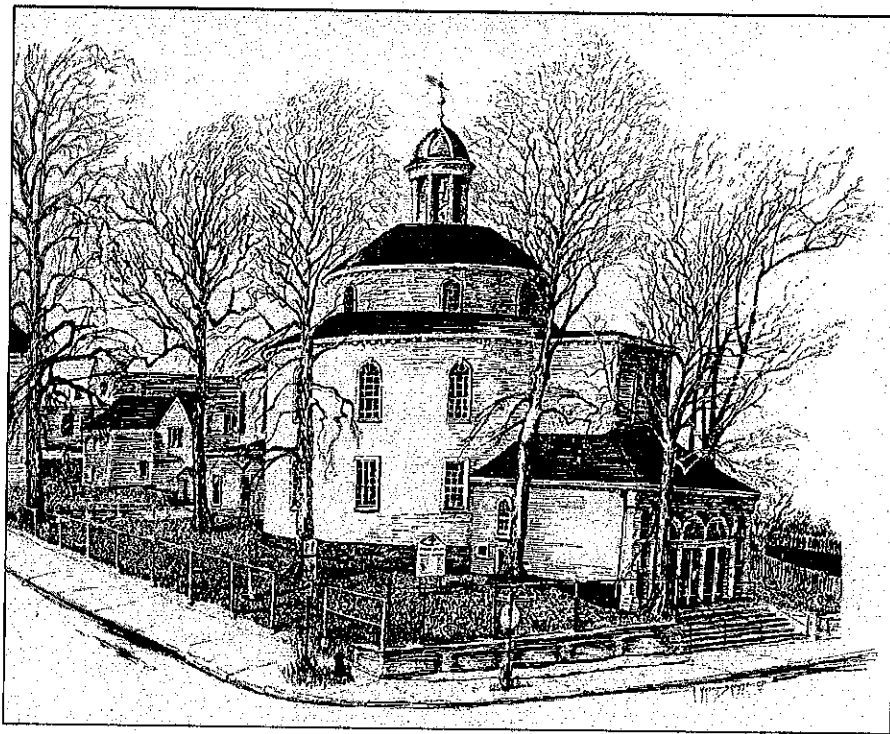


Annual Report for the year 2004

St. George's Round Church

Halifax, Nova Scotia



Mission Statement

In response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Parish of Saint George offers a unique combination of traditional Anglican worship and a commitment to Inner-City Ministry. Open to the community which surrounds it, Saint George's dares to be shaped by the Inner City, yet seeks to transform our neighbourhood by preaching, in Word and action, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Agenda of Annual Meeting 6 March, 2005

The following as per Agenda, Canon 35 governing Parochial Government.

1. Opening Prayer;
2. The reading, correction, if any, and approval of the minutes of the previous annual meeting;
3. Business arising from the minutes;
4. Correspondence;
5. Consideration of a written report by the parish corporation of the parish on all its assets and liabilities including money invested by it or on its behalf since the previous annual meeting, such report to include a schedule describing the investments, including the rate of interest on each investment, if any, and the maturity date of each investment, if any;
6. The presentation of a list of all insurance policies belonging to the parish corporation and the amount of insurance on all buildings owned by the parish corporation;
7. The presentation of audited financial statements of all receipts and expenditures since the previous annual meeting for the parish, each church organization in the parish;
8. Report of Rector, Priest's Assistant, Non-Stipendary Ordained Ministry;
9. Report of Wardens;
10. Consideration of Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. Finance
 - b. Spiritual Development
 - c. Pastoral Ministry
 - d. Property (includes Hall Development);
11. Reception of Reports of Organizations and Regional Council;
12. Consideration of a statement of the estimated income and expenditures for the ensuing year;
13. The election of wardens;
14. The election of council;
15. The election of lay representatives and youth delegates to Synod pursuant to the Constitution of the Diocese;
16. The election of a secretary of the parish;
17. The election of a treasurer of the parish;
18. The election of one or more auditors;
19. The election of regional delegates;
20. The election of a correspondent to the Diocesan Times;
21. Closing Prayer.

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22 FEBRUARY 2004

Approximately 100 parishioners were in attendance.

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

Minutes. Moved by Patricia Martinson, seconded by Cathy Harnish, that the minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting of the Parish of Saint George be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising. None.

Communications. Letters from Elizabeth Pacey and Betty Shannon regarding the heritage value of the Parish Hall were read to the meeting.

Financial Statements, Year Ending December 31, 2003. Presented by Stuart Gray. Two clerical errors were noted in the Statements as they appeared in the 2003 Annual Report: on page 40, "Year Ending December 31, 2004" should read "Year Ending December 31, 2003"; on page 41 the difference between budget and actual for oil in the church appear as "45, 507" and should read "4,507".

Moved by Hugh Tilley, seconded by John Hammond, that the Financial Statements, Year Ending December 31, 2003, be adopted as corrected. Carried.

Rector's Report. Father Thorne thanked Father Neish for his exceptional service to the Parish in the Rector's absence.

Father Thorne thanked retiring warden Susan Harris for her faithfulness and service to the parish, which was especially marked during the Rector's absence. He noted that in light of the present confusion in the Canadian Church her strength and steadfastness were especially valued, and thanked her for being an instrument of grace for many in the Parish.

Father Richard thanked Father Thorne for the opportunity to serve as assistant, and thanked those who attended weekday worship for their support of this ministry.

Father Neish thanked the Rector and Parish for the privilege of serving as Priest-in-Charge during Father Thorne's absence.

Warden's Report. Susan Harris, reporting on behalf of Tracy Lenfesty and John Swaine, noted that the 1994 fire proved a crucial moment for the life of the Parish and its outreach, and noted parallels between that moment and decisions presently facing the Parish regarding Hall development.

She thanked Fathers Richard and Todd for their service in priestly assistance, and noted that as the Parish continues to grow more assistance will be required, a fact reflected in the recent establishment of a Curacy Fund.

On behalf of the Parish, she thanked outgoing Treasurer Stuart Gray for his service.

She noted her pleasure in serving with wardens Tracy Lenfesty and John Swaine, and offered her thanks to Father Thorne and to the Parish.

Music Director's Report. David Buley noted that the Parish's choral scholarship had been awarded to Daniel Watson. He thanked the choir for its service to the Parish's worship.

Committee and Organization Reports. These were reviewed together and opportunity for corrections was given.

In the "Parish Sponsor Team for Hospital Visiting" the name appearing as "Gladys Powell" should read "Gladys Perry".

Father Thorne noted that the reports of the Little Dutch Church Management Committee and the Finance Committee had been left out of the printed copies of the Annual Report for the Year 2003.

Moved by Carmichael Wallace, seconded by Lowell Perry, that the Committee and Organization Reports be adopted as corrected. Carried.

Consideration of Budget. Tracy Lenfesty presented the 2004 Budget for Saint George's Parish, noting corrections to figures as they appear in the Annual Report for the Year 2003. On page 45: "Offerings" appears as 205,750 and should read 213,750; "General Parish Income" appears as 227,250 and should read 235,250; "Gross Profit" appears as 257,350 and should read 265,350; a line item "Computers and Equipment" was interpolated representing an additional expense of 2,500; "Total Office Expenses" appears as 14,000 and should read 16,500; "General Parish Expenses" appears as 54,360 and should read 56,865; "Interpreters" should read "Deaf Ministry" and the related expenditure, which appears as 1,000, should read 3,000; "Pastoral Ministry" appears as 8,000 and should read 10,000. On Page 46: "Maintenance and Repairs" appears as 4,500 and should read 8,000; "Total B—Hall" appears as 22,950 and should read 26,450. On page 47: "Total 1000—Property" appears as 79,775 and should read 83,275; "Total Expense" appears as 265,311 and should read 265,311.

Moved by Tracy Lenfesty, seconded by Neil Robertson, that the 2004 Budget for Saint George's Parish be adopted as corrected. Carried.

Elections. Father Thorne reviewed nominations and invited further nominees for each position. All nominees put forward by the Nominations Committee were elected.

Father Thorne noted that Brian Mann had stepped down as PWRDF representative and thanked him for his service, noting in consequence that the position needs to be filled.

Father Thorne noted the need to elect an Auditor. In response to the suggestion that an auditor be sought outside the Parish, Father Thorne noted that the Diocese has an established process through which Parish members might audit Parish records.

Moved by Barry Stevens, seconded by Henry Roper, that Parish Council be charged with determining the appropriate means of auditing Parish finances. Carried.

Father Thorne thanked the Nominations Committee for its service.

Nominations to Diocesan Council and King's College Board. None.

The Parish Hall. John Swaine assumed the position of Chair for this portion of the meeting. He outlined the two-year process leading to the vote on the Hall's future, stressing especially the centrality of Parish outreach to these deliberations. Noting that the essential task at hand was to decide either to 1) build a new Hall, or 2) renovate the existing Hall, he opened the floor to discussion.

Henry Roper read a response to Elizabeth Pacey's letter (see "Communications," above).

Ensuing discussion raised many issues and concerns: that any action should further the Parish's outreach activities; that a Hall should serve as a refuge for the destitute of the community; that it be in accordance with the Parish's commitment to heritage preservation; that proposed new construction be aesthetically appropriate to the site; that the existing Hall be sensibly maintained and kept in use; that any decision made should be consistent with the responsibility to maintain the Round Church itself into the future; that the voting procedure should accommodate as many parishioners, both present at the AGM and absent from it, as possible.

Neil Robertson outlined the voting procedure.

Moved by Hugh Tilley, seconded by Richard Gallagher, that the 2004 Annual General Meeting of the Parish of Saint George be adjourned. Carried.

The meeting closed with prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Marsters

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Rector's Annual Report 2004:

It was the best of years, it was the worst of years.

God the Holy Spirit, proceeding forth from the Father and the Son, performed mighty deeds in Saint George's parish in 2004.

Worship

In 2004 children and adults were baptised and a large number of adolescents and adults were confirmed (more from Saint George's than from all the other parishes in the region combined). Attendance at daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer grew. In 2004 Holy Communion began to be offered every day in our parish. Father Richard continued to minister faithfully through the Wednesday morning Holy Communions and regular visiting of several parishioners. Father Strople celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The spiritual intensity and tone of 2004 was set by the initial preaching of the Christian Year, in a series of sermons by Christopher Snook. Christopher continued to inspire the congregation from the pulpit throughout 2004 through regular preaching and teaching sessions, including 'quiet days' for the parish. Other fine guest preachers, missionaries and teachers, as noted in the following reports, offered exceptional opportunities for spiritual growth throughout the year, including Dr. Wayne Hankey's sermon series in Lent and Dr. Angus Johnston's Advent Evensong series.

Pastoral Care

2004 was also a banner year for pastoral care. Sheila Jackson has coordinated the lay visiting of the sick and shut-in, in hospitals, seniors' homes, and private residences. Christopher Snook was funded by a 'Friend of Saint George's' to be a full time parish visitor for four months. He was received enthusiastically by everyone and did much good work. This visiting was supplemented

by Stephen Harnish visiting one day a week throughout the summer. Father Todd visited in the parish once a week, mostly to nursing homes. Finally, a 'Friend of Saint George's' has funded seven full days each month of parish visiting by Father Gordon Neish. This began in September and Father Neish's visits have been wonderfully received by parishioners.

Neighbourhood Outreach

In terms of neighbourhood outreach, our Saturday Soup Kitchen continued to feed the hungry and YouthNet continued to make a profound and positive difference in the life of the neighbourhood. Our commitment to work collaboratively with others has meant a deepening relationship with the following organizations: CANS (Community Advocates Network Support), Stepping Stone (caring for workers in the sex trade), ARK Outreach (homeless and 'at risk' youth), Mainline Needle Exchange (addictions), Direction 180 (low dosage methadone program), Metro Non-Profit Housing (providing shelter, residences and other supports for the homeless, those on the street), Turning Point (homeless shelter), CSC Halfway Houses (transitioning from prison to community), and other caring advocate groups. Although the Parish set aside \$1000 to assist the poor, more than \$8,000 was distributed to the poor through contributions from external sources (i.e. those who contribute directly, not through the parish, and largely non-parishioners).

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International Outreach

Our international focus resulted in the visit of eleven Arab Christians from the West Bank in the Middle East. It is almost unheard of for a group of Palestinians from the occupied territories to obtain visas to travel abroad. One week before their departure from Tel Aviv they were informed that their visas had been cancelled. Only vigorous and relentless political, ecclesiastical and community pressure from the highest levels convinced the Canadian Minister of Immigration to issue new visas. The fear of the Canadian officials, of course, was that they would claim refugee status during their visit. But so they arrived: nine youth with their priest, Father Hosam and his wife, six months pregnant. On their final day with us our guests shared their experience of growing up in Nablus. In broken English or through their translator, often in tears, each one described his or her childhood and adolescence. One teenager asked us not to take for granted the beautiful trees of Halifax – all such vegetation had been intentionally destroyed in their city long ago. They described the four years when the city of Nablus had been entirely isolated by the Israeli army and Palestinians were unable either to leave or enter the city. They spoke of the many and long periods of curfew when they had to crawl around inside their homes because they dared not raise their heads above the bottom of the window sill. Snipers on surrounding rooftops would shoot at anyone they saw moving inside. These extended times of curfew made it impossible for any of them to continue their schooling. As we listened, our hearts were softened.

International Outreach also took on a new aspect as a 'Friend of Saint George's' has contributed more than \$10,000 in 2004 to a diocese in Uganda headed by Bishop Quashi. As a priest and student, studying at the Atlantic School of Theology, Bishop

Quashi was assigned to Saint George's as an assistant in the mid-1980s. We are fortunate to have such friends to allow our Parish to participate in such 'good work'.

Trinity House

In addition to this activity, in September a religious community was established in the Rectory. The community of Trinity House pays rent to the parish for the privilege of living in community. Consisting of those called to 'religious community life' (five men and two women, including one married couple) the Trinity House community exists solely for the purpose of supporting the worship and mission of Saint George's Parish and for encouraging priestly vocations.

Something Strange

But something quite strange has happened. 2004 was a year in which opportunity for spiritual growth has never been deeper; our caring for one another in the visiting of parishioners, those in hospital, nursing home and private residences never more organized; our relations with our neighbourhood community and ministry within that community stronger than ever; our international outreach made actual and powerfully present in our Nablus guests; a religious community was established for the sole purpose of strengthening the parish; and in which there was increased attendance at worship throughout the year. Yet in 2004 regular financial giving to the parish was down.

How do we make sense of this increased spiritual activity and decreased financial commitment to Saint George's?

Of course I know that it is possible that parishioners might have given MORE of their financial resources in 2004. Perhaps it is just that Saint George's parish was not the object of their giving. It might even be the

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case that many parishioners gave more within the parish, but to special funds and not to the 'regular givings'. Nonetheless, that the spiritual/pastoral/caring activities were up and regular givings were down is cause for reflection.

Our 2004 'bare bones' budget.

Sometimes we hear it said that our parish budget is a 'bare bones' budget. Different people emphasize different aspects when they use this language, but the two basic reasons for calling the 2004 budget 'bare bones' are as follows:

1. They might want to point to the fact, for example, that most of our community outreach is not reflected in our parish budget. That is to say, regular collections do not primarily fund the work of YouthNet, Office Secretary, Deaf Ministry, summer students, etc. For some of this outreach the parish does contribute a small amount toward the actual cost but, for example, none of our extensive 2004 Christmas Outreach (sponsoring full families, a CSC halfway house, missions for seaman shoeboxes, Christmas baskets for shut-ins, etc.) came from budgeted funds. None of the \$15,000 that was sent to Bishop Quashie's poverty stricken diocese in Africa came from regular givings. Only \$1000 of the \$8,000 distributed from the poor fund was received through regular envelope givings. Again, entirely apart from the 2004 budget and financial statements, in 2004 the parish used \$7000 of a grant received from an individual in a previous year, to pay for interpreters to fund the Deaf Ministry. Also apart from the parish budget was a single contribution of \$6,000 to pay entirely for a summer student to visit parishioners May – August.

2. Or a person might rather want to point to the fact that many costs of even the routine operations of the parish were not included in the 2004 budget and did not appear in the 2004 substantial financial

statements. The care of the Hall, grounds and rectory was accomplished through many parish volunteers and financial contributions from many parishioners and friends of Saint George's. Outside the parish budget as well, in 2003/4 the parish received a \$25,000 corporate grant to fund an office manager, and in 2004 a \$16,000 grant was given by a supportive person to fund a priest as a pastoral visitor. And, of course, we managed to survive another year without a paid sexton, depending so much upon the vocation of Brother David Martin (Winters) to care for the cleanliness of the Round Church.

These are the things that are meant when people refer to a 'bare bones' budget.

The question

Thus, knowing that regular envelope givings do not go to our 'outreach' but simply make it possible for the parish to continue to remain viable as a parish, the question becomes: with so many spiritual programs led by exceptionally gifted leaders, along with the well organized, extensive and compassionate caring of one another, combined with exemplary outreach, why did people give less in their 'regular givings' to the 'bare bones' budget in 2004?

The answer?

Perhaps parishioners in 2004 were so impressed by what they experienced and saw around them that they did not know there was a financial need? Perhaps parishioners diverted their funds from 'regular giving' to designated giving, unintentionally leaving the basic needs of the parish unfulfilled? Or could it be that the leadership of the parish in 2004 failed to keep the primary purpose of our parish life clear to parishioners: to worship the blessed and undivided Trinity in whom all of our activity, study and good works receive their meaning. God's Love for every person is unconditional: Jesus the Son of God died for

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“the sins of the whole world”. All of our outreach and ministry begins and ends in the Life and Love of God who embraces us and fills us with His Love.

I believe that the worship of God in the Prayer Book Tradition can be the divinely inspired means by which the Holy Spirit transforms lives and creates disciples to cooperate with Him in Loving this world ‘unto the end’. I believe that as Christians we are meant to come together in worship to offer up the brokenness of this world for healing and redemption. I believe that in our Worship we come to know the Son of God intimately as eternal and loving Friend, and that He is the entrance into the Life and Love of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that the whole of the Christian duty is summed up in this: to Love God and to Love neighbour.

Did we become distracted from this simple message in 2004? Perhaps. Were parishioners hindered from knowing the joy of financial giving to make such worship and outreach possible? Perhaps. Were many parishioners prevented from progress in their spiritual journey and the good of their spiritual health by not being given the opportunity for spiritual conversion through their giving to the parish? Perhaps.

But now we submit ourselves to His correction. I wish to end this annual report as I began. By His grace and mercy, it is true that “God the Holy Spirit, proceeding forth from the Father and the Son, performed mighty deeds in Saint George’s parish in 2004.”

Thanks be to God.

Canon Dr. Gary Thorne, Rector

Blessing the Farm in Shinimicas



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Report of the Priest Assistant, Father Eldie Richard Honorary Assistant's Report -2004

At this time I would like to take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks to Father Gary Thorne for accepting me as Priest Assistant at Saint George's parish. This year 2005 is the beginning of my 10th year as Honorary Assistant Priest at Saint George's. A position which I feel honored to serve. At this time I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all who have given their time and effort especially in celebrating the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday's at 10 am. I would like to express my thanks to Vaila and Bro. David for preparing the church, Vaila for preparing the alter and vestments and Bro. David as a

server whenever we asked for assistance. Thanks also to Kenny Pringle as Lay Reader at these Holy Communion services. We have an average of 8-12 worshippers at these Wednesday services. Thanks again to those who attend these services regularly. Thanks for your support and prayers. During the past number of years I have administered private communion to the following parishioners: Mrs. Martha Bungay, Mrs. Lillian Patterson, and Mrs. Georgie Miles. I hereby submit my report for the year 2004.

Prayerfully,
Fr.Eldie

Non Stipendiary Ordained Ministry – Father Keith Todd

At the invitation of the Father Gary Thorne my role has been to serve the Deaf and Deaf/Blind communities. Our three fold vision is to work in: the Parish, the neighborhood and outreach to the town of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Each Friday morning since September, I have been invited to visit hearing members of the parish in their nursing homes and to celebrate Holy communion. In particular I remember with fondness Mrs. Valda Hodder and Mr. Dewitt Rockwood. Also, it is a privilege to celebrate at Trinity House – a remarkable community for sharing hospitality. At noon in St. George's, Holy Communion is celebrated in sign language. Many thanks go to Laura Bartlett our parish interpreter, whose steadfast loyalty to the St. George's Deaf community has been exemplary. Also, many thanks go to Debby Burleson.

For the last twenty-two months Father Gary Thorne has allowed me to share in the leadership on Sunday mornings and celebrate twice a month at Trinity Anglican Parish after the invitation from Bishop Fred Hiltz. The parish was between ministers but now the Reverend Steven Ashton has commenced his duties from the first of January 2005.

In summary it is a great honour to be involved with the parish and to wage battle against the spread of materialism and the loss of any sense of the transcendence and the reality of the living God, the Creator of the universe, and of all human kind.

Respectfully submitted:

Father T. Keith Todd

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Parish Visitation: The Rev. Gordon Neish

Beginning on Sept. 13, 2004, I have been visiting in the parish for three full days every two weeks. I normally arrive in Halifax by bus at 12:20 pm on a Monday and leave in the same manner on Thurs. at 6:30 pm. The agreed time for work is from 4:00 pm on Mon. to 4:00 pm on Thurs.

I usually celebrate Holy Communion at 6:45 am in Trinity House (Tues. to Thurs.) and attend Morning Prayer followed by breakfast in Trinity House. A certain amount of time is taken up with phone calls for the purpose of arranging visits, and of course, there are the occasional 'distractions' when

unexpected matters arrive which require attention.

Some people are visited on a regular basis (homebound, unwell, breakfast companions, etc.); others occasionally, and those I am meeting for the first time in their homes.

I am, of course, under the direction of the rector who permits me considerable discretion.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Neish

Report of the Music Director



THE CHOIR OF THE PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE continues to offer grace-filled contributions to the liturgies at Saint George's, typically on Sundays at the 10:30 a.m. Choral Communion services, as well as at the 9:00 p.m. offices of Choral Compline. The full choir rehearses on Thursday evenings – normally for two and a quarter hours -- as

well as on Sunday mornings, so singers undertake an enormous responsibility in their time and spiritual commitment when they agree to be part of the choir. In addition to providing our worship services with the regular round of communion service settings and motets for our regular Sunday services the choir often sings at other events,

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including the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols, services of Choral Communion for feast days, weddings, memorial services, and occasional offerings of Choral Evensong. This year the Choir also participated in a concert of three local neighbourhood choirs – *The Cornwallis Street Baptist Church Praise Choir*, *The Shining Lights Choir* and *The Saint George's Choir* – held at the Round Church in May, and, in December, sang for and with some of the guests at Metro Turning Point. EACH MEMBER OF THE CHOIR deserves your thanks for the work of preparing -- so diligently and prayerfully -- for the worship experiences that the Saint George's family is so fortunate to have. [Current members are: Steven Burns, Sebastien Labrie, Sarah Stevenson, Sandra Thorne, Paula Phillips, Paul Rogers, Kelsey Hunter, Janet Ross, Jan Buley, Jackie Harmer, Ian Urquhart, Greg Finney, Gai Thomas (*choir librarian*), Emily Harnish, Daniel Watson, Chris Stennet, Brie-Anne Bartlett, Brian Start, Ben Duinker, Barry Stevens, Aniko Lewton-Brain, and Andrea Lee.] While all of the musicians here share equally in the offerings of our music, I am especially grateful to Brian Start for his able assistance in organ leadership, as well as to Paula Philips and Jackie Harmer for their choral assistance, when I am away from the Parish. Gai Thomas has graciously taken on the immense job of sorting and cataloguing our continually expanding choral library, and we are all very thankful for her work.

A particularly enjoyable aspect of my work has involved assisting our younger musicians as they learn the repertoire of the choir in relation to our liturgical tradition. Emily, Brie-Anne and Kelsey faithfully attend a special rehearsal each week in order to facilitate their participation in the choir. Also, I was also very pleased to be able to work for a short time with John Chuol and

his drumming cohorts in their offerings of drumming that have graced our liturgies from time to time. I certainly hope that this sort of music can be understood as being part of our continually expanding tradition at St. George's. This year, a scholarship was given to one of our young singers in order to facilitate her attendance at one of the summer choir camps offered through the Nova Scotia Choral Federation. It would be marvelous if more of our singers could benefit from this valuable opportunity for extending their musicianship skills. Please speak to me if you are interested in assisting with this endeavor in the future.

GIFTS OF MOTET SCORES and anthem collections have been made recently in thanks for the choir's singing at events such as weddings, funerals and memorial services. This is helping to build, and to replace damaged or missing copies in the fairly good library of choral music that the Parish houses. Gifts in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones are always welcome!

Many parishioners continue to relate to me the importance of the tradition of sacred music offerings here in relation to their spiritual lives. Continuity is vital in this regard, and I attempt to ensure that we can expect to worship through suitably offered music week by week throughout the year. To assist in this I have embarked on a plan to have paid section leaders in our choir – who help to insure that continuity. We have welcomed the additions of, Greg Finney, Paul Rogers, Ben Duinker, Chris Stennet, Brie-Anne Bartlett to the choir this year, as well as the return to our ranks of Aniko Lewton-Brain, and their presence continues to add to the overall sound the choir makes. Others, including Natasha Harwood, Nicholas Veltmeyer, Daina Kulnys, Bruce Archibald, Martha Pratt, Peter Duinker, Benjamin Lee, Barry Jackson, Ross Gower, Catherine MacNally, Julia Nordmann and

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Colin Webster have either moved away or decided that the commitments for singing here is too much for them at this time. We certainly thank them for the commitment and contributions that they have been able to offer until this year. New members are always welcome in the choir, and I am keen to listen to anyone interested in participating.

Finally, please know how appreciative I am of your comments regarding your experience of the music at Saint George's. The choice, preparation and liturgical performance of our music intends to reflect the spirit of the worship event in praise of God. As God is made known to humanity in many forms, so we may hope to glimpse a

vision of God's glory through the music we offer, while ministering to ourselves and to others in and through that music. As we remain open to our neighbouring community, I hope we can continue to reflect on how our neighbours shape our musical offerings – as those offerings open our hearts to our central act as a community of faith. In thanks for your continued support, friendships, and concerns for the music at Saint George's I am

Yours faithfully,

David Buley
Director of Music
Parish of Saint George

The Wardens' Report

Another year has quickly passed in our parish, and once again we prepare for the Annual Meeting by recollecting the past year and writing reports. As this report is being written, a blizzard has shut down the most of Nova Scotia. Yesterday we gathered as a parish to receive Holy Communion; in the Music Director's *Notes* in our bulletin, we were reminded that this is the last Sunday before Septuagesima, although it was only a little over a week since we gathered to celebrate the Epiphany - the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles. We can hardly believe that it is nearly time for Lent, that we can look with hope toward Easter and spring.

Each year the Wardens have the difficult task of trying to focus their report on the most important events of the past year. Please take the time to read these reports. Our parish is blessed. We are one of the most active parishes in this Diocese, due largely to the leadership of our Rector, who constantly challenges and inspires us by his preaching and his example. This year's

Annual Report includes many new committee reports, including a reports from the editor of the Lance, the Live Poets Society, our pastoral visitor Father Neish, the Refugee Support Committee, Missionary Outreach, and many others. We hope that these new initiatives will continue in coming years. Also of great interest is Christopher Snook's report on the visit of Father Hosam Naoum and his youth group from Nablus, in the West Bank. This visit had an extraordinarily profound effect on many parishioners. The continued presence of Father Gordon Neish as Pastoral Visitor is a real blessing, and the Parish Intercessor is an acknowledgement of the truth that all our hope is truly founded upon God.

Certainly 2004 held many challenges. In 2003 our focus was on the Hall, and we know that any solution will mean a long term commitment - the problem of the Hall will not be solved in the short term. However, in the first half of 2004, the question of the use of the Rectory came to the forefront and dominated many

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committee and executive meetings. We were worried about that this lovely house was becoming run down and neglected, and we were not receiving any rental income from this property. There was a strong feeling that we were not being good stewards of this property. But there did not seem to be any easy solution.

However, in the summer months, a long cherished hope was realized. In its statement of purpose, Trinity House is described as "an intentional Christian community whose purpose is to support the mission and worship of St George's Parish." At this time, the Rectory was cluttered, much needed to be done before anyone could move in, and there were just two people committed to participating in this vision. By September, Trinity House had eight members, and much had been done or was being planned to make the Rectory a home. Parishioners worked alongside members of the community to remove carpets. Bookshelves were built, a refrigerator purchased, new storage in the kitchen was added, a ground floor bedroom was converted to the Chapel, and a large table was constructed for the dining room. Holy Communion began to be celebrated in the Chapel Monday to Saturday mornings and have continued ever since. Parishioners are invited to attend this service. Trinity House opened its doors to host receptions in the dining room after evening services and study groups. Members of the community joined and supported in the prayer and

worship of the parish, and expressed their commitment in an active way by participating in our outreach ministry.

The Parish has received much from Trinity House. We have benefited immeasurably from their presence in the neighbourhood, their hospitality, and their constant prayer. Trinity House is a sign of hope in our Parish, and for the renewal of our Church. But there is much still to do. Even now, the building remains without a fire escape, which is a grave concern. The Parish must make a commitment to preserve this building, in the same spirit in which we committed ourselves to the rebuilding of the Round Church - to respond to the Gospel of Christ by continuing to be a presence in this community, and to transform it.

This Annual Report also contains several reports about the financial situation in which we find ourselves at the end of the calendar year. I urge you to give these reports no less attention than those which tell of our ministry and outreach. The financial situation in our parish is a difficult one. This year we find ourselves torn between our responsibility to our Diocese, and our responsibility to our Parish and neighbourhood. May we have the strength, courage and wisdom to discern and to do God's will in the months ahead.

Tracy Lenfesty
Senior Warden

Synod Delegates' Report

Diocesan Synod met in Halifax May 13-15, 2004. St George's was represented by lay delegates David Olding, Sarah Stevenson & Daniel Watson. This synod was largely a 'programme synod'.

Delegates were in attendance for presentations on several topics including: the Atlantic School of Theology, Planned Giving, results Diocesan Visioning process conducted during the previous year, the Diocesan Capital Campaign, allotment, healthy congregations (including a group

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discussion activity), the Youth Ministry Task Group and the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. Synod was introduced to a new companion diocese - Manicaland by delegates from that diocese. Our companions from Africa outlined the ministries and significant challenges (drought, hunger, the political system and the AIDS pandemic) to their diocese. St George's delegates also participated in a small group guided discussions on Human Sexuality and the Blessing of Same Sex Unions .

St George's representatives moved and seconded three of the seven motions in the convening circular. Motion #4, support for Provision of Harm Reduction Housing (Olding/Stephen Harnish - postulant) was passed with little discussion. Motion #5, Discouraging Anglicans from Participating in Games of Chance (Watson/Stevenson)

was defeated. Motion #6, Against Viewing of Pornography (Thorne/Stevenson) was referred to the Doctrine and Worship committee with Fr Thorne's address to synod introducing the motion.

A motion was brought to Synod by the Youth Ministry Task Force asking that Diocesan Council be empowered to immediately implement the recommendation of engaging a full-time youth worker for the diocese. This motion was passed, and a further motion inviting parishes to contribute \$500 per parish to fund this position was also passed.

The 2005 Synod will be held May 5-7, at the University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown.

Sarah E. Stevenson

Little Dutch Church Management Committee

The committee was not very active in 2004, but essential decisions were made after email consultation. After consultation with Bill Hockey of Parks Canada and Scott Robson of the Nova Scotia Museum, a new weathervane was ordered from the blacksmith Chris Huck of Huck Fisher Metalworks, Lunenburg. It was installed in late November by Eye Catch Signs Ltd of Halifax. Both manufacture and installation were conducted with enormous care and respect for the importance of the building. The total cost was just over \$2,500, which came out of the Little Dutch Church Preservation Fund. The old weathervane, which was not original, will be displayed in the church in 2005. During the year the fund received gifts from two good friends of the church, Glenn Turple of Red Deer, Alberta,

a descendent of the first school master of the German community, and Dr. Alfred Knispel of Glinde, Germany.

Vaila Mowat continued her loving care for the church on a day-to-day basis and Edmonds Landscape and Construction Services did a wonderful job of maintaining the burying ground. The church was used regularly for the daily offices during the summer and the German Canadian Association of Nova Scotia held their usual Easter and Christmas services, both of which resulted in donations to the preservation fund. Liselotte Sawh continued to carry out the duties of treasurer, for which the parish is very grateful.

Anne West

January 23, 2004

Spiritual Development

This year has seen a restructuring in how the Spiritual development Committee operates. As the enclosed reports will indicate the activities that fall under the purview of the Spiritual Development Committee (SDC) are many and various. The past practice of monthly meetings of the SDC was in danger of becoming cumbersome and inefficient. While still retaining occasional meetings of the SDC as a whole, especially in preparation of major liturgical moments in the church year (especially Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas), the creation of a set of subcommittees was viewed as a way to ensure more focused meetings on special areas that needed that kind of attention. To this end SDC created three sub-committees: Sunday School, Adult Education and Music. These sub-committees have been meeting as their respective areas have required. It will no doubt be appropriate to review this new system to see if it has functioned well and should continue or even be further developed.

In many ways, as the reports below attest, the spiritual life of this parish is sustained through the work and willingness of a panoply of parishioners giving of time and talent. This has been the life blood of St. George's spiritual practices for years. One notable development in this context has been the arrival of Trinity House in the Rectory. The presence of this a religious community in the very midst of the Parish has helped ground and give added stability to the spiritual *habitus* so central to what animates St. George's. And of course the parish

benefits not only from the disciplines and practices the community as a whole contributes to the Parish, but also the many individual ways the members of Trinity House act – as do so many other parishioners – to sustain and developed the various aspects of the Parish.

Of course what sustains our spiritual life is not only the work of the many volunteers, the Rector and the Music Director, but also the support of many non-parishioners. This year Wayne Hankey gave a series of sermons at Evensong services in Lent on the theme of the Christian relation to nature; Barry Craig was our Good Friday missionary speaking on the Seven Last Words; David Olding and the Rector provided a Lenten programme on monastic community life; in the Fall we had simultaneously an enquirers series on the Catechism that was lead by the Rector together with a series of talks on the Catechism given by a number of guest speakers and most recently Angus Johnston gave a series of meditations on the theme of the Beautiful during our Advent Evensong services.

I should no doubt thank many parishioners as well as the Rector and Music Director for their forbearance and willingness to make up for my lack of focused attention as chair of SDC, but it is especially Susan Harris that I must mention who has continually been willing to leap into the breach.

Neil Robertson, Chair

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Servers

The 2004 year was fairly consistent number-wise. We lost two members with the departure of Matt Burley and John Chuol who have both moved out of the province. However we have gained Jon Trenaman, son of Bob & Lori, as well as Duncan Neish and Matt Penney, two members of Trinity House, who have agreed to fill in on a reserve basis but are both unable to commit to regularly scheduled times due to their busy schedules.

Thank you to those servers who have given of their time throughout the years, in particular: Nick Baker, Emily & Ryan Harnish, Elliot & Rhys Kavanagh, Alex

Purcell, Andrew Thorne, David Wallace and Br. David Martin.

Also I would like to thank Blois Shattford for the time he has given. Blois is currently recovering from knee surgery he received back in October. Our prayers go out to you Blois and we hope you get well soon. In closing, I would like to make any adults or youth aware that there is opportunity for you to become involved as a part of our team

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Connors
Head Server



Altar Guild

Our Altar Guild is run by great teamwork. Say thanks for all the work done keeping the linens clean, brasses polished, silver polished, flowers bought and arranged, candles cleaned, Holy Communion 16 prepared, colours changed, baptisms, marriages and funerals looked after to the following teams:

- Team 1. Dorothy Coons, Nadine Savoury, Diana Lowe
- Team 2. Tracy Lenfesty, Mary MacLachlan with Susan Harris as backup, Lori Trenaman
- Team 3. Sandra Thorne, Joyce McCulloch, Shannon Parker
- Team 4. Margherita Mendel and Jean Milsom
- Team 5. Anne Tilley and Dinah Savoury

Team 6. Vaila S. Mowat and Cathy Jewell

We are especially grateful to the following: Helen Johnson for her provision of flowers, Flo Grandy for washing and ironing the small linens weekly and Dinah Savoury for doing the same for the altar cloths and credence cloths. Diana Lowe continues to do fine sewing for us, notably in mending the purple cope, and Jean Milsom undertakes to wash and iron the surplices, albs, amices, and cottas worn by the clergy and servers.

The Altar Guild was glad that John Swaine and Sandra Thorne were able to oversee the making and eventual purchase of new red vestments (including frontal and pulpit and reading desk hangings), and of white

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vestments to match the frontal etc already in existence. It will be a pleasure to care for them. St. George's now has a complete set in each liturgical colour.

We welcome our new member, Shannon Parker, who has joined us at the end of the year.

We also welcome our co-operation with Trinity House, which now hosts some of the occasional Holy Communion either in the church or in their chapel, thus lightening our work. We are glad, on our part to co-operate in providing them with supplies as needed.

Our supply of lavabos and purificators again needed replenishing this year. This was partly due to the increased need of them through the daily or near daily Holy Communion held at Trinity House, and partly to the old ones wearing out. We again turned to Strands for a supply of new ones.

We thank Ian Henderson for his continued aid in keeping the rail before the altar steady, and to Ian Urquhart for fixing the mid-portion.

We operate on a rotation basis, so that a team works every week of six, except at Easter when all members turn to together with added members of the congregation to achieve the great clean-up of Holy Saturday. Thanks to all participants last Easter.

As head of this guild, I consider that we ought to cut back somewhat on the amount spent on flowers next year, as we do not want to run a deficit. It is true that we did not expect to have to spend on small linens — and we took advantage of a good deal on new vases and candles — but such exigencies are bound to turn up. The Altar Guild thanks all those many people who assist us with funds throughout the year.

Thankfully submitted by Vaila S. Mowat

Daily Offices

August 1, 2004 was a leap forward for the Divine Offices at St. George's Round Church. That was the birthday of Trinity House and with it came eight parishioners who are dedicated to the praying of Morning, Evening Prayers and Compline at St. George's both in the Round Church and at Trinity House itself.

We can thank Jan Connors for her fortitude in coordinating and presiding at regular Traditional Anglican Evensongs each Sunday in the Round Church Jan invites

guest preachers to these evensongs and the parish itself contributes joyfully in this ministry.

Debra Burleson assists Fr. Thorne and the choir in praying regular Sunday Night Compline at 9:00 P.M.

All this spiritual industry rewards us all with enthusiastic turn-outs at the Divine Offices.

Together in Christ,
Br. David Martin FOCD

Library

The St. George's Parish Library has continued to grow until it is almost overflowing its present space. In addition to

the volumes kindly donated by Evelyn Mann and myself, the library has acquired several new volumes in the last year, thus spending

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the \$200 allotted by Parish Council for this purpose. Works about Bonhoeffer and Barth, as well as two books by C. S. Lewis have thus been added to the collection; we have also continued to acquire the most recent volumes of the Theological Conference series put out by St. Peter's Publications. For children, the most notable purchase has been a book about pirates;--it does have something to teach us *all*, however!

As the librarian, I find it difficult due to my other commitments to find the time to spend on the library that--as a one-time-librarian—I know it ought to spend. I shall

try to rectify this situation. It has proved useful to bring a selection of the books to coffee hour from time to time, and I intend to continue to do this. It would be useful if I could have several people volunteer to look after the lending procedures on those occasions when I cannot be on the spot. At present I have a backlog of materials to be sorted and catalogued. This should be done by mid-lent, and then the display of the books will begin again. The space situation I intend to correct by a cull of books which do not seem useful, and by the use of the shelves in the lower parts of the library cabinet.

Nursery

The nursery continues to be one of the major centres of entertainment at St. George's. Each small person who frequents the area has his or her own enchantments to work on those who elect to stay there throughout the 10:30 services. Sometimes we have only one or two visitants and sometimes we are crowded with little persons and their parents. Every week is different.

Through this past year, the nursery staff have comprised Gladys Perry, Roseanne Reeve-Newsome, Vaila S. Mowat and occasionally Kim Lickers. We begin the

new year with two new recruits, Daina Kulnys and Lori Trenaman.

The People who were making the movie "Baby" left a number of toys and other supplies behind for our use, and the Nursery has been restocked with many of these items.

We are very happy with the children we see, and only wish that we had more of them and a larger space to put them in. The present space, however, does have the advantage that parents can easily reach their child, and any child his or her parent.

Sunday School

2004 has been one of significant growth for our Sunday school. Through the efforts of many volunteers, we have made some cosmetic changes to our room that has given a warmer feeling to our space.

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The attendance is steadily growing in the Junior Class. As well, we have been blessed with new teachers both at the adult and junior teaching level. The Senior Youth Class has continued this year and is taught by three members from the Trinity House Community.

As a congregation, we have been successful attracting parish children. However, we have fallen short with respect to the neighbourhood children who attend Youth Net and have shown interest in our Sunday School. To that end, the Sunday School Coordinator in collaboration with the Rector and the Youth Net Director have created a position which will make it possible for children in the neighbourhood who wish to come to Saint George's Sunday School to attend and participate in the programme.

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Please know just how much I sincerely appreciate all of your efforts in teaching and supporting our young people in the parish. Without your time and talent, our Sunday School would not be the success it is. Thanks be to God.

Sincerely, Cathy Keizer Harnish
Sunday School Coordinator

The Sunday School closing, June 2004



Adult Education Report

This sub-committee of the Spiritual Development Committee was set up in September, 2004. It is chaired by Neil Robertson, with Gary McGonagill, Matthew Penney, Charlotte Penney, Alan Hall, Vivien Hannon, Susan Harris and the Rector making up the membership. The group planned two sets of sessions on the Catechism for the fall, one on Wednesday

evenings, with invited speakers, and one, a discussion for inquirers or those wishing a "refresher", on Sunday evenings, conducted by the Rector. In addition, a series of meditations at Sunday Evensongs during Advent was also planned, featuring Dr. Angus Johnston of King's College.

Susan Harris

Deaf Ministry

We were certainly blessed by having a TTY machine installed in the office so that we are able to access the phone should the need arise. Bible study continues to be successful with approx 12 members gathering on Wednesday evenings in the hall.

Friday Communion service is a valued time of worship as it is much more informal in style and allows for discussion on the lessons of the day. Again there are approx 12-15 regular worshipers attending. We were able to extend services in 2004 to include the months of July and August and hope to be able to continue these services in 2005.

We have been fortunate to have Carol Morrison join us this past year. Carol is from Tatamagouche, NS and has moved into Northwood where she is happy to be surrounded by her peers. Edna Pelerine has been gracious enough to come intervene

with Carol when she comes to church. We look forward to having more Deaf and Deaf Blind becoming part of the Saint George's community.

It has come to our attention that some members of the hearing congregation are taking sign language courses through the various options in the community. We are very much looking forward being a part of the learning experience and welcome any 'practicing' especially during coffee hour! For anyone else interested, we are working on providing a basic conversational sign language course in the spring. This will be taught by a member of the Deaf community and will be held once a week for a minimal cost. Those interested may email stgdeafministry@hotmail.com or approach Laura Bartlett (interpreter) and we will arrange for a mutual acceptable time.

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Looking forward to a growing ministry in 2005 only possible through the grace of God.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bartlett
Bill & Agnes Comerford.

Lay Readers and MCs

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

The Lay Readers undergo specialized training in church history, music, Bible study, and conducting worship. They are then licensed by the bishop to serve in our parish in a variety of capacities. The lay readers are:

Brother David Martin, Nadine Savoury, David Olding, Roseanne Reeve-Newson Craig Savoury, Stephen Harnish, John Swaine

Five of our lay readers conduct the service of Morning Prayer on Sunday mornings, and are licensed to administer the sacrament at the Eucharist. They often assist in that capacity as Subdeacons. They are: Nadine Savoury, Stephen Harnish, David Olding, Craig Savoury, John Swaine

The MCs are the people who organize and co-ordinate each liturgy. Behind the scenes before each service they are busy organizing the servers and clergy, assigning tasks, making sure that candles are lit, checking that the sanctuary is ready and that the service starts on time. During the service they stand near the celebrant to anticipate and assist him, and to unobtrusively provide cues and direction for the servers and guest clergy. The goal is for the liturgy to proceed smoothly and reverently. After the service they help the Altar Guild by clearing the sanctuary, putting away the vestments and keeping the Vestry tidy. They are: Scott Connors (who is also Head Server), Nadine Savoury, Rhys Kavanaugh, Craig Savoury, John Swaine, Chelsea Thorne

Submitted by John Swaine

Trinity House Annual Report

Trinity House is a spiritual community in the prayer-book tradition. Our purpose as a community is to support the work and mission of St. George's Parish. The primary form of this support is through prayer. As well as helping in the maintenance of the daily offices, Trinity House has a daily Eucharist and Compline, both of which are open to the parish. Part of the idea of this community is that by devoting ourselves to prayer, that our presence on the parish grounds will, in itself, have a good effect on the prayerfulness of the larger community. That is, by attempting to live a life of submission to the rule of life articulated in the prayer book, it is our prayer that the

example of the community will awaken desire of the parish and, indeed, Christians generally for that same life.

The practical forms through which this life of prayer has manifested itself have been sundry. So far we have had one person come on retreat. We have hosted a series run by Father Jeffrey on the book of Homilies of Edward VI. During Advent, Trinity House was the mustering point for the Advent Lecture Series as well as coffee, camaraderie and Compline after the lectures each week.

Perhaps the most constant involvement of this sort is acting as a repository of volunteers for all kinds of parish projects.

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Everything from window frame repair to providing Sunday school to teenagers in the parish, running messages, is doing shopping for St. George's gift giving at Christmas. One of the most rewarding functions we have had is as a place for priests to stay when they are in town or to come for breakfast after they have celebrated the Liturgy. It is our hope that Trinity House will increasingly be seen as a home to those whose spiritual vocation or discipline carries them to St. George's for a visit. A large part of what has made it possible for things to go as well as they have is the huge

amount of work Edmunds put into the house free of charge when we first moved in. There is much that now seems normal that would have been nearly impossible to do anything about if it weren't for their help. We are also grateful for the repairs to the roof which was completed recently by the parish. May the Almighty continue in his mercy towards us even as He has in the beginning.

Daniel Watson

Trinity House

"Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Trinity House is a non-registered Christian community whose sole purpose is to support the worship and mission of Saint George's Parish and to foster priestly vocations. It is founded as a development of the life and ministry of St George's parish and as the flowering of a long-cherished hope that the parish's rectory be home to a spiritual community. It is established in the conviction that in the Anglican Prayer Book Tradition, the parish community is the heart of the Christian life. The Church is our family and parish life is the heart of the Church.

The primary commitment of its members is to living in Christian community. Through a commitment to the joys and struggles of community life, this house will be a sign to the world of Christ's prayer that the Church be one, even as he and the Father and the Spirit are one. It is a school of charity whose members are committed to the Gospel of Christ, bearing one another's burdens. A guest room will always be available to nurture the practice of hospitality.

While the members of Trinity House are drawn from diverse backgrounds and have diverse occupations, they all participate in the spiritual life of the parish founded upon the Prayer Book Tradition. Sunday and Feast Day Holy Communion and the Daily Offices will be said in the parish Church. The particular gifts of the House's members will support the labour of the Church. For some this will primarily consist in work in the maintenance of Trinity House itself, for others it will be involvement in the liturgical, committee, neighbourhood outreach and/or material life of the parish. Study is recognized as belonging essentially to the spiritual life of the community. Members of Trinity House will contribute tithes and financial offerings to the work of the parish through the community, according to their means.

It is acknowledged that the care and support of the physical fabric of the house requires a minimum total monthly offering of House members. The building itself remains the property of Saint George's Parish, and is given to Trinity House Community for as long as it remains a support to the worship and mission of the Parish. Members of Trinity House do not have a tenancy relation to the parish.

Trinity House is structured. The Rector is its Spiritual Father responsible for the sacramental life of the community and for overseeing its connections with the parish. It is headed by a Prior who cares for the daily spiritual needs of the community. This includes convening and organizing its weekly community meetings, being attentive to the spiritual development of each House member, monitoring community dynamics etc. The Assistant Prior supports the administrative work of the Prior and is concerned with the specific needs of the community and implementing projects. The House Manager (House Mother or House Father) oversees the daily affairs of the community – this includes general cleaning and maintenance, organizing the weekly communal meal to follow the weekly community meeting, and general house management issues as directed by the Spiritual Father and Prior.

All Christians are called to the communal life of the Church in which we live in and through one another in and through Christ. Trinity House is radically committed to this vision and offers those with the vocation an opportunity to live in Gospel simplicity.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

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Baptism Preparation Team

The Team of Stephen Harnish and Lynn Stevenson visited and prepared families for infant and child baptism in 2004. The preparation serves to give families an opportunity to ask questions about the Sacrament of Baptism for their child, and to become familiar with the service. The team also met with the Godparents to help them prepare for the promises they make and to be comfortable with the service. Families

seem to appreciate the guidance and support they received.

We sent out 14 Postcards announcing the Children's Pageant Service on Christmas Eve to local Baptism families from 2003 and 2004, and we were please to see some of them at this service.

Lynn Stevenson

Episcopal Divinity School Program

The Trinity Episcopal Ministry Old Testament course which I convene on Thursdays at 3:00 P.M. in Trinity House is going well. Vailla Mowat, Margherita Mendel, Dorothy Coons and I are into Old Testament study with a vengeance. We

finished Numbers, Deuteronomy ,and Joshua yesterday.

To God Be the Glory!
Br. David Martin

The Lance

The Lance was revived in 2004 and three editions were produced. The first two were of impeccable quality and appearance. Due to a concatenation of circumstances the third edition was not up to the standards previously achieved.

Looking forward to 2005 it is to be hoped that at least three editions will be produced. We are, at this time, looking for a computer-

wise person with time and imagination to create a series of productions of the best sort.

We would also invite members of the congregation to submit articles of special or general interest/

Patricia Martinson and Jan Buley

The Live Poets' Society

This year, the Saint George's Live Poets' Society met monthly, sometimes at Dofsky's Grill, other times at Saint George's where we had pot luck lunches. We alternated reading our own work one month with reading work by published poets the next

month. Our themes included the small, winter, the colour red, water, and love. We had between six and twelve members at our meetings. Thanks to all for a halcyon year!

Mary Kate Arnold

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Pastoral Ministry

Nablus Visit

"Blessed are the peace makers": Visit of Christian Youth from the West Bank to Canada

On Thursday evening, June 17th, eleven Christians from the West Bank Palestinian city of Nablus landed at the Halifax International Airport. Eight youth and two leaders arrived in Nova Scotia led by the Anglican Priest Father Hosam Naoum. At the beginning of a three week stay in Canada, the group was hosted during its time in Nova Scotia by St George's Church.

The eleven visitors from Nablus came to Canada to reciprocate the visit of a Youth group from Ottawa in the summer of 2003. In addition to their desire to return visits, they also came to Canada to raise awareness about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land and to foster the friendships through which peace is best pursued.

Their stay in Halifax involved a full itinerary. Their first full day (Friday, June 18) consisted primarily of a lengthy orientation to Halifax's Inner-City. This included presentations by both community workers and life-long members of the community. Linda Carvery, local artist, singer and poet, spoke movingly about the experience of African Nova Scotians in Africville. African Nova Scotians' experience of discrimination and dislocation echoed powerfully with the recent experiences of Palestinians in the Middle East. That evening they attended a parish BBQ and a St George's YouthNet musical production.

The second day of their visit was hosted by the parish of St Stephen's, Chester, and included sailing on the Bluenose, a wonderful lunch, and a trip to Bayswater beach. That evening they met with a local group at the University of King's College, Canadians, Arabs and Jews for a Just Peace in the Middle East.

Before leaving on Tuesday, June 22, for Ottawa via Quebec City, the group also

participated in an evening political discussion, attended the multi-cultural festival and shared their individual experiences of life in Nablus with a small group of people on Monday, June 21. Bishop Fred Hiltz attended this morning meeting at St George's.

Arab Christians from the Holy Land are an in-between people: they are Palestinian but not Muslim; some are Israeli citizens, but not Jewish. In the violence of recent years, Arab Christians have argued tirelessly for the non-violent resolution of the conflict. Sadly, their voice for peace has been largely neglected.

The visitors from Nablus have grown up under siege. The largest city in the West Bank, Nablus is best known as the site of the ancient biblical city of Shechem. This is where Jacob built the well at which Jesus met the Samaritan woman (St John 4.5-26). In recent years, the city has experienced more violence, casualties and deaths than any other West Bank city.

Despite the trials with which the youth visiting Canada have grown up, their time in Halifax was full of grace. Members of St George's congregation both developed strong friendships with the Church's guests and deeper friendships with one another. The joyfulness, singing and dancing of these young Christians was contagious, as was their deep conviction that Christians are the salt of the earth, needed to pray for and bring peace to the world. One parishioner noted that it is difficult to articulate the profound effect of this visit on her life, but said that "it has much to do with *really* beginning to see what it is to be a peacemaker as exemplified by our friends in Nablus".

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Photos of the Nablus visit by Cathy Harnish

2nd Halifax Scouting

The Scouting year runs from Sept to June, so that I have here to report on the Jan-June portion of 2004, and then on the Sept.-Dec. part of the same year.

During this interval 2nd Halifax has had a Cub Pack and a Beaver Colony but no

Scout Troop. It is hoped that in Sept. of 2005, we will be able to have a Scout Troop again. The national organization is planning to have a national Jamboree on 2007, and the fact that these national Jamborees are being rescheduled is certainly an

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inducement for all sections but especially the Scout Troop.

At St. George's, Scouting comes under the umbrella of YouthNet. This helps us with our recruitment of youth, and is of great help to us financially, as the Scouting fees especially for youth remain high and out of the range of our neighbourhood families, especially if they should wish more than one of their children to take part. At present the Youth are being charged only a portion of the cost, and YouthNet is taking up the slack. There is some difficulty with this financial arrangement, as we wish to enroll as many youth as possible, but if we do we put a strain on the finances of YouthNet. This problem will need to be addressed in the future. We may hope that the scouting fees per youth will come down, but until this is so, some form of subsidy is really the only way we will be able to serve all the youth we might wish to enroll.

Both the Cub and Beaver groups in the spring part of 2004 were small in numbers. Nevertheless, they managed to put on good programs. The Beavers were also able to attend the Lodges and Lairs camp. A

closing banquet was held in late May for both the Beavers and Cubs. Two Beavers swam up to Cubs at that point. During this time the Cub leaders were Sarah and Peter Manos and Nancy Clarke, and the Beaver Leaders were Kim Lickers and Scott Connors. In Sept. the numbers were increased to 11 in the Beavers and about 10 in the Cubs. The leaders are now Nancy and Rebecca Clarke for the Cubs, and Scott Connors, Kim Lickers and Vaila S. Mowat for the Beavers. Both groups have held investment ceremonies for their youth. In the spring each cub was awarded the badges he had completed, and new badges are presently being worked on. The Beavers are intending to go to Lodges and Lairs again.

Scouting at St. George's thanks the church for the use of the hall and the room we call the Scout Room. We also thank our registrar, Don Connors, and the head of the Group Committee at St. George's, Lowell Perry, and Jan Connors, our treasurer, for their dedication.

Submitted by V. S. Mowat, Secretary.

YouthNet

The last year has been very busy. Staff members have left and been replaced, programs have changed and grown and the youth have too.



Last summer we said goodbye to Barbara Swanson, who had been YouthNet's director

for the last two years. Barb has become very dear to many of the youth, and is deeply missed. Barbara is studying music in Montreal, where her husband, Chris Snook, is studying theology at Concordia. Goodbyes went out again in September to LaShawn West. LaShawn had been a fixture at YouthNet for years, but has decided to move on to the next phase of his life. LaShawn's mark is still evident throughout YouthNet, and he is especially missed by the youth who drop by after school to use the C@P Site computers. LaShawn is thinking of moving to Toronto.

Duncan Neish was hired for the summer as Barb's assistant, to learn the ropes so that he

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could take over for her in the fall. Over the summer Duncan had many chances to experience different bits of YouthNet programming, and he assisted Jim Wilson in the wilderness adventures at the Kejimikujik and Cape Chignecto parks. Now Duncan is the Director. Also new to us is Sheldon Cain. Sheldon is a student at Saint Mary's University, a parishioner of Cornwallis Street Baptist Church and a life-long resident of our community. Sheldon assists Rhonda with the lunch program, supervises the C@P Site and works with Junior Leaders. Sheldon was one of the readers at Advent Lessons and Carols Service.

In almost every YouthNet program, there are Junior Leaders. These youth have been with us for years and have grown older and more responsible. Over the last few years, their role has been formalized and they've been given the name "Junior Leader." This summer we provided a workshop, incorporating 1st aid training, principles of YouthNet and essential information on each of our summer programs. We have been evaluating our Junior Leader program, it's expectations and challenges, and will be updating our training and promotional materials. As this program has been funded by the Canada Volunteerism Initiative, we will be able to provide our learnings for national dissemination. Junior Leaders are an important part of the foundations of each program and we are very blessed to have them.

Reading and Gardening

Last summer's four day camps included Summer Art Camp and Summer Music Camp. The week-long day camps are the backbone of the summer programming. As always each week seemed to pass by too quickly, yet it was not uncommon to see tearful goodbyes between youth and volunteers who had met only five days

before. The Wilderness Challenge made three trips into the wild, led by Jim Wilson. Each trip was four days long. The hike on the difficult coast at Cape Chignecto started the summer, and was followed by a canoe trip in Kejimikujik. This was the first time YouthNet had done an overnight canoe trip and it was a great success. The last trip to the highlands of Cape Breton focused on Junior Leader development. Wilderness Challenge will have a school year component next year, featuring day hikes and after school activities.

In August, a group of organizations from the North End and Dartmouth, threw a party our Communities. Summer Fest was a giant barbeque with games, prizes and entertainment for children, youth and adults and took place at the George Dixon Centre. Over 500 people were served hotdogs or hamburgers, and the talent show was a complete success. Look for this exciting event next August.

The Latin Club, a partnership with the Classics Department of Dalhousie/King's College, has grown and prospered. During the school year, 9 youth meet twice a week with tutors from the universities to study the Cambridge Latin Course. Over the summer the club ran for 5 weeks, with classes all morning. The summer classes were taught by John Dreger, a teacher at Saint Thomas Choir School in New York City. John was amazing. A hit with the kids, he made learning Latin more fun than any could have imagined. The summer Latin program was featured on CBC radio and on the ATV news. Thanks to Gary McGonagill for proposing the program, and for inviting his friend Mr. Dreger to spend the summer with us.

An anonymous donor has set up a fund to provide for the Saint George's YouthNet Choir School. This exciting project invites

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youth from the throughout the community, including our parish, other congregations, and every interested youth to come together and sing. Andrew Killawee is overseeing this project and is working with others to provide a complete range of musical instruction to the choir. The Music/Drama program continues this year under the direction of Joseph Wynne. Joe was brought to us last year by Andrew Killawee. He and Andrew worked together to produce "Barbeque for Ben" a musical retelling of the story of Joseph's coat. The Hall was packed, standing room only. Joe has many connections in the world of the performing arts, and with Andrew has set up a music and drama "school." To date, the school provides workshops in dance, and individual drum lessons. In the future, the school will be tailored to the gifts of the youth, for example voice lessons for the choristers.

The C@P Site is a strong draw for a dedicated group of youth who use the computers for internet access after school. While gaming is the favorite use, volunteers are available to help with homework as well. Sheldon finds that those who come to use the computers want to stay after their turns to play basketball or just to hang out.

Every year YouthNet hosts a Saint Nicholas Day Party. This year we had the help of the Rotary Club, who provided refreshments, games and prizes. They also set up, tore down, and ran the events. Except of course for St. Nick, he came on his own! They provided thousands of dollars in toys alone. We look forward to having the Rotary club again next year. Just before Christmas a private donor offered tickets for 20 youth to see Annie, at the Neptune Theatre. The youth were very excited, and some parents came along to help chaperone.

The Joseph Howe Breakfast Program has traditionally supported by YouthNet

volunteers. In the past Alan Hall coordinated the volunteers, but he was unable to continue this fall. Fortunately, Alan had cemented a strong relationship with volunteer societies at King's College. This year Jane Butcher, a student who has volunteered at the breakfast program in the past, coordinates the volunteers. Many of the volunteers are from King's, as well as from the congregation. This program is a very good thing and the volunteers are appreciated deeply by the staff at Joe Howe.

For the second year, YouthNet has been offering a soup or sandwich lunch at our Lunch Program. 25 youth attend each day for food, games and the friendship shared between youth and volunteers. The effort of volunteers from the Parish to provide food each day keeps this program afloat, and makes the program a visible example of Parish ministry in the community. A thousand thanks to all who have helped in this.



Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way with the 15 programs we ran over the last year. Whether you work one on one with a youth, helping with homework, or work behind the scenes, preparing lunches, your contribution is felt by the community and appreciated. Thank you also to our financial supporters, including the Parish, Canada Volunteer Initiative, Youth Employability Project, Metro United Way, Edmonds Landscape and Construction

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Services, ExxonMobil Canada, The Diocesan Growth for Ministry Fund and

many individuals. Please pray for us.

CAN's (Community Advocates Network)

I represent St George's church at the monthly CAN's meetings. Members are committed to assist marginalized persons (dictionary definition "persons relegated to a lower limit of social standing"- very often for reasons such as disabilities, poverty, health issues, addictions, racial issues, homelessness, incomplete education, etc.). Our mission statement is : "We are committed to full community participation in the decision making process of Social Assistance reform. Real issues must be addressed and community-based solutions achieved to ensure well being for all. "Who attends CAN's meetings? These meetings are an opportunity for both marginalized people and organizations who work to benefit them (especially as it concerns government and social assistance reform to

meet real needs) to come together and coordinate their efforts and to lend support to current initiatives.

If you would like to know more or receive emails concerning our initiatives please let me know. Occasionally, I place information at the back of the church and on bulletin boards. Sometimes there are short pieces in the bulletin but it is difficult to confine complex issues into a small space. How can you help? Letter writing to government as issues arise or joining a public demonstration would certainly have a very positive effect in convincing government to address social issues with long term positive solutions.

Evelyn Mann

Refugee Support Committee International Outreach Group

The International Outreach Group was formed very recently, with its first meeting just before Christmas. Amongst other matters, the group will try to address issues relating to PWRDF, refugees, and maintaining contact and support for our friends in Nablus, in the West Bank. The committee that previously assisted some of the refugees in our congregation, reports

that John Chuol has moved to Calgary to live with relatives. He is settling in well there, but misses St George's very much and has expressed his gratitude for the support he received from our church family. If anyone would like to write to him, please see me for an address/email address.

Sarah Biotope

Christmas Outreach 2004

Christmas Outreach 2004 was extremely successful with help being provided to ten families. This assistance was made possible through the generosity of the parish, two external donations and two family sponsors. YouthNet obtained the names of many of these families through direct contact with

the Principals of the schools within our north end community. I would like to thank all those who donated cash, provided turkeys, sorted groceries, purchased and wrapped gifts, packed hampers and made deliveries. This endeavor is truly a collective effort and would not be possible without the

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caring and compassion of many people..
Again, my sincere appreciation to all those
who contributed to Christmas Outreach
2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Baker
Chair, Christmas Outreach

Stepping Stone Association

The Stepping Stone Association, housed opposite the church hall on Maitland Street is a non-profit organization providing support for sex-trade workers. Outreach workers on 'stroll' distribute condoms and health information to those on the street. The house provides a safe drop-in and the director and two fulltime outreach workers are available for counselling when asked. The association aims to reduce risks for those involved in prostitution and to help those who wish to get out of it. The acquisition of two computers and instruction on making job applications has been a welcome and much-used facility over the last year. Regular visits from an 'Addiction Prevention' worker have also been welcome. Quitting smoking has been addressed as well as other addictions. Practically if not all of those served by Stepping Stone suffer from addictions. A community nurse from Planned Parenthood also makes regular visits to provide Hip's vaccinations and provide anonymous HIV testing, there is concern

over the rising number of those testing positive in the Metro area. On the lighter side users continue to enjoy weekly Bingo for small care-product prizes to which has been added Food Bingo as a fun way to distribute Food Bank donations. The highlight of the year is always the Christmas Party which we host. This year was no exception thank you to all of you who helped to make it a magical experience for children and their parents : to Karen and her team cooking and serving the meal, turkey with all the trimmings; to Duncan and the volunteer YouthNet workers who thought up fun and challenging activities; To David for coming in from Wolfville to provide beautiful music along with Dinah, to set the mood; to Dinah's sister for the amazing face painting, and to all those who came along to do whatever they could to help make it a memorable day.

Respectfully submitted
Lorna Wallace

Mission to Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Project

This year 34 boxes were filled to the brim with warm head and hand wear, treats, precious personal hygiene products, and lots of little extras to help the Seafarers' Christmas away from home be a bit brighter. Many thanks to Patricia Martinson and Anne Tilley who helped put the boxes together and deliver them to the Mission before Christmas. Thanks also to the prayerful

packing of one box by the Sunday School children and Youth, and for the lovely colourful Christmas cards they made for the boxes. Your contributions make it ALL possible. So keep your eyes out for all sales throughout the year and keep those knitting needles clicking!

Gai Thomas

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Christmas Baskets for Special Parishioners

Thirty beautiful and interesting "baskets" were prepared and delivered to Parishioners in the week before Christmas.

This year we received fewer items for the baskets from the Parish than usual, however we had a nice range of food and decorative gift items from several people, and the

recipients seemed to appreciate the visit and the gift basket. Once again we had a wonderful group of people who packed the baskets and a great team who delivered them. Thanks to all.

Margherita Mendel and Lynn Stevenson

Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

Think of charitable organizations that you know of: OXFAM, UNICEF, World Vision, chances are the Primates World Relief and Development Fund is not one that trips readily off the tongue; however consider this: Because it does not spend large sums on publicity, promotion and other overheads the PWRDF gets the largest proportion of your gift to its destination. Originally set up as a ready source of money for disaster response, the Fund now puts the largest part of its budget into development projects in Canada and round the world. The focus for the coming season will be upon the worldwide AIDS epidemic. Following the Asian tsunami the Primates Fund was quick to send money through ACT (Actions by Churches Together - an inter-denominational emergency-response coalition, with experience in reaching the most needy) and to set up a website with information and

links to other organizations one might like to support. St Georges has contributed to this effort.

The PWRDF is run from a small headquarters in Toronto. It is dependent for its fundraising upon the individual and congregational support of Anglican churches across Canada. Members of St. George's continue to contribute, however we have been without a parish representative for over a year now. Is anyone interested? The position is what you make of it. It involves keeping the congregation in touch with emergency needs through the bulletin, selling Christmas cards and possibly organizing an event around the focus theme ('Life Without Aids').

Thank you for your continued support of the Primates Fund.

Respectfully submitted Lorna Wallace

St George's Website

In late October 2004, the domain name www.roundchurch.ca, was purchased with the authorization of Parish Council. This name has been purchased for a 3 year period, and has been well-received by website users. Eastlink, our Internet service provider, hosts the domain for us as part of our service package.

The other new feature on the website was the addition of the weekly bulletin in January 2005. This addition was requested

by Parish Council in November, and turned out to be a bit more complex than initially anticipated. Careful observers will notice subtle differences between the web and printed bulletins. For reasons of privacy, phone numbers other than the parish office numbers are removed from the on-line version. Similarly, surnames are removed from the Prayer List, and birthday announcements are limited to particular 'riper' years.

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A redesign of the website is still under contemplation. The goals of a redesign would be to update the 'look', make navigation easier and improve the maintenance process. This redesign is still in the planning stages. My thanks to Vivien

Hannon for her technical advice in this matter, and for maintaining the site during my absences from the parish.

Sarah Stevenson

Neighbourhood Activity, Community Happenings and Advocacy

Community Happenings and Advocacy has been an attempt to keep the parish informed of the heart of the community in which it is situated. It has been an attempt to inform the parish, as well, of community events so that the parish may become active in the issues of the community. Saint George's contribution to the community is vital; through its continuous prayer for the community and its individuals the parish becomes mindful and aware of the brokenness and beauty of the community, and in its participation with the community (at events, meals and discussions) the parish shares its time and thoughtfulness with community members, recognizing and seeking out their faces. Seeing ourselves there, we see our own brokenness and our own hearts' yearning. This is the true blessing of being situated in a community as complex as this one.

We have tried throughout the year to be always seeking justice and loving mercy.

We have learned again and again that "God asks for the heart. And yet our greatest failure is in the heart." For still, we are yearning to become part of the community in a more consistent way. Our more consistent presence is yearned for, in turn, by the community. Community Happenings and Advocacy may be a beginning for our orientation within the community, but the transformation of our lives in and through community is what we are seeking. The demand is always on our hearts, in Christ.

Community Happenings and Advocacy can always benefit from the contributions of parish members who have learned about or are involved in a situation that we may pray for, and as well from the information and thoughts of parish members who are coming to know the community in a personal way. Keep your contributions in mind, and please send them along.

Kate Freeman

Parish Intercessor

Since September 2004, our parish has been blessed by the commitment of a parishioner to be our Parish Intercessor. She receives up to two prayer requests weekly from the countless needs of individuals and situations affecting the lives of parishioners. Whatever the need for prayer, she spends time each day for one week praying deeply for that

person or situation. Prayer requests have been forwarded to the Parish Intercessor through Vivien Hannon and Father Thorne. We are thankful for this wonderful gift being offered to the parish.

Vivien Hannon

Hospital Visiting

This ministry continues with Gladys Perry and Gai Thomas each checking the patient lists of the QE II on a weekly basis and

Sheila Jackson undertaking to visit those Parishioners who are hospitalized.
Sheila Jackson

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Parish Visitors Report

This last year we have tried to formalize the regular visitation of members of the Parish who for a variety of reasons are unable to attend church on a regular basis. We are looking for a Convener of this ministry and would sincerely welcome any member of the Parish to accept this task. It requires, with Father Thorne's guidance, matching up those

who are more mobile with those who would appreciate personal contact with St George's. The telephone is a marvelous invention!

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Jackson

Missionary Outreach

As we drove down the scenic but bumpy road to Siyiapei, the village where we would be spending the next five weeks, we knew very little of the adventures that were before us. Would the people speak English? Would they know that we were only students or would we be sent into the OR to operate the next day? Would we have electricity and running water? Do snakes lurk at night? What had we gotten ourselves into, we wondered.

Well, the staff at the dispensary spoke English very well, and also helped teach us Swahili so that we could communicate with patients and others outside the clinic. Thankfully for the patients, we didn't have to do any neurosurgery. And thankfully for us, we had electricity, hot water, and while snakes supposedly lurked, they hid themselves for five weeks. What we had gotten ourselves into was a wonderful, vibrant community that gave its best effort to make us feel at home and welcome.

During a routine day at the dispensary we treated, together with the nurses, about 20 people. Most of the time the nurses were willing and able to teach us from their knowledge of tropical medicine. It was a great learning experience to see how much the nurses could do with their training. They often had to act as a General Practitioner, an ER doctor, an Infectious

Disease Specialist and an Obstetrician in the same day. Every now and again, we were able to contribute from what we had learned from studying medicine in the West and our relationship with the nurses was beneficial to both sides. We also had two opportunities to work with a doctor who visited the clinic once a month to see some of the more difficult cases. These times were also great learning experiences that we greatly appreciated.

One of the things we came to realize was that our clinic, which was very rural, was not as rural as we had thought. The clinic was located no more than a kilometre from a major highway, and, although it seemed rural and looked rural to us, it was a well-serviced area by Kenyan standards (as evidenced by our access to running water and electricity). We were challenged to hear of people in the interior of Kenya (that is, those who live in areas not serviced by roads, running water or electricity) who had no access to medical care and would have to walk 80 kilometres or more to reach the clinic, which would be their closest medical facility. This is not an easy hike for someone suffering from malaria or worse. The clinic used to run outreach mobile clinics to the interior, but the program is expensive and hard on the vehicle, which is currently broken. Due to these difficulties the clinics have not been operational for

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several years. There are plans to have the dispensary's all-terrain vehicle fixed, and mobile clinics could be restarted, but currently there are no concrete timeline or budget for this to happen. Maybe God has plans for Matt's summer next year...

The most meaningful parts of our trip were the relationships that we were able to make while in Siyiapei. Working alongside the staff at the dispensary allowed us to develop close friendships with them. We also enjoyed their Christian fellowship and had a shared devotional time at the beginning of each day. The community members also soon became good friends. We realized about two weeks into our stay that the night watchman of the clinic and associated houses sat on our porch every night and so we started a ritual of having him in for hot chocolate each evening. Another part of our daily routine that rarely changed was returning home from the dispensary each

day to a gathering of smiling kids anxious to play soccer. We would grab the soccer ball, find a patch of grass, and run an African style soccer camp for an hour or so each evening.

Thank you so much for your prayer support and for making this experience possible for us. Our trip was delightful and a real blessing. By the grace of God we were healthy throughout the trip, we were kept safe and, despite the cultural differences, we were able to develop relationships with those around us. This experience has deepened and strengthened our desires to practice medicine in some capacity in developing regions of the world. Again, thank you so much for your support. If you have any other questions or would like to hear more stories, feel free to email us or give a ring.

Heather and Matt Rigby

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The Poor Fund

Although it is not possible to reflect this in the parish financial statements, The Poor Fund is a fund which was once again very active in 2004.

Many parishioners make contributions to the Poor Fund throughout the year. The money donated to the Poor Fund is used by the Rector for the immediate relief of parishioners and people and organizations in the community who come to the parish for help, usually as a last resort. In the past year, \$6891.73 has been dispersed from this fund for food vouchers, bus tickets, help

with rent, oil, electricity or phone bills. Money from the Poor Fund has also on occasion been used for special events at organizations in our community, such as Direction 180, Ark, Mainline Needle Exchange, Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, and Metro Non-Profit Housing. Money from the Poor Fund is not used for the Parish's annual Christmas outreach.

Many thanks to all those who have made it possible for the parish to respond to the immediate needs of those with whom we share our community.

University Student Ministry

St George's church has a very diverse and interesting group of students, many of who attended a welcome barbeque kindly hosted by Father and Sandra Thorne on Sunday 3 October. It was good to meet in an informal setting. Many of the students are well integrated in the life of the parish, with members of the choir, and others in Trinity House, or forming small bible study groups.

My role as student coordinator is very much to act as a conduit of information to students about parish events, and to coordinate occasional gatherings such as the one enjoyed in October.

With best wishes,
Alex Easton

Sunday Lunch Hospitality

FELLOWSHIP HOUR REFRESHMENT TEAMS

2004 was the best year ever since I began coordinating this vital program. Within a few phone calls I was able to fill all 24 team positions and had 3 Spares willing to fill in on short notice. I'm pleased to say, I did not receive one call all year requiring me to bring food at the last minute. The Teams provide much sought-after snacks following the 10:30 am Sunday Service and I've never heard any complaints! They also clean up on the day they bring refreshments (every 6

weeks). One Sunday we were pleased to welcome the small congregation of the Russian Orthodox church which holds services in the hall, and meet their priest. We hope to make this an annual event. A 'thank-you' BBQ was held in June (despite the rain) so we could meet and feed each other for once. We all enjoyed it a great deal so hopefully it will become an annual event. For information call Gai Thomas at 455-2612

Newcomer Welcoming

On the front of our well designed weekly bulletin is displayed in large bold inviting print,,,, WELCOME WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE There follows the mission

statement ... who we are a response to the gospel of Jesus Christ as offered by the parish of ST. George etc. Displayed on the inner section of the bulletin is the Welcome

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Newcomers We would like to contact you. There is the listing that follows with several ways for to help us do this. One way is to place a completed PEW card on the offering plate, today. A second way suggested is to visit our web site to send you information and learn more about our ministry and mission. Also arrangements can be made for a visit if desired. We may simply say HELLO to the Newcomer/ Visitor, engage

in some pleasant conversation, giving a friendly welcome and extending an invitation to visit the Church Hall, where as noted in the bulletin "Tea, Coffee, Treats follow, please stay." In friendliness we welcome our many Newcomers and Visitors saying "Glad You Are Here, Be with us, Help us as we enjoy St. George's Church."

Jim & Irma Brown

Finance

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met monthly during the year to review the financial statements. During the course of the year decisions were made to streamline the financial reporting. Members of the committee included: Jan Connors, Tracy Lenfesty, Rob Martin, and

Barry Stevens, Chair. The committee wishes to thank Jan Connors, treasurer for her timely reports.

Barry Stevens

Counters Report

Counters are the people who disappear each Sunday after church to count the weekly offering while the rest of the congregation gathers for fellowship in the church hall.

Working in pairs as required by the canons of the diocese, they count and record contributions to ensure that all money received is accounted for and that every identifiable giver can be issued an annual receipt for income tax purposes. There are six teams of two who each count for a month of Sundays twice a year. The other 10 months a year, they too can share in post-worship fellowship.

A warm welcome to the counting house for our newest members, Betty Haigh and Ian Porter. Returning counters in 2004 included

Roger Marsters, Dorothy Coons, Gary McGonigall, Lowell Perry, Sarah Stevenson, Chuck and Barb Richardson, Martin Yeatmen, Michal King, Barry Stevens and Mary Martin. Matthew Robinson left the team this year to attend graduate school in the United States.

In 2004, the counters added to their duties by taking on the massive job of counting the revenue received at the annual yard sale. What a mountain of coins! In 2005, we will double the number of counters available for this massive task. People interested in assisting in this ministry, please give me a call.

Robert Martin
463-7115

Budget Committee

The budget Committee met three times in the Fall of 2004 and twice in early 2005 to consider and finalize a budget for the 2005

fiscal year. After setting the parameters for the budget process, each of the Heads of Parish groups were asked to submit a budget

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for their areas. These were received, discussed and a final budget was drawn up. The draft budget was then presented to parish Council for approval. Members of the Committee included: Rector, Wardens,

Jan Connors, Neil Robertson, and John Swaine.

Barry Stevens

Report of New Hall Planning Committee

This is a committee of interested people with Property backgrounds who have collected and prioritized concept and information about the new Hall. Most of this information has been brought before the parish in one form or another, including parish meetings, information in the weekly Bulletins, and two Newsletters from Lesley Griffiths who has recently completed an important consultation with the congregation and the community.

For some time we have had some general ideas about the new Hall, and as planning proceeds, these will be incorporated into the

final concepts. For example, the new building will be roughly in the same location as the present Hall, and will be architecturally evocative of the buildings now on the site. The Hall will accommodate all of the present uses, with flexibility to accommodate new uses and the face of the parish and the community changes.

An important next step will be to develop a financial campaign plan, and this will be our major objective in 2005.

John Swaine
Chair

New Space for the Parish and the Community

In August the Parish Hall Planning Committee commissioned Lesley Griffiths, an environmental and community planner with Griffiths Muecke, to carry out a consultation with community organizations in the neighbourhood. Lesley met with about twenty-five local organizations to ask them about their activities, how they see Saint George's role in the community, and the kinds of facilities and programs that might be of most use to this neighbourhood. She also talked with staff and volunteers currently leading programs and activities in the parish hall.

The consultation report provides information needed by the Planning Committee to create a design brief to guide architects in developing a concept for the hall. The consultation has also provided valuable feedback regarding Saint George's relationship with the community

Some of the key findings were that

- Saint George's has good relationships with a number of local agencies but needs better connections with key neighbourhood organizations such as the YMCA and the Parent Resource Centre.
- The numbers of homeless people are increasing, especially those with mental health and substance abuse problems, and the services on the street are inadequate. An opportunity exists to provide significant facilities for people living in poverty but would require trained and dedicated staff and volunteers.
- Saint George's Saturday night soup kitchen is a key part of many people's weekly support system. Food is a crucial issue for many.
- Many people living in poverty are "boxed in" by lack of resources, limited experiences, lack of confidence, and fear of stigmatization. In particular, kids often don't travel much outside their

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neighbourhood. YouthNet helps to expand horizons through opportunities like the wilderness camping trips.

- An attractive, well-designed community space will get well used. There is a lack of attractive, well-designed spaces to hold meetings, workshops, retreats, wedding receptions and other community celebrations.
- To be inviting, a new facility needs plenty of windows and direct access to the public spaces.

The report also identifies a number of specific opportunities including program

spaces where groups such as Stepping Stone or Direction 180° can teach literacy, crafts or cooking; space for a weekend coffee shop for street people; a studio or art space for adults and kids together with a small exhibition gallery; performance space for YouthNet, small theatre companies and community organizations; a more usable CAP site (publicly accessible computers) with outreach and mentoring programs; affordable housing that could be built above the new Parish Hall facility; and making the new Parish Hall a “green building”, practicing environmental stewardship and minimizing operation and maintenance costs.

Parish Historian

In last year's report I stated that Sarah Stevenson and I were hoping to establish a records management policy for the parish. We have in hand an excellent analysis of our records prepared by two students in the School of Library and Information Studies at Dalhousie. This will help us to develop guidelines by which we determine the records that are to be sent on a regular basis to the Diocesan Archives. Because of changes in the collection policies of the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management (formerly the Public Archives of Nova Scotia), we cannot add to the St. George's records already deposited there.

We are fortunate that the diocesan archivist has agreed to accept selected records from St. George's on a regular basis. As I informed the parish last year, Anne West's collection of restoration material has already been placed in the Diocesan Archives. We

must, however, determine what records we want to transfer for safekeeping before we can send them more material. After this is done, my hope is that we will add to the St. George's collection at the Diocesan Archives on a systematic basis. I should add that the preservation of records at St. George's is not a satisfactory option as we do not have the facilities for their preservation. There will be no cost involved in our arrangement with the Diocesan Archives.

Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons we have not accomplished as much during the past year as I had hoped we might. However, I am optimistic that I will be able to report next year that we have established a records policy and that we have begun transferring St. George's material to the diocesan archives.

Henry Roper

St. George's Restoration Quilters:

A small group of dedicated women meet most Tuesdays (except July & August) in the Guild Room to stitch, chat, laugh and

have a great cup or two of tea! Often we are joined by staff and visitors to the Hall. Two Quilters completed a medium size

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commissioned quilt called Nautilus, and 3 continue stitching an old quilt (donated to the group) that was made by hand by a friend's grandmother out of shirting material. Major repairs are continuing on a very large old quilt. In June we presented 6 Crib Quilts each to Victims Support Services HRM Police and Bryony House for donation to 'children in crisis'. We also celebrated our 5th Anniversary (actually it was our 6th year of operation) at a reception where the Crib Quilts were on display for the congregation. A well written

article and lovely colour picture of the Crib Quilt presentation was published in the fall "Diocesan Times". Several calls came from interested folk in rural Nova Scotia and one new Quilter joined us. Sadly we said "farewell" to 2 others, but they are always welcome to return whenever! If you'd love to learn to finish-quilt, get together weekly with a fun group of stitchers, and have yourself the best cup of tea in Halifax!, please call Gai Thomas at 455-2612.

Gai Thomas

Julian Gatherings

This small group that meets each Monday night for said Compline and one half hour of silent prayer actually considered disbanding midway through the year. With Compline offered nightly at Trinity House and after 4 ½ years with no newcomers to our prayer group, we agreed to make a final decision the next Monday immediately following our Julian Gathering.

It was a night we will never forget. That time of year we were gathered at the Little Dutch Church. There was a stranger there—seemed likely to be a street person. None of us had ever seen him before. He joined us for Compline after which we described our Julian Gathering, offering him the opportunity to stay if he wished. He did. Afterward he said he had come to pray for a sick loved-one; he spoke of the importance of prayer.

He lingered around, so we began our informal meeting. When he heard that we

might end our Julian Gatherings he entered the conversation. "You must not stop!" he insisted. "I have walked the streets of this city these evenings trying to find an open church door to go in and pray. This is the only one I found. You must continue!" Then he opened to us the scriptures. Our hearts burned within us. Our decision was made. We have met weekly since, without regret. We never saw that gentleman again—or have we?

Dick Gallagher is a faithful member of our group. Of our Julian Gatherings he says, "Meeting every week helps keep me in touch with God. The JG provides the facility to enjoy God. In heaven I will have a unique experience of enjoying God; the JG is a foretaste of that."

Jan Connors

2004 Annual Report: Baptisms, Burials, Marriages, Confirmations

HOLY BAPTISMS

January 21	Benjamin Blackwood and Jesse Blackwood
January 25	Jonathan Mark Trenaman
February 8	Anne Patricia Yu Li Robertson
April 25	Haley Leslie Fillingham Smith
May 16	Lauren Anne Smithers and Elizabeth Nicole Smithers
June 20	Jack Cornelis Abraham Geurs
October 3	Blake Mykel Francis Keizer
October 17	Shelagh Claire MacDonald and James Fred Wilson

CONFIRMATIONS

January 21	Benjamin Blackwood, Kelsey Hunter, Jesse Blackwood, Kale Reed, Daniel Dowding, Erica Smith, Andre Gray, Ryan Smith, Kate Freeman, Jonathan Trenaman
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MARRIAGES

June 30	Edward Scott Hepburn and Tina Lynn Carty
August 6	Thomas Per Hakansson and Jane Dauphinee Duncan
August 7	Brent Cameron MacNeil and Christine Catherine Pound
August 28	Edward Russell Moreland and Lisa Diana
September 11	John William Bryan and Leanne Mina Drake
September 18	Barry Stuart Walker and Elaine Marie Myers
October 2	Perry Thomas Kelly and Alison Marie Hurst
October 9	Raymond Milton Pummell and Kathryn Lee Morse
November 20	Todd Richard Miles and Sarah Jane Jennifer Ashbourne

FUNERAL RITES

April 13	Wanita Frances Gordon
September 3	Sarah Suzanna Marsh
November 16	Valda Ingraham Hodder
November 19	Douglas Linwood Curry
December 23	Dewitt Spurgeon Rockwell

2004 Annual Report: Financial Statements of Committees and Organizations

Altar Guild

The following gives an account of our year financially:

Total Credits: (From donations to the church, from weddings, and from interest)	\$2,324.38
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Total Debits:

Flowers:	\$1,612.72	
Cleaning Supplies:	102.83	
Service Fees:	22.25	
Candles and Accessories	410.74	
Allotment for 2003	473.10	
		\$2,621.64

Deficit for year: \$297.26

Amount in the Altar Guild Account at the beginning of 2004:	\$2,824.87
Amount in the Altar Guild account at the end of 2004:	\$2,527.61

Christmas Outreach

Total Cash Provided	\$2,816.88
Expenditures:	
Groceries	1,050.00
Clothing	1,766.88

Little Dutch Church

Total income	\$3,385.16
Expenditures	\$2,591.07
Net account increase after expenses	\$794.09
Balance on December 31, 2004	\$8,711.48

2004 Annual Report: Givings

Comparison of levels of givings 2004

Par week	If I use envelopes every week, my regular giving is:			If my weekly envelope is increased by 5%, I'll add:			With the 5% increase, my new giving will be:			If I miss one envelope per month, the parish loses:		
	Monthly	Yearly	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly
\$5.00	\$21.67	\$280.00	\$0.25	\$1.00	\$13.00	\$5.25	\$22.75	\$273.00	\$5.25	\$63.00	\$5.25	\$63.00
\$10.00	\$43.33	\$560.00	\$0.50	\$2.17	\$28.00	\$10.50	\$45.50	\$546.00	\$10.50	\$126.00	\$10.50	\$126.00
\$15.00	\$65.00	\$780.00	\$0.75	\$3.25	\$39.00	\$15.75	\$68.25	\$819.00	\$15.75	\$189.00	\$15.75	\$189.00
\$20.00	\$86.67	\$1,040.00	\$1.00	\$4.33	\$52.00	\$21.00	\$91.00	\$1,092.00	\$21.00	\$252.00	\$21.00	\$252.00
\$25.00	\$108.33	\$1,300.00	\$1.25	\$5.42	\$65.00	\$26.25	\$113.75	\$1,395.00	\$26.25	\$315.00	\$26.25	\$315.00
\$30.00	\$130.00	\$1,560.00	\$1.50	\$6.50	\$78.00	\$31.50	\$136.50	\$1,638.00	\$31.50	\$378.00	\$31.50	\$378.00
\$35.00	\$151.67	\$1,820.00	\$1.75	\$7.58	\$91.00	\$36.75	\$159.25	\$1,911.00	\$36.75	\$441.00	\$36.75	\$441.00
\$40.00	\$173.33	\$2,080.00	\$2.00	\$8.67	\$104.00	\$42.00	\$182.00	\$2,184.00	\$42.00	\$504.00	\$42.00	\$504.00
\$45.00	\$195.00	\$2,340.00	\$2.25	\$9.75	\$117.00	\$47.25	\$204.75	\$2,457.00	\$47.25	\$567.00	\$47.25	\$567.00
\$50.00	\$216.67	\$2,600.00	\$2.50	\$10.83	\$130.00	\$52.50	\$227.50	\$2,730.00	\$52.50	\$630.00	\$52.50	\$630.00
\$55.00	\$238.33	\$2,860.00	\$2.75	\$11.92	\$143.00	\$57.75	\$250.25	\$3,003.00	\$57.75	\$693.00	\$57.75	\$693.00
\$60.00	\$260.00	\$3,120.00	\$3.00	\$13.00	\$156.00	\$63.00	\$273.00	\$3,276.00	\$63.00	\$756.00	\$63.00	\$756.00
\$65.00	\$281.67	\$3,380.00	\$3.25	\$14.08	\$169.00	\$68.25	\$295.75	\$3,549.00	\$68.25	\$819.00	\$68.25	\$819.00
\$70.00	\$303.33	\$3,640.00	\$3.50	\$15.17	\$182.00	\$73.50	\$318.50	\$3,822.00	\$73.50	\$882.00	\$73.50	\$882.00
\$75.00	\$325.00	\$3,900.00	\$3.75	\$16.25	\$195.00	\$78.75	\$341.25	\$4,095.00	\$78.75	\$945.00	\$78.75	\$945.00
\$80.00	\$346.67	\$4,160.00	\$4.00	\$17.33	\$208.00	\$84.00	\$364.00	\$4,368.00	\$84.00	\$1,008.00	\$84.00	\$1,008.00
\$85.00	\$368.33	\$4,420.00	\$4.25	\$18.42	\$221.00	\$89.25	\$386.75	\$4,641.00	\$89.25	\$1,071.00	\$89.25	\$1,071.00
\$90.00	\$390.00	\$4,680.00	\$4.50	\$19.50	\$234.00	\$94.50	\$409.50	\$4,914.00	\$94.50	\$1,134.00	\$94.50	\$1,134.00
\$95.00	\$411.67	\$4,940.00	\$4.75	\$20.58	\$247.00	\$99.75	\$432.25	\$5,187.00	\$99.75	\$1,197.00	\$99.75	\$1,197.00
\$100.00	\$433.33	\$5,200.00	\$5.00	\$21.67	\$260.00	\$105.00	\$455.00	\$5,460.00	\$105.00	\$1,260.00	\$105.00	\$1,260.00
\$105.00	\$455.00	\$5,460.00	\$5.25	\$22.75	\$273.00	\$110.25	\$477.75	\$5,733.00	\$110.25	\$1,323.00	\$110.25	\$1,323.00
\$110.00	\$476.67	\$5,720.00	\$5.50	\$23.83	\$286.00	\$115.50	\$500.50	\$6,006.00	\$115.50	\$1,386.00	\$115.50	\$1,386.00
\$115.00	\$498.33	\$5,980.00	\$5.75	\$24.92	\$299.00	\$120.75	\$523.25	\$6,279.00	\$120.75	\$1,449.00	\$120.75	\$1,449.00
\$120.00	\$520.00	\$6,240.00	\$6.00	\$26.00	\$312.00	\$126.00	\$546.00	\$6,552.00	\$126.00	\$1,512.00	\$126.00	\$1,512.00
\$125.00	\$541.67	\$6,500.00	\$6.25	\$27.08	\$325.00	\$131.25	\$568.75	\$6,825.00	\$131.25	\$1,575.00	\$131.25	\$1,575.00
\$130.00	\$563.33	\$6,760.00	\$6.50	\$28.17	\$338.00	\$136.50	\$591.50	\$7,098.00	\$136.50	\$1,638.00	\$136.50	\$1,638.00
\$135.00	\$585.00	\$7,020.00	\$6.75	\$29.25	\$351.00	\$141.75	\$614.25	\$7,371.00	\$141.75	\$1,701.00	\$141.75	\$1,701.00
\$140.00	\$606.67	\$7,280.00	\$7.00	\$30.33	\$364.00	\$147.00	\$637.00	\$7,644.00	\$147.00	\$1,764.00	\$147.00	\$1,764.00
\$145.00	\$628.33	\$7,540.00	\$7.25	\$31.42	\$377.00	\$152.25	\$659.75	\$7,917.00	\$152.25	\$1,827.00	\$152.25	\$1,827.00
\$150.00	\$650.00	\$7,800.00	\$7.50	\$32.50	\$390.00	\$157.50	\$682.50	\$8,190.00	\$157.50	\$1,890.00	\$157.50	\$1,890.00
\$155.00	\$671.67	\$8,060.00	\$7.75	\$33.58	\$403.00	\$162.75	\$705.25	\$8,463.00	\$162.75	\$1,953.00	\$162.75	\$1,953.00
\$160.00	\$693.33	\$8,320.00	\$8.00	\$34.67	\$416.00	\$168.00	\$728.00	\$8,736.00	\$168.00	\$2,016.00	\$168.00	\$2,016.00
\$165.00	\$715.00	\$8,580.00	\$8.25	\$35.75	\$429.00	\$173.25	\$750.75	\$9,009.00	\$173.25	\$2,079.00	\$173.25	\$2,079.00
\$170.00	\$736.67	\$8,840.00	\$8.50	\$36.83	\$442.00	\$178.50	\$773.50	\$9,282.00	\$178.50	\$2,142.00	\$178.50	\$2,142.00
\$175.00	\$758.33	\$9,100.00	\$8.75	\$37.92	\$455.00	\$183.75	\$796.25	\$9,555.00	\$183.75	\$2,205.00	\$183.75	\$2,205.00
\$180.00	\$780.00	\$9,360.00	\$9.00	\$39.00	\$468.00	\$189.00	\$819.00	\$9,828.00	\$189.00	\$2,268.00	\$189.00	\$2,268.00
\$185.00	\$801.67	\$9,620.00	\$9.25	\$40.08	\$481.00	\$194.25	\$841.75	\$10,101.00	\$194.25	\$2,331.00	\$194.25	\$2,331.00
\$190.00	\$823.33	\$9,880.00	\$9.50	\$41.17	\$494.00	\$199.50	\$864.50	\$10,374.00	\$199.50	\$2,394.00	\$199.50	\$2,394.00
\$195.00	\$845.00	\$10,140.00	\$9.75	\$42.25	\$507.00	\$204.75	\$887.25	\$10,647.00	\$204.75	\$2,457.00	\$204.75	\$2,457.00
\$200.00	\$866.67	\$10,400.00	\$10.00	\$43.33	\$520.00	\$210.00	\$910.00	\$10,920.00	\$210.00	\$2,520.00	\$210.00	\$2,520.00

2004 Annual Report: Givings

Parish of St. George's 2004 Offerings Overview

250	# of family units on parish list (approx. average)
148	# of envelope holders
12	# of unused envelop numbers included in above
15	# of direct debit contributors (4 of which also use envelopes)

<u># of Givers</u>	<u>Weekly average offering:</u>	<u>= annual offering in range</u>	
		<u>from:</u>	<u>to:</u>
28	\$1-4	\$ 52.00	\$ 208.00
22	\$5-9	\$ 260.00	\$ 468.00
28	\$10-14	\$ 520.00	\$ 728.00
10	\$15-19	\$ 780.00	\$ 988.00
10	\$20-24	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 1,248.00
14	\$25-29	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,508.00
5	\$30-34	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 1,768.00
2	\$35-39	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 2,028.00
5	\$40-44	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 2,288.00
5	\$45-49	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,548.00
4	\$50-54	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,808.00
1	\$55-59	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 3,068.00
1	\$60-64	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 3,328.00
2	\$65-69	\$ 3,380.00	\$ 3,588.00
1	\$70-74	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 3,848.00
0	\$75-79	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 4,108.00
1	\$80-84	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 4,368.00
0	\$85-89	\$ 4,420.00	\$ 4,628.00
0	\$90-94	\$ 4,680.00	\$ 4,888.00
0	\$95-99	\$ 4,940.00	\$ 5,148.00
3	\$100-124	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 6,448.00
2	\$125-\$149	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,748.00
2	\$150-174	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 9,048.00
0	\$175-199	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 10,348.00
1	\$200+	\$ 10,400.00	+

Saint George's Parish Income & Expenses

January through December 2004 (unaudited)

Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 04
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
GENERAL PARISH INCOME	
Church Preservation Endowment	8,251
Investment Income	463
Yard Sale	10,128
Offerings	
Direct Deposit	25,377
Loose	9,707
General	164,568
Total Offerings	199,652
Other Income	5,000
HST Income	6,441
Total GENERAL PARISH INCOME	229,935
RENTAL INCOME	
Parking	6,845
Church Rental	505
Hall Rental	6,825
Rectory Rent	9,270
Total RENTAL INCOME	23,445
Total Income	253,380
Gross Profit	253,380
Expense	
584 · PST Expenses	
600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	
HST Expenses	15,416
Office Expenses	
Computers & Equipment	2,385
Office Manager	5,000
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	3,659
Telecommunication	3,217
Internet	481
Photocopying	2,035
Supplies & Postage	2,406
Total Office Expenses	19,182
Allotment	39,615
Bank Service Charges	1,079
600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES - Other	
Total 600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	75,292
700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY	
Priest's Assistant	1,403
Stipend - Rector	43,240
Housing Allowance	14,210
Travel Reimbursement	5,700
Benefits	10,564
Vacation Replacement	400
Total 700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY	75,517
800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY	
Deaf Ministry	3,000
St George's YouthNet	5,000
Poor	897
Scouts	1,000
800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY - Other	
Total 800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY	9,897
900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	
A · General Expenses	
Diocesan Bookroom	3,329
Adv. & Publicity	1,211
Guest Speakers	600
Parish Library	86
Gifts	179
Special Events	200

Saint George's Parish Income & Expenses January through December 2004 (unaudited)

	Jan - Dec 04
Supplies & Postage	185
A - General Expenses - Other	70
Total A - General Expenses	5,861
C - Music Program	
Stipend - Director	19,000
Vacation Replacement	600
999 - Supplies & Materials	3,480
Total C - Music Program	23,080
D - Sunday School Program	
Supplies & Materials	994
Total D - Sunday School Program	994
Total 900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	29,935
1000 - PROPERTY	
A - General	
Development	4,322
Snow Removal	2,800
Insurance	22,432
Total A - General	29,554
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	
Security	842
Janitorial Services	4,500
Maintenance & Repairs	15,019
Supplies	906
Taxes	698
Utilities	
Electric	4,565
Oil	10,233
Propane	707
Water	2,287
Total Utilities	17,792
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	39,756
C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)	
Maintenance & Repairs	5,493
Taxes	2,513
Utilities	
Oil service contract	266
Total Utilities	266
Total C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)	8,272
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	
Utilities	
Electric	489
Total Utilities	489
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	489
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	
Organ Maintenance	612
Capital Repairs	237
Maintenance & Repairs	8,256
Security	3,105
Taxes	320
Utilities	
Electric	1,605
Oil	12,699
Water	736
Total Utilities	15,040
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	27,568
Total 1000 - PROPERTY	105,639

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Saint George's Parish
Income & Expenses
January through December 2004 (unaudited)

Accrual Basis

	<u>Jan - Dec 04</u>
Total Expense	296,280
Net Ordinary Income	<u>(42,900)</u>
Net Income	<u><u>(42,900)</u></u>

Saint George's Parish Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2004 (unaudited)

Accrual Basis

	Dec 31, 04
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Direct Debit TD/Canada Trust	4,396
General Account	699
Direct Debit Account	47,907
Total Chequing/Savings	53,001
Accounts Receivable	
20 - Accounts Receivable	7,348
Total Accounts Receivable	7,348
Other Current Assets	
Committed Investments	
Preservation Fund	205,878
Diocese - Memorial	879
Diocese - Altar Guild	819
Diocese of NS #4 (Wright)	300
Pickford Choral Scholarship	9,129
Total Committed Investments	217,004
Un-Committed Investments	
Diocese of NS #2 (Rec. & Ward.)	2,010
Diocese of NS #3 (J. Shaw)	500
Diocese of NS (Rec. & Wardens)	7,000
Total Un-Committed Investments	9,510
Total Other Current Assets	226,514
Total Current Assets	286,863
TOTAL ASSETS	286,863
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	7,583
Total Accounts Payable	7,583
Other Current Liabilities	
Short Term Fund Accounts	
LDC	50
Clemente	18,570
Corporate Grants	11,065
Hall Building Fund	2,270
Curacy Fund	1,552
Choir Chair Fund	4,020
Vestments	92
Office Fund	15,011
Rector's & Wardens	2,570
Pickford Scholarship	192
Deaf Ministry	5,785
St George's Youthnet	1,225
Altar Guild Fund	127
Christmas Outreach Fund	1,720
Poor Fund	3,058
PWRDF Appeal Fund	30
Quashie Fund	12,225
Rector's Discretionary Fund	1,832
Soup Kitchen Fund	400
Total Short Term Fund Accounts	81,794
Total Other Current Liabilities	81,794
Total Current Liabilities	89,376
Long Term Liabilities	
Long Term Fund Accounts	
Patricia Richard School Bursary	900
Endowment Funds	205,878

Accrual Basis

Saint George's Parish
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2004 (unaudited)

	<u>Dec 31, 04</u>
Choral Scholarship	9,129
Missions Appeal Fund	6,225
Memorial Fund	7,997
Organ Fund	<u>1,362</u>
Total Long Term Fund Accounts	<u>231,490</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>231,490</u>
Total Liabilities	320,866
Equity	
Retained Earnings	8,897
Net Income	<u>(42,900)</u>
Total Equity	<u>(34,003)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>286,863</u></u>

2004 Annual Report: Parish Investments/Insurance Coverage

Statement of current investments, short term and long term funds Report on Parish Investments

All Parish Investments are currently held with the Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island.

The Finance Committee performed an extensive review of our investments in 2004 comparing the return and risk factors of the Diocesan Portfolio with those of Wood Gundy. With all factors considered the decision was to leave our investments with the Diocese.

Endowment Name	Original Investment Date	Opening Balance	Market Value @ 3rd Qtr 2004
Committed Investments			
Altar Guild	19-May-99	\$ 819.00	\$ 828.10
Memorial Fund	19-May-99	\$ 879.00	\$ 888.76
Pickford	19-May-99	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,058.54
<i>will reflect on next statement</i>	30-Aug-04	\$ 4,128.65	
Preservation & Conservation	31-Jan-99	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 153,984.14
<i>will reflect on next statement</i>	31-Dec-04	\$ 55,877.51	
Wright Gravelot Fund	19-Mar-39	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,244.16
Uncommitted Investments			
Rectors & Wardens of Church	31-Mar-36	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 28,798.69
Rectors Funds	1-Jul-36	\$ 2,010.67	\$ 8,272.10
Shaw James A	16-Jun-58	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,057.05

Statement of Insurance coverage for all Parish Buildings

1 March 2004-1 March 2005

Lombard General Insurance Company

All figures taken from the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Comprehensive Insurance Program Declaration Certificate

St George's Church

Building: \$5,500,000
Contents: 100,000
Premium: 13,775

St George's Hall

Building: \$1,200,000
Contents: 100,000
Premium: 4,972

Little Dutch Church

Building: \$80,000
Contents: 1,000
Premium: 335

The Rectory

Building: \$248,000
Contents: 2,000
Premium: 1,155

Saint George's Parish Income & Expense 2005 Budget

Jan - Dec 05

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

GENERAL PARISH INCOME

Church Preservation Endowment	\$	10,000.00
Investment Income	\$	150.00
Yard Sale	\$	12,000.00
Offerings	\$	210,000.00
Other Income	\$	2,500.00
HST Income	\$	7,300.00

Total GENERAL PARISH INCOME \$ 241,950.00

RENTAL INCOME

Parking	\$	7,920.00
Church Rental	\$	2,000.00
Hall Rental	\$	5,000.00
Rectory Rent	\$	15,600.00

Total RENTAL INCOME \$ 30,520.00

Total Income \$ 272,470.00

Expense

600 - GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES

HST Expenses	\$	15,000.00
Synod 2005 (new expense this year with Synod in	\$	800.00
Office Expenses		
Computers & Equipment	\$	500.00
Office Manager	\$	5,000.00
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	\$	4,064.00
Telecommunication	\$	3,000.00
Internet	\$	1,068.00
Photocopying	\$	500.00
Supplies & Postage	\$	2,500.00

Total Office Expenses

Allotment \$ 39,615.24

Bank Service Charges \$ 750.00

Total 600 - GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES \$ 56,165.24

700 - ORDAINED MINISTRY

Priest's Assistant	\$	5,000.00
NSOM	\$	3,000.00
Stipend - Rector	\$	36,920.00
Housing Allowance - Rector	\$	25,400.00
Travel Reimbursement	\$	5,700.00
Benefits	\$	11,000.00
Vacation Replacement	\$	500.00

Total 700 - ORDAINED MINISTRY \$ 97,520.00

800 - PASTORAL MINISTRY

Deaf Ministry	\$	3,000.00
St George's YouthNet	\$	5,000.00
Poor	\$	1,000.00
Scouts	\$	1,000.00

Total 800 - PASTORAL MINISTRY \$ 10,000.00

900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

A - General Expenses

Diocesan Bookroom	\$	3,000.00
Adv. & Publicity	\$	1,200.00

	<u>Jan - Dec 05</u>
Guest Speakers	\$ 2,000.00
Parish Library	\$ 200.00
Gifts	\$ 200.00
Special Events	\$ 200.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 200.00
A. General Expenses - Other	
Total A - General Expenses	\$ 7,000.00
C - Music Program	
Stipend - Director	\$ 19,000.00
Vacation Replacement	\$ 550.00
999 - Supplies & Materials	\$ 5,500.00
Total C - Music Program	\$ 25,050.00
D - Sunday School Program	
Supplies & Materials	\$ 1,000.00
D . Sunday School Program - Other	
Total D - Sunday School Program	\$ 1,000.00
900 . SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT - Other	

Total 900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ 33,050.00
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1000 - PROPERTY

A - General	
Development	\$ 5,000.00
Snow Removal	\$ 3,350.00
Insurance	\$ 22,500.00
Maintenance	
Total A - General	\$ 30,850.00
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	
Security	\$ 1,400.00
Janitorial Services	\$ 4,500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 7,500.00
Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
Taxes	\$ 700.00
Utilities	
Electric	\$ 4,700.00
Oil	\$ 10,000.00
Propane	\$ 750.00
Water	\$ 2,300.00
Utilities - Other	
Total Utilities	\$ 17,750.00
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	\$ 32,850.00
C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 6,000.00
Taxes	\$ 2,500.00
Utilities	
Oil service contract	\$ 250.00
Utilities - Other	
Total Utilities	\$ 250.00
Total C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)	\$ 8,750.00
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	
Maintenance & Repairs	
Taxes	
Utilities	
Electric	\$ 500.00
Total Utilities	\$ 500.00
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	\$ 500.00
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	

	Jan - Dec 05
Organ Maintenance	\$ 700.00
Capital Repairs	\$ 250.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 8,500.00
Security	\$ 3,200.00
Taxes	\$ 320.00
Utilities	
Electric	\$ 1,400.00
Oil	\$ 13,000.00
Water	\$ 750.00
Utilities - Other	
Total Utilities	\$ 15,150.00
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	\$ 28,120.00

Total 100% PROPER	\$ 10,070.00
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Net Income	\$ (15,335.24)
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Principles

- * no expenditures beyond budget can be spent without approval beforehand
- * balanced budget ideal, but not practical
- * ideally there is a need for contingency, but not practical with a deficit budget
- * need to repay \$34,000 borrowed from Short & Long Term Liabilities

Parish Communications

A big thank-you is extended to the many parishioners who help out, on a regular or occasional basis, with all the many tasks involved with keeping one another in touch and up to date on parish affairs. Many people work at writing, editing, printing, copying, folding and distribution of so many things. Through e-mails, the website, the weekly bulletins and those for feast days, the seasonal mailouts advertising posters, and the like, you all help so much with this ministry of keeping the parish family connected, so indeed we can *bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

