of many chapters of sorrow, grief, pain, **hope**, love, and rejoicing. There are chapters left to be written, but this tale is one story in one great sweeping narrative.

I draw my comfort from the author of this sweeping story, the one who both bounds the book and becomes the bond that holds tight the tale's countless characters. It is **God in all things** from whom I draw my comfort, as God stretches back into the ether of time and reaches out ahead to destinations yet unknown to us.

Here is our God who is in the story and its characters. Our God knows the path. Our God shores up our foundation of stones. Our God reaches up and through the ancient tree as it yawns at the sky.

I draw comfort from old things, because they have spent time with God—more time than I have, at least. And while the tree and the stone and the path may not speak in words I know, God's Spirit dwells here as it always has. From the simple things, we have much to learn.

In knowing that there is always more to know, that God is of unfathomable depths, and that even the oldest tree is but a blink in God's eye, I draw great comfort.

PARISH ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY Nov. 2026

INCUMBENT:	The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt
HONORARY ASSISTANTS:	The Rev. Canon Greg Physick
	The Rev. Susan Tate
PARISH MANAGEMENT TEAM:	Rev. Bonnie Skerritt
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People's Warden	Paul Carpentier
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MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Arlene Gray
WEBMASTER:	Diane Stecher
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ST. PAUL'S KITCHEN OPERATIONS	Paul Carpentier
SYNOD DELEGATES:	Doug Read & Lorna Green
VERGER:	
WORSHIP COMMITTEE:	Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

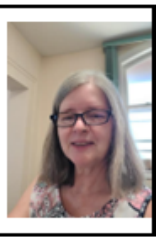
Please visit the church office 9am—12 noon (Tues—Thurs), or call (705) 324-4666 to reach Rev. Bonnie, or one of our church leaders. Thank you.

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays—Thursdays

9am—12 noon

Arlene Gray, Office Admin. Assistant.



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

We Strive to be a Scent free space

Like to sing?

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

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!

Live Stream & Sound Board Helpers

We could use a few more people to operate the live stream camera and sound board Sunday mornings! Please speak to Arlene or Diane S. for more information.





Deadline for the Epiphany/Lent issue of the Grapevine is:

Friday Jan. 8, 2027

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UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

Fall Schedule of Events

November 15	– Kawartha Lakes Singers “Echoes of the Past” 2:30 pm
November 21	– Christmas Tea 2:00 pm & Concert 3:00 pm
November 22	– 190th Anniversary Service & lunch
December 12	– Breakfast with Santa
December 20	– Lessons & Carols 4:00 pm
December 24	– Christmas Eve service 7:00 pm
December 25	– Christmas Day, Holy Eucharist, 3:00 pm & Dinner 4:00



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

Nov. '26



The late Roman Catholic priest and writer, Henri Nouwen wrote: 'as we take a quiet moment and choose a peaceful place to pray, our minds will become still, and in this stillness become deeper and wider, inviting the eternal quality of life that Jesus has brought to us'. On a recent Sunday I turned to my son who was visiting and said that we won't leave at 9:30ish for church but wait a little longer. There is little quiet time to 'be still' and prepare for worship.

Our parish, as with many others, has a general chatter in the nave as we gather. (Yes, at times I am guilty too). As Ian and I entered our pew and offered our moments of prayer, the chatter was loud. A quiet reflective time that was the expectation as the saying goes, in the 'good old days' was not a reality. However, it seems I am not alone in this thought about 'why can't people wait til coffee hour to catch up with one another?' Others here share such thoughts with me.

Many of us grew up in a day when to be quiet prior to the service was the norm. A robed acolyte/server lit the candles, and we may have seen the altar guild or priest do final touches at the altar and credence table with quiet reverence and dignity —in preparation for what we were about to do: offer our worship, our prayers. In our busy world with so much assaulting our senses, the opportunity to be 'still', to be quiet and reflective is needed. Lately, we have heard and read an instruction around the Postlude: to be still and quiet. Of course some may have to leave, but please do so quietly. As with the Postlude, so it is with the Prelude—offered to the Glory of God and a part of the worship: clapping is neither expected nor wanted. We are not at a concert. The same is true of a choir anthem or motet.

The week after I said my words to Ian, I came across a copy of The Anglican Digest-- a bi-monthly publication that at times is left on the table in our church hall. One article by a Bishop noted that "far too many of our churches resound with chit-chat before services—hardly conducive to preparation for worship…". A parish musician in Ohio wrote: 'Many Episcopalians are concerned about the loud greetings and conversations…before services in many places. It was always very impressive to me to enter an Episcopal Church and feel the sense of quietness and reverence that prevailed. Is this a custom we want to lose in the name of informality or fellowship?…" (The Episcopal Church is our sister Church in the United States.) As we read in the Book of Ecclesiastes, 'there is nothing new under the sun.' The quotes are from an edition printed in 1986. My parish I served in at that time, held a lot of 'noise' as the many families with young children came into the church. Yet, (and words to myself too): Perhaps we can recapture a sense of an earlier time many of us do recall: be still and prayerful-- and in the quiet allow our souls to be open to what the Spirit may be saying to us. "As we take a quiet moment and choose a peaceful place to pray, our minds will become still……". But not just in church; also at home and on that walk, we can find moments of stillness and quiet. What will you and I hear? Will we be open to 'God-moments'?

PHOTOS FROM OUR MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE NIGHT!



Our 8 murder suspects lined up at the end of the night – Who was the murderer?







Canon Greg & Ray washing dishes!



Lorna the Emcee/Co-leader



Rev. Susan leading Grace



Our kitchen crew & servers!



Ken G. as Shawn Easton



Larry T. as Dr. Thomas Blackman



Ethel M. as Susanne Smythe



Rev. Bonnie as Jessica Cates Lockwood



Ian M. as David Cross



John S. as Anthony Lockwood



Dawn E. as Vanessa Cross



Heather B. as Madame Rose

And the murderer was:

Madame Rose













MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE "Thank you list"

Thank you to Lorna G. and Cynthia M. for their hard work as Event Co-Leaders!

Thank you to our actors: Dawn, John, Ethel, Heather, Larry, Rev. Bonnie, Ian, and Ken.

Thank you to our kitchen crew: Paul, Phyllis, Catherine, Colleen, Teri, Shiela, Shawna, Canon Greg, and Ray.

Thank you to our decorators & table set up crews: Jo-Anne B., Jo S., Shirley, Beverly, and others.

Thank you to our bartenders: Ken and Arlene and to John S. and Mike Green for purchasing the wine etc.

Thank you to our Sunday ticket sellers: Lorna, Dawn, Jo-Anne, and others.

Thanks to our front hall door ticket taker: Betty Tyndall

Warden's Walk by Diane Stecher & Paul Carpentier

A number of projects have happened within, and outside, the church during the extended good weather we were blessed with this fall:
- The main Russell St. doors have been re-stained; what a difference it makes. People have asked if we put in new doors!
- The stair railing has been painted, and combined with the doors, what a significant improvement to our "curb appeal".
- Ray Marshall has spent several days in the red shed dealing with a ridiculous amount of stuff left over many years. This work had to happen before we can dismantle the unsafe structure. I believe you have earned at least two more jewels for your crown Ray; thank you so much!
- Inside, the lighting in the nave of the church has been significantly increased. Not only can you see so much better, but we noticeably reduce the electrical usage.
- The "avoided" lower hall has seen a complete transformation with the application of 8 gallons of paint and a lot of man-hours! This space is now "inviting"! This hall is now rentable and will help our budget. Thank you, John Sale and Ray Marshall, for the hands that made it happen.

There are also a number of projects that will continue to happen over the next few months:
- The lower floor washroom will be re-furbished, including new flooring.
- Enabled by a special donation, we will be installing more "raised (19") toilets; a gift that will be appreciated by many!
- Interior stain glass trim will be repaired and painted.
- Several banners have been purchased to help get meaningful, biblical messaging all through our building, to provide encouragement for all who use our church.

Thank you for your financial support. Year to date our income is $15,000 over budget and our expenses are on budget. The endowment fund dividends and rental incomes continue being a very important facet of our budget. Expenses have once again been well controlled, but as you know, our fixed expenses are high. As an FYI, I remind you that our operating budget still produces a significant five figure deficit that we continue to work on.

We are very optimistic that the 1836 Legacy Fund, over time, will play a significant part in addressing our deficit. Our thanks go to John Walden, Larry Todd and Tom Ross for all the time they have invested to help us get this project ready to launch.

We have 3 more events to run before the end of the year, and we will be asking for your support. We thank Rev. Bonnie and Ray Marshall for spearheading the Christmas Tea & Concert again this year. We thank Arlene Gray for putting the concert portion together; it is certain to be entertaining. We are excited to see how well the format change to Breakfast with Santa will be received (free like the Christmas dinner) Then finally, there is the annual free Christmas Dinner where we have the privilege of working alongside several community volunteers to "Feed both the Body and the Soul" of our guests.

As this is the last issue of the Grapevine before Christmas and the year end, we wish you and your families a blessed journey through Advent, as you prepare for our Saviours' birth. Thank you for all you have done in 2026 to help St. Paul's be a blessing in our community and to uphold our St. Paul's Family. God bless!

PARISHIONER PROFILE – ETHEL MORRIS



Born into a middle-class home in Chicago, I was an enthusiastic student at school and Sunday school, and regularly joined in roller-skating, hopscotch and skipping with the numerous boys and girls on our block. Consequently, I was not happy when family problems caused my mother (with child), my brother and I to move to the family farm in north-western Ontario where she had grown up. The one-room school was a long walk away, and the students weren't very friendly to this newcomer who had never played baseball. There were no churches less than ten miles away and no cars during World War II. The only religious institutions in the area were the Shantymen and the Canadian Sunday School Mission. The wife of the local Shantyman would occasionally have a group of children to her home for Bible stories. The Canadian Sunday School Mission had an itinerant preacher who came to the school occasionally and a group which organized a summer camp on Rainy River. Lesson number one that I learned? That people who loved God had a special warmth and loving nature.

When the war ended and my mother married a local man who returned home, our family grew and I had a stepsister, and later three more younger brothers. We moved to the own of Emo nearby, a village of six or seven hundred people. My sister and I went to the Sunday school there, with other girls we knew from school. A younger girl came one Sunday, a child who was rather grubby and didn't seem to know much about church. Our teacher, a gentle and kind person, on the following Sunday, heard us making snide remarks about the visitor. Suddenly she was like an avenging angel. She reminded us that the girl was as much a child of God as we, and that church was certainly not the place to demonstrate such unchristian behaviour. That lesson was one we took to heart.

The church was an important influence in many ways as I grew up. I joined the choir and took part in the youth group. That group had an annual manual which gave suggestions for programing. It was divided into four sections: devotional, stewardship, service and social. It has always reminded me that a balanced life is guided in all those activities.

The small high school in Emo was closed before I graduated and we were bussed to the school in Fort Francis, twenty miles away. In the summer I was able to get a job at the local hospital because they had a residence for girls from out of town. It was run by the Grey Nuns, and I came to admire their hard work and dedication.

On completing high school, along with a couple of close friends, I spent a year at North Bay Teacher's College. We were warmly welcomed at the Baptist church there and took an active role in the youth group and the choir. Following that I taught for three years in the Thunder Bay area and then, with a friend, decided to go to the south of Ontario, where I taught for three years. While teaching, I managed to complete two years of university through summer classes at McMaster and correspondence courses from Queens. Wanting to enjoy the full university experience, I planned to

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take two years at McMaster to complete my degree, but life often has surprising and wonderful complications. I met the man I was to spend sixty years of my life with. We compromised, I graduated with a three-year degree, and we were married two months later.

Church w as important to both George and I. It had always been where I found friends and support. George came from a family that had for generations gone to the Church of Ireland (Anglican). We wanted to worship together, and denomination was not an important factor to me. We were married and I was confirmed at the Church of the transfiguration in Toronto.

Three years after our marriage (and two after the birth of our first son) the Ministry of Education was increasing the number of technical programs in high schools and looking for teachers. George realized that he had the qualifications that would allow him to take the ministry summer course and teach. The family business that employed him had little security or opportunity for advancement. We decided to make the change, leaving our church and some very close friends. George applied to a few high schools advertising in the Globe and Mail and on the last day of March (earliest day that those opting to take summer courses in lieu of a full year could be hired). I received a call from Lindsay asking us to come to Linday for an interview that night. I phoned George at work and a friend to babysit; we accepted their invitation and drove to Lindsay. George signed a contract that night.

Raising two sons and keeping house kept me busy for several years, but about the time Kevin, my younger son started school, I had a call from John bates, the Lindsay superintendent asking me if he could be my name on the supply list as a substitute teacher. A couple of years later, I was asked to take a three-month substitution and then invited to stay on contract. That led to twenty-two years of teaching, first at Central Senior, and then at Grandview. Looking back, I'm amazed at how full my life was for many years – and how many wonderful people I knew. There were terrible times – like the death of our oldest son. It's a dark sadness that never quite leaves your consciousness. Realizing that God gives you the ability to keep putting one foot in front of the other, gives you the strength you need.

Retiring from teaching in 1996 gave me more time to get involved in church activities. For many years there seemed to be plenty of volunteers when help was needed. Personally, I realized when George was diagnosed with dementia, that my life would slow down. With covid, society seemed to take a major change.

God in still in charge. I wonder what the future holds.

Ethel took the Parishioner Profile Questions and sent in this wonderful description of her life adventures. I wanted to leave it as written in her own words. Thank you, Ethel, for the many roles you have had, and continue to do at St. Paul's, and the local nursing homes! Bless you!
D. Stecher, Editor

Our St. Paul's Family:

FROM OUR PARISH REGISTERS:
(Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals)

Funerals:

Date of death:

Sept. 11, 2026 Carol Ann Tait

Nov. 11 Jim Burridge

Go in peace. Mark 5:34

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

Note: We strive not to miss anyone! If you know of someone in our parish celebrating a special day, please let us know. Our editor, Diane Stecher, would be happy to update these lists. Thank you.

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS.....

(Nov. – Dec.)



November Don Brohm

Diane Stecher

December Rev. Canon Greg Physick

Dawn Evans

Paul Carpentier



To those celebrating in November or December!















Photos of choir members & bell ringers!

5. "Time capsules on paper": Why church bulletins are important

I have in my room a pair of binders filled with orders of service from churches of different denominations that I have visited over the years. Now, I normally don't hang on to bulletins (sometimes called leaflets) from the churches in this community of which I am a member, or visit regularly – St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Cambridge Street United – unless it is for a particularly significant service. However, I have amassed a largish collection of bulletins from churches in Halifax, Toronto, and other places around the province and country to which my travels have taken me.

And everyone tells a story. The order of service leaflet from St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, dated Sunday August 30, 2015, brings back memories of living in Toronto for two and a half weeks while the Victoria County Historical Society's old First World War Comes To Life travelling exhibition was set up at the CNE. I well remember attending the 11:00 a.m. worship service at St. James' and trembling in awe (perhaps it was a mix of the Holy Spirit and the heat?) when the choir's sopranos soared into a descant upon reaching the last verse of the opening hymn, Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above:

> 'Let all who name Christs holy name give God all praise and glory;
> let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
> Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
> To God all praise and glory.

Importantly, I still have the bulletin from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lindsay, from Mother's Day of 1991. That's when the late Rev. Dr. John McMurray baptized me into this holy catholic church that for all its faults and imperfections, has in its various ways nurtured me over these past 35 years. One bulletin in my binder is dated Sunday June 10, 2007, and was handed to me when – as I recall – I ventured into St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lindsay, as a first-time visitor. This cradle Presbyterian was in Grade 10 and felt driven by a spark of ecumenical curiosity to see how other churches in the community worshipped and witnessed – not least St. Paul's, which only a year before had commemorated 170 years of Anglican ministry in Lindsay and surrounding area.

What do I remember of my first visit? I recall how two parishioners, the late Bill Henderson and the late Joan Humphries, kindly walking me through the basics of Anglican liturgy (including how to properly drink communion wine from the big chalice). The crucifer was Garion Powell, and the warden on duty that day was Don Brohm. The late Doug Copp was on the organ bench that Sunday, filling in for Arlene (and I especially remember his vigorous rendering of that Sunday's recessional hymn: King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You). The late Rev. Canon Rod Barlow was entering the last few weeks of his twelve-year ministry at St. Paul's; he was joined by four honorary assistants, with the late Rev. Elsie Stephenson being at his side most of the Sundays I chose to worship with my "St. Paul's family."

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Notice how frequently I have used the adjective “late” in the preceding paragraph[s]. As I write this, we have just passed the feast of All Saints, when we remember the faithful departed who have fallen asleep and wait in God’s keeping until the day of resurrection. So many familiar faces have come and gone over the almost 20 years with which I have been coming to services and special events at St. Paul’s. (I remember especially at this time of year the late Edna Smith – a very dear friend to so many of us in this parish and in the broader community – who died a few days before All Saints’ Day, 2025.)

And perhaps this is why the printed leaflet is so important. It becomes a record of a community, its people and activities, from a particular time and place. Bulletins are a relatively new phenomenon in the story of the Christian church; St. Andrew’s Church, Lindsay, did not introduce printed orders of service until 1907. With the plethora of digital technology available to us now, though, they may yet become an endangered species in some parishes. St. Paul’s Church, Bloor Street, for instance, no longer issues a printed leaflet; the entire liturgy and announcements are projected onto a pair of screens mounted below the organ case on either side of the chancel. Other congregations, though, (like St. Paul’s, Lindsay) have defied the trend and retain these “time capsules on paper,” which provide us with yet another window into the life and witness of a Christian community.

We might take bulletins for granted, but for archivists, they can be a goldmine of collective memory.



Thanks Ian, for another interesting and informative article!



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!

REPORT ON SCREENING WORKSHOPS FOR 2026

November 14, 2026

As per the requirements of our Diocese, I am pleased to report that we have completed our Screening Workshops and Police Checks for 2026. You may remember that they need to be refreshed every 3 years for both high risk and medium risk volunteers.

Thank you for participating in the program, and for the work you do in your various ministries. Rev. Bonnie can now feel comfortable in reporting to the Bishop that we are now in compliance.

Blessings,

Doug Read

Program Coordinator

PROPERTY REPORT (NOVEMBER 2026)

(Don Brohm, 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) RENT INCREASES HAVE GONE THROUGH WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS.

3) 32 Glenelg required a new circulating pump and back flow preventor for the boiler. This has been installed.

4) A new carbon monoxide detector was required at 32 Glenelg St as well.

5) 38 Glenelg still requires new water meter as per City request and we have to work through Double R Plumbing on this item…still outstanding and scheduled for Nov 19/26. 38 Glenelg required heat exchanger for the furnace; this been installed as well.

6) We have some lights in the hall that require attention for ballasts; this has been looked after.

Just so you know

Don Brohm



ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB CHRISTMAS 2026 *by Lorna Green*

St. Paul's Book Club is coming to the end of our season. We met in October for our penultimate meeting. Our hostess was Donna Gushue assisted by Beverly Baxter at the Bloom residence community room. This was a planning meeting for our next season which will run from April 2027 until November 2027 with our Christmas lunch in December of that year.

November is our last book meeting. This will be held at the home of Shirley Hanes and the book discussed will be Educated by Tara Westover. In December, we meet at the Olympia restaurant at noon for our Christmas lunch.

For the first time we will not have any winter meetings, but we will meet again in April. An exciting line up of books awaits us then.

Books may well be the only true magic
Alice Hoffman



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 call me at (705) 324-0624.
God Bless.
Marg Brohm

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE SHORT ONE MEMBER TO FILL OUR TEAM 4. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR TEAM. THANKS

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.

Your 2027 envelopes are available for pickup in the hall. Anyone that is on PAG. (PAR) and want their box of envelopes please call Marg Brohm and she will get them to you.

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

Your 2026 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

On Sunday Nov. 15th, the KLS treated us to a great concert!!!

Arlene and the KLS presented **ECHOES OF THE PAST - *Songs of Remembrance and Songs We Remember*** which was a delightful and reflective afternoon of poetry and music! Some of the pieces featured soloists, a trumpet player, guitarist, and even a train whistle! Food donations for the St. Paul's Pantry were brought in, which was very much appreciated! KLS has another concert on Dec. 12th, and you can ask Arlene for details.



OUTREACH REPORT November 2026 by Gail Payne

Your Outreach Committee continue to strive to be the voice and hands of our Lord Jesus' love in our world, on behalf of St. Paul's.

Stamp Out Poverty: thanks to those collecting used postage stamps. Jim Allen, an experienced philatelist, continues to find and sell these stamps for us with the proceeds going to the Outreach Committee. Thank you, Jim, for your efforts.

Queen Victoria School: we have resumed providing nutritious snacks for the students on Friday noon. Thanks to our several volunteer choppers and baggers.

King Albert School: they have requested donations of mitts, boots, toques and socks of all sizes as they have students from JK-grade 8. There is a bin for these just inside the back door of the parish hall.

St. Paul's Food Pantry: many thanks for the many contributions during our recent fall food drive. We collected 250 lb. of much needed food. Well done! We do continue to welcome all kinds of non-perishable food as the need is great and ongoing.

Spring Outreach Service: we anticipate a speaker from Alongside Hope shortly after Easter. Date to follow.



On Oct. 4th, our Guest speaker spoke about Indigenous peoples, water, and the life of Josephine Mandamin, who trekked 25,000 kms. advocating for water protection.

Our Outreach Givings this quarter are as follows:
Local: Community Care
National: Alongside Hope
International: Justice Mission

Designated Givings as follows:
November: FINCA
December: Mission to Seafarers

Please consult the recent Anglican Journal for information about their Christmas Gift catalogue as a means to help support various projects of support and development in needy areas of the world. These make wonderful gifts, especially for those on our lists who are "hard to buy for".

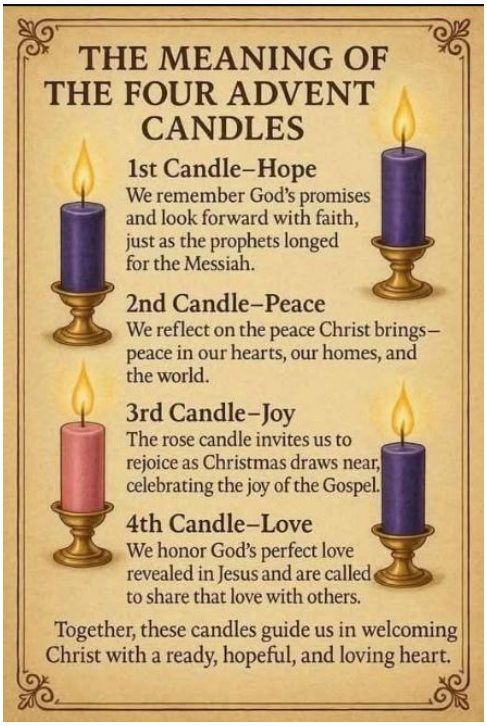
Our next meeting is Dec. 6, and all are welcome to join us as we meet right after the church service. Luke 10:25-37

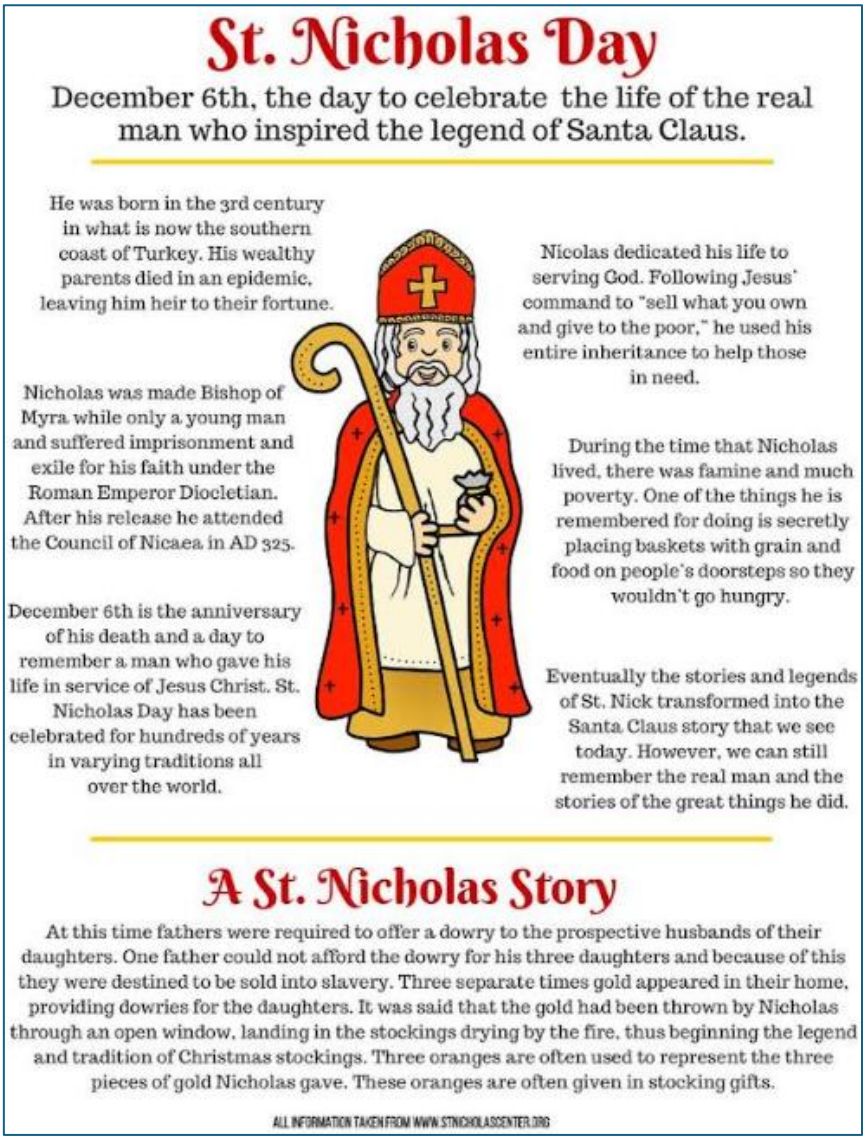


Family Activity Page

1. During Advent we light four candles, but what do they mean?

2. Dec. 6th is St. Nicholas Day, but who was St. Nicholas?





A few joyous parishioners during Coffee Time! (shared by Kim Walsh)







ESL Group Potluck Meal!

Thanks to Kim Walsh for sharing this photo! Looks like fun!



A recent Sisterhood photo:

A whole table full of beautiful, knitted mittens and hats that will be appreciated this winter by the recipients!! Thanks to Shirley Haines for sharing this photo.



Thanksgiving Photos!

Sent in by Kim Walsh.







MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS by Diane Stecher

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Christmas Tea (2pm) **& Concert** (3pm)

Sat. Nov. 21, 2026 Tickets $25 per person

Featuring: KADY Vocal Quartet, UnBELLievable Handbell Ensemble, and a Brass Quartet.

Communications: Best ways to find out what is happening at St. Paul's Church!

- In person: ask a fellow parishioner, an usher, a Warden, etc.
- Sunday Service Bulletins
- Website: www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/stpaulslindsay
- Church Hall bulletin board table
- Outdoor sign
- Grapevine newsletter (5 issues: January, March, May, September & November)

Marketing:

Thanks to members who place flyers in the local community and share information about our events. Diane also sends in event information locally for the Radio Event Calendar, Chamber E-blast, etc. Occasionally, ads are also placed in local newspapers or magazines but those tend to have fees.

For Upcoming Grapevines: Help needed:

1) **Photos of church events, group meetings, and other activities are always appreciated!** While I try to capture photos of many church events, it's always nice to get photos from other people's perspectives and have a greater variety of photos for Grapevine issues!

2) **Birthday and Anniversary Lists:** If you are a newcomer, or someone who would like a birthday or anniversary acknowledged in our Grapevine newsletter – please let Diane Stecher know! Also, birthdays and anniversaries were originally listed by Quarter, but Diane has been trying to change them over to monthly lists, so they fit better into our five issues per year. At this point in time, the lists by specific month are better, but still incomplete.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue of the Grapevine!! *Diane Stecher, editor*

Deadline for the Epiphany/Lent issue of the Grapevine is:

Friday Jan. 8, 2027

Editor: dskayaker@gmail.com























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WEEKLY SERVICES

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

Sunday Nov. 22—190th Anniversary Service 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Nov. 29—Advent 1 10am Morning Prayer

Sunday Dec. 6—Advent 2 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Dec. 13—Advent 3 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday Dec. 20—Advent 4 10am Lessons & Carols

Thursday Dec. 24—Christmas Eve (7pm) Holy Eucharist

Friday Dec. 25—Christmas Day (3pm) Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day Dinner (4pm): dine in only (Book by Dec. 22nd)

Phone **(705)324-4666** to pre-book your dinner reservation.
Telephone prompts: Press **# 3** to go to Events menu, then:
To volunteer: Press **# 6** to sign up as a volunteer (by Dec. 15th)
To have dinner: Press **# 7** to reserve dinner seat(s) (by Dec. 22nd)

Sunday Dec. 27—Christmas 1 10am Holy Eucharist

To view services online go to our website: www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca

