

Annual Report
for the year 2010
ST. GEORGE'S ROUND CHURCH
Halifax, NS



Annual General Meeting: March 6th, 2011

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PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE
Annual General Meeting
March 6, 2011
Agenda as per Canon 35

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11. Elections
12. Other Business
13. Adjournment and Prayer

**Parish of St. George
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
28 February 2010**

Attendance: 50 Chair: The Rector

Opening Prayer: Father Westhaver

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments. Patricia Martinson moved acceptance of the minutes, seconded by John Hammond. Carried.

Business Arising

Sheila Jackson asked about items stolen from the vestry. Tracy Lenfesty explained that the alms basin and small brass candlesticks have been replaced, but we have been unable to find an oblong silver box similar to the one stolen. We are currently using either a wooden box or round silver box as replacements.

The stained glass window that had been over the altar before the fire is currently in pieces in a box and is stored at Craig Savoury's house. The Parish Council has not made a decision as to what to do with this glass.

Correspondence

None.

Financial Statements

Mary Hills (Treasurer) presented the financial statements.

The Parish received 99.9% of budgeted general offerings in 2009. It was necessary to launch an appeal at the end of the year to achieve this. Designated offerings are especially high because of the purchase of a dishwasher for the main kitchen. Donations were received to pay for the full amount. Christmas Outreach: money received in December 2009 will be used in 2010. Community Ministry: this amount is used to support Father Mercer's ministry in the Parish and Neighbourhood. Altar Guild amounts are paid out to Vaila Mowat, who keeps a separate account for the Altar Guild and gives an accounting of expenditures, but next year the money will be administered by the parish. The Church Preservation Fund: money is received as interest on the investment with the diocese. Money not spent in 2009 will be moved to a Short Term Fund Account to ensure it is kept solely for upkeep to the fabric of the church. Special Events: net income from the Yard Sale and Book Sale. Fifteen per cent of this was set aside for the Chandelier Fund. Allotment: the parish had entered into a discussion with the diocese about our allotment exemptions. It was determined that the parish owed some money from previous years, but an agreement was struck whereby the parish would pay half of the arrears (\$4220). We are fully paid now. Offerings from Choral Evensongs are given to different projects: Deaf Ministry, YouthNet, dishwasher, Christmas Outreach, Halifax Military Family Resource Centre.

Discussion:

Daniel Watson called our attention to the fact that making money by accumulating interest is usury. He realizes that this is "the way the world works" but urges the Parish to see this as a problem and find ways to overcome it. Are we being faithful?

Jan Connors asked for clarification about net income and pointed out a discrepancy. Mary agreed to meet with Jan after the meeting to fix the error.

Father Westhaver pointed out that "Study Leave-Celebrants" amount should be in "Clergy Conference/Diocesan Events".

Mary Hills moved acceptance of the Financial Statements as amended. Seconded by Patricia Martinson. Carried.

Father Westhaver thanked Mary Hills and Dan Sargeant for their hard work as Treasurer and Chair of Finance.

Insurance Reports

Jens Jensen presented this report. We have four buildings insured through the Diocese: The Round Church, Hall, Rectory, and the Little Dutch Church. There have been no changes to the insurance in 2009. There is not currently a full inventory of the contents of the buildings, but this would be feasible if there were a volunteer to take it on.

Jens Jensen moved acceptance of the Insurance Report. Seconded by Andrew Thorne. Carried.

Rector's Report

Father Westhaver asked people to please read his written report in the Annual Report. He urges us to focus on worship and prayer and believes that the parish should examine its priorities in the coming year. He referred to the challenges of planning when our financial position is unsure for most of the year.

Wardens' Report

Craig Savoury asked people to read his written report in the Annual Report and entertained questions or comments.

Jim Brown asked why minutes from Parish Council meetings are not published. He urged better communication.

Music

Father Westhaver thanked Paul and Nick Halley for their hard work and dedication and expressed thanks on behalf of the parish. He also praised the dedication of the choristers.

Standing Committees

Father Westhaver urged people to read the reports of the Standing Committees in the Annual Report. He thanked Scott Connors for his work in organizing the servers and Vaila Mowat for her work with the Altar Guild and praised the Nursery and Toddlers' Church with thanks to Karen Westhaver and Kieva Diamond. He also thanked Pam Hunter and all the Sunday School teachers, and Alex Easton and the Lay Readers and MCs.

Jim Brown urged more promotion of the Sunday School. Kim Connors pointed out that there are currently six children from the neighbourhood attending.

Father Westhaver summarized other parish programmes and thanked those who contributed: The residents of Trinity House; Scott and Kim Connors, our Sextons; the Deaf Ministry; Adrianna MacKenzie Hart and Laura Bartlett, at YouthNet; Don Connors and the Scouting Programme; Karen Wheeler and the Soup Kitchen; Kim Connors, Patricia Martinson and Anne Tilley for Christmas Outreach; Lynn Stevenson for PWRDF; Sheila Jackson for hospital visiting; Jean Milsom for Sunday Fellowship; Jan Connors for Stewardship; Dan Sargeant for Finance; Betty Haigh for the Counters; Evelyn Mann for her work as Envelope Secretary; and the Friends of St. George's for their contribution to the parish (office, music, support of Father Mercer). It was noted that money the Friends spend in the parish is first approved by Parish Council. Father Westhaver also thanked Cheryl Bell for publicity; Patricia Martinson for her work with the Live Poets; Jeffrey Reed for his role as Parish Archivist; Lynn Stevenson for organizing the Restoration Quilters; Vaila Mowat for her role as Parish Librarian; and Edmonds, YouthNet and Vaila Mowat for their work in the Parish Gardens.

Father Westhaver thanked all members of the Parish Council and the wardens, particularly Craig Savoury who has served his three-year term.

Property

Jens Jensen presented the Property Report.

We did not paint the Church in 2009. We hoped for a grant from Parks Canada, which was denied. The property committee is looking into various projects: the possibility of converting the church heating system to natural gas, finishing the installation of the chandelier, renovating the old choir room to make it suitable for the toddlers. We have received a Parks Canada grant to make repairs to the Little Dutch Church, but we must provide matching funds. Hall: we have spent money renovating the main kitchen and the Sunday School Room kitchen, creating a storage cupboard on the stage in the hall, and constructing proper janitor's closets. Jens thanked all the volunteers who worked to make this possible. We hope to have a resolution about the future of the hall in 2010.

Jim Brown thanked Jens for his hard work and hoped that the rector and wardens see that the Parish is not united in opinions about the future of the hall, and he pointed out that doing minimal repairs keeps the parish in limbo.

Sheila Jackson moved that we accept the reports of the Standing Committees. Seconded by Jan Connors. Carried.

Budget 2010

Mary Hills stated that the budget process was much the same as last year. There were a series of meetings of the Budget Committee to look at the 2009 books and make reasonable projections for 2010. The budget has been passed at Parish Council.

Changes in the 2010 budget include the addition of a treasurer's stipend, some money for a summer student (to be undertaken if we receive a grant from the province), and a lower allotment. We also have included money to hire a janitor to clean the hall regularly. Community Ministry money will now go through the Friends of St. George's.

Discussion: Tracy Lenfesty pointed out that we have increased our donation to YouthNet from \$2500 to \$3000. The parish donation to YouthNet has decreased in the past couple of years from \$5000, yet YouthNet has grown and costs are increasing. She suggested that it could be a long-term goal to increase the YouthNet donation at least to its former level.

Craig Savoury moved the acceptance of the 2010 Budget. Seconded by Ron Hafidson. Carried.

Father Westhaver thanked Karen Wheeler for organizing the potluck lunch.

Elections

Father Westhaver referred everyone to the report of the Nominations Committee. There are many people returning to positions. New on the slate are Sheila Jackson for Warden, Donald Wright for Treasurer and Duncan Morum for Parish Council.

Vaila Mowat moved that we accept the report of the Nominations Committee as presented. Seconded by Jan Connors. Carried.

Any other business

Jim Brown moved that the Annual General Meeting direct Parish Council to consider the feasibility of doubling the church's parking spots. Seconded by Jens Jensen. Defeated.

Patricia Martinson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by John Hammond. Carried.

Father Westhaver closed with a prayer.

Rector's Report

When a rector is appointed to a parish, the special services used describe the ministry to be undertaken as a ministry of word and sacrament. The exhortations and prayers express the confidence that when the word, the Scriptures, are opened by reading, teaching, and an attentive and faithful response, both individuals and the community are transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit. The same exhortations and prayers express the confidence that when the sacraments are faithfully administered, in accordance with the teaching of Christ as it has been received by the Church, then what the sacraments figure or symbolize is indeed given – in Baptism, we die with Christ and rise with Him, in Holy Communion we are fed and nourished by the life of the Son of God. The purpose that the ministry of word and sacrament serves is summed up by St. Paul in the second chapter of his letter to the Church in Ephesus:

For through him (through Christ Jesus) we have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. (Ephesians 2.18-22).

St. Paul here describes the Christian life as coming to share in life that the Father shares with the Son and with the Holy Spirit. He says that we are built together in a kind of spiritual house or habitation for God. It is a lofty goal, which describes not just the transformation of individual members of the body of Christ, but the renovation of communities and peoples. The reports contained in the Annual Report describe how we in this parish have sought to embrace this goal and to respond to what is given to us in word and sacrament.

How do we serve the goals that St Paul describes? In the most basic way, we gather together for worship and prayer. We look to God and bring with us our own needs and the needs of the world. Worship is both a kind of enjoyment of, and a cooperation with, the Spirit's work of restoration and renewal. We seek to care for one another, in ways that are both spiritual and practical, and we seek to serve the community in which we are placed.

The challenges that we face as a parish community, whether they relate directly to the provision of services of worship, to the care of property, to finance and administration, or to work in the community, always require us to consider our goals and priorities.

This year, we will be considering once again what to do about the hall, whether we seek to build a new hall or renovate and refurbish the current hall over time. We will be seeking to discern what is possible for us as a community, but also what choice will best serve the parish, which is, both the people who find a spiritual home here and the neighbourhood.

The most difficult event in parish life over the past year was the departure of our music director, Paul Halley. Paul is an extraordinary organist and conductor and made a great contribution to parish life over the past three years. He was also well-liked and respected. Having Paul leave St. George's was both a blow to the music program and a personal sadness for many in the parish. Meg Race, Paul's wife, helped to beautify and organize many receptions in the parish over the past three years, and also sang in the choir. We were blessed with the musical gifts of other members of the Halley family on visits to Halifax, and Paul's departure also meant that we lost the services of his music assistant and son Nick Halley. Nick served as a chorister, conductor, and organist, as well as assisting Paul in other ways. After some months of preparation and planning, Nick launched the St. George's Men and Boys Choir last February. The choir began rehearsing in March, with a number of boys from the congregation and some men from the St. George's choir as members of the new

choir. The choir held a successful and encouraging inaugural concert in the presence of Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, on June 18. This autumn, the Men and Boys choir took up residence at the University of King's College and changed its name to *Capella Regalis*. In November, the parish formally thanked first Nick, and the next weekend, Paul and Meg, for their work and contribution to parish life, and wished them well for the future.

As we prepared for Paul's departure, the rector and wardens and parish council re-emphasized our commitment to continue to support and build up the music program that has been developed in the parish over the past thirty years. The ministry of the choir, offering on Sundays and Holy Days beautiful and inspiring music that articulates in a profound way our aspiration for God, is integral to the worship life of the parish. Under the direction of the music director working with the rector, the choir provides music that serves the liturgy's overarching end of drawing worshipers into union with God, in Jesus Christ, through contemplative prayer in the forms established in the Book of Common Prayer. At its best, the music program not only supports worship but serves parish goals and priorities in general. Paul's departure, while it was unfortunate and not looked for, does not change these goals or our commitment to them. In November Eszter Horvath took over as the interim music director and has been making a great contribution to parish life in this capacity. Eszter's first week as the interim director included the Advent Lessons & Carols service as well as a funeral, and the rigours and glories of Christmas followed soon after. She has been supported by the organists John Overton, James Burchill, and Michal King. John has assisted as organist and conductor on numerous occasions over the past year. I would also like to thank members of the choir for their important contribution to the parish, and for bearing with the strains of the past months. The choir librarian, Sarah Stevenson, has worked especially hard over the past months to help with the transition and to introduce the interim cast to the music library. We are also grateful to Janet Ross for much hard work behind the scenes during this transitional period. The appointment of our new music director, Garth MacPhee, is described elsewhere in this report. We are confident that Garth will continue to build up the music program at St. George's, and we look forward to welcoming him in August.

The growth of the Sunday School and Toddlers' Church has presented us with opportunities and challenges. This autumn, Mike Blackwood took over the role of Sunday School Coordinator from Pam Hunter. He has been working with the rector and others to seek to provide the best Sunday School program possible. Mike's work builds on the faithful and reliable work of Pam Hunter and all the teachers who have worked with her over the past years. Mike is also organizing events for the older members of the Sunday School on approximately a monthly basis. This is the beginning of a kind of youth group. In addition, Mike has been working with Liz Curry to prepare some of the older children for confirmation. Other youth projects over the past year have included one day "Vacation Bible Schools" for the Sunday School children. It is a great blessing to have a growing Sunday School, but it also requires us to continue to support the ministry to children and youth of the parish.

This past April, Fr. Mercer concluded his work as priest assistant in the parish. Marlene Mercer took up an opportunity for early retirement from teaching at the Nursing School at Dalhousie, and the Mercers returned together to New Brunswick (which as you all know Fr. Mercer describes as a kind of golden land). Fr. Mercer's ministry in assisting and leading services of worship, his teaching, and his pastoral care, was a great blessing to us. Both parishioners and the rector greatly appreciated his ministry. This autumn, Fr. Purchase was given permission by the bishop to serve as pastoral visitor for St. George's. In that capacity, he visits parishioners at home and in hospital or assists at mid-week services approximately two days per week. He also assists or conducts worship on one Sunday per month. We are very fortunate to have such a faithful and

generous priest as Fr. Purchase as the pastoral visitor. His role as the priest-in-charge during 2006 means that he already knows the parish and many parishioners quite well. This type of ministry is very important if we are not to neglect the pastoral care of parishioners. Unfortunately, we are still without a liturgical deacon at the choral Eucharist most Sundays, which takes away from the richness of the worship that we seek to offer. I hope that we will be able to find a priest who can assist in this role.

If this report were to give a full picture of life in the parish, then I would need to spend some time describing the spiritual challenges we face. These battles are the most decisive and significant ones, even if they are the kind of struggles that are harder to see. Parish life gives lots of opportunity for discouragement with ourselves and with one another. Some newcomers to St. George's find us to be a warm and welcoming community. Others experience us as more cold, and they find it hard to make a home here. I hope that we will continue to be attentive to one another and to make the effort to support one another to grow in Christ. This is part of the life and the ministry to which we are called. Even taking time for one another and supporting one another involves a struggle with temptation. I hope that everyone can see how important even the small things are, such as coming out to support one another in worship, welcoming visitors at coffee hour, sometimes doing jobs for which we may feel ill-suited, or simply taking time during the week for stillness and prayer. It is inspiring and encouraging to see signs of the work of the Spirit in the lives of members of the parish, and to see our Lord's faithfulness in building us together as a spiritual temple.

I would like to thank the wardens, Tracy Lenfesty, Jens Jensen, and Sheila Jackson, for their faithful service, and for their support and guidance. I am grateful for the work of Andrea Lee who not only looks after many of the administrative tasks in the parish but also helps to coordinate between people and ministries. Thank you also to Jan Connors who took over the role of treasurer from Donald Wright, and Mike Himmelman, who has completed his first year as the chair of the finance committee. I am grateful to all those whose work and ministry in the parish is described in this report, and to the many who do not get a mention, but whose work of prayer and service is none the less important.

George Westhaver, Rector

Wardens' Report

Every year the wardens write a report saying that it has been a busy year at St. George's. Although this is repetitive, it is also very true! 2010 was a year of changes and shifts as Father Westhaver settled more comfortably into life in our parish and we went forward under his guidance and care.

Property issues were of course very important as we continue to struggle with the question "what will we do with our hall?" Although some parishioners are discouraged with a lack of progress, there are others who feel that the right thing (for the parish) is worth waiting for and working for. We hope and pray we will know the right opportunity when it is presented to us and that we will be able to move forward as a parish. We were fortunate in securing matching funding from Parks Canada for a project to keep up good maintenance of the Little Dutch Church, and we converted the heating system at the rectory to natural gas.

This year we also struggled with priorities and goals. A few meetings were held where parishioners were invited to consider what we want to accomplish as a parish and how to achieve

these things. We revisited and reconsidered our commitment to the neighbourhood that surrounds us and thought about YouthNet and the Soup Kitchen as the main outreach ministries to our community. I am happy to say that the parish has reaffirmed these ministries. We've all worked hard to see a tidier and more efficient use of space in the main hall kitchen, and the connection between YouthNet and the parish is once again becoming stronger. We've made a conscious decision to keep our goals and priorities in the forefront as we prepared the parish budget for 2011, and I hope you will see these priorities reflected there.

2010 was also a year when young people seemed to sprout out of nowhere! The success of the 'Toddlers' Church has been a great surprise and has expanded into the Sunday School and youth generally. It has been very encouraging to see the parents of toddlers come together to form their own "church" - a great idea that has fostered friendships among the children and parents. Who would have thought that we'd run out of room for toddlers, or that we'd have a Sunday School programme especially for them? As I write, the old choir room in the church basement is being renovated to make it snug and safe for the little ones. I think this proves what we all assumed was true - that if we make our church "family friendly," new people will be encouraged to join us. We have a new youth programme that has just begun and for which we have high hopes, and a confirmation class.

In closing, I would like to thank Father Westhaver, Jens Jensen and Sheila Jackson for their time, patience and wisdom. I would also like to thank Andrea Lee for her exceptional work in the parish office, and for her dedication to the good of our parish. So much of what we do could not happen without her.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Lenfesty, Senior Warden

Part of the garland-making-team putting up the Christmas garland.



Lunch at the Lenten Retreat (retreat conductor: Christopher Snook, pictured to the left in the foreground) at Our Lady of Grace Monastery.

Spiritual Development Report

This past year, the Spiritual Development Committee took the form of an occasional group called together by the rector to discuss and plan rather than a formal standing committee.

The Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer structure the daily life of prayer in the parish. Scripture is read, God is praised, and parishioners are prayed for. It would not be possible to maintain this daily rhythm of prayer without the support of those who lead or pray these offices. While it is difficult for many parishioners to attend the offices, if you are able to come to an office even once a week, you can make an important contribution to the daily prayer life of the parish.

Each Sunday, in addition to the morning services, there is a service of Evensong. At this service, different parishioners as well as the rector offer meditations and sermons. It is a puzzle to your rector why we tend to be so few at these services, but it may be that I have impossible expectations.

During the year, we celebrated major Saints Days and Holy Days with special services, a practice which is more and more unusual in other parishes. Marking these days and coming together to worship helps to make the liturgical year a form of participation in the life of Christ and a way of living in communion with the saints. I hope that we will continue to see these celebrations as a great gift and blessing. On Monday evenings during Lent and at other times, Jan Connors led Compline followed by a period of quiet meditation.

In Epiphany, Fr. Mercer led two sessions on the Prayer Book Lectionary, comparing it with more recent revisions. This series concluded in Lent with a discussion of the symbolism of the liturgy and the meaning of the particular items of clothing and various movements that are used in the chancel during the Sunday liturgy.

During Lent, the rector led a four-week study group on St. Augustine's treatment of the psalms. We considered how the psalms are, for St. Augustine, both a mirror of the soul and therapy for the soul. They are the prayers of Christ, of the Church, of Christians individually.

In 2010, there were two parish retreats at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, in Monastery, near Antigonish. Over the week-end of the 3rd Sunday in Lent, the Rev'd Christopher Snook (rector of St. Luke's, Regina, as of May this year) led a retreat where the focus was St. Gregory of Nyssa's *Life of Moses*. Fr. Snook showed us how Gregory's *Life of Moses* is more than a simple biography; rather, it offers us the pattern of each of our own journeys into God.



Fr. Christopher Snook speaking in the chapel at Monastery during the Lenten Retreat.

At a second retreat this summer, on July 9-11, the Rev'd Dr Ranall Ingalls, the rector of the Parish of Saint John, Trinity Church, was our retreat conductor. At this retreat we considered what Richard Hooker, the great Anglican theologian and man of prayer, had to say about who Christ is and how we are brought into the life of the Holy Trinity through him. The text for the retreat was chapters 50-56 of the fifth book of Richard Hooker's *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*. Both retreats were nurtured by the Prayer Book's daily office and Eucharist, with time for silence, prayer and conversation.

During the autumn, two groups met for four weeks to consider the Apostles' Creed, one on Sunday mornings between the services, and another, on a week-day, especially for the mothers and

toddlers group. We used a DVD called “Experiencing the Apostles’ Creed,” which brings together teachers from several different Christian traditions (including the Bishop of Durham, N. T. Wright, and Metropolitan Kallistos Ware of the Greek Orthodox Church in the UK).

On two Sunday afternoons in the autumn, Benjamin Lee guided a group study on Origen of Alexandria’s treatment of the first chapters of the Book of Genesis, in his “First Homily on Genesis”. We learned that for Origen, the Genesis creation account provides the fundamental structure of the cosmic and moral order through which the human mind is raised up, according to its capacity, and approaches nearer to God.

On October 26, the author Sue Careless visited St. George's to talk about her new book, *Discovering the Book of Common Prayer: A hands on approach, Volume III*. She talked about how the services of the Prayer Book order our lives and give us prayers on special and sometimes difficult occasions, as, for example, at marriage and baptism or in the event of the death of a child.

On December 11, Advent 3, the Rev'd Gordon Neish, priest-in-charge of the Parish of Clements, led a quite day at St. Michael’s Church in Petite Riviere. His meditations guided us through the Advent Sunday office lections, which are taken from Isaiah. At Evensong at St. Mary’s in Crousetown, we were privileged to have Fr. Crouse play the organ, only a month before his death.



Fr. Crouse and Richard Gallagher after Evensong at St. Mary's, Crousetown, Dec. 11, 2010.

During 2010, we welcomed a number of visiting preachers at Sunday morning services, choral evensongs and mid-week services. They included:

The Rev'd Dr. Paul Friesen, Rector of St. Paul's, Halifax, on Epiphany.

Mr. Ed Trevors on Sunday, Epiphany 3. Ed was in the third year of his Masters of Divinity programme at the Atlantic School of Theology and doing his parish placement at St. George's.

The Rev'd Peter Armstrong, Rector of the Anglican Churches of Pictou County, at Choral Evensong, January 24, the Eve of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

Dr. David Deane, Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at AST, on Sexagesima Sunday and as our Good Friday Missioner at the three hour service.

The Reverend David Curry, Rector of Christ's Church, Windsor, Chaplain and Teacher at King's-Edgehill School, at Choral Evensong on St. Valentine’s Day, February 14, and on Remembrance Sunday, November 7th.

The Rt. Rev'd Sue Moxley, Bishop of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, at Evensong on Lent 4, Mothering Sunday, and again at the Sunday morning services on October 17, Trinity 20.

Dr. Tracy Demmons on Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week. Dr. Demmons is a member of the congregation and is the Director of the Taylor Centre for Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care at Acadia University.

Mr. Ron Hafliidson, at Choral Evensong on Pentecost, May 23. Ron was a Teaching Fellow at the University of King's College and a member of the congregation. Last autumn he began a PhD

programme at the University of Edinburgh with Dr. Oliver O'Donovan, Professor of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology at the School of Divinity.

The Rev'd Kevin Frankland, Rector of the Parish of Tangier, on All Saints Day.

Dr. Philip Davis, Professor and former Chair of the Religious Studies Department at the University of Prince Edward Island, on Advent 1.

Canon Eric Beresford, President of the Atlantic School of Theology, on Advent 3.

The Rev'd Dr. Gary Thorne, Chaplain at King's College and Dalhousie University, and Area Chaplain of the Land Force Atlantic Area, on All Souls' Day, and at Midnight Mass on Christmas.

George Westhaver, Rector

Report on the Parish Music Programme

In June, 2010, the rector and wardens began negotiations with our Music Director, Paul Halley, toward the signing of a new contract. After considerable discussion and much effort, and despite good will and high hopes on both sides, an agreement could not be reached. Thus, in early July, Paul submitted his resignation, effective November 21st, the Sunday Next Before Advent, and it was accepted with much regret. Paul's contribution to the music programme and to the life of the parish has been extraordinary and this was recognized in a warm farewell following the service on November 21st, during which gifts were presented on behalf of the parish.

At its July meeting, Parish Council struck a Music Director Selection Committee, composed of Father Westhaver, Kevin Gibson, Tracy Lenfesty (Warden), Gwynedd Pickett, Janet Ross, Susan Harris (Chair) and a member to be elected by the choir. The choir subsequently voted for its representative and Nicolas Veltmeyer received the most votes, with Laurelle LeVert receiving the second most. The committee composed an advertisement and it was placed in a number of strategic electronic publications and lists, thanks to Janet Ross and Andrew Pickett. At the beginning of October, Nick withdrew from the committee and was replaced by Laurelle.

We received a number of expressions of interest and several applications, but after looking through the resumes, we determined that only two of them would be suitable for a parish such as St. George's. One of these candidates was a resident of the UK, so we decided to interview the candidate from within Canada first and only move on if that process were not successful. Garth MacPhee, current Music Director at St. John the Evangelist in Montreal and former Music Director of St. George's, was interviewed and auditioned and the decision was made to recommend that he be offered the position. We are very happy that he has accepted our offer and we look forward to his arrival at St. George's. Due to commitments in Montreal, he is unable to take up the position until the summer of 2011. Beginning in December, Eszter Horvath took over as our Interim Choir Director, and it has been a pleasure to welcome her to St. George's. Dr. James Burchill and John Overton assisted us at the organ following Paul's departure.

I want to thank the other members of the Music Director Selection Committee for assisting with this important process, and most especially I want to express our gratitude to the choristers who have continued to sing faithfully through this period of transition.

Susan Harris
Chair of the Music Director Selection Committee

In the Round III Concert

The third in the *In the Round Concert Series* was offered by St. George's Choir, under the direction of Paul Halley, on Sunday, June 13th. The concert featured four pieces for double choir by Jacob Handl, Heinrich Shutz, William Harris and John Tavener, and others. One choir sang from the north gallery and the other from the south, for a beautiful experience of angelic "surround-sound". The audience joined in the singing of three hymns during the concert, with organ and trumpet accompaniment. A delightful reception sponsored by the choir followed the concert. As with the previous concerts in this series, this one was truly wonderful and very well-received. Proceeds went to the Friends of St. George's Society for the support of our music programme here at St. George's.



On February 14th, *The Final Fling*, a splendid and festive party held on the Sunday before the beginning of Lent, took place in the parish hall. This proved to be an exciting evening of Brazilian food and drinks, with a live Samba Band, composed of Paul and Nick Halley and friends, and dancing, which was encouraged by the presence of a dance instructor. A fabulous dinner was prepared and served by Benjamin Lee and Nicholas Hatt, with the assistance of an army of other volunteers. Choir members and others helped in a variety of ways, selling tickets, decorating the hall under Meg Race's capable supervision, serving at the tables, and pouring drinks. This was another fund-raiser by the Friends of St. George's for the parish music programme.

Altar Guild

There were a few changes to the St. George's Altar Guild in 2010. After many years of dedicated service, Vaile Mowat decided to step down from being head of the Altar Guild. We must thank Vaile for all of the things she looked after for so long. In addition to making up the schedule for the teams responsible for each Sunday, she took responsibility for nearly all of the midweek and special services (including weddings and funerals) herself – polishing, washing, mending, arranging flowers, setting out vestments, and making sure that the altar guild room was well stocked with wafers, candles, wine, and other things necessary for our services. Many, many thanks to Vaile. With her departure, the members of the Altar Guild have taken on more responsibilities, and we have had a few new members in the past year -- Karen Westhaver, Wendy Himmelman, and Leona Sweeney.

The Altar Guild is always happy to have new members. Each week a team of two or three is responsible for preparing the church for Sunday. This means polishing the brass, obtaining and arranging flowers (except during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent), setting out vestments, and preparing the vessels for Holy Communion. It normally takes about two hours to make everything ready, and it is also a good opportunity to talk and get to know your teammate. Some teams prefer working on Fridays, others on Saturdays. Little ones can come along if they wish. Pets have been known to "help".

I should also note that the Altar Guild is not just for the women of the parish! We currently have one man on the roster, who joined because he's very keen on polishing brass! I now consider John Swaine an associate member of the Altar Guild because he put together such beautiful flowers at Easter and Christmas, and John Hammond faithfully picks up the wine we use at Holy Communion. I think this would also be a good place to thank Jim Rawding and John Krell (and Sasha), who clean and tidy the church each week. Although they are not formally members of the

Altar Guild, they are often cleaning while the Altar Guild is working, and Sasha particularly is always ready for a chat.

There are many things to be done. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please let me know. Even if you can't commit to being on the regular rota, you too might also be keen on polishing brass or have a flair for sewing or flower arranging. You might not be available all the time but could perhaps set up for a mid-week service. There are many opportunities.

I have been a member of the St. George's Altar Guild for several years and always find it fun and satisfying. I have also been a warden (twice!) and served on many committees and boards. But I always think that being a part of the Altar Guild is just as essential as (if not more than) any of these, because we simply prepare the church for its true purpose - worship.

Tracy Lenfesty



Left: Daniel Watson polishes brass and Wendy Himmelman cleaning cupboards on Holy Saturday.

Below: The Altar on Christmas Day, with flowers arranged done by John Swaine.



Sacristan's Report

2010 was an eventful and busy year for those of us who serve regularly at the altar, either up front in the "fancy" robes, or more usefully perhaps, at the side in the less ornate garb. We have a great team of lay readers (Alex Easton, Craig and Nadine Savoury) and those willing to lead the servers as Master (or Mistress) of ceremonies (add Scott Connors and Elizabeth Curry to those already mentioned). The enthusiasm of this group has made my job as sacristan a very light one. Often, teams are put together at the last minute, when the congregation probably thinks the vestry is a haven of peace and quiet before a service. If things just seem to flow smoothly you can be sure they only do so because so many step in to contribute. We have even been known to calm the Rector down (on the rare occasion when this is necessary) and make sure his garments are straight before proceeding. I should add that there is an overlapping team of enthusiastic young (and not always so young) servers (Scott Connors as head server will report on this) as well as altar guild members, without whom the rest of us could just not function. Because so much of this goes on behind the scenes, I would like to register my heartfelt thanks to all who participate, allowing us to aspire to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

Alexander Easton

Servers

Thank you for the continuing service of the following individuals: Alex Easton, Byron Kavanagh, Abby Stevenson, Andrew Thorne, Clara Westhaver, Drew Himmelman and Cathy Larsson. Special thanks to Jim Rawding for his numerous years of service at the 8 am Holy Communion on Sunday morning along with Bill Comerford, a member of the deaf community, for his years of service at the Wednesday morning 10 am Holy Communion.

New servers this year are Elizabeth Curry, who started as part of our team in February of 2010, and Vaila Mowat, who agreed to alternate Wednesday mornings with Bill Comerford.

I would like to thank Ed Trevors, his daughter Maya and his son Cam for their services during Ed's placement at Saint George's. Secondly, I would like to thank Gwen Danson and Jillian Richard for their services, and I wish them well. Thirdly, I would like to thank Duncan Neish, Benjamin Lee and Caleigh Davis for their assistance at various services throughout the year.

I encourage any adults or youth, regardless of age or past serving experience, to please get involved. Younger children can serve in the capacity of boat boy or boat girl during High Feast Day services. Older children and adults can serve in the capacity of crucifer, taperer, server or thurifer.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Connors, Head Server

Nursery & Toddlers' Church

Over the past year many encouraging things have been happening to our little nursery, and we certainly feel blessed. We have maintained a good weekly attendance with some steady growth. Indeed, as we look around the church on a Sunday morning and see glowing mums-to-be and meet

new babies every few months, it appears the toddler programme will be needed for the foreseeable future. Praise God.

The 'Toddlers' Church programme, which is the teaching component of the nursery, continues. We made our way through the first volume of the curriculum "To Toddlers with Love" by Palma Smiley. Then we found ourselves at a crossroads. We debated continuing with the next installment of the curriculum; but instead, we decided to write our own lessons. Thankfully we had a teacher or two in our ranks. We follow the familiar lesson plan format: a hymn, a bible story with a song, and an activity. The same lesson is repeated – toddlers love repetition -- all month. We want to pursue this writing of a curriculum this year. We hope to make a toddler companion edition to the now famous St. George's Sunday School Curriculum.

There has been much thought and experimentation over the past year as we searched for an appropriate place for the toddlers to meet during the service. It was pleasant and easy during the fine days of summer, as we took the children out to play on the grass in front of Trinity House. But with the cool days of autumn we moved back inside and faced our most pressing problem: a lack of space. With a dozen toddlers on our rolls, we have truly outgrown our tiny toddler room at the back of the church. Over the past few months we have explored a couple of options -- moving to the hall, or using the upper room above the Brunswick Street entrance. Neither of these seemed entirely satisfactory. So we were delighted when work began on a new toddler room downstairs in the church, in what formerly was known as the choir room. We hope this larger and brighter space will encourage growth of the Toddlers' Church programme.

The toddler programme has spawned two new groups, both in their infancy. The Mums and Toddlers Group meet together once in a while during the week for social events. Also, the Mum's Study Group formed during Advent, as the mums were requesting a study group that was child-friendly. The Rector was good enough to lead a session on the Apostles' Creed, on Linden Street. While the toddlers played (or fought) we mums watched an instructional video followed by a discussion. With the success of this, we hope to organize more such study groups in the future.

I would like to thank Kieva Diamond, Carolyn Gibson, Nadine Savory and Meghan Watson for their work in the nursery. The mums are a keen and collaborative group, which benefits the toddler programme greatly.

To God be the glory.
Karen Westhaver

Sunday School

Since I began coordinating the Sunday School in October, the number of teachers has almost tripled. This increase means that the teachers rotate teaching around once a month so they do not have to miss too much of the Eucharist. There have been a number of informal brainstorming sessions with the teachers, which has helped with the flow of the program. One of the main changes has been that the prayers in the Service for Young People all happen at the beginning instead of at the end. This, in addition to having the snack during coffee hour, has added significantly to the flow of the class. There is a relatively short amount of time for Sunday School, and so every few minutes are important.

The Sunday School has held a number of youth events. First, we helped with Soup Kitchen followed by a fellowship time at the Westhavers'. Then we participated in the wrapping of Christmas presents for the community. One of our most successful events was one during the Sunday of St. Nicholas Day that Karen Westhaver organized. There were twenty-eight children present and it was wonderful for the children of the Sunday School and the toddlers to participate in the activities together.

I would like to say a special thank you to the teachers, who really are making this an experience based on the teaching of our community. Thanks to Kim Connors, Elizabeth Curry, Autumn Essington, Nicholas Hatt, Pam Hunter, Andrea Lee, Benjamin Lee, Tracy Lenfesty, Vaila Mowat, Jane Neish, Shannon Parker, Maggie Stevenson, Richelle Stevenson, and Karen Westhaver.

This is an exciting time for the Sunday School; as it grows, we too are shaped.

Mike Blackwood
Sunday School Superintendent



Sunday School children take a break from helping make the Christmas Garland to play in the snow!

Vacation Bible School Report

In the summer of 2010 St. George's held two Vacation Bible School sessions, one at the beginning of July and another near the middle of August. The team leading this initiative consisted of Andrea Lee, Kim Connors and Pam Hunter. Each VBS session took up one Saturday morning, and children from the Sunday School and neighbourhood were invited to come and participate in games, crafts, singing and the learning of some Bible stories. The theme of the first morning was 'Light,' Christ as the light of the world and letting our own light shine was our focus. The second VBS morning's theme was 'Water,' and Christ as the true fountain of life and living water was our focus. Each of these VBS sessions was very successful. Fourteen children between the ages of 4 and 13 attended the first session, and twelve children of the same ages attended the second. Volunteers were very enthusiastic and fun was had by all, with a good flow to the morning's activities. Pam Hunter prepared and served a fabulous lunch following the first session, which rounded out the morning's activities. For the second session we had fewer resources in terms of volunteers and decided to end the session before lunch. Due to the enthusiasm of the kids and excellent turn-out of children, we should consider repeating this kind of activity in some form next summer, but it will depend on good volunteers and some advanced planning to equal the success we

had this past year. Perhaps if we got the word out earlier for this coming summer, and to a wider number of families, we could get a larger group of children attending. But that would require a commitment from a proportionately larger group of volunteers to supervise, teach, and lead the children in the activities. Our new Sunday School and Youth Coordinator, and also those who led the confirmation classes, might be excellent resources in this regard. There is also the potential that the VBS could become a day-long event. Thank you to the volunteers who helped out in the summer of 2010—Ron Hafidson, Benjamin Lee, Scott Connors, Vaila Mowat, Jennifer Lambert, and Heather Rigby.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Lee

Publicity Committee

The publicity committee has met several times this year to plan publicity initiatives for Saint George's regular services and special events. We have placed ads at Christmas, Easter and back-to-school time to attract attention to St. George's and its services and submitted information to NetNews. Thanks to Carolyn Gibson's dedication, we have also regularly submitted listings information to the local newspapers about Choral Evensong and other special services. Carolyn has now returned to work teaching and unfortunately is unable to continue to carry on with her publicity role, but we whole-heartedly thank her for her hard work.

Special events this year included The Final Fling in February, which was a sold-out success. Andrew Pickett did a fabulous job on the design of the tickets and posters. The St. George's Men and Boys Choir concert in June was also well attended, including by the Honourable Mayann Francis, the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia. The event received publicity in the *Chronicle Herald* and on CBC Radio, including an interview between Olga Milosevich and Nick Halley.

The third annual "In the Round Concert" also took place in June. Sarah Stevenson, Susan Harris, Jackie Harmer and Andrea Lee were very active in making this concert well known around Halifax and beyond. For both the Men and Boys concert and "In the Round" we were very grateful for the presence of our summer intern, Katie Merwin, who helped on many fronts.

We undertook a major publicity effort to support the St. George's Fall Sale, and that was rewarded with healthy sales. Once again, Andrea Lee was a great help with producing posters and we successfully gained coverage in both newspapers and on the radio.

The website continues to be a source of information about St. George's. The average number of visitors per day was 18 in 2008 and 17 in 2009. The average number of page "hits" per day was 32 for both 2008 and 2009. Christmas Eve was the highest usage day for both years, with 112 hits in 2009 and 80 in 2010. Sarah Stevenson continues in her sterling work to keep the website up to date, and website improvements are planned for 2011.

The loss of Paul and Nick Halley from the publicity committee is felt keenly, but we thank them for all their inspiration, talents and hard work over the past months. A heartfelt "thank you" also goes out to the rest of the publicity committee for their commitment to making the beauty and achievements of St. George's known to a wider world.

Cheryl Bell, Publicity Committee Chair

Pastoral Care and Outreach

Trinity House

It has been another busy year at Trinity House, with many blessings and some challenges. As new residents come to Trinity House, they bring their life experiences and knowledge, which help our community grow. This year, Trinity House welcomed Paul Rogers, Daniel Watson, Cathy Larsson, Patris Zotrai, Gwen Danson, Perry King, Luke DeWeese, Jonathan Bordon, Thomas McCallum. Our guest room has also provided for many short-term stays for guests.

Trinity House residents contribute to parish life in many ways. They sing in the choir, volunteer with YouthNet, lead daily offices, assist with Soup Kitchen and help with Christmas Outreach.

All the residents at Trinity House would like to thank the donors for the donations of various goods that we have received throughout the year. They are very useful and have helped to make our kitchen is fully functional for the many people who call Trinity House home.

This year, Trinity House has undergone many upgrades; chiefly, the installation of a new natural gas furnace. The residents have remarked on the difference that this has made on heating throughout the building and how much more comfortable the house is. Also, the residents undertook a painting project, which involved stripping the wall paper from the 1st and 2nd floor hallways and then repainting the walls. Some parishioners may remember the green floral wallpaper! In August, Margaret Smith undertook painting of the stairs and the railing posts.

Finally, I would like to remind parishioners that Trinity House has a guestroom available for the use of parishioners. If you have friends or family who are visiting and need a place to stay, Trinity House has a welcoming door.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Lickers-Connors

Soup Kitchen

When the Soup Kitchen was started in 1985 we had twenty-six teams. After twenty-five years we still have the same number. Two of the Dartmouth churches decided to support the Soup Kitchens on their side and the Cathedral stopped for a break. Now they have returned and two new churches, St. Aiden's and Fall River United, have joined. We come together at 3 pm each Saturday to set up the hall, to butter the bread, lay out the sweets and make the tea and coffee. At 4 pm we open to serve our meal and we close at 5:30 pm. We serve the following types of meals: meatloaf, potatoes and vegetables; chicken or beef and veggie casserole with rice; baked ham, potatoes and veg; roast beef dinner with gravy; chili, veg and rice; turkey pot pie with gravy; fish chowder; sheppard's pie with gravy; beef stew; baked salmon, veg and rice; hamburger pasta with veg; hearty hamburger stew; and cold plate. At about 5:15 pm we begin to put the hall back in order: tablecloths washed, dried, folded, chairs and tables put away, dishes washed, hall floor is dry-mopped and then washed, and bathrooms cleaned. Most weeks we finish shortly after 6 pm.

The volunteer teams are working much better this year. These are the 6 groups of 4 people each, expected to come once in 6 weeks, from 3-6pm. In addition to them we have 12 regular volunteers so that we have familiar faces. The regular volunteers supervise the following jobs: Mary Ann Leights & Dan – bread and sweets; Susan & Paul – dishes; Dick & Dennis – setting up the

tables and chairs; Jennifer and Danielle – guiding clients with dirty dishes; Rollie – scrapping plates; Debbie, Stephanie & Liz – tablecloths.

Karen Chan who originally came to us from the Dalhousie Golden Key Club (honours students) had been coming for over 5 years, and in July 2010 she became Dr. Karen Chan and is now living in St. John, NB. We miss her! Les Grandy, who came faithfully for 19 years to butter the bread, passed away in October of 2010, and we miss him so much.

On November 9th we celebrated 25 years of operation. Saturday, November 13th we served cake to the clients and on Sunday, November 14th I cooked a meal for the parish – soup kitchen-style, and the regular weekly volunteers came to serve it. Dennis Page, one of the volunteers of 7 years spoke about how he and his wife first came and why they remained as weekly helpers with us. I also spoke and thanked everyone for coming.

On December 18th we gave out presents provided by Bedford Baptist Church and St. Thomas' Church, Fall River. The gift-bags consisted of socks, scarves, gloves, underwear and chocolates. Christmas Day fell on Saturday this year and we opened at 6 pm and served home-made sandwiches and sweets. Maxine Miles, who is a regular volunteer who has provided food for funerals and other event, helped to serve. St. Mark's Church provided food for the day also. One hundred people came to eat.

Besides the many individuals who are interested in helping out with the soup kitchen, we have had many groups come and help us, such as: Bedford Baptist Youth – Christmas Singing – 18 people; Cornerstone Wesleyan Church – 31 people; Mount Allison, NB, one class of students – 30 people; Dalhousie School of Dentistry – 18 people; Sheffield Baptist Church – 13 people; Grace Chapel – 15 people; Katimavik – Bridgewater – 14 people. As you can see, we (both clients and volunteers) have had a very busy year. Total meals served in 25 years: 226,157. Total volunteers: 11,046 (not including the weekly volunteers).

Every week we also give out good clothing. St. Mark's and Bedford Baptist each did drives to bring in winter items. This is a needed ministry. Once again, a very special thanks to Mary Ann Leights for doing this so faithfully. This is her ministry that she feels called to do. Please support her in this. Also, Mary Ann comes with me in the mornings to collect, pack and deliver food to the hall, especially when my knee was healing from the replacement surgery. In September and December, Mary Ann had eye surgery and could not do any lifting, so Susan and Paul filled this spot.

Thank you to each and every one for your part in making this ministry run so well.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Wheeler, Coordinator

Deaf Ministry

The Deaf Community continued to worship at St. George's, attending regular worship services on Wednesday and Sunday mornings as well as numerous additional occasions throughout the year. The Deaf continued to be present in the fabric of St. George's parish life, taking part in such activities as the annual penny auction and Shrove Tuesday supper. Bill Comerford has found himself in the role of chef at the last two Shrove Tuesday dinners, serving up tasty pancakes and bringing life to the chef's hat with his jovial personality. Another loss was felt by the tight knit Deaf Community when Edna Pellerine passed away this past winter. Edna had been a regular worshiper

at services throughout the last ten years until her health made it difficult to attend services outside her Northwood home. As well, Bill stepped down as a regular server on Wednesday mornings due to health concerns but is ever ready to lend a helping hand on an occasional basis if needed. This year Laura Bartlett also stepped down as interpreter after eight years. On Sunday, September 12th, there was a farewell party for Laura at the Westhavers' to which our Deaf parishioners and members of the Deaf Support Group (Susan Harris, Evelyn Mann, John Swaine) were invited. Laura was heartily thanked for her years of faithful service and presented with a gift from the Deaf of our parish. We were very fortunate to have Karen Anne Smith and Tanya Scholten step in to take over Laura's duties. Karen Anne and Tanya will share the interpreting schedule, although Laura will remain on call to fill in when needed.

Respectfully submitted,
The Deaf Support Group & Laura Bartlett

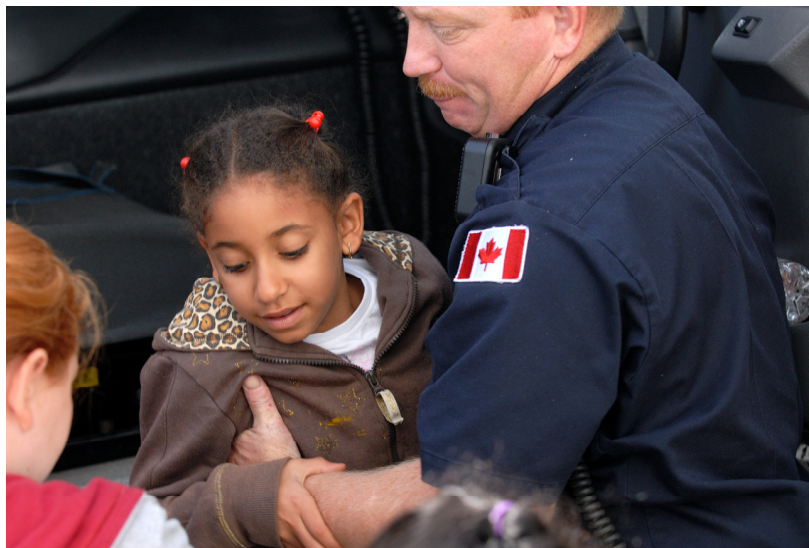


Saying farewell to Laura. (L-R) Joan Drysdale, Laura Bartlett, Bill Comerford, Agnes Comerford, Ken Caissie, Mary Lou Caissie, Heather Grant, Hugh Dauphinee, and Doreen Dauphinee.

St. George's YouthNet

2010 was a year to remember at St. George's YouthNet; it was rich in the successes of our youth, and filled with the many new things learned and experienced by staff, volunteers and youth. In 2010 our talented staff included Adrianna MacKenzie (executive director), Laura Bartlett (program director), Jesse Blackwood (interim executive director), Kimberly Dares (summer staff and lunch coordinator) Josh Balish (summer staff), Timothy Wykes (program support), Sarah Chisholm (lunch coordinator), Kadeem Hinch, and Gillian Tillard (summer staff). These staff upheld the mission of YouthNet to make friends, discover talents and inspire dreams, through countless hours of hard work, commitment and care for the children of the neighbourhood. Yet were it not for the friendship of our volunteers, the innumerable meals of our lunch providers, and the generous support of our donors, this mission would represent an impossible goal. In 2010 YouthNet achieved a high degree of program stability, and we are reminded of the great need we hope to address throughout the neighbourhood of Saint George's.

In the winter months of this year, our youth weathered the coldest days in the play space, enjoying board games, imaginary games, reading, playing with dolls, wrestling with wrestlers. Meanwhile, the church hall doubled as a gymnasium and our youth honed their athletic talents for



Melanie checking out a Fire Engine on the United Way Day of Caring.

indoor sports including basketball, badminton, dodge ball, and floor hockey, as well as swimming. The C@P site promoted a familiarity with the Internet and online resources and encouraged computer proficiency. The youth were also led to explore the panoply of our cultural heritage through African dance, cooking, and arts such as painting and drawing.

In the spring, as weather warmed, our youth moved out-of-doors and into their greenhouse. This year they began by planting peppers, tomatoes, beans, peas, and chives. In the

YouthNet garden plot they also grew a myriad of vegetables and herbs including basil, thyme, oregano, and lemon spice. Inside, they focused their energies in the C@P site on the creation of a computer animation. Spring is a time of new beginnings, and we celebrated the time our volunteers spent with us over the school year with a volunteer appreciation night.

Because of the generous donations of parishioners, individuals, organizations, and corporations, YouthNet summer camps were a smashing success. This year you helped to make seven weeks of camps available. Our camps explored themes of history, outdoor survival, the arts and drama, outdoor games, oceanography, wilderness camping, and music and rhythm. In these camps we scavenger-hunted, time-traveled, danced, sang, swam, hiked, painted, acted, fished, cooked, and much more. The camps and new experiences culminated in a single great celebration: 'Extravajam.' And all our youth, staff, and volunteers looked back on the summer with the joy of a job well done.



Nisarg in an intense game of soccer.

In the fall, YouthNet after-school and lunch activities resumed as usual with the added excitement of returning to school. This year we made a point of sharing our enthusiasm with as many volunteers as possible. Of course, these new volunteers were glad to share their enthusiasm with us as well, and they helped our kids to try many new activities and to continue to persevere with the old activities they knew and loved. A few achievements of our youth include writing, directing, and performing their own play; but they also created, edited, and published their own newsletter; and a number have written and performed their own songs and stories. Drama, journalism, creative writing, and photography are a combination of new and old favourites of our youth. And we owe a great thanks to our volunteers that they're able to offer as much as they do. The old favourites were as much fun this fall as the new ones, and our youth excelled, as always, at sports, arts, crafts, and cooking cuisine from around the world.

Our fall fund-raising efforts were also fun—not to mention fruitful. This year YouthNet and Gammon Gold hosted the second annual floor hockey tournament. Our participants included YouthNet's floor hockey aficionados as well as many businesses contacted

through parishioners. The Saint Mary's Huskies coached more than thirty players on six teams captained by YouthNet youth. A great time was had by all, and we expect 2011 to be even more fun than the past. If you're looking for fall fun please consider participating.

If I may make a personal note about Saint George's YouthNet, I'd like to say that as an organization it relies on the achievement of the seemingly impossible. We can never achieve all that we set out to achieve, yet by the grace of God's work we do—that is, by the commitment of the parish to YouthNet, by the meals faithfully provided, by the love and friendship presented to our youth on countless and thankless occasions by our volunteers, by the tremendous goodwill of our staff, by the financial support and prayers the Saint George's community provides us, and by the willingness of our youth to grow, to learn, and to love—by all these and by God's grace the *impossible* is achieved. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jesse Blackwood

YouthNet photos taken by Jesse Blackwood.

Aicha enjoying a break in the
midst of a game of tag.



**Income & Expense
Report for YouthNet**

Previous Year Comparison
January through December 2010

	Unaudited	Cash Gifts (incl. deferred revenue)	Unaudited		Audited	Audited
Revenue	Jan-Dec 2010		Jan-Dec 2010	Revenue	Jan-Dec 09	Jan-Dec 08
Income						
<i>Church-related</i>						
CAP Site	5,725	Parish of St George	3,000	CAP Site	0	8,200
Corporate	37,166	Parishioners/ Former parishioners	31,544	Corporate	55,384	41,913
Foundations	2,894	Other churches	1,267	Foundations	2,000	1,100
Gov Grants	24,082	Corporate: Anglican	6,046	Grants	24,540	40,312
Individuals	10,540		2,000	Individuals	14,330	29,560
Organizations and Groups	1,821	Other		Organizations and Groups	2,170	2,152
Go to Camp Fundraiser	19,546	Corporate Foundation/Comm'	23,546			
Other	1,825	Organizations	41,417	Other Parish of St. George	1,000	2,665
Parish of St. George	3,000	Government	26,667	United Way	3,163	3,618
United Way	28,482	Individuals	7,095		29,611	32,272
Total Income	135,081	Total Income	142,582		\$132,198	\$161,792
Expenses						
After-school Programs	6,865	After-school Programs	6,865	Expenses After-school programs	16,435	7,533
General	9,932	General	9,932	General and administrative	10,226	10,993
Lunch Program	3,747	Lunch Program	3,747	Music programs	497	
March Break Program	0	March Break Program	0	Other operating expenses	1,025	1,533
Personnel	122,878	Personnel	122,878	Wages and benefits	107,570	106,157
Other	709	Other	709	Other programs	3,947	7,539
Scouting	0	Scouting	0	Special programs	2,366	1,736
Special Programs	1,175	Special Programs	1,175	Summer day camps	3,766	8,436
Summer Programs	3,510	Summer Programs	3,510	Visual arts program		152
Summer Gardening	2,204	Summer Gardening	2,204	Wilderness camps	2,423	4,587
Wilderness Camps	3,456	Wilderness Camps	3,456			
Total Expenses	154,476	Total Expenses	154,476		\$148,255	\$148,666
Net Income	-19,853	Net Income	-11,894		-\$16,057	\$13,126

2nd Halifax Scouting

2010 has been another great year for all the children and youth at St. George's 2ND Halifax Scout Group. There were lots of exciting youth programming and major events throughout the year. Sadly, while a number of our children moved out of the community and have left our Scout Group, encouragingly we had a number of children newly join our group this year. This has maintained the overall strength of our current membership at twenty children and teens. Our Scout Group is made up of five Beavers (5-7 year olds), three Cubs (8-10 year olds), eight Scouts (11-14 year olds), and this year we re-started a Venturer group with four teens (15-17 year olds) and we have eight Leaders.

In addition to all the Scouting badge work, learning and lessons that go on over the course of each year, a few of the highlights for 2010 include:

- In February, our group attended the annual Scouts Day Moosehead's Game.
- In March, the Cubs participated in the annual Kub Kar Rally, racing the model "kars" they had made down huge tracks; all had a really great time.
- In May our group again participated in the annual Scouts Canada Scoutrees tree planting renewal programme. This is one of our major annual fundraising and sustainable environment projects. Our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts made a super effort in making posters and in canvassing the corners of Spring Garden Road and South Park Street for funding support. Then in mid-May our group spent a Saturday planting trees to help reforest an area near the Halifax Airport.
- At the end of May we had a farm tour and great BBQ at a farm near Mt. Uniacke.
- In early June, in a special Schools and Scouting programme in partnership with St. Pat's/Alexandra, our Cubs and Scouts went camping for a weekend at Camp Nedooae, a Scout Camp in the Musquodoboit Valley. They participated in all sorts of great learning activities over a 2-day intensive period that included map-and-compass, team building, how to build a safe fire, outdoor cooking, pioneering and a great campfire on Saturday night full of songs and happy laughter. The weather was beautiful and they all had a great afternoon with their first swim of the season.
- Also in June, our Beavers and Cubs went to the annual weekend Lodges and Lairs camp at Camp Nedooae as well. They all had a great weekend full of games and fun.
- In October our group spent a Saturday participating in the annual Scouts Canada Apple Day. Our group was #1 of the 32 Halifax Area Scout Groups, in the amount of dollars per youth raised that day.
- Numerous day hikes were made at the Frog Pond/Dingle Park in both the spring and fall.
- In November, our Group again participated in the Remembrance Day Cenotaph Ceremony and we all went on great afternoon hikes.
- In November our Venturers attended a weekend urban camp in the Church Hall at St. George's. All the Venturers told us they had an amazing weekend!
- In November we also started our own 2ND Halifax Facebook Group. This has quickly become a great vehicle for us to post important information messages to the children and parents/guardians, and for both parents and children to post their own messages and comments. This is a controlled group that is administered by our leaders and only the children, parents and leaders can join the group.
- In December a few of our Scouts spent the afternoon at Point Pleasant Park, learning map-and-compass in an orienteering challenge.
- And of course, the group's annual Halloween and Christmas parties were great fun too!
- Finally, we have just completed a Winter Camp weekend at Camp Mush-a-Mush, which is just outside Bridgewater. This was the very first overnight camp where Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers all stayed overnight. The main dining and recreation hall, which was well heated with two wood stoves, was where we all slept, warm and cozy, overnight. The weekend was full of all sorts of outdoor winter games, sledding, hikes, amazing star-gazing, a great camp fire with lots of songs and

skits, and our own inspirational Sunday morning church service in an open chapel in the middle the snowy woods among the beautiful tall pines. All our leaders and virtually all of our children and teens attended this Winter Camp. And everyone agrees that it was our best camp ever!

I want to especially thank all the Leadership Team at 2ND Halifax again this year - Kim and Scott Connors, Andrew Thorne, Helen MacIntosh, Angela Zwicker, Mark Stanford and Jan and Don Connors - for all the time and efforts they have so generously given.

Finally, in closing, on behalf of all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Leaders of St. George's 2ND Halifax Scout Group, I want to express our sincerest thanks to all the parishioners and the Parish Council for your generous financial support again this Scouting year. The support of St. George's is so vital in helping to make this important outreach mission to the children of our community possible.

Attached is the Annual Financial Statement for the St. George's 2ND Halifax Scout Group.

Respectfully Submitted,
Derek Mitchell, Group Commissioner
31 January 2011.

Contact Info: email: derekmitchell@ventureparnter.ca; phone: 479-1871

Operating Financial Statement of Revenue and Expenses (For the 12-Month Scouting Year from September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010)

Statement Date: 31 August 2010

REVENUE:

Popcorn Sales	\$1,190.00
Scoutrees / Other	\$3,396.69
Parish Donation	\$3,528.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,114.69

EXPENSES:

Popcorn Purchases	\$942.95
Scoutrees, Program and Other Fees	\$852.58
Camping, Scout Room Improvements and Other Costs	\$1,167.60
Scouts Canada Registration Cost	\$3,016.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,979.13

NET SURPLUS \$2,135.56

Notes:

1. Scoutrees / Other Income includes a one-time anonymous \$1,000.00 donation and a grant of \$660.00 from the Scout Foundation.
2. The \$2,135.56 Net Surplus was used in October 2010 to pay for this year's Registration Cost.

Christmas Outreach

For Families

This was another busy year for Christmas Outreach for Families. This year, St. George's sponsored twenty-two families (last year we helped eighteen). These families were nominated through St. George's YouthNet, from contact made through the parish office and from Feed Nova Scotia. All 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.

Every family receives a different support depending on their needs. Some receive only a grocery card, others receive Christmas dinner supplies and some receive Christmas supplies, a grocery card and gifts for the children of the family.

Firstly, I would like to thank the crew of HMCS Shawinigan, who also sponsored a family and provided extra gifts for other families. They sponsored a large family last year and are looking forward to sponsoring another family next year. I would also like to thank the Andrews family, who sponsored a family for groceries, Christmas dinner and gifts for the family. Many other parishioners generously donated turkeys, children's toys, clothing and gift cards. I would like to acknowledge Sobeys (on North Street) who have donated free delivery services for all the groceries and a gift card for the past several years.

Secondly, I would like to thank everyone who contributed financially to Christmas Outreach through the collection plate and at the special collection at the Choral Evensong in December. Financial contributions are the key to the success of Christmas Outreach, and we are able to help so many families with the generosity of St. George's parishioners.

Finally, Christmas Outreach for families would not be successful without the help of many dedicated volunteers! I would like to thank ALL of the volunteers who came to assist with wrapping presents and sorting groceries and helped to drive and carry presents and groceries to families. Special thanks to the Katimavik volunteers who gave up their Saturday to come out to lend a hand! Special thanks also to Laura Bartlett and Wendy Himmelman, who helped with the shopping for clothing and gifts for families this year, and to Elizabeth Jones who contacts Sobeys faithfully every year and enjoys spending a few hours grocery shopping. I would also like to thank Jesse Blackwood, who helped to coordinate volunteers for the "Wrap and Pack" Day, and Ken Stevenson who helped with the organization of the entire Christmas Outreach campaign.

In closing, I would encourage parishioners to think of Christmas Outreach for Families year round. I will happily accept donations of new children's toys, clothing and wrapping supplies throughout the year and store them carefully until next Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Connors

Christmas Outreach for Families Financial Report: \$2913.38 - Total spent for 2010

Mission to Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Project

We have been able to maintain the target figure of fifty boxes. All thanks to you, the congregation of St. George's Round Church for your support in goods and donations. In particular, we are most grateful for the munificence of the Edmonds family. And secondly, to Winsby's for the never-failing supply of shoe boxes. Thank you!

Patricia Martinson & Anne Tilley

Other Christmas Outreach

Christmas Outreach also includes a number of other things around the parish and community. The yearly Christmas gift bags for those unable to attend church regularly ("shut-ins") were organized by Wendy Himmelman, and instead of "gift bags" this year, a beautiful Christmas arrangement with greenery was made for each person and delivered along with a card and some sweets. This is an important way for us to remember those whom we do not see regularly. Thanks to all those who helped to deliver them.

Once again, this year St. George's supported a number of community organizations through the Outreach funds for Christmas help. Stepping Stone received \$100, along with the use of our hall for their annual Christmas dinner, and Karen Wheeler and her volunteers helped with preparing the meal. Metro Turning point received \$100 from our Christmas Outreach Fund also, as did Direction 180 for their Christmas party. Thank you to all who contribute monetarily and by giving food, clothing, toys and more to help make this outreach program a success.

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

Saint George's responded to the Haiti Earthquake event, thanks to everyone who contributed and to everyone who uses the blue PWRDF envelope each month.

Lynn Stevenson

Hospital Visiting

This programme continues with the object of extending spiritual care and concern to those members of the congregation and parish who are in hospital. Again my sincere thanks to Elizabeth Jones and Jan Connors who have been diligent in checking the hospital lists twice a week and in relaying the names to Father Westhaver and Father Purchase in order that they might visit and administer the sacraments, and also to myself that I might visit on a regular basis. Please let us know if you, or someone you know, are in hospital and would appreciate a visit.

Sheila Jackson

Sunday Fellowship Teams

The Sunday Fellowship Committee continues to provide snacks, tea and coffee following the 10:30 Sunday Service. The teams, which are made up of volunteers from the congregation, bring things like sandwiches, cheese, crackers, fruit, veggies, a pan of squares or other goodies, once every six weeks, and the treats are dropped off at the Church Hall prior to the service. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have provided refreshments on Sundays during the past year – and also on special occasions that have arisen from time to time. A special thanks to Karen Wheeler for setting up the tea and coffee every week. If there are any parishioners who would like to join a team to bring snacks, please contact the parish office to make such an offering.

Jean Milsom, Coordinator

Finance Committee Report

2010 was a challenging year on the finance committee. Starting out the year with Don Wright as Treasurer we both struggled with learning the ropes of our roles. Don rallied and quickly managed to get a handle on the books with Mary Hill's help. Don decided to move back to Houston in the early fall to get married, which unfortunately left the treasurer's position vacant. Jan Connors kindly stepped forward in September and took over the position.

The fall brought a new set of challenges. However, Jan was able to jump into her role as treasurer with both feet. As a result, we have a new and clear format for presenting our balance sheet and a better idea of long term funds held at the diocese.

In September it became evident that we were very far behind on giving versus budget. After several appeals, I am happy to say that we finished the year with a very small surplus.

Please see the financial reports at the end of this document for more detailed information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Himmelman, Finance Chair

Fundraising Events

There were two major fundraisers for St. George's in 2010. The first was our plant sale and sale of "antique treasures", held on Friday night June 11th, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm and then again the following day, Saturday from 9 am to noon, in the hall. Anne West looked after the publicity, Rosemary Mason-Browne and friends did a great job pricing interesting items, and many parishioners donated their plants and stayed to sell as well. It was a success. It was decided that another year, the sale should begin at 4:30 on the Friday and be held on the first weekend in June. At the conclusion of the sale, plants were left for the soup kitchen crowd and its volunteers and for YouthNet, for its newly established greenhouse as well as their gardens.

On Sunday parishioners were able to purchase plants after the 10:30 service and after the choir concert held on that weekend. By Monday the last plants had disappeared, taken by teachers at Citadel High (which was arranged by Karen Wheeler) for students to plant on the grounds. Thank you to all persons who helped in any way with this worthwhile fundraiser. A special thank you to Edmonds for their continued support in their yearly donation of beautiful annuals to us!

The annual fall sale, primarily a book and music sale, took place on the last weekend of November, in the hall and featured a Christmas table of gifts and decorations, looked after by the Miles family and friends. Ada and Willis Grandy took charge of the pantry table and Heather Neish organized the sorting of books with many helping hands. There were thousands of books this year! We had an added feature to our sale this time. Mike West donated homemade glitzy party-earrings, which the children had fun selling to the many people who both worked at the sale and those who came through browsing the books and other items. Mike found many interested consumers and donated all the proceeds to St. George's.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the people who supported this fundraiser and to Jens Jensen for his enthusiasm, interest and amazing energy. The two events had a net worth of \$5,500.

Respectfully submitted,
Michal King



The Fall Sale Fundraiser



Top Left: Kieva and Abraham searching through the children's books.

Right Top : The hall was FULL of books and people during the sale. Bottom:

Making a sale at the Christmas table.



Property Committee

The year 2010 was another very busy year concerning property matters. Highlights, together with some brief information on the direction forward, include the following:

1. Concerning the Round Church, the following summarizes the year's actions:
 - The church received only essential repair and upkeep, including some substantial repairs to the heating system and its controls, as was needed to keep essential systems and fabric in reasonable condition. However, considerable work is needed in the near future to keep up the fabric of the church, in particular exterior painting and some woodwork refurbishment. That work will certainly be addressed in 2011.
 - An investigation was completed into methods of improving the energy efficiency of the building, without forgetting the need for proper controlling of the heating system so that adequate comfort can be provided in the cold season. Cost estimates and technical information were assembled concerning conversion of the heating system to natural gas and installation of quieter blowers and ductwork. These should be addressed in 2011, to see whether a less noisy system can be introduced, as well as greater efficiency.
 - Replacement of the large cupola chandelier which was destroyed in the 1994 fire was accomplished in 2010.
 - Due to the encouraging increase in the numbers of infants and toddlers in our parish, the nursery area has become very crowded and it was realized last year that more space was needed for them. This age group is too young to include in the Sunday School, so accommodation in the church was needed. As 2010 came to a close, a construction contract had been awarded for finishing the room in the basement for this, including proper flooring and fitting-out. This will add the badly needed space to support these important programs.
 - Work on the basement room just noted revealed a need to improve drainage around the walls of the church, which lack a proper footing drain. Some work inside the basement resulted in better drainage of water that does seep in during heavy rainfalls, and exterior footing drains will be considered in 2011.
2. The Little Dutch Church had received little maintenance for a number of years, since the major work carried out in the 1990s. In 2009, an application was made to Parks Canada for cost sharing of full exterior and interior painting and woodwork refurbishment, as well as foundation masonry repairs, ventilation improvements, and replacement of a long-missing window with a proper reproduction. The application was approved, and the work was carried out in 2010. Parks Canada is paid 50% of the overall cost. It had been expected that the other 50% would be funded from the Little Dutch Church Preservation Fund. Fortunately, there was sufficient parish income to allow the parish's share to be funded from revenue rather than from the Preservation Fund, and thus that Fund was in the end not affected.
3. With one exception, the Rectory received only minor improvement and repairs, following the major upgrades in 2007. Following investigation of the ways and means, the heating system was replaced with a natural gas-fueled system, and the radiators were flushed, with good effect on overall comfort. Some very good work was done in interior finishing, by volunteer labour by the residents. The building is in good structural condition, with the roof having been 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 remaining large

investment needed to bring the whole building to a reasonably good standard concerns the shabby exterior. Siding, trim, doors and windows need attention urgently. It must also be noted that this building is subject to HRM property taxation as it is a residence, but that the high assessment of it for 2010 seemed to be out of line. The assessment was successfully appealed, with the resulting lower assessment providing a financial saving that will continue in the future.

4. The hall continues to be the building in most need of attention. Noteworthy points include:
 - A minimal number of repairs and maintenance work during the year kept the hall operational, and much could of course have been done in addition, had resources permitted. Considerable money had to be spent on emergency roof repairs in an area where the existing roofing had practically failed.
 - Hall users enjoyed the benefits of the major improvements made in 2009, in the form of reorganization of spaces and storage, renovation of the main kitchen and the Sunday School room kitchen, provision of never-before janitor's rooms, and floor sinks and general purpose storage cupboards, and improvement of storage rooms.
 - An important project carried out under the United Way Day of Caring was the complete rebuilding of the decrepit fire escape stairs from the hall to the parking lot. This work was carried out by the HRM Fire Services volunteers, the result being that one can now use the stairs with suitable confidence that one will not be plunged to doom at any moment.
 - In 2008, the Parish was presented with a plan that would have seen a new hall constructed (and the existing hall demolished) with the cost of doing so paid by the ground rent from an interested developer for the area they would lease for a multiple-storey residential building fronting on Maitland Street. A parish advisory vote resulted in two-thirds of those voting in favour of the new development concept, and Parish Council began moving forward in 2009 in that direction. However, the developer became discouraged and ultimately advised that it was no longer commercially viable to continue with the concept. In 2010, some work was done by a Dalhousie University architecture class, in developing concepts for a new hall design, and another student has developed a concept for the restoration of the existing hall to its built form as it was before the annex was added circa 1911. Parish Council continued to discuss options in 2010 and decided to re-examine the "new hall" concept with the assistance of professional architectural advice. Funding from CMHC is being used to support this effort. Technical and financial information concerning renovation of the existing hall are also being updated. As we cannot escape the need to come back to the fundamental question concerning the hall, the parish will again in 2011 be presented with information about these options.

5. 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. Also, generous donations support important services and improvements, for example from firms who provide snow removal and lawn mowing and the labour and materials for improvements to YouthNet's program space and the grounds.

Jens Jensen, Property Warden

Other Organization and Groups

The Live Poets' Society

During this last year, I reported in a Sunday News Bulletin that the sun had set upon us. It is a long, dark night, but hopefully there will be another sunrise. Will it be this year? Always ready to discuss the issue.

Patricia Martinson

Parish Archives

The archives received very little new material this past year -- though there were donations of some photographs and copies of parish publications. This will help to fill in the period of the 1970's and 1980's.

A major sorting of received materials was done with the advice and assistance of Susan Harris. The collection has been divided into the general categories of images, parish council records, correspondence, custodial records from bodies such as the North End Community Churches, some remaining materials from the restoration, and records of the Little Dutch Church Management Committee.

Serious consideration needs to be given to the mandate of the parish archives. It cannot be (as has been attempted) a cast-off for unwanted family prayer books, bibles, and religious writings. It is the nature of an archive to hold unique records that give the primary information of cultural and legal records for a particular place, organization or people. The collection of the congregation and parish is scattered across at least three institutions. The records are irreplaceable and custody of them is an important, even critical, responsibility.

In this coming year, a clear mandate should be determined by the parish, and resources of dedicated space and funding established, to allow the archives to function properly and effectively. Steps such as the transcription or digitization of more commonly used or more fragile records should be undertaken. This can be done by trained volunteers who are sensitive to the nature and substance of the material. I hope next year to report on some marked progress in this work.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Reed, Parish Archivist

St. George's Restoration Quilters

We completed thirteen crib quilts and had them blessed and donated in 2010. We also gave a baby quilt to the newborn son of Adrianna MacKenzie Hart, who is on maternity leave from directing YouthNet this year.

Our little group continues to meet each Tuesday morning in the Guild Room during the fall, winter and spring. Our large, old quilt slowly progresses.

Lynn Stevenson

Parish Library

The new parish librarian invites inquiries and use of our small but interesting collection of Christian materials. The library consists of several cabinets containing scholarly tomes, biographies, videos, writings of prominent religious authors, and some religious fiction, etc. It is found in the Guild Room at the top of the stairs in the church hall. Only adherents of St. George's Church are permitted to borrow books. The library seeks to function much like the city and regional libraries in its lending system and has had a recent, full-shelf inventory by me and our librarian emeritus, Vaila Mowat. Some books were pulled from the inventory at this time and were offered for sale at the parish book sale in November 2010. Church members donated several books to the parish library, as well.

I soon hope to secure the holdings in the large, old wooden cupboard, as the aged bolt mechanisms on the doors have long been broken. They will be replaced with hasps and padlocks.

I will be available either at the library or at the fellowship in the church hall following the 10:30 am Sunday service. My home phone number is 434-5257, and I will make an effort to be available to access the library at any time outside of Sundays.

Respectfully submitted,
Trudie Urquhart

Parish Gardens

During the year 2010, the gardens at St. George's were looked after by four separate groups of people. The front garden, bordering Cornwallis Street was looked after by Edmond's Landscaping, with a little assistance from me (I planted left-overs from the flower sale there and added a rose bush). The greenhouse and the heart-shaped plots in the back area were cultivated by YouthNet. The rectangular plot dug by Benjamin Lee and planted by him, Andrea Lee and others of our younger parishioners, grew vegetables and flowers. The back area, bordering on Maitland Street (between our parking lot and St. Pat's parking lot) was weeded and looked after by me. I removed the gravel path there, grew grass in its stead, and have planted blue bells and grass under the lilac trees. I also provided seven hanging flower baskets on the property. I have made plans for next year and will continue to co-ordinate my efforts with others.

Sincerely,
Vaila S. Mowat

Holy Baptisms

Dyami Nayo Safa Adekayode	January 10, 2010
Angus Alan Robertson Wilson	April 4, 2010
Mary Suzanne Zinck	April 4, 2010
Rebecca Marie Chipman	April 4, 2010
Donald Edwin Anley Gibson	April 4, 2010
Matteo David Giansante Mercer	November 14, 2010
Oliver Kingston Hayward West	November 14, 2010
Olivia Marie Casey Dawson	November 14, 2010
Emma Marie Fay Morrison	November 14, 2010
Ambrose Joseph Dyck	November 14, 2010

Confirmations

None

Marriages

Michael James Harris and Gillian Denise Strong	May 22, 2010
Andre Valentine Gray and Sarah Kellas Enid Edmonds	July 31, 2010
John George Julian and Winifred Margaret Rahr	August 21, 2010
Graham Allen Roy and Janet Lynn Wells	August 28, 2010
Kristian David Welton and Tanya Lee Connors	September 4, 2010

Funeral Rites

Ian Haliburton Henderson	February 26, 2010
Hubert Martin Tilley	March 19, 2010
George MacLennan	March 23, 2010
Ronald David Zinck	March 26, 2010
Christopher West	April 1, 2010
Virginia Edith Allison	July 8, 2010
James Brown	July 13, 2010
Amelia Louise James	September 10, 2010
Leslie Grandy	October 20, 2010
Ann Madeline Connell	November 17, 2010
Dorothy Hilda Edith Lirrette	December 8, 2010



The Christmas Eve service
for Children and Families



St. George's one-day Advent Retreat to the Parish of Petite Riviere.



Top: Retreatant Vivien Hannon; Left: Retreat Conductor, Fr. Neish in St. Michael's Church; Right: Fr. Westhaver and Mary Hills during lunch at the rectory; Bottom: Retreatant Liz Curry.

Thank you to Susan Harris, Shannon Parker and Andrea Lee for contributing photos of our parish life in 2010.