

Friday, January 15, 2021

Good afternoon everyone:

It doesn't really feel like winter yet, does it? And today's sunshine is adding to my own winter-denial. We have been blessed to have had decent enough weather to linger and chat out of doors for many Sundays, whatever Sunday brings this particular weekend. And we continue to be blessed with a rich diet of worship, parish life, and outreach events and opportunities both on line and in person.

The wardens and I hope to greet as many as possible of our fellow parishioners this coming Sunday after our 10.00 am Eucharist and Children's programme,

Yours,
Paul+

A-WEEK-AND-A-BIT AT ST. PAUL'S: 15 - 24 January 2021

Weekdays Parish Office is open 9-4;
Church Doors opened for duties and appointments only.

FRIDAY 9:00 am	15 JANUARY Hybrid Matins <i>Zoom</i>
SATURDAY 9:00 am	16 JANUARY Matins <i>Zoom</i>
SUNDAY *10:00 am	17 JANUARY Epiphany II Eucharist <i>Nave & Chancel</i> Afternoon: Ante-Communion Video emailed *I Samuel 3.1-20; Psalm 39; I Corinthians 6.12-20; John 1.43-51
MONDAY 9:00 am	18 JANUARY Matins <i>Zoom</i>
TUESDAY 9:00 am 12:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	19 JANUARY Matins <i>Zoom</i> Noon Theology <i>Zoom</i> St. Paul's Home <i>Zoom</i> Youth Group <i>Zoom</i>

WEDNESDAY	20 JANUARY
9:00 am	Matins <i>Zoom</i>
11:00 am	Eucharist <i>Chancel</i>
12:00 pm	Rector's Lunch (Take-out) <i>Coffee Zone</i>
12:00 am	Noon Theology <i>Zoom</i>
3:00 pm	275 Committee <i>Zoom with Guest Archbishop Mark MacDonald</i>
4:30 pm	OBG Board Meeting <i>Zoom</i>
THURSDAY	21 JANUARY
9:00 am	Matins <i>Zoom</i>
9:30 am	Women's Bible Study Group <i>MacPherson Residence</i>
7:00 pm	Parish Council <i>Zoom</i>
FRIDAY	22 JANUARY
9:00 am	Hybrid Matins <i>Zoom</i>
SATURDAY	23 JANUARY
9:00 am	Matins <i>Zoom</i>
SUNDAY	24 JANUARY <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>
*10:00 am	All-Ages Eucharist <i>Nave & Chancel</i>
	Afternoon: Ante-Communion Video emailed
	*Acts 26.9-23; Psalm 67; Galatians 1.11-24; Matthew 10.16-22

PARISH NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN on behalf of the parish executive. We wish to extend our appreciation for the very fine children's video presentation. The 4.00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist was absolutely enriched and the strong tradition of children's participation and presence was maintained in spite of the 2020 obstacles. Particularly we want to recognize Kathy and Nathan for their creative, organizational and theological gifts. And also a big thanks to the children and parents who both made memories and provided our community with new memories and a positive boost to parish life and to our Christmas celebrations.

ST. PAUL'S 2020 ANNUAL REPORT! Our AGM will be the first Sunday in March (7th) this year which means that the office would appreciate all reports to be submitted by Friday, February 5th at the latest please. This gives Gail time to collate and print so that the parish can enjoy two weeks of reading time before the AGM. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DOT KELLY! *(The following article is extracted from Kathleen Higney's "Angels in Halifax" chronicling the exemplary life of Dot Kelly, a well-known parishioner at St. Paul's. The article appeared in our Easter 2011 Journal; Kathleen resubmitted for the 2013 Pentecost Journal.)* "We are pleased to recount Dot's Recollection of her youth at St. Paul's. Born in Halifax on January 19, 1919, Dot was the middle child in a family of five. The Kelly children were named Jean, Douglas, Dot, Thomas, and Roy. Dot was christened at the age of two months and her name was added to the St. Paul's Cradle Roll. A few years later at the age of five, Dot was promoted to the Kindergarten Class at Sunday School. It was held at 3:00 p.m. every Sunday in the Men's Parlour of St. Paul's Parish Hall on Argyle Street (*where the Canada Trust Building is now situated*). One of her teachers was Mrs. Armitage. The oldest Sunday School in the Dominion, it was established in 1783. Helen Eisner and Alice Strong Smeltzer were in her class and Miss. King was also a teacher. Thomas W. Savary was the Rector throughout her childhood. Dot loved these classes so much she cried when it was time to leave. Even as a young child Dot expressed herself in the performing arts. She was a "wee wee" in the earliest play she can remember and recalls that they wore costumes consisting of white slips Covered with pink petals and hats decorated with more pink petals and green stems. Resembling flowers and behaving their best – I imagine that they were well loved by the audience! Dot advanced to Junior Sunday School the following year and Miss Edith Smith was her new teacher. Her class was one of several that were held in the auditorium of the church hall. The desks from a number of different classes were arranged in squares around the room; each class consisting of about eight students. They studied the Catechism, the Creed, and learned the stories about the life of Jesus and his friends. Each week four to five hundred children with closed eyes and bowed heads recited the closing prayer in unison. Dot's next promotion was to Junior Bible Class held in the Gallery in the Church Hall where they had separate classes for boys and girls. Dot performed in nine or ten plays during her time in Junior Sunday School. In the *Babes in the Wood* production, Dot sang from a cardboard nest as a member of a robin family. They were adorable, dressed in brown and red crepe paper topped with little brown hats decorated with beaks extending from their foreheads. When she was a little older Dot joined several young people's groups at St. Paul's including the Girl's Auxiliary Guides and the Anglican Young People's Association. The GA guides was a group devoted to learning Christian virtues and supporting overseas hospital missions. Dot was in charge of developing the devotional component for the group. Using the Girl's Auxiliary study book of the Anglican Church, young ladies from Baptist, United Church, Presbyterian, and Salvation Army backgrounds met to study, learn practical skills, play games, and go on camping trips. During this time, Dot invested her time, energy and talent in the various plays that followed the productions of the GA Girl Guides Group. The girls also performed puppet shows, which introduced the nursing care part of the program. One was a medical puppet show complete with big cardboard box hospital, furniture constructed from matchboxes, and patients and nurses made from decorated wooden spoons. It was presented as a parish gathering in the Parish Hall. The event was enhanced by the lovely music of a violin, piano and cello ensemble. At the age of sixteen, Dot was confirmed and then joined the Anglican Young People's Association. Their motto was "Worship, Edification, Fellowship." The activities and duties of the AYPAs were generally useful and always fun. They were asked to assist in decorating the church for the Seasons. Dot also remembers collecting donations of fruits and vegetables from parishioners at Thanksgiving. Not surprisingly, part of Dot's service in the AYPAs was expressed in the performing arts. One of their plays, which Dot directed, was entered in a competition at All Saint Cathedral and it won Honourable mention. Marion Conrad was the leading lady in the winning production."

On January 19th, 2021 Dot is expected to celebrate her 102nd birthday!

ST. PAUL'S JOURNAL! We have five great submissions for the next issue of our parish journal and would love to include some more ... whether it be a poem, song/hymn lyrics that touch you, artwork, recipe, etc. Inspirations from a variety of people create a wonderful compilation of the broad range of personalities within our parish. This publication welcomes the input of everyone ... a 'trained scribe' you need not be! Please email your submission to the office by January 31st.

PARISH DIRECTORY: The office is in the process of updating its Parish Directory once again. Please contact us if you've had a change in your contact information as this will be uploaded to the printer this Thursday (Jan. 21st) morning! Thank you.

THE FAITH SHARING GROUP will resume with a Lenten focus on engaging with the spiritual disciplines on Feb. 14th, 6:30pm. More details to follow. Email Kate (katy.r.crane@gmail.com) at any point for general info about the group.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE: If you're interested in being added to the youth group e-list, you can contact Benjamin von Bredow, Katherine Lee, or Adriel Driver. We will continue with Tuesdays, at 7pm for 13 weeks, from Jan. 19th to Apr. 13th. All youth are encouraged to join us at any time!

ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN: Please remember the importance of signing in to the LOG at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex ANY time you enter the church; and please log your time in/out of Parish House as well and submit to the office. THIS IS MANDATORY. Thank you.

THE ZOOM MATINS GROUP continues to meet on-line, Monday to Saturday at 9.00 and we are back to hybrid Friday Matins! Please feel free to join those who pray and read Scripture together at 9.00, whether daily, weekly, occasionally, or with some other pattern.

HOLLY HOUSE OUTREACH: You can always donate gift cards (*mail them or drop them off to the church office who will forward to our Women's Group*) for this parish outreach. The cards appreciated are: Shoppers, Dollarama, or No Frills in increments of \$10 or \$20. You can also deliver them to the mailbox at 6818 Edward Arab Ave. Thank you everyone!

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP has begun an 8 week study of Philippians. We meet in-person from 9:30-11:30 at Isobel MacPherson's apartment. We always welcome newcomers! If interested, contact Mary Dempster at dempstermary@gmail.com or Margaret at briarwoodbob@aol.com.

FROM OUR PRAYERWEB CO-ORDINATOR: It really does not matter who or what the need is, what matters is that in our quiet times, we are interceding on their behalf through prayer. In *Job 5:8* we hear him say, 'But, if it were I, I would appeal to God, I would lay my cause before him.' That is what we do through intercessory prayer; we look for and find the hope, the beauty and the love. We're linked by email and pray over shared intercessions in our own home. If you'd like to join us, please contact our Rector, Paul Friesen (rector@stpaulshalifax.org) and me (jisobelmacpherson@gmail.com). We would love to welcome you into our prayer web. Blessings, Isobel MacPherson.

THE ZOOM NOON THEOLOGY GROUP meets on Tuesdays. If you're interested in joining in our weekly **Tuesday 12.00-1.00 pm** discussions, please let the parish office know. We continue with our collection of C.S. Lewis' writings on Christian spirituality recently published as *How to Pray: Reflections & Essays* (2018). The groups next 'alphabetic rotation selection', to be discussed beginning Tuesday 26 January, is Rowan William's *Anglican Identities*.

ZOOM MATINS GROUP NEWS: This group, with a variety of members on any given day, meets daily, Monday-Saturday at 9.00 am by Zoom to pray 'Matins' and discuss Scriptures and faith. If you're not on the Matins list and would like to drop in, you're welcome to join in as frequently or as infrequently as makes sense to you. Just let the parish office know. *We will resume our Chancel-Zoom hybrid Matins January 8th, 2021.*

IT'S REALLY OK TO ENTER ST. PAUL'S CHURCH but ... when you are leaving could you remember to pull the outside doors tightly shut behind you? During the fall and winter seasons it is easy to leave our swollen wooden doors not quite completely latched on exit and leave the building at risk.

PROVINCIAL HEALTH UPDATE: Until further Public Health notifications ...

- Office Hours: Hours as usual, outer doors locked. Open for staff and parish volunteers on parish business. Masks on/off per Public Health protocols on site. All parish committee and group meetings and events by Zoom or electronic means, under the direction of the staff and volunteers already leading them.

- Wednesday 11am Eucharists have resumed (no need to pre-register with 100-person maximum). Wednesday take-out lunches and grocery trips as usual. Indoor cold weather spacing organized by volunteers. Guests immediately leave with lunches and/or for Sobeys if on the list for the week.

- Sunday Eucharists in St. Paul's, have resumed while maintaining the 100-person maximum.

- Sunday School has resumed in Parish House with proper distancing when we're at our tables and masks when we move around.

The SafeR Church Committee monitors the situation carefully and tries to keep all parishioners informed. With thanksgiving for all of God's goodness, at all times, and in all places—and with thanks to you, our Lord's servants ... and in prayer for those in frail health, physical and mental,

The Rector & Wardens of St. Paul's, Halifax

PARKING: Thanks to the City of Halifax & SONCO, we have two more areas for parking: 9:30-11:30 on Sundays for both lots: a) next to 1718 Argyle/beside Parish House AND b) the upper part of the lot at the corner of George and Barrington (the entrance on Granville is gated but the gate will be up on Sundays). You **MUST** sign-in for a **St. Paul's Parking pass**, however, and have this pass **CLEARLY** displayed on your dash to avoid ticketing/towing. We look forward to resuming in-house services and using these parking spaces once again.

FROM OUR PROPERTY CHAIR: Parish House is in need of some upgrading/replacing of the doorknobs/locks on its many interior doors. We are blessed to have this historic building so very busy with a variety of outreach, mission, art, music, counselling and Sunday School! Any help with this project will be appreciated by many people. Please contact the office if you (*or someone you know*) has lock-smithing experience & can assist by sharing suggestions.

OUR FISH COFFEEHOUSE TEAM supported by our Property Chair, Sexton, SafeR Church Committee, and other volunteers is continuing their wonderful job of redecorating, refurbishing, and preparing Parish House for a Coffee House reopening as soon as possible. Renovations usually take longer than anticipated, and the welcoming space for FISH has been no exception. We are now in the midst of stripping and re-finishing the floors on the main level: one step closer to opening!

ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. PAUL'S: St. Paul's has a long history of having altar flowers pledged for every Sunday throughout the year. We sincerely appreciate all the donors who remember a loved one or a special occasion with flowers. Having altar flowers every Sunday for 52 weeks, however, does not just happen. Over 50 people are needed annually to pledge flowers. We thank those who do pledge year after year but new donors are needed and welcome to support the Flower Programme. A single order is \$50.00 and a double order is \$100.00. Special dates to be remembered can be selected on the Flower Calendar at the beginning of the year. Or, preferably, at least three months in advance. Is this something YOU would like to do? The names of donors and people remembered appear in the weekly leaflet the week that the flowers are on the altar and are visible also when we are in 'virtual mode' in the pre-recorded Sunday Videos, as well as on Facebook and our website. For more information, please contact Diane in the office!

PWRDF: The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. With the support of Anglicans across Canada, PWRDF partners with organizations working to increase healthy pregnancies and births, reduce gender inequality, relieve hunger and break the cycle of poverty in the world's most vulnerable communities. Against a backdrop of climate change, PWRDF strives to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030. For more information, please visit <https://pwrdf.org> or call 416-822-9083. Thank you to everyone who continues to pray for and support the ongoing work of the PWRDF!

THE ST. PAUL'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 2021 deadline is approaching: Applicants are asked to reflect on how their spiritual lives integrate with their scholastic pursuits and to present their understanding of the connection in their application submission. More details as well as the application form sample are posted on our Notice Board or you can email the office for the electronic version and then also to submit your application (note the deadlines below). If anyone has questions re: the St. Paul's Scholarship, please speak to Dr. Margaret Bateman Ellison. All written parts of submissions must be sent electronically to the Parish Office. *All must include the Cover Page with their submission and meet the required deadlines.*

1. **Submit intention to apply by January 15, 2021**
2. Submit application including form/cover page provided by March 15, 2021
3. Committee review completed by April 30, 2021
4. Award recipient{s} announced

LPG/SDC MEETING: A friendly reminder that Monday, January 25th at 5:30pm, the Liturgy Planning Group and Spiritual Development Committee meet back-to-back via Zoom.