

Saint George's Parish
Corner Brunswick and Cornwallis, Halifax

1993 Annual Report

Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 13, 1994

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Agenda

- 1. Opening Prayers
- 2. Correcting and approving of minutes of 21 February 1993
- 3. Unfinished business and business arising
- 4. Communications
- 5. Financial Statement for year ended 31 December, 1994
- 6. Report of Rector
- 7. Report of Wardens
- 8. Report of Synod Delegates
- 9. Consideration of Committee Reports
- 10. Reception of Organization Reports
- 11. 1994 Budget
- 12. New or special business
- 13. Elections
- 14. Nominations to Diocesan Council and King's College Board
- 15. Motion of Adjournment
- 16. Closing Prayers

St. George's Church Halifax, Nova Scotia

Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, February 21, 1993 1:00 pm

66 persons present Carmichael Wallace in Chair

- A. Opening Prayers. Father Thorne opened the meeting with a prayer.
- B. Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting. The minutes of the previous annual meeting, held 23rd February, 1992, were read. A correction was made in the figure listed for the amount donated to the church by the Gabriel Guild --\$15,000 should have read \$10,000. It was moved by Melanie Morgan and seconded by Susan Harris that the minutes be approved as amended. Carried.
- C. Unfinished Business / Business Arising. There was no unfinished business arising from the minutes.
- D. *Communications*. There were none.
- E. Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 1993. It was particularly noted and applauded that the projected shortfall for the year 1992 of \$21,231.6. had been reduced to \$2,247.41. Moved by Karen Wheeler and seconded by Jan Connors that the financial statement be accepted. Carried.

A general vote of thanks to Karen Wheeler for her hard work as treasurer for the year 1992 was proposed by the chairman and to Marilyn Hergett for her work as secretary. All applauded.

- F. Rector's Report. The report stands as printed. The rector expressed his thanks to Charles Westropp, warden for the past two years as well as chairman of the Conservation Task Force, and to all parishioners for their contributions throughout the year. Moved by the rector that his report be accepted, seconded by Melanie Morgan. Carried.
- G. Report of Wardens. Moved by Charles Westropp, seconded by Melanie Morgan, that the report be accepted as written. Carried.
- H. Report of Synod Delegates. As a correction to the report as written, Gwynedd Morgan's name was added as youth delegate. It was then moved by Richard Matthews and seconded by Rob Martin that the report be accepted as amended. Carried.

I. Consideration of Committee Reports.

(1) Finance Committee report.

Mary Martin, in reply to a question, said that they were expecting envelope giving to go up, but that there will be no special appeals this forthcoming year. In reply to a question about increased labour costs, Karen Wheeler replies that the previous figure had been ridiculously low, as there were many costs associated with snow removal. Moved by Mary Martin, seconded by Hugh Tilley, that the report be accepted as written.

(2) Spiritual Development Report.

Moved by Susan Harris, seconded by Susan Taylor, that the report be accepted as written.

- (3) Gai Thomas gave a verbal report on the Primates World Relief and Development Fund, saying that she had just begun to get this operational and that there would be a real report next year. In answer to a question, John Swaine stated that there was no report from the Embroidery Committee, as this was not an official committee.
- J. Reception of Organisational Reports.
- (1) Director of Music. The report was received and David Buley thanked from the chair.
- (2) Pastoral Care Report. Jan Connors thanked all who helped throughout the year. Moved by Jan Connors and seconded by Charles Westropp that the report be received.
- (3) Soup Kitchen Report. This was received as written. Karen Wheeler expressed thanks to all volunteers.
- (4) Conservation Task Force Report. Moved by Charles Westropp, seconded by Sandra Thorpe that the report be accepted as received.
- (5) Gabriel Guild Moved by Gertrude Moulton, seconded by Gwynedd Morgan that the report be accepted as received.
- (6) Altar Guild Report. Moved by John Swaine and seconded by Richard Matthews that the report be accepted as received.
- (7) Sunday School. Moved by Susan Taylor and seconded by Julie Morris that the report be received as written. Sandra Thorne especially thanked Jan Buley for operating the Sunday summer school.
- (8) St. George's Nursery. Moved by Sandra Thorpe, seconded by Richard Matthews, that the report be accepted as written.
- (9) 2nd Halifax Scouting Programme. Moved by Chris West, seconded by Don Connors, that the report be accepted as written. It was requested that it be noted in the minutes that the scouts had raised \$42,000 in chocolate bar sales, the proceeds to be used to finance a trip later on.
- (10) St. George's Servers. John Swaine highly commended the work done by Scott Connors. Moved by Scott Connors, seconded by Rob Martin, that the report might be accepted as received.
- (11) Regional Council Report. It was stated by Karen Wheeler on behalf of Cynthia Watts that she was disappointed that the Parish Council did not see fit to vote the sum of \$300. to the council as mentioned in the report. It was decided to consider whether the \$300. might be added to the 19933 budget at the appropriate time. Moved by Karen Wheeler, seconded by Melanie Morgan, that the report be received as written.
- K. Budget for 1993. There was little discussion on the budget for this year, as all were pleased with the amelioration of the situation. Moved by Mary Martin, seconded by Hugh Tilley that the budget for 1993 be accepted as written. Carried.

L. New or Special Business. None.

M. Elections.

The division of labour between the church office staff and the Parish Council Secretary was explained. The office staff will see to the recording of the minutes and the keeping of the Minute Book, while the official Parish Council secretary transmits the other business proper to that office.

Sylvia Morgan's name was added to the list of Members at Large of the Parish Council, and Adrian Sly was named representative to the Diocesan Times. The work of the Nominating Committee was reported on by Father Thorpe. It was then moved by Susan Harris and seconded by Anne West that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted as amended. Carried.

N. Nominations to Diocesan Council, Provincial Synod and the Board, King's College.

Gwynedd Morgan was nominated by Jan Connors, seconded by Rob Martin, as representative to Diocesan Council, and accepted by acclamation.

Moved by Rob Martin and seconded by Jan Connors that Father Thorpe, Richard Matthews and Greg Videtic be nominated for the Provincial Synod, with Charles Westropp as alternate. Agreed by acclamation.

Moved by Susan Harris and seconded by Jeremy Smythe that Lawrence Bruce-Robertson be nominated for the representative to the board of Governors, King's College. Accepted by acclamation.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Charles Westropp.

Submitted by Vaila S. Mowat.

104 Central Avenue Halifax, N.S. B3N 2H8

February 3, 1994

The Warden's St. George's Parish Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sirs:

I have completed my audit on the financial records of your Church for the yearended December 31, 1993. Such tests were performed and information received from the Treasurer as considered necessary.

To the best of my knowledge and ability, the records and financial statement represent a true picture of the financial transactions of your Church for the year ended December 31, 1993.

Yours very truly,

E. Raymond Ells,

Auditor

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PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE Financial Statement as of December 31, 1993

BALANCE SHEET

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Petty Cash 200.00 15,045.70 Cash in Bank \$15,245.70

Liabilities

\$20,154.38 Payables

Equity

Shortfall / Deficit (4.908.68)

\$15,245.70

STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSES - DECEMBER 31, 1993

Revenue

Offering	107,755.13
Gabriel Guild	10,000.00
Rentals	31,013.00
Investment Income	<u>2,471.82</u>
	\$151,239.95

Expenses

Property	42,396.01
Ordained Ministry & Music	70,574.70
General	36,966.60
Spiritual Development	3,963.91
1992 Deficit	<u>2,247.41</u>
	\$156,148.63

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DETAILS OF PAYABLES

Adopt-A-Jar Donation Balance as of December, 1993	49.75 <u>\$49.75</u>
Church School Seigelberg Trust St. George's Mark DeWolf Balance as of December, 1993	2,000.00 400.00 (600.00) \$1,800.00
Diocesan Times Donation Balance as of December, 1993	590.00 <u>338.00</u> <u>\$928.00</u>
Duetch Church Investment Interest Taxes Maintenance Balance as of December, 1993	(2,645.42) 912.50 (88.78) (877.90) (\$2,699.60)
Ecology Gardens Donations Balance as of December, 1993	725.00 <u>810.00</u> \$1,535.00
Insurance Claims Icomos Bolands (Stolen Food) Balance as of December, 1993	300.00 100.00 (211.38) \$188.62
Memorial Fund Donations Received in Memory of E. Anstey,) Crew, Foote Family, E. Kendall, D. Lemee,) David Nash, T. Nifort, G. Nicol, W.B. Rose,)	5,356.52
T. Rose and David Wood Cdn. Bible Society Diocesan Book Room R. Clark Ultramar Balance as of December, 1993	2,267.00 (41.57) (41.57) (1,700.00) (1,501.80) \$4,338.58

DETAILS OF PAYABLES (CONTINUED)

Missions Donations City Centre Ministry North End Council Balance as of December, 1993	1,234.16 2,546.80 (1,000.00) (500.00) \$2,280.96
North End Council	<u>\$144.00</u>
Organ Fund Donations / Pledges Blunden Construction F.B.M. Architects Orques Letourneau N.S. Public Archives Presceskey & Assoc. J. Reagh G. Thomas Balance as of December, 1993	42,537.23 25,906.51 (15,203.49) (2,889.00) (50,076.00) (51.36) (272.85) (28.95) (37.57) (\$115.48)
Poor Fund Donations Christmas Outreach Salvation Army Discretionary Fund Balance as of December, 1993	165.87 1,815.49 (703.25) (71.85) (338.00) \$868.26
P.W.R.D.F. Donations Remitted Balance as of December, 1993	1,645.55 150.00 (<u>283.70)</u> \$1,511.85
Quashie Fund Donations Balance as of December, 1993	658.64 <u>109.00</u> <u>\$767.64</u>
Damage Deposits Rectory Interest Balance as of December, 1993	772.87 <u>23.19</u> <u>\$796.06</u>

DETAILS OF PAYABLES (CONTINUED)

Sexton's Cottage Interest Paid Out New Deposit Balance as of December, 1993	325.00 4.06 (329.06) <u>325.00</u> \$325.00
Refugee Family Donations Balance as of December, 1993	<u>40.00</u> <u>\$40.00</u>
St. George's 2000 Donations (Taste of India) Province of N.S. Balance as of December, 1993	665.00 <u>3,200.00</u> \$3,865.00
Soup Kitchen Donations Apple Glass Bolands Groceries Metro Food Bank N.S. Stationers Nova Trophy Speedy Propane Stamps Starr Industries	2,339.06 5,876.63 (211.86) (445.55) (3,245.22) (10.00) (30.20) (74.27) (409.48) (92.02) (166.35)
Balance as of December, 1993	<u>\$3,530.74</u>

TOTAL PAYABLES

\$20,154.38

DETAILS OF REVENUE

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2,198.00
80,799.75
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DETAILS OF REVENUE (CONTINUED)

<u>Gabriel Guild</u> Rentals	\$10,000.00
<u>Church</u> Wedding Fees Heidelberg Welsh Choir St. George's Society	35.00 600.00 400.00 100.00
<u>Hall</u> Cdn. Parents for French City of Halifax Lietash	1,400.00 75.00 2,160.00
P. Leblanc N.S. Folk Dancers	130.00 575.00
United E. Loyalist Sexton's Cottage Rectory	100.00 4,530.00 15,108.00
Waldorf <u>Total Rentals</u>	<u>5,800.00</u> \$31,013.00
Investment Income Central Trust (T.D.) Diocese of N.S. Montreal Trust Total Investment Income	468.17 1,292.67 <u>710.98</u> \$2,471.82
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$151,239.95</u>
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DETAILS OF EXPENSES (CONTINUED)

Maintenance - Janitor	\$4.500.00
Maintenance - Repairs	
Bell Welding	378.78
R. Connor	232.77
Recovery	(200.00)
Edwards Serv. (Plowing)	3,683.75
Ken Evans Plumbing	57.90
Halifax Plumbers	114.81
Hydrostone Hardware	75.00
K. Judge Plumbing	202.21
J. Leahey Ltd.	1,228.07
Recovery	(939.82)
Petty Cash	190.09
Pierceys	1,582.30
Sunrise Lighting	118.52
Snow Blower Recovery	(300.00)
Total Repairs	\$6,424,38
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Maintenance - Capital Repairs	
Advance Carpentry	880.00
K. Judge Plumbing	415.71
G. & M. Kelley	1,196.29
G. & R. Kelley	1,230.50
Ultramar	<u>225.00</u>
Total Capital Repairs	<u>\$3.947.50</u>
Total Property	<u>\$42,396.01</u>
Ordained Ministry & Music	٠
Ministry - Stipend	28,700.99
Fringes - C.P.P. & U.I.C.	2,440.66
Pension	4,692.00
Travel	5,400.00
Living Expenses	16,167.00
Vacation Replacement	140.00
Total Ministry	\$57,540,65
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Music - Director of Music	12,089.76 344.29
Music	=
Vacation Replacements	300.00
Willow Quartet	300.00 \$13.034.05
<u>Total Music</u>	<u>\$13.034.05</u>
Total Ordained Ministry & Music	\$70.574.70

DETAILS OF EXPENSES (CONTINUED)

General Expenses

Stationery / Postage / Supplies Basin Stationery Canada Post Halifax Office Products Maritime Stationery Modern Business N.S. Stationery Total	161.33 801.70 854.01 71.03 3,506.57 <u>70.07</u> \$5,464.71
Offering Envelopes Atlantic Systamatic Canadian Bible Society Total	951.32 <u>52.97</u> <u>\$1,004.29</u>
Mortgage Interest Principal Total Mortgage	5,790.34 <u>5,825.66</u> \$11,616.00
Bank Charges	<u>\$122.42</u>
Allotment	<u>\$15,470.64</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	\$1,000.00
Hall Manager	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous R. Ells Halifax Herald Total	250.00 <u>14.54</u> <u>\$264.54</u>
<u>Dues / Subscriptions</u> North End Council	<u>\$40.00</u>
All Saints Restoration	<u>\$984.00</u>
Total General Expenses	\$36,966.60

DETAILS OF EXPENSES (CONTINUED)

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Anglican Book Store R. Broughton Church Aid Rev'd. V. Cluett Alltype Print Halifax Herald Jupiter Print Bishop Nutter Rev'd. Peter Toon Total Eucharistic Supplies Anglican Book Store C. Bible Society Diocesan Bookroom Honey Tree Farms Total	18.13 23.76 7.57 75.00 111.82 609.80 89.08 150.00 100.00 \$1.185.16 26.16 105.94 2,180.31 66.34 \$2,378.75
Sunday School Total Spiritual Development	\$400.00 \$3,963.91
1992 Deficit	\$2,247.41
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$156,148.63</u>

RECORD OF INSURANCE POLICIES Coverage in Effect Until April 1, 1994

<u>Details</u>	Coverage		A	mount Insured
Policy-NSPKG-578	Zurich Ins. Com	<u>pany</u>		
St. Georges Church	Bldg. & Paris	sh Contents 1,1	107.00	1,006,800.00
St. Georges Church	u u		127.00	115,500.00
Duetch Church	a a	и	24.00	21,900.00
Sexton's Cottage	tt tt	41	36.00	32,300.00
Rectory	"	££	164.00	148,800.00
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Installment Interest			***************************************	
Total Insurance		<u>\$1</u>	<u>,695.00</u>	
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RECORD OF ALL INVESTMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1993

Details of Investments	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Date <u>Issued</u>	Date of Maturity	Amount
<u>Central Trust / T.D.</u> #1016915 - Organ #1482035 - Organ #1482036 - Shaw #1482034 - Various	11 1/4 11/ 1/4 11 1/4 11 1/4	June 22/89 April 1/89 April 1/89 April 1/89	June 22/94 April 1/94 April 1/94 April 1/94	\$3,370.80 \$1,282.43 879.09 \$2,000.00
Montreal Trust #7811763-2 - Various #7817612 Various #7817612-3 - (Duetch) Total Held by Parish	9 1/4 6 1/2 6 1/2	May 2/91 Aug. 10/93 Sept.16/93	April 30/94 Aug. 10/95 Sept.16/95	\$1,862.88
Diocese of N.S. Endowment - Rector/Warde " Shaw Grave Lot Wright	ns	Mar.31/3 July 1/36 June 16 Mar. 19/) 58	7,000.00 2,010.67 500.00 300.00
Total Held by Diocese GRAND TOTAL INVEST	<u>rments</u>			\$9.810.67 \$35.049.98

Rector's Report

The reports that fill this Annual Report tell of the various activities, programmes and accomplishments of our parish during this past year. There is something else that has been happening in our parish as well - we have been growing as the Body of Christ.

Our Sunday morning worship is essential to our growth as the Body of Christ. When we gather on Sunday morning we do so in obedience to our Lord's command to break bread in remembrance of Him. All the activity and good works in the universe will not foster our growth as the Body of Christ unless it is done in His Name and in His Spirit. On Sunday mornings especially we remind ourselves of what it is to be the Body of Christ by the prayers we pray, the hymns we sing, the sermon we hear, the Scripture which is read and the Sacrament which we receive and in which we participate. The way we worship constitutes so much of our Christian memory and identity as a spiritual community. It ought to be clear to all who enter our church on Sunday morning that we take our reformed tradition very seriously, stressing our catholic nature yet not shrinking from the great reformation emphasis of salvation only by grace through faith.

I believe that this spiritual focus is shaping and continually re-shaping our community. We must be careful always to maintain the integrity of our spiritual life which revolves around Sunday worship. This integrity includes Sunday evensong, the saying of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer each day, the celebration of the Holy Communion on days for which provision is made in the Book of Common Prayer, and the personal devotional life of our parishioners which includes private prayer, Bible reading, fellowship groups and good works. The one anomaly in this system is the giving of Sunday evening meditations by the laity in place of a sermon by an ordained minister. These meditations are not appreciated by all, but I judge that the opportunity they provide for lay persons to reflect upon their faith and work through an understanding of a Scripture passage with a view to sharing it as a public witness, is sufficient to justify this break in the Prayer Book order.

The Parish Spiritual life to which we are committed is true to our reformed tradition and Anglican piety which constantly holds up and unfolds the great images of the Trinity and the Incarnation as the means of making sense of reality, and pivots on the cross of Jesus Christ through which we have our salvation. This thoroughly biblical spiritual life defines who we are as the Body of Christ, allowing Christ to live in us and we in Him.

In the light of this clear identity and spiritual life which daily nourishes us, opportunity is given in our parish to experiment with other forms of Christian spiritual expression from time to time. The Easter Vigil is the primary example of an more ancient form of Christian spirituality which was rejected by the reformers and is largely inconsistent with Prayer Book piety, but which has become popular in recent decades. Our parish has also been influenced by the High Church movement and thus has replaced the reformed emphasis on the Lord's Day with a spirituality of the liturgical calendar which extends the observance of Lent and Advent to our Sunday worship. We take liberty with such ceremonies as ashes on Ash Wednesday, palms on Palm Sunday and candles on the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Participation of children in worship requires that Advent lighting ceremonies and other 'innovations' find their way into our worship. I allow parishioners to choose between the Book of Common Prayer and

the Book of Alternative Services for their weddings and families to make the same choice for funerals. We practice quiet meditation on Wednesday mornings and have even allowed liturgical dance! We are able to allow these variations and experiments because we are clear about our identity as reformed Christians shaped by the spiritual life of our Prayer Book tradition.

Coming to know ourselves as the Body of Christ is not an end in itself, but rather makes it possible for us to go out to serve one another and the world as the Body of Christ. I regularly take the Holy Communion to the sick and shut-in as well as provide monthly Holy Communion services at both the Gordon B. Isnor Seniors' Housing and Victoria Hall (home for the elderly). Our parish provides monthly ecumenical Worship at the Gordon B. Isnor and the Sunrise Manor Seniors' Housing, on a rotational basis with other churches in the area. The Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development Reports which follow tell of many other ways we outreach to the community as the Body of Christ.

As the Body of Christ in St. George's Parish, we participate fully in the ecumenical life of our community as part of the North End Council of Churches, and in the greater Anglican Church. I attend monthly clericus meetings of all Anglican clergy in our part of the city and we take a leadership role in the Regional Council of lay and clergy. We promote diocesan events and make a significant effort to ensure that we contribute to the life of the diocese. I am a member of Diocesan Council, the Diocesan Task Group on Human Sexuality, and I have been asked to chair and establish the Spiritual Development Sub-committee of the Diocese.

We are the Body of Christ at St. George's Parish. The way forward is to continually remind ourselves of this by our faithfulness to Word and Sacrament. We must allow our spiritual life to form and reform us as that Body of Christ. All else follows.

I thank God for the gracious way in which He has provided for my family and myself in 1993 at St. George's, enriching my faith and surrounding me with His disciples who uphold me in prayer. I thank each and every parishioner for your prayers. It is a rich privilege for me to part of our fellowship. To God be the Glory.

The Rev'd Gary Thorne, Rector

Wardens' Report

Scanning a few years of previous Wardens' Reports, as I did just before sitting down to write this year's, is a convincing affirmation that we have grown and become very much healthier, spiritually and socially, as a parish. That change has been slow perhaps to some almost imperceptibly slow, and I am sure to some too slow,. We have returned to a health that this parish had not enjoyed for some years.

It is hard now to think that a rector was sent here less than a decade ago with the task that it would probably fall to his lot to close the parish. The tasks facing the small band of stalwarts that then held this p;ace together seemed insuperable. The City had changed, the Church was changing, people moved away, costs were so much greater than the resources available to meet them. I am also reminded that it was at what seemed for many the nadir of this parish's fortunes that we two current wardens met, as the Matthews were joining the parish and just before the Martins were leaving for Toronto for a time. It has been a remarkable experience to watch the transition from that time of con cern and frustration to this time of hope and much greater confidence.

There are many reasons for our change of fortune, our constancy in devotion to the Book of Common Prayer, a greater interest in our historic building, the quality and soundness of what is preached and what is said, the focus on the traditional Christian year, the involvement of parishioners in the life of St. George's. All these are important. There are external forces which assist us: changes in the City itself, our growing reputation for soundness and constancy. And there are internal strengths: there has always been a sound spirituality in this place. Even when the parish's fortunes were low, that clear sense of Christian commitment, while it may for some have flagged, did not falter nor fail.

But above all, far above all in my estimation, we are indebted to our Rector. Father Thorne has captured the true sense of Saint George's in his ministry. We are extremely grateful for his leadership, his pastoral care, his extraordinary strength and clarity of vision. Because of him we have been developing resources and talents in our congregation that add immense vitality to the life of the parish. It is important that we involve that talent in the work of Saint George's. Each of you with all your gifts of aptitude and ability to offer should be involved in committees, Parish Council, and perhaps in the leadership of the parish as committee chairmen, parish officers and the like. It is a great privilege to serve as Warden. Secretary, Treasurer, or committee chair. Whether you seek involvement at that level or not, give it some thought, take up the responsibility, involve yourself on a committee, in Mary and Martha, or in the Gabriel Guild. You could gain much more than you give for doing so.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Matthews

Robert Martin

Spiritual Development Report

Guidelines on Christian Initiation

The Committee devoted many meetings to the development of a reasoned and informed response to recently issued Diocesan Guidelines on Christian Initiation. This response was subsequently forwarded to the Diocesan Council for consideration.

Confirmation

Bishop James Allen came to St. George's on February the to administer the rite of confirmation. Prior to the service, the Bishop, confirmation candidates and their families were invited to dinner in the church hall.

Lent

For four Sundays during Lent, a series of videos featuring Dr. Richard Foster on Spiritual Discipline was shown prior to Evening Prayer. Chris McCann delivered meditations on Ash Wednesday and the first four Sundays in Lent on the Sermon on the Mount. The church was open at noon on weekdays for prayer and meditation and a Bible Study was conducted by the Rector following the Wednesday morning Communion Service. An additional Holy Communion Service took place each Wednesday evening at 6:30. On Passion Sunday, Archbishop Harold Nutter, retired Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton, conducted a mission entitled "Travelling with our Lord to the Cross". Thanks to Greg Videtic and Chris McCann, a Seder Meal was enjoyed by many in the parish on Maundy Thursday prior to the Choral Eucharist. Canon C. R. Elliott, a retired priest of this Diocese, gave the addresses at the Good Friday three-hour service.

Easter Mission

On the Third Sunday after Easter, Dr. Peter Toon, theology professor at Nashota House, a theological seminary in Wisconsin, conducted a one-day mission in the parish entitled "Living the Christian Life".

The Fall

In September, a new programme developed within the parish began to be used in the Sunday School. We were pleased to welcome Mark DeWolf back as superintendent, after a brief time away from the Sunday School. He and his assistants have had a very successful fall term.

Throughout the Fall Father Thorne has conducted a Study Group, or Enquirers' Class, prior to Evening Prayer on Sundays, on the First Book of Homilies

Also this Fall, several parishioners from St. George's attended a Diocesan Layreaders' Course. Congratulations to Jane Westropp, Chris McCann, Gary Warner, Rob Martin, and Bruce Duncan who successfully completed their Lay Reader's training.

"Stir Up" Sunday Mission

On the Sunday Next Before Advent, the Reverend Vernon Cluett, a recently retired priest of this Diocese and good friend of our parish, gave a mission with the topic "Exploring Our Pilgrimage".

Advent

During Advent, Jonathan Robinson, one of our parishioners, delivered a series of meditations at Evening Prayer on Sundays.

Celebrating our blessings

This parish is so fortunate in those who care for its musical and liturgical needs. Sunday by Sunday we experience the splendid music offered in the worship of Almighty God by David Buley and our choir. We see those who serve at the altar and know the time and attention that they too have put into this offering and the work of John Swaine and Robi Matthews behind the scenes is especially important to our worship life in this parish. Finally to Father Thorne for his thoughtful care of our spiritual needs, our thanks.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Harris Chairman

Report of the Director of Music

As I complete the third year of my second tenure at St. George's I look back, with deep gratitude, upon the many developments in the music programme at Saint George's Church.

The return of the organ - fully reconditioned and with a new and efficient console and action - has been a marvellous achievement. The organ is now completely dependable for the variety of sounds that it can make, which makes playing anthem and hymn accompaniments very rewarding. (An added benefit, as I write this *in the bleak midwinter*, is that the chancel seems to be warmer now that the organ is not wheezing arctic drafts across the feet of those who regularly inhabit the choir stalls!)

A pattern of choral services has been established in the Parish with regular Sunday Choral Eucharists, Choral Evensong on the fourth Sunday of each month(except in July, August and December), Choral Matins on the first Sunday of the Seasons of Epiphany, Lent and Trinity and the Sunday Next before Advent; and Choral Eucharists on major feast days off the liturgical year. While preparing the music needed for these services requires a great deal of behind the scenes time, it is indeed a privilege to be able to offer that music in a liturgical setting. Each of these choral services includes a setting of the ordinary of the mass, an anthem or motet as well as psalms and congregational hymns.

In 1993, besides the Sunday morning Choral Eucharists, extra services were sung by the choir at celebrations of Choral Eucharists for The Epiphany, Candlemas, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil, Saint George's Day. Ascension Day, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day; Choral Evensongs for Epiphany III, St. David's Day, Passion Sunday, Trinity XVI and Trinity XX; Tenebrae; and Festivals of Lessons and Carols for each of Advent and Christmas. We were happy to be able to sing at Northwood Manor and Sunrise Manor on a number of occasions during the year. The choir also sang at choral services at St. John's Church, West Lahave and at All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax, in June.

The choir, through the singing of these services, has added a number of pieces to its

repertoire including works by Malcolm Archer, Adrian Batten, William Byrd, Barrie Cabena, Gerald Finzi, Orlando Gibbons, Kenneth Meek, George Oldroyd and Allesandro Scarlatti. The volume of music needed and the complexity of some of it requires singers to work at learning parts of the material on their own. Our youngest singers attend weekly Wednesday rehearsals as well as the two-hour full rehearsals which occur on Friday evenings and the pre-service rehearsals. Choir members arrive for these rehearsals from a variety of activities including work as teachers, students, retirees, lawyers, landscapers, house-persons, and artists. Voice parts are sung by four basses, four tenors, six altos, and ten sopranos. The Parish is indeed fortunate to have such a collection of dedicated singers to provide choral music for its services, and I am extremely fortunate to be able to make music with them.

During the year we were pleased to welcome Erica Lewton-Brain, Ian Urquhart, and (the returning) Chris McCann and Janet Ross to the choir stalls. With regret, the resignation of Robi Matthews was accepted. Janice Neal and Michael Henderson both moved out of the city and are unable to commute to sing. (Michael lives in Ottawa!) It is hoped that they all may return to sing with us in the future.

The choir and I are working diligently to prepare for our two weeks in England in July of 1994. During our 16 days in that country we shall formally perform on 21 separate occasions - each with different musical requirements. We look forward to representing this Parish and our city, province and country in places where so many aspects of our musical and Christian heritage were born. This is an onerous task and we hope that each St. George's Parishioner can share in our excitement and that all will be with us in prayer during our time away. We shall be singing Evensong six days of each of the weeks and will be singing the same psalms, and praying the same prayers as will be offered in this Parish at 5:30 p.m. each day!

Fund-raising efforts both within and without the Parish have been to help us to pay the fees and accommodation of our accompanying organist, Dr. James Burchill of Moncton, New Brunswick. We are grateful to members of the Parish who have supported our endeavours in this regard. These efforts included our Valentine's Day Bake Sale, Workshops on the Art of Pysanky (Ukrainian Egg-decorating), a very successful Spring concert of Vocal Music celebrating the Liturgical Year and the Coming of Spring, and have taken the choir to sing in Penhorn Mall and Bayer's Road Shopping Centre. Also, four singers from the choir performed an evening of Christmastide entertainment amid the beautiful decorations which adorned the church during the Christmas Season. In 1994 the choir shall give a series of four concerts in the church. We are delighted to be able to present such events as it is a way of sharing our remarkable building with people from outside the Parish.

An on-going fund-raising activity - the sherry table on Sunday mornings - offers cold-preventing remedies in exchange for donations for the choir activities. In 1993, the collections thus received helped in the purchase of paper for producing choral music, membership fees for The Nova Scotia Choral Federation and The Royal School of Church Music, and part of the fee for the string quartet which accompanied our Easter Choral Eucharist. These expenses are ongoing - so drink up!

During the next few years I hope that the musical activities at Saint George's will expand to include visiting choirs for some of our choral services, events involving other choirs from the area in conjunction with our own choir, and a regular series of

musical concert programmes. The ability to do this is made easier by the dependability of the organ. It will be very important for the Parish to continue to maintain the instrument properly and regularly so that we will be able to avoid robbing Michal King of the pump organ which she so graciously gave the Parish during the absence of our instrument. (My legs have just about recovered from playing it!)

In closing, may I take this opportunity to thank the Parish for supporting the Music Programme and for employing me as the Director of Music.

Respectfully submitted, David Buley, Director of Music, St. George's Parish

St. George's Sunday School

This year's Sunday School is organised differently from those in years past. With a curriculum created by David and Jan Buley, the Director Mark DeWolf conducts Sunday morning sessions between 10:15 and 11:45, with the help of several Assistants recruited from among the young people of our parish: Nicole Butler, Tanya Connors, and Hannah Gillam.

The curriculum is solidly based on Anglican belief and practice, with the first part of this year's programme focussing on Baptism. Depending on constraints of time and actual circumstance, each Sunday school session consists of a Gathering Activity (as children arrive), a time for prayer, song, and discussion of the day's topic, a snack period, a main activity (a craft or game), and a story time. Dramatic activities are an important part of the children's learning. This innovative programme is being partially funded by the Segelberg Trust, in hopes of producing a published programme that can be spread to other churches across Canada

Attendance has been encouraging, if a bit erratic. More than 25 children have attended at one time or another, with 12 students per week being about the average. Students range in age from between 4 and 10. While there have been the inevitable difficulties of adapting to a new curriculum and a new way of doing things, the Director can report overall success, as measured by the children's learning, their enjoyment of the programme, and their development in working and playing together. Efforts have been made to involve the children in parish worship, and the Christmas pageant was both well-received and useful for the children in their growing together.

The planners and the Director meet with Father Thorne occasionally to discuss and evaluate the progress of the Sunday School. Problems are addressed and new ideas are brought in, with the intention of keeping the Sunday School growing and healthy.

Mark DeWolf Director

St. George's Nursery

1993 has been a great year in St. George's Nursery: new children and new parents. Congratulations to Pam Hunter and Rachel MCorriston who were blessed with two beautiful daughters this year and we gladly welcome them to our nursery on Sunday

mornings.

Many of the workers give up their Sunday church time to help. They are absolutely essential and much appreciated.

This is an excellent opportunity to get to know some of our youngest parishioners. The children greatly enjoy the chance to spend Sunday morning with their families at St. George's; however, without your commitment this would not happen.

Thank you, Tanya and Jan Connors, Ella Rose, Suzanne Edmonds, Michael Archibald, Kristin Matthews, Teresa Robinson, Tina Smith, Pam Hunter, Rachel McCorriston, Shirley Martin, and the latest recruit, Bozena Howland, who somehow seems to fit this in with her busy schedule of being a doctor.

Many of the volunteers haven't any children using the nursery but they see their commitment as important to the growth of our Christian family. It is if we want our parish to grow with young families and responsible parents.

Several of the nursery moms have thanked me for making this facility available so their whole family can attend Sunday morning worship. A young mom needs this time to worship, reflect, be thankful, and gather strength for the rest of a busy week. And now I pass this on to you. Thank you all.

Sandra Thorne

Saint George's Servers

The 1993 year had a few events in it for the servers such as a luncheon meeting at Father Thorne's house, but the main event was the presentation of crosses to the servers in recognition of the years of service they have given to Saint George's.

New servers who started in the 1993 year included John Krell, Raymond Lirette, Rhonda Turner, Michael Archibald and George Westhaver. Hopefully you will find serving on our altar a rewarding experience. I also wish to thank John Swaine for taking time out of his busy schedule to train these people. However we need some improvemeent in the efficiency for

ongoing training as we are also working to get new people for the 1994 year, Kevin Gibson for one.

Thank you to those servers who have given their time over the years, in particular Anthony Helpard, Alice MacLachlan, Robin MacLachlan, Andrew MacLean, Melannie Morgan, Chelsea Thorne, Gwynedd Morgan, Jim Rawding and Rachel Westropp. Also a special thank you in appreciation for the services of Tanya Connors, Kristin Matthews, Dunstan Smith, Theodore Smith, Graham Wallace and George Westhaver who were not able to continue their commitments. However, we hope to have Tanya Connors and Kristin Matthews back with us for the 1994 year.

Scheduling requires finding people for the 8am Holy Communion, the 10:30 am Holy Communion and the 7 pm Evensong each Sunday along with special evening services throughout the year. This is a very hard task with our numbers down to fourteen servers from the total last year of seventeen.

Our biggest deficiency is for persons able to serve at the 8am Holy Communion and 7 pm Evensong but servers for the 10:30 am Holy Communion would also be appreciated. So, in closing I would like to ask any adults or youth who are interested in serving to let me know so that I can arrange to have you trained. You may find this a very worthwhile experience as I have in my ten years off involvement.

Respectfully Submitted Scott Connors, Head Server

Pastoral Care

You have visited a sick or shut-in parishioner, given someone a drive to church, taught Christian education at the neighbourhood school, updated the bulletin board, take pictures for display around the parish, helped out at Soup Kitchen, become a Cub leader, sat on the North End Area Council, assisted with the Christmas outreach or checked for parishioners admitted to hospital; thank you, you are among the many who share in the pastoral ministry here at St. George's.

Your Pastoral Ministry Committee however, is comprised of a very few people who consider what focus the parish's outreach and pastoral care should take. The first Sunday each month at 8 pm has been established as our regular meeting night.

In 1993 we considered the proposal of the Chebucto Regional Council to become involved in a refugee family sponsorship with other local churches. We put a motion to our Parish Council which proposed sources of funding and recommended St. George's participation; it met with approval.

Many were impressed by Mr. Tobbitt's 'open school' philosophy at St. Pat's - Alexandra. During the Principal's visit in November to our coffee hour he encouraged each of us to drop in, relax, help out or see what's going on, but most of all, be visible to the youth as an adult who visits the school for positive reasons, not because a student is in trouble.

On December 22nd as we busily readied food hampers and sorted gifts, a surprise delivery was received - a grant of \$500 from the City of Halifax for outreach. A phone call revealed that we were one of 5 churches in Alderman Downey's ward whom he recommended to receive support from the City's Tax and Grants Committee, in support of our community work.

Soup Kitchen continues to be a major aspect of our outreach programme and will be reported on in more depth by its co-ordinators.

We have taken time at several meetings to compare how St. George's pastoral ministry activities respond to our mandate as outlined in Canon 35. Early in 1994 we plan to make a presentation to the parish. We'll seek your input as to projects and activities we might undertake in the future to best respond, in imitation of Christ, to His people.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Connors, Chairman

Soup Kitchen Report

Each year it becomes more difficult to find something new and exciting to say about the Soup Kitchen. In our ninth year of operation the 32 teams are as dedicated as they were the first year.

The one new piece of news is that, sadly, our numbers continue to grow. It is a sad comment on our society and its inability to deal with unemployment and families in crisis. When we started out those many years ago, we saw an average of 75 people come through the doors. At the present time we are averaging 150 each and every week with only the odd week experiencing small numbers due to holidays or storm. On one occasion we actually had 225 people in attendance.

It has been marvellous to see the different church groups respond to the increased need in food without any complaint whatsoever. Week after week the most nourishing and ample meals are served. As well, our St. George's teams have also continued to be totally committed with new faces coming on board.

So much can be said about such a mission as the Soup Kitchen: the thousand stories of those who need to avail themselves of the service: the thousand stories of those who help to serve: the more than thousand blessings which come to the kitchen every year. It is hard work but the most gratifying labour of love most of us have ever come to experience.

As usual, there are too many people to thank for the continued, successful, operation of the kitchen. You all know who you are and wee also know that in simply doing what Jesus asks of us is in itself the only reward needed. Of all people who knew this to be true it was Mable Dessee Roberts Wainwright, to whom the Soup Kitchen was dedicated in 1992. Mable left us a wonderful legacy of the true meaning of what it means to give of oneself. For that we are forever grateful. Mable also left a wealth of her own favourite prayers and quotes as inspiration:

> Just do your best, And leave the rest To Him who gave you Life, -And Zeal for Labour, -And the Joy of Strife, -And Zest of Love, -And all that lifts your soul above

The lower things.

Simple verse but powerful. We thank you all for your continued support both in time and talent. Please keep those donations coming in to cover the many costs involved.

Cynthia W. Watts Co-ordinator

Karen A. Wheeler Co-ordinator

Property Report

Sexton's Cottage - Due to water pipes freezing and splitting, water pressure was less than low and the tenants consequently moved out and the cottage stood vacant for some time. This became a major expense item as a new water line was run from the church. The cottage was then completely redecorated: hardwood floors sanded; walls painted and wall papered; bathroom tub area replaced. Effective September 1st the property was rented to two young ladies. This cottage is a major income for our church (which offset the janitor/snow removal expenses).

Rectory - Happily for us, this property is occupied by Daisy Maguire and her family. We had to replace the furnace two years ago but the house is in good shape with the exception of a couple of rotten windows which are in the process of being restored. This is also a major income which offsets Rector's living expenses.

Church Hall - We had to replace the furnace in the west end of the hall in November, 1993. The Cornwallis Street entrance porch roof had to be replaced and 20 sq. ft. of roof on the north side of the hall had to be removed and replaced. Regular maintenance of fire extinguishers, exit lights and emergency lights was also done as well as outside security lighting. Normal painting was completed, entrance steps, kitchen chairs, doors and trims were also taken care of. Small jobs like locks repaired or replaced, chesterfield legs repaired etc. were accomplished by many generous and willing workers. CHURCH GROUNDS - General cleaning in the Spring and Fall with 65 bags of leaves and garbage were removed from the property. The Landscaping Committee did a lovely job of reworking and planting in the driveway.

Church - A major item this past year was the replacing of sewer lines as well as the lowering of water lines (which were found to be less than 6 inches below ground surface). This was necessitated because of tree roots. This will, hopefully eliminate very costly plumbing bills which we have had in past years due to freezing. The church bell rope was replaced this year. Long lasting bulbs were placed in the Sanctuary lights. A leak in the church roof was repaired and the pump organs returned to their original resting places. Pew kneelers were repaired and many floor tiles were replaced and glued. This will be a constant, ongoing joy until such time as the conservation of the church is undertaken. Plastic was erected in the dome in such a way as to be easily rolled up during the summer. The Nativity scene was painted, a sign painted advertising the Christmas church services which were enhanced with new lighting. The new organ will be covered in detail by the Conservation Task Force Report.

Dutch Church - Regular grounds work was done this year as well as a few minor repairs and painting.

Gordon Engram agreed to be our Chairman in March of 93, became ill in April and was unable to fulfil his duties. I was asked to assume the role of Chairperson but am pleased to be able to call on Gordon who is extremely knowledgeable about all church properties. I would like to thank everyone for their dedication, time and talent in the upkeep of our aging properties. God knows who you are. I look forward to working with you again in 1994. Last but not least the property committee compliments Cynthia for her spotless cleaning of our church and hall and to thank her for all the hours she puts in and for those extra special things she does.

Karen A. Wheeler, Property Chair

Report of the Finance Committee

The parishioners of St. George's are to be congratulated for supporting the parish financially during 1993. We started the year with a deficit of \$6000, carried over from 1992 and finished 1993 with a deficit of \$5220. During the year the offering envelopes brought in \$6000 or 6% more than last year, which in turn had increased by 14.5% over 1991. The recession is still very much with us yet the pledges to our organ fund have steadily been honoured. The people of St. George's have been digging deep into their pockets and should be justifiably proud of their efforts.

During 1993 the system of paying the rector's salary has been transferred to the Diocese, thus saving our treasurer time in detail work. The big issue to be faced in 1994 is the parish allotment. After meetings with the "Diocesan Taxman" it appears we have not been paying enough allotment over the last few years. Whilst they are not asking for back allotment to be paid, in order to bring us up to date for 1994 our allotment has increased by 50%! After careful study we have decided that we can face only an incremental increase over the next three years, eventually bringing us up to the correct figure in 1997. So far we have been turned down and at the time of writing we are due to appear in person(s) before the The Parish Relations Committee - stay tuned!

Now to a personal note - I volunteered for the post of Finance Committee Chairman, not knowing quite what to expect and having no background in finance. The year has been an interesting one, to be sure; my introduction to the job was given by the retiring chairman, Mary Martin, who had an excellent grasp of things and who I sadly have been unable to match. I would like to express a debt of gratitude to the members of my committee - to our wardens Richard Matthews and Rob Martin, without whom I would have been totally "at sea", to Bruce Duncan who was always very willing to take the minutes and report to Parish Council, to our treasurer Karen Wheeler, a walking mine of financial information and to Charles Westropp who is no longer "at sea", and also to Gordon Engram who started out the year on the committee but sadly had to stand down, and of course to our esteemed rector Gary Thorne without whom this parish would certainly not be the vibrant place it is.

Thank you for the opportunity of serving you.

Respectfully submitted, Adrian Sly

Conservation Task Force Report

- 1. I am glad to report that it has been a very busy and I hope a key year of preparation for the conservation of our church. We have probably swamped the parish with bookmarks, articles in the Lance, and information meetings in the church and the church hall, As a result this report will be a short recap of what is going on.
- As you all know in September we had a glorious completion of Phase I with the re-dedication of the organ. The generosity of the congregation and a lot of hard work by John Swaine and his committee made this dream a reality. The first note played by David Buley on that memorable Sunday made it all worth while. The success will not be complete until all of us honour our pledges, but I can tell you that all the money is coming in on time please keep it up!
- The Preliminary Conservation Report, mostly funded by the Province will be completed by our architect Mac McKay by the end of March. This is a key document that will enable us to get matching funds from Parks Canada. As you all know the alternative to getting outside help is trying to do it all by ourselves. The cost of the work outlined in the preliminary report is about \$600,000; while some of the work is cosmetic most is essential to preserve the church for the future.
- 4. To proceed with the conservation we need to find out how much we can afford to do and how much we might be able to raise from sources outside the parish. We have formed a fund raising feasibility study and I am delighted that John Edmonds has volunteered to lead this challenging task. The information session we held on Sunday 9th January was the start of a most important process. The response of all present was most positive and when the committee brings their report back to the parish we will have the knowledge to make important decisions about the future of our church.
- 5. As chair of the task force I would like to thank every one who has worked with me but I would be remiss if I did not single out our project manager, Hugh Tilley, who has forced us to be realistic and who has worked with little limelight from his secret office high in the church. Hugh's dedication has kept us all on track. His motto is LET'S DO IT RIGHT".
- 6. For those who have not read the Advent 1993 LANCE article on our conservation project I have appended that article to this report. Anne West, who wrote it for me, has captured the essence of what we are trying to do.
- 7. I ask for the support of all in the parish to ensure that we can maintain our church for the glory of God and future of our parish.

Charles Westropp Chair, The Conservation Task Force

Saint George's 2000: Testing the Waters

As most members of the congregation know, the Conservation Task Force at Saint George's is plodding towards completing the conservation of the church in time for its 200th anniversary in the year 2000. After four years of steady work, the Task Force has stabilised the church, restored the organ and commissioned a preliminary conservation report for the church itself. Parishioners were given a chance to learn more about this report at a series of meeting with project architect Mac MacKay of Fowler, Bauld and Mitchell, and we now know that a sum of \$600,000 would cover the cost of doing the work outlined in the preliminary report. In fact, everything that can be done before major fundraising has now been done and the time has come to start fundraising.

Architect consults congregation.

At a series of meeting in October Mac MacKay met parishioners, briefly described the preliminary conservation report to them and listened to their ideas and concerns. What follows are just a few of the questions asked and answers given.

Is it possible to insulate the church to reduce heating costs?

Mac made it clear that our precious church was not designed to be insulated. In fact, the main reason it has lasted so long is that air can flow freely through the walls, preventing damp and rot. Any method of insulation would mean stopping the air flow in the walls and could cause deterioration. We shall always have a 200 -year old building, with the heating costs associated with such a building, although the conservation will include sealing as many drafts as possible.

Can we install modern windows to prevent heat loss?

It is important to be aware that one of the major contributors to the cost of conserving church is expected to be the federal government. Parks Canada will almost certainly sign a cost-sharing agreement with the church, based on the final conservation report. Under this agreement, it will pay 50 per cent of what it considers to be authentic conservation expenses. Before the agreement is signed, every detail of the project has to be discussed and a decision made about whether or not it is eligible for cost sharing. Naturally, it is important that we design our project so that it follows as far as possible, the federal government's current guidelines for conservation. They approve conserving what is already there, rather than replacing such things as windows and doors. This means that existing windows will be repaired and repainted but not replaced. If we wish, we can build traditional storm windows for them (at our expense) but we cannot install double windows with double glazing. We could do it, but we would have to pay for them ourselves because the federal government would not and it is unlikely other outside donors would be interested in paying for something that was not authentic.

What will the colour scheme be?

A great great deal of discussion took place about the colours of the chancel and the rest of the church. Although costs for painting have been factored into the rough estimate for the project, no decisions have been made on this subject. It is likely that a committee off parishioners will work on the details of the decorating scheme a little nearer the time of actual construction.

Will there be any changes in the chancel?

No changes have been included in the preliminary report. Any changes made will be the result of consultation within the congregation and the cost will be additional to the current estimate.

Can we make the church wheelchair accessible?

Yes, we can, and we definitely hope to do so. This, along with such modern items as new electrical wiring, would not be covered by the federal government's cost sharing scheme, but are sufficiently important to raise funds from other sources.

Church or Historic Monument?

To us, Saint George's is our place of worship, and to preserve it as such we have recently dig deep into our pockets to restore the organ. When we come to raise funds to conserve the church itself, most of the money will have to come from outside donors such as heritage organisations, the three levels of government, foundations, banks and major corporations. To these organisations, Saint George's is an important part of Canada's heritage. It is a building which has already been recognised as being of historical importance by the federal, provincial and city governments. These organisations will be interested in preserving a historic monument not in reducing our heating bills. Therefore, when we approach them for funding, we shall have to do it on the basis of Saint George's status as a heritage site of great importance. The answer to the question, :" Church or historic monument?" is that Saint George's is both. It must be conserved as both and, with God's help and that of an energetic and imaginative fundraising project, will be.

Gabriel Guild Annual Report

"We Strive to Bear One Another's Burdens"

Once again the Guild met on the 2nd and the Tuesdays from September to May, with extra meetings for social and fund-raising projects. Dues remained at \$3.00 each per year and Georgina Myles continued to pass the "loose change" box at every meeting. A new fund-raiser was a "birthday box" made and donated by Ada Grandy. Each month those members with birthdays placed \$5.00 in the box in thanksgiving to God. Our Guild ended 1993 with 21 members; one member, Susan Taylor, moved away, one new member, Marilyn Olding, joined, and one very long-standing member, Triffie Rose, died.

As a result of both parish and community catering and events, including the Red Rose and Turkey Dinners, Pancake Supper, Penny Auction, Steak Barbecue, bake and craft sales, flea market, dinners, lunches, funeral and baptismal receptions, a garden party, and a lawn bowling tournament, the Guild was able to contribute \$10,000.00 to parish funds. Our most successful event was the Turkey Dinner which was a sell-out, perhaps a result of a new policy of selling advance tickets cheaper than tickets at the door! The Guild also gave cash, goods and time to support the Alexandra Society, ACW, Friends of Kings, A. S. T. , Fairview Villa, Christian Blind Mission, and the Canadian Bible Society. In lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts, Guild members each contributed \$10.00 toward the purchase of prayer books in memory of past members.

In Spring three members attended the ACW A. G. M. in Halifax and in Fall six attended the ACW Semi-Annual in Wolfville.

The Guild acquired a used TV-VCR which is housed in the Guild Room in a beautiful pine cupboard, designed and built by Gordon Engram, Les Grandy and Willis Grandy. The equipment is available for use by any parish group as long as a Gabriel Guild member is present. During meetings we enjoyed and were inspired by the following videos: "Free to Be Me", "How Do You Know if Your Vision Is Correct", " Moravian Mission in Labrador", and "In His Presence", each of which was introduced by a member with discussion following.

Guest speakers to our group included representatives from the Parish Conservation Task Force who outlined future plans, and from the Grace Maternity Hospital who explained the need for baby layette items for needy mothers. As a result of the latter, the Guild sponsored two "baby showers" at Sunday services when generous parishioners donated everything from handknitted outfits to disposable diapers to baby powder! These baby showers will become an annual event.

Spiritual times at meetings were taken by Cynthia Watts, Sylvia Morgan and Rita Hill and included prayers, readings, talks, poems and discussion on the following topics: "The Ten Commandments", "New Year's Resolutions", "A Modest Lenten Rule", "What To Give Up For Lent", "Triumph of the Empty Tomb", and "Bearing One Another's Burdens".

Social highlights were a Parish Bowling Party where a 76 year old member bowled for the first time in her life, and a Christmas outing to the Grafton Street Dinner Theatre made possible through thee donation of 20 tickets by Karen Wheeler. Many thanks, Karen; we had a fabulous time! Will Les Grandy, Harry Hill, and the rest of us ever forget "Why Must I Be a Teenager in Love"?

Our disappointments included an attempt to assemble a parish Christmas cookbook. The few recipes submitted were insufficient and so they were sold individually and in a limited-edition, handmade booklet. Many thanks to Vaila Mowat! Another disappointment was our attempt to involve more parishioners in contributing to our fund-raising projects by inserting once a month in the bulletin a bookmark which explained one of our fundraising projects, e. g. knitting, crafts, homemade specialties and which requested donations of the same. No extra donations came in during the year as a result of this effort. However, we feel it is worthwhile and will be continued as it keeps the Guild's work in the minds of the parishioners and possibly more will respond in the future.

Our successes included the making and use of sales tags on all items sold at Scotia Square and in the parish. The tags included a picture, the name, and phone number of our church and a Biblical quotation. We felt they gave the sales goods a professional look and perhaps helped to raise the profile of St. George's in the community at large.

At the A. G. M on 25 January 1994, the following executive was elected:

Honorary President: Sandra Thorpe

President: Gertie Moulton Vice President: Ada Grandy Past President: Sylvia Morgan

Secretary: Vaila Mowat Treasurer: Cynthia Watts

Catering Convenors: Karen Wheeler and Mary Isaacs

Tea Convenor: Rita McGowan Lunch Convenor: Flo Grandy

Parish Council: Gertie Moulton and Marilyn Olding (alternate)

Have you ever wondered who launders hundreds of tea towels after coffee hour and parish events? who prepares beverages and sets out snacks on Sundays? who washes dishes at Parish brunches? who cleans the 4 fridges? who manually defrosts the 6 freezers? who cleans the 4 ovens? who reorganises kitchen cupboards and drawers? who...Guild members!

A warm welcome is extended to any lady who would like to become part of our active group; transportation can usually be arranged. Many thanks to all, especially our men friends, who helped make our year such a success. God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted, Sylvia Morgan, President

GABRIEL GUILD Financial Statement as of December 31, 1993

Balance as of December, 1992 Revenue	<u>\$2.00</u>
Catering - Baptism Funerals United E. Loyalist	40.00 900.00 450.00
Monarchist League	75.00
S.P. Dart. League Joe Howe Seniors	165.00
lcomos	322.00 420.00
Mayors G. Party	1,636.25
Lawn Bowling	1,185.00
Welsh Choir	149.05
North End Seniors	278.50
Coffee Sales Calendar Sales	65.91
Dues	325.00 55.00
	55.00
Parish Events	
Pancake Supper / Card Game	316.00
Penny Auction Red Rose Dinner	216.00
B.B.Q.	2,006.92 525.35
Flea Market	139.15
Scotia Square Crafts	1,064.80
Turkey Dinner	3,238.60
Special Donations	80.00
Interest on Account	34.23
<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>\$13,687.76</u>
Expenses	
Bank Charges	3.50
Calendars	325.00
Cdn. Bible Society	100.00
Friends of Kings Groceries	50.00
Bolands / Bens	1,049.76 551.82
Hubs	870.98
Permits	20.00
Rev'd. Thorne	25.00
St. George's	10,000.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$12,996.06</u>
Balance as of December, 1993	<u>\$693.70</u>

Report of the Altar Guild

The Altar Guild remains a small but dedicated group and, as we start a new year, we would like to issue a warm invitation to any parishioner, male or female, who would like to join us in caring for the sanctuary. Altar Guild work, to quote our manual, can itself be considered an oblation, a loving labour offered to God, not merely a chore that must be done. We who serve in the Guild consider ourselves privileged to do so. We will be having a workshop in the Spring. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact me.

The Guild comprises those who prepare the sanctuary for weekly services, and others who contribute in different ways. In particular, we are grateful to Tillie Glover who year after year cares for the Altar linens, to Helen Johnson who puts flowers from her beautiful garden on the Altar all Summer long, to Anthony Helpard who adds so much to our Christmas, Easter, and Harvest Thanksgiving festivals with his artistry, to Don Connors, Chuck Given and their Scouts for their annual major contribution of making, hanging, and then removing) the Christmas garland. We also thank John Edmonds and Edmonds Brothers for their annual donation of the enormous number of boughs without which there would be no garland, young Diana Turner, our youngest (and perhaps best) brass polisher, Vaila Mowat, who makes sure the hangings are changed during the week so our colours are always correct, and Jan Buley our newest member whose energy and enthusiasm are most welcome. Thank you all, and if I have omitted any names in this long list, please forgive me. For anyone interested in joining the Guild there are many ways in which to help.

Respectfully submitted,

Robi Matthews, President

Altar Guild Financial Statement

Balance at December 31, 1992	\$228.19	
Revenue Donations Interest Subtotal	770.00 1.02 771.02	
Expenses Flowers Bank fees Subtotal	746.30 12.00 758.30	
Balance December 31, 1993	\$ 241,91	

2nd Halifax Group Committee Scouts Canada

This past Scouting year has been most exciting for the Troop age youth (11-15) with their preparation and participation in the VIII Canadian Jamboree at Kananaskis Country in Alberta during the month of July. The Scouts discovered how large the Scouts Canada organisation really is and tried to understand just how world-wide the brotherhood movement is. Ten glorious but wet, or should I say very wet days and nights were spent living, camping, playing, cooking and learning from and with 16,000 participants from Canada and some eleven other countries; a lifetime experience!

Our Cub Pack has rebounded this year thanks to the leadership team of Jan Buley, Sandra Thorpe, Andrew Pickett and Gwynedd Morgan. Nine youth from the surrounding community are participating in a very interesting programme, learning to make good choices and developing self-esteem. Swimming, outdoor rambles and a visit to Sunrise Manor before Christmas are some of the activities in which they participated; an up-coming visit to the planetarium is in the works.

Our Venturer Company has just about finished their term. With the graduation of Tanya Connors to the age of eighteen she has made application to become a full Leader. Dave Roberts also has plans of becoming a Scout Leader in July. That would effectively close this Venturer Company.

Again this year we wish to remind you that success of a "Scouts Canada franchise" depends on strong support from the sponsor (in this case the Parish of St. George) and its members. If you can volunteer to help by serving on a fundraising committee; provide transportation, cook at upcoming banquets, keep notes at meetings, please come forward.

It is always encouraging when parents of our youth members become more actively involved. This is the case with Norman Clair who took on the Chairmanship from Chris West (who continues to be an active member of the Group) and Theresa McEvoy, our new Treasurer. Thanks to Karen Wheeler and Cynthia Watts for their contribution to the Group Committee to September 1993.

A point that we feel the Parish should be aware of is that normally a youth would pay a registration fee in September and the family buys a uniform and a work book to get the youth member started. But in many cases the family just can't afford it so "Johnny" stays away. This year we have helped many of the youth of 2nd Halifax, not just with registration but also with a uniform and book. This has meant that we have had to ask for more financial support than in the past. Thanks to those of you who provided such generous support, because with your help more youth have a chance to experience what Scouting is all about: an opportunity to develop their character as resourceful and responsible members of the community by providing opportunities and guidance for their mental, physical, social and spiritual development.

Submitted by: Don Connors

Annual Report for Second Halifax Cubs! (sung to the tune of Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer)

Our meetings are on Mondays,
And we have a lot of fun,
Learning to work with others,
Altogether, we are one!
Camping and constellations,
Baking, swimming, badge work too,
Carving up all those pumpkins,
Such a lot of stuff to do!

Chipper, Raksha, Akela, Baloo Rikki Tikki Tavvi too, They're the leaders of the pack, Monday nights we're all on track! We'd welcome any new boys, Call us if you's like to be in Cubs at ol' Saint George's Cubbing-it's for you and me!!

Cub leaders at Saint George's include:
Akela- Jan Buley
Baloo- Andrew Pickett
Chipper- Jonathan Rasley
Raksha- Sandra Thorne
Rikki Tikki Tavvi- Gwynedd Morgan

Regional Council Report

Regional Council is a body of persons from the eight churches in the Chebucto region who come together to discuss subjects of consequence to the Church as a whole and the Chebucto area. It is a time to share what is happening in our separate parishes as well as explore new possibilities for ways to fulfil the Gospel of Christ.

The Council has wanted to help, in some real sense, the plight of refugees. That desire has now come to fruition. In combination with C. H. E. C. (Central Halifax Ecumenical Churches) enough funds have now been committed to support a family of four persons for the required one year period. On January 13th, the newly formed Christians for refugees Committees, with representatives from each contributing church, had its first meeting. The Committee has the mandate to make the necessary governmental arrangements as well as plans for housing, language and cultural education to help the family integrate into the community when they arrive. We are thrilled with the response from the various churches as they extend helping hands to other brothers and sisters of the world. Our representative is Sylvia Morgan who, I am sure, you will be hearing from in the very near future as to how you can help in supporting this worthy endeavour.

On behalf of the Diocesan Strategy Planning Committee, Dean Munroe reviewed the various Motions to be presented to Synod respecting organisation and canon revision. This was an extremely informative presentation as we sought to look at ourselves as members of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Nova Scotia. The Council actually had an opportunity to definitively indicate what Goals and Objectives they rated as most important. Issues related to our vocation and service to others; outreach; matters in the 'world' challenging us to respond; strengthening the organisation of the Diocese; volunteerism; clergy support And counsel; pastoral care and many more. It was amazing how similar our views were when it came to the Christian want "To know Christ, and to make Him known".

As always, the Council has a session prior to Synod where we review in detail the various motions. This is always a most helpful information meeting for those who are about to attend as delegates. It also informs any other interested persona of matters they may wish to speak to at the Synod.

Later in the year we also spent a good amount of time discussing the newly introduced system of territorial Archdeacons. This is an issue that will be further investigated during our next few metings so that it is fully understood.

I would invite any interested person to attend Regional Council meetings or to speak to me of any concerns they may have that relate to our Chebucto region.

To God be the glory.

Cynthia W. Watts

Regional Council Chairperson

Primate's Norld Relief and Development Fund

This was my first year as the parish representative to the fund and I have found it a very informative and an uplifting experience.

The year began with plans for a "Help Fair" where metro associations representing countries and people who are presently being assisted by the fund would come to St. George;s and share a little of their lives with us to increase our awareness of their native countries' relief and development needs. The event, by necessity, was postponed to March and eventually cancelled because the new date was not convenient for the majority of associations.

The next activity was the introduction of a "Lenten Lifestyle Awareness Calendar" to all parishioners to replace the usual PWRDF calendars and envelopes. What was suggested was that every user become more aware of what life would be like without the many luxuries we enjoy in our everyday lives such as clean water, fresh food, warm houses and clothing, cars, TVs, etc. A small donation was suggested for each day in Lent. This proved to be a great family activity and \$334 was donated by individuals and families. We hope to repeat this in 1994 with more people becoming involved.

A PWRDF Parish Rep Training session was held again this year and much helpful material was available as well as the opportunity to meet and learn from other Nova Scotia reps.

Beautiful PWRDF Christmas Cards were available in the Church Hall several Sundays leading up to Christmas. Those who used these cards are reminded to send their "gift" money to the fund.

In summary, I would like to share a lovely poem by Brian Pearson of the Diocese of Niagara:

The Primate's Fund

not about money
about people
not about hand-outs
about partnership;
not about charity
about dignity;
not about them
about us;
The Primate's Fund
it works for all of us.

I would be pleased to assist the new St. George's rep in this worthwhile parish function.

Respectfully submitted,

Gai Thomas

PROPOSED BUDGET - 1994

	1993 Actual	1993 Budget	1994 Budget
Revenue			
Offerings	107,755.13	112,825.29	118,472.07
Gabriel Guild	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Rentals	31,013.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Investment Income	2,471.82	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Revenue	\$151,239.95	\$159,825.29	\$165,472.07
Expenses			
Property			
Taxes	2,914.23	2,500.00	3,200.00
Insurance	1,695.00	1,600.00	1,800.00
Fuel	16,496.57	19,000.00	17,000.00
Water	1,002.85	1,000.00	1,000.00
Power	3,531.44	4,200.00	4,200.00
Maintenance - Supplies	394.54	800.00	800.00
Janitor	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Repairs	6,424.38	7,277.54	6,500.00
Capital Repairs	3,947.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fire Extinguisher	145.09	300.00	300.00
Telephone	<u>1,344.41</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	2,000.00
Total Property	<u>\$42,396.01</u>	<u>\$45,177.54</u>	\$43,300.00
Ordained Ministry/Music			
Ordained Ministry	57,540.65	57,645.63	57,745.63
Music	<u>13,034.05</u>	<u>13,034.05</u>	<u>13,667.76</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$70,574.70</u>	<u>\$70,679.68</u>	<u>\$71,413.39</u>
<u>General</u>			
Paper / Postage / Copies	5,464.71	4,500.00	5,500.00
Offering Envelopes	1,004.29	1,000.00	900.00
Mortgage	11,616.00	11,616.00	11,616.00
Bank Charges	122.42	400.00	400.00
Allotment	15,470.64	15,470.66	18,000.00
Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hall Manager	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	264.54	1,000.00	1,000.00
Dues	40.00	150.00	150.00
All Saints Restoration	984.00	984.00	984.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$36,966.60</u>	<u>\$37,120.66</u>	<u>\$40,550.00</u>

PROPOSED BUDGET (CONTINUED)

Spiritual Development Publicity Eucharistic Supplies Sunday School Total	1,185.16 2,378.75 <u>400.00</u> \$3,963.91	1,300.00 2,500.00 <u>500.00</u> \$4,300.00	1,300.00 2,500.00 <u>1,200.00</u> \$5,000.00
Pastoral Ministry		\$300.00	<u>\$300.00</u>
1992 Deficit	\$2,247.41	<u>\$2,247.41</u>	
1993 Deficit			\$4,908.68
OTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$156,148.63</u>	<u>\$159,825.29</u>	\$165,472.07

<u>DETAILS OF MORTGAGE</u> #036-20000993-1992

Held by Canada Trust

Balance as of December, 1992	\$99,146.94
Interest @6% Payments 1993	<u>5,825.66</u>
Balance as of December, 1993	<u>\$93,321.28</u>

<u>Propert</u>	y Assessments	1994	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>
#57230 #57836	Duetch Church Sextons House	186,200 67,300	186,200 67,300	163,700 60,500
#58830	St. Georges Church	312,700	312,700	374,700
#58841	Rectory	100,600	100,600	87,100
#71390	Parking Lot	64,100	64,100	34,800
#71419	Hall	206,300	206,300	150,700

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee met three times and offered the following resolutions which were accepted at the January meeting of Parish Council. The intent of these reolutions is to regularize the turnover of members at large of Parish Council so that there will be four new members elected each year:

- 1. That there be a maximum of 12 members at large on Parish Council.
- 2. That four new members at large be elected each year to replace retiring members.
- 3. That additional members at large be elected each year to complete the terms of members at large who have retired early from Parish Council.

The Nominations Committee thanks the congregation for the many suggested names and presents the following persons who have agreed to serve.

Position Warden Synod Delegates (Alternative) Synod Youth Delegate (Alternative) Secretary Treasurer	Returning Robert Martin (2/2)	Nominated Anne West (1/2) Bruce Duncan (1/1) Cynthia Watts (1/1) David Olding (1/1) Kristin Matthews (1/1) Andrew Pickett (1/1) Rachel DeWolf (1/1) Bruce Duncan (1/1)
Members at Large	Harry Boswell (3/3) David Coates (3/3) Karen Conrod (3/3) Bruce Duncan (3/3) Jim McLean (3/3) Martin Yeatman (3/3) Sylvia Morgan (2/3) Neil Robertson (2/3) Hugh Tilley (2/3	Lawrence B-Robertson (1/2) Mary MacLachlan (1/3)
Communications Officer Auditor Regional Delegates	riugh iniey (2/3	Dorothy Coons (1/1) E. Raymond Ells (1/1) Robert Martin Marilyn Olding Cynthia Watts Anne West Karen Wheeler
Diocesan Times Correspond	lent	Cynthia Watts

The Nominations Committee recommends that the following groups be permitted to elect one representative to Parish Council: Conservation Task Force, Gabriel Guild, Group Comm.

Baptisms

"we receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock"

Hannah Bronwyn Edgar Kelsey Anne Louise Hunter Davita Margaret McCorriston Melissa Lynn Bernice Manette

Marriages

"to love and to cherish, till death do us part"

Earle Harding King & Mary Eileen Dill Shane Richard Jackson & Colleen Marie McClafferty

Burials

"in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life"

David Dorcey Nash
Terrence James Travis Bryan
David Schneider
Lester Ivan Johnson
Evelyn Anstey
Laura Beatrice Lemee
John W. Bryan
John Harold Penny
Tryphena Rose
Marjorie Anna Smith
Blanche Jessie Walker
Eileen Kendall