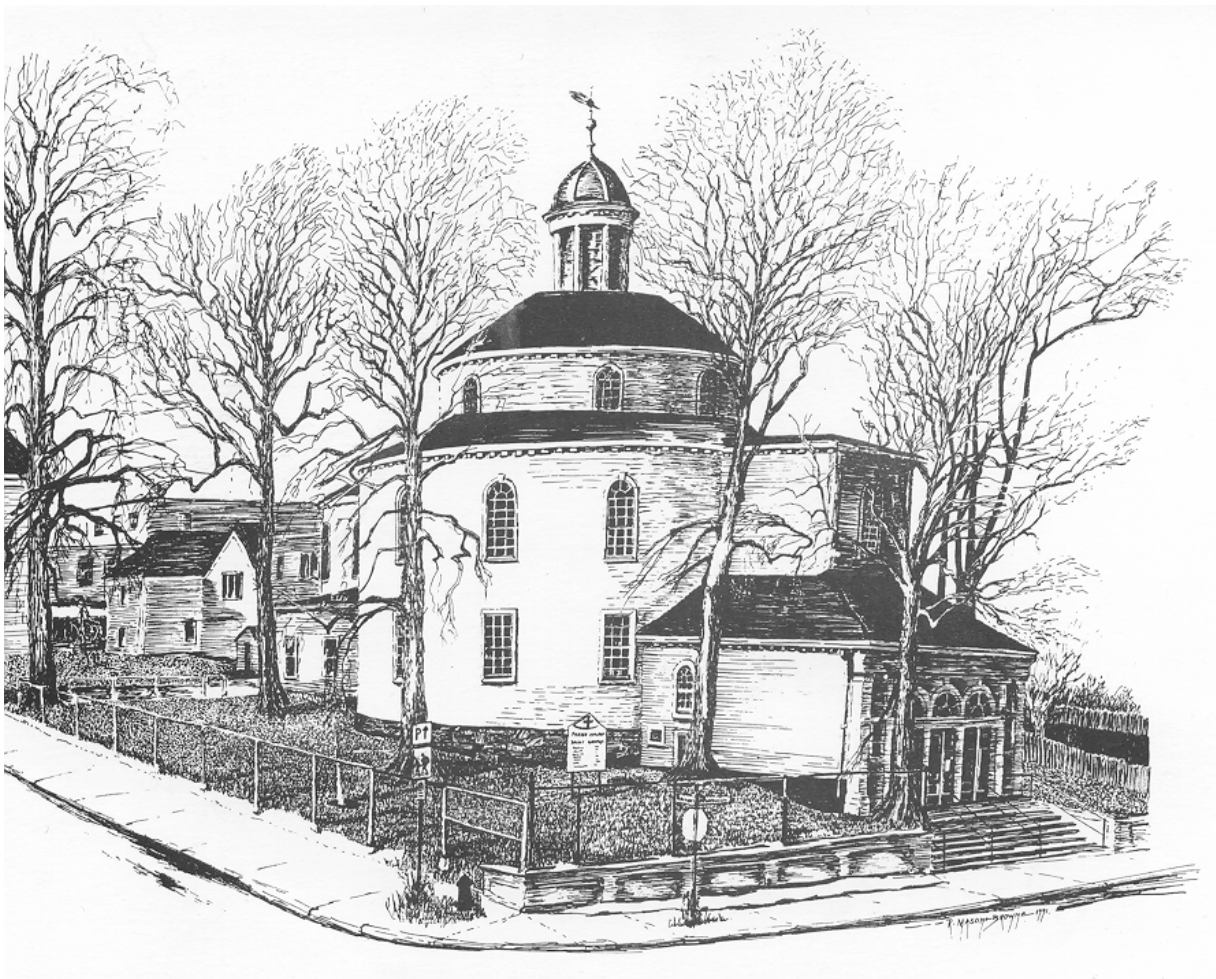


Annual Report
for the year 2008
ST. GEORGE'S ROUND CHURCH
Halifax, NS



February 22, 2009

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PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE
Annual General Meeting
February 22, 2009
Agenda as per Canon 35

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of March 2, 2008
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 - Correspondent to the Diocesan Times

13. Other Business
14. Adjournment and Prayer

Parish of St. George Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2 March, 2008

The meeting convened at 1.08pm. The Rector acted as Chair. About 70 parishioners attended.

1. Opening Prayer.

Father Westhaver opened in prayer.

- 2/3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 11, 2007 and Business arising from these Minutes.

No business arising from the minutes. Approval moved by Patricia Martinson, seconded by Aniko Lewton-Brain. Approved unanimously.

4. Correspondence.

Regrets were received from Andrew Thorne, Michal King and Martin Yeatman.

5. Financial Statements for 2007

Mary Hills pointed to the following:

- a. There is a surplus of income over expenditure for 2007 of \$13,871
- b. On p46 under income and expenses, the Yard Sale proceeds are not stated as a separate item but included under Special Events
- c. On p50 the items 'Preservation ST Fund' and 'Chandelier Fund' were pointed out as items of special interest

Approval of the statement moved by Mary Hills, seconded by Rob Martin. Discussion followed:

- a. Jim Brown requested clarification regarding the uses of the Preservation ST Fund. This consist of 15% of the profit from the annual Yard Sale, intended to build up as a fund to be applied to (as yet) unspecified projects.

- b. Rob Martin reported that the Checklist of Auditors had been completed and indicated satisfactory performance

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c. Jim Brown wanted the checklist included in the Annual Report, and Father Westhaver indicated that due to time constraints this had not been possible this year. It is available for review.

d. Mary Hills thanked Jan Connors for her assistance with the duties of treasurer. Father Westhaver thanked Mary Hills for her work as treasurer. Both were applauded.

Motion to approve the financial statements received unanimous approval.

6. Insurance Reports for 2007.

Jens Jensen reported that the Diocese organizes insurance, resulting in a fall in premiums.

7. Rector's Report.

Father Westhaver emphasized that communal worship is our greatest gift, influencing our relation to each other and the community around us. He reflected on opportunities for us to build up community including the annual Yard Sale, small groups etc. He stated his sense of privilege at being the Rector and requested the Parish to exercise forbearance and patience with him as he pursues his duties among us. He thanked the Wardens. Susan Harris is finishing her term as Senior Warden, and was presented with a gift to thank her for her work amid general applause. Thanks also to Vaila Mowat for her many roles (parish library, the parish garden, altar guild etc) who was presented with a gift of thanks amid general applause. Thanks also conveyed to Paul Halley, in his role as music director.

8. Music Director's Report.

Paul Halley referred to p12-14 of the annual report. He appealed for the provision of pianofortes to assist him in choir rehearsals.

9. Wardens' Report.

Susan Harris offered thanks to those who supported the parish during the interregnum. She pointed affectionately to our diversity as a 'motley crew', and thanked the Rector for his 'patience and forbearance' as he enters the 'quirky world' of St George's. Thanks also to Paul Halley for his musical contributions.

She thanked her fellow wardens Jens Jensen and Craig Savoury for their assistance. Laura Bartlett proposed thanks to Susan Harris for her exemplary work as Warden; there was general applause.

10. Synod Delegates' Report.

Craig Savoury referred to p16-17 of the annual report.

11. Standing Committee Reports.

Finance Committee: Rob Martin had nothing to add. Father Westhaver thanked Rob Martin for his work as Committee Chair to general applause.

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Spiritual Development: Gary McGonagill had nothing to add. Father Westhaver thanked Gary McGonagill for his work as Committee Chair to general applause.

Pastoral Ministry/Outreach: Nothing to add.

Stewardship: Nothing to add. Father Westhaver thanked Mary Martin for her work as Committee Chair to general applause.

Property: Jens Jensen referred to the points on p37-39 of the annual report. On the matter of the future of the hall, he added that a meeting had been held with Northwood Incorporated on 15 February 2008 to determine if they are interested in jointly developing a new church hall. If they are not interested then the Jost Report and earlier work will form the basis of future decisions regarding the hall. Whether it be by way of consideration of a joint venture with a party like Northwood, or the Jost plan, or earlier plans, the matter will come before a Parish meeting promptly, before summer if at all possible.

Jim Brown thanked Jens Jensen for his contributions and expressed a wish for active decisions on the future of the hall.

Patricia Martinson read a poem based on the 2001 annual general meeting, pointing to the repetition of discussions on the future of the hall over many years.

Father Westhaver thanked Jens Jensen, Heather Jensen, Betty Haigh and others involved with the repairs to the Rectory/Trinity House including Scott and Kim Connors and Craig Savoury to general applause.

Publicity: Taunya Dawson asked for assistance to distribute posters to publicize parish events.

A motion for approval of the reports was made by Jan Connors and seconded by Gertie Moulton. The motion to approve the reports was passed unanimously.

12. Proposed Budget for 2008.

Rob Martin commented that the budget is now a standard parish budget, since we are now fully staffed with a Rector and Music Director. Photocopies of the proposal were distributed to those dependent on a printed copy of the annual report, which inadvertently left the budget pages out. Total projected offerings have increased from \$279,556 (actual) in 2007 to \$288,913 (budget) in 2008, but most of this incorporates extra offerings from Trinity House, and offerings given and designated to support Fr Mercer's ministry. Questions:

- a. Stan Armstrong asked for clarification on the HST refund of \$10,000 which did not appear in 2007. This is due to delays in processing.
- b. Jim Brown asked why income from Trinity House is listed as offerings not rent. Father Westhaver pointed out that, due to zoning restrictions, we cannot act as landlords or collect rent. Those who occupy Trinity House do so as part of a Christian community, and make offerings to support the community, and assist the Parish through contribution of services of various types. They sign an

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agreement with the Parish in which they agree that their occupancy is not a residential tenancy subject to the Residential Tenancies Act.

- c. John Hammond asked for clarification of the \$5000 given to musicians under the Music Program expenditures (p 53). Formerly, this was listed under music supplies but is now listed separate from the costs of sheet music for the sake of clarity. It is money paid for choral support on Sunday mornings.
- d. Bill Comerford asked for clarification on the budget related to the Deaf Ministry. Father Westhaver explained that proposed expenditures are similar to 2007 levels.

A motion for acceptance was proposed by Rob Martin and seconded by Jan Connors. The budget was approved unanimously.

13. Elections.

All those proposed for election on p44-45 of the Annual Report were elected unanimously without additional nominations. Father Westhaver thanked each individual who had been newly elected.

14. Other Business.

- a. Father Westhaver confirmed that the online annual reports had been well received and would continue to be offered. However, in response to concerns from those without electronic mail or internet access, printed reports would continue to be offered.
- b. Jim Brown appealed from more communications about the deliberations of Parish Council and the Wardens. Father Westhaver suggested that summaries could be printed in the bulletin to address this concern. Jim Brown thanked Laura Bartlett for the quality of the weekly parish bulletins.
- c. Father Westhaver thanked Karen Wheeler for organizing the potluck luncheon preceding the annual general meeting to general applause.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tracy Lenfesty and seconded by Rob Martin. Approved unanimously. Father Westhaver ended the meeting in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 3.00pm.

Rector's Report:

The state of the economy has been a matter of great concern for many people over the last six months. In Canada, the States, and around the world home-owners and people fearful of losing savings or a job, as well as politicians and economists, business leaders and journalists, have been thinking about the sources of the current crisis and debating proposed solutions. Before Christmas, the Archbishop of Canterbury spoke about the financial crisis as a reality check caused, in part, by unsustainable greed and which revealed the dangers, chasing after “fairy gold”, of spending what we do not have. In response to the Archbishop’s suggestion that an economic stimulus package was “a little bit like the addict returning to the drug,” the Prime Minister of the UK, Gordon Brown, turned to the parable of the Good Samaritan and said that the government could not “walk by on the other side when people are facing problems”. As well as highlighting the difficulty of interpreting the signs of the times, this exchange suggests the importance of thinking about economic questions in relation to the moral and spiritual issues which they raise. Questions about the economy are questions about communion, about inter-connectedness, about how we live together.

We can also think about parish life as a sort of economy. The word economy is derived from a Greek word which means household management. In this broader sense of management or organization, every community displays a sort of economy. This annual report describes the economy of this parish – the networks of exchange, the ministries and purposes, which make us a living community.

Economy also has another more strictly theological meaning. The “divine economy” describes all of God’s dealings with the world. In the Eastern tradition, a consideration of the divine economy is sometimes distinguished from theology. According to this division, “theology” contemplates the nature of God in Himself, the attributes and character of God, while “economy” describes how God acts in the world. The divine economy includes both how God created and sustains the world, and also especially how humankind is redeemed and saved by the work of Christ. Of course, this division is partly a theoretical one. What we know about God the Holy Trinity we know by the way in which the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit cooperate to redeem, transform, and sanctify humankind.

The divine economy and the economy of parish life are connected in important and essential ways. It is this divine economy, the coming down of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Incarnation, the transformation and sanctification of our lives and communities by the work of the Holy Spirit, which orders and makes sense of the ministries, organizations, and tasks described in this annual report. We cannot understand the economy of parish life without seeing it in relation to the divine economy. Our life as a community is a response which expresses and gives shape to the work of the Holy Spirit. The divine economy involves exchange – it is the work of grace to take what is human and enliven it with the divine life, to change water to wine, and make the human words of our prayers to sound in heaven: “He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass...in his time shall righteousness flourish” (Psalm 72.6-7). The divine economy is also purposeful – it manifests the Light of Christ and works for our salvation.

We can become clearer about our identity and goals if we consider the characteristics of the divine economy, the interchange or commerce between human and divine, which is expressed in worship and in the ministries which flow from that worship. Our life of worship offers a vision of abundance. The riches of worship, in both elaborate ceremony and simple prayer, in inspiring music or quiet reflection, express different aspects of the divine abundance. Worship both presents us with a vision of divine abundance, a kind of festival, and also invites us to seek more of these riches. Religious life is not a dreary obligation, but an invitation to a rich feast, not only the necessity of

doing what is required of us, but the blessing of discovering and showing the love of God for those in need and for one another.

The divine economy embodied in the worship of this parish is characterized by both realism and hope. On the one hand, our love of the darkness is put before us, and we are called in different ways through the year to turn to the light. On the other hand, we are invited to find a new perspective and real transformation. In the words of St Paul's prayer to the Father, "that according to the riches of his glory, he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being...that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3.16). In the language of Epiphany, we pray that the light which was manifest in Christ may shine also in us.

Thinking about the activities and ministries of parish life as a living out of God's purposes for us can guide us as we seek to see the divine economy expressed in economy of parish life. According to this way of thinking, when we produce a budget we are not simply thinking about what we have to spend or how we can meet our obligations, but describing our vision for this parish. Attention to the fabric of the Round Church is not only necessary maintenance, but an expression of our will to provide a fit place for worship and a place of beauty that points to the delight of dwelling in the courts of the Lord. The commitment to supporting neighbourhood families at Christmas or supporting YouthNet year-round are not only about helping those in need, but about offering the love of God and responding to our vocation to be ministers in God's work of reconciliation and transformation.

Among its better fruits, the economic crisis has brought about a non-partisan appreciation about the importance of regulation. Politicians and commentators of all stripes seem to agree that economic systems cannot simply be left to happen. So it is in parish life. Things do not simply go along. There are always pressures, in the world and in ourselves, that would make things unravel. The *Rule of Life* on page 555 of *The Book of Common Prayer* invites us to consider and live out some of the disciplines that belong to commerce of parish life (if you don't have your own copy of the Prayer Book, this would be a good time to get one!). As we move toward Lent, each one of us is invited to renew our commitment to public worship and private prayer, to bringing the teaching and example of Christ into everyday life. One of the disciplines which belongs to the commerce of parish life is service to the community. As Christians we know that in attending to one another we are attending to coinage stamped with the divine image. Worship is a priority for us, but at St George's, we hold this alongside engagement in community, both the parish community and the neighbourhood community. This may be as simple as taking the time and risk to talk to one another at coffee hour or it may mean becoming more involved in some form of parish ministry. One of the great challenges for us is how we continue to support and care for one another.

This annual report and review is a picture of our common life, a picture of the divine economy worked out and expressed, however imperfectly, in the economy of parish life. I would like to thank each one of you for the many and different ways that you give yourselves to and support parish life, according to your different gifts and ministries. Let us pray that the abundance, realism and hope that are characteristic of the divine economy will continue to guide and inspire us here at St George's. -

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. (Ephesians 3.20-21)

Father George Westhaver

Assistant Priest's Report

During the past year as Assistant Priest I have helped with the visiting in the homes and in the hospitals. I have also taken part in the liturgical life of the Parish. As a part of my responsibilities I take the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and shut-ins. At different points in the Christian Year I have offered an opportunity for parishioners to come apart for a quiet morning. One of the goals that the parish has identified is providing aid and assistance to those in need. The Rector has asked me to take up this important work. Although the work itself has its own rewards, the frustration remains that there is never enough to help those who are in need. I also am in the process of making contact with those in the surrounding community. This work continues but I must confess that the response is limited. One can only hope that this year will show a marked improvement in this important area.

Respectfully submitted,
Fr David E. Mercer, Assistant Priest.

Wardens' Report

The year 2008 was relatively calm and straightforward in comparison to the two years preceding, during which the Parish was challenged to recruit a new Rector and Music Director and set up offices and administrative routines to support them. As if that were not enough, we had also risen to the tasks involved in major improvements to the Rectory to accommodate a rejuvenated Trinity House community and our Sexton's residence.

It is accurate to say that the outcome has been most satisfactory and that this year has seen great progress in our liturgies and music offerings, thanks to the inspiration and hard work of our Rector and Music Director, and Trinity House has been set on a firm footing. We seem to be operating well, to the extent that our greatest threat may be the risk of becoming complacent. We must never assume that things will work just fine without the direct involvement of every parishioner who is able to help in every way possible.

The details of the many aspects of Parish operations are set out in the reports in this Annual Report, and it is not necessary to summarize them here. It should be clear to all, upon reading them, that a large number of parishioners are heavily involved in the dozens of tasks that make us functional. Without their hard work and devotion, we would not have the quality or breadth of the Parish life we enjoy.

Our mission in the inner city has continued in a number of ways. Our support of YouthNet, Scouts, Soup Kitchen, family outreach, judicious use of the Rector's Discretionary Fund, and liaison with social agencies have been important to the community at both individual and organizational levels.

Jens Jensen, Craig Savoury, Tracy Lenfesty

Music Director's Report

It has been 18 months since I took up my duties as Director of Music at St. George's on Sunday July 1st 2007. The choir now consists of 25 regular choristers of whom 6 also sing in the Chapel Choir at King's. Since we have enough chairs in the sanctuary to accommodate 24 singers it's probably just as well that on a typical Sunday one or two members of the choir are either sick, or in distant lands, sipping rum punches on a deserted beach (or both.) However, should a stunning tenor or bass want to join the ranks we'll definitely make room. We have changed our rehearsal nights from Thursdays to Wednesdays allowing those of us coming from King's Evensong an hour and a bit for sandwich chomping (courtesy of Janet Ross' sherry fund, the music budget and Paul Rogers' "Good Food Emporium" restaurant) instead of the half hour scramble we had last year. These sessions take place at the apartment of Nick Halley and Liz Kobes and involve the odd gin and tonic for the more mature chompers.

Speaking of Nick, I am eternally grateful for his presence here in Halifax. He plays for the Monday and Friday services at AST, he sings, conducts, and is starting to play the organ at the King's services, and he serves as my assistant at St. George's. As of January of this year, Nick no longer has to divide his Sunday morning time between King's and St. George's and is now with us every Sunday, not to mention every other choral service. Those of you who memorized the Music Director's Report from last year will recall the top two items on my wish list – another very good tenor and a very good organ scholar. Nick has more than fulfilled the first of those wishes and is well on the way to fulfilling the second, since he is currently practicing the organ like a fiend. He made his accompanying debut at our recent Nine Lessons & Carols service on the Tavener "God Is With Us" – an accompaniment that more than makes up in volume what it may lack in length. Nick's talents also extend to arm-waving, much to the satisfaction of those members of the choir who look at that kind of thing.

I want to publicly thank all the members of the St. George's Choir. Not only do they sing beautifully, but they are extraordinarily willing and committed (perhaps, in light of the time they spend at St. G's they should be committed) and they are a lot of fun. They also look pretty terrific since Laurelle LeVert and Sarah Stevenson went to a great deal of trouble organizing and labelling the cassocks and surplices, purchasing new ones, refitting old ones and generally cracking the whip on issues of laundry, hygiene and general decorum. This only resulted in the departure of a couple of choristers.

Aside from the normal round of Sunday 10:30 AM Choral Eucharists, the choir sang many additional services throughout the year, more perhaps than any other church choir in Canada, excepting the all-professional ones. Looking at this list, as well as the "Special Events" schedule attached will no doubt inspire you to offer your condolences and sympathy to any choir members you find wandering about. We are currently considering installing a few camp cots in the Music Office for the use of those singers who feel it is simply not worthwhile trying to get home between services.

Additional Eucharists

February 1 st	Eve of the Presentation – Candlemas
February 6 th	Ash Wednesday
March 17 th	Monday in Holy Week
March 18 th	Tuesday in Holy Week
March 20 th	Maundy Thursday

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March 22 nd	Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil
March 31 st	Eve of The Annunciation (translated)
May 1 st	Ascension Day
June 24 th	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
August 6 th	The Transfiguration
November 3 rd	All Souls Requiem at the Little Dutch Church
December 24 th	Midnight Mass – complete with brass
December 25 th	Christmas Day
January 6 th (2009)	The Epiphany

Evensongs

We have continued our practice of once-a-month Evensongs and except for those occasions when we are visited by blizzards, pestilence and frogs, we have been happy to see more and more people in attendance.

January 6 th	Evensong for the Feast of the Epiphany
February 10 th	Evensong for the 1 st Sunday in Lent
March 2 nd	Evensong for the 4 th Sunday in Lent
April 20 th	Evensong for St. George's Day
May 11 th	Evensong for Whitsunday
September 21 st	Evensong for St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
October 19 th	Evensong for the 22 nd Sunday after Trinity
November 9 th	Evensong for Remembrance Day (with Curtis Dietz – solo trumpet)
December 28 th	Evensong for the Innocents (followed by Parish Carol Singing)
January 18 th (2009)	Evensong for the 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany

Aniko Lewton-Brain with her lovely voice and violin has continued to lead the music in the non-choral Sunday Evensongs. During Advent and Lent she also puts together a quartet of voices for what are known as “Small Choir” Evensongs, which refers to their number, not their physical stature.

Additional Holy Week Services (not Eucharists)

I should mention at this point that Holy Week 2008 was, to say the least, a mixed blessing. Being one of the earliest Holy Weeks in living memory, it hit me like a ton of bricks. Trying to manage the music at both St. George's and King's (who inconveniently hold their Holy Week festivities at exactly the same time), made me sick – I got the flu. However, my son Nick Halley came for a visit, arriving on Good Friday. He took one look at me and decided to move to Halifax to make sure I never looked like that again. This is known in “1066” parlance as “a good thing.”

March 19 th	The Service of Tenebrae (about three hours long)
March 21 st	Good Friday Three Hour Service (also three hours long – but with a warning)

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Other Events

In order to justify the proposed acquisition of the aforementioned camp cots I added a few items to the choir's schedule.

June 22nd

“In the Round” – a fundraising concert of music featuring the choir and solo trumpeter Curtis Dietz. Thanks to the amazing publicity efforts of Toni Pigot (last year's alto section lead, sadly now in Ottawa) and her team, the church was packed and raised around \$3,500, surpassing the hoped-for but highly optimistic \$2,000.

September 29th

St. Michael and All Angels The Elora Festival Singers, an all-professional ensemble from Ontario and their conductor Noel Edison presented a workshop for young conductors in the afternoon and followed it up by singing gloriously for our Festal Eucharist that evening, which was very well attended. All they wanted in return (in lieu of a hefty fee) was to be fed and watered. Gary McGonagill and his cohorts put on an amazing spread in the Parish Hall between the workshop and service and Meg, Nick, Jonny and I hosted the group the following day out in Martin's River, with much boating, eating and drinking.

December 6th

A Concert of Music for Advent at St. Mary's, Crousetown. The choir went to Crousetown to give a concert and were rewarded with a sumptuous feast at the home of Father Crouse.

December 7th

Advent Lessons & Carols – attendance this year was up considerably.

December 28th

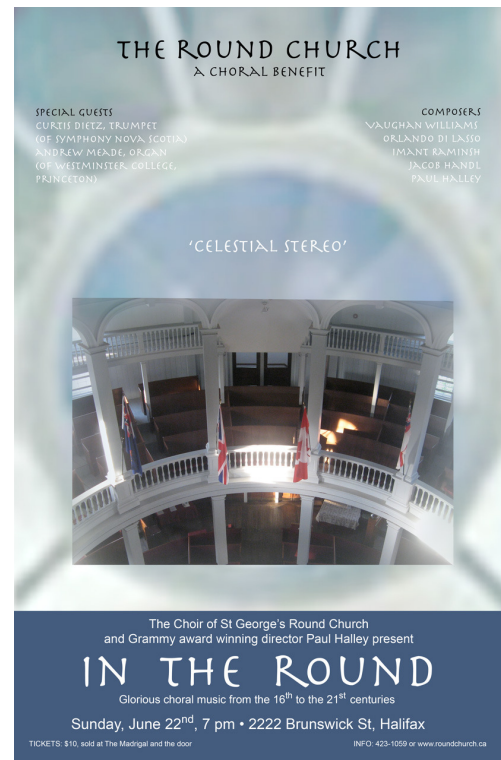
Parish Christmas Party & Carol Sing-Along Thanks to Gary McGonagill's mulled cider and wine, delicious edibles from a variety of sources, Aniko's fiddle and voice, and hearty singing from all in attendance (including two Halley grandchildren) this event was a great deal of fun. The numbers continue to grow.

December 31st

Nine Lessons & Carols. This New Year's Eve celebration was followed by a rather lovely champagne reception in the Parish Hall. Meg Race handled the decorating. Martha Stewart is getting nervous.

Funerals

It has now become the custom to provide a small choir for funerals at St. George's. Thanks to the generosity of the Rector, we are able to pay one or two pros so that we can be sure all the parts are covered, since many of the choir members are unable to spring themselves loose from work or school in the middle of a weekday. This programme has met with much positive response, not only from parishioners but also from the many visitors who attend these funerals. It is considered part of our “outreach.”



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Summer Choir

For the second summer in a row we had a sizeable choir at each of our Sunday 10:30 AM services during the summer. This group consists of regular members of the St. George's Choir and guest singers from other churches who are officially "on vacation." More on the "wish list."

The Organ

We now have a new person in charge of organ maintenance and tuning. His name is Robert Hiller and he is one of the top people at Casavant. (*Orgues Létourneau* do not have maintenance people in the field.) Robert tunes, repairs and rebuilds many of the larger instruments in the Maritimes. Robert is often assisted by our own Brian Start when things get complicated.

The Music Library

Thanks to Sarah Stevenson and several other volunteers, the music library continues to become better organized and efficient. It has now been completely moved from the room behind the rear gallery in the church to the Music Office in the Parish Hall.

Publicity

Perhaps the most encouraging development for the music programme at St. George's this year has been the establishment of the St. George's Publicity Committee, chaired and hosted by Cheryl Bell. There is no doubt that the significant increase in numbers attending our special services and events is due to the work of Cheryl and her committee. They are a practical group applying sound New Testament theology in their efforts to get lights out from under bushels and dig up buried talents. I view them as critically important to the growth and therefore health of the parish.

Coming Up

The choir has been invited to participate in *The Three Churches Festival* in Mahone Bay this summer. They will present a concert on Friday August 21st and will repeat this concert at St. George's on Sunday August 23rd. They have also been asked to sing in the *Musique St. Bernard* series in September. Both of these invitations are signs of the growing reputation of the choir and are a tribute to the fine quality of their singing.

The choir will also present the second annual "In the Round" fundraising concert on Sunday June 21st at 7 PM. We are threatening to call this one "Round Two" unless someone comes up with something better.

Without doubt the most exciting new development on the Halifax music scene will be the establishment of a new **Men & Boys Choir** directed by Nick Halley. This programme is in the works at the moment requiring vast amounts of time and energy on Nick's part. More news will follow. It is very much hoped that this new group, pending the approval of the Parish Council, will be "in residence" at St. George's, taking advantage of the church's location in order to attract boys from the North End neighbourhood.

Also in the works is the wonderful possibility that *Tempest*, the early music ensemble directed by David Greenberg, might also become a group in residence, again, pending Parish Council approval. This project is in the earliest stages of discussion and I should probably keep it under my hat – or bushel – but I'm having difficulty containing myself. They are a first-class ensemble.

Wish List

- 1) Since the summer choir seems to have become something of a fixture, I would like to add to our "summer awareness" programme the possibility of having the church kept open during the day so that visitors can enjoy its fine architecture and history, learn more about its programmes, and possibly drop something in the collection box, once we've had one made. This would involve student "guides" and therefore grants etc. St. John's Lunenburg do this

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quite successfully. Would it be worth talking to someone there or at least exploring this opportunity?

- 2) The choir needs a set of kneeler cushions – the wooden kneelers they have now are noisy, impractical and dangerous, and therefore only sporadically used.
- 3) Since we seem to be using the upstairs galleries more and more for singers and instrumentalists, I would like to consider removing a few pews upstairs in order to accommodate these musicians. I gather the fire regulations preclude our using all the pews upstairs in any case.
- 4) A new or rebuilt Parish Hall – I know people are working on this.
- 5) Pianos – we had none last year and that hasn't changed. Ideally one for the Parish hall and one (concert-worthy) for the church. I'll just keep putting this item on the annual wish list.

Finally

Many thanks to Andrea Lee for her great work on so many fronts in the Parish Office, and especially for her fine eye for detail which results in our handsome bulletins. Andrea and I will be working on further improvements in the bulletin layout.

I would particularly like to thank the rector, wardens and parishioners, and the "Friends of St. George's" who support the music programme at St. George's so willingly and with such generosity of spirit. It is a rare and fine thing you do.

Sincerely,
Paul Halley



ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, HALIFAX SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS 2008-2009

January – June 2009

Tues	Jan 6	7:30 PM	Solemn Eucharist for The Epiphany Of Our Lord <i>Music by Byrd, Lassus and Warlock</i>
Sun	Jan 18	5:00 PM	Festal Evensong for The 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany <i>Music by Howells, Byrd and Cornelius</i>
Mon	Feb 2	7:30 PM	Solemn Eucharist for The Feast of The Purification (Candlemas) <i>Music by Hassler, Walter and Eccard</i>
Sun	Feb 15	5:00 PM	Festal Evensong for Sexagesima <i>Music by Morley, Britten and Howells</i>

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Sat	Feb 21	6:00 PM	<i>“The Final Fling” – A Concert of festive music before the coming of Lent. followed by a party in the Parish Hall, complete with live samba band, dancing, lobster-filled crêpes and phenomenal decorating – hosted by the younger members of the choir</i>
Wed	Feb 25	7:30 PM	Solemn Eucharist for Ash Wednesday <i>Music by Allegri, Byrd and Bach</i>
Sun	Mar 8	5:00 PM	Festal Evensong celebrating Commonwealth Day <i>Music by Stanford, Byrd and Britten</i>
Wed	Mar 25	7:30 PM	Solemn Eucharist for The Feast of The Annunciation <i>Music by Hassler, Britten and Bach</i>
Wed	Apr 8	7:30 PM	The Service of Tenebrae <i>Music by Tallis, Victoria and Anerio</i>
Thurs	Apr 9	7:30 PM	Solemn Eucharist for Maundy Thursday <i>Music by Duruflé, Tallis and Sheppard</i>
Fri	Apr 10	12:00 PM	The Good Friday Service <i>Music by Byrd, Purcell, Poulenc and others</i>
Sat	Apr 11	10:30 PM	The Easter Vigil <i>Music by Wood, Handl and Palestrina</i>
Sun	Apr 12	10:30 AM	Solemn Eucharist for Easter Day (with the St. George’s Brass Ensemble) <i>Music by Handl, Schütz, Padilla, Vaughan Williams and others</i>
Sun	Apr 19	5:00 PM	Festal Evensong for The Feast of St. George <i>Music by Stanford, Tallis and Howells</i>
Sun	May 10	5:00 PM	Festal Evensong for The 4 th Sunday after Easter <i>Music by Vaughan Williams and Andreas</i>
Thurs	May 21	7:30 PM	Solemn Eucharist for The Feast of The Ascension <i>Music by Gretchaninov, Gibbons and Bach</i>
Sun	June 7	5:00 PM	Festal Evensong for Trinity Sunday <i>Music by Byrd, Phillips and Weelkes</i>
Sun	June 21	7:00 PM	<i>“In The Round” – A Concert of Music for a Great Space</i> <i>Music by Tallis, Victoria and Anerio</i>
Wed	June 24	7:30 PM	Solemn Eucharist for The Feast of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist <i>Music by Lassus, Stanford, Gibbons and Raminsh</i>

Spiritual Development Committee

This was a year of transition for the Spiritual Development Committee. At the Parish Annual Meeting, Gary McGonagill concluded his term as Chairman and we are very grateful to him for the care and attention he gave to the spiritual life of the parish during his tenure. Neil Robertson stepped in to chair the Committee, but for personal reasons was unable to continue and resigned in the fall. Since then, the Rector, with the assistance of some long time members of the committee, has called meetings and made sure that the usual work of the committee continued. I have been asked to write the report of the committee for 2008.

At Epiphany, we gathered for a Choral Holy Communion, followed by a party at Trinity House. We are thankful to the members of Trinity House for welcoming the parish on this and several other occasions through the year.

In Lent, Sunday Evensong was led by a small choir brought together by Aniko Lewton-Brain and followed by a Series entitled "Christian Questions". The speakers were drawn from our congregation and the series considered the questions that trouble us on our Christian journey, including "Being truthful" (Dr. Wayne Hankey), "*The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life*" (Elizabeth Jones), "Confession and Self-Esteem" (Dr. Steven Burns), "Why strive for holiness?" (Jan Connors), and "Divisions in the Church: Is Christ divided?" (Michelle Wilband). In each case, the speaker gave a brief introduction which was followed by discussion. There was also a mid-week series, following a said Holy Communion Service on Tuesday evenings, offered by Father David Phillips, Rector of Petite Riviere and New Dublin. The title of the series was "Let our passions be for Christ: The passions of the soul adorned by grace". Father Phillips spoke about the passions of our souls identified in the early Church, their transformation by grace, and how they are a gift which may help us enter into God's rest. A discussion followed each talk.

Father Todd Meaker preached on Maundy Thursday and our Good Friday missioner, offering meditations about the Seven Last Words from the Cross, was Dr. John Baxter of the Dalhousie English Department. Dr. Gary McGonagill gave the meditation at the Easter Vigil.

In the week following Easter, we were delighted to welcome noted historian and author, William Dalrymple, to St. George's for an illustrated lecture on the spiritual life of the Middle East, which he described so evocatively in his book, "*From the Holy Mountain*". We heard about the rise and current fading away of Christian liturgical spirituality in the east. This lecture was followed by Compline in the candlelit church.

Duncan Neish, one of our postulants, did a tour of duty in Afghanistan this past year and in May spoke and showed slides to parishioners about his experiences in the war zone.

In October, we welcomed our new bishop suffragan, Bishop Ronald Cutler, to St. George's for his first visit. While here, he conducted the Rite of Confirmation, with 11 confirmed and 2 received from the Roman Catholic Church.

Also in October, Father Ron Evans, the Rector of the Anglican Parish in Ismir (the Biblical Smyrna) gave a talk following Sunday Evensong. Father Evans spoke about the life of a Christian priest in an officially secular but largely Muslim country.

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In Advent, Father Westhaver conducted a Bible Study on some of the prophetic passages foretelling the coming of the Messiah in the Book of Isaiah, as a preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. This Bible Study took place at Trinity House and was attended by a number of its residents as well as other parishioners. The Revd Mark Harris, minister at Grace Chapel, was guest preacher on Advent III, and on Advent IV, a meditation by Father Christopher Snook was read. Advent Lessons and Carols took a slightly different form this year, with Scripture readings and music selected to accompany the Advent *O Antiphons*.

Cheryl Bell, our new Chair of the Publicity Committee, has drawn together a fine group to continue the work of getting out the word about St. George's. Due to the old "many hands make light work" adage, a great deal has been accomplished without anyone becoming over-burdened and with much good spirit. We are thankful for Cheryl's able leadership of this important committee. Publicity efforts this past year have resulted in some very well attended services and concerts, and a number of new people have joined our congregation.

I could not conclude this report without a sincere word of thanks to Father Westhaver and to Paul Halley. Both show a sensitive faithful and loving attention to the liturgy and music of our parish. The daily, weekly and yearly round of observances in the Book of Common Prayer take place at St. George's as they do almost nowhere else. This makes the Rector's life more challenging but also keeps him and us deeply grounded in the worship which is then expressed in the outreach and other activities of our parish, the love of friend and neighbour to which we are called. The music of our liturgy is extraordinary, sublime really. The liturgy and music are entwined as one offering of worship to Almighty God. Paul's willingness to offer extras – a Choral Evensong in the Christmas Season, in addition to Christmas Lessons and Carols, with a champagne reception afterwards hosted by the choir, the exuberance of the music at the major festivals, featuring our wonderful pipe organ, as well as brass, timpani and splendid choral music, and so much more – add to his workload, but also add greatly to the worship life of our parish.

Other individual reports (Sunday School, Servers, etc.) that fall under the purview of Spiritual Development follow this report.

Susan Harris

Servers

This year has proved challenging as we have spent quite a bit of it with low numbers. Typically I schedule four people for Holy Communion at 10:30am on Sundays and five for feast days as a thurifer is required then. However due to our low numbers we don't always end up with a full compliment leaving few people to perform multiple duties.

First let me start by thanking the following individuals for their



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continued service over the course of the year; Alex Easton, Bill Comerford, Kenneth Pringle, Sebastien Labrie, Cathy Larsson, and Andrew Thorne. Thank you also to Duncan Neish, Vivien Hannon, Caleigh Davis, Benjamin Lee, Trey Main and William Dawson along with Ryan, Emily and Liam Harnish. These people are all at the moment unable to be on the regular schedule due to various commitments although some of them have helped out on occasion whenever they are able. Also we have been fortunate to have Ryan Babcock, a relative of Jim and Irma Brown, assist us when he comes to visit them on his summer break. Thank you also to Jim Rawding who continually serves faithfully at the 8:00am Holy Communion service on Sunday mornings as he has for a number of years.

At the time of writing this report we have acquired some new members for our team to start off 2009; Byron Kavanagh, Jillian Richard, Abby Stevens, Douglas Morum and Clara Westhaver although more servers are always welcome regardless of age and experience. Younger children can serve in the role of boat boy or boat girl during services requiring incense. Older children and adults can serve as a taperer, a crucifer, a server or as a thurifer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Connors
Head Server

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild thanks the congregation for its support financially and spiritually during the last year. As one privileged to call myself its head at St. George's, I want especially to thank all the members of the Guild for all the hard work they put in during the year. We again had six teams of Altar Guild members last year. They were Diana Lowe and Nadine Savoury, Tracy Lenfesty and Taunya Dawson, Dorothy and Anne Tilley, Vaila Mowat and Joyce McCulloch.

The year was basically uneventful. Because some of our small linens were unfortunately lost, we had to buy a number of purificators and lavabo towels, and took the opportunity to buy also some new corporals.

We need new members in the Altar Guild. For the next year I have kept to six teams, but since Dorothy Coons and Jim Rawding will not be able to continue this year—and there may be a couple of other cancellations—we really need an infusion of new blood. I would say that a morning's stint once every six weeks with special duty at Easter is not really a very large commitment of time, and that newcomers might find the work not too onerous and also enjoyable. If you feel you can join us, please contact me at 454-8094.

A breakdown of the costs for the year follows. There is a mistake in these accounts, and, by the time that you read this, I intend that the mistake will be put right. The fact is this: In January of 2008, I wrote a cheque of \$89.97 to myself and another of \$248.52 for our Florists. This was correct. However, in the month of February, I again paid these amounts out, thinking that I had not paid them before. I did not notice this—although I certainly *should* have noticed it—until I started to do the accounts for the year. As of the 21st of January, I have paid back to the Altar Guild the \$89.97 I owed it. I shall then see to fixing the problem with overpaying the Florist, and will certainly have the \$248.52 paid in by the end of February. My apologies.

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Income for the year 2008:

From Weddings, etc.	\$ 425.00
From the church	\$1897.73
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2322.73</u>

Expenditures for the year 2009:

Cheque Image Fees	\$ 24.00
Bank Fees	\$ 25.00
Flowers	\$1924.61
Candles and Vases	\$ 68.03
Linens	\$ 366.68
Cleaning Supplies	\$ 109.29
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2517.61</u>

Deficit for the year:

\$2517.61	Amount in account at Year Start:	\$2632.33
<u>-\$2322.73</u>	Amount in account at Year End:	<u>\$2437.45</u>
\$ 194.88	Deficit	\$ 194.88

However, if the mistake in the accounts for the month of January/February 2008 is put right, the two following amounts should be added to the credit side of the accounts: $\$89.97 + \$248.52 = \$338.49$. This shows that if the mistake had not been made, the accounts would read \$193.61 to the good.

One should however note that the allotment for the year of 2007 which is due in 2008 has not as yet been paid. It will be paid in January of 2009. Had it been paid in the 2008, it would again have put the accounts some \$250.00 or so in a deficit situation. Basically as we are not buying more flowers than before—indeed even less as the hanging baskets were not paid for this year by the Altar Guild as heretofore—I would have to say that, as the flowers are costing us more, we should cut back a little at Christmas and Easter. This will easily allow us to keep our accounts in the black.

Respectfully submitted,
Vaila S. Mowat

Nursery

The wonderful news for the year 2008 is that we have more children in the nursery than has been the case for the last few years.

I want to thank those—mothers and others—who have helped me in the nursery during the last year. It has often been the case that we need more than one person in the area due to the fact that the children in the present crop are still very small. I am looking for extra help. Kim Connors has volunteered to help at times, so that I can sit through a few 10:30 services, but she is not often able to do so when it is exam time at Dalhousie. Therefore, if you like small people—ours are all very delightful!—think about giving a few Sundays of your time to this form of mission. We should

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always welcome new members to the parish, don't you think, and take time to get to know them at the earliest time possible.

I plan to re-organize the play materials in the nursery this year. Does anyone have a set of blocks? We had a set, but they have suffered from attrition.

Vaila S. Mowat

Sunday School

The year of 2008 has been a wonderful year for St. George's Sunday School. We have seen growth in our attendance with approximately 6 - 10 children attending every week, some weeks having as many as 13 children present.....very encouraging.

Unfortunately this has led to a critical shortage of volunteer teachers and helpers. Currently we have five volunteer teachers all taking a share of teaching, making crafts and providing snack time for the entire year with the exception of July and August.

Some highlights of the year included:

- In the spring of 2008 we completed Year Two of the St. George's Sunday School Curriculum. Easter was a special time for the children. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to learn as Father Westhaver provided the children with many explanations as we followed along with the Stations of the Cross.
- On Easter Sunday the children enjoyed decorating and distributing the beautifully coloured eggs at the 10:30 service.
- For the summer closing, we invited the children of St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church to celebrate with us. Unfortunately the weather did not co-operate with the outdoor bar-b-que we planned so we moved inside and celebrated by playing games and sharing cake.
- In the fall of 2008 we began Year Three of the St. George's Sunday School Curriculum – "God's People in the Bible".
- On Christmas Eve, the parish held a children's service in which children from the parish, neighborhood and others, dressed up in costumes and acted out the Christmas story. This is a wonderful tradition that St. George's has supported for many years and it is always well attended and enjoyed.

Thank you to all of the volunteer teachers for the many hours they devote to the Sunday School children by teaching lessons, making crafts and providing snacks and to Father Westhaver for his continued support and leadership.

With your prayers, I am optimistic that we will find the additional volunteer teachers we require. Please consider spending a Sunday with us to see if you would like to become involved with Sunday School, the future parishioners of our church.

Pam Hunter

Youth at St George's

Two Youth days were held early in the year – February 2 and March 15. On February 2nd, Father Mercer spoke about Candlemas. On March 15th, the youth assisted other members of the congregation in making the palm crosses for Palm Sunday, after which Father Mercer led a teaching session about Holy Week and Easter. In August, 6 young people from the parish attended the Saint Michael's Youth Conference (Maritimes) in Bouctouche. They were joined by 3 adult Conference staff members from the parish. Although there is no active youth programme in the parish at the moment, there is a budget line for youth. Last year, these funds were used entirely to assist parish teens with the fees for the Saint Michael's Youth Conference.

Sarah Stevenson

Lay Readers and MCs

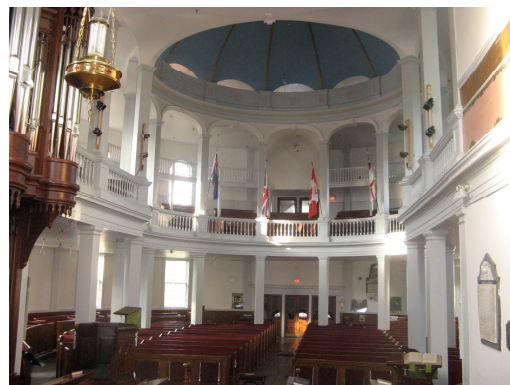
This is a small but highly trained group of people who assist in the Sunday and Feast Day liturgies.

The Lay Readers undergo specialized training in church history, music, Bible study, and conducting worship. They are then licensed by the bishop to serve in our parish in a variety of capacities. Lay Readers conduct the service of Morning Prayer on Sunday mornings, and are licensed to administer the sacrament at the Eucharist. Most of them assist in that capacity as Subdeacons. Among the Lay Readers, Alex Easton and Jan Connors have often officiated at Evensong on Sundays, or offered a meditation during that service.

Postulants, candidates for ordination, also have the status of Lay Readers. The postulants in the list below were sponsored by this parish and are studying at the Atlantic School of Theology. While they are usually away from St George's ministering in the parishes where they have been placed as part of their training, this past year they continued to help out at St George's during the summer and on week-day services.

Thanks for service in 2008 to:

Jan Connors
Alex Easton
Vivien Hannon, postulant
Stephen Harnish, postulant
Duncan Neish, postulant
Craig Savoury
Nadine Savoury
John Swaine



The MC's are the people who organize and co-ordinate each liturgy. Behind the scenes before each service they help to organize the servers and clergy, assign tasks, make sure that candles are lit, check that the sanctuary is ready so that the service starts on time. During the service they stand near the celebrant to anticipate and assist him, and to unobtrusively provide cues and direction for the servers. The goal is for the liturgy to proceed smoothly and reverently. After the service

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they help the Altar Guild by clearing the sanctuary, putting away the vestments and keeping the Vestry tidy. Thanks for service in 2008 to:

Scott Connors (who is also Head Server)
Sebastien Labrie
Alex Purcell
Nadine Savoury
Craig Savoury
John Swaine

From the Rector:

John Swaine has served for many years as parish Sacristan. In that position he has prepared countless schedules, trained sub-deacons, MC's and servers, and worked to make sure that the more elaborate liturgies on special Holy Days have flowed smoothly. He has been careful in both his attention to detail and in his concern that the details of worship fit together to offer edifying and reverent worship and service. He has conducted this ministry with apparently unflappable cheerfulness and good-will. While John will continue to serve as a Lay Reader and MC, he has handed on the work of the Sacristan to Alex Easton. Thank you John for your work as Sacristan, and thank you Alex for taking on this important ministry!

Trinity House

Trinity House has continued its growth as a community within itself and reaching out into the parish. The fellowship and sense of community in the house has grown and we hope that it will continue. There have been many residents this year at Trinity House. They include: Paul Rogers, Shannon Warren, Megan Shand, Reid Chesney, Tim Blackwood, Michael McPhee, Maria Bartholomew, Cathy Larsson, Perry King, Geoff Williams, Mike Blackwood and Bryant Smith. We also had several short term guests over the summer (staying a few nights to a week) and other guests throughout the year.

Trinity House has also continued to play a role in parish life. Many of our residents take part in parish life, by volunteering with YouthNet, singing in the choir and leading daily offices. Trinity House also hosted a weekly Bible Study during Advent and the Epiphany Party was also a success.

We would also like to acknowledge parishioners who have made donations to Trinity House: Karen Wheeler who gave us some much needed pots and pans and Michal King who donated a wonderful pull out couch for our TV room. Thank you to everyone!

Finally, I would like to remind parishioners that Trinity House has a guest room available for the use of parishioners. If you have a friend who visiting Halifax and needs a place to stay, Trinity House could be the place.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Connors

Deaf Ministry

Deaf Ministry had a very big loss this year with the sudden passing of Donald Norton. Donald was a very faithful and loved part of our Deaf Community who attended services faithfully twice a week and any other opportunity to worship he could find, all the while smiling and thankful for all of God's grace and mercy. Donald is no longer with us, but we hope to find the same contentment and solace Donald had found in his faith. A regular six to eight Deaf attend services on both Wednesday and Sunday mornings. Bill Comerford continues to serve at the altar on alternate Wednesday mornings and pick folks up from Northwood who without him would likely not be able to be an active part of our congregation. We have regretfully lost a few regular members over the past year, due to an aging population and various health problems. These members are now being visited by Father Mercer as part of his pastoral care at St George's. I continue to interpret for regular Sunday Communion services as well as most feast days and gatherings, such as the Epiphany celebration and the Hall renovation information sessions. I continue to hope for a second interpreter to alleviate some of the responsibility of interpreting all these services, however I am committed to continuing until someone is found. Both I myself and the Deaf Community are very blessed to have had such compassion and support extended to us over the last year and we hope to continue to grow in His love in the year ahead.

Bill Comerford has provided us with a lovely and moving poem called **A Deaf Christian's Prayer** and it is a fitting way to end the Deaf Ministry Report for 2008.

A Deaf Christian's Prayer

Do the angels sing in heaven, Lord?
Will I hear music there?
Or must I stand in a corner,
while others join in prayer?
Will I wonder what they're saying, Lord,
Like I often do down here?
Must I sit still and be patient
While bells ring loud and clear?
Can I read your lips in heaven, Lord,
Or will I be brushed aside?
While I hide my hands in my pocket,
Because of wounded pride?
Will the Saints all stand to praise Thee,
While I in silence wait?
Will there be someone in heaven,
To lead me through the gate?

And God, who loveth the humble,
Whispered into the anxious Deaf ear,
"My child, has no one told you,
There is no silence here.
Hold out your hands, My Little One,
For heaven all to see.
We've heard them pray so many times.
Each prayer reached up to Me.
See all the angels waiting.
The gate is open wide.
Your crown of life is waiting.
And I shall be your guide.
I have a song to give you.
Your song shall be loud and clear.
Your song of praise, My Dear One,
Will be the sweetest song up here."

~Unknown

YouthNet

When we think about YouthNet in 2007 this quote comes to mind: *"Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights."* ~Pauline R. Kezer. Pauline describes much of what we experience here at YouthNet particularly in this past year.

In January 2008 Charys Payne was our Executive Director, Andrea Campbell our after-school coordinator and Laura Bartlett our lunch programme coordinator. There were a number of changes to the way programming was delivered in terms of time, ages and focus. Andrea introduced a new structure to after-school with a more defined focus every day. Although change is often resisted in the beginning, before spring things were running more smoothly and our average number of youth attending after-school programs hovered at 12. A winter carnival was planned for March Break Camp and the youth thoroughly enjoyed being a part of not only the fruits of their labor but the creation of the games, props and activities.



All smiles and full bellies at the YouthNet Lunch Program.



Discovering art on the waterfront during art camp, summer 2008.

retreat and participation in the North End Community Festival. Kadeem Hinch, former YouthNet participant and now post secondary student, was hired as part of the team which allowed for community knowledge and continuity for many of our youth. Adding to the continuity and familiarity for our youth were a

We had volunteer placements from the Dalhousie School of Social Work, Katimavik, Compu-College and Dalhousie's School of Medicine. These coupled with some very dedicated individual volunteers made for a successful end to the school year programming. A positive behavior enforcement system was instituted, known as 'Gotcha's,' recognizing all the wonderful everyday contributions and improvements by our youth.

The Lunch Program had its fair share of challenges in terms of addressing behavioral issues with youth as well as trying to manage a large number attending the program.

With some added hands from our placements, we were able to keep up with the numbers and finish with success. Adding to the support were four summer staff hired at the end of May, to run our Summer Camp programs.

Summer staff were able to plan a full schedule with activities such as Wilderness Camps throughout Nova Scotia, Art and Music Camp, a Junior Leader Training



Surviving a wilderness challenge with a smile!

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number of volunteers from our Junior Leadership Program. The summer ended with the resignation of both Charys Payne and Andrea Campbell in order to pursue other avenues in their education.

The Board of Directors was able to fill the position of Executive Director with the very capable Adrianna MacKenzie, who brought considerable experience and expertise to YouthNet. Adrianna was able to easily immerse herself into the pace of YouthNet and soon after her arrival we couldn't remember her not being here! Adrianna was able to bring new ideas and fresh approach to what was already in place and also has been able to locate funding opportunities for new programs to come. Laura became a full time employee with YouthNet as the Program Coordinator overseeing both lunch and after school programs as well as the Junior Leadership program.



Making lifelong friends

October brought the start of our 08/09 After School Program. With many great activities planned, children had the option of learning music, Latin dance, art techniques and fun cooking skills. Beyond the programming, children used their wonderful imaginations to come up with new games and develop their own theatrical plays and songs. We are always grateful for the support we get from individuals and community organizations. YouthNet had many yummy lunches donated by generous individuals and families, many of them members of St. George's Parish as well as lots of help in repainting and renovating our office space, the donation of coats and boots for the children and help with much needed funds to run the day to day work of St. George's YouthNet. We finished the year with two annual holiday parties, our St. Nicholas Party supported by King's College students and faculty, where children played games, ate yummy food and got their faces painted. At the Stepping Stone Christmas Party families got to enjoy an afternoon turkey dinner with games and prizes. 2008 was a year of many great changes and we expect that like trees YouthNet in 2009 will continue to grow its branches in the community and with the children and youth we work with.

Laura Bartlett, Programme Director &
Adrianna MacKenzie, Director



YouthNet Wilderness Challenge III crew



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Financial Statements for St. George's YouthNet

Balance Sheet		Income and expense Report		
As of December 31, 2008-unaudited		Previous Year Comparison		
		January through December 2008- Unaudited		
Assets	31-Dec-08	Income	Jan-Dec 08	Jan-Dec 07
Current Assets		CAP Site	8200	1992
Chequing		Corporate	26579	47570
TD Canada Trust	49888	Foundations	500	1000
GIC	<u>25000</u>	Gov. Grants	32295	30693
Total Chequing and saving	74888	Individuals	28210	17308
Accounts Receivable	703	Organizations & Groups	3152	5570
HST receivable (2007-08)	<u>1103</u>	Other	1489	751
Total Accounts Receivable	1806	Parish of St.	2618	5000
Prepaid Expenses for 2009	<u>-18567</u>	Scouting Income	2071	1260
Total Current Assets	58127	United Way	32272	21746
Fixed assets	0	Total Income	137386	132890
Equipment	0	Expenses		
Leasehold improvements	<u>0</u>	After School Programs	7954	11986
Total Fixed assets	0	C@P	1774	1820
Total Assets	<u>58127</u>	General	10895	6030
Liabilities and Equity		GST	2972	2020
Liabilities		Lunch Program	2256	2477
Current Liabilities		March Break Program	383	1326
Total Accounts payable	-12196	Personal Wages and expenses	85197	86229
Other Current liabilities		Scouting Program	2113	1789
Short term funds	159	Special Programs	1316	112
Deferred Revenue	<u>0</u>	Summer Programs	7797	3246
Total other current liabilities	<u>159</u>	Summer Gardening	89	4900
Total current liabilities	-12037	Music	0	11
Long term liabilities		Wilderness Camps	4587	3983
accrued liabilities	1700	Total Expenses	127333	125929
Total long term liabilities	<u>1700</u>	Net Income	10053	6961
Total liabilities	-10337			
Equity				
Opening balance	-149			
Retained Donations	35295			
Net Income	<u>33318</u>			
Total Equity	<u>68464</u>			
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>58127</u>			

* Please note that some of the income listed here will be designated for 2009 programs through our funders

2nd Halifax Scouting

As always, our church year overlaps two Scouting years. In early June the Beavers and Cubs participated in a Province-wide weekend camp called *Lodges and Lairs*. There were approximately 850 participants, all camping in tents. These age groups start at 5 years old and go to 10 years old. *Lodges and Lairs* is named from Beaver lodges and Wolf Cub lairs. They meet together once a year at Scouts Canada's provincial camp in Middle Musquodoboit.

The Scouts had another busy year topped off with a 100 years of Scouting in Nova Scotia camp in Port Morien, Cape Breton where they built cardboard boats and sailed them in the Atlantic Ocean, mined for coal, and branded a few fish.

As we turn into the new Scouting year (which began in September) we find five of our Leaders planning on putting on a project at a Provincial Jamboree to be held in Cape Breton this July. They will give up at last a week of their vacation time.

We continue to count our blessings for the support from the Parish and from YouthNet, in the form of use of the parish hall and storage space, and with the \$116 per youth registration fee, respectively. We are, indeed, very fortunate for such commitment.

Don Connors, Acting Group Commissioner

2008 Financial Update

Balance forwarded from December 31, 2007		\$ 1,269.38
INCOME		
Royal St. George's Society	\$ 250.00	
Coffee sales	\$ 50.00	
Donation for uniforms	\$ 80.05	
Moosehead tickets - parents	\$ 38.00	
Popcorn	\$ 643.00	
Scoutrees	\$ -	
Sears Fundraiser	\$ 404.09	
Superstore Fundraisers	\$ 262.62	\$ 1,727.76
		\$ 2,997.14
EXPENSES		
Colony	\$ 349.33	
Pack	\$ 196.87	
Troop	\$1,624.07	
Group	\$ 470.64	
Cost of Popcorn	\$ 330.65	\$ 2,971.56
Balance as of December 31, 2008		\$ 25.58

Soup Kitchen

I am sure that many people in our Parish do not know much about this outreach mission.

Some history:

In the early part of 1985, Bishop Peters came to St. George's for his annual visit and chaired the Parish Council meeting. At that time he suggested that we consider doing some outreach of some sort. The Pastoral Care Committee under the leadership of Cynthia Watts, called her members together the following week and began a brain storming session. Many ideas came forward but one very special from Mabel Wainwright (the mother of Michal King), who was 86 years old at the time. She thought it might be a good idea for us to serve a bowl of soup for 25 cents over the weekend to the clients who go to Hope Cottage Monday to Friday, and the money could go toward the church deficit. This would serve two purposes: feed the hungry and help the Parish – what a sweet lady!

Cynthia and I visited Hope Cottage many times to see if our idea was needed, we did lots of research and many meetings. It was a go – all we had to do was get approval from Parish Council which we did in October 1985. We then called a meeting of all the city's Anglican Churches to see how many were interested in helping us. At that meeting we gathered 28 teams consisting of 15 different churches and made up the first schedule with King's St. Andrew's Missionary Society taking the very first turn on November 9, 1985. Needless to say, we fine-tuned Mabel's idea, made it a free meal with help from other Parishes and not just soup. The food teams were expected to prepare a meal, hot or cold, for about 100 people and bring it to St. George's and serve it. Numbers grew to 150, plus, at times.

Examples of meals that we have served:

Roast Beef Dinner; Turkey Dinner; Roast Pork Dinner; Ham and Scallop Potatoes; Meat Loaf Meal; Corned Beef and Cabbage; Chicken/Rice Casserole; Hearty Beef Stew; Homemade Chunky Soup; Fish Chowder; All sorts of pastas; Cold Plate; and many more!

Bread, sweets, puddings, jello etc. are donated weekly.

Volunteers:

We presently have a volunteer list made up of 6 groups of 4 people each and they are expected to come once every 6 weeks. **This is where you can come in, as we have some openings to fill.** Volunteers are expected to come at 3 pm to help set up and dress the tables. Doors open from 4pm-5:30pm and we begin to clean up at 5:15pm and most Saturdays volunteers are out by 6pm.

So, 3 hours once every 6 weeks . . . try it, you will love it.

Last but not least we have a core group that come weekly which is necessary to keep things going so smoothly. I want to thank the following people for taking on these responsibilities:

Bread: Les Grandy/ Jean Sexton

Clothing: Mary Ann Leights

Setting Up: Dick Gallagher/ Dan Dawson/ Dennis Page/ Daniel Labrie

Table Cloths: Debbie Page/ Karen Chan/ Susan Doucet

Sweets: Emily Parks/ Gertie Moulton/ Mary Ann Leights

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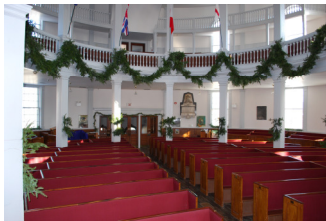
Dishwashing: Jennifer Haigh/ Daniel Labrie

A very special thank you to Mary Ann Leights who comes and helps me each week. For me, the job does not start at 3pm, it starts early in the morning as all the donated stuff needs to be packed and picked up and brought to the hall.

November 2008 we completed 23 years of service to this mission, which I think is what the Bishop asked us to do. During that period we served 210,483 meals and generated 10,358 different volunteers. The Soup Kitchen is the longest running outreach program of St. George's. So, anyone interested in helping, please see me in the hall after church – I run a very tight ship. Once again, thanks to each and every one for helping.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Wheeler, Coordinator

Christmas Outreach for Families



It was another successful year for Christmas Outreach for Families! This year, St. George's sponsored 14 families. These families were nominated through St. George's YouthNet, from contact made through the parish office and from Feed Nova Scotia. All of the families were registered with Feed Nova Scotia's Christmas program, so that other organizations would be aware that St George's was sponsoring the family.

This year, the demand was very high for assistance. There were six families that received gifts, six families that received Christmas hampers and gifts and one family that received a Christmas hamper (this family also received gifts from a sponsor). Two families were sponsored by members of the parish, special thanks to those sponsoring families! I would also like to thank those members of the parish who donate turkeys. This year we were fortunate enough to receive enough turkeys to provide one to every family who wanted one.

Christmas Outreach for Families would not be successful without the help of many volunteers. I would like to thank all volunteers who came to assist with wrapping presents, sorting groceries, helped to drive and carry presents and groceries to the families. Special thanks to the Dalhousie Reference Department at the Killam Library who once again sponsored a family! Finally, thanks to all who have contributed financially to Christmas Outreach through the Collection Plate and at the special Collection at the Choral Evensong in December.

In closing, I would like to thank one final person, Elizabeth Jones. Elizabeth has assisted me with Christmas Outreach for the last several years and together we have spent many hours at Sobeys sweating over cans of soup and bags of flour. Elizabeth has informed me that this would be the last year that she is able to assist me with Christmas Outreach and I will miss her assistance greatly and would like to thank her for her tireless service!

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Connors

Other Christmas Outreach

Gift Bags for Parishioners

Items are collected each year at the back of the church during Advent to provide a small bag of treats and small gifts for those parishioners who are not able to be with us “through age sickness or infirmity. This is an important way for us to remember those whom we do not see regularly. Thanks to all the parishioners who contributed to the bags and especially to those who helped to deliver them.

Stepping Stone Dinner

Again this year, St. George's hosted the Christmas Dinner for the patrons of Stepping Stone and their children. The numbers were up considerably this year over last year and all seemed to enjoy this festive occasion. YouthNet provided fun and games and face-painting for the children, Andrew Killawee provided the seasonal music, and Karen Wheeler and her trusty assistants cooked and served the turkey dinner. Thanks to parishioners for providing turkeys for this occasion and to Andrea Lee for helping to co-ordinate the event with the folks at Stepping Stone and with YouthNet. In the past, a parishioner of St. George's was a member of the Board of Stepping Stone and this was a useful liaison with that organization. If anyone is interested in serving in this capacity, please contact the Parish Office.

Mission to Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Project

The response to the appeal at St. George's Round Church was very good. We were able to pack up a total of 41 boxes. These were delivered in several batches to the Mission for Seafarers. 2007 remains a banner year with 52 boxes delivered. Nevertheless we are very pleased with this 2008 result. Almost all of the contents were donated – thank you, each one of you. To complete the finding of necessary items, a parochial contribution of \$55.00 was spent. A sincere 'Thank You' to the donors and to the decorators and to the suppliers of boxes. It is well appreciated that Christmas entails many demands upon our pockets and purses. It is for this reason that we ask for early donations so as to 'spread the load of expense.' Thank you all!

Ann Tilley, Patricia Martinson

Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

I have spent some time becoming familiar with this organization and its many activities, and I also gathered information about the past year's Saint George's contributions to this Fund through the Blue envelope program. I made a plan to try and highlight and promote PWR&D Fund activities and to make a plan for a specific event for the Parish to raise designated funds for the PWRD Fund. All will be revealed in 2009!

Lynn Stevenson

St. George's Website (www.roundchurch.ca)

As noted in the Administration Report, the parish internet services were moved to Aliant last January. One of the many reasons for this move was to increase our web space from 10MB to 150MB (at a reduced cost from our previous provider). The increased space means that we are able to have more than one Annual Report, and all our image files on the server at one time. Our site was moved to the new server on January 16, 2008. Aliant's online site administration makes it easier to update the site when I am not in Halifax, such as over the Christmas season. The home page, online bulletin, service schedule, music page are all updated weekly, with other pages updated as information becomes available. The home page is updated almost daily during Christmastide and Holy Week. There are plans to update the look and feel of the site in the coming year. This will be done in cooperation with the Publicity Committee and their plans for consistent graphic design for publicity materials. YouthNet is developing their own website to better suit their needs and the parish site will link to the new YouthNet site when it is available.

Sarah Stevenson

Hospital Visiting

This is a continuing programme of which I am privileged to be a part. Our thanks are due to Tracy Lenfesty and Elizabeth Jones who consistently check the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Lists weekly and report the presence of parishioners to Fathers Westhaver and Mercer, thus enabling them to visit and administer the sacraments and for me to visit and extend the love and concern of the Parish on our behalf. I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to Elizabeth Jones who 'stands in ' for me when I am away from home. My thanks also to those who regularly visit Brother David Winters in Arbourside Nursing Home.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Jackson

Sunday Fellowship Teams

I am pleased to report on the activities of the Sunday Fellowship Committee. We aim at having 6 teams made up of 4 members each – one team is entirely the Choir. They provide sweets, sandwiches or other treats on Sunday following the 10:30am service. The programme pretty well runs itself once the list of dates is distributed to team members.

The 10:30 am Holy Communion is a popular service and the number joining us at the Sunday Fellowship hour is increasing. We would, therefore, be grateful for additional volunteers to join our teams, either as regular members or spare members.

Should you be interested please let me know. It means supplying a loaf of sandwiches, pan of squares, cookies or other goodies once every 6 weeks – and tidying up afterwards, usually completed by 1pm.

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I want to thank all the volunteers who provided refreshments during the past year – and also on special occasions such as the Carol Sing on December 28. A special thanks to Karen Wheeler for the Tea/Coffee additional treats and setting up of the table.

Jean Milsom, Coordinator

Stewardship Committee

In the fall of 2008, a few parishioners attended a conference sponsored by the Diocese called *Shepherding an Effective Church in the 21st Century*. It was a very positive experience and I think and hope that it has started some thought and discussion in our parish around the idea of stewardship. When we speak about stewardship within the context of the Church, we are speaking about the way in which we deal with all that we have - our time, our talents, our desires and our possessions. When we think about stewardship we must focus our thoughts inward as we ask ourselves what our priorities are, and then consider whether these priorities are reflected in the way that we use what we have been given. Deciding how to be good stewards of our resources requires careful thought and prayer as we discern what is reasonable to offer back to God in response to His goodness and mercy.

It is in this spirit that the parish sets its annual budget. We try as much as possible to reflect our priorities in the way we use the offerings received. Fundraising is different. It is very simply asking for money to meet the church's expenses, usually driven by a financial shortfall. A typical fundraising campaign occurs every October or November in our parish, when the parish executive look at the financial statements and discover that if parishioners continue to give at the current rate, we will have a shortfall at the end of December. A letter is written to parishioners, asking if they can increase their offerings in order that we can finish the year in the black rather than the red. This has become a yearly event in our parish. Every year most of us wish that this was not the case!

Although stewardship is not fundraising, there is obviously a connection between what the church receives as offerings and what we are able to spend as we try to love God and neighbour in our community. The Rector and Wardens with the Stewardship Committee decided that the offerings from special services such as Lessons and Carols and Choral Evensongs will be designated to special ministries both within and outside of our parish. For example, in November the offering from Choral Evensong on Remembrance Sunday was given to the Halifax Family Military Resource Centre. The offering from Lessons and Carols for Christmas was given to support the Music Programme. Recently, the offerings from Choral Evensong were given to the Deaf Ministry. We hope this will continue in 2009. We plan to keep parishioners informed by regular bulletin updates.

Many thanks to all who have come to meetings and brainstorming sessions to talk about stewardship, and those who have offered helpful advice - Father Westhaver, Kim Connors, Andrea Lee, Evelyn Mann, Mary Hills, Susan Harris, Jan Connors, and others. There will be more meetings this year; please let us know if you would like to join us, or if you have any questions about stewardship.

Tracy Lenfesty

Finance Committee

The Parish's Finance Committee has recently been repopulated after a period of inactivity due to lack of volunteers to fill its positions. We now have Donald Wright, John Hammond and Dan Sargeant (Chair) on the Committee and we are getting organized and developing our agenda for the coming year. My thanks to Don and John for their able assistance. As was reported last year, there is much overlap between the Finance Committee and the Budget Committee. The budget has been the bulk of our activity thus far since we came together.

Budget

For FY 2008 the Parish's revenues fell short of targets while its expenses exceeded budgeted figures, for an approximate overall shortfall from budget of \$17,000. Given the financial uncertainties we have all been dealing with in '08 and now '09, this variance has been closely analyzed in the process of preparing the 2009 budget in an effort to avoid a repetition this year. The Budget Committee has been especially aware of possible revenue and expense management challenges for this year. The general theme in our discussions was one of: where and how can we increase, or at least maintain, our revenues while scrutinizing every expense item with an eye to wringing out every possible reasonable reduction. The Parish must recognize that to maintain current levels of service in all its endeavours, extra efforts will be necessary this year to strengthen our income. An increase in General Offerings of roughly \$10,000 over last year's actual will be necessary to break even in 2009. Details on the above are further available in the Treasurer's Report and the 2009 Budget, as presented.

2009

Ongoing discussions are under way with the Diocese with regard to our allotment. This is a natural and regular activity given the constantly evolving makeup of our revenue and expense mix as reported in the parochial returns. The actual amount of our allotment for 2009 will be solidified shortly.

The Finance Committee, being new in its membership, will immediately be bringing itself up to speed on Church financial and administrative issues and procedures. The most immediate item will be to ensure a fair audit of the 2008 results, within Diocesan guidelines. From there we intend to meet with various stakeholders in an effort to review some procedures where it may be helpful to do so.

Finally, having had a brief 6-week assignment as temporary Treasurer this past fall I have a full appreciation for the challenges and work necessary to fill that position. On behalf of all of us I would like to thank and commend Mary Hills for her services in the Treasurer position.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Sargeant
Chair, Finance Committee

Counters' Report

Every Sunday, after the 10:30 service, two or more people adjourn to a small room off the church hall to count the week's offering, to record it and to deposit it. On a good day, the job takes about two hours. When the sums will not balance, it can be much longer. The volunteers work for a month at a time, usually two times a year. The counters for 2008 were **Dorothy Coons, Elizabeth Haigh, Elizabeth Jones, Michal King, Elisabeth Kleven, Benjamin Lee, Rob** and **Mary Martin, Lowell Perry, Ian Porter, Chuck** and **Barbara Richardson, Sarah Stevenson,** and **Martin Yeatman**. For years, Rob organized the schedule.

Over the past year, we lost some hands. Rob and Mary are on leave; Benjamin had to concentrate on writing a thesis; Michal and Martin decided that fifteen years was enough. We thank all of them for their devoted service.

We hope to replace them. The job requires patience, and an ability to focus on details. A sense of humour is invaluable. Thanks to **Patricia Martinson** and **Heather Jensen** for volunteering to join us for 2009.

E.V. Haigh



Property Committee

The year 2008 was a relatively quiet year concerning property matters, with some exceptions. Highlights, together with some brief information on the direction forward, include the following:

1. Security concerns were made manifest as we experienced a robbery at the church in January, in which some items and cash were taken from the Vestry. Replacement of them has

proceeded, and we do have coverage from our insurance to offset the loss over deductible. We have strengthened physical security of donations by installing a good strongbox. A new alarm system has been installed.

2. The church required repair and upkeep in mechanical systems and replacement of some deteriorated eaves fascia. Looking forward for the next several years, we should expect to see a round of replacement of mechanical equipment, since pumps and motors were all installed as new fixtures following the fire in 1994 and thus many will come to the end of their service life in the next few years. With the rising cost of furnace oil, attention in the near future should be paid to the ways and means of improving the energy efficiency of the building, without forgetting the need to continue to strive to improve upon the controlling of the heating system so that adequate comfort can be provided in the cold season.
3. The Little Dutch Church required little maintenance, and that which was performed was by volunteer effort.
4. The Rectory required only minor repairs, following the major upgrades in 2007. The building is in good structural condition, with the roof being replaced in the last few years, wiring and plumbing essentially up to date, and the interior being in reasonably good condition. For the future, the shabby exterior, including siding, trim, doors and windows, needs attention urgently.
5. The hall continues to be in need of frequent attention to its heating system, which is an awkward hybrid of two furnaces. A number of repairs and maintenance efforts during the year kept the hall operational, and much could of course be done in addition. However, only minimal, necessary maintenance of the building will be done in the future, as the Parish has determined to see it replaced in conjunction with a development which was much discussed during the year.

Specifically, a development concept was developed in concert with a private developer, which would see a multi-storey residential building erected with frontage on Maitland Street. Part of the financial agreement with the developer would see a new hall constructed (the existing hall would be demolished) with the cost of doing so paid by the ground rent paid by the developer for the area of the residential building. As the year closed, the Parish had been presented with the pros and cons of two options: renovation of the existing hall, versus the concept noted. A Parish advisory vote resulted in two thirds of those voting in favour of the new development concept, and Parish Council is moving forward in that direction. The concept requires an intensive attention to the details, which were beginning to be negotiated with the developer in the new year. As it stood at the end of 2008, the approval to proceed is an approval in principle, and the arrangement is not a sure thing until all details are settled. Both parties have the option of withdrawal from the negotiations if either of their respective expectations cannot be realized as the plan is detailed.

6. Considerable credit for the upkeep of the church properties must go to numerous volunteers who keep the premises orderly and who take on a number of maintenance tasks to supplement that done by paid help—gardening, painting, carpentry, adjusting heating controls, and cleaning. Without their attention, the premises would certainly be less attractive and useful than they are.

Jens Jensen
Property Warden

Administration Committee

The duties required of an Administration Committee in the Diocesan Canons are executed by two groups at St George's. The Finance & Budget committees look after the financial welfare of the parish, and the day-to-day activities of the office are handled by the Administration Committee. This year saw two major changes in the office. In January, the parish telecommunications (phone lines, internet service and website) were moved to Aliant, and YouthNet took on their own account with Eastlink. This meant a change in the parish email address, and a 150% increase in web space. This increased web capacity means that there is more room for development of our website and large documents such as the Annual Report can be added without having to delete photos and other material.

In August, Andrea Lee was our temporary office manager while Laura Bartlett was Acting Director of YouthNet after Charys Payne's resignation. In September, Laura moved full-time to YouthNet after 4 ½ years in the Parish Office and Andrea took on the duties of Parish Administrator. Laura was a tremendous asset to the parish. She has a wonderful gift for working with the many people in need who come to St George's looking for help. We know YouthNet will benefit greatly from her pastoral talents and we wish her well in her new, full-time position there. Parishioners regularly see Andrea's work in the form of the weekly bulletin, but like Laura before her, much of what she does for the parish is unseen. She is the only parish staff member who keeps regular hours in the building. She handles the incoming calls and emails to the parish and thus is often the first point of contact for those wishing to speak with our Rector or Music Director; hoping to attend a service and looking for more information; interested in the history of the Parish and church building; looking for assistance from our outreach funds; seeking to be married at St George's; to rent our space for a concert of their own; or to get in touch with YouthNet, and any other number of requests. She is often the person who communicates various areas of business on behalf of the property committee, and is the primary contact for trades people making service calls to fix leaky water heaters, cantankerous furnaces, obstreperous photocopiers etc. Andrea has recruited volunteers from time to time, to help with particular tasks in the office such as copying and folding Christmas bulletins, stuffing envelopes and organizing various non-confidential files. She would be happy to speak with any interested volunteers. Andrea works closely with Father Westhaver and Father Mercer, and alongside the Wardens and treasurer. Certain individuals such as Susan Harris, Sarah Stevenson, Jan Connors, and a few others, are helpful resources in matters of parish administration. The parish office is an important part of our ministry to God and neighbour and without the presence and efficiency of our parish administrator, the day to day running of the parish would be impossible.

The format and personnel of the Administration Committee will be reviewed in the coming year to better address the current needs.

The Administration Committee

The Live Poets' Society

On Sunday 16 January 2009 we met in the Guild Room – there were six of us present. We enjoyed a pot-luck lunch some conversation and some verse. Included were some CLERIHEWS. And what is that you may ask. From COED: "A short, comic or nonsensical verse in two rhyming couplets with lines of unequal lengths—all referring to a person of note. (Origin 1920s, named after Edmund Clerihew the inventor)."

This year we are meeting on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30pm in the Guild Room, with pot-luck. The date will be changed if there is a conflict with an event with the Parish calendar. This is, I think, the fifth year of our activities. The attendance record shows a "sine wave" effect: three of four in one month, eight or nine in the next.

We look forward to having some new faces and voices to join with us. There are no dues! And one does not *have* to be a writer. One should enjoy hearing the reading of the written word. Bring some work that pleases you to share with us.

Patricia Martinson

Parish Archivist

Acquisitions: The year has been quiet on the Archives front. There have been no major additions to the Parish held collection. Planning should take place for active acquisition - that is the commitment from different parish groups to deposit representative items and essential historical records in the archives collection. Some thought should also be given to para-parish groups, such as YouthNet, the Scout and Guide organizations, the Soup Kitchen and others.

Storage: We have acquired a fireproof filing cabinet which will allow safer storage of records. For standard sized documents, this should hold the present in-house collection. There is no provision as yet for safe storage of our large format materials. In the new year the holdings will be sorted and stored as space and conditions allow.

Issues: In this coming year supplies of acid-free and buffered archival quality folders and portfolio materials will have to be made. There will likely be required additional fire-proof cabinets, both for large format material and for transferred records from the active parish files.

Permanent space needs to be allocated which allows only restricted access to the storage cabinets, storage of archival handling materials, and workspace for both those working with the collection and researchers. The required space would be 75-100 square feet. This would allow the space for two standard fire-proof file cabinets, a larger format cabinet which could also hold archival work materials and a small table to be used by both archive workers and researchers.

It is important that some discussion be taken in parish administration for the handling of digital and electronic records. Much vital correspondence and other operational records are held in

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only electronic formats. We do not have an archival quality means of capturing these records for long term storage and reference.

Of interest: Among the requests for information handled over the past year was one concerning the use and influence of German music in the original and second St. George's churches. This German academic was in correspondence with the Parish in the latter part of the year and also made a visit to both churches, attending the celebration of the Epiphany.

I am especially grateful to Andrea Lee for handling primary requests and managing the on-site daytime requirements of this work.

Respectfully submitted
Jeffrey Reed

St. George's Restoration Quilters

This small and mighty group meets weekly in the Guild Room for tea and treats, and of course stitches! We continue to make small quilts for children and we have quite a collection ready to be blessed and sent on their way to children via the Police and Fire Departments. The large quilt slowly, slowly is getting closer to being finished, but not this year! We have begun reading the Morning Prayer readings, and this has led to some interesting and thoughtful discussions.

Lynn Stevenson

Parish Library

The librarian had a rather quiet year. From time to time, books were brought forth at the coffee hour and some borrowed. Some new books were bought, and some new-to-us donated. These have either been catalogued and shelved or are in process of being made ready for use.

The new cupboards are just adequate to hold our present collection. I thank the parish for making them available to the library. In the future, the library needs to be 'weeded' of some of its books – some weeding was carried out last year – and also a very thorough shelf reading is scheduled for this year. These procedures should free up some space.

The librarian would want the parish to know that she is willing to let members of the congregation look at the library any Sunday when the Guild Room is not being used for a meeting.

Vaila S. Mowat

A flower in the Parish Gardens.

*Discovering talents during YouthNet's after-school Photography Club.
Photo taken by 9 year old
Delicia Sweetland.*



Parish Gardens

In the fall of 2007, some new tulips were planted in one area of the garden, and these duly came up in the spring of 2008 and became ornaments for our altar. We also had bouquets from our naturalized daffodils. As it seemed to me that the time had come to add to our daffodil numbers, 50 new bulbs were bought and planted this fall. Then Mary Hills and I donated a collection of tulips to the number of about 150. Just as I had finished planting these, Edmonds told me that they had a lot of tulips left over and would like to plant some of them at St. George's so I pointed out the few areas not yet 'tulipified' and they planted I don't know how many more. We should have a great burst of flowers with which to beautify our church in the spring of 2009.

I have also planted a series of perennial geranium plants in the front plot, and hope that we shall get some colour from them in succeeding years. Also two new lilac plants have been acquired and planted along the side of the church. They will take some time to mature but are supposed to bear flowers not only in the spring, but at other times too. I also intend to buy a white lilac in the spring to keep them company. The extra female holly plant acquired in the Christmas of 2007 has not been very successful (I admit I did not give it enough water over the winter) and will be replaced in the spring with one of the 2008 Christmas holly plants.

We have been fortunate in having some volunteers come to help us in the garden this year. First of all, Edmonds are always very good to us when it comes to tasks I cannot perform. This year they cut back one of our lilacs which was growing all its flowers out of reach – altogether out of control. They also planted the last year's holly for me, and best of all, they took over the cutting of the hedge! Hurrah! This says nothing about all the help they give to the parish through the year by cutting the grass. Besides their help, we benefited this year from the help offered by the United Way, and also HRM. These volunteers spent a busy morning with me 1) taking apart the compost heap (a new one will have to be devised in the spring), 2) digging out the plot under the kitchen window of Trinity House and planting the daffodils, 3) digging three holes for the new lilac plants, 4) Spreading earth over an area beside the parking lot which has previously been rocky and difficult to keep in turf. For YouthNet, they also made a path through to the schoolyard from our parking

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lot. This was where most of the earth came from, but composted sheep manure was added to it. It will need to be seeded in the spring. The parish, I should add, helped by paying for composted sheep and cow manure, and new topsoil.

Many thanks for all the help. YouthNet had a splendid year with their part of the garden, and successfully produced a good crop of food.

Vaila S. Mowat



Tending to the St. George's and YouthNet gardens



Planting future lunches and snacks with fresh herbs and vegetables in the YouthNet garden

Pictures of St. George's Church taken by Sarah Stevenson. All others courtesy of YouthNet.

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Holy Baptisms

February 10 Zion Vynsynt Johan Adekayode
February 10 Elizabeth Rose Savoury
April 4 Abbigayle Vansnick
May 11 Reginald Tyler Malton Held

Confirmations

October 19 Douglas Bell-Morum
October 19 Eleanor Bell-Morum
October 19 William Harnish
October 19 James Herritt
October 19 Philip Mills
October 19 June Mills
October 19 Rachel Mills
October 19 Ryan Bartlett
October 19 William Dawson
October 19 Byron Kavanaugh
October 19 Katherine Pye
October 19 Carolyn Gibson (received)
October 19 Trey Main (received)

Marriages

April 19 Allan James Rudge and Lisa Diane Westhaver
April 26 Bradley Aaron Watson and Kelli Lee Harlow
June 21 Gary William Meisner and Catherine Ann Lockhart
August 2 David James Bishop and Tammy May Smith
August 23 Kurt Laskow-Pooley and Michelle Ann Dewling
September 27 James William Herritt and Elizabeth Ann Craig
October 11 Neal Charles Leslie Dillon and Sheree Diane Age
October 18 Michael Andrew Stanley Taboski and Lisa Sarah Power
December 31 Nicholas Richard Young and Amanda Lee Herritt

Funeral Rites

January 7 Mollie Claudine Engram
January 28 William Clarence Innis
February 25 Heather Anne Smith
April 1 Timothy George Moore
April 13 Elizabeth Ann Taylor
May 3 Mikah Zyeshia Ross-Tyler
May 25 Anne Marie Gibson
October 7 Donald James Norton
October 24 Josephine Connors
November 19 Robert (Bobby) Chisholm Douglas

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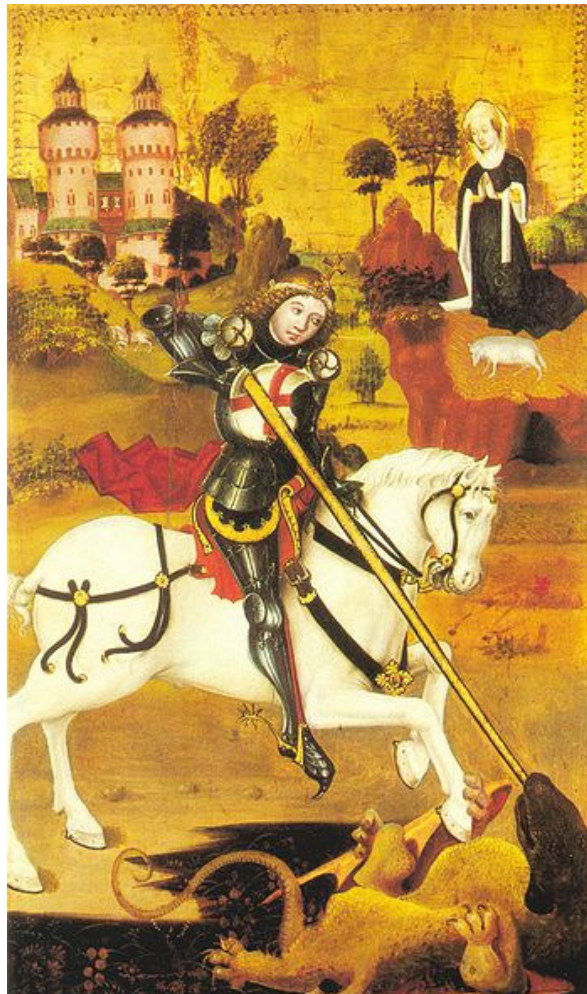
Nominations - 2009

Position	Returning	Nominated
Senior Warden & Property Warden	Craig Savoury (3 of 3)	
Warden	Jens Jensen (1 of 3)	
Junior Warden	Tracy Lenfesty (2 of 3)	
Treasurer	Mary Hills (3 of 3)	
Secretary		<i>Heather Neish</i>
Synod Delegates (3)		<i>Craig Savoury</i>
		<i>Dianna Lowe</i>
Synod Youth Delegate (1)		<i>Andrew Thorne</i>
Synod Alternate Delegate*		<i>Tracy Lenfesty</i>
Synod Alternate Youth Delegate*		<i>Kelsey Hunter</i>
Members-at-large	Heather Neish (3 of 3)	<i>Kim Connors (1 of 3)</i>
(12 maximum; 3-year terms)	Michal King (2 of 3)	<i>Sheila Jackson (1 of 3)</i>
	Elizabeth Jones (2 of 3)	<i>Elisabeth Kleven (1 of 3)</i>
	Barb Richardson (2 of 3)	<i>Barbara Armstrong (1 of 3)</i>
	Joyce McCulloch (2 of 3)	<i>Ron Hafliason (1 of 3)</i>
	Dan Sargeant (2 of 3)	<i>Dinah Savoury (1 of 3)</i>
* do not serve on Parish Council unless they attend Synod		
Organizations who may elect a member for Parish Council:		
Non Parish Council positions:		
Regional Council Delegates	Wardens, Synod Delegates	
PWRDF Contact Person	Lynn Stevenson	
Auditor (2 individuals)	Dan Sargeant	<i>Donald Wright</i>
Diocesan Times	Elizabeth Jones	
2010 Contact Person	Elizabeth Haigh	
Parish Archivist	Jeffrey Reed	

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In addition, the Nominating Committee sought people to take on key leadership responsibilities in the day-to-day life of the Parish.

Spiritual Development Chair		
Pastoral Ministry/Outreach Chair		
Stewardship Committee Chair		
Finance Committee Chair		<i>Dan Sargeant</i>
Property Committee Chair		<i>Jens Jensen pro tem</i>
Administration Committee Chair		
Envelope Secretary	Evelyn Mann	
Hospitality Team Leader	Jean Milsom	
Sick & Shut-in Team Leader	Sheila Jackson	



15th Century Altarpiece panel of St. George and the Dragon

2008 Annual Report: Balance Sheet

Parish of St. George Income & Expense YTD Budget vs. Actual January through December 2008

02/05/09
Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 08	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
GENERAL PARISH INCOME				
Offerings				
General Offerings	178,630.16			
Envelope Offerings	59,578.00			
Direct Deposit	7,222.47			
Loose	0.00	251,813.00	-251,813.00	0.0%
General Offerings - Other				
Total General Offerings	245,430.63	251,813.00	-6,382.37	97.5%
Designated Offerings				
Missions	742.00	1.00	741.00	74,200.0%
Community Ministry	9,475.00	9,000.00	475.00	105.3%
Special Project - Chandallier	(90.00)			
Sunday School	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
Altar Guild	1,319.67	1,500.00	-180.33	88.0%
Deaf Ministry	1,961.85	3,000.00	-1,038.15	65.4%
Music	737.00	500.00	237.00	147.4%
Outreach (Family Support)	3,691.00	3,000.00	691.00	123.0%
Soup Kitchen	3,865.10	2,500.00	1,365.10	154.6%
Trinity House	14,985.61	15,000.00	-14.39	99.9%
YouthNet	783.00	2,500.00	-1,717.00	31.3%
Total Designated Offerings	37,570.23	37,101.00	469.23	101.3%
Total Offerings	283,000.86	288,914.00	-5,913.14	98.0%
Church Preservation Endowment	14,207.39	12,000.00	2,207.39	118.4%
HST Income	6,315.29	10,000.00	-3,684.71	63.2%
Grant Income	2,500.00	4,000.00	-1,500.00	62.5%
Special Events	5,983.57	10,000.00	-4,016.43	59.8%
Total GENERAL PARISH INCOME	312,007.11	324,914.00	-12,906.89	96.0%
RENTAL INCOME				
Parking	10,630.00	8,000.00	2,630.00	132.9%
Church Rental	1,635.00	1,500.00	135.00	109.0%
Hall Rental	5,810.00	4,500.00	1,310.00	129.1%
Total RENTAL INCOME	18,075.00	14,000.00	4,075.00	129.1%
Total Income	330,082.11	338,914.00	-8,831.89	97.4%
Gross Profit	330,082.11	338,914.00	-8,831.89	97.4%
Expense				
600 - GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES				
HST Expenses	11,782.15	12,000.00	-217.85	98.2%
Office Expenses				
Computers & Equipment	511.80	1,000.00	-488.20	51.2%
Internet	1,049.34	1,400.00	-350.66	75.0%
Office Manager	13,495.50	14,400.00	-904.50	93.7%
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	4,351.22	5,000.00	-648.78	87.0%

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Parish of St. George Income & Expense YTD Budget vs. Actual January through December 2008

12/05/09
Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 08	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Telecommunication	5,565.84	2,450.00	3,115.84	227.2%
Photocopying	137.44	100.00	37.44	137.4%
Supplies & Postage	2,984.94	3,350.00	-365.06	89.1%
Total Office Expenses	28,096.08	27,700.00	396.08	101.4%
Allotment	52,185.91	45,000.00	7,185.91	116.0%
Bank Service Charges	1,849.41	1,500.00	349.41	123.3%
Total 600 - GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	93,913.55	86,200.00	7,713.55	108.9%
700 - ORDAINED MINISTRY				
Priest-Assistant Ministry	2,000.00			
Stipend - Rector	34,422.96	34,423.00	-0.04	100.0%
Housing Allowance	25,399.92	25,400.00	-0.08	100.0%
Travel Reimbursement	2,994.40	3,600.00	-605.60	83.2%
Benefits	9,665.48	9,700.00	-34.52	99.6%
Vacation Replacement	325.00	500.00	-175.00	65.0%
Total 700 - ORDAINED MINISTRY	74,807.76	73,623.00	1,184.76	101.6%
800 - PASTORAL MINISTRY				
Soup Kitchen Reserve	3,865.10			
Missions	742.00			
Community Ministry	9,600.00	9,000.00	600.00	106.7%
Deaf Ministry Interpreters	9,985.00	8,500.00	1,485.00	117.5%
Outreach (family support)	4,561.43	4,200.00	361.43	108.6%
Scouts fees	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0%
St George's YouthNet	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 800 - PASTORAL MINISTRY	32,253.53	25,200.00	7,053.53	128.0%
850 - STEWARDSHIP				
900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT				
A - General Expenses				
Advertising	4,119.43	3,500.00	619.43	117.7%
Altar Guild	1,261.00	1,300.00	-39.00	97.0%
Gifts	644.74	500.00	144.74	128.9%
Guest Speakers	850.00	2,300.00	-1,450.00	37.0%
Liturgical Supplies	3,356.84	3,000.00	356.84	111.9%
Parish Library	187.92	200.00	-12.08	94.0%
Special Events-Palm Sunday	300.00	200.00	100.00	150.0%
Supplies-Calendar	553.01			
A - General Expenses - Other	50.00			
Total A - General Expenses	11,322.94	11,000.00	322.94	102.9%
C - Music Program				
Musicians	6,275.00	5,000.00	1,275.00	125.5%
Stipend - Director	25,000.08	25,000.00	0.08	100.0%
Vacation Replacement	700.00	500.00	200.00	140.0%
Music Expenses	1,609.91	3,000.00	-1,390.09	53.7%
Total C - Music Program	33,584.99	33,500.00	84.99	100.3%
D - Sunday School Program				
Youth	760.00	1,000.00	-240.00	76.0%

2008 Annual Report: Balance Sheet

Parish of St. George Income & Expense YTD Budget vs. Actual January through December 2008

02/05/09
Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 08	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Supplies & Materials	224.54	800.00	-575.46	28.1%
Total D - Sunday School Program	984.54	1,800.00	-815.46	54.7%
Total 900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	45,892.47	46,300.00	-407.53	99.1%
1000 - PROPERTY				
A - General				
Security	7,464.44			
Snow Removal	300.00			
Insurance	15,013.00	17,500.00	-2,487.00	85.8%
Maintenance	409.26	1,600.00	-1,190.74	25.6%
Total A - General	23,186.70	19,100.00	4,086.70	121.4%
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)				
Security	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.0%
Maintenance & Repairs	10,588.71	5,000.00	5,588.71	211.8%
Supplies	771.85	750.00	21.85	102.9%
Taxes	1,338.99	600.00	738.99	223.2%
Utilities				
Electric	6,409.21	5,400.00	1,009.21	118.7%
Oil	14,085.40	15,000.00	-914.60	93.9%
Propane	729.02	1,000.00	-270.98	72.9%
Water	964.26	1,000.00	-35.74	96.4%
Total Utilities	22,187.89	22,400.00	-212.11	99.1%
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	34,887.44	31,950.00	2,937.44	109.2%
C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)				
Maintenance & Repairs	3,244.36	12,000.00	-8,755.64	27.0%
Taxes	3,249.27	3,200.00	49.27	101.5%
Telephone	400.77			
Utilities				
Electric	610.93	2,500.00	-1,889.07	24.4%
Oil	3,604.71	3,000.00	604.71	120.2%
Water	1,112.52	400.00	712.52	278.1%
Total Utilities	5,328.16	5,900.00	-571.84	90.3%
Total C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)	12,222.56	21,100.00	-8,877.44	57.9%
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)				
Utilities				
Electric	263.38	240.00	23.38	109.7%
Total Utilities	263.38	240.00	23.38	109.7%
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	263.38	240.00	23.38	109.7%
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)				
Janitorial	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00	100.0%
Organ Maintenance	1,350.00	2,000.00	-650.00	67.5%
Maintenance & Repairs	7,618.22	10,000.00	-2,381.78	76.2%
Utilities				

2008 Annual Report: Balance Sheet

Parish of St. George Income & Expense YTD Budget vs. Actual January through December 2008

02/05/09
Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 08	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Electric	1,145.84	1,500.00	-354.16	76.4%
Oil	15,139.48	15,000.00	139.48	100.9%
Water	566.86	600.00	-33.14	94.5%
Total Utilities	16,852.18	17,100.00	-247.82	98.6%
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	29,420.40	32,700.00	-3,279.60	90.0%
Total 1000 - PROPERTY	99,980.48	105,090.00	-5,109.52	95.1%
Total Expense	347,047.79	336,913.00	10,134.79	103.0%
Net Ordinary Income	(16,965.68)	2,001.00	-18,966.68	(847.9)%
Net Income	(16,965.68)	2,001.00	-18,966.68	(847.9)%

2008 Annual Report: Balance Sheet

Parish of St. George Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2008

Accrual Basis

	Dec 31, 08
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Direct Debit TD/Canada Trust	2,209.55
RBC General Account	109,899.81
Total Chequing/Savings	112,109.36
Accounts Receivable	
20 · Accounts Receivable	
2007 HST Receivable	6,307.83
20 · Accounts Receivable - Other	1,800.00
Total 20 · Accounts Receivable	8,107.83
Total Accounts Receivable	8,107.83
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Expenses	3,078.67
Committed Investments	
Little Dutch Church Endowment	10,108.26
Preservation Fund	235,906.42
Diocese - Memorial	2,879.00
Diocese - Altar Guild	819.00
Diocese of NS #4 (Wright)	300.00
Pickford Choral Scholarship	9,006.10
Total Committed Investments	259,018.78
Un-Committed Investments	
Diocese of NS (Rectors Funds)	2,010.00
Diocese of NS (J. Shaw)	500.00
Diocese of NS (Rec. & Wardens)	5,500.00
Total Un-Committed Investments	8,010.00
Total Other Current Assets	270,107.45
Total Current Assets	390,324.64
TOTAL ASSETS	390,324.64
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	713.79
Total Accounts Payable	713.79
Other Current Liabilities	
Diocese Payables	
Allotment	7,185.91
Total Diocese Payables	7,185.91
210 · Deferred Revenue	
Missions	742.00
HRM Heritage Grant (hall)	
Grant	1,024.99
Matching Funds	1,025.00
Total HRM Heritage Grant (hall)	2,049.99
Trinity House	2,169.78
Soup Kitchen Fund	9,354.35
Rector's Discretionary Fund	637.64
Quashie Fund	2,108.10
Pickford Scholarship	1,597.03
Outreach (formerly Poor) Fund	1,796.11
Curacy Fund	1,552.00
Corporate Grants	607.84
Christmas Outreach Fund	2,862.97
Total 210 · Deferred Revenue	25,477.81
Short Term Fund Accounts	

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Parish of St. George Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2008

Accrual Basis

	Dec 31, 08
Preservation ST Fund	874.42
Chandelier Fund	4,920.98
Altar Guild Fund	98.00
Choir Chair Fund	4,019.62
Diocesan Times Fund	155.00
Gabriel Guild	300.00
Hall Building Fund	2,485.00
PWRDF Appeal Fund	93.25
Restoration-for DioEndowmentFnd	50.00
Shining Lights	20.00
Special Gift Fund	295.00
Total Short Term Fund Accounts	13,311.27
Total Other Current Liabilities	45,974.99
Total Current Liabilities	46,688.78
Long Term Liabilities	
Long Term Fund Accounts	
Endowment Funds	235,931.42
Choral Scholarship	9,128.65
Missions Appeal Fund	4,237.55
Memorial Fund	8,731.80
Organ Fund	1,362.00
Total Long Term Fund Accounts	259,391.42
Total Long Term Liabilities	259,391.42
Total Liabilities	306,080.20
Equity	
Retained Earnings	101,210.12
Net Income	(16,965.68)
Total Equity	84,244.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	390,324.64

2008 Annual Report: 2009 Budget

01/31/09
Accrual Basis

Parish of St. George 2009 Budget January through December 2009

	Jan - Dec 09
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
GENERAL PARISH INCOME	
Offerings	
General Offerings	
Envelope Offerings	0.00
General Offerings - Other	257,644.00
Total General Offerings	257,644.00
Designated Offerings	
Christmas Outreach	2,500.00
Missions	500.00
Community Ministry	10,000.00
Sunday School	100.00
Altar Guild	1,000.00
Deaf Ministry	1,500.00
Music	750.00
Outreach (Family Support)	3,500.00
Soup Kitchen	500.00
Trinity House	15,000.00
YouthNet	2,500.00
Total Designated Offerings	37,850.00
Total Offerings	295,494.00
Church Preservation Endowment	15,000.00
Investment Income	
Deaf endowment	1,400.00
Total Investment Income	1,400.00
HST Income	12,000.00
Special Events	7,000.00
Other Income-Calendar	700.00
Total GENERAL PARISH INCOME	331,594.00
RENTAL INCOME	
Parking	12,000.00
Church Rental	2,000.00
Hall Rental	6,000.00
Total RENTAL INCOME	20,000.00
Total Income	351,594.00
Gross Profit	351,594.00
Expense	
600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	
HST Expenses	12,000.00
Office Expenses	
Computers & Equipment	800.00
Office Manager	19,600.00
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	5,000.00
Telecommunication	3,250.00
Photocopying	200.00
Supplies & Postage	3,000.00
Total Office Expenses	31,850.00
Allotment	37,613.00
Bank Service Charges	2,000.00
Total 600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	83,463.00
700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY	
Telecommunications	1,260.00
Priest - Assistant Ministry	4,000.00
Stipend - Rector	36,056.00
Housing Allowance	26,200.00
Travel Reimbursement	3,100.00
Benefits	10,625.00
Vacation Replacement	500.00

2008 Annual Report: 2009 Budget

01/31/09
Accrual Basis

Parish of St. George 2009 Budget January through December 2009

	Jan - Dec 09
Total 700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY	81,741.00
800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY	
Christmas Outreac	2,500.00
Missions	500.00
Community Ministry	10,000.00
Deaf Ministry Interpreters	9,500.00
Outreach (family support)	4,500.00
Scouts fees	1,000.00
Soup Kitchen	500.00
St George's YouthNet	2,500.00
Total 800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY	31,000.00
850 · STEWARDSHIP	500.00
900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	
A · General Expenses	
Advertising	4,300.00
Altar Guild	1,000.00
Gifts	400.00
Guest Speakers	1,400.00
Liturgical Supplies	2,900.00
Parish Library	200.00
Special Events-Palm Sunday	300.00
Supplies-Calendar	600.00
Total A · General Expenses	11,100.00
C · Music Program	
Musicians	6,000.00
Stipend - Director	27,000.00
Vacation Replacement	1,440.00
Music Expenses	2,900.00
Total C · Music Program	37,340.00
D · Sunday School Program	
Youth	750.00
Supplies & Materials	500.00
Total D · Sunday School Program	1,250.00
Total 900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	49,690.00
1000 · PROPERTY	
A - General	
Security	2,000.00
Insurance	15,600.00
Maintenance	1,000.00
Total A - General	18,600.00
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	
Janitorial Services	1,500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	4,000.00
Supplies	900.00
Taxes	1,600.00
Utilities	
Electric	7,000.00
Oil	14,000.00
Propane	900.00
Water	1,100.00
Total Utilities	23,000.00
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	31,000.00
C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)	
Maintenance & Repairs	6,000.00
Taxes	3,600.00
Telephone	1,000.00
Utilities	
Electric	1,500.00
Oil	3,800.00
Water	1,300.00

01/31/09
Accrual Basis

Parish of St. George
2009 Budget
January through December 2009

	<u>Jan - Dec 09</u>
Total Utilities	<u>6,600.00</u>
Total C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)	17,200.00
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	
Maintenance & Repairs	1,000.00
Utilities	
Electric	<u>300.00</u>
Total Utilities	<u>300.00</u>
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	1,300.00
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	
Janitorial	3,600.00
Organ Maintenance	1,500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	15,000.00
Utilities	
Electric	1,300.00
Oil	15,000.00
Water	700.00
Total Utilities	<u>17,000.00</u>
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	<u>37,100.00</u>
Total 1000 - PROPERTY	<u>105,200.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>351,594.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

Statement of Current Investments, Short Term and Long Term Funds



Endowment and Trust Fund Register

The Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Parish: **ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, HALIFAX #54 (053)**

Date: September 30, 2008

Endowment Name	ID	Orig. Invest Date	Accumulate	CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS		SHARE UNITS AT 40.44722		Market Value	Distribution of Income		
				Opening Balance	Transactions	Closing Balance	Opening Balance			Transactions	Closing Balance
ALTAR GUILD	840	19-May-99	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$819.00	\$0.00	\$819.00	20.12828	0.00000	20.12828	\$814.13	\$12.21
HELEN C JOHNSON MINISTRY	825	30-Jun-07	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25,363.80	\$0.00	\$25,363.80	562.34194	0.00000	562.34194	\$22,745.17	\$341.18
LITTLE DUTCH CHURCH	845	14-Dec-06	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$11,081.23	\$157.26	\$11,238.49	241.47767	3.62213	245.09981	\$9,913.61	\$148.70
MEMORIAL FUND	850	19-May-99	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$2,986.70	\$45.38	\$3,032.08	69.67581	1.04523	70.72104	\$2,860.47	\$42.91
PICKFORD	860	19-May-99	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$9,128.65	\$0.00	\$9,128.65	223.23696	0.00000	223.23696	\$9,029.31	\$135.44
PRESERVATION & CONSERVATI	870	31-Jan-99	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$235,931.42	\$0.00	\$235,931.42	5,756.72745	0.00000	5,756.72745	\$232,843.63	\$3,492.65
RECTORS & WARDENS OF CHUR	810	31-Mar-36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$7,866.47	\$468.27	\$8,354.74	719.03224	10.78555	729.81779	\$29,519.10	\$442.79
RECTORS FUNDS	830	01-Jul-36	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,010.67	\$0.00	\$2,010.67	201.06700	0.00000	201.06700	\$8,132.60	\$121.99
SHAW JAMES A	820	16-Jun-58	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$679.24	\$35.17	\$714.41	54.00226	0.81006	54.81232	\$2,217.01	\$33.26
Totals for Parish ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, HALIFAX #54				\$295,887.18	\$706.08	\$296,593.26	7,847.68961	16.26297	7,863.95259	\$318,075.03	\$4,771.13

Statement of Current Investments, Short Term and Long Term Funds



Gravelot Fund Register

The Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Date: September 30, 2008

Parish: ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, HALIFAX #54 (053)

Graveyard: OLD DUTCH CEMETERY (043)

Investor Name	Lot	Orig. Invest Date	Accumulate	CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS			SHARE UNITS AT 40.44722			Market Value	Distribution of Income
				Opening Balance	Transactions	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Transactions	Closing Balance		
REINVEST DEC 01	001	29-May-02	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$11.21	\$0.17	\$11.38	0.26073	0.00392	0.26464	\$10.70	\$0.16
WRIGHT	010	19-Mar-39	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$407.53	\$21.10	\$428.63	32.40113	0.48599	32.88712	\$1,330.19	\$19.95
Totals for Graveyard OLD DUTCH CEMETERY (043)				\$418.74	\$21.27	\$440.01	32.66186	0.48991	33.15177	\$1,340.90	\$20.11

Statement of Insurance Coverage

THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE PROGRAM DECLARATION CERTIFICATE

RENEWAL

CERTIFICATE NO. NSPE-054

In consideration of the conditions, stipulations and declarations contained herein and the general conditions and riders attached hereto and the premium specified below, the INSURERS, do insure as follows:

CERTIFICATE HOLDER : THE PARISH OF ST. GEORGE

MAILING ADDRESS OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER : 2222 Brunswick Street,
Halifax, N.S. B3K2Z3

POLICY PERIOD : From March 1, 2008, until March 1, 2009, at 12:01 a.m. standard time

TOTAL PREMIUM : \$14,523.00

<u>PART</u>	<u>LIMIT OF LIABILITY</u>	<u>DEDUCTIBLE</u>
I) PROPERTY OF EVERY DESCRIPTION	As per attached Schedule of Locations	\$2,500.00. each occurrence, except \$ 25,000 Flood 3% / \$100,000 min. Earthquake
II) BOILER & MACHINERY	Included	\$2,500. each occurrence
III) COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY	\$5,000,000.	\$500. each occurrence Property Damage
IV) POLLUTION LIABILITY	\$1,000,000	\$1,000. Third Party Property Damage only
V) COMPREHENSIVE CRIME		
- Employee Dishonesty Form A	\$50,000	\$ 500. each occurrence
- Inside/Outside Holdup	\$25,000	\$ 250. each occurrence
- Depositors Forgery	\$20,000	\$ 500. each occurrence
- Money Orders & Counterfeit Currency	\$20,000	\$ 500. each occurrence
- Credit Card Fraud	\$20,000	\$ 500. each occurrence

LOSS, if any, PAYABLE TO: Named Insured or as amended on Schedule of Locations

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE OFFICE plc has issued a Master Policy No. 0105122FX01, but this Certificate shall not be binding upon the Company unless countersigned by a duly authorized representative of the Company.

DIRECTORS' & OFFICERS' LIABILITY: \$1,000,000 per occurrence subject to an annual aggregate of \$1,000,000 (Including Defense Costs)

RETENTION: \$2,500 for Loss arising from claims alleging the same Wrongful Act or related Wrongful Acts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AMERICAN HOME ASSURANCE COMPANY has issued a Master Policy No. 1527016, but this Certificate shall not be binding upon the Company unless countersigned by a duly authorized representative of the Company.

<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>INSURERS</u>	<u>PARTICIPATION</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
Part I to V Inclusive	Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc	100%	\$14,428.00
Directors' & Officers' Insurance	American Home Assurance Company	100%	\$ 95.00

MARSH CANADA LIMITED
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Countersigned per, Barbie Pettipas
by, Marsh Canada Limited

Dated: March 11, 2008 at Halifax, Nova Scotia

Statement of Insurance Coverage

SCHEDULE OF LOCATIONS

THE PARISH OF ST. GEORGE

NSPE-054

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Loc. I.D.	Building and Contents of St. George's Church, 2222 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS; wood frame, hydrant protected, sprinklered, fire alarm, intruder alarm, oil heat, rebuilt 1999.	AA	Building Contents	9,500,000 110,000	0.00094 0.00094	Rate	9,610,000	Total	Premium	Poll Prem.	Sub Total
1		AA	Building Contents	9,500,000 110,000	0.00094 0.00094		9,610,000	Total	\$8,930 \$103	2A \$150	\$9,183
		AA	Total						\$9,033		
2		A	Building Contents	1,427,580 113,300	0.002132 0.002132		1,540,880	Total	\$3,044 \$242	2A \$150	\$3,436
		A	Total						\$3,286		
3		A	Building Contents	95,172 1,133	0.002665 0.002665		96,305	Total	\$254 \$3	Nil \$0	\$257
		A	Total						\$257		
4		A	Building Contents	295,033 2,266	0.002865 0.002865		297,299	Total	\$786 \$6	2A \$150	\$942
		A	Total						\$792		
Loc. I.D.			Building Contents						\$0 \$0	Nil \$0	\$0
			Total						\$0		
-oc. I.D.			Building Contents	0			0	Total	\$0 \$0	Nil \$0	\$0
			Total						\$0		
-oc. I.D.			Building Contents					Total	\$0 \$0		\$0
			Total						\$0		
Loc. I.D.			Building Contents					Total	\$0 \$0		\$0
			Total						\$0		
Loc. I.D.			Building Contents					Total	\$0 \$0		\$0
			Total						\$0		
Loc. I.D.			Building Contents					Total	\$0 \$0		\$0
			Total						\$0		

Total Property Limits
\$11,544,484

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Commercial General Liability Premium \$525
Part V (Crime) \$85
TOTAL PREMIUM \$14,428

