

April 30, 2021

Good afternoon everyone,

It's easy to forget that with our Church heading to 275 years old our spiritual ancestors experienced public traumas of almost every kind we have, or could have. In a spare ninety minutes earlier this week (with the help of our excellent archives' team which is busy filling the shelves of our newly created and quite wonderful archives' room) I dove into the 'Vestry' (think 'Parish Council') Book, the 'Service Register', and the Parish Magazines for 1917-1918 to invite our ancestors speak for themselves.

After the disastrous Halifax explosion at 9:04 am on 6 December 1917, the noticeably damaged St. Paul's (amongst its other intense humanitarian efforts) was "the only church in Halifax in which services were held the Sunday (9 December) following," and which invited the congregations of other parishes to hold their services at St. Paul's, of which records remain. By October of 1918 our fragile city was in the grips of the Spanish Flu. The Service Book reads: "Church closed by order of the Board of Health." For a month, given the public health knowledge of the day, "The Congregation, by permission of the Board of Health, who had ordered the closure of churches, schools, and other places for public gathering while there is a menace from Spanish Influenza held service on the Grand Parade," prompting a comment that it was the first open air liturgy at St. Paul's in 169 years. After the public health lockdown, the first Sunday back inside St. Paul's was 10 November. By 5.10 am the next morning, the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, St. Paul's Sexton was ringing the parish bells announcing the Armistice which had formally concluded the Great War. St. Paul's services of thanksgiving followed that day at 6:30 am, 7:00 am, 7:30 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm. What a day! What a year!

It took some time for St. Paul's and its community to recover from the trauma of the Explosion and the Spanish Flu—and above all from four years of overseas war, death, and devastation as can be seen in the words of those who went before us, and who we remember among the departed every November. But they did so with courage, perseverance, intellect...and deep charity. We've been called to do the same in our day as we celebrate the significant work of our spiritual ancestors, and as we reckon with things left unchallenged, some from the time of our parish foundation; the painful realities and enduring consequences of land seizure, deep racial prejudice, and condoned violence. In God's mercy, we will.

*The Sunday video for 2 May 2021 will be produced again by a team of five at St. Paul's at 10.00 am that morning, and released as soon after as possible via the parish email list. All other liturgies, groups and committees are being conducted electronically. On-site volunteer work groups and staff are working within Public Health requirements.*

Your pastor,

Paul+

# A-WEEK-AND-A-BIT AT ST. PAUL'S:

30 April – 9 May 2021

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

<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>30 APRIL</b> Matins <i>Hybrid (Currently=Leader in Chancel: participants by Zoom)</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>1 MAY</b> Matins <i>Zoom</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>*10:00 am</b>	<b>2 MAY <i>Easter V</i></b> Worship Video Production & Remote Children's Programme <i>*Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.22-31; I John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>3 MAY</b> Matins <i>Zoom</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00 am 12:00 am	<b>4 MAY</b> Matins <i>Hybrid</i> Noon Theology <i>Zoom</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>5 MAY</b> Matins <i>Hybrid</i> Rector's Lunch (Take-out only) & Grocery Outreach <i>Sobeys</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00 am 9:30 am 4:00 pm	<b>6 MAY</b> Matins <i>Hybrid</i> Women's Bible Study <i>Zoom</i> Executive Meeting <i>Zoom</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>7 MAY</b> Matins <i>Hybrid</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>8 MAY</b> Matins <i>Zoom</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>*10:00 am</b>	<b>9 MAY <i>Easter VI</i></b> Worship Video Production & Remote Children's Programme <i>*Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; I John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17</i>

## PARISH NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



(above: cover of 'thank you' card designed by Katy)

**ISHERWOOD SCHOLARSHIP:** This Trust was created at the St. Paul's Church Annual Parish Meeting of 22 January 1962 in honour of the much-loved Canon Isherwood, Rector of St. Paul's, 1948-1955, as a living memorial to his ministry. The St. Paul's Scholarship, targeting late High School and Post-Secondary students, inspired by the Trust, has been offered annually, as you likely know, and funded for some years out of our annual budget. The original Trust itself allowed for bursaries to be granted to St. Paul's members in training for full-time ministry. At its 22 April 2021 meeting, St. Paul's Parish Council reviewed the Isherwood Trust constitution, constituted itself as the Trust, and awarded a scholarship to Benjamin von Bredow of this parish. In his thank you note Benjamin said: "Katy and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude...The bursary will significantly reduce our financial stress as I am in Clinical Pastoral Education [a required, unsalaried summer internship] and as the baby comes." Congratulations, Benjamin!

**CHORISTER CONCERT CANCELLED** Sadly, the much anticipated May 15<sup>th</sup> concert featuring Emmanuel Solomon has had to be called off for now, due to the latest Public Health restrictions.

**AST EVENTS!** The Nicholson Lecture this year is relevant to discussions we've been having as a church. The title is *Decolonizing Theology*, and the first of three lectures took place last week. So far, there was a live Q&A with the Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney as well as The Rev. Dr. Rhonda Britton (our guest preacher April 18<sup>th</sup>) addressed AST students and others (open to the public) on "Faith Formation". Visit this link to learn more: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/con-ed/2021.html>

**THE BISHOP'S ARRIVAL IS APPROACHING:** God willing, on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, (Victoria Day Weekend) our Youth Confirmation Candidates will be presented for confirmation to Bishop Sandra Fyfe, who will be our preacher at our 10.00 am Eucharist.

**THANK YOU FOR THE MEALS!** Adriel Driver continues to organize meals for the Kim and Crane-Townsend families as they assimilate in to the roles of 'baby makes 3'. Please contact Adriel if you'd like to provide a meal ([adrieldriver@gmail.com](mailto:adrieldriver@gmail.com)); and many thanks to those who have already offered.

**TUESDAY'S YOUTH GROUP** will begin begin meeting again once it is safe to gather in person, so likely in June. In the meantime, if you know a young person, from the parish or elsewhere, who might be interested in joining the group when it re-starts, please put them in touch with Ben von Bredow ([benvonbredow@gmail.com](mailto:benvonbredow@gmail.com)) and Katherine Lee ([katherinelee@dal.ca](mailto:katherinelee@dal.ca)), and feel free to ask any questions you might have. We'll keep people up-to-date not only about the resumption of weekly meetings, but also special summer programming.

**THE RECTOR'S LUNCH:** take-out lunches and Grocery outreach continue to be offered weekly to many of our at-risk neighbours by a dedicated crew of volunteers. The Rector continues to thank all those who contribute to the budget that allows this programme to run.

**THE NOON ZOOM THEOLOGY GROUP** has reconvened its discussion of Rowan Williams's *Anglican Identities: Tuesdays 12.00-1.00 pm*. On 4 May: Chapter 6, 'Michael Ramsey'. We launch into our next book on 25 May: G.K. Chesterton's *The Everlasting Man* (1925). If you're interested in joining in this next series of conversations just let the parish office know so you can be added to the email list.

**THANK YOU** to Darrin Smith and Shelly Fairn for stepping in to assist with the parish's sexton duties while Aaron was on paternity leave. We are grateful for their efforts to maintain our clean environment!

**HOW SHALL WE FORGIVE?** A 5-week Eastertide series on forgiveness and reconciliation featuring the Rev'd David Edwards (Abp. of Fredericton & Metropolitan of Canada) and Rev'd Mark MacDonald (Canada's first Indigenous Anglican Bishop), began Apr.19th and runs on Monday evenings until May 17th (7pm on Zoom). All are welcome! See the poster on our notice board or follow this registration link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_sPBXS7r5QMu1mw6L7YyKOA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sPBXS7r5QMu1mw6L7YyKOA)

**HISTORY BOARD FEEDBACK:** Currently, we are working on the 'first panel' (on your left as you enter the Nave) of our History Boards, which has been covered & labelled 'under review'. Below is the text on that first panel which was accompanied by a large reproduction of a painting of Colonel Cornwallis and a reproduction of a town plan: "1749 The Founding of Halifax From the very beginning Halifax was a planned community. Founded by decree of the British government, Halifax was to be its stronghold in the ongoing European contest for possession of the North American continent. The Founder: Edward Cornwallis In May 1749, thirteen transports with over 2,500 settlers sailed from the River Thames in England, led by Colonel Edward Cornwallis, soon to be appointed Captain-General and Governor of Nova Scotia. Cornwallis' ship Sphinx first entered Chebucto harbour June 21, 1749 and work began clearing land and laying out the townsite and fortifications." We are looking for your responses on properly redesigning this panel. *If you're in the church on church business please use the forms found on the glass display case under the panel to submit your thoughts and return to the office (use office mailbox if closed); or you can email the office and we will send you the form to submit electronically.*

**HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR ALL:** 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. We ask that **EVERYONE WEAR A MASK**, in keeping with the provincial advisements as well. The concern and well-being of our parish family must be a priority for all.

**OFFICE HOURS ADJUSTMENTS:** Our Administrative Assistant Diane will be in the office weekly from 9am-4pm. Our Office Manager Gail will be in the office Tues.-Thurs. 9am-4pm and Fridays 9am-noon. Once the building re-opens to the public, Friday afternoon office hours will be revisited.

**ALWAYS NEEDED:** The Holly House is continually transporting furniture for women who are setting up house in Dartmouth and Halifax. But they don't have any reliable way to transport said furniture! Does anyone know an able-bodied individual with access to a truck who might be willing to act as a volunteer from time to time? If so, he/she can contact Adriel Driver at [adrieldriver@gmail.com](mailto:adrieldriver@gmail.com) or the church office.

**THE MATINS GROUP** consists of all who join in morning prayer on any given morning. We continue to be accessible on-line via Zoom, Monday to Saturday at 9.00; but Tuesday to Friday we are hybrid (meaning Matins is on-line via Zoom but led on-site from the chancel) Please feel free to join those who pray and read Scripture together at 9.00am, whether daily, weekly, occasionally, or with some other pattern by contacting the church office about being put on the Zoom list.

**PWRDF MESSAGE:** At PWRDF, our vision for a truly just, healthy, and peaceful world is ever more important as Covid-19 continues to affect the lives of millions of people. We pray the day will soon come when vaccines will have been given to everyone, including those most at the margins. We hope for greater investments in public health, in preparedness for the next pandemic or other disasters that know no borders. We pray for a fair sharing of the world's resources, entrusted to us by God. At Saint Paul's we give thanks for the ongoing prayer and financial support of PWRDF in our congregation. For information on details of PWRDF's responses to Covid-19 in communities around the world please visit PWRDF on <https://pwrdf.org/> . (Donations can be made on-line via this web address.)

**THE ST. PAUL'S MARITIME PSALMS PROJECT!** Edited recordings are available to listen to, enjoy and contemplate along with at: [www.soundcloud.com/voicingpsalms](http://www.soundcloud.com/voicingpsalms) If you would like to read one or several psalms for this developing online archive, please send a note to: [voicingpsalms@gmail.com](mailto:voicingpsalms@gmail.com). We also welcome your feedback about listening to the psalm recordings and stories about your favourite psalms. Phase two of the project will include musical recordings in collaboration with our music director Andrew Killawee, St. Paul soloists, and choristers. This project is made possible through private donors and the generous support of the Sacred Arts Trust of the Anglican Foundation of Canada. Stay tuned for more developments in the Maritime Psalm Project ... we warmly welcome your involvement.

**ST. PAUL'S HISTORIC AND MODERN** facilities and amenities are blessed by the dedicated work of our Property Chair, David Preston, who is using his considerable engineering project management skills on our behalf. What is happening at Parish House, the new Archives' Room, and elsewhere with the help of a variety of parish volunteers is exciting, helping us as a parish to engage in our worship, life, and outreach. David, or the Wardens, would be pleased to update you. Thank you to Ross Evans and his team for the beautiful transformation in the Gallery. New industrial-strength flooring has been laid and new shelving has been installed in the new Archives areas. Members of the team have been transferring sensitive documents to the new shelves after a thorough cleaning as well, and a deep-cleaning of the gallery pews will be taking place after the files have been transferred to their new home.

**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) or me, Isobel, the co-ordinator (fisobelmacpherson@gmail.com). We would love to welcome you into our prayer web. Blessings, Isobel MacPherson.

**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** is into their study of Philippians. We meet in-person from 9:30-11:30 at Isobel MacPherson's apartment. Contact Mary at dempstermary@gmail.com or Margaret at briarwoodbob@aol.com if you'd like to join us!

**THE SAFER CHURCH COMMITTEE** monitors the COVID 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*

**For Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> the flowers on the Communion table** that you saw in the Sunday Video (*our first since the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of COVID*) **were given to the glory of God and in memory of Captain and Mrs. Thomas Charles Pullen by their family. Flowers for this Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> were given in memory of Audrey & Robert Wickwire by Paul Wickwire.** 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. Most weeks, altar flowers are taken after the service to shut-ins or persons celebrating special events by the rector or members of the Chancel Guild.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH Q1 FINANCES 2021

	<u>Env./PAD/e-trans</u>	<u>Inc. exc. invest.</u>
Budget	\$37,500	\$51,918
Envelopes	15,885	
PAD	16,313	
E-trans	3,565	
Total	35,763	58,844
	(1737)	6,926
Parish Expenses		55,956
Balance		\$2,888

**Notes :** \*We have received Auditor's report which we are now reviewing. Copies should be available next Sunday.  
\*Among our outreach this Quarter: RDF = \$4,600; PWRDF = \$1000; MNFC [Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Ctre.] = \$500; Newcomers = \$166; CMHC [Canadian Mental Health Ctre.] = \$750; St. Paul's 'Greeting New Babies' = \$2600.

*Respectfully Submitted Derek Hounsell, Treasurer*

**SPRING FOR ALL AGES!** There are visible signs that the seasons are changing all around us. Days are getting warmer, longer and brighter and walks are becoming more and more colourful as flowers reappear. Maybe you've spotted spring flowers blossoming, birds singing, bugs returning or people and other animals coming out of hibernation? Send us any pictures you have taken whilst out in your garden, around your neighbourhood or on your daily walk, and we may include it in the weekly email and Sunday leaflet. We look forward to your submissions!



*(above: one of the Locks of the Shubenacadie Canal, off Locks Rd., Dartmouth)*

**HONOURING EARTH DAY EVERYDAY.** In partnership with other churches and faith-based organizations, The Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) are part of the **For the Love of Creation** initiative ([www.fortheloveofcreation.ca](http://www.fortheloveofcreation.ca)) that provides resources for Canada-wide education, reflection, action and advocacy for climate justice. Addressing the climate crisis requires commitment and action from each of us. “We give thanks for the ways that you carry love of creation and the needs of the earth into your worship, prayer, and study of scripture. Together we have the power to effect the real change necessary to preserve a future for generations to come.” Please visit the link above for more information and/or see the document printed at the back of the Nave to take home your copy of this important announcement and learn how you can continue to participate post-earth day!

**SUMMER RESEARCHER/GUIDE 2021!** We are recruiting two summer positions as Researcher/Guides. The ideal applicant has training and interest in historical research, especially the history of Halifax from 1749 onwards. St. Paul’s will mark its 275th Anniversary in 2024/25 and is working to understand better all aspects of our presence in Halifax since 1749, especially relations with Indigenous people and the African Nova Scotian Community. Should Public Health regulations permit, the successful applicant will also be responsible for leading tours of the church, an historical landmark in the municipality. The Researcher part of the position requires experience conducting historical research and initiative. The Guide element can be physically active and needs a positive, outgoing, and friendly attitude, with good communication skills. Both elements of the job require an ability to work well with others. Previous similar experience, bilingualism (French/English), and a good understanding of the Anglican Church of Canada would be welcome assets. Students will work 35 hours per week from Monday to Saturday. Work hours are flexible to meet the required needs of the positions. The research work can be done remotely but guiding, should pandemic restrictions ease, will be done in the church. The jobs begin July 6<sup>th</sup> and continue to August 31<sup>st</sup> (8 weeks). The salary is \$15.00/hour, paid semi-monthly via direct deposit. Please see the notice board at the back of the Nave for details and information on how to apply! Send applications & cover letter to [office@stpaulshalifax.org](mailto:office@stpaulshalifax.org) by May 1, 2021. Indicate “**Researcher/Guide Application**” in the subject line of your e-mail.