

Rise again! Rise again!



Saint George's Parish

Halifax, Nova Scotia

1994 Annual Report

Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 19, 1995

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AGENDA

1. Opening Prayers
2. Approving of minutes of 13 an 20 February, 1994
3. Unfinished business and business arising from minutes
4. Communications
5. Financial Statement for year ended December 31, 1994 (Parish and Restoration)
6. Report of Rector
7. Report of Wardens
8. Report of Synod Delegates
9. Consideration of Committee Reports
10. Reception of Organization Reports
11. 1995 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

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, December 4, 1994

Father Thorne opened the meeting at 12:25 pm with a prayer, and announced that Jan Connors would be the facilitator.

In her opening remarks, Jan spoke of the importance of understanding God's will for the Parish. With the meeting with Bishop Peters fast approaching, now is the time for input from the whole Parish, and she asked all those present to express their opinions openly, and for all to be tolerant and respectful of one another's views. She explained that on January 8 the Steering Committee will present to the Parish all restoration and building options. A resolution will be put forward that all members will vote on.

The congregation then broke off into seven groups led by John Swaine, Charles Westropp, John Edmonds, Anne West, Clare Christie, Cynthia Watts and Rob Martin. For about twenty minutes these groups of eight to fourteen people expressed their views about restoration options and the leaders listed all the ideas put forward. Then the seven leaders reviewed their lists with explanations and comments before all. These were summarized by Kim Paterson as follows:

1. Full restoration
2. Partial restoration
 - A. Step by step until fully restored (can rent another building in the mean-time)
 - B. As above and used by congregation
 - C. Rebuild with modern structure
 - D. Use Hall as we do now
 - E. Expand Hall
 - F. Preserve church as now is
 - G. Disband Parish (the least acceptable)
 - H. Purchase another building
 - I. Move church to another location
 - J. Team up with Trinity Church, in their building or elsewhere
3. Rebuild using Parish's uniqueness as a draw
4. Be more involved with community ministry
5. Provide satisfying place of worship
6. Hve responsibility to restore national treasure
7. Frills not necessary
8. UNITY FIRST!!
9. Get on with it, but Parish needs more information
10. Must emphasize people
11. Parish would probably dissolve if no restoration - Parish is important to community

12. Present church houses much family history and memories.
This is part of Saint George's spirituality.
13. Don't leave debt to future generations
14. Our Parish is unique and therefore must be preserved
Our sense of spirituality is important.
15. If we don't rebuild, it won't happen
16. Must cater to community
17. Preserve what is left, if we can't restore, so future generations can
18. Partial restoration mustn't interfere with complete restoration

Individual speakers from the congregation were then given an opportunity to express , in a couple of minutes for each, their individual views. Ten parishioners spoke on such topics as the need for more information on the feasibility study, the will of heritage groups all across the country to help us out, the great volume of information that the Steering Committee has assembled, concern about the monetary aspects of restoration, the spiritual needs of the community, the need to reconcile our spiritual and historical identity, the efforts of the Steering Committee , Wardens, and others to provides information to everyone on Sundays after service, the importance of place of worship historically in the Christian religion, and the importance of the Parish of Saint George staying together as a family because of the spirituality of our Parish.

Jan Connors then reviewed all the options, and asked for more feedback from the congregation so that the information given out later in December would be as complete as possible.

Father Thorne said a closing prayer.

**SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1995**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 13, 1994

62 persons present
Father Gary Thorne in the Chair

Opening Prayers. Father Thorne opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting. The following corrections were made:

page 1, "1993" should read "1992"

page 2, no. 8, for "Thorpe" read "Thorne"

page 2, no. 10, omit "might"

page 2, no. 11, change "19933" to "1993"

page 3, N, "Moved by Rob Martin and seconded by Jan Connors that Father Thorne, Richard Matthews and Greg Videtic be nominated" should read "Moved by Rob Martin and seconded by Jan Connors that Father Thorne and Greg Videtic be nominated"

It was moved by Susan Harris and seconded by Mary Martin that the minutes be adopted as corrected. CARRIED.

Unfinished Business. There was no unfinished business arising from the minutes.

~~Communications.~~ ~~Letter from Bishop Peters.~~ None

Financial Statement for the Year Ended December 31, 1993.

It was moved by Karen Wheeler and seconded by Charles Westropp that the statement be adopted as printed. Carried.

Rector's Report. The Rector's report was accepted as received. The Rector added to it his concern that people joining St. George's do not get to know one another as well as they ought. He remarked that we should especially support the two candidates for the priesthood from St. George's who had recently received formal approval from the diocese.

Other Reports. The following reports were accepted as received and printed:

Wardens' Report

Report of St. George's Synod Delegates

Report of the Spiritual Development Committee

Report of the Pastoral Relations Committee

Report of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee's report was moved to be accepted by Adrian Sly and seconded by Cynthia Watts, and the motion was CARRIED.

Report of the Conservation Task Force. It was moved by Charles Westropp and seconded by Mary Martin that the report be accepted. The motion was CARRIED.

Organizational Reports : The following organizational reports were accepted as received:

Gabriel Guild. However, the following corrections were made:
on page 32 para. 2 should read "2nd and 4th Tuesdays".
on page 33, para. 3 should read "Thorne" not "Thorpe".
An addition should be made to show that one member, Frances Kyle, died during the year.
The Altar Guild
2nd Halifax Group Committee, Scouts Canada
2nd Halifax Cubs
Regional Council Report
Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

Presentation of the Budget : The Budget was presented by Karen Wheeler, and discussed. It was moved by Adrian Sly and seconded by Tommie Glover that it be accepted as printed. CARRIED.

Discussion about the budget centred on the fact that the parish allotment had been increased. It is uncertain how the increase is to be paid.

New or Special Business : It was moved by Hubert Morgan that in future all nominations for positions brought to the nominating committee's attention be recorded in their report, so that if a choice between persons willing to accept the position exists, the parish might be pre-informed of all such persons before voting time. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Watts. After a long and lively discussion this motion was defeated by 30 to 25.

Jan Connors presented the Nominating Committee's report, explaining how they arrive at their slate of officers. It was suggested by Martin Yeatman that we go through the Nominating Committee's report, leaving aside the treasurer's election till the succeeding Sunday, Feb. 20th, at which time the annual meeting should be reconvened. The only position for which there is more than one willing candidate is that of treasurer. Karen Wheeler accepted the nomination for the position of treasurer.

The slate of officers given in the 1993 annual report was accepted with the following additions:

Martha Pratt- Member at large, Parish Council (1/3)

It was moved by Mary Martin and seconded by Adrian Sly that we accept this slate of officers, leaving the office of treasurer aside to be voted on in a subsequent election to be held on 20th February after communion. CARRIED.

It was moved that we adjourn till Sunday, February 20, at 12:15. CARRIED.

**CONTINUATION OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 20, 1994
FOR THE YEAR 1993**

74 members present.

Father Thorne in the chair.

The election for treasurer of the Parish Council was held. There were two names before the meeting, Bruce Duncan and Karen Wheeler. There were no further nominations. Voting was by ballot. 72 votes were cast; there was one abstention and one blank. 31 votes were cast for Bruce Duncan; 39 were cast for Karen Wheeler. Karen Wheeler was then declared treasurer.

The lay representatives to the synod for 1994 are Bruce Duncan and Cynthia Watts. Kristen Matthews is the youth representative. David Olding is the alternate adult representative, and Andrew Pickett the alternate youth representative.

It was moved by Susan Harris and seconded by Richard Matthews that Father Thorne be ~~elected~~ ^{nominated} as General Synod Representative. CARRIED.

It was moved by Karen Wheeler and seconded by Mary Martin that Cynthia Watts be nominated for Diocesan Council. CARRIED.

It was moved by Robert Martin and seconded by Neil Robertson that Bruce Duncan be nominated for the board of governors, King's. CARRIED.

Robert Martin gave a short speech before adjournment, explaining that our meeting on this day showed that we know how to follow proper democratic procedure.

Adjournment was moved by Robert Martin.

Respectfully submitted

Vaila Mowat



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February 6, 1995

The Rector, Wardens and Members of the Parish Council
of St. George's Church, Halifax

Dear Friends:

This letter comes in accordance with Canon 38, Section 4(1) to formally grant my permission for restoration of St. George's Church.

My permission is granted on the following understandings:

- The restoration work will be undertaken in a four-phased program (p. 28 of the Parish's presentation documents, "A Presentation to The Right Reverend Arthur G. Peters, Bishop of Nova Scotia" dated January 9, 1995).
- The work will be phased in such a way from one stage to the next stage so that no work will be undertaken until funding for same is in hand, i.e., no debt will be incurred other than minimal amounts which may be required for bridge financing and then only when the source of funds to repay the bridge financing is assured (p. 35 of "A Presentation to The Right Reverend Arthur G. Peters, Bishop of Nova Scotia").
- The Parish in all its dealings will ensure that it is clearly understood that the Parish is the body undertaking the project and is solely responsible for liabilities incurred; it is not a Diocesan project per se and neither the Diocese nor the broader Church can be looked to to take on or assume liabilities which may arise out of the project.
- The Diocese has no funds available to contribute to the project other than funds which, through the normal application and approval process, might be available through the Diocesan Mortgage and Loan Committee.
- The Parish will continue to act as a responsible parish belonging to the Diocese whose principle work is ministering to people.

I mentioned in my earlier statement that the tragic fire which devastated St. George's Church resulted in a profound loss. We are people, however, that believe in a God who always brings good out of ill. Do be assured of my concern and prayer for you as you undertake this ambitious and significant project of restoration.

With every best wish and blessing to all of you,

Yours truly,

+ *Arthur*

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AUDIT REPORT

To the Members of:
SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH

We have audited the balance sheet of Saint George's Church as at November 30, 1994 and the statements of receipts and expenditures for the period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the members. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as disclosed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financials statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the members, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many non profit organizations, not all sources of receipts, by their nature, are susceptible to complete verification by audit procedures. Accordingly, our examination of receipts was restricted to accounting for the amounts recorded in the books of account of the church.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the fund as at November 30, 1994 and the results of its operations for the period then ended in accordance with the accounting principles as disclosed in note 1.

Halifax, N.S.
December 15, 1994

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD
1994

ASSETS

CASH

Cash in Bank	\$12,106.90
Petty Cash	\$200.00
TOTAL CASH	\$12,306.90

INVESTMENTS

Central Trust TDs (note 1)	\$7,532.32
Montreal Trust (note 1)	\$17,706.99
Diocese of N.S. (note 1)	\$9,810.67
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$35,049.98
TOTAL ASSETS	\$47,356.88

LIABILITIES

CURRENT	\$0.00
LONG TERM	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00

SURPLUS

COMMITTED SURPLUS (note 2)	\$12,306.90
UNCOMMITTED SURPLUS	\$35,049.98
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$47,356.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	\$47,356.88

NOTE 1
TABLE OF INVESTMENTS

Institution	Certificate Number	Term	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Annual Interest	Amount
Central Trust/TD	1016915	1 yr	Dec/94	6.5%		\$3,370.80
	1482035	1 yr	April/95	6.5%		\$1,282.43
	1482036	1 yr	April/95	6.5%		\$879.09
	1482034	1 yr	April/95	6.5%		\$2,000.00
					Total	\$7,532.32
Montreal Trust	7811763-2	3 yr	April 30, '98	7.5%		\$5,844.11
	7817612	2 yr	Aug 10/97	6.5%		\$1,862.88
	7817612-3	2 yr	Sept 16/97	6.5%		\$10,000.00
					Total	\$17,706.99
Diocese of NS						
Endowment-Rector/Wardens	Mar 31, 1936					\$7,000.00
Endowment-Rector/Wardens	July 1, 1936					\$2,010.67
Endowment- Shaw	June 16, 1958					\$500.00
Grave Lot- Wright	Mar 19, 1939					\$300.00
					Total	\$9,810.67
Grand Total						\$35,049.98

NOTE 2
COMMITTED SURPLUSES

	1994	1993
Adopta Jar	\$0.00	\$49.75
Church School	\$720.23	\$2,400.00
Diocesan Times	\$0.00	\$928.00
Dutch Church	(\$2,218.36)	(\$2,699.60)
Ecology Gardens	\$1,695.00	\$1,445.00
Insurance Claims	\$2,658.72	\$188.62
Memorial Fund	\$2,871.78	\$4,493.88
Missions	\$2,895.96	\$1,860.96
North End Council	\$0.00	\$144.00
Organ Fund	(\$353.87)	\$11,907.01
Poor Fund	\$293.01	\$399.51
PWRDF	\$10.00	\$1,411.85
Quashie Fund	\$772.64	\$757.64
Damage Deposits	\$0.00	\$325.00
Rectory Damage Deposits	\$819.94	\$796.06
Refugee Family	(\$201.00)	\$35.00
St. George's 2000	\$0.00	\$3,865.00
Soup Kitchen	\$2,342.85	\$2,311.74
Total	\$12,306.90	\$30,619.42

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

Offering	\$114,534.73
Gabriel Guild	\$10,154.27
Investment Income	\$2,342.21
Rentals	\$31,243.00
Total Receipts	\$158,274.21

EXPENDITURES

See Schedule	\$153,365.53
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EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER RECEIPTS	\$4,908.68
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DEFICIT, beginning of period	(\$4,908.68)
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SURPLUS (DEFICIT) end of period	\$0.00
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Schedule of Expenditures

PROPERTY	1994	1993
Taxes	\$2,888.91	\$2,914.23
Insurance (note 5)	\$2,402.72	\$1,695.00
Fuel	\$9,662.69	\$16,496.57
Water	\$814.49	\$1,002.85
Power	\$3,165.75	\$3,531.44
<i>Maintenance</i>		
Supplies	\$289.07	\$394.54
Janitor	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Repairs	\$7,689.32	\$6,424.38
Capital Repairs	\$4,855.82	\$3,947.50
Fire Extinguisher	\$108.61	\$145.09
Telephone	\$1,854.28	\$1,344.41
Total Property	\$38,231.66	\$42,396.01

ORDAINED MINISTRY

	1994	1993
Rectors Stipend	\$28,700.99	\$28,700.99
CPP & UIC	\$2,071.21	\$2,040.66
Pension	\$4,692.00	\$4,692.00
Travel	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00
Living Expense	\$16,409.52	\$16,167.00
Vacation Replacement	\$0.00	\$540.00
Total Ordained Ministry	\$57,273.72	\$57,540.65

GENERAL

	1994	1993
Office Supplies	\$3,671.40	\$5,464.71
Offering Envelopes	\$846.08	\$1,004.29
Mortgage	\$11,616.00	\$11,616.00
Bank Charges	\$218.28	\$122.42
Allotment	\$18,000.00	\$15,470.64
Treasurer	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Hall Manager	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Contingencies	\$990.14	\$264.54
Dues	\$25.00	\$40.00
Cathedral Restoration	\$984.00	\$984.00
Total General	\$38,350.90	\$36,966.60

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**1994****1993**

Publicity	\$1,257.74	\$1,185.16
Eucharistic Supplies	\$1,496.98	\$2,378.75
Sunday School	\$1,200.00	\$400.00
Lay Ministry	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Music Directors Stipend	\$12,319.44	\$12,089.76
Vacation Replacement	\$400.00	\$400.00
Music	\$922.13	\$544.29
Total Spiritual Development	\$19,096.29	\$16,997.96

PASTORAL MINISTRY**1994****1993**

Basic Budget	\$412.96	\$0.00
Group Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rainbow Girls	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$412.96	\$0.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES**\$153,365.53****\$153,901.22**



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AUDIT REPORT

To the Members of:
SAINT GEORGE'S RESTORATION FUND

We have audited the balance sheet of Saint George's Restoration Fund as at November 30, 1994 and the statements of receipts and disbursement and capital for the period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the members. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as disclosed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financials statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the members, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many non profit organizations, not all sources of receipts, by their nature, are susceptible to complete verification by audit procedures. Accordingly, our examination of receipts was restricted to accounting for the amounts recorded in the books of account of the fund.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the fund as at November 30, 1994 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the period then ended in accordance with the accounting principles as disclosed in note 1.

Halifax, N.S.
December 15, 1994

Fraser & Howatt
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

SAINT GEORGE'S RESTORATION FUND

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1994

1994

ASSETS

CURRENT

Cash	8,781.70
Short Term Deposits (Note 2)	601,133.68

\$609,915.38

\$609,915.38

LIABILITIES

CURRENT

Accounts Payable	1,203.75
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\$1,203.75

\$1,203.75

SURPLUS

SURPLUS

608,711.63

\$608,711.63

\$609,915.38

SAINT GEORGE'S RESTORATION FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1994

1994

RECEIPTS

Insurance	875,000.00
Government Funds	30,000.00
Special Fund Raising	47,221.03
Sale of Merchandise	26,753.29
Interest	11,236.46
Donations	
Parish	11,643.00
Outside	101,749.30
Pledges	5,250.00

\$1,108,853.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Audit Fee	1,203.75
Mortgage Pay out	87,074.03
Bank Charges	268.87
Fund Raising Expenses	20,351.23
Fund Raising Merchandise	25,522.65
Saint George's 2000	1,930.63
Replacement Items	1,328.27
Restoration Expenses	362,462.02

\$500,141.45

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENT

\$608,711.63

Surplus, end of period

\$608,711.63

2. SHORT TERM DEPOSITS

GIC, Non redeemable until June 1997	\$190,000.00
GIC, Non redeemable until December, 1994	411,133.68

\$601,133.68

RECTOR'S REPORT

For the Equipping of the Saints for Ministry

Within the first few months of coming to Saint George's parish a reporter from the North End News interviewed me for a feature story and asked what my style and focus of ministry in the North End would be. The understanding clearly was that I would have two or three 'interests' that would determine how the Parish would exercise ministry within the community during my term as Rector. She did not quite understand me when I told her that I had determined not to exercise any particular ministry at all! I explained that I personally would enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to get involved in this activity, that project or a specific programme or ministry, but in the end it would be my personal needs that would be met. Indeed, it was a great temptation not to fill up my time with ministry 'on the streets'. My own personality and gifts are well suited to becoming involved in a grassroots one on one ministry in the North End community and I would be rewarded with a great sense of being a crusader against the powers of wickedness and evil. Perhaps you know that I was brought up in the 1950s in a part of Saint John, New Brunswick which makes me feel entirely at home in the North End / Inner City of Halifax. Here is my opportunity to minister to the dispossessed and disadvantaged in a way which would satisfy my personal needs of self sacrifice and response to a Loving Father in heaven.

Instead, I was determined to resist this temptation to minister to others! By the grace of God, I tried to explain to this reporter five years ago, I would try to build up the parish body and to nourish the parish family so that the countless gifts of the whole congregation would be given to the exercise of ministry. Instead of three hundred parishioners supporting the ministry of one priest, I wanted to support the ministry of the three hundred parishioners. I tried to help her see that the type of priestly ministry which puts the faith, gifts, talents and resources of three hundred people to work achieves more than one ordained priest could possibly accomplish. In all this, I am convinced that I am fulfilling my priestly function as described by the Epistle which is read at 'The Ordering of Priests' (page 647) as follows:

And He gave some, Apostles; and some, Pastors and Teachers; for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ;

You are the saints. My task as priest is to perfect or equip you for the work of the ministry we all share as the body of Christ. This is done through my ministry of Word and Sacrament and through my equipping and encouraging you to see how God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit is active in your lives. He calls you to respond to Him in faith. It is in that response that your ministry will be discovered.

I thank God that He has inspired so many to come to Saint George's Parish and that by His grace, more and more of His people are discovering their gifts of ministry and freeing up those gifts to be used in building up the Body of Christ in this place and ministering to the North End community.

If I tried to list examples of the ministries you are accomplishing as the whole people of God I would go on for pages and still leave out many forms of ministries. During the days

immediately prior to my writing this report, one lawyer in the congregation has spent many hours with a family in the aftermath of a tragedy, providing a wonderful and faithful ministry to a needy family at considerable expense to himself. The Soup Kitchen symbolizes so much of what is important to our parish in terms of outreach. Our youth programmes, including Sunday School, Rainbow girls and Scouts, Cubs and Beavers regularizing provides an opportunity for twenty five parishioners to exercise gifts of ministry. If you get a chance to come around to any of our mid-week youth programmes, your heart would leap in thanksgiving for the tremendous ministry they provide. Saint George's is a 'safe place' for more than fifty community children because of these programmes. Five parishioners go weekly to Saint Patrick's School where our parish takes the lead in teaching religious education to the children, speaking to the children of God's unconditional Love for them, and helping them sort out how they might better be able to get along with one another without resorting to acts of violence. Many parishioners are involved in the refugee project which was so successful in 1994 and which is ready to bring another refugee family to our city soon. None of this touches on the tremendous work of the Altar Guild, Servers, Lay Readers, Gabriel Guild, Heads of Committees, Parish Officers, the Lay Evangelist, the Office Workers, those who lead Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer each day, those who lead in worship at the Senior Citizen Homes, those who visit the sick and shut-in on a regular basis, those who check the hospital lists daily, the many parishioners with gifts of spiritual discernment, preaching teaching encouragement, etc. As I write this report, nine Bible Studies are active in our Parish with five different leaders.

Of course it isn't always easy to take this approach to building up (edifying) the body of Christ so that the saints might be equipped for the work of the ministry. It is far easier to want to 'do' the work myself. Sometimes it seems to take forever for people to get excited about a ministry. Often the ball gets dropped just as a ministry is about to blossom. Many times the work of a committee is frustrating and, to be sure, not the way 'I' would do it. I often find myself praying for patience and very often I get the finger pointed at me for committee decisions which I myself oppose. But these are growing pains as we develop and mature into the body of Christ we are meant to become. One of my primary functions is to preach the Word of God so that every one of us in our several ministries might always remember that whatsoever we do, it is done in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

We have a long way to go as the body of Christ. We are still too self centred. We are not kind and loving enough with one another. But God is not finished with us yet - He's just begun! The passage which I quoted above from Ephesians chapter 4 which is read at 'The Ordering of a Priest' concludes with precisely the insight that we are still being shaped by Jesus Christ and there is a lot of nourishing to do in our parish family. But hey, that's exciting!

And He gave some, Apostles; and some, Prophets; and some, Evangelists; and some, Pastors and Teachers; for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come, in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect person, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ .

Warden's Report

"Well, Rob, I guess you'll be the last senior warden of Saint George's," some wag said on June 2, 1994, as the church blazed in the background.

I am happy to report that Anne West will be your very capable senior warden in 1995 and one of a long line of senior wardens yet to come, thanks to the heroic efforts of many parishioners in the months since the fire to ensure that the restoration of Saint George's (Round) Church will proceed.

Some biologists say that forest fires are actually positive forces in nature because they allow room for new growth. Without pushing the analogy too far, I think it is safe to say that the fire last summer at Saint George's has helped focus the congregation's attention on the need to grow, in order to respond to our new circumstances.

For the fire coincidentally marks the start of a new era. It is clear that Saint George's older parishioners cannot continue to carry the parish without assistance. There are no words to thank adequately groups like the Gabriel Guild for keeping Saint George's going through the dark years of declining interest and dwindling attendance from which we are now emerging.

Their leadership is an example to us all and a challenge for the newer, younger members of the parish. However, it is not enough for the next generation simply to carry on as before. Its members must build a larger, stronger structure on the existing foundations. And I'm not talking here about the restoration project.

The first mission of this community of God's people is to continue to grow together. There are going to be stresses and strains because of the amount of work we have to do so we must remember to put aside our individual egos for the common good.

Second, we must continue to reach out to others, to take our unique combination of traditional worship, beautiful music and warm fellowship out into the larger community and bring more people into the circle.

And finally, we must restore our wonderful old church so that we may worship there once more. But it is only by accomplishing the first two goals that we can hope to achieve the third.

Much has been done already in terms of arranging a temporary home for worship and laying the groundwork for restoration. But much remains to be done and I am grateful for the patience of those who want to play a part but so far have not found a role. Be assured that your time and task will come.

Robert Martin

Thursday, February 9, 1995

SYNOD REPORT

Diocesan Council serves as Synod between actual Synod meetings. The agenda is always full and we spend the entire afternoon dealing with issues left over from Synod proper, and other matters as they arise.

The difficulty is when the wishes of Synod, after thorough examination by Council, have to be denied for the time being. Such is the case with the position of Program Director. Once again this has had to be removed from the Budget – funds are just not available without dropping programs already in place and which we have not wanted to do. The only way we will be able to increase our programming is for allotments to increase – this has not met with any agreement.

Much work has been accomplished on the streamlining, so to speak, of the Diocesan operations. The Strategy and Planning Committee has been very busy and continues to follow up on adjustments as may be required.

As voted in Synod proper of 1994, Synod will now convene once every two years. Each month I report to Parish Council any matter of major concern and these will be passed on to the congregation via the bulletin.

This was an exciting year with the election of our new Bishop in November and his installation. I am sure we all wish Bishop Hiltz God's guidance as he takes on his duties as our Pastoral leader.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Watts,
Synod Delegate

REPORT OF THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

It must first be said that this has been a year of real spiritual growth and development at St. George's. To God be the glory; yet we must also acknowledge our debt to our Rector, Lay Evangelists and the many parishioners who have given their time. Certainly one of the most important developments of this year was the decision by Parish Council to appoint George Westhaver in May and Brent Stiller in November as our Lay Evangelist. They have been vital to both increasing our membership and increasing the opportunities for spiritual growth.

Visits and Missions

As well as maintaining the regular array of daily offices, Sunday Morning Communion and a number of Special services, the parish enjoyed visits from both Bishop Peters and Bishop Burton, as well as a series of meditations offered by Peter Robinson in Holy Week, and a mission in Septuagesima led by Rev. David Curry that attracted both parishioners and a number of university students.

Candidates for Ordination :

The parish recommended to the Bishop three candidates for ordination: George Westhaver and Jim McCorriston for full-time ministry and David Olding for non-stipendiary ministry. George Westhaver was subsequently received as a postulant to the Bishop of Saskatchewan.

Study Groups : Our Lay Evangelists have been instrumental in encouraging the development of small Bible study groups this year. As well, a series of study groups were offered on Sunday evenings: our Rector led a consideration of *The Book of Homilies*, Rev. Douglas Chard a consideration of *The Epistle to the Romans*, and Brent Stiller a consideration of the scriptural foundations of Christian doctrine.

Our Response to the Fire

It is perhaps too early to assess how the fire of June 2 has affected the spiritual life of the parish. It certainly did not stand in the way of our continuing to develop spiritually and may well have opened new avenues. However, the loss of our church, if only for a period, raised a number of challenges: challenges to our liturgy, to our music programme, to our corporate worship. The determination of parishioners to rise to these challenges must be noted. Wonderful effort was put into enabling us to convert the Hall into a worship space on Sunday mornings. As well, space was found in the Hall for a permanent chapel. Parish Council received an information presentation on the need to consider how to more adequately meet the Parish's requirements for an organ.

Sunday School

The Sunday School is continuing to develop the curriculum that is being constructed by Jan and David Buley and Susan Harris. Mark DeWolf acted as the

supervisor of the Sunday School until summer and was succeeded by Nicole Butler in the fall. However, Mark continued to have an active presence, particularly through providing children's talks at the beginning of the Sunday morning service.

It has become very clear to the Spiritual Development Committee that the Parish must invest real thought and prayer into how it wants to respond to the needs of the Sunday School. As it stands there are not sufficient people available to properly educate the number of children we receive on most Sundays. The Spiritual Development Committee will be investigating this matter in the new year.

Respectfully Submitted

Neil Robertson

SAINT GEORGE'S SERVERS

The 1994 year consisted of a few events for the servers such as a luncheon meeting at Father Thorne's house. Thanks to the Thorne family for their hospitality. The main event was the presentation of crosses in recognition of years of service, especially Tanya Connors who received a 10 year cross. Ironically these presentations were made the Sunday before the fire that devastated our church.

Thank you to those servers who have given of their time throughout the year, in particular Anthony Helpard and Raymond Lirette, who served faithfully at the 8 am Holy Communion service on Sunday mornings, as well as others such as Robin MacLachlan, Alice MacLachlan, Andrew MacLean, Melannie Morgan, Gwynedd Pickett, Chelsea Thorne, Rhonda Turner, Graham Wallace and Rachel Westropp. Also, thank you to Jim Rawding and John Krell for their services and for offering to fill in for someone when needed, much the same as Tanya Connors has done over the past year, due to their busy schedules. Also, we cannot forget Harry Boswell who serves at the 10 am Holy Communion every Wednesday morning.

Thank you to the outgoing Sacristan, John Swaine, for all the great work he has done. I am sure that our new Sacristan, Bruce Duncan, can continue doing just as well.

We started the year off with 15 servers and our numbers are slowly declining as we are going into 1995 with 12 servers, so more servers would be greatly appreciated. In closing I would like to ask any adults or youth who are interested to let me know so that you can receive the necessary training. I personally think that this will be a rewarding experience for you in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Connors, Head Server

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

It has been five months since Saint George's Sunday School resumed, and I stepped into the position of Sunday School director, filling the shoes of Mark DeWolf. I am pleased to report that things are running rather smoothly. At this particular time, there are twenty-one children registered with the Sunday School, who are taught by three teachers: Michal King, Kevin Gibson and Karen Stiller.

The program, which is developed by Jan and David Buley, along with Susan Harris, is adopted from the New Testament. We have looked at several stories involving the life of Jesus, including His birth in Bethlehem, which we acted out as part of our Christmas pageant.

Our great increase in the number of attending children is very encouraging; however, at times it has made certain activities hard to accomplish. With children ranging in ages from five to eleven years, activities can sometimes be too difficult or not challenging enough. Due to such an age gap among the children, I believe it to be necessary to consider dividing and separating the children into groups. Such a division would help provide children at a younger age level with a program that they would find more easily understood. A more challenging program for the older children could be developed which would be more aligned for those who should be preparing for confirmation and the transition into a mature member of the church. Such a transition would require more space, as well as more teachers and helpers, but I do believe it to be necessary in order to accommodate and maintain the number we have reached.

Steven Blackwood has also volunteered to visit the homes and families of the children in an attempt to help the Sunday School improve and maintain its successful rate. I hope this may encourage parents or guardians to voice any opinions or concerns that they may have concerning the program.

All in all, the Sunday School has progressed very well, with recognition to those who have volunteered their time: Brent and Karen Stiller, Michal King, Kevin Gibson, Wanetta Gordon, Nancy Kavanagh, Darragh Russel, Tanya Connors, Jan and David Buley, Susan Harris, Mark DeWolf and Steven Blackwood.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Butler

NURSERY REPORT

The nursery has had yet another successful year. Bravo and thank you to the many volunteer workers: Michael Archibald, Suzanne Edmonds, Bozena Howland, Pam Hunter, Shirley Martin, Rachel McCorriston, Teresa Robinson, Tina Borden, Michael Smith, Andrea Talbot, Nicole Williams, Nadine Williams, Glenna Dillon, Chelsea Thorne, Sandra Thorne , and Star Izzard.

These are the people who believe a nursery is important in our parish and are willing to make it happen. Why not join them to make it possible for more young families to worship with us on Sunday mornings and get to know some of youngest parishioners.

With much love,

Jake, Mercy, Nickie, Davita,

Dawn, Elliott, Brittany, Jasmine

LAY EVANGELIST'S REPORT

To the Parishioners of St. George's Church:

Upon arriving at St. George's Church last November, I immediately began to spend time with my predecessor, George Westhaver. George was able to demonstrate and describe the role of Lay Evangelist - taking the time to carefully give account of recent history at the parish, and pointing me towards those who could fill me in on the history of years past.

In keeping with the original job description bestowed upon George, I have attempted to be led and shaped by the passage from the book of Ephesians (4: 12); namely, that the aim of the Lay Evangelist is "for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry." Which, when unpacked and applied to St. George's is *to equip lay readers for the work of evangelism in the parish.*

Since November, I have been involved in the following:

(1) Establishing Bible Study Groups. In order that the parish might grow through relationships, in groups that study and discuss Scripture in a non-academic environment, a number of groups have met since last fall. I followed up on leading those that George pioneered during Advent last year. And during this season of Epiphany, there are a number of new groups meeting throughout the week.

It has been very exciting to watch, learn from, and experience the vitality of these groups. Although I am involved in leading several of them, there are a number of other parishioners who lead (a venture that we need to continue to support).

(2) Reaching Out to the North End. By teaching Christian Education in the local schools, spending time with local families in various capacities and by leading a number of studies in the North End, I attempt to represent St. George's desire to share the Good News of the Gospel. Communicating both the love of God in Christ, and the message that this parish can be home for all who are interested, are prayers that inform and shape my weekly activities.

There are a number of children from the North End who are actively participating in the parish programs such as Scouts, Beavers, Cubs, and Rainbow Girls. It is truly exciting to see some of the kids from the neighbourhood attend these events, and enjoying them with such enthusiasm. Hats off to all those who work so hard in organizing and running these programs.

I should also note this paragraph on the North End can also be applied to the general parish as well, in that I attempt to encourage all members to use the ministerial gifts that God has given them.

(3) Christian Education. Currently there are five volunteers from this parish who regularly teach Christian Education at the local schools. These teachers are very dedicated to the on-going educational and spiritual development of the faith in these children's lives.

As Lay Evangelist, I act as liaison between St. George's involvement and the regional co-ordinator(s). In addition, I am personally involved in teaching three classes per week in the two local schools.

More teachers and assistants are always needed. If interested, please contact me.

(4) Youth. Late last fall I began to interview several youth around the parish, asking them what would make St. George's more of a "home" for them. One response, consistent with almost everyone, was the felt-need for a place or event that facilitated their getting to know others their own age. A couple of the youth even expressed their desire to get to know the elderly in the church; something, they felt, was as important as getting to know others their own age.

Developing a place for youth is something that takes time. Programs alone will not simply create a "home" for the youth. Rather they need to be patiently listened to, and their concerns heard. Their attempts to pursue projects and ideas in the life of the parish also need to be supported and discussed with them. After all, this is the generation that will continue to live out our Christian faith, possibly worshipping in this very parish.

In an attempt to begin to cultivate some long term development, I and others have met with some of them socially. There has been a pizza party and is presently a youth Bible Study. Some of the youth have some constructive ideas that might even assist the parish in its daily life.

Your prayers in this area would be greatly appreciated. Furthermore, taking the time to listen to the thoughts and concerns of the youth would be a most worthwhile cause.

Please continue to support and encourage the youth of our parish!

(5) Sunday School Our Sunday School program strives to integrate the Scriptural readings that the congregation participates in each Sunday. It does so by illustrations, crafts, songs, and general lessons that come in various shapes and colours.

Recently, we have had a couple of new volunteers offer to assist in the Sunday School on an occasional basis. One of them is even planning to visit the local families, in order to establish a point of contact between the program and the homes. Some of the children come from homes where the children are the only ones who attend St. George's. Thus, such contact allows the parents to put a face of what their child is involved in each Sunday.

Once again, as the bulletin mentioned last week, we are in urgent need of more volunteers, to both teach and assist. As it stands now, there are some age groups who are mixed together, which detracts from their learning at an appropriate level.

This report gives a cursory of my role as Lay Evangelist. Please contact me if you have any specific questions pertaining to the above.

In Christ,

Brent Stiller
422-0148

PASTORAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

It has been an exceptional year for St. George's in all respects. Because of the fire Pastoral ministry has truly involved the entire parish in a very unexpected way. We could each relate to one another's suffering, even though that heartache took different forms; we could empathize with parishioners who faced other dilemmas in their day to day lives. We became keenly aware of what we do, and how little we do, in the North End community. We struggled to forgive the youth responsible for our pain and anger.

Together our parish and this community stood together and witnessed a tragedy, yet that experience has somehow produced a new relationship. New doors have been open to us as evidenced in the response to outreach programs.

The Rainbow Girls' Group is a perfect example with 17 members under the direction of Tammy Dunlop. Scouting is alive and well and most of the leaders are St. George's parishioners.

Soup Kitchen (see report following), Christmas outreach, hospital checks, manor services and shut-in visits continue much the same as they have for a number of years. With your help and that of some Friends of St. George's eight needy young people spent an exciting week at Tangier Deanery Camp.

Although St. George's has been involved in the Christian Education program at St. Patrick's-Alexandra School in previous years, this now includes Joseph Howe School and several of our parish members have taken on this big challenge as part of their Christian stewardship.

Our participation in Christians for Refugees has helped make a tremendous difference to the Golijanins, the sponsored family. Some may not know that Sylvia Morgan and Karen Wheeler serve on that committee while several other parishioners have helped by working to teach the family to speak English. So many of you have helped with the donation of household goods or financial contributions. The program has been a real success.

We must not underestimate the role of our Lay Evangelist in St. George's effort to be a presence in the community. "George" (Westhaver) became well known to the children and their parents. The very successful Vacation Bible School co-ordinated by George and staffed by many of our members was as much an outreach program as a Christian education program. We are so blessed to have Brent Stiller to continue the work George began.

With our new lease on life the Bishop has challenged us not to forget our focus which is ministry to people. May each of us reflect on our personal ministry as members of St. George's and strive to actively participate in at least one of the ongoing outreach programs at St. George's.

Respectfully submitted
Jan Connors

SAINT GEORGE'S SOUP KITCHEN

The Soup Kitchen continues to be one of the strengths of our church. For over nine years we have marvelled at the Hand of the Lord in our endeavour --His presence is always evident. Numbers have increased to an average of 150 per week (one week over 225), yet the churches have continued to supply more than enough food.

It is difficult to find new things to write about each and every year. The superb co-operation of the individual church groups ensures a continued smooth operation. We are so grateful to such commitment and dedication.

The average age of the clients has dropped from the mid 50's to the mid 30's -- which is a sad commentary on our society. We also see quite a few women coming for a meal; some pensioners who find it difficult to make ends meet and who enjoy the meal as well as companionable company; and the young people who are desperately trying to make it on their own and not fully succeeding.

However, our main clients are many who have lost their way in our world and need far more than a hot meal. These clients have become our special friends and are in our prayers constantly. There have been the success stories as well as the losses but through it all we are taught so much of the love of God.

Saint George's teams remain loyal -- some members coming each and every week. Our thanks to you all.

We would ask other members of our congregation to remember the Soup Kitchen in their prayers and in their envelopes.

...let us not love in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

1 John 3:18

Cynthia W. Watts
Co-ordinator

Karen Wheeler
Co-ordinator

PROPERTY REPORT

Sexton's Cottage - In June after the tragic fire the noise factor was so great that the two ladies that occupied this place found it unbearable to live there. So when their lease was up at the end of August they moved out and we had to give them back a full month's rent to make everyone happy. We then looked for new tenants and decided to drop the rent by \$100.00 per month to compensate for any future noise. We are pleased to advise that we now have one of our parishioners and her family living there, Diana Turner and girls Rhonda and Diana. The rent from this property offsets the expenses for the janitor/ snow removal.

Rectory - We are still happy to report that Daisy Maguire and her family are still occupying the property. In the spring of 1994 we had major expenses with the chimneys. There are eight fireplaces in this building which were not operational and the deterioration of the chimneys caused considerable leaking and therefore much water damage. We had those chimneys closed off and did repointing of the major chimney for the furnace. Thanks to one of our parishioners the serious leakage damage was repaired, and the tenant painted the wall. We also replaced the kitchen countertop and the flooring and step at the entrance of the building. The countertop was supplied at no cost by the tenant and once again several of our parishioners supplied the labour.

Church Hall - As you all know by now this space is very active as it becomes our church for Sunday services and also some special ones. We are most grateful for the talent in our parish and in particular Ron Clark for his design, donation of materials and the building of our new Altar, Staging and Rail. We were faced with the moving of several rooms to make space for a chapel since the church can't be left set up all the time. The Soup Kitchen supply room is now the chapel, and the Scout room is now the Soup Kitchen supply room, and the middle room off the stage which was the Sunday School room before the fire became the Vestry until the chapel was settled but now it is the Scout room. The Sunday School room is now located on the main level. This space was previously called the Green Room and was not used before the fire. We have done some face lifting, painting, replacing the carpet with new and cushion flooring. Once again cushion flooring was donated and the carpet sold with a 40% reduction and one of our parishioners gladly gave of his time to lay it. This year we will have to do some outside work on the Hall; with the fire all we had time to do was the beautiful new boardwalk. This was completely replaced and the labour once again done by our parishioners under the leadership of Hubert Morgan. Regular grounds work was also done.

Church - This building will be covered in other sections of this report.

Dutch Church - We maintained the grounds this year and a few minor repairs were done. This building is being used every Sunday for evensong and we are trying to put some temporary heating in. We also have leads on two pump organs that have been donated.

General - The property committee thanks parishioners for their time, talent and treasure in the work of this property, and particularly to our janitor Cynthia for her spotless cleaning and also for her dedication in the set up of church each and every Saturday evening for the last eight months. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wheeler, Chair

Report of the Finance Committee

The great news from the financial statements presented in this booklet is the fact that we broke even this year (our revenues matched our expenses), even absorbing the almost \$5000 deficit from last year. This is a tremendous accomplishment for our parish! It very much reflects the increased number of people attending our services, which bares a fine witness to God's working in this place.

This booklet also contains the budget for 1995. The budget process this year was as consultative as possible. The Budget Committee consisted of members of the Finance Committee, as well as heads of standing committees (Property, Spiritual Development, and Pastoral Care). The concerns and wishes of these central areas of our parish contributed to forming this budget. This is a balanced budget, and with prayer and thoughtful consideration of the discipline of tithing, we should be able to meet the challenge of a 15% increase in givings.

1994 has seen this parish continue its trend towards ever greater strenght in financial matters. We however found ourselves unable to pay our full allotment last year; the first time in many years. The parish will meet it's allotment responsibility this year, and recognizes the shortfall of \$5000.00 owed to the Diocese. This sum can be repaid in small increments over the next few years (this year we propose to pay \$500).

Your Finance Committee continues to improve its stewardship on behalf of the parish. An full financial audit was carried out this year by a local accounting firm. A number of recommendations were made by the auditor on improving our internal controls and management. You can be assured that these recommendations will be acted upon.

A new fund has arisen this year: The Restoration Fund. It will be managed by the Restoration Committee, which will apply the same level of stewardship to control, and management of those funds, as we expect for our regular parish fund.

Many thanks to the membership of the Finance Committee: Fr. Thorne, Karen Wheeler, Martin, Anne West, Rob Martin, and Girtie Moulton. Their knowledge, help and patience have made chairing this committee a much easier task than I had imagined it would be.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Duncan
Chair of Finance Committee

Report of the Restoration Steering Committee

At a special meeting on June 9, 1994, one week after Saint George's Church was badly damaged by fire, Parish Council created the Restoration Steering Committee, which was asked to:

1. stabilize the remaining structure so that it would not deteriorate further
2. establish the cost of restoring Saint George's, and
3. find out whether the money is available to meet that cost.

Process

Throughout its life, the Steering Committee remained committed to the principle of fiscal responsibility. Bishop Peters emphasized in a meeting with parish representatives after the fire his concern that neither the parish nor the diocese be saddled with debt in the future because of a decision taken hastily. Thus the committee established some operating principles: that restoration funds be kept separate from the parish operating budget; that a record be maintained of all donors to the restoration so that, in the event that the project not proceed, the money could be returned; that no money be committed unless we could actually pay the bill; that old bills be settled before new work proceeded.

Stabilization

Parish Council, on the recommendation of the Steering Committee, hired Mac Mackay of Fowler, Bauld & Mitchell Ltd to stabilize the church. As a result, most of the debris was cleared, a protective structure was put in place to prevent further damage and ventilation is being provided to prevent rot. In order to use Fowler, Bauld & Mitchell's services, and those of Servant Dunbrack land surveyors, the Parish settled two outstanding debts of the Saint George's Foundation, an organization independent of the parish that unsuccessfully attempted to restore the church in the early 1980s. In addition, in keeping with its policy of

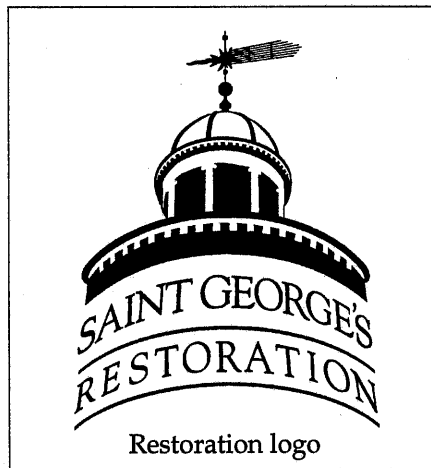
eliminating old debts, an outstanding mortgage with the Diocese was retired.

Cost

During the summer, the committee engaged the firm of Hanscomb Consultants Inc. to prepare a cost estimate. Working on the assumption of a complete restoration as a National Historic Site, Hanscomb developed a preliminary estimate of \$5.7 million.

Fundraising

Simultaneously, the committee began research into fundraising on two fronts, private sector and government. Negotiations with the three different levels of government



Restoration logo

were very successful. The City of Halifax gave \$25,000 to help with stabilization of the church and announced it would consider a major donation to the restoration. The federal and provincial government's Infrastructure Works Program made a grant of \$600,000 and Parks Canada has accepted a Conservation Report, written by Commonwealth Historic Resource Management Limited, Fowler, Bauld & Mitchell Ltd., the parish and Parks Canada, that should lead to a cost-sharing agreement between Parks Canada and Saint George's worth \$1-million. In addition, the insurance claim was settled for \$875,000.

No formal private sector fundraising campaign could be launched prior to our January 9,

1995 meeting with Bishop Peters but parishioners pledged \$159,000 and people outside the parish pledged a further \$41,000. Unsolicited donations, sale of merchandise, special events and interest on investments brought in another \$200,000. To research fundraising possibilities in the private sector, the committee engaged consultants to conduct a feasibility study. As a result of this study and other expert advice, a fundraising plan was prepared to raise \$3 million from the private sector. This plan is now ready for implementation.

Current finances

Financial details are given below, but the bottom line is that the committee has been able to raise, in seven months, cash, pledges and government commitments amounting to close to \$3-million. This is an astounding accomplishment, but it will not pay for complete restoration. Thus, the committee asked Hanscomb Consultants Inc. and Fowler Bauld & Mitchell to develop a schedule that divides the restoration into four phases and shows how much money is required for each phase.

Conclusion

At a January 8 congregational meeting, parishioners voted 93 per cent in favour of restoring the church. On January 12, Bishop Peters gave his blessing to the restoration. Subsequent to that, the committee planned the creation of a Restoration Committee to undertake the restoration. This committee was approved by Parish Council on February 6, at which time the Steering Committee, having fulfilled its mandate, ceased to exist.

Financial statement (Feb. 5, 1995)

Insurance (less mortgage)	\$787,925
Province of N.S.	\$5,000
City of Halifax	\$25,000
Infra./Works (committed)	\$600,000
Parks Can.(in negotiation)	\$1,000,000
Donations, etc.	\$200,350
Parish pledges	\$159,250
Outside pledges	<u>\$41,300</u>
	\$2,818,825

GABRIEL GUILD
Financial Statement as of December 31, 1994

Balance as of December, 1993 \$693.75

Revenue

<u>Catering</u>	Funerals	150.00
	Weddings	1,835.00
	Prayer Book Society	450.00
	S.P. Dart. League	170.00
	Mayors G. Party	1,636.25
	Missions to Seamen	195.00
	North End Seniors	365.50
	Collection Box	92.00
	Calendar Sales-Balance of 1994	42.00
	Dues	51.00

Parish Events

Pancake Supper / Card Game		277.00
Penny Auction		240.00
Red Rose Dinner		2,790.45
B.B.Q.		333.00
Scotia Square Crafts		953.15
Turkey Dinner		2,803.05
Special Donations		50.00
Interest on Account		12.00
G.I.C. Interest		<u>462.00</u>
<u>Total Revenue</u>		<u>\$12,907.40</u>

Expenses

Bank Charges		2.00
Cdn. Bible Society		100.00
Friends of Kings		25.00
Groceries		1,117.11
Permits		10.00
Rev'd. Thorne		25.00
Youth Conference		130.00
Guild Annual Dinner		369.27
St. George's		<u>10,154.27</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>		<u>\$11,932.65</u>

Balance as of December, 1994 \$1,668.48

GABRIEL GUILD

"We Strive to Bear One Another's Burdens"

The Gabriel Guild had a total membership of twenty-six, with an average attendance of sixteen at the eleven meetings held. Annual dues remained at \$3.00, and cash donations were received at each meeting through the "loose change" and "birthday" boxes.

Fund raising events in the Parish and in the city enabled the Guild to contribute just over \$10,000 to parish expenses. These funds came from baking and handwork sales; catering to weddings, dinners, Missions to Seamen conference, Prayer Book Society meeting, and Mayor's Garden Party; and the Red Rose and Turkey Dinners which were well supported by parishioners and the Pancake Supper, Penny Auction, and Steak Barbecue which were poorly supported by parishioners.

Other contributions of time, goods, and cash were made to the ACW Diocesan Youth Conference, Alexandra Society, Friends of King's, Fairview Villa, Christian Blind Mission, Canadian Bible Society, and the Grace Maternity Hospital. Parish support of the "baby shower" for the Hospital was extremely poor perhaps because it took place the two Sundays following the church fire. Members also sewed twenty-one Scout scarves for the St. George's troop.

Guild members attended an ecumenical service at Brunswick United, an ACW/Mothers' Union joint meeting in Bedford, the spring ACW A.G.M. and the fall ACW Leadership Workshops in Halifax, and assisted with a World Day of Prayer service.

Special events during the year included a bowling party with St. Mark's; a talk on Ukrainian Easter eggs; a speaker from the Coverdale Court Work Services; a 90th birthday party at Sunrise Manor for Anne Connell and Nellie MacAndrew; a 93rd birthday party at our November meeting for member, Mrs. Pope; and a Christmasouting to Baron's Restaurant, Fairview.

In the autumn a major membership drive was conducted. Each Guild member personally delivered an ACW brochure containing information about the Gabriel Guild to all ladies attending the Sunday service at St. George's. This was a good "getting to know you" project, but sadly no new members came to the Guild. This lack of interest on the part of the ladies of the parish, combined with the rather advanced average age of present Guild members, convinced Guild members to withdraw their pledge to the parish budget of \$10,000 and to scale down major fundraisers. In future, funds raised by the Guild may be turned over to the parish but the ladies will not feel the pressure of having to raise \$10,000 per year.

At the A.G.M. on 31 January 1995, the following executive was elected:

Honorary President: Sandra Thorne

President: Marilyn Olding
Vice President: Loretta MacKinnon
Past President: Gertie Moulton
Secretary: Vaila Mowat
Treasurer: Cynthia Watts
Catering Convenors: Karen Wheeler, Mary Isaacs
Tea Convenor: Rita McGowan
Lunch Convenor: Flo Grandy
Parish Council: Gertie Moulton

A sincere thank you is extended to members leaving the executive and to all those who assisted the Guild in 1994, especially "our men"! We ask the ladies of the parish to prayerfully consider volunteering some of their time to the works and good fellowship of the Gabriel Guild.

Respectfully submitted

Gertie Moulton, President

SANCTUARY GUILD

The Sanctuary Guild is very proud of its achievements this year . In spite of the loss of our beloved church and vestry in June, our sacred trust - the altar furnishings, the vestments, the communion plate - were all saved. Our work continued as did the services without hesitation under difficult and constantly changing conditions. We consider our work as an oblation not as a chore, and this was imparted to us by our president Robi Matthews.

We hoped that the sight of the gleaming brass, silver and shining crystal, the freshly laundered linens and the beauty of fresh flowers would help hearten and heal our sorrowing church family. The work certainly was a great solace to us in the guild.

There are currently eleven of us. Some members such as Tillie Glover have served for many years, and we would like to thank her for hand washing and ironing the linens so perfectly. Very special care has also been given by Gertie Moulton and by Vaila Mowat, who watch diligently over the weekly change of hangings. To our Sacristan John Swaine we give thanks for his careful watch over things and the supplies he organizes. To Helen Johnson a special thank you for making her lovely flower garden so generously available in the summertime; to Anthony Helpard for his special artistic displays so admired by all ; to Don Connors and his Scouts who yearly deck our Hall with fir garlands and to Edmonds Bros. who supply the boughs. We thank everyone, too numerous to mention here , from young Diana Turner, whose reputation as the best brass polisher around is growing, to our newest members Dorothy Coons and Jan Buley, whose creative energy will suffuse us all.

We do need new members, both men and women, and we ask prospective members to contact Robi Matthews at 453-2261.

We now rejoice in a permanent quiet base in the Chapel where we can give a little prayer before our work and where we hope Father Thorne will again this year preside over a special communion service for us, for that is certainly the most precious moment of our guild year.

We hope also this year to have a training session for new members and we are considering turning out a special handbook laying out the duties, procedures and the terminology used in our work.

Finally, it is important for us to acknowledge those parishioners who donate financially to the guild. Without their support there would be few flowers on our altar in winter. Please mark your cheques "Sanctuary Guild of St. George's Church" and inform Robi Matthews of any details.

We are glad to share with you the solace and joy that we find in our work and the warmth and friendship among us. Do Join us.

Respectfully submitted

Rosemary Mason-Browne (for Robi Matthews, President, in absentia)

SCOUTING REPORT: 2ND HALIFAX GROUP

This has been another good strong year for our Scout Group here in Saint George's Parish.

We are indeed fortunate in having a capable, informed and dedicated leadership in all sections.

Apple Days (October 28th and 29th) were undertaken with zeal and enthusiasm by both Pack and Troop. The event was well received by all.

We registered approximately 30 boys and 17 leaders (including non-uniformed group). Apples were generously donated to us by the people of the Parish. The grand total collected was approximately \$900.00. These funds were used to register some of our neighbourhood boys that have little or no money.

TROOP

Troop Scouting was undertaken by the boys and their leaders in a wide range of scouting activities, including camping, decorating the Church, and outdoor cooking. This Troop is taking a lead in the District in Ethnic Awareness. All the activities have enhanced these young men's civic awareness and responsibilities. The Troop held a winter camp and are planning a May camp.

**Saint George's Church
Financial Statement - 1994
Proposed Budget - 1995**

	1993 Actual	1994 Actual	1995 Budget
Revenue			
Offerings	107,755.13	114,534.73	131,000.00
Gabriel Guild	10,000.00	10,154.27	--
Rentals	31,013.00	31,243.00	30,000.00
Investment Income	2,471.82	2,342.21	2,000.00
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Total Revenue	\$151,239.95	\$158,274.21	\$163,000.00
Expenses			
Property			
Taxes	2,914.23	2,888.91	3,200.00
Insurance	1,695.00	2,402.72	4,500.00
Fuel	16,496.57	9,662.69	12,000.00
Water	1,002.85	814.49	1,000.00
Power	3,531.44	3,165.75	3,000.00
Maintenance-Supplies	394.54	289.07	500.00
Janitor	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Repairs	6,424.38	7,689.32	7,500.00
Capital Repairs	3,947.50	4,855.82	2,000.00
Fire Extinguisher	145.09	108.61	150.00
Telephone	1,344.41	1,854.28	1,500.00
Property Total	\$42,396.01	\$38,231.66	\$39,850.00
Ordained Ministry			
Rectors Stipend	28,700.99	28,700.99	31,300.00
Cop & Uic	2,040.66	2,071.21	2,073.14
Pension	4,692.00	4,692.00	4,872.00
Travel	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00
Living Expenses	16,167.00	16,409.52	16,409.52
Vacation Replacement	540.00	-	265.00
Ordained Ministry Total	\$57,540.65	\$57,273.72	\$60,319.66
General			
Paper/Postage/Copies	5,464.71	3,671.40	5,500.00
Offering Envelopes	1,004.29	846.08	900.00
Mortgage	11,616.00	11,616.00	--
Bank Charges	122.42	218.28	439.82
Allotment	15,470.64	18,000.00	24,656.52
Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00	--
Hall Manager	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	264.54	740.14	1,000.00

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	1993 Actual	1994 Actual	1995 Budget
Dues	40.00	25.00	150.00
Laser Printer	--	--	1,000.00
Financial Review	--	250.00	2,000.00
Allotment Arrears	--	--	500.00
All Saints Restoration	984.00	984.00	984.00
General Total	\$36,966.60	\$38,350.90	\$38,130.34
Spiritual Development			
Publicity	1,185.16	1,257.74	1,300.00
Eucharistic Supplies	2,378.75	1,496.98	2,000.00
Sunday School	400.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
<u>Lay Ministry</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>2,600.00</u>
Total	3,963.91	5,454.72	7,100.00
Music Stipend	12,089.76	12,319.44	13,500.00
Vacation Replacement	400.00	400.00	400.00
Music	544.29	922.13	1,400.00
<u>Education Fund</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>900.00</u>
Total	13,034.05	13,641.57	16,200.00
Spiritual Development Total	\$16,997.96	\$ 19,096.29	\$ 23,300.00
Pastoral Ministry			
Basic Expense	--	412.96	300.00
Group Committee	--	--	1,000.00
<u>Rainbow Girls</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Pastoral Ministry Total	--	\$ 412.96	\$1,400.00
	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>
Total Revenue	\$151,239.95	\$158,274.21	\$163,000.00
Total Expense	\$153,901.22	\$153,365.53	\$163,000.00
Difference	(\$2,661.27)	\$4,908.68	Nil
Previous Balance	(\$2,247.41)	(\$4908.68)	Nil
Year End Balance	(\$4,908.68)	NIL	NIL

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominations committee operated this year for the first time under a set of guidelines approved by Parish Council In October, 1994. The guidelines call for the committee to consist of the Rector, wardens and two other members of the congregation. Parish Council approved the appointment of Susan Harris and John Swaine to the committee in November, 1994.

The committee met three times in person and once by telephone conference call. It solicited suggestions for nominees through the weekly bulletin. None were received. The committee actively solicited nominations in an attempt to ensure representation from all groups within the congregation, and followed up on all verbal suggestions.

In its deliberations, the committee followed the guideline that limits the maximum length of time a person can hold any parish office to that of the term of a member at large of Parish Council; in other words, three years.

The varying lengths of terms for some new members at large conforms to a resolution passed by Parish Council in January, 1994, to create an orderly rotation of members at large.

All of the nominees listed below have been approached and have agreed to stand. The nominations committee is pleased to present these nominees and feels that they will serve Saint George's well during their terms of office.

Notwithstanding the fact that a slate of recommended nominees is being presented by the nominations committee, it is the right of any member of the congregation to nominate people from the floor at the annual meeting for any of the positions which are open.

Nominations

<u>Position</u>	<u>Returning</u>	<u>Nominated</u>
Warden	Anne West	Jan Connors
Secretary		Jim MacLean
Treasurer		Tom Howland
Synod delegates		Bruce Duncan Cynthia Watts
Alternate delegate		Andrew Pickett

Youth delegate
Alternate youth delegate

Kristen Matthews
Alice MacLachlan

Members at large

Returning

Nominated

Retiring in 1996

Sylvia Morgan
Neil Robertson
Lawrence-Robertson

Retiring in 1997

Mary MacLachlan
Martha Pratt

Lorna Wallace

Retiring in 1998

Kevin Gibson
Gary Warner
John McNulty
Kim Paterson
Teresa Robinson
Chris West

Regional delegates

Jan Connors
Cynthia Watts
Anne West

Diocesan Times Correspondent

Cynthia Watts

Communications Officer

Dorothy Coons

Auditor

Fraser & Howatt

The nominations committee recommends that the following groups^s be permitted to elect one representative to Parish Council

Gabriel Guild
Group Committee
~~Restoration Committee~~

BAPTISMS

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

Luke Alexander Edgar
William Theodore Hohner
Victoria Elizabeth Jackson
Sean Kevin Burke
Morgan Ainsley Munroe
Wanetta Frances Gordon
Elizabeth Katelyn Herritt
Thomas David Meldrum
Kailan James Patterson
Robert James Roland Baker
Colin Donald Reagh
Nicholas Grant Michael Elford
Jacob Donald Carling

MARRIAGES

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

Peter Christopher Bruce Armstrong and Emily Laura Olding
John Michael Elford and Patricia Emma Muise
George Derrick Westhaver and Karen Charlotte Conrod
Ian Haliburton Henderson and Elizabeth Roberta Sutherland
Andrew Pickett and Gwynedd Morgan

BURIALS

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

Bertha Anderson Robar
Osbourne Willoughby Meikle
Beatrice Ann Dibbon
Nathan Bowles
Irene Amy Marks
Theresa May Herritt
Edward Barnes
Stuart Allison Pye
Horace Charles Greenough
William Innis
Allan Lionel Patterson

RECORD OF INSURANCE POLICIES
Coverage in Effect Until April 1, 1995

<u>Details</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Amount Insured</u>
<u>Policy-NSPKG-578 Zurich Ins. Company</u>		
St. Georges Church	Bldg. & Parish Contents 1,378.00	1,006,800.00
St. Georges Church <i>Hall</i>	" " "	190,500.00
Dutch Church	" " "	21,900.00
Sexton's Cottage	" " "	32,300.00
Rectory	" " "	148,800.00
Premium	\$2,402.72	

<u>Policy #NSLIA-578 Guardian Ins. Company</u>		
<u>Liability Insurance</u>		5,000,000.00
<u>Professional Liability Each Occurrence</u>		500,000.00
Premium	Incl	
Installment Interest	Incl	
<u>Total Insurance</u>	<u>\$2,402.72</u>	

왜 네가 카브를 좋아하나
(Why I Go to Cubs by Jin Sub Kim)

1. 나는 텐트에서 자기를 좋아합니다.

(I like to sleep in a tent!)

2. 나는 식서다!

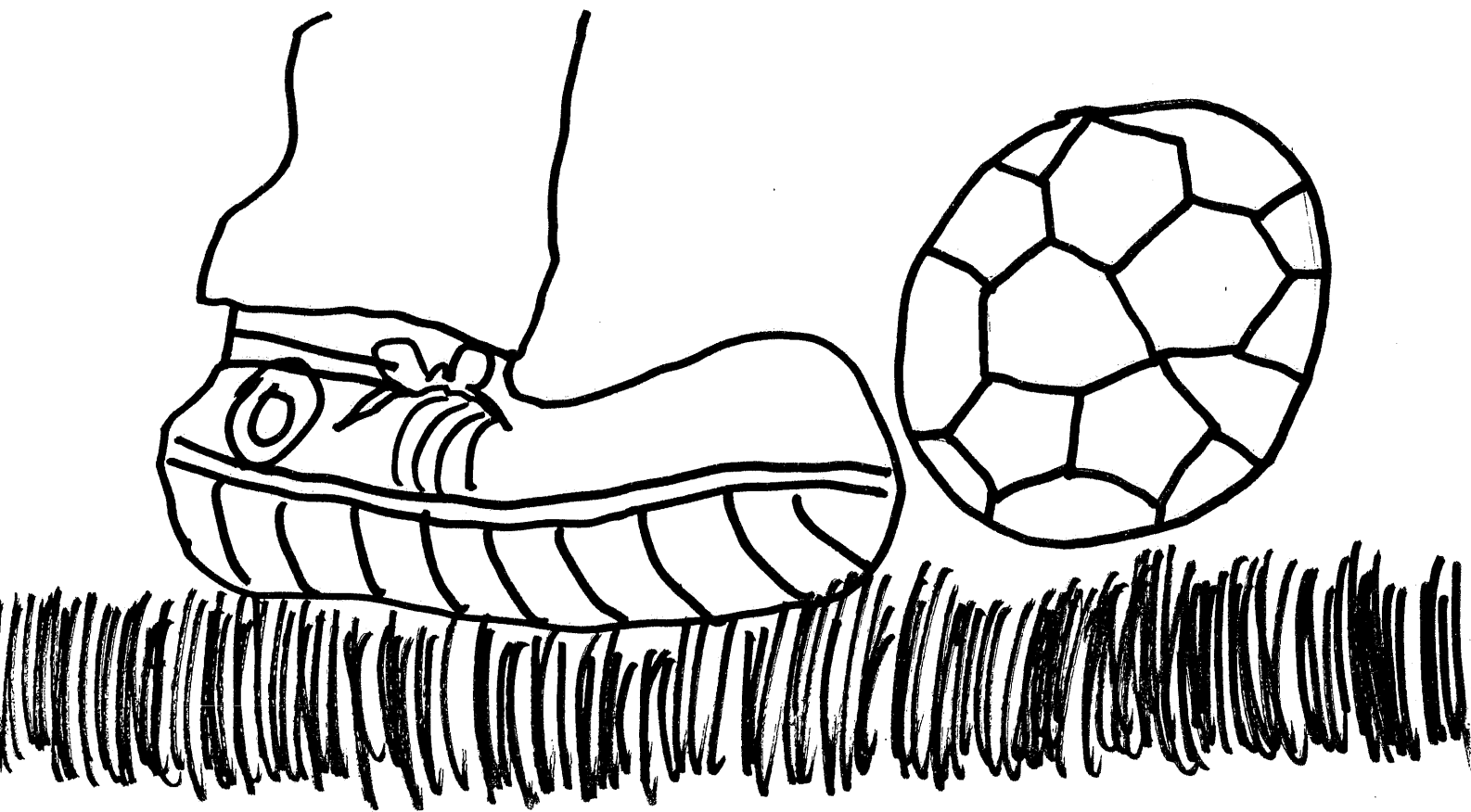
(I am a Sixer!)

3. 세 친구를 만들수있다.

(I make new friends.)

4. 서커하는 것을 좋아하다.

(I like to play soccer.)
김진섭



Director of Music

Annual Report, 1994

Perhaps the best description for the musical life of our Parish in 1994 is "a year of extremes". The loss of the church and particularly of our newly refurbished organ after such a long struggle to have it repaired represents a nadir in my experience here. However - a high point was the ability of the choir to continue to offer fine music to the glory of God and to successfully represent our Parish and Country while acting as Choir-In-Residence in Exeter and Worcester Cathedrals during the month of July.

The choir tour represented the culmination of a great deal of organization and planning, but this was rewarded by a relatively trouble-free time away which provided us with the ability to devote ourselves to the necessary hours of rehearsal and preparation for singing the daily services of Evensong in each Cathedral. Those who participated in the tour are extremely grateful for the support of the Parish in this endeavour and especially to their fellow choir members who were not able to be present in England. A total of eleven services of Evensong, three Choral Eucharists, one service of Choral Mattins and six concerts were sung officially, and there were a number of "unofficial" singing events as well.

Here are just a few of the many words of gratitude sent after the Tour:

We loved having you in the Cathedral and we thought that your singing was really excellent and your personalities delightful.

Your excellent singers greatly enhanced our Cathedral worship and were much appreciated by our congregation.

Margaret and I were part of a privileged and appreciative audience who were thrilled by your music and your enthusiasm.

It was a great pleasure and privilege to hear the choir and we do appreciate you including us in your itinerary.

We stayed for the concert in the Nave, which was delightful. An accomplished and musical lot. And an adventurous one too: braving the Cabena pieces ... we were so proud when it was announced that they were from Halifax.

This is one of the best visiting choirs we have had here in a very long time.

In addition to the tour and besides the regular 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, Ascension Day, Saint Michael and All Angels, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day; Choral Evensongs for Epiphany III, the Second Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday, Saint George's Patronal Festival, Trinity Sunday, and Trinity XXI; Choral Matins for Epiphany I, Lent I and Trinity Sunday; at services of Tenebrae and Festivals of Lessons and Carols for each of Advent and Christmas and at the weddings of Karen and George Westhaver, and Gwynedd and Andrew Pickett. The choir also participated in the Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival in February, sang at a service of the North End Area Council in March, sang at Choral Evensong at All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax in June, sang at a garden party in the Hemlock Ravine in September, and was the featured choir in the November concert of the *Jubilate Deo Series* sponsored by First Baptist Church. At this last, and at concerts given in England, the choir received a number of donations for Saint George's Restoration, and in addition, £205 was raised for the Rwanda Appeal.

The choir, through the singing of these various services, has added a number of pieces to its repertoire including works by William Billings, Benjamin Britten, William Byrd, Barrie Cabena, Robert Fleming, William France, Herbert Howells, G.P. da Palestrina, Imant Raminsh, Healey Willan and Bert Van der Hoek. (Some of the works by Fleming and Howells are ones that I have prepared from these composers' unpublished manuscripts.) 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. Due to financial restrictions the weekly choir school session for younger singers was abandoned. This is indeed unfortunate as it will restrict the ability of our younger musicians to learn some of the most glorious music of the Anglican tradition. During the year we were pleased that Robi Matthews and Jo-ann Reid were able to return to the choir and we welcomed Marilyn Olding and the Reverend Jim Snyder to our ranks. With regret, the resignations of Chelsea Thorne, Lawrence and Jane Bruce-Robertson, Martha Pratt, Bruce Archibald and Karen Westhaver were accepted. It is hoped that they all may return to sing with us in the future.

All singers attend the weekly two and a half-hour full rehearsals which occur on Friday evenings, and half-hour pre-service rehearsals. Choir members - numbering twenty-three at present, - arrive for these rehearsals from a variety of activities including work as teachers, students, retirees, office workers, youth counsellors, house-persons, and artists. 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, and in liturgical settings.

We have, in this Parish, one of the more ambitious choral music programmes in the Halifax area and we continue to strive to offer fine quality music which reflects the liturgies celebrated at the Altar. One of the most important aspects of church music is its ability to help us understand our Faith in terms of those who have gone before us (sometimes centuries ago) and in terms of the experience of those in other areas of the world. I believe that part of my mission is to extend the parameters of the styles of music that fit the liturgical life of this Parish. For this reason you not only hear the expected Anglican music of Orlando Gibbons or simple settings of texts like *O Taste and See* by Vaughan Williams but you are asked to extend your vision of heavenly music when you hear complex works by William Byrd or settings by contemporary composers like Barrie Cabena or Imant Raminsh. These musicians were, and are, often worshipping God from a different perspective than ours and so may require some patient attention on the listener's part in order to realize the spiritual gifts which are being given. Understanding something about another person's faith can lead one to new understandings of one's own. Appreciation of music frequently involves an acquisition of taste - much like learning to like broccoli!

Early in 1994 I had hoped to be able to initiate a series of concerts in the church in connection with the newly refurbished organ - indeed the choir and I were able to offer three of these events in February, March and April - before the fire. A fourth concert - to be held on June 5 turned out to be a very successful benefit for the Restoration Appeal and was held at Saint Patrick's Church on Brunswick Street albeit with a rather different program than we had intended.

For the next few years - while we work to rebuild our church building - I hope that the musicians can continue to contribute to the spiritual life of the Parish in our regular worship but I also recognize an opportunity to do more services in venues beyond the walls of the Parish Hall. Since the fire, we have been able, on a few occasions, to use the beautiful building of Saint Patrick's Church, and in January 1995 sang at a service held in City Centre Atlantic - a shopping centre! These are both fine acoustical spaces and it is a good experience for singers to be able to make music in such places as well as to be able to share our music and Parish life with those who may not normally attend our services in the Hall.

My work with the choir and for the parishioners of Saint George's continues to be fulfilling. I hope that in the year ahead the problem of organ accompaniment for our services can be addressed. Without a decent instrument on which to play organ accompaniments there is danger that we will lose the investment that the Parish has made in music scores, and that the choir has made in learning music in a style which requires good quality organ sounds. The investment in the musical life of the Parish has been significant - it would indeed be a tragedy if we cannot continue to offer music to His glory at a consistently high level of quality.

Respectfully submitted,

David Buley,
Director of Music, Parish of Saint George