
ST PAUL'S

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FROM THE RECTOR

John Newton

"Lent's long shadows have departed..." The words of Cecil Frances Alexander's Easter hymn keep running through my mind. With the weather we have had so far this year, Lent's shadows may have seemed especially long to some of us! "When is this all going to end?" we ask.

It seems a very long time ago, but it was only at the beginning of Lent, that Karen and I went to see the film *Chocolat*. Set in the quaintness of a small French village of fifty years ago, the tale recounts the experiences of the townsfolk as a mysterious woman "from away" blows into town on the wind and sets up a chocolate shop.

This is regarded as a scandalous act by many of the villagers and their mayor (the local count) because it is Lent and chocolate is absolutely *interdit*. As the story moves from Ash Wednesday through the season of Lent, hostilities rise to the point where they eventually erupt in open violence. Somehow, in their sincere attempt to observe Lent, these folk have ended up violating it through judgementalism, prejudice, gossip, manipulation, cruelty and hate-mongering.

Meanwhile, there is an infectious joy, a transforming generosity, in the chocolate shop. As Christians we might recognize it as grace.

I won't spoil the story by telling you the conclusion, except to try to quote from the young *curé*, who becomes increasingly troubled by all the goings-on.

Please see bottom of next page.

Services of Holy Week & Easter

WEDNESDAY, 11 APRIL

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
in the Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 12 APRIL

9:00 p.m. 'Gethsemane Watch'
A vigil of intercession & prayer. (See Mark 14:32-38.)

GOOD FRIDAY, 13 APRIL

12:00 noon Service of Scripture,
Prayer and Meditation
on the Cross of Christ

2:00 p.m. 'The Crucifixion'
by John Stainer

EASTER DAY, 15 APRIL

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
*in Point Pleasant Park
opposite Black Rocks Beach
(in from lower parking lot)*

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Easter Celebration
of Holy Communion
*with traditional & contemporary
music and children's
programme*

WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
*"Wheels to Worship" with
light luncheon Please call the
church office if you need
transportation*

BELIEVING IS MORE THAN SEEING

Jonathan Eayrs

Spring in Nova Scotia can be a hard thing to believe in—especially when you're digging out your driveway one more time!

Let them talk all they want about the Spring equinox and a countdown to summer, more often than not it still looks and feels more like winter out there, no matter what the calendar says. To believe in Spring, then, means trusting more than our senses can tell us. Maybe this is because the change coming is so total that it can't be measured at a glance on any given day. No one weather report really reflects the transformation that comes about over the course of an entire season.

Still, there are signs, pointers that tell us that a corner has been turned and that we're headed in a new direction. Even if we can't see Spring out our window today, tomorrow—or even for several months!—once we've recognized the signs we have reason to hope, and hope is the very best way of coping with a time of waiting.

Unless of course we've got so used to the way things are right now that we won't let ourselves believe they can be any different. Judging from "the way things are"—from what seems real enough right now—who would suppose there could be any such thing as Summer? Who could guess from the return of the first robin the richness of life that is to follow? But it is so.

It is the same with the season of Easter. Judging from what any of us can take in of life right now, who could imagine any such thing as Resurrection? None of us has seen the full glory of all those God calls to life. But we have a sign it shall be so in God's raising Jesus from the dead.

Jesus risen from the dead, Jesus alive and available to us now! This is the Good News we are called to celebrate together this Easter and beyond. None of us can take it in by ourselves or for ourselves. We need one another, we need God's Spirit in our midst, we need the spiritual community which is Christ's continuing witness to us and to the world.

Yes, Spring can be hard to believe in, especially what the weather is fickle and our patience is wearing thin. But God is faithful, and the signs he sends do not deceive.

From the Rector (continued)

In his sermon on Easter morning, he challenges the little congregation with words to the effect that "the real meaning of Lent is not in what we deny ourselves, but in the good things we have the courage to embrace".

We must never lose sight of the fact that the forty-day journey that is Lent has as its destination the glorious radiance of Easter morning, when we celebrate the triumph of our Lord Jesus Christ over sin, evil and death. As we draw together as a parish family to worship him, I hope that God may have so worked in us throughout the season of Lent, that we may embrace him with all our hearts—that we may share fully in his joy and power and grace. And more importantly still, that we may find ourselves being embraced by him.

WARDENS' CORNER

Joan Malay

As I look out onto my garden, although it appears to be snow covered, there are hints of spring with crocus peeking through the snow! Spring, with the anticipation of summer and all of its joyful benefits. I believe that this feeling of anticipation expresses the sentiments of your new Parish Council as we look forward to challenges of the coming year.

As you all know, we have been extremely busy addressing the oil tank removal and remedial measures. We have appreciated that everyone has been most tolerant and understanding while we proceed through this process. Bill Day and his committee are working very diligently to resolve this issue.

Our Renovations Task Force under the capable chairmanship of Don Lordly is busy reviewing the proposal that was presented at the Annual Meeting for the planned renovations at the north end of the church. Groups throughout the congregation have been approached for their input and support with the hopes that the proposal will be presented to Parish Council shortly for final approval.

All of our committees have been established with enthusiastic members and over the next few weeks we will be introducing them to you and outlining their goals for the coming year.

We are delighted that Val Powell and Judi Thompson have again this year volunteered to host our Easter morning buffet, with usual abundance of fresh pastries and spring flowers. The celebration that Christ Has Risen and with the gathering of our church family it is a time for renewal of our commitment to church and each other.

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Submissions to ST PAUL'S JOURNAL are always welcome. The deadline for the next issue is 15 May.

BEING WITH CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

(Hints for parents, grandparents, and adult friends)

Leonard Bednar

Sit where children can see and exit with a minimum of fuss. Sit where friends can be seen, but not necessarily with them. A pew full of children is a guaranteed noisemaker.

Be prepared to explain parts of the service. Children are always full of questions. Often these come right in the middle of an important moment. This can be very annoying but it needs to be understood and accepted for the interest and involvement it shows. Find ways to respond to your child calmly and positively in the middle of worship, even if it is only to assure them that you will explain later.

Try to remember what it was like to be a child. Be understanding of their need to move around. Accept them and care for them in the worship setting. Be appreciative of their presence and always be ready to cuddle.

Retreat when necessary. In certain cases exit is desirable: a teething baby; a hurt, distressed child; loud, rambunctious behaviour; a toileting emergency; or if a child has set up a distracting pattern of play with another child. Exits relieve tension, teach the child what behaviour is acceptable, and underscore the "specialness" of worship, and their own "different" behaviour in that setting. When the cause of the child's complaint is resolved, return. Exiting without re-entry is counterproductive.

Try to keep a sense of humour. Every parent knows what it is like to feel anxious that your child is disturbing others. Most have a tendency to be overly conscious of this and can be far too critical of their children. Try to trust in the good will of people

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

St Paul's has had an advisory group for Sunday School for many years which has worked very hard at organizing and ensuring that Bible oriented programs are delivered to the children of the church. As in every other group membership changes periodically (though Sunday School advisors have been especially faithful for many years at a stretch, for which we are thankful). Since September we have been working on reformulating our Children's Programs Advisory Committee, and now that we have met with the new members twice we want to advise you all of our progress. Members are parents of children and youth attending the programs. Some are currently teachers in the weekly classes, a few are teachers in the public school system.

We are confident that we continue to have the expertise and commitment needed to lead our children's ministries successfully. The group has re-stated its mandate, which we print below for your information. One of the key functions is to be a sounding board for the congregation to obtain input from you—so please let any one of the members know of your ideas or concerns at any time.

Members:

<i>Maureen White</i>	<i>Leonard Bednar</i>
<i>Sharon Bennet</i>	<i>Rebecca Dorey</i>
<i>Maggie Duinker</i>	<i>Pamela Hartling</i>
<i>Yvonne Messenger</i>	<i>Andrea Nicholls</i>
<i>John Osler</i>	<i>Jane Turcot</i>

around you. With humour and compassion, you will naturally be able to tell the difference between energetic participation and distracting misbehaviour.

PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

Maureen White-Gibling

For Christmas 2000, the demand for cards supporting the work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund hit an all-time high at St Paul's. Along with this generous support, the people of St. Pauls join over 500 Anglican parishes across Canada in using the monthly Primate's Fund envelope programme.

What is so special about the work of the Primate's Fund? Since 1959, the Primate's Fund has evolved as the most effective expression of the Anglican Church of Canada's work among disadvantaged people in Canada and our international development ministry. Did you know that the fund had its beginnings in the relief operations following the Springhill mining disaster in October 1958? The Primate's Fund is our own organization that we share with people with similar values and commitments in countries around the world. The Mission statement of the Primate's Fund was revised in the early 1990s after a series of nation-wide consultations—one of these consultations took place in the Memorial room here at St Paul's.

THE PRIMATE'S FUND MISSION STATEMENT:

The Primate's Fund is a response by Canadian Anglicans to the gospel call to bear witness to God's healing love in a broken world. Inspired by the vision of a spirit-filled community of hope, the Primate's Fund walks with partners in Canada and overseas, to share in the creation of a more just and peaceful world. In joy and in struggle, the Primate's Fund engages in develop-

ment work, responds to emergencies, works to protect refugees, and educates and advocates for change.

What are recent examples of the work of the Primate's Fund?

In Rwanda: Survival is often a struggle for poor rural people in densely populated African countries like Rwanda. Helping increase the output from land and livestock in environmentally sensitive ways is a goal of the Livestock and Demonstration Farm in the southwest Diocese of Cyangugu, supported by Primate's Fund. A veterinarian employed by the diocese cares for sick livestock and teaches farmers how to keep their cattle healthy while reducing stress on the land. Ensuring that all Rwandans can produce enough to eat also helps to reduce tensions remaining from the 1994 genocide.

In Alberta: Calgary's Daybreak House for Women At Risk shelters six refugee families headed by women. The Primate's Fund supported refugee committee in Calgary spent seven years raising funds to buy the house, and received the first refugees in 1997. In this house trauma survivors living on the poverty line can upgrade their skills and support their children in a community with time and the opportunity for self-care, personal growth, sharing and developing their own spirituality.

More information concerning the work of the Primate's Fund can be found at the website: <http://www.pwrdf.org>.

Please pray for the partners of the Primate's Fund.

GLORY! ALLELUIA!

Denise G. McKay

Glory be to you, Lord God, for your Son you sent to earth,
 Praise and thanks for 'lending' us Lord Jesus, through his birth,
 That he might dwell among us and teach us of your love,
 You 'loaned' him to us for awhile, from your holy presence above.
 This perfect God/man Jesus preached on this earth three years,
 Teaching, healing, comforting the lost souls in their fears.
 We praise you, holy Father, for working out your plan,
 To live and die through Jesus for the saving grace of man.
 We worship you with grateful heart for that first Easter day,
 When Jesus rose from out the tomb through your miraculous way.
 We worship, praise, and bless you, God, that this same Jesus lives
 Within receptive human hearts, as your Holy Spirit gives
 Each seeking soul a brand new start, a sense of worthiness,
 Strengthened, grateful, hopeful, inner peace and joyfulness.
 All glory be to God on high, and our Saviour, Christ his Son,
 Glory to the Holy Spirit, who completes the Three-in-One.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord
 Jesus Christ. *1□Corinthians 15:57 (King James Version)*

Written and composed with God's help.

MUSIC AT ST PAUL'S

Rob Paddock

Hello again everyone. This year I planned a variety of music to help us celebrate the Lent and Easter seasons. There was a recital in St Paul's every Thursday in Lent. Three of these recitals, on March 8, 22 and April 5, 2001, featured organ music from a wide range of composers. The recital on March 15 consisted of three of my piano students. These three young musicians are intermediate to senior players, performing pieces of a high calibre.

The next big musical event will be held on Good Friday, April 13, 2001, at 2□p.m. The choir will be performing "The Crucifixion", by John Stainer. I have invited any who are interested, to join our choir for this Cantata.

If there are any questions or if you are interested in joining the choir, please don't hesitate to call me at 461-9459 or send me an e-mail to deepsearob@hotmail.com. God bless!

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Fiona Day

The archives have recently been enlarged by two separate donations. Hilda Temple-Hill has given us two lovely prayer books from the library of her late husband, the Rev. Lionel Temple-Hill. One of these in particular we hope to be able to use for display, as it is a Book of Common Prayer dated 1760, and published by John Baskerville.

We also received a wonderful collection of photographs from Hilda Ridgway, consisting of pictures of family, girl guides, and the activities of St Paul's young people in the 1930s and 1940s. These are especially welcome as that period has scant representation in our photograph collection.

We hope to make copies of some of these photographs, and of the title pages of the 1760 Book of Common Prayer, for display in the cabinets at the back of the church.

You may wonder why we make copies, and not display the original items, as we have on previous occasions. It is because we are now following approved archival practices, and trying to make sure our Archives collection will survive for the next 250 years! Sunlight, electric light and prolonged exposure to them will break down and fade old paper, and will fade and discolour photographs, so we are now trying to display only copies of originals in order to keep them in as good condition as possible.

This is only one aspect of archival preservation we in the Archives Committee are learning now we are working to take control of 250 years of stored history. "Taking control" really means finding out exactly what we have in the vaults, registers, boxes,

file folders, etc., etc., that St Paul's Archives has. It means making a database of all this material so that the requests that come in to the church office for genealogical data, baptismal certificates, historical research, St Paul's history, records of events, etc., can be answered. Some of the records are very old and fragile, some are in boxes with a general label on the outside, volumes of information is stored in boxes full of Parish Magazines, some is in more volumes of Vestry proceedings, etc., which makes information searches quite a challenge at times.

Therefore for the past two years, and in particular, we hope, this coming year, your Archives Committee has been trying to get all this information recorded. We have had great help from the Council of Nova Scotia Archives, of which body we are a member; and we have employed part-time, the invaluable Lorraine Slopek (who also works in the Diocesan Archives) and who has alternately frozen and sneezed from the dust in the west gallery, identifying and recording material for our new database, greatly helped by Tinker McKay, Don Lordly, Edgar Malay and Sandra MacLennan. By the year 2002, we hope to have the greater part of the Archives properly arranged and described according to the Rules for Archival Description (similar to the classification arrangement of library books) and placed in proper archival containers. It is fascinating work, and we occasionally find gems from St Paul's past. Keep your eyes on the display cabinets. They will change from time to time.

If you have an interest in history, a penchant for detection, have spare time during the weekdays, and don't mind getting dusty, think about becoming involved with the Archives Committee. Call the church office, or me, and we shall be happy to have you join us.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD!

Gretchen Gillis

Most of us have, or have heard, a “small world” story or two; it’s probably safe to say that we all enjoy hearing them, and reading about them. We would love to hear from you with such a story of your own, with the idea of creating a regular feature in “St. Paul’s Journal”, a series of “Small World Stories”. To start things off, we would like to share one of our own favourites; we hope you will enjoy it, and will send—or bring—one of your favourite stories, addressed to: “Small World Stories”, c/o ST PAUL’S JOURNAL, 1749 Argyle Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3K4 (or e-mail: stpauls@chebucto.ns.ca). We look forward to hearing from you!

My husband and I were preparing to return to Halifax after a visit to our eldest daughter and her family, in Los Angeles. We approached the Air Canada counter at the Los Angeles airport, and Don gave our tickets to the agent there; after completing the necessary arrangements (and noticing the name “Gillis”, she asked, “Are you from Cape Breton?” We were so surprised! Don replied that we were not, but perhaps she was? Yes, that was the case.

When he asked what part of Cape Breton, she replied that it was not likely we would have heard of it, it’s such a small place. “Try me,” said Don. “Well,” she said, “it’s called Judique.” Judique!! “We have a daughter who moved to Cape Breton recently and lives about three miles from downtown Judique!” we both chimed in this time.

It’s hard to say who was more surprised then, especially as our conversation continued, in true Maritime fashion, and we learned that this friendly Air Canada ticket agent in Los Angeles knows some of our

Cape Breton daughter’s neighbours and is even related to one of them! We all agreed “it’s a small world!” (And I thought once again, how God loves to bring people together!)

SUMMER FAIR

Sandra MacLennan

The general feeling in the congregation is that we do want to do Summer Fair again. The Outreach & Mission Committee in consultation with some parishioners has proposed that we have our event this year. This decision has been supported by Parish Council.

The major change will be that instead of the Strawberry Tea, we will have just a Tea with sandwiches and cookies. This is based on several factors: the amount of labour and the cost of the Strawberry Tea is not reflected in our income. Added to that is the uncertainty of getting strawberries at the proper time and the fact that the Department of Health had many concerns about our set-up. As a result we felt we would change for this year.

We would like to have an overall coordinator for the event. If we do not get one we will work as a team as in the last two or three years. This year the team will be much larger. We are asking different people and groups to take ownership of various aspects of the event.

We will be sending letters to confirm the people who have already offered and to ask others for their participation and input.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call me at 443-1180 or e-mail to ap814@chebucto.ns.ca

See you at the Fair!

GOD'S 'HOW TO' BOOK, THE HOLY BIBLE

Denise G. McKay

I think that many of us just prior to New Years' day,
Must stand before a mirror and shake our head and say,
"I really must do something about the way I look,
A stronger will to make a change, a new 'how to' diet book!"
Every year we 'weaklings' resolve to try once more,
To really start and brave the 'list' we failed the year before.
Not only in some weight loss, but other issues too,
In attitude, intentions, and things that we should do.
There are many books on 'how to', for every situation,
Everything from exercise, calorie count, and meditation.
"How to' books for love and life to brighten up your day,
Suggestions, explanations, for a promised better way.
I'm sure these books are helpful to start you on your goal,
But would only touch the surface, not reach in to your soul.
The only book that's capable to reach heart, soul and mind,
Is God's 'How to' book, the Bible, unique, one of a kind.
It's filled with true life stories of people turned away
From sin and idle living, to trusting God for each new day.
It's full of truth and guidelines, fulfilment for our need,
Complete with words of wisdom from our Father God, indeed.
Yes, there are lots of 'how to' books, within the world today,
But none like God's own 'How to...' for our path along life's way.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own
understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall
direct thy paths. *Proverbs 3:5, 6 (King James Version)*

Written and composed with God's help.

A COVENANT IN MINISTRY

*Between
the Parish of St Paul's Church, Halifax
and
the Reverend Canon John Newton
Rector
and
the Reverend Jonathan Eayrs
Associate Rector*

PREFACE

This covenant affirms, and does not take precedence over, such documents as the Bishop's Expectations of Clergy working in Parish Ministry, and the Constitution, Canons, and Guidelines of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, and the by-laws of the Parish.

We affirm that the positions of Rector and Associate Rector assume the ministry of persons ordained to the office of a Priest. This ministry is described as the work of "pastor, priest, and teacher" which includes: "to proclaim by word and deed the gospel of Jesus Christ; to fashion life in accordance with its precepts; to love and serve the people; preach and declare God's forgiveness; to pronounce God's blessing; to preside at the administration of holy baptism and at the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's body and blood and to perform other ministrations entrusted."

We affirm the context of Parish life as it is described in Canon 35, Parochial Government, in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, recognizing in its provisions the vital parts of our common life. The offices of Rector and Associate Rector provide for primary leadership throughout the Parish, and is best expressed through a consultative, shared ministry in the community of the baptized.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Together we affirm the priority of spiritual development. We will strive to meet the spiritual needs of today's society through a variety of resources.

We, the laity covenant to take an active role in the spiritual development of the parish, for example by continuing leadership of the small group "sharing and learning together" study program, monthly prayer and praise gatherings, and organization of the annual retreat. We affirm the central importance of Christian Education and will, in conjunction with our paid staff, act as leaders in the Youth and Children's Ministries and Music Ministries. We covenant to participate in worship and study in order to grow in our relationship with God and one another.

As the Associate Rector, I covenant to provide leadership and support for spiritual development programmes of the Parish; to support the Organist and Choir Director and Music Team Leader in the traditional and contemporary worship services and other special events to help foster the musical life of the parish; to help develop and oversee programmes of adult Christian Education, in particular to organize and give leadership to reading/study groups; to work cooperatively with the staff responsible for Youth and Children's Ministries; and to assist in the development of a Parish vision statement and action plan. As required, I commit to participate, as an ex-officio member, in the activities of the Spiritual Development Committee.

As the Associate Rector, I covenant to assist the Rector, as requested, in the preparation of programmes for Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage and to participate in Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation, and Funeral services. I also covenant to develop sermons and addresses that help people to

know and understand their relationship to God and that make God's will known through proper and systematic preaching of the gospel. I commit to furthering my own continuing education as opportunity arises in consultation with the Rector and Parish Council. I commit to continue my role on the Matrimonial Commission and Parish Relations Committee cognizant that this involvement should not impede my duties and responsibilities within the parish.

As the Rector, I affirm the centrality of worship as well as that of Christian education for all ages. I covenant to provide oversight of the sacramental ministry of the parish. I also covenant to provide leadership, training and support for those who exercise this ministry. I also covenant to work with the Spiritual Development Committee and others in this ministry. I also covenant to take primary responsibility for the Sunday liturgies, to organize the preaching schedule, and to develop sermons and addresses that help people to know and understand their relationship to God and that make God's will known through proper and systematic preaching of the gospel. I commit to a primary role in the preparation for, and administration of, services of Baptism, Marriage, and Funerals.

PASTORAL MINISTRY AND OUTREACH

Together we affirm the priority of Pastoral Outreach, the development of an awareness of social and educational needs of the parishioners, their personal ministry of mutual help and support to one another, and their relationship with all God's people in the local community and throughout the world. We will work together so that the whole body of Christ may be sustained and strengthened.

We, the laity covenant to be actively involved in pastoral outreach ministry, through the work of the Pastoral Outreach Committee and its initiatives, such as the "Circle of Care", and by sharing in the ministry of lay pastoral visitation.

As the Associate Rector, I covenant to be an advocate for pastoral ministry programmes through representations, as an ex-officio member, to the Pastoral Outreach Committee and during the development of a Parish vision. I covenant to further the development and implementation of the Parish "Circle of Care" to address the physical and spiritual needs of the sick, shut-ins, elderly, and other parishioners who need assistance. I affirm the importance of providing professional religious counsel in times of crisis and need. By coordinating efforts with the Rector, we will strive to ensure that all parishioners receive counseling in times of crisis. I commit to sharing responsibility, with the Rector, for the disbursement of discretionary assistance to those in need. I commit to support and participate, in so far as possible, in outreach projects in the city, province, country and around the world.

As the Rector, I covenant to provide leadership and oversight, acting as a resource person, enabler, and example, and as we work together to develop and carry out individual and corporate pastoral ministries in the Parish. I also affirm the importance of providing professional religious counsel in times of crisis and need and will coordinate pastoral visits with the Associate Rector to ensure that all parishioners receive counseling in times of crisis. I commit to taking overall responsibility for the disbursement of discretionary assistance to those in need.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

Together, we affirm the importance of following, teaching, and encouraging Christian principles of stewardship of our time, talent, and treasures.

We, the laity, covenant to continue to provide leadership through the Finance Committee. We covenant to manage our funds so that we can meet our current obligations, and build resources for future ministries.

As the Associate Rector, I covenant, as an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee, to attend their meetings from time to time to uphold pastoral outreach and spiritual development priorities.

As the Rector, I covenant to attend the Finance Committee meetings from time to time to support the laity in their leadership and decision making. I covenant to promote biblical standards for Christian stewardship of our resources.

PROPERTY AND ADMINISTRATION

Together, we affirm the need to organize and manage our lives with God as the focus.

We, the Laity, covenant to continue to manage our property resources through the Property Committee. While we value and respect our heritage buildings and will continue to protect and preserve them, we will also continue to consider options for the development of our facilities so as to maximize our opportunities for ministry. We also covenant to deal with administrative tasks and issues in a timely and efficient manner by weekly meetings of the Executive Committee and regular meetings of Parish Council.

As the Associate Rector, I covenant to participate in weekly Executive and Staff meetings. As time permits, I commit to assisting the Archives Committee in its work, in particular, to learn about and recount the generations of Christian witness and service by

parishioners at St Paul's.

As the Rector, I affirm the importance of good maintenance and use of the property and parish administration which best facilitates the overall ministry of the parish. I covenant to participate in weekly Executive and Staff meetings. I covenant to keep our focus on being a vibrant, worshipping community, and to see property and administrative needs from that perspective.

CONCLUSION

We covenant to carry out our ministries in partnership with one another, with the Bishop and the whole Church as the people of God in the Parish of St Paul's, Halifax.

We commit ourselves to review this covenant informally in six months by ourselves and in two years under the oversight of our Bishop, through our Archdeacon.

Together and on behalf of the Parish Council, we make this covenant commitment on this 17th day of January, 2001.

John Newton, Rector

Jonathan Eayrs, Associate Rector

Bill Day, Senior Warden

Joan Malay, Junior Warden

John Osler, Deputy Warden

EASTER COMMUNION

Do you know of any who, for reason of illness or infirmity, are unable to attend the Easter services? Please give the church office a call at 429-2240, and the clergy will be pleased to arrange to celebrate Holy Communion with them in their homes. Thank you!