

ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Halifax, Nova Scotia

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Monday, 19 February 2001
7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

“Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”
Philippians 4:6

1. Opening Devotions
2. Welcomes and Regrets for Absence
3. Appointment of Chair and Secretary
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 21, 2000
6. Business arising from the Minutes
7. Correspondence
8. Adoption of Reports
9. New Business: See Wardens' Report for details

Motion: “*To approve in principle the refurbishment of the areas indicated in the plans as presented at this Annual General Meeting and that a task force be established reporting to Parish Council. This task force is to represent the interests of the parish in finalizing detailed plans, financial considerations, compliance with applicable federal, provincial, and municipal requirements and to oversee the refurbishment project.*”

10. Election of Officers and Members of Parish Council
11. Appointment of Signing Officers
12. Appointment of Auditor and Insurance Broker
13. Greetings and Votes of Thanks
14. Rector's Concluding Remarks
15. Adjournment: Closing Prayers

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1. GENERAL REPORTS

MINUTES OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2000

held at St Matthew's United Church Hall, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Present:

John Newton, Jonathan Eayrs, Jane and Roger Bureau, Pat Hartling, Bill and Fiona Day, Sandra MacLennan, Val Powell, Geoff Herod, Ray Carman, Parnell and Karl Perry, Murray and Jodie Knowles, Vivian Fleming, Betty and Don Lordly, Peter Secord, Bill Lord, Joan FitzGerald, Dot Kelly, Laura Zwicker, Carol and Colin Dodds, Tom Sellers, Karen Newton, John Miller, Pam Herod, Pam Hazen, Kathleen Flowerdew, Angela Sykes, Tom Bauld, Marge Hannon, Joan and Edgar Malay, Mike Hebb, Leonard Bednar, George and Audrey Blunden, Lou Gass, Judi Thompson, Martha Dunbar, Margaret Bateman Ellison, Joan Stead, David Redman, Bev Palmer Mason, Reta Palmer, Paul Hutten, John Osler, Jane Turcot

Regrets:

Siew-Kim Secord, Kate Lord, Jackie Foot, Neale and Sharon Bennet, Reagh and Rose-Marie Dennis, June Sellers, Michael Messenger, Fran Foxton, Peter Mason, Phyllis Redman, Eunice Major, Peggy and Dennis Pilkey

The evening began with a chowder supper and fresh fruit.

1. Opening Devotions

The Rector, the Rev. John Newton, led opening devotions.

2. Election of Chairman

Moved by Bill Day and seconded by Sandra MacLennan that Tom Sellers be appointed Chairman of the meeting. Motion carried.

3. Election of Secretary

Moved by Sandra MacLennan and seconded by Fiona Day that John Miller be appointed Secretary of the meeting. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Jane Bureau, seconded by Bill Day that the Agenda be approved. Added under new business there will be a brief announcement on behalf of the facilitators for parish discussion relating to facility development. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes of February 15, 1999

Moved by Jane Bureau, seconded by John Newton that the minutes are accepted as printed in the Annual Report. There was a call for amendments/omissions – none noted. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Business Arising

The Chairman called for notice of business arising from the Minutes of the 1999 Annual Meeting. No matters were noted.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence from the chair or the meeting.

8. Adoption of Reports

The reports were adopted in the following groups:

Rector's, Associate Rector's, Wardens' Reports

Moved by Pam Herod, seconded by Roger Bureau that these reports be adopted. One typographical error in the Rector's Report was noted - 2nd line of 2nd sentence in 2nd paragraph on page 9 should read "were with us to recollect". Pam Herod commented on the Rector's efforts in presiding over a wonderful year of church activity. Motion adopting these reports was passed unanimously.

Spiritual Development, Music Ministries, Youth and Children's Ministries, Sunday School, Chancel Guild, Prayer Chain, Music Team, Parish Retreat, Scripture Union and Study Groups.

Moved by Bill Day, seconded by Karl Perry that these reports be adopted.

Fiona Day commented that she had enjoyed the Sunday School singing at 9:15a.m. service and also found the performance of the two plays to be delightful. She wished to congratulate Leonard Bednar and Jane Turcot for their work with the children. Jane Turcot introduced a scrapbook of events of the Sunday School year. Motion adopting these reports was passed unanimously.

Pastoral Outreach and World Mission Committee, St George's Hot Meals, Friends of St Paul's and St Paul's Home.

Moved by Colin Dodds, seconded by Val Powell that these reports be adopted. The Rector wished to note a special thanks to Eunice Major for her faithful coordination of St George's Hot Meals. Motion adopting these reports was passed unanimously.

Property Committee, Archives Committee, Searches and Old Burying Ground.

Moved by Fiona Day, seconded by Don Lordly that these reports be adopted. Fiona Day wished to commend the valuable nature of Tinker McKay's work in the Archives and as Flower convener. The Church owes her a debt of gratitude for her tireless work. Motion adopting these reports was passed unanimously.

250th Anniversary Committee, Habitat for Humanity, St Paul's of Halifax: As It Was ...Is Now...And... (the play), Facilities Review, Synod Delegates' Report, Jubilee Unit and St Paul's Ladies Guild.

Moved by Ray Carman, seconded by Karl Perry that these reports be adopted.

Geoff Herod gave thanks to Fiona Day for her work on the play.

Betty Lordly took exception to the lack of objectivity in the Facilities Review.

Joan Malay also commented on the Facilities Review. She thought that the report did not reflect accurately the Congregational Meeting. In addition

she sought assurance that the results of the Questionnaire that was circulated at the Congregational Meeting would be available to the new Parish Council and the Facilitators of the new consultation process.

Roger Bureau confirmed that all documents accumulated by the Project Team, including the results of the Questionnaire, all minutes of the Team's meetings and the parish meeting were handed over to Council when the Team was disbanded.

As a point of information, the Rector noted that the results of the Questionnaire were published in the weekly Bulletin.

Karen Newton recalled that the Habitat for Humanity project had been a wonderful experience.

Fiona Day noted that the Facilities Review caused great deal of controversy in the Church. She wished to remind everyone that the members of the Project Team gave a great deal of time to the process and, on behalf of the parish, she wanted to commend the committee members and the architects for their work.

Motion adopting these reports was passed with three objections.

Finance Committee, Envelope Contributions Report, Designated Offerings For Special Purposes, Budget 2000 and the Audited Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 1999

Moved by Colin Dodds, seconded by Peter Secord that these reports be adopted.

Leonard Bednar asked for feedback on the results of having increased the number of summer guides in the Church in 1999.

The Rector said it had been very successful, there had always been a person available to greet the many visitors (over 14,000) in the Church. It is the intention to apply for the same level of grants in 2000 to permit the three greeters to be hired again.

Fiona Day added that the guides had helped in the archives, in the choir and in many other ways.

Questions on the Audited Financial Statements

The Associate Rector wished to access funds to assist in the service of more young children in the north end. In Schedule 2 on page 57 there appeared to be Income from certain Designated Funds that were not spent in 1999. He asked for an interpretation of these funds so that they be used to help the people that the benefactors had intended? The Pastoral Outreach Committee could have used these funds.

Peter Secord indicated that the Finance Committee was the appropriate body of the Church to do this and that this would be added to the business of the Committee.

The Associate Rector was concerned about the contingent liability noted in the audited financial statements. In the event of a catastrophe the Church could find itself in the position of having to repay the financial assistance to the Federal Government in addition to rebuilding the church.

Colin Dodds affirmed that this was the case.

Roger Bureau indicated that the insurance cost of providing for this risk had been reviewed years ago and had been considered to be too expensive. He added that as a result of the Facilities Review, the Project Team had been

involved in some discussions with the Federal Government with respect to possible changes to the property. As a result of these discussions he was of the opinion that the Federal Government would be reasonable in the circumstances.

Motion adopting these reports was passed unanimously.

9. New Business

Facility Review Process

Mike Hebb announced that Randy Ball, Margaret Bateman Ellison and Mike Hebb had been appointed by Council to facilitate a consultative process in which all members of the Church would be invited to participate. The process would aim to establish a consensus through open parish meetings on the following dates: March 23, 30, April 6, 13 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Church.

No other new business was brought to the meeting.

10. Election of Officers

The Chairman referred the meeting to page 19, the Report of the Nominating Committee.

Junior Warden

Nomination: Joan Malay

The Chairman asked three times for other nominations from the floor. There being none, Joan Malay was declared elected.

Deputy Warden

Nomination: John Osler

The Chairman asked three times for other nominations from the floor. There being none, John Osler was declared elected.

Secretary

There was no nomination for the post of secretary. The Chairman asked three times for other nominations from the floor. Betty Lordly nominated John Miller, who declined to accept the nomination. The position remained vacant.

Synod Delegate

Nomination: Andrea Nicholls

The Chairman asked three times for other nominations from the floor. There being none, Andrea Nicholls was declared elected.

Members at Large

Nominations: Sharon Bennet, Bill Lord, Margery MacIsaac, Peter Field, Michael Messenger

The Chairman asked three times for other nominations from the floor. There being none, these five persons were declared elected.

11. Appointment of Signing Officers

Designated by the by-laws of the corporation, but the bank requires these to be confirmed by the Annual Meeting (two of the following five signing officers - Rector, three wardens and treasurer).

Moved by Kathleen Flowerdew, seconded by Jane Bureau that the Rector, the Wardens and the Treasurer be confirmed as signing officers for the Church. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Appointment of Auditors and Insurance Brokers

Moved by Kathleen Flowerdew, seconded by Colin Dodds that KPMG be appointed auditors for the fiscal year 2000. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Jane Bureau, seconded by Bill Day that Marsh & MacLennan be appointed insurance brokers for the Church. David Redman asked that the motion should be more general in the event that the diocese change the brokers during the year. Amendment agreed by the mover and seconder. Amended motion passed unanimously.

13. Greetings and Votes of Thanks

Greetings

Fred and Joy Crook
Russell and Pearl Rose
Archdeacon and Mrs. Harry Hilchey
Peter and Carmen Mason
Tom and Mary Robinson
Stephen and Fawna Andrews
Stephen and Sarah Peake
Christine Harris
Bronwen Jones
Bob and Sheila Zeidler
Stan and Nimmi Jesudason
Jamie and Christy MacArthur
Ron and Leng Kue Viergutz

Votes of Thanks

Bill Day thanked Kathleen Flowerdew for the many hours of work poring over the accounts

Jane Bureau wished to thank the following people who had helped throughout her term as Warden:

Ray Carman and Don Lordly for 250th Anniversary Celebrations
Sandra MacLennan and Pam Herod for the picnic and the banquet celebrations
Dennis Pilkey and the many volunteers for Habitat for Humanity
Tinker McKay for her archives' work
Marina Chapoval, church secretary
Eunice Major for Hot Meals coordinating
The Clergy and church staff
Pat Hartling and Dennis Pilkey
The music team

Roger Bureau, her husband, for his help throughout her year as Warden

Jane Bureau concluded by giving a contribution for Barnabas Anglican Ministries.

Roger Bureau thanked Paul Hutten for his term as music director.

Peter Secord thanked Colin Dodds for his years on Council and wished him good luck in his future duties.

Fiona Day thanked Maggie Duinker and her children for their contribution to the 9:15 a.m. Sunday service.

14. Rector's Concluding Remarks

The Rector wished to echo Roger Bureau's remarks regarding Paul Hutten's term as Music Director. It had been a privilege to work with Paul and to enjoy his friendship enjoyed during the three years. God's blessing to him in his future.

The Rector noted that the diverse talents of the members of St Paul's made possible the wonderful events of the last year (including Habitat for Humanity, the banquet, the picnic, the play and a very busy Church schedule besides). He praised God for the talents of the volunteers offered to us.

The diversity of our talents also created tensions. St Paul had said that Church is enriched by our differences. The reports considered this evening pay testament to the diversity of the talents in St Paul's and the Rector wished for us to view the tensions as symbols of the spiritual growth within our community.

He looked ahead to year 2000 and the beginning of the next 250 years of worship at St Paul's.

The Rector wished to pay particular thanks and gratitude to two retiring Wardens – Jane Bureau and Sandra MacLennan.

Finally, he wished to thank Tom Sellers who had acted firmly and fairly as the Chair.

15. Adjournment

Margaret Bateman Ellison moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The meeting closed with a hymn and prayers led by the Associate Rector.

PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

March

Parish Council received reports from the four standing committees: Spiritual Development, Outreach & Mission, Property, and Finance & Stewardship. It approved in principle the extension of the archives display at the back of the church; and discussed the process involved in the upcoming parish forums on our church facilities.

April

The Parish Council received a report from Mike Hebb and Margaret Bateman Ellison on the parish forums on our church facilities. Clergy shared their plans for Holy Week and Easter. Wardens noted a significant increase in numbers of group activities and numbers of parishioners participating.

May

The Council reviewed the discussions about our church buildings that have taken place at the congregational forums and recommended a further session

for developing a parish vision. It approved a design for the second stage of the archival display at the back of the church; and considered possibilities for outreach and hospitality during Tall Ships 2000 week.

June

The Parish Council received full report from Property committee on all our buildings status and requirements; and an update from Music Search committee. It viewed demonstration of St Paul's web site.

September

The Council reviewed staff contracts and terms of employment; discussed plans for development of a parish vision; and approved the installation of new oil tanks under the church building.

October

The Council received a report from Leonard Bednar and Jane Turcot on our children's programmes. It was informed that new oil tanks are in the process of being installed under the church. It discussed plans for the preparation of the 2001 parish budget.

November

The Council affirmed the serial use of the Memorial Room on a trial basis on Sunday mornings by the nursery until 10:25 a.m. followed by the choir from 10:30 a.m. It discussed how to follow up on the spill of 300 litres of oil during the installation of new fuel tanks under the church; and took a preliminary look at parish budget figures for 2001.

December

The Parish Council ratified the revision of the covenant between the congregation and Jonathan Eayrs. It discussed further steps to be taken towards the resolution of the oil spill in the church basement; and reviewed the process involved in determining our core purpose and core values as a parish.

January 2001

The Council discussed and approved a budget for 2001 to be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. It approved the appointment of a task force, chaired by Bill Day, to follow up with Scotia Fuels on the clean-up of the oil spill under the church; and endorsed a plan to enlarge and improve the washroom and kitchen facilities at the back of the church building and empowered the wardens to secure detailed plans and cost estimates for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Here we are, undeniably in the third millennium and well into our second 250 years as a parish. So much water has gone under the bridge that it is difficult to believe that our celebrations continued until just four months ago. How quickly we return to "normal" (however we define that). Yet let us hope that our experiences over the past couple of years have helped us to grow and to

change as a community of God's people in the centre of Halifax, and to exercise an effective ministry in his name.

1. 250th Anniversary

"Our Parish Heritage" was the subject of our Sunday evening lenten services, beginning with a visit from Dr George Sumner, principal of Wycliffe College in Toronto, who gave a challenging presentation on "The Spiritual Legacy of St Paul", focussing on the doctrine of justification by faith as it has been understood by Protestants and Roman Catholics since the time of the Reformation. He was followed by Dr Allen Robertson, who gave a fascinating portrayal of the religious life of Halifax's first settlers and the role St Paul's Church played in that. Dr Paul Friesen, chaplain at Dalhousie University and King's College, spoke about English evangelicalism and its influence on St Paul's Church. Our diocesan archivist Dr Brian Cuthbertson gave a fascinating lecture on Bishop Charles Inglis and St Paul's role as the first cathedral church of the diocese. Dr Philip Griffin-Allwood offered a thoroughgoing discussion of the events at St Paul's which precipitated a split on the congregation in 1825. Finally Dr Marie Elwood, former curator of the Nova Scotia Museum helped us to appreciate some of the artifacts from the past which are in our possession. The whole series had excellent content and attendance just the right size to fill the Memorial Room to capacity.

At Pentecost we had the privilege of a visit from Archbishop Arthur Peters, at a combined service as we celebrated the 250th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone. At the same time the children of the parish presented the musical "The Troubale of Zerubbabel", the story of the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem following the exile in Babylon.

We wound up our anniversary celebrations with another combined service and a picnic in September, as we observed the anniversary of the first service held in our church building. Originally Bishop Fred Hiltz was to have been the celebrant and preacher. Unfortunately he was unable to be with us and the sermon fell to me. This gave me the opportunity to do some research and writing in which I had wanted to engage for a long time, to try to give a visual impression of what St Paul's and its worship might have been like at various points in our 250-year history. (A transcript of the sermon is appended to this report.)

The anniversary celebrations gave us an opportunity to explore our heritage, and more importantly, I hope, to place it in the context of God's grace of the mission which Christ has entrusted to us to make him known by word and action.

2. Worship

In my monthly reports to the Parish Council, worship is usually the first item on the list. This is because I believe that we as a church are called by God first and foremost to be a worshipping community—that our most fundamental and basic purpose is to give praise to him. It is in the context of worship that God is able to meet us most powerfully, to touch us most deeply and to work in us that inner transformation by which we are enabled to be his people in the world.

Worship is a counter-cultural act. Not only is it viewed by many in our society as a waste of time, but it also challenges the values and assumptions

of the world around us. It reminds us that things are not necessarily as they appear to our five senses: that money, sex and power are dangerous false idols and Christ alone is worthy of our complete allegiance; that God and not death will have the final say; that values such as forgiveness, honesty, faithfulness, self-giving and integrity (and not “Look out for Number One”) are what truly endure.

While worship may be counter-cultural it can never be isolated from the rest of life. On the contrary, what happens among us on Sunday mornings should help us to follow Christ into the other six days of the week, in our homes, offices, schools and communities, to mediate his healing and life-giving presence. For this reason we offer a variety of opportunities for worship at St Paul’s. That variety is evident in the three distinctly different services each Sunday morning, yet even more so as you look at St Paul’s over the course of a week or a whole year.

For two years now we have held a lenten Quiet Morning. Although there were just ten in attendance last year, it was a rich time, as Dean Glen Burgomaster of All Saints’ Cathedral led us in a series of meditations on what it means for us, through personal faith in Christ, to “return to the garden” lost at the fall. Another Quiet Morning is planned for this year, on 25 February, with Bishop Fred Hiltz.

I personally was deeply moved by this year’s services on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. We ran the gamut, as the liturgy reminds us, from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection, but by way of the dark road of the cross. I am especially grateful to Leonard Bednar and Jane Turcot and their team of players who led us in the powerful portrayal of the forgiveness available through Christ’s cross. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Judi Thompson and Val Powell for coming up with the idea of the Easter breakfast and then organizing it. What a gracious welcome it was to all who arrived for the service!

One event that should not be forgotten was the sunrise service at 6:30 in the Old Burying Ground. In spite of cold and drizzle 30 hardy souls from a variety of congregations got up before sunrise and were there to praise our risen Lord together. Following that, it was tremendously encouraging to see the church as full as I have ever seen it on an Easter morning at 10 o’clock. Bringing the three services together on occasions such as this releases a tremendous synergy and produces a whole that is considerably greater than the sum of its parts. I am grateful to the choir, music team and Chancel Guild for all their work in preparation.

Once again, our parish retreat took place on the first weekend in May, at Tim Horton’s Camp in Tatamagouche. Dr Roy Pointer of Brunswick Street Baptist Church in Fredericton spoke on “Mission for the Third Millennium”. This year we are looking at a number of changes for the retreat. Instead of being a Friday night and Saturday event, it will begin late Sunday morning and go to mid-afternoon Sunday. We believe that these hours will prove more convenient for most people. There is also a shift in location, to the conference centre recently developed by the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Bible Hill. This brings us about half an hour closer to the city, and is also less expensive than Tim Horton’s Camp. We shall see how it all works out.

The summer more or less began and ended with combined services, drawing together members of the 8, 9:15 and 11 o'clock congregations. In spite of numerous announcements in various media, we missed the boat with a number of people in September. This leads me to the conclusion that the combined services work best on church festivals, such as Advent Sunday, Easter, Pentecost and possibly Harvest Thanksgiving. While we did not combine for Thanksgiving last year, the services were memorable, particularly at 9:15, when a large number of people stood to give thanks publicly to God for his goodness over the past year. I think many of us were in tears before the sharing had ended, and in no doubt that the Lord has blessed us in innumerable ways.

One of our traditions at All Saints' Sunday (the first Sunday in November) over the last few years has been to send out letters to members of the families of those who buried from St Paul's Church over the previous twelve month period. The letter reminds them that we are keeping them in prayer and invites them to join us at our worship that Sunday, at which their relatives will be specifically remembered with thanksgiving in our prayers. This happened once again in 2000 and was appreciated by those who attended in response to the letter.

Advent began with a combined service, and once again Val Powell and Judi Thompson organized a continental breakfast in the Memorial Room for the occasion. One change at Christmas was to stage a Christmas pageant as part of the candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols. The combination seemed to work well and we received quite a number of appreciative comments afterwards.

On New Year's Eve we again held a watchnight service (from 11:00 to 11:58 p.m.), concluding just in time for us all to enjoy the fireworks on the Grand Parade. About 40 people were in attendance—most of them from two Pentecostal churches. The time was spent in singing, listening to Scripture, and prayer, ending with Cliff Richards' "Millennium Hymn" (the Lord's Prayer set to the tune of "Auld lang syne"). I think there are some real possibilities for this service, both as an act of inter-church worship and as an opportunity for outreach to the 10,000 or more people who attend the celebrations on the Grand Parade.

3. Stewardship

Dare I mention the "S" word? The way we use the resources that God has so abundantly given us—particularly "our" money—can be a touchy issue in the church. Sunday by Sunday as we present the offering we quote from a prayer of King David in 1 Chronicles 29:14: "All things come from you, and of your own do we give you." In doing so we acknowledge, in theory at least, that there is no such thing as my money, my house, my car or my salary. All these things belong to God. However our defences generally rise when we are asked to translate that theory into practice!

This past year, partly in response to discussions at last year's Annual Parish Meeting, Jonathan and I preached a series of sermons relating to stewardship. Both of us found ourselves greatly challenged by what we learned from the Scriptures. One thing I want to emphasize is that stewardship is not

just a matter of balancing the church budget. It is a whole style of life in grateful response to God's boundless generosity towards us.

We talk about the use of our time, our talents and our treasure in God's service. Again and again my experience has been that those who are most generous with any one of these three "t's" are usually the most generous with all three. However, it is too easy to settle for giving God the leftovers in any of these categories. Most of us lead busy lives. Time for work, time for leisure, time for study, time for recreation, time for household chores and time for entertainment all too easily take precedence over time for prayer, for Bible study and meditation, for worship and for the service of others in Christ's name.

Part of Christian stewardship involves realigning our priorities so that God is not just tagged on at the end—if we have room! Jesus called upon his disciples to "seek first God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well". Life does not fall into proper order until we manage to put Christ at the head.

I recognize that this is no easy matter. But being a disciple of Jesus is no easy matter! While he may promise a crown at the end, Jesus warns that we must take up our cross on a daily basis along the way if we are truly to follow him. Christian stewardship is the challenge of a lifetime, as we learn to pry ourselves loose from "our" possessions only to discover that we are gaining immeasurably more.

I would like to challenge us all to take a hard look at how we use all three "t's", time, talent and treasure, and to ask how much do I keep to myself and how much do I use in the Lord's service? 1%? 5%? 10%? And let's not answer, "I'm giving all I can, so don't ask me for more." Instead, let us remember what Jesus has given for us.

4. Discretionary Fund

As I look back on it and examine the figures, I am interested that demands on the Discretionary Fund were not as great as they have been in recent years. This was particularly evident at Christmas, when we had a considerable drop in the number of requests for assistance.

I am hard pressed to explain the change, as it seemed that there was no reduction in the number of people coming through our doors seeking various kinds of help. For the moment I can only consider it an anomaly. We shall see what happens in 2001.

Salvation Army hostel	\$ 758
Grocery certificates	420
Assistance with rent and utility bills	460
Pharmaceuticals	37
Christmas help	1,960
Other	270
<hr/> <hr/> Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 3,905

One thing that is especially heartwarming for me are the parishioners who from time to time will give me some money and ask me to pass it along to someone who is in need. They seek no recognition by what they do. They just

have a deep sense that God has blessed them and want to pass the blessing along. This happened several times in 2000 and it never took me long to find a recipient.

5. Outside the Parish

I am now in my third year as regional dean of Chebucto, which takes in the ten parishes and other ministries on the peninsula of Halifax. The work is rewarding, but sometimes can be time-consuming and (only very occasionally) a little frustrating. Aside from drawing together the clergy of the region for our monthly clericus meetings, chairing the regional council and organizing the bishop's annual itinerary in the region, there are three twenty-four meetings with the other regional deans and the bishops each year. Two of the meetings are for consultation and the third is for training, and they are all very worthwhile. They allow us both to keep up to date on what is happening across the diocese and also to have an input into various diocesan programmes and events.

As a regional dean I was also asked to join a task force to rewrite the job description for the diocesan Director of Administration. This position was left vacant in the fall through the resignation of Charles O'Neil. Charles had done a superb job over the course of his seven years and finding a suitable successor to him will be a critical step in the life of the diocese. The task force has met five times, interviewed all the diocesan synod staff and polled the clergy and parishes for their views. A report has been prepared and will be presented to the Diocesan Council at its February meeting.

I am also in my second year as president of Barnabas Anglican Ministries. Barnabas is a group which seeks to maintain an evangelical presence within the Anglican Church of Canada. Its stated aim is "to bear witness ... to the lordship of Jesus Christ, recognizing the supreme authority of holy Scripture in all areas of life and ministry; and to do this by supporting, challenging and encouraging Christ's servants and bringing them together in fellowship." At present this is done largely through the national publication *InCourage*, the drawing together of leaders of ten or so evangelistic ministries in the Anglican Church, and through being a major player in the Essentials movement.

Essentials is a collaboration between Barnabas, Anglican Renewal Ministries and the Prayer Book Society "to be the rallying point for the renewal of the Anglican Church of Canada in its orthodox, biblical Christian heritage". It began with a major conference (attended by nine of us from St Paul's) in 1994. Another is planned for Langley, British Columbia, next June. Plans are very much in progress for this national conference, to be held in Langley, BC, in June. Like its 1994 predecessor in Montreal, the aim of the conference is to call the church back to its core convictions. This time the theme is "Lift High the Cross" and speakers are being drawn from various parts of the Anglican Communion. Information brochures and registration forms should be available by the end of February.

6. Miscellaneous

By using this heading I do not want to suggest that what follows is not important. However it covers aspects of our parish mission and ministry that are not easily grouped under a single heading. Yet each is an important component of our life together in Christ

Early in the year Anna Kowalski graciously agreed to be our parish librarian. She has worked hard cataloguing some of the books that had been acquired in previous months, and will have developed some library guidelines to make book borrowing a little easier. We have a good library. Few parishes can boast as many excellent books. However it is underutilized and it would be good to see more parishioners benefitting from it.

One big change during the summer was the resignation of Paul Hutten as our director of music ministries. Paul's work over three years was greatly appreciated, and we were able to demonstrate that with the presentation of a gift of more than \$1,000 contributed by members of the congregation at the end of July. On 1 September, on the unanimous recommendation of the music search committee, Rob Paddock began his work with us as our new organist and choir director. He comes to us highly qualified for this ministry and in less than six months has already begun to prove his worth. Also on the recommendation of the music search committee Maggie Duinker's honorarium as leader of the music team has been increased and she has become an official member of the church staff.

Attendance at our parish camping weekend in Kejimikujik National Park was the largest ever. There were 39 people present and every tent site was filled. In spite of relatively poor weather, we were able to enjoy some good times together, with a communal sausages and pancake breakfast on Sunday morning and a corn boil the same evening. Once again we participated in a joint service of holy communion with members of All Nations' Christian Reformed Church, who shared the group camping area with us.

As many of you probably already are aware, Neale Bennet has for some time been feeling that God is calling him towards ordination. To this end he is taking part in a Clinical Pastoral Education programme at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre and will be attending a vocational discernment conference in September. Neale's entry into the discernment process in preparation for ordained ministry has been endorsed by the parish council, and we hope that he may be able to enter full-time theological studies in the autumn.

Towards the end of last year the Spiritual Development Committee launched a new project with the initiation of the Isherwood Millennium Scholarship. With the approval of Parish Council the terms of the Isherwood Fund have been broadened to allow for scholarships for students worshipping at St Paul's. Applicants are asked to submit an essay or other creative material relating their Christian faith to their academic pursuits. Two prizes are available, at the high school and post-secondary levels, and are intended to assist with educational costs. I am greatly encouraged by this initiative, and hope that the students in our midst will be also.

Late in the fall we received a very generous gift of a six-foot grand piano. It has been given in honour of former Lieutenant Governor Clarence Gosse and his wife Betty, and their daughter-in-law Joyanne Gosse, and was dedicated during the Advent season. Since then it has been used extensively at both the 9:15 and 11 o'clock services.

Finally, if you are hooked into the Internet, do take some time to visit our parish web site at <http://www.stpaulshalifax.org>. Michael Messenger has done an excellent job of designing it and keeps it fully up to date on a week by week

basis. It is very easy to navigate and I think I can say quite objectively that it is one of the best church web sites on the net.

7. Thanks

This report would not be complete without saying a loud “thank you” to the vast army of people who cheerfully and consistently contribute to making St Paul’s the vibrant Christian community that it is. The list can never be complete. But on behalf of all of us, may I express our thanks to:

- Jane & Roger Bureau, Judi & Harry Thompson and Martine & John Osler for hosting our weekly small groups as they share and learn together from God’s word;
- Tinker McKay, Fiona Day and the archives committee for their work in cataloguing, preserving and displaying our archival materials;
- Jonathan Eayrs, whose mature support I greatly value and whose preaching never fails to bring both challenge and refreshment to my soul;
- Marina Chapoval, for her faithful and competent service in the church office and her always friendly and gracious demeanour towards those who call upon her with a vast variety of needs and requests (not the least of whom is myself!);
- Jane Turcot and Leonard Bednar, who give themselves so freely to make the gospel come alive for the children and young people of our parish;
- and not least to Bill Day, our retiring senior warden, who over three years has patiently and consistently worked to make St Paul’s a community in which God’s love permeates every aspect of what we do and who we are.

What a privilege it is to serve among you. I am profoundly grateful to God for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

John Newton
Rector

“THE FIRST 250 YEARS” 10 September 2000

Two hundred fifty years is a long time by anyone’s estimate. As of last week that was the length of time over which St Paul’s Church has stood at the south end of the Grand Parade in Halifax—a testimony to God’s enduring faithfulness. What began as a colonial building project has become a symbol that the church, and more importantly its message and its Lord, are not confined by human generations. As we read in the psalm a few moments ago,

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion
which cannot be moved, but stands for ever.
As the hills stand about Jerusalem,
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.

Today we come together to give thanks to God for his care and nurture, for his guidance and provision over two and a half centuries. Equally significantly, we want to look to him for the future, to seek his grace and power to meet the unknown challenges that lie ahead of us in the twenty-first century.

1750

To do that, I want you to imagine that you are entering this church building for the first time. It has to be the first time, for the year is 1750 and the scent of fresh lumber permeates the air. Everywhere around you is the sound of hammering and sawing as craftsmen work hard to finish their work before the long, harsh Nova Scotia winter begins to settle in. As you gaze up at the steeple, rising ninety feet above the ground, it is by far the tallest structure in the little community of just a few thousand souls. It truly is an impressive edifice.

Its impressiveness on the outside, however, is not matched by what you find within. The floors are of rough-hewn planks, the pews crude benches, the walls bare and unplastered. With so much construction going on and limited funds, not to mention the scarcity of skilled workers, the finishing touches will have to wait. Nevertheless it is still a fine building, with the warm glow of the late summer sun streaming in from every direction through its clear, round-topped windows.

The main level of the church is filled with worshippers. A small group of singers and instrumentalists (members of the town band) have gathered in the rear gallery, ready to lead the music of the service. Of course you have to remember that the year is 1750 and that St Paul's is an Anglican Church; therefore the only singing will be of metrical psalms. None of those new-fangled hymns by the likes of Isaac Watts or Charles Wesley. For that kind of shameless vulgarity you will have to go to the Dissenters' Chapel, still under construction just down the hill.

The service begins with the familiar words of Morning Prayer, led from the second stage of the large three-decker pulpit which has been erected at the front of the building. He is wearing a black Geneva gown with white preaching bands around his neck. Beneath him on the bottom deck and also in a black gown is the parish clerk, who along with the singers in the gallery leads the people in the responses. For the most part members of the congregation do not take much part in the service, except to listen.

And listen they do, to the full service of Morning Prayer and a sermon of nearly an hour's length, followed by the Litany. There is a short break for people to stretch their legs, and then there comes the service of Holy Communion. For a long time it has been the pattern that on most Sundays so few people stay for the whole of the communion service that just the first part, up to the "prayer for the church militant" or intercession (what we now call "the prayers of the people") is said. As you leave, preparations are already being made for the French and German services which will take place in the afternoon.

1800

As you enter the church fifty years later, it is immediately apparent that much change has taken place. The walls have been plastered and a few marble and wooden plaques in memory of those who have died have begun to

be affixed to them. There are two pot-bellied stoves to take the chill out of the air in the cold months of winter and the rough benches have been replaced by high-backed box pews, complete with doors with locks on them. The pews are so high that visibility is almost impossible and people cannot relate to one another except within their own pew. As you look on the doors you notice that people's names have been painted on them and you realize that these pews are available only to those who have paid rent for them.

As a result you must go up top the gallery and find a place there squashed in among the poor, household servants and the enlisted men in the army. Looking down, you can see that behaviour in the rented pews is not always what it should be, and occasionally the beadle has to use his long staff to poke somnolent worshippers back into wakefulness.

Apart from this, the service has changed very little from the way it was in 1750. The music provided by the little makeshift band is no longer required, as a pipe organ has been installed in the gallery. The three-decker pulpit has been placed on wheels, so that it can be moved to the side of the church to give a clear view of the communion table. And the Palladian window in the front has been draped with thick velvet curtains to protect people's eyes from the glare of the sun, particularly in the winter months when it does not rise much above the horizon.

As with any church, much of its life is seen in what happens outside the Sunday service. And so that afternoon, for example, children would gather under the tutelage of the clergy and other teachers, to take part in the Sunday school. While there would have been a good deal of Bible teaching, the primary goal of the Sunday school in those days was to instruct child labourers, many of whom worked twelve-hour days, six days a week, in the "three R's"—reading, writing and rhetoric. Later it would be some of those same Sunday school teachers who would advocate for child labour laws and the introduction of free schooling for all children.

1850

Another fifty years and as you walk into St Paul's your eyes alight on the changes that have occurred. There are a great many more plaques on the walls, as now after the passage of a century many parishioners have come and gone. The church building has been made a little longer, with a new bay added at the north end. The result is that as you walk in from the Grand Parade you are no longer confronted immediately by high-backed pews, but by a grand formal entrance with stairs sweeping up into the galleries. From the reconstructed steeple you can hear the three huge church bells (installed in 1812) chiming their invitation to one and all to come and worship almighty God.

The biggest change, however, is in the worship itself. The evangelical revival which swept through the Church of England in the late eighteenth century has clearly had its impact on St Paul's in the nineteenth. The church is packed with attentive and enthusiastic worshippers, with a sense of anticipation in the air. The preaching is lively and spirited, with members of the congregation closely following the sermon with their Bibles open. And there are hymns. Many of what have become our favourites have yet to be written. But you can hear the eighteenth-century words of Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley, as well as some of the burgeoning number of nineteenth-century

hymns being sung (to use the words of the Prayer Book version of one of the Psalms) “lustily with a good courage”.

The congregation has grown to the point where daughter parishes have been founded: St George’s to the north, St Luke’s to the south and a garrison chapel (later to become Trinity Church) on the slope of Citadel Hill. Clearly the gospel was making an impact on St Paul’s Church and through St Paul’s on the wider community of Halifax.

1900

Stepping into St Paul’s in 1900, you find it is a different place once again. Wings have been added to the east and west in order to accommodate the ever-expanding congregation. A chancel has been constructed to the south; and the choir has moved into it (along with the organ) from its traditional position in the gallery. The interior is no longer as bright as it was, as clear-glass windows on the lower level have been replaced with stained glass. The central pulpit has gone. Instead there is a more fashionably placed one at the side of the chapel. And soon the small, four-legged communion table, used for more than a century, would give way to a more ceremonial piece of church furnishing.

Clearly the refinements of Victorian thinking have had their impact on old St Paul’s. One of the most positive was the removal of the old-fashioned box pews—and in their place lower-backed pews raised a few inches from the floor (presumably to cut down drafts on ladies’ ankles). Gone also were the pew rents, abolished ten years previously in favour of free seating for all.

The worship is considerably more formal than it had been fifty years before. The rector now wears a surplice and black scarf throughout the service (a source of considerable controversy in a previous generation). The choir not only lead the hymns and psalms. They also sing some of the great anthems introduced to the church by its Victorian composers—Samuel Wesley, Arthur Sullivan and John Stainer, to mention but three.

A fine hall has across the street was acquired by the church some years ago. And now a new neo-Gothic front with offices and a tower is being added to make it a truly monumental structure worthy of an institution as venerable as St Paul’s. More significantly, the mission of St Paul’s, which for a century and a half has consistently embraced the city of Halifax, has now become international. St Paul’s is an enthusiastic participant in the great nineteenth-century worldwide missionary expansion of the church, supporting missionaries to China, India, South Africa and Japan, not to mention the northern regions of our own country.

1950

Your fifth visit to St Paul’s, in 1950, brings you within living memory. The building has been painted bright red (a welcome contrast to the former drab grey) in celebration of its bicentenary. Inside, the bare electric light bulbs that hung from the ceiling have been made more decorative by the addition of crystal fixtures. You notice that worshippers are now entering the church from the north (Grand Parade) entrance, instead of by the two doors on Prince Street, the impact, no doubt of the automobile.

Although the parish has been in existence for over two hundred years, it is the first occasion on which you will see worshippers using a Canadian Book of Common Prayer and a Canadian hymn book. Holy Communion is still

celebrated infrequently, and, in a pattern that has been followed for more than two centuries, many are still inclined to leave during the hymn after the prayers of the people (not so affectionately dubbed by some as the “Judas walk”). For the first time also you see a robed choir wearing surplices, walking into the service in procession ahead of the clergy. The small organ has been expanded to fill both sides of the chancel—an indication of the increasing emphasis being given to music in worship. And children, though still expected to be silent and largely inconspicuous, are just beginning to have a role and a presence on Sunday mornings.

2050?

How St Paul’s has changed over the centuries! But what about the days ahead? How will we continue to be an effective presence for Christ in the centre of this city? That will happen only as we never allow ourselves to lose sight of one thing: that at the heart of Christian faith and experience is a personal relationship with the living God through Jesus Christ

For that reason the good news of Jesus will always be most effectively shared in the context of community—a community where Christ is real and where sinful men and women and children are receiving healing and forgiveness and are being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Is that not what James was talking about in this morning’s epistle when he adjured his readers not to show favouritism, but rather to keep the royal law of love? His desire was to see a community in which Christ’s universal love and unconditional grace were experienced by all alike—whether rich or poor, old or young, single or married. And wasn’t that the wisdom of the Syrophenician woman who came to Jesus, seeking healing for her daughter? Deep within her heart she held the conviction that God’s love was not restricted to any one race or class, but was for all people in all places in all generations.

Thus, no matter what the next fifty or a hundred years may bring, may it be the desire of each of us to ensure that St Paul’s truly is “a house of prayer for all nations”, where men and women and children of every race and class may meet with Jesus and find life, joy and hope in him. And that will happen only as we are prepared to meet them where they are, as Jesus did. Somehow we need to have the wisdom of our ancestors to be willing to change where change is necessary, even to let go of some of our treasured traditions, and yet at the same time to proclaim the unchanging message of God’s love in Christ

Our patron, the apostle Paul, was willing “to become all things to all people so that by all possible means [he] might save some”. May we in our day share his passion, so that fifty or a hundred years from now people may look back on our generation as one that yearned for nothing more than to know Christ and to make him known in our world.

*Eternal God,
we are grateful for the 250 years
of ministry and mission in your name
that have taken place here in this building;
and we thank you
that our future as well as our past
is in your hands.
We look to you in the days that lie ahead*

*to guide us and to lead us,
that we may proclaim Christ
in word and action
and that men and women and children
may be drawn into a living relationship with you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT

This past September marked the completion of my two-year term as Associate Rector. I am happy to report that agreement was reached on the continuance of my position. As well, in accordance with Diocesan expectations, a Covenant in Ministry was also drafted with the assistance of Archdeacon Rod Gillis and members of the Executive. John Osler deserves special mention for his contribution. Its contents will have been shared in the most recent edition of the *St Paul's Journal*, and the Covenant itself formally recognized at a service with Bishop Hiltz during his visit with us.

I have worked with members of the Pastoral Outreach and Spiritual Development Committees and wish to express my appreciation to their outgoing Chairs, Sandra MacLennan and Val Powell for their leadership. I am specially gratified by the commitment to support the youth mentoring programme St George's Youthnet made by the Parish through the Pastoral Outreach Committee. This support renews St Paul's partnership with other Churches in reaching out to children and youth of the North End.

An on-going challenge has been the development of a Circle of Care amongst parishioners. The visible results of this particular initiative have been few and far between. It has been humbling as well as encouraging for me to have discovered the many ways members individually are already committed to care for one another. At the same time the need for an organized expression of mutual support still remains. The Wheels to Worship quarterly Communion and Luncheon hosted collaboratively by the Jubilee Unit and St Paul's Ladies Guild, Anglican Church Women, is one welcome response, but others are needed, particularly in providing transportation to parishioners at other times.

It was a special privilege to work with members of the Archives Committee to complete the 250th anniversary interpretive display St Paul's and Halifax: Together from the Beginning. I wish to commend Archives Committee members chaired by Fiona Day, who are taking giant strides organizing and making accessible to the wider community the irreplaceable archival holdings under the care of this Church.

I close with a special word of appreciation to our Rector, the Rev. Canon John Newton, for the gracious and collegial way he has shared ordained ministry here at St Paul's. He has made my defined time/task role in your midst both possible and enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Eayrs
Associate Rector

WARDENS' REPORT

Here at St Paul's we are so very blessed as a Christian family sharing in the fellowship and love of God. The privilege of serving on council and as a warden has been a rewarding and enriching experience. We at St Paul's are particularly blessed with an enthusiastic and caring group of members who serve on your parish council. This is evident by their genuine interest in the life of St Paul's and they give so freely of their time and talent to ensure that they enhance the many aspects of all that we do in His name. As wardens, we thank them for their contribution, encouragement and support throughout the year, and particularly for their willingness to contribute to free and open dialogue on the many issues before council.

This report will be just one of many put together to form the St Paul's Annual Report for the year 2000. These reports will collectively combine to record the many events and accomplishments of the past year in the life of our parish. We are such a diverse group of individuals yet we come together as a Christian family to share in God's love and to provide support and caring for each other and through outreach to others throughout the world. As we read and reflect on the variety of reports we realize how much is happening here at St Paul's. This warden's report will not attempt to recount the many activities that are already mentioned in the reports from the thirty or so individuals, groups and committees as it is much better said by those directly involved.

Following last year's annual meeting your newly elected parish council met in early March for a "Day Away" to discuss the challenges they saw ahead and to consider what they wanted to accomplish as a council over the coming year. A wide range of items were covered including finance and stewardship, use of facilities and maintenance needs, closer ties within our church family by those attending the three Sunday services, building on our circle of care for those in need, building on the successes of our small groups and seeking opportunities to partner with other parishes to enhance the unity of the Christian community in Halifax. Throughout their term your parish council has used these themes in their decision making process and have contributed greatly to our life as a Christian community.

As senior warden my personal theme for the year was "Know One Another, In God's Love". As a Christian family we need the help and support of each other not only in our prayers but also in our social interactions. We gain so much strength from each other in our daily lives, both spiritually and physically, through attending St Paul's and participating in the various activities that make up the life and fabric of our parish. These include the discussion and study groups, the committees covering all aspects of church activities, children's programs, music, and many others too numerous to mention but which are all covered in other parts of the annual report.

To help get to know one another, and to better know our parish facilities, your parish council hosted an open house on March 19th, 2000. Well over one hundred parishioners attended and explored the many historical and mysterious features of both the church and the parish house. The more adventuresome crawled into the crypt area beneath the church floor where there are twenty known burial vaults. Another highlight for many was the

climb to the top of the bell tower to see the three bells that were brought from England in 1812 when the steeple was rebuilt.

During last spring we held a series of facilities meetings that were well attended by members of the congregation. These were held to gather input and views of our parishioners on our needs and use of our facilities. It was most encouraging to have so many wanting to participate and share their ideas and concerns.

From these sessions council saw a need to develop a vision statement for St Paul's to ascertain where we see ourselves going into the future. This project is now in its early stages with the executive in the process of information gathering. We see the project as a process of discernment. It is critical to make God central to the effort, to look for His will for us as a church. We need to draw out and articulate what is already in place at St Paul's, that being our sense of who we are, what we stand for, and where we are going. And we must take time to do this carefully and thoughtfully. One thing that we are doing is building on the good work of the past and the present. It has always been our focus to serve God, and we are building on that. Over the years there have been a number of efforts to renew our stated purpose and direction and we are building on those. We have a strong history and heritage behind us and we are building on these also.

At the end of July we said good-bye to Paul Hutten who served the music ministry faithfully for over three years. A music search committee was set up and was successful in selecting Rob Paddock as our new organist and choir director. Rob started his duties last September and we have been blessed with his talent and contribution to our music ministry. At the same time Maggie Duinker assumed the role of Music Team Leader for the music team at the 9:15 service. We are most fortunate to have Maggie and her children share their talents as we praise God in song.

Our Youth and Children's ministries have been nurtured under the care and guidance of Leonard Bednar and Jane Turcot and we give thanks for their contribution in this aspect of our parish life. We also extend to them our sincere thanks for organizing and completing, along with the Moms' and Tots' group, the painting and decorating of the parish house. It has truly made a difference.

During this past summer we were very pleased that Jonathan renewed his contract in ministry with us which had come to the end of its two-year term in September. We are blessed that he and Beth and the girls will continue to be such a vital part of our church family.

In November the company that we had engaged to install new oil tanks under the narthex caused the spill of some 300 litres of oil into our basement. It was a cruel irony in that the reason we were replacing the old tank was to be good citizens and do our part to prevent any leaks sometime into the future. The cleanup is an ongoing process involving many people and council has established a task force to assist the executive in bringing the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

At its January meeting Parish Council endorsed a plan to refurbish the washroom, kitchen, office and Memorial Room space at the back of the church building to gain improved functionality; and empowered the wardens to secure

detailed plans and cost estimates for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

The following motion will be presented at the Annual General Meeting: “To approve in principle the refurbishment of the areas indicated in the plans as presented at this Annual General Meeting and that a task force be established reporting to Parish Council. This task force is to represent the interests of the parish in finalizing detailed plans, financial considerations, compliance with applicable federal, provincial, and municipal requirements and to oversee the refurbishment project.”

Also in January, Parish Council approved the establishment of a Stewardship Committee and that it follow the mandate as set forth in Canon 35. This committee is to be separate from the Finance committee and will report to Parish Council.

A sincere thank you is extended to all the leaders and volunteers and faithful members of our congregation who have contributed so much to the life of our parish. We also recognize and give thanks for the dedication and support provided by Marina Chapoval, our administrative secretary, and Danny Baker, our sexton.

To our Rector, John Newton, and our Associate Rector, Jonathan Eayrs, we are deeply grateful for their dedication, leadership and spiritual guidance among us.

We ask that God bless each one of us and give us strength and faith that we may carry out his good work.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Day, Senior Warden

SUMMARY OF PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

“That they may lead the rest of their lives according to this beginning”

Grace Maartje Mansvelt
Jonathan Cornelius Mansvelt
Gabrielle Jean Mackenzie Malay
Natalie Grace Mann
Bethany Carol Grace Parkhouse

Marriages

“To love and to cherish, till death do us part”

Duane Alan Rhyno & Marion Elizabeth Matheson
Terry James Slaunwhite & Lorna Jennifer Rankeillor
Stephen James Roode & Kiki Michelle Sauriol
Randall Alexander Bell & Carmella Annette Davidson
Michael Kent Pottle & Kelly Lynne Marshall
James Henry Robert Harradence & Michele Eva Bernard
Michael Willis Hebb & Judith Ann Romans

Burials

“In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life”

George Beach
Robert Read Gale
Mary Florence Dauphinee
Hedley Russell Finley
Muriel Odessa Josey
Frances Florence Fraser
Maud Murray Mills
Evelyn Glenna Savenco
Frederick Robert Ridgway
Donald Eisener
Margurite Lillian Foran White
Vivien Harriet Dorey
Ruby Elizabeth Dellapinna

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

St Paul's nominating committee for 2001/2002 consisted of Jane Bureau (Chair), John Newton, Jonathan Eayrs, Joan Malay, Karl Perry, and Judi Thompson.

Nominations for membership to Parish Council:

Deputy Warden:	Patrick Hartling	3 years
Synod Delegate:	Bill Lord	3 years
Members at large:	Randy Ball	3 years
	Robert Ellison	3 years
	Richard Gruchy	3 years
	Murray Knowles	3 years
	Pamela Nash	3 years

Continuing Members of Parish Council:

Clergy:	John Newton		
	Jonathan Eayrs		
Senior Warden:	Joan Malay	1 year	
Junior Warden:	John Osler	2 years	
Secretary:	Karl Perry	2 years	
Treasurer:	Kathleen Flowerdew	1 year	
Members at Large:	Mike Hebb	1 year	
	Betty Lordly	1 year	
	John Miller	1 year	
	Peter Secord	1 year	
	Angela Sykes	1 year	
	Sharon Bennet	2 years	
	Margery MacIsaac	2 years	
	Michael Messenger	2 years	
	Synod Delegate:	Andrea Nicholls	2 years
	Parish Organizations:	Rose-Marie Dennis (Ladies' Guild)	
Betty Lordly (Chancel Guild)			
Cathy Naugle (Choir)			

Retiring Members of Parish Council:

Senior Warden:	Bill Day
Synod Delegates:	Joan FitzGerald
	Grant Vaughan
Members at Large:	Lorinda Barnett
	Peter Field
	Valerie Powell
	Judi Thompson

2. SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Canon 35 states that the Spiritual Development Committee has the responsibility to work with the Clergy in furthering the growth of individuals and the members collectively by exploring the meaning of prayer and worship in their lives. At each meeting, worship, music and Bible study groups are discussed.

Twice yearly, the Sunday School reports. In September, after a meeting to discuss the children's program, volunteers were asked to escort the children across to the Parish House each Sunday; this has been successful. A Children's Program Advisory Committee was established to provide lay leadership in the life of St Paul's Children's Program. They have met twice and will review the curriculum in February. They hope to provide activities which will enable all age groups of the church family to interact with the children.

Special events such as the Retreat (in May) and Parish breakfast are planned. In 2000, on Easter Day and Advent Sunday approximately fifty people gathered for breakfast and fellowship prior to a combined service at 10 a.m.

The Isherwood Scholarships have been introduced for high school and college students to show how they integrate their spiritual lives with their scholastic pursuits. Application forms are available from the church office.

The sidesperson roster for the 11 a.m. service will be revised for 1st April. Sidespeople welcome people and serve coffee and cookies. This is an important way to love God's family and volunteers are needed.

Prayer is essential for a Christian. We shall learn more about this essential on Saturday morning, 24th February at St Paul's, from Bishop Fred Hiltz, our suffragan.

I am very grateful for the Committee's hard work and fellowship during the past three years in which I have been Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Powell

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Few of you would know that I spent most of my summers as a youth on the rolling farm lands of central Alberta. Two of my father's brothers worked the land, and as I reached my teens, I had the opportunity to drive grain trucks, swathers and harvesters. And so it is that the wheat and grain metaphors of our scriptures have always spoken to me. This past year 2000 has been a time of cultivating and harvest metaphors for me here at St Paul's. Two Biblical metaphors come to mind: "One sows and another reaps. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labor." (John 4:37) and the metaphor of "separating the wheat from the chaff" (see Daniel 2:35 or Matthew 3:12 or Psalm 1:4). I will not labour to explain these here, but let them rest in the back

of your mind as I paint in broad strokes, a picture of our place in Children and Youth ministries for the year 2000.

In practical terms, this report reflects the second year for Jane Turcot and I working within Children's ministries. In our first year, we spent a good deal of energy maintaining or tending the fields. We purposefully did not change anything dramatically, but worked at trying to continue what had been the previous patterns. At the end of that "season" and leading into this calendar year, we directed enormous energy into assessing each facet of the children's program as to whether it was worth keeping, pruning, fertilizing or casting out. In that middle time, we also planted several new ideas of our own which needed assessing. What became clear, is that the problems (and we can call them problems) that the Sunday School faces in our time were being discussed and are reflected in the minutes of meetings since 1968, 1988 and 1995: not enough teachers, teacher fatigue, space problems, inconsistent attendance, "behavior" and discipline issues. Running a Sunday School in a mature, established, metropolitan, cosmopolitan church today is a tough job. Let this not be confused as an excuse, but rather a kind of explanation. The nation is seeing the same kind of trends and changes as we are. St Paul's represents a fairly typical Anglican experience in Sunday School for this decade.

Part of the transformative change that has been happening to the whole society at large since 1950 is magnified in Sunday School. Where change is accepted as the norm in secular society and sometimes ignored, we want to keep the status quo in our church and Sunday School, "its always been that way." A current child behaviorist, Barbara Colorosso, has an axiom for parents today, "Teach your child how to think, not what to think." This is sound advice in a world where change is happening so fast, that our children will need to make choices on specifics that haven't even been invented yet! But the inverse of Colorosso's axiom is the reality of the teaching paradigm before 1950, and what remains in the warp and woof of the fabric of classic Sunday School, and that is: "Teach them what to think, not how to think." The tragedies of the World Wars forced the whole Western world to start thinking for themselves, to question everything, even authority. How to think and thinking for ourselves is good, it is very good, but it also makes teaching classic Sunday School very difficult. In fact, it would be impossible to accomplish today in a Sunday morning class what could be accomplished in the 1950s and before. We cannot simply assume authority today, as we could assume authority in the first half of this past century, or millennium. And so we enter an agonizing struggle between "what and how." The what remains the same: the Gospel of Jesus Christ, including the stories of the Hebrew Scripture. But the how cannot be the same as it was in the past. Unfortunately, hind sight is always clearer than fore sight, and it is difficult to know "how" to proceed, especially within the specifics of our own unique congregation.

This struggle has been the context and reality for this past year in St Paul's Children's ministries. We have been reworking "how" to proclaim the Gospel to our children but not the "what". Some things have worked, and some things have not. We have reaped where others have sown, and we are sowing where others will have to reap. We have been working the threshing floor and waiting for a good wind to separate the wheat from the chaff. Growing and harvesting are slow works, and we are still at work, and some things will take

time to grow. As Jane will give you more detail in her report, I will give you here some of the over arching changes in this past year:

Crop rotations:

- retired curriculum “David C. Cook” (50% of its resources were going straight into garbage) and adopted the Anglican Church’s “Whole People of God” curriculum (offers us continuity with all age groups, music and worship resources as well as instructional help for a “typical” Anglican parish);
- changed monthly patterns from 10/12 Sunday School plus 2/12 summer vacation to 5/12 Classroom settings plus 3/12 special event dramas (Christmas, Easter and Pentecost) plus 4/12 Summer Garden programming;
- Changed name from “St Paul’s Sunday School” to “St Paul’s Children’s Programming”;
- Saw the retirement of previous Sunday School Advisory Committee and its members, and the genesis of the Children’s Program Advisory Committee and its members;
- changed our support network for Moses Asila by moving our collection plate from within our classrooms and placing it alongside our community collection plate;
- moved all the classroom locations to best accommodate the needs of the children as a whole;
- consolidated all the storage units into one central accessible non-classroom space.

Still growing & New Crops:

- built on the success of the Summer Garden Program;
- had our first Curriculum Night;
- tried a boys older group and a Girls older group during our classroom times;
- celebrated scripture with ever growing gusto in the Pentecost production of Zerubbabel;
- supported our first World Vision 30 hour famine (in recent memory);
- expanded children’s participation in music ministries;
- participated in Outreach programs: shut-in cards, St George’s Hot Meals, visiting seniors;
- broadened our dramatic presentations in liturgy to include more young adults;
- the Nursery with its staff is working so well we need additional volunteers;
- started a Nursery program of Bible stories and crafts (thank you Yvonne Messenger);
- added street crossing guards.

Chaff in the wind; wheat on the floor:

- put away our indoor sand table and train table; kept our block centers and model church (doll church) from our “making children welcome” project;
- shook down Children’s church; rebuilt a sustainable “Celebration Sunday” in cooperation with the liturgy gathered in the sanctuary;
- disposed of our graffiti look at Parish House; painted all the rooms with highlights;

- experimented with program timing: kept December's pageant timing, kept Easter and Pentecost start and finish timings, kept Summer Garden start but none volunteer roster, change Fall class start up time for 2001 to match adult C.E. (about October 1st);
- reduced our Sunday afternoon Youth Group Activities to once a month: kept up our commitment to a weekly Home Bible study.

Seeds sown and starting to grow:

- Children led "Children's Talks";
- children leading music;
- teacher satisfaction;
- children's outreach ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Bednar

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This past year has been a challenging and rewarding time to lead children at St Paul's Church. We have spent a lot of time thinking about and articulating our goals for the ministry, as well as showing how the program as it now stands reflects these and is in harmony with the life of our Parish.

Our Direction:

The goals of the church and the Children's Programme are one and the same:

To love God

Leading children to encounter Jesus Christ;
Leading children to worship Him through regular Bible teaching, Bible-related projects, and child-oriented songs, liturgies, etc.

To love one another

Developing loving relationships with friends, leaders and parents;
Developing leadership skills;
Providing a pleasant child-centered atmosphere through developing adult leadership teams, improving our surroundings and having fun extra activities.

To love our neighbours

Leading children to share the message of Jesus with others through child sponsorship and sharing special projects with outside groups.

One way we strive to meet the loving God goal, is to continue to provide age-appropriate Bible classes for three Sundays a week from September to Easter using the Whole People of God curriculum. We currently have 56 children enrolled, with an average attendance of 40 a week. The emphasis is on teaching the Bible stories and using methods which will address as many different learning styles as possible. Our curriculum follows the pattern of bible readings used in the larger church service. This enables us to maximize the message taught by having the church readings, music, children's talk and Sunday School class all on one theme. The children's message is printed briefly

in the bulletin as a take-home item. All this enables the family to take home one message and discuss it as a whole. It is an aid the church provides to help parents in their responsibility to teach the Word of God to their children.

Our youth girls class this year has studied various life-related topics that do not follow the general curriculum. In January they began a youth alpha course that is proving beneficial.

As an alternative method to regular classes we offer Sunday Celebration one Sunday a month, which is the old Children's Church programme reorganized. This is an all age event that is conducted during the sermon and prayers in the larger service. It is craft and game based and seeks to build on the theme of the church service. We hope to enable the children to take a greater part in the music and scripture readings and are taking steps to encourage children to join more fully in the music team. Having children stay in the service to participate in the readings and beginning part of the worship has already begun. We aim to have more skits and perhaps dramatic readings of the scriptures as time goes on. Having the children participate in the December 17th service of Lessons & Carols was another aspect of their involvement in worship. Their presentation of the Nativity through their Christmas Pageant helped draw us all toward loving God and each other more fully.

In the period between Easter and Pentecost we have begun to have a project oriented time when the whole Sunday School turns into a Production Company to put on a musical, play or other creative endeavour that will enable people to experience the excitement and relevance of the Bible stories in a hands-on way. In 2000 we rehearsed The Troubale of Zerrubbabel, doing the acting, singing, sets and costumes to enact the rebuilding of the Temple in 515 BC. While regular classes were conducted for the Pre-school class, all other students were part of the production, which was presented June 10th when the whole congregation celebrated the 250th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our church. This production gave a heightened sense of excitement around being a part of St Paul's Sunday School while also serving as a teaching tool and providing an outlet of worship for the children. We are thankful for the work Geoff Herod put in as Director of the play and for Maggie Duinker, who directed and rehearsed the music. Another musical play is being planned for the post-Easter season this year.

In the summer we continued our successful Garden programme with a skeleton crew providing an activity or craft based on the Children's Talk subject.

A new area of ministry began in 2000 with Beth Baxter providing child care for babies 0-35 months in the Memorial Room. This has been extremely well received by the parents of young children. A new teaching aspect, led by parent volunteers, will be added in 2001.

Worship is an important part of any Christian life experience and so our increased involvement in the Sunday services as well as the Sunday Celebration weeks and the yearly production give a chance for our children to take part in the life of the church more fully.

Our second goal is to love one another. This is fostered in a number of ways. During our Sunday classes children have the opportunity to get together and develop friendships that will help draw them in. When we structure the

age-groupings we are very aware of these ties and seek to accommodate them. Our special projects also enable students to pull together and have a real commitment to being there. Bringing all the ages together periodically helps to foster leadership skills in the older ones. Along with that, in the upcoming months we plan to draw some of the youth into the pre-school programme as junior leaders. The parent curriculum meeting on October 19th was part of the overall desire to keep us all abreast of what we are driving at and helping us to work together as adults and children to make St Paul's Church a place where we all join together in a common goal of love.

Leadership is key in the functioning of the Sunday Programme. This year we have tried a new method of having teachers commit to Sunday classes from the September opening to Easter in teams of three for the Primary/One and Grades 2-4 classes. We hope to build a greater sense of teamwork and give a longer period for teachers and children to get to know one another. It has certainly ensured that we have two teachers available per class each Sunday, which is a first for these groups in a few years. With Celebration Sundays and a rotating schedule of teaching and support, each leader has the opportunity of staying in the larger service for roughly half the weeks. A different leadership group was sought during the Zerrubbabel project season, which gave people with different talents, strengths and time commitments opportunity to be involved, and we plan to follow that pattern again in 2001.

One way that we have fostered a feeling of fellowship within the St Paul's Sunday School this past year has been to improve the physical appearance of our building. Parish House had been neglected over the past years as we focused on other areas of the church. While we had spent time previously in cleaning out rubbish and sprucing things up with murals on the walls, this year we undertook to give a complete update to the decor. Over September and October the rooms were given a fresh coat of paint and the building is now bright, clean and attractive. It says a lot about what we think of the children, each other and our God. Many heartfelt thanks to the ladies of the Mothers' Group who took their Tuesday mornings to wash wood work and paint while their children played contentedly with the toys.

Of course, the times we have to fellowship outside the teaching situations are invaluable in learning to love each other. The Wave Pool Party of March 25th was one of these and proved extremely successful, as did the Parish Picnic at Fleming Park on September 10th. Both of these were more widely attended than ever.

Finally, as a way to encourage the children to love their neighbours we continue to sponsor Moses Asila in Kenya as a tangible way to share God's love and our abundance. Participating in the "Zerrubbabel" musical also gave children a way to tell out the message of God to the congregation as a whole. We hope to find a way to use these musicals to reach out to other congregations or groups in the community by "taking them on the road" to another parish, a seniors residence or some other venue. And as children begin to be involved in dramatic readings or skits telling the biblical message, they will be enabled to reach out to their neighbours in love.

The Future:

As we embrace the coming year and all the activity to come, we want to keep firmly in our minds the goals of our church and ensure that everything we do fosters them. Our new Children's Programme Advisory Committee is working hard to look at the programmes of the children's ministry and ensure that they are carried out properly and in keeping with those goals. The involvement of these parents will be vital in the coming year and we look forward with anticipation to the good things God will do.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane C. Turcot
Director, Children's Ministries

ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Before I begin with my report, I would first like to thank John, Jonathan, Maggie, Leonard, Jane and Marina for their good nature and advice as I settle in as your Choir Director and Organist. All churches differ in the way they operate, and the staff, choir and congregation have made my transition very comfortable. Since my start date was September 1, 2000, I can only comment on the choir's activities after that point. This may seem like a short period of time, however you will find the choir has done a fair amount of music and work in the last few months.

On my first choir practice, there were only six choir members. I was expecting close to thirteen, as this was the number of choir members present during my interview. To my delight, this number quickly changed. As choir members returned from vacation and new choir members joined, our numbers quickly grew to fourteen. This enables us to tackle some more interesting and challenging music. The choir has sung seven anthems from September to the end of December, six Christmas anthems and special carols, and various new hymns. We now sing the Psalms during the Morning Prayer liturgy, and the choir has participated in two combined services consisting of the choir and the worship team. The choir now stands in front of the chancel facing the congregation when singing anthems. This is so their voices are directed at the congregation and not at the wall. I think this helps the volume of the choir and helps you hear and enjoy their anthems.

As of the first Sunday in Advent, the choir rehearses and robes in the Memorial room instead of in the old choir room. This is due to the unsafe, and unhealthy conditions of the old choir room. The Memorial room is used as a nursery during the 9:15 service. There was a concern that not enough time was available between services for the change over. There has been no problem with time at all. Bethie Baxter has done a wonderful job in making the room ready for the choir, with ample time to rehearse. The choir is also content to use the room instead of the choir room. The switch to the Memorial Room was done as an experiment, which is proving to be the most suitable space for the choir before Sunday morning services.

The choir participated in two Christmas services this year. The first was the Lessons and Carols service held on December 17, 2000, at 4 p.m. This

was combined with the children's Christmas presentation. Both the choir and children did very well with lots of preparation and hard work from everyone. The second Christmas service was the Christmas Eve Service. There were two Christmas Eve services held at St Paul's in the year 2000, one at 4 p.m. led by the Worship Team, and one at 11 p.m. led by the choir. I played the Tenor Recorder with the Worship Team in the 4 p.m. liturgy. Very seldom do I get a chance to play in an ensemble, especially one made almost entirely of recorders. It added a different flavour to the service and it was fun to be in a recorder sextet. At the beginning of the 11 p.m. service the choir led a short Carol sing. Present at this service was an ensemble made up of church members, who played before the service, during the communion and during the hymns. They too added much flavour to the service creating diverse sounds, which was enjoyed by all. The choir sang extremely well as they led us in familiar Christmas carols and wonderful anthems. They worked hard and gave their best during these Christmas services. Bravo choir!

I have played for two weddings and two funerals at St Paul's in the year 2000. Weddings and funerals are two important types of services in any church. One must always try to make these services meaningful to the families and friends gathered. These types of services tend to stand out in people's minds when reflecting on their own past, or the loss of a loved one. John Newton has been a good resource in helping me pick suitable music for weddings and funerals. He along with Jonathan, continue to work closely with me, and are helpful whenever I have a question or need advice.

Being the Organist at St Paul's, means playing on a wonderful Casavant Organ, which has been making music for many decades. This, like any big instrument requires constant maintenance to keep it at a playable condition. Since I have been at St Paul's, I have had the Organ completely tuned, the Great to Pedal coupler fixed and the Vox Humana fixed. These are minor and routine problems, which are easily corrected. The best thing to do for an organ like this one is to always be up-to-date with the routine maintenance. This will save time and money in the long term.

As you know there was a Grand Piano donated to St Paul's this year. This is a wonderful addition to our church. The piano is used regularly at the 9:15 a.m. service by the Worship Team. The choir uses the piano every Thursday for choir practice and during selected Anthems and Hymns. Also, there are people who practice on the piano in preparation for upcoming exams or simply to get some time on a fine instrument. The piano is well used and well liked.

We now look to Lent and Easter as the next big festivals of the church. There will be recitals here at St Paul's every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. during the season of Lent. The dates for these are March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 2001. There will be three Organ recitals, one Clarinet recital and a recital of my Piano students. For more information please contact the church office. Good Friday lands on April 13, 2001. As in the past there will be a service at St Paul's from 12 noon to 3 p.m. During the 2-3 o'clock hour the choir, along with other singers from the church body will present the cantata, "The Crucifixion", by J. Stainer. This cantata uses the music of the 19th Century to tell the story of the cross. This is sure to be a wonderful part of our Holy Week liturgy.

I look forward to working with the choir in the months to come. They are a wonderful group to work with and I am happy to be making music with them. They all give their best and are an important part of our church.

Yours in Christ,

Robert Paddock

MUSIC TEAM

2000 was a year of growth and development for the music team in terms of music and fellowship. Most Sundays saw a group of a dozen musicians leading congregational singing with great gusto. During the days of the Tall Ships, the group helped out with afternoon music for tourists seeking a cool, refreshing place. The styles of music that we have attempted have grown to include more multicultural music, gospel tunes, light jazz, and of course hymns played with our own particular "spin".

We have been blessed with wealth of talent and dedication from our members. With ages ranging from six years to 60-something, the musicians have obviously varied musical tastes, but there is truly an atmosphere of delight and interest in what each can offer. Lively practices take place each Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in the church (yes, even through the summer months), followed by equally lively coffee times at the Trident. New faces continue to present themselves and offer their time and talents. For this, we are all truly thankful. The invitation is always there to join us on a Saturday morning either occasionally or regularly. The second weekend of each month presents a good opportunity for children to come out to practice because they will be present for more of the service on the following morning.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my family for getting up early on the weekends and for all the people who play and sing with me. It is my great delight to work with you and to learn from you. Congregational support has been encouraging and I am always interested to know what you would like to sing.

Yours in Christ,

Maggie Duinker

CHANCEL GUILD

The members of the Chancel Guild consist of a small dedicated group of St Paul's parishioners who work behind the scenes preparing the Lord's table for all Sunday services as well as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

I feel certain these dedicated members deem it a privilege to serve the Lord in this way, and I wish to sincerely thank them for their continued dedication and support.

Tinker McKay, flower convenor, is a great asset to the Chancel Guild with her artistic talent in co-ordinating and decorating the church with flowers for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Any parishioner wishing to

contribute flowers as a memorial or thanksgiving should contact Tinker at 429-2240.

A very sincere thank you to Margaret Blandford and Dot Kelly for the excellent way they prepare the Lord's table for the Wednesday morning Communion services. Thanks also to Vivian Erving for her help at these services.

The members of the Chancel Guild thank all parishioners who helped deliver the memorial and thanksgiving plants at Christmas and Easter. We received many thank you cards and letters from the recipients of these plants.

As I intimated earlier we are a small group. Therefore we would welcome new members. I ask for your prayerful consideration in considering joining us. I know you would receive a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction from this work.

My sincere thanks to a very efficient executive and to John, our Rector, and Jonathan, our Associate Rector, for their help and guidance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Conrad, President

ST PAUL'S PRAYER CHAIN

St Paul's Prayer Chain is made up of people who are responding in this way to God's call to all of us to pray. The Chain began when a former Rector asked several parishioners to make special intercessions for people known to be in distress. At the time, the idea of a Prayer Chain seemed an appropriate way to fill this need, and we continue to exercise this ministry of the church with the understanding that all requests we receive are to be kept in strict confidence. We appreciate that many of St Paul's people pray faithfully for others and wish to remain private. While the Prayer Chain itself wishes to remain as "invisible" as possible (and must remain confidential), we do encourage other parishioners to consider if they would enjoy being part of our work – which is very rewarding! Please advise one of our clergy if you are interested in more information about the Chain. We have at least one meeting a year, to consider suggestions for changes and to choose new leaders when needed. As we do not have a President, Secretary or Treasurer, and as all work is confidential, there is very little to report! Our most recent meeting took place in November 2000, when we enjoyed good fellowship over a light lunch, and a short time of discussion.

We conclude with a quote from M. Allen Gibson's column "Musings" published on the Religion page of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald & Mail-Star, January 27, 2001: "Prayer is a means by which one is lifted above indifference and the restricting bonds of self. It is a gateway to that compassion for people and for society that places every conceivable need upon the altar of God's love."

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Gillis and Pamela Herod

SCRIPTURE UNION

Once again it is my pleasure, as Scripture Union representative for St Paul's, to submit my annual report. As I've mentioned on previous occasions, there are few things more important to maintaining a healthy Christian lifestyle than the daily and methodical reading of Holy Scripture. For over 100 years, Scripture Union has helped Christians world-wide to do this through its wide range of Bible Reading Guides, tailored for specific age groups. As well, Scripture Union produces a variety of other publications, e.g. Sunday School curricula, family and school resource materials, etc.

This year, I am happy to report that we have received a total order of thirty-one individual subscriptions, which is an increase of 10% on last year. As well, St Paul's orders several more for new members who join during the year. I am also encouraged by the fact that Scripture Union Notes are now being used for study purposes by one of our teen-age groups. However, I am sure there are many others at St Paul's who would benefit from using Scripture Union Guides. By ordering through the church, we get a volume discount of 15% thus resulting in a cost of less than 50 cents per week per Guide. If you don't already subscribe but think you might be interested, give me a call (H: 477-0094, O: 494-1052) or see me between services. I'll be more than happy to provide you with information on the various Guides and help you choose the one which best suits your needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Lord

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We meet regularly in the winter taking the summer off. We are a small group but have a sense of family and helping each other when needed. This fall we had a wedding shower for Michael and Judy Hebb, with a pot-luck supper preceding the shower. We often share a meal together and anyone is welcome to join us — we are not a closed group. John Newton, our Rector, has been giving us material to study, and we find this very helpful and have a lot of input when it comes to answering the questions. Please phone 479-2164 if you are interested in joining us.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Bureau

MOTHERS' GROUP

We are a group of parents of pre-school-age children who meet regularly on Tuesday mornings for fellowship. The children in the group also enjoy the social aspect of our meetings. If we are not meeting in the Memorial Room or Parish House, we are enjoying support and comfort in a member's home. This year we were blessed with four to five active members with enormous energy and the desire to help others. We were able to help the Sunday School spruce up the Parish House with a new coat of paint. This inspired the group to start helping members with painting projects at their homes. During all this painting the children played contentedly. We hope to continue this "painting bee" next year when the nice weather returns. We were also pleased to be asked by Parish Council to help organize and deliver the Christmas parcels to needy families. With Marina's organizational skills and much needed assistance as well as the generous support of gifts from the congregation, we were able to deliver parcels to close to 70 people this Christmas. We are always looking for new members. Mothers or fathers in need of fellowship and support are welcome to join us every Tuesday. Please contact Marina in the church office for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea J. Nicholls

3. OUTREACH & MISSION

PASTORAL OUTREACH AND WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE

During the year we were asked by another church to explain our Outreach program as they wished to begin one in their parish. It soon became apparent that St Paul's sets an example with our policy of stewardship and sharing.

We are currently supporting and funding needs within the congregation, the city, the province, the country and around the world.

This year we spent extra time meeting with and corresponding with recipients. This shows us how fortunate we are and how lucky we are to be able to share with others.

One new project this year was a return to working with north end children and teens through YouthNet. During the summer we partnered with Christian Education to provide an Open House during Tall Ships.

A special thank you to all the committee members for their ongoing support. I encourage parishioners to become involved with this wonderful work.

It has been my privilege to chair this committee for the past three years.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra MacLennan, Chair

ST GEORGE'S HOT MEALS

In the year 2000 St Paul's provided six meals. On an average, 150 people were served. Without the diligent core and the many volunteers, this would not have been possible. I wish to thank all those who were involved in this effort and who will probably continue to do so in the future. However, we are always looking for donations of food, help or cash. For anyone interested, it is a very rewarding aspect of Pastoral Outreach.

Respectfully submitted,

Eunice Major

ST MARK'S FOOD BANK

We at St Paul's continue to offer help of food and donations to this Food Bank. Our efforts are greatly appreciated, since in the year 2000 there were periods of time, when due to lack of supplies, the Food Bank was forced to close its doors. St Mark's is most appreciative of the help we give them. We trust this will continue in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Eunice Major

FRIENDS OF ST PAUL'S

To quote Mrs. Phyllis Redman, "It has been another happy year of communicating with friends."

Our mailing list now exceeds one hundred and it is nice to know that the bond of friendship is constant and growing.

Each Journal issue is forwarded; and at Christmas and Easter special greetings are enclosed. This past year a copy of the Rector's sermon, "The First 250 Years" was included. Notes from friends have been acknowledged. One family advised that a day had been set aside for prayer for St Paul's.

Donations received were \$510.

I wish to thank Mrs. Redman for her encouragement and our parish secretary, Marina Chapoval, for her kind assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Dot Kelly

ST PAUL'S HOME

St Paul's Home is an independent corporation founded by members of St Paul's Church in 1867. For approximately 100 years it operated St Paul's Home as a refuge and educational establishment for young women. In recent years, the Home has stepped back from "hands on" operations. Instead, it uses its resources to provide facilities for agencies working with young people in the city.

St Paul's Home operates five facilities: Phoenix House and the Phoenix Centre for Youth, Brenton House, Jubien House and Sullivan House. Operations in these facilities are undertaken by the Phoenix Youth Programs and the Association for the Development of Children's Residential Facilities (ADCRF) respectively. St Paul's Home makes the facilities available to the operators at significantly subsidized or negligible rates, depending on their ability to pay rents.

In addition to operating the five physical facilities, St Paul's Home also operates a Grants program and an education Award program. The Grants program is intended to provide one-time funding for specific projects working with young people, under the age of 15. In the last fiscal year, St Paul's Home provided support to the Family Services Association to help with upgrading office equipment, to St George's YouthNet to assist in renovating their facilities and ADCRF and Phoenix House to assist with staff continuing education.

The Award program is intended to provide support and encouragement to students, particularly those who have been clients of one of the five facilities operated by the Home. The Award program may provide support toward tutoring, GED or post-secondary education. In the past fiscal year, the Award program supported three students: two at St Mary's University and one at the Nova Scotia Community College. This past spring, one of these students became our first to graduate from university.

The coming year will be an interesting one for St Paul's Home. The Home has long-term maintenance issues with a number of its buildings that

need to be addressed. There is also discussion about changing the nature of the programs offered in one of our facilities. These challenges are combined with an opportunity to sell some of the undeveloped land that the Home owns. Managing these assets while responding to evolving needs will make for a challenging year.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Hazen, President

4. PROPERTY

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

I began the 1999 report with the words "This has been a mixed year for the Property Committee with a great deal of time being spent in committees and consultation, but not a lot done in the way of improvement to the fabric of the buildings." This statement remains true for 2000.

Early in the year, the Parish Council asked for a projection of repair and maintenance items requiring to be done in the Church on a one, three and five year frame. This was submitted in May. The one-year frame comprised the north face of the church to be painted with top and bottom ventilation provided, the outer north face doors and steps to be painted, the wall below the railing at the south-west gate to be repaired, the narthex inside doors to be refurbished and glass panels inserted, improved lighting in the vestry, the altar rails to be revarnished, the kitchen to be renovated and the choir room to be improved. A year has passed and no funds were forthcoming to attempt any of these items.

In the Church, only routine maintenance has been carried out, including carpet cleaning, removal of junk, and pest control.

In the Parish House, the roof above the sexton's apartment was re-shingled, and more junk removed from the basement. The Youth Group carried out a considerable amount of repainting, with the Property Committee supplying only the funds for the paint.

In the Prince Street Building, the windows were sealed and painted, new weather stripping fitted to the main door, and the door repainted.

The Rectory had roof repairs carried out, along with some appliance repairs and pest control.

A major dent in this year's budget was caused by the increased cost of heating oil, which has affected everyone. Coats for the Church and Parish House were up about 50%. Snow clearing also cost more. While quotations were solicited from various operators, the decision was made to stay with Edmonds, who came in with the lowest price.

The oil spill below the narthex has been reported elsewhere by the Senior Warden. Suffice to say that the oil in the old tank has now been used up and the furnaces below the narthex are being fed from the temporary tank outside the front of the Church. The matter is being dealt with by the Oil Spill Task Force, to which I have been co-opted. In early December, an inspection of the oil tanks below the chancel revealed that one of them was developing what in the trade is called a pus-ball. This means that oil was likely to ooze from it in a relatively short space of time. The tanks were therefore emptied and removed, and new ones installed, all, I am glad to say, without any spill of oil.

The Property Committee this year comprised Pam Herod and Dan Baker, with David Hazen volunteering his services towards the end of the year. I am grateful to them for their help and support, and also to my wife, June, who re-painted the washroom on Easter Monday, one of the few days in the year when it is not being used.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Sellers, Chairman

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The current members of the Archives Committee are Fiona Day, Joan FitzGerald, Don Lordly, Edgar Malay, Sandra MacLennan and Tinker McKay. Ex-officio member Jonathan Eayrs.

A great deal has been achieved this year to identify, arrange, rehouse and record the contents of the St Paul's Archives. The goal of the Archives Committee is to bring this important collection, which has been described as "a unique and priceless collection of archival material and artifacts", to national standards. In February and March, we were fortunate to be able use part of our previous year's Canadian Council of Archives Grant to employ, part-time, Lorraine Slopek of the Diocesan Archives as an archival assistant to accession, arrange and describe the collection; and has continued to work, as funds permitted, since that time.

I would like to put on record the incredibly dedicated work done in the Archives by Tinker McKay. All the search requests that come into the church office are researched by Tinker, and in addition to this time consuming work, she has spent countless hours humidifying and preparing the early Churchwarden's reports and other documents, so they may be properly recorded and housed. Edgar Malay, Don Lordly and Sandra MacLennan have also made significant contributions in preparing material for accessioning. We are most grateful for their dedication.

A short chronology of our year's work is as follows:

- a) In March the Archives collection was consolidated in the West Gallery of the church, (with the exception of the most recent records).
- b) During the Parish Open House in March, the congregation had an opportunity to see a sample of our holdings, and the work being done in the Archives.
- c) Also in March, we took part in a cooperative display by the Public Archives of Nova Scotia to demonstrate the holdings of some of the Archives in Nova Scotia. We loaned the First Register (containing records of baptisms, marriages, deaths begun in 1749), and a collection of ledgers and nurses' notes from the St Paul's Emergency Hospital and Dressing Station during the Halifax Explosion, also information on some of the early keepers of our Archives. These were on display in the Public Archives for five months.
- d) Material for the second panel of the 250th Anniversary Display was assembled and put together with the help of Cardinal Communications Limited, and the panels are now on display in the church. Many thanks to Jonathan Eayrs who masterminded both sections of the display. Thanks

are also due to Don Lordly, Karl Perry and Tom Sellers who installed the second half of the display.

We have applied for another grant from the Canadian Council of Archives, and hope that with this grant we shall be able to create a finding aid for our entire Archives collection, which will be compliant with RAD (Rules for Archival Description), and which will be compatible with the Public Archives web site, Archway.

We are still in need of a permanent facility to protect this valuable archive, however when we have our entire collection recorded, we shall have a better idea of what kind of space and facility is needed. The creation of a Disaster Plan for the church building, furnishings, archives and artifacts, should become a priority.

Respectfully submitted,
Fiona Day, Chair

SEARCHES

In 2000 the church office received more than fifty requests for searches of the registers of baptism, marriage and burial. The majority of inquiries arrive by e-mail from people who have visited our web site.

The “visitors” are a mixture of academic researchers, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the library of the Halifax Citadel, an Ottawa writer working on the diary of Jackie Molson, a naval historian, a film company interested in General Robert Ross, an Irishman who concentrates on General William Gardiner, an Australian who collects Nova Scotia Yorks, and many family history searchers enjoying the electronic hunt for their ancestors.

Fees charged for searches: \$1,126.37.

Respectfully submitted,

Tinker McKay

OLD BURYING GROUND FOUNDATION

The highlight of the year for the Old Burying Ground Foundation was the completion of the gate replacement project. The new gates, replicating the original 1860 cast iron gates, were installed on August 29th and dedicated in the presence of Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman and Mayor Walter Fitzgerald on October 6th. The dedication service was performed by our rector, John Newton, and despite inclement weather a good turn out of board members – past and present, members of the heritage and historical community and general public, clergy, and people with direct input to the project participated in the ceremony. The Foundation is indebted to the Millennium Bureau of Canada, the Nova Scotia Power “Good Neighbour” fund and private donation for generous support of this undertaking. This was the final phase of the major restoration work begun in 1989 with the dismantling and rebuilding of the Welsford-Parker monument, preservation work on the

grave stones through 1990 and 1991 and the rebuilding of the west stone wall and cast iron fence in 1995.

The current Directors of the Foundation are George Blunden, Brian Burnell, treasurer, Louis Collins, Joan Malay, Don Patton, Ray Staszko, Deborah Trask, Ron Wallace, Richard Cregan, secretary and honorary solicitor, and Don Lordly, chairman.

The grounds were open to the public from early May until the end of November and visited by upwards of 4,000 people. Again this year, a federal government summer career placement grant enabled the foundation to hire two student summer guides, returning guides – Emily Kearns and Christine Finley.

The grounds continue to be maintained by HRM Parks and Natural Services Operations through a sub-contractor – again this year, Humphrys Landscapes and Construction Ltd. The site suffered no major storm damage over the year and seasonal care was at an acceptable level. Dalhousie Security Staff again faithfully unlocked and locked the gates throughout the season and provided general surveillance. Sidewalk snow removal was carried out by HRM. Some minor repairs to stones were necessary and carried out.

The next project the Foundation is contemplating is to provide 'names recognition' information panels listing the names of the approximately 10,000 people buried at the site between 1749 and 1844 for whom burial records have been located but for whom there are no existing grave markers. Of the estimated 20,000 burials that were made before the cemetery was closed in 1844, only about 1200 grave markers remain. Although we plan to detail the 10,000 documented burials, there have been many thousands of others for which records have not survived or where the names of the deceased were never known. This will be a fairly major undertaking and members of St Paul's will have the opportunity to provide their support.

Thanks are extended to St Paul's for its support throughout the year, especially to Marina for her consistently cheerful help with OBGF matters as they come her way. Thanks also to summer guides, Ian Gillis, Emily Ingram and Gregg King for directing visitors to the Old Burying Ground.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Lordly, Chairman

5. FINANCE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

“Your gifts...are like a sweet-smelling offering to God.”

I begin this report with these words from St Paul to the church at Philippi as a reminder of what our giving is all about. It is so easy to forget that it is not primarily to keep our buildings clean, warm and in good repair; or to pay the salaries of clergy and staff; or even to engage in outreach, important though these be. Rather, it is one way of expressing our gratitude to God for all that he has done for us in Christ Jesus. With that in mind, and on behalf of the Finance Committee, I am pleased to submit our report to the Parish Annual General Meeting.

As the Committee had made a number of recommendations related to our investment management policies during Colin Dodds' tenure as Chair, we felt no pressing reason to re-examine these. However, we have been looking at the possibility of having our entire portfolio handled by one brokerage house (rather than two, as is the case at present) as we believe this would lead to more effective management of our financial assets. While we have not yet come to a decision, the matter is still under active review.

Early in the year, the Pastoral Outreach Committee (POC) requested clarification as to our policy with respect to their budget allocation. Following investigation, we confirmed that it should equate to 20% of the previous year's Envelope Offerings. In response to another question from the POC, we recommended, and Council agreed, that the POC be responsible for allocating the earned income on four designated funds to charities or organizations of their choosing.

A letter received in April from the Old Burying Ground Foundation brought to our attention an anomaly in the way we were allocating interest from investment earnings. Following a meeting with Brian Burnell and Don Lordly, representing the Foundation, we have adjusted our practice to their and our benefit.

In June, the Committee received a report from an ad-hoc committee, set up by the Finance Committee two years earlier, to make recommendations with respect to the Dorothy Ward Estate funds and the proceeds from the sale of the Ward property. The report, which was most helpful and represented a great deal of thought and work, contained five recommendations. The Committee agreed with these recommendations and will be presenting them to Council early in the new year.

It is with a profound sense of gratitude (and relief!) that we are able to report envelope offerings received in the last two weeks of the year resulted in the budgeted amount being surpassed by \$5,855.65. While this is certainly cause for thanks, the fact that envelope offerings consistently lagged expenses throughout the rest of the year was of great concern. In fact, on several occasions during the year, we were obliged to withdraw funds from our investments in order to meet our operating expenses. As this has also been the case in previous years, the Finance Committee have much time and thought to how we might encourage consistent and regular giving throughout

the year. Recognizing that giving to charities via Pre-Authorized Checking (PAC) has become commonplace, we have sought and received the approval of the Executive and Council to introduce PAC at St Paul's. We are now investigating the most efficient and economical way to set it up.

In preparing the budget for 2001, the Committee is proposing an Envelope Offering target of \$170,000. Thus, despite reducing or holding the line on expenses (minor salary increases for the Rector and Administrative Secretary excepted), we are still projecting a shortfall of \$22,002. To avoid bringing in a deficit budget, we recommended to Parish Council that this amount be drawn down from our investments. While we believe this to be a prudent approach, we remain concerned about the depletion of resources which should more properly be used for capital purposes. We are also concerned that a parish as relatively wealthy as St Paul's continues to be so dependent on rental income to subsidize our operations. For this reason, we have recommended to Council that a standing Stewardship Committee, separate from the Finance Committee, be struck.

Finally, as I complete my first year as Chair, I want to express my grateful thanks to the members of the Finance Committee for their patience and understanding and, in particular, to Kathleen Flowerdew, to whom we all owe a special debt of gratitude for her diligence and dedication as Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Lord, Chair

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

St Paul's parishioners have generously contributed to the following funds:

Chancel Guild Flowers	\$3,562.28
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$5,739.86
Primate's World Relief and Development Fund	\$4,425.75
St Mark's Food Bank	\$3,705.81
Diocesan Times	\$40.00

BUDGET 2001

	2001 Budget	2000 Actual	2000 Budget
Revenue			
Envelopes	\$170,000	\$165,855	\$160,000
Loose Offerings	7,000	7,003	7,000
Easter Gifts	3,500	3,294	3,500
Harvest Offerings	2,000	2,114	2,000
Christmas Offerings	6,250	5,409	6,250
Special Projects	6,000	0	7,000
250th Anniversary General		20	
250th Book(s)		1,178	
250th Memorabilia		556	
Visitors' Box	6,000	4,701	6,000
Donations	6,000	7,965	6,000
SONCO	75,000	75,000	75,000
Rental Income	29,400	29,400	29,400
Investment Income	30,000	33,656	25,000
Miscellaneous Income	0	(239)	1,000
Government Grants	6,500	7,104	7,500
Bookstall	1,000	904	1,000
Searches	0	0	0
Friends of St Paul's	500	510	500
Sunday School	400	370	480
Total Revenue	<u>\$349,550</u>	<u>\$344,800</u>	<u>\$337,630</u>

Expenses

Pastoral Ministry & Support

Clergy Salary Rector	\$42,840	\$42,000	\$42,000
Clergy Salary Associate Rector	22,448	21,816	21,500
Travel Allowances Rector	1,000	1,060	1,000
Travel Allowance Associate Rector	500	270	500
Parish Pension	12,699	12,857	11,500
Administrative Salaries	31,070	30,148	31,000
Music Director	15,700	16,436	17,200
Music Ministry Other	4,000	4,322	5,100
Summer Guide (3 Guides)	9,000	9,948	9,000
Youth & Children's Ministry	25,500	25,500	25,500
Director of Christian Education	0	0	0
Payzant Fund Recovery	(6,000)		(6,000)
Sexton	18,275	18,275	18,000
CPP Expense	4,750	4,761	3,000
EI Expense	4,690	4,357	4,500
Rectory Fuel	2,200	1,946	2,000
Rectory Power	1,300	1,001	1,300
Rectory Water	500	414	500
Rectory Telephone	400	401	500
Rectory Taxes	4,300	4,308	4,300
Rectory Insurance	550	530	550
Rectory Repairs & Maintenance	750	1,444	750
Associate Rector Rent	11,223	10,408	10,000
Associate Rector Insurance	150	144	150
250th Anniversary Committee	0	1,701	2,500
Funds provided by Memorial Funds	0		(2,500)
Designated Income Past Ministry			(80)
Archives	1,000	1,550	1,550
Staff Development/Discretionary	0	255	0
Total Pastoral Ministry & Support	\$208,845	\$215,852	\$205,320

Parish Maintenance & Administration

Parish House Fuel	3,700	3,853	3,000
Parish House Power/Fuel	2,400	2,232	2,000
Parish House Taxes	675	643	675
Parish House Insurance	500	467	600
Parish House Repair & Maintenance	2,000	3,183	2,000
Church Fuel	8,900	6,902	5,000
Church Power	3,200	3,012	3,000
Church Telephone	2,400	3,100	3,250
Church Taxes	800	697	800
Church Water	450	377	400
Church Insurance	3,000	3,177	3,000
Church Repair & Maintenance	6,000	5,502	4,500
Church Miscellaneous	500	280	500
Tuning (Organ & Piano)	1,500	1,927	1,500
Bank Charges	1,000	799	1,000
Music Supplies	1,050	1,514	1,000
Office Supplies	2,000	1,582	2,000
Printing Inside	3,000	2,574	4,500
Printing Outside	1,000	1,344	500
Postage	3,000	3,078	3,000
Library	200	267	200
Legal	500	228	500
Audit	4,750	4,748	4,000
Janitorial Supplies	500	331	500
Designated Income Parish Maintenance.	(11,000)	0	(11,000)
Assets Purchased	500	2,324	500
Prince Street Utilities	0	0	600
Prince Street Taxes	6,500	5,467	6,500
Prince Street Insurance	180	176	250
Prince Street Repair & Maintenance	1,000	65	1,000
Total Parish Maintenance	\$50,205	\$59,849	\$45,275

<i>Ministry & Outreach</i>			
Diocesan Allotment Current	55,056	61,868	61,868
Christian Education	500	257	500
Retreat	1,000	1,852	1,000
Youth	500	246	500
Sunday School	3,275	3,412	3,500
Visiting Clergy	600	550	600
Outreach/World Mission	33,171	28,550	29,500
Special Projects (Summer Fair)	4,000	0	4,000
Advertising/Publicity	3,000	3,159	3,000
Tourist Programs (brochures)	900	832	0
Hospitality	1,500	679	800
Special Events (Seder, Picnics, etc.)	1,000	751	1,000
Worship	1,000	1,008	1,500
Ministry Resources	1,000	594	1,500
Honorariums and Gifts	1,000	916	1,000
Oil Spill Task Force	5,000		
Unbudgeted Expense	0	0	0
Designated Income			(1,000)
Total Ministry & Outreach	\$112,502	\$104,674	\$109,268
Total Revenue	\$349,550	\$344,800	\$337,630
Total Expense	\$371,552	\$380,375	\$359,863
Shortfall	\$22,002	\$35,575	\$22,233

As approved by Parish Council on January 15, 2001
2000 Actual figures are unaudited amounts

6. OTHER PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The 250th Anniversary of St Paul's church is now complete. It started on June 21, 1999, and ran until September 10, 2000. The report covering the 1999 part was included in our 1999 Annual General meeting publication. Following we will detail the events that took place during 2000.

The first event was the Chebucto Regional Service of Evensong that took place on February 6, 2000, with Archbishop Arthur G. Peters as guest preacher.

On the theme of our multi-faceted history, our Rector arranged for six presentations during the Lenten season. They were as follows:

Sunday, March 12, Dr. George Sumner spoke on "The Spiritual Legacy of St Paul"

Sunday, March 19, Dr. Allen Robertson spoke on "A portrait of our first parishioners"

Sunday, March 26, Dr. Paul Friesen spoke on "Our evangelical roots"

Sunday, April 2, Dr. Brian Cuthbertson spoke on "Churches in Nova Scotia – St Paul's in the Inglis period"

Sunday, April 9, Dr. Philip Griffin-Allwood spoke on "Revival and schism"

Sunday, April 16, Dr. Marie Elwood spoke on "Three gifts from the past"

The next event was the special combined service commemorating the Laying of the Cornerstone of St Paul's Church. This took place on Sunday, June 11, with Archbishop Arthur G. Peters as guest preacher. As part of this special service was a presentation of the Children's Musical Group entitled "The Troubale of Zerubbabel." We want to congratulate those involved for a fast paced and entertaining production.

Next came the Tall Ships visit to Halifax. St Paul's opened its doors and hearts to all the people who visited our church and spent a quiet time during the hustle and bustle of that event.

The final event in our celebrations took place on Sunday, September 10, 2000, with a service commemorating the first service in the building. The actual first service was on Sunday, September 2, 1750, however it was decided to celebrate on the 10th, because of the Labour Day weekend on the 3rd.

Before closing Don and I would like to thank all those who helped make our 250th celebrations such a success. Without you it would not have been possible.

A final note is to remind all that St Paul's has a good supply of those memorabilia items that were for sale during the celebrations. Help us to reduce that inventory. Thank you.

Ray Carman and Don Lordly,
Co-chairpersons

JUBILEE UNIT, ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Our meetings were held on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Memorial Room.

We have a membership of ten and looking for new members.

The following is the list of officers for 2000. The meetings are chaired by a different member each time we meet:

President:	according to the roster
Vice-President:	Florence McVeigh
Treasurer:	Dorothy Kelly
Convenors for various committees:	
Social Action	Mary Dwyer
Telephone Committee:	Hilda Temple-Hill
Our representative on Parish Council:	Hilda Ridgway

We provided refreshments for "Wheels to Worship" services, once at Easter and the other at Christmas. Members attended the Communion services prior to the luncheon.

With the Ladies Guild we combined to hold a Craft and Bake Sale at the Halifax Shopping Centre. Monetary contributions were received from some members of the congregation. We were pleased with the results.

Services attended by some members during the year:

World Day of Prayer;

Our Annual Least Coin offering was made at the Women's Inter Church Council Service held in Dartmouth.

As in previous years in February we gave baby clothes to the Grace Hospital for needy mothers.

Again this year, used eye glasses which had been brought to the church were packed and sent to the Christian Blind Mission. Used postage stamps were sent to the Leprosy Mission in Ontario.

Calendars were purchased from the Diocesan Centre and sold through the efforts of several members.

Our Annual corporate communion was held on Wednesday, December 29. A meeting of the Jubilee Unit followed. Flowers in memory of deceased members were placed on the Holy Table the following Sunday.

Last year we repeated a project when shoe boxes were filled with gifts and taken to the Missions to Seafarers who were unable to be with their families for Christmas. This year ten boxes were filled by members and later picked up at the church.

Our monetary contributions for the year included:

St Paul's Church	\$500
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$250
Canadian Bible Society	\$48

The financial report of the Jubilee Unit is available through the church office.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Zwicker, Secretary

ST PAUL'S LADIES' GUILD

President: Parnell Perry
Treasurer: Vivian Fleming
Corresponding Secretary: Jill Alexander
Parish Council Representative: Rose-Marie Dennis

Members at large:

Kay Mack
Libby Howell
Trudy Lovett
Jodie Knowles
June Sellers
Phyllis Redman
Barbara Bauld
Nora Crewe
Eve Finley

Members of the Guild met seven times during the year, and our President, Parnell Perry, chaired all the meetings. Two of the meetings were held at Parnell Perry's home, and the rest were in the Memorial Room.

The ladies of the Guild hosted three of the luncheons after the Wheels to Worship noon-time Communion services for Shut-in parishioners.

Flowers in loving memory of past members were placed on the Communion Table on March 26.

In October, the Guild together with the Jubilee Unit, Anglican Church Women, realized \$1,428.10 from their annual Craft and Bake Sale. The sale was convened by Rose-Marie Dennis and Jodie Knowles. Many thanks to those who contributed baked goods and knitting.

Money was given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, and the Missions to Seafarers. Shoe boxes for seamen were contributed before Christmas. Our Recording Secretary sent Easter and Christmas cards and "get-well" cards to shut-in persons during the year. The Guild bought and delivered Christmas gifts to several church members who live in Nursing Homes.

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