

# PARISH PROFILE FORM



Please include with the completed Profile Form:

- "A Supplementary Resource" (formerly known as Appendix A).
- A photocopy of the completed Parochial Return Form (one copy for the Bishop only -- DO NOT STAPLE/APPEND TO PROFILE).
- The Parish Annual Report for the most recent full calendar year (one copy for the Bishop only -- DO NOT STAPLE/APPEND TO PROFILE).

**Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
September 2010**

**PARISH NAME:** PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE

**Address:** 2222 Brunswick Street  
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3K 2Z3  
Canada

**Parish Office Tele# (if applicable):** +1 902 423 1059

**Rectory Tele# (if applicable):** n/a

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**Parish Web Site (if applicable):** [www.roundchurch.ca](http://www.roundchurch.ca)

**Briefly describe the location and geography of the parish:**

The parish churches (Saint George's and the Little Dutch Church) are located in the inner city of Halifax, but parishioners are drawn from all over Halifax and beyond. The city is located in the Halifax Regional Municipality, an urban centre of approximately 400,000 people occupying a strategic and central location on the east coast of Canada. Situated close to areas of outstanding natural beauty, Halifax is a major regional centre in Atlantic Canada and home to many industries, universities, hospitals, schools, and cultural pursuits. Our city is a vibrant and growing community which continues to have many of the pleasant attributes of a small city of neighborhoods.

**PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE**

*(Each member of a Parochial Committee is carefully selected as a Parish representative. Please show what kinds of Parish participation each member has.)*

<b>Chairperson:</b>	<b>Parish Participation:</b>
<b>Kevin Gibson</b> Tel.: +1 902 425 6500 Email: <a href="mailto:kevin.gibson@mcinnescooper.com">kevin.gibson@mcinnescooper.com</a>	Currently: Warden, Parish Council Formerly: Parish Council, Sunday School teacher, Confirmation preparation Member of the Parish: 15 years

<b>Members' Names:</b>	<b>Parish Participation:</b>
<b>John Hammond</b>	Formerly: Church Restoration Committee, Restoration and Preservation Committee, Finance Committee, Envelope counter Member of the Parish: 20 years
<b>Susan Harris</b>	Currently: Chair of Spiritual Development Committee, Deaf Ministry Support Group; Formerly: Warden, Parish Council, Stewardship Committee, Saint George's YouthNet Board, Choir member Member of the Parish: 33 years

Members' Names:	Parish Participation:
<b>Benjamin Lee</b>	<p>Currently: Server, Spiritual Development Committee, Study Group facilitator, YouthNet volunteer</p> <p>Formerly: Choir member, Officiant, Synod Youth Delegate, Parish Council, Envelope Counter, Sunday School teacher, occasional preacher</p> <p>Member of the Parish: 10 years</p>
<b>Tracy Lenfesty</b>	<p>Currently: Sunday School teacher, coffee hour/hospitality, Altar Guild head, YouthNet lunch provider, Spiritual Development Committee, Stewardship Committee</p> <p>Formerly: Warden, Parish Council, Finance Committee, Budget Committee, Property Committee, Pastoral Ministry Committee, YouthNet Board</p> <p>Member of the Parish: 18 years</p>
<b>Jane Mills</b>	<p>Currently: Warden, Parish Council, Stewardship Committee, YouthNet lunch provider, Soup Kitchen team member</p> <p>Formerly: Parish Council</p> <p>Member of the Parish: 9 years</p>
<b>Gwynedd Pickett</b>	<p>Currently: Warden, Parish Council, Choir</p> <p>Formerly: Youth Synod delegate, Server, Soup Kitchen team member, Wolf Cub leader.</p> <p>Member of the Parish: 15 years</p>

*(Wardens normally serve on the Parochial Committee. Paid staff & N.S.O.M. clergy do not serve on the Parochial Committee.)*

**PREVIOUS INCUMBENTS (OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS OR LESS)**

**Most Recent Incumbent:**

Name: The Rev'd George Westhaver	Term: 6 years	Years: January, 2007 to July, 2013
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**Second Most Recent Incumbent:**

Name: The Rev'd Canon Gary Thorne	Term: 16 years	Years: 1990 to 2006
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**Third Most Recent Incumbent**

Name: The Rev'd Robert Petite	Term: 10 years	Years: 1979 to 1989
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If your parish has N.S.O.M. (Non-Stipenary Ordained Ministry) Clergy, Honorary Assistants, or Retired Clergy, please complete the following:

Name: The Reverend James Purchase

Status:  N.S.O.M.  Retired  Honorary Assistant

**Ordination date(s):**

Deacon: May 7, 1964 Priest (if applicable): June 29, 1965

**Please briefly describe the ministry of this clergyperson in this parish until this time:**

Pastoral visitor. Father Purchase also often fills in when the Rector is away or ill, and has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Saint George's during the present search.

Name: The Reverend Eldie Richard

Status:  N.S.O.M.  Retired  Honorary Assistant

**Ordination date(s): [TO BE COMPLETED]**

Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_ Priest (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please briefly describe the ministry of this clergyperson in this parish until this time:**

N/A

*(Please add further material on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)*

**OTHER PARISH HUMAN RESOURCES**

*(Please attach Position Descriptions, if any, for these positions.)*

Position	Number	Full Time	Part Time	Volunteer
Postulant for Ordination	2			
Christian Education Coordinator	1		1	
Youth Worker	0			
Parish Administrator	1	1		
Secretary (if different)	n/a			
Organist	1	1		
Janitor	3		2	1
Other: Sextons	1		1	
Other: _____				

## PARISH CUSTOMS

(Please explain your understanding of the following, or include with this form appropriate resolutions or policies approved by Parish Council and/ or the Parish Annual Meeting.)

### **Christian Initiation Customs (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Sunday School Programmes, etc.):**

Baptism always takes place in the context of regularly scheduled services of public worship. Either the Rector or a lay person meets with the family of the child or with the adult to be baptized, and sometimes with Godparents or witnesses as well. The Rector and indeed the whole congregation endeavour to encourage the newly baptised and their families to become active members of the parish family. Confirmation preparation is done by lay people. Confirmation takes place from time to time when enough candidates are ready. There are four "Sunday School" groups for children and youth. The Toddlers' Church group is using Book 2 of the *Loving Toddler* series; the two regular Sunday School groups use the *St. George's Christian Education Curriculum*. There is also a "Little Latin" programme for small children on Saturday mornings, run by the parents. The youth (teenage) programme is designed, in conjunction with the youth, by the university students who run the programme. The children remain in church until after the creed is sung, after which they go to Sunday School. They return to the church at the time of communion, so that they may receive communion or a blessing. The toddlers also come to the altar rail at the time of communion. The teens programme takes place between about 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., and the teens then attend the service, serving at the altar or ringing the bell, etc. There is also a Nursery space provided for babies and their parents.

### **Matrimonial Customs:**

A fee structure is clearly laid out. Opportunities for marriage preparation are made known, but not insisted upon, although if couples who live at a distance from the parish ask to be married at Saint George's, they are told to take a marriage preparation course in the community where they live and to begin to attend a local parish. If they live locally, the Rector meets with them several times before the marriage. Couples planning to be married at Saint George's are encouraged to attend worship. While the Book of Common Prayer is the norm and embodies the parish's doctrinal understanding of Holy Matrimony, the Rector's discretion and pastoral sensitivity allow for additions or alternatives to the Prayer Book liturgy. The newly married are encouraged to become active members of the parish family.

### **Funeral Customs:**

The liturgical colour is purple, unless otherwise requested. Most frequently, a Requiem Eucharist is the service of choice, but on occasion the Burial Office is also used on its own. The Book of Common Prayer is the norm, but the Rector's discretion and pastoral sensitivity in relation to a family's wishes allow for additions or alternatives to the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer. The Parish provides servers and choral leadership (if desired by the family) for all funerals. The Rector provides pastoral care to the grieving.

### **Hospital/Seniors' Homes Customs:**

The visitation of hospitals and seniors' homes is to a great extent the work of the Priest Assistant. The Rector also makes visits if he is able to do so, and there are also several lay people who visit the hospitals and seniors' homes. There are designated lay people who check the hospital lists at each of the city hospitals so as to make sure that the clergy are aware of who is in the hospital for the purposes of visitation and private communions.

## PARISH MONTHLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

All services of public worship are conducted according to the Canadian Book of Common Prayer (1962), including its lectionary.

Once a month, generally in association with a Feast Day, there is Choral Evensong on Sunday at 5 p.m.

*For each Sunday service, please include the following:*

	Service Time	Service Time	Service Time	Service Time
	Service & Book	Service & Book	Service & Book	Service & Book
	Church	Church	Church	Church
First Sunday of the Month	8 a.m. – HC (said) – BCP 10 a.m. – Morning Prayer (said) – BCP 10:30 a.m. – HC (choral) – BCP (signed for the Deaf) 5 p.m. – Evensong (sung) – BCP			
Second Sunday of the Month	8 a.m. – HC (said) - BCP 10 a.m. – Morning Prayer (said) – BCP 10:30 a.m. – HC (choral) – BCP (signed for the Deaf) 5 p.m. – Evensong (sung) – BCP			
Third Sunday of the Month	8 a.m. – HC (said) – BCP 10 a.m. – Morning Prayer (said) – BCP 10:30 a.m. – HC (choral) – BCP (signed for the Deaf) 5 p.m. – Evensong (sung) – BCP			
Fourth Sunday of the Month	8 a.m. – HC (said) – BCP 10 a.m. – Morning Prayer (said) – BCP 10:30 a.m. – HC (choral) – BCP (signed for the Deaf) 5 p.m. – Evensong (sung) – BCP			
Fifth Sunday of the Month	8 a.m. – HC (said) - BCP 10 a.m. – Morning Prayer (said) – BCP 10:30 a.m. – HC (choral) – BCP (signed for the Deaf) 5 p.m. – Evensong (sung) – BCP			
Mid-Week	M-F = 7:30 a.m. MP (said – conducted by lay people) and EP 5:30 p.m. (said – conducted by lay people) Wed = 10 a.m. – HC (said) – BCP (signed for the Deaf) Saints Days 5:45 p.m. – HC (said, following EP) – BCP Major Feast Days 6 p.m. – Choral HC (with activities for children in the hall during the service and often with a potluck meal shared by all afterwards)			

*(If the parish has more than 5 congregations, please attach a separate piece of paper.)*

**Which hymn book is in use in the parish (mark if more than one is appropriate):**

1938 Hymnal  1971 Hymn Book  1998 Common Praise  1999 Mission Praise  Other (specify) Occasional use is made of hymns from the 1971 Hymn Book, English Hymnal, American Hymnal, etc.

**What musical accompaniment, if any, is used with congregational singing?**

Pipe organ, brass and/or strings for special occasions, sometimes piano for accompaniment of the Junior Choir and Cherub Choir

**Holy Week Services Last Year:**

<p><b>Palm Sunday</b> 8 a.m. – HC (BCP) &amp; distribution of palm crosses</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – Ecumenical service hosted by Saint George's, with participation of local clergy, blessing and distribution of palm crosses, blessing of the animals, especially the donkey, street procession through the neighbourhood following the donkey and singing, with stops at the Little Dutch Church (our mother church) and at the other neighbourhood churches. 10:30 a.m. – Choral HC (BCP), with lay people participating in the dramatic reading of the Gospel</p> <p>5 p.m. – Evensong (BCP) (sung)</p>
<p><b>Holy Monday</b> 7 p.m. – Choral HC (BCP), with small choir but no organ</p>
<p><b>Holy Tuesday</b> 7 p.m. – Choral HC (BCP), with small choir but no organ</p>
<p><b>Holy Wednesday</b> 10 a.m. (said) (BCP) – with distribution of palms 5:45 p.m. – HC (said) (BCP) 7 p.m. – Tenebrae (choral, no organ)</p>
<p><b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7 p.m. – Foot washing; Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Choral, with organ until after the Gloria) (BCP); Stripping of the Altar; All night vigil by parishioners from the end of this service until the first service on Good Friday</p>
<p><b>Good Friday</b> 7 a.m. – Mass of the Pre-Sanctified (BCP) 10 a.m. – Stations of the Cross (largely for children and youth) 12 noon – 3 p.m. – Three hour service (choral, no organ)</p>
<p><b>Holy Saturday</b> 10 a.m. – MP (BCP), 10:15 – Ante-Communion (BCP) 10:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter</p> <p><b>Easter Day</b> HC – 8 a.m. (said) (BCP), MP – 10 am (said) (BCP), followed by instrumental music, followed by 10:30 a.m. – Procession and Choral HC (BCP), Easter egg hunt for children in the hall or outdoors during the service.</p>

**Please list special annual services or events (e.g., Saints' Days, Community Celebrations):**

Litany in Procession is sung at the beginning of the Sunday HC on the first Sunday of each Season of the Church Year. All red letter feast days are observed on their designated day by HC, with the major ones observed with a Choral HC. All the candles for the rest of the year are blessed at the Candlemas service. Each year, Saint George's hosts an ecumenical Palm Sunday Street Procession. On Rogation Sunday, the gardens around the church are blessed at the end of the service. A picnic is held to mark the end of the Sunday School year, and a luncheon is held each September to welcome people back from the summer. On All Souls Day, Litany in Procession is sung in the graveyard of the Little Dutch Church, followed by the Annual Requiem in the Little Dutch Church. An Advent Carol Service and a Christmas Carol Service take place regularly.

**What impact does your parish have on your community or communities?**

Material poverty is a reality in our local community. Saint George's champions God's presence in an inner city environment and seeks to transform that environment while respecting those who live within it. Outreach programmes include the Soup Kitchen, Saint George's YouthNet (<http://stgeorgesyouthnet.ca/>), and seasonal support programs such as Christmas hampers and Shoeboxes to Seafarers. The parish also offers the Deaf community a place to join in traditional Anglican worship. The music programme is recognized as being particularly strong; not only has it strengthened the arts and cultural community locally, but it has also served as the introduction to church going for a number of parishioners.

**Please briefly describe ecumenical/inter-faith relations:**

The parish enjoys a warm relationship with other churches in the neighborhood. Ecumenical fellowship is central to the running of our weekly Soup Kitchen, and the parish participates in an annual Palm Sunday service with other congregations in the neighbourhood.

**Please briefly describe Bible studies/adult learning opportunities:**

Although the primary vehicle of teaching is the proclamation and preaching of the Word, study groups are active throughout the year, and especially during Advent and Lent. These groups focus upon different topics of Christian interest, e.g. particular books of Scripture, writings of the Church Fathers, the Thirty-Nine Articles and other sources of Anglican spirituality, special theological topics, or depictions of faith in film. Recent opportunities have included information sessions about Anglican liturgy and its symbolism, talks on the history and doctrine of the Book of Common Prayer, and parish retreat addresses on the teachings of the likes of Gregory of Nyssa, Richard Hooker, and E.B. Pusey. Parish Retreats are also held two or three times per year, both within the parish precincts and in locations around Nova Scotia. In addition, adult Bible study and discussion groups are held during Lent and Advent.

**Please briefly describe any prayer ministries in the parish (e.g., prayers offered during communion, "prayer chain"...):**

In addition to prayers offered during regular weekly services, the offices are said each morning and evening, where prayers by name are offered for those in special need. The cycles of prayer for the Anglican Communion and our Diocese are also followed. We remember the faithful departed on the anniversary of their death, and there are special prayer rolls for the faithful departed on All Souls Day and an all night prayer vigil on Maundy Thursday. Parishioners are also encouraged to make a habit of daily prayer for each other, and the Parish List, divided into 30 days, is circulated frequently for this purpose.

**Please briefly describe any youth ministries:**

Sunday School, including Toddlers' Church and the Youth Group; Junior Choir and Cherub Choir; parish support of St. George's YouthNet.

**Do you have a parish motto or vision statement?**

Yes:

"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 that 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. Come join us in worship, fellowship and outreach ministry."

**What have been the three greatest successes in your parish?**

1. Bringing and holding together parishioners with a diversity of experiences and perspectives who question, share, learn together, and love each other, with God's help.
2. Expanding our community presence and outreach, and our parish life, while at the same time rebuilding and maintaining the historically significant buildings we have inherited.
3. Attracting and retaining a growing number of young families.

**What are the three greatest challenges?**

1. Our greatest successes are reflected in our challenges. The parish is simultaneously stimulated and challenged by the diversity of perspectives among parishioners concerning many of the questions confronting the Anglican Communion and challenging all Christians.
2. In addition to significant work to maintain the Round Church, the parish has challenged itself to undertake a substantial renovation of its Parish Hall in order to achieve a more welcoming and efficient space to gather in fellowship, prepare for worship, and minister to our neighbourhood. This has necessitated a significant commitment of time and financial resources by many in the parish, and will continue to do so as the phases of this project are completed over the next several years.
3. While we have been blessed with a "baby boom", the growing number of babies and toddlers will require more space, a commitment to teaching from parents, as well as a commitment to support those parents, and to encourage teens and youth to remain.

## AVERAGE MONTHLY SCHEDULE OF COMMITMENTS

*(Please show a monthly schedule of all meetings in the parish, and other expectations of the rector, such as services in seniors' homes, placing an \* by those the rector is required to attend, and a + where the rector's presence is desired regularly. Please show time & location of all meetings.)*

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>1</b>			11 a.m. Meeting with Parish Administrator (Office)				
<b>2</b>			11 a.m. Meeting with Parish Administrator (Office)				
<b>3</b>			11 a.m. Meeting with Parish Administrator (Office)				
<b>4</b>			11 a.m. Meeting with Parish Administrator (Office)				
<b>5</b>			11 a.m. Meeting with Parish Administrator (Office)				

Parish Council: Monthly, 7-8 times/year, usually Tuesday at 7 p.m.; Spiritual Development Committee: 4-5 times/year; Study Sessions: weekly for 4 weeks in a row several times per year, usually Wednesday evenings; frequent Sunday Morning Study Groups; Finance Committee: 4-5 times/year; Saint George's YouthNet: 8-10 Board meetings per year, bi-weekly meetings with Director, occasional meetings with other members, hiring interviews for summer; Friends of St. George's Society: 4 meetings/year; Trinity House: Dinner a few times per year, regular check-ups and discussion with house manager/sextons; Rector and Wardens meetings: monthly; Hall Steering Committee: varies, frequently monthly while work is underway.

## CENSUS INFORMATION

Does the Parish have up-to-date family census information? Yes  No

In what year was the family census last updated? 2011

Does the Parish have an up-to-date Mailing List? Yes  No

In what year was it last updated? February 2013

Please describe the geographical environment of the Church buildings:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population Growing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Town            | <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional          | <input type="checkbox"/> Population Static             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medium Sized Town     | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational            | <input type="checkbox"/> Population Declining          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban              | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Industry      |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban      | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial             |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inner City | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential |  |

On a separate piece of paper please provide Statistics Canada Information about your community, if possible (<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/profil01/CP01/Index.cfm?Lang=E>).

Please describe parishioners: Parish Demographics:

25	0-11 years	23	12-20 years
36	21-35 years	47	36-50 years
64	51-64 years	78	65 & older

Please describe a cross-section of your congregation(s) – for example, farmers, corporate executives:

The parish comprises a broad cross-section of the community, including medical and legal professionals, academics, musicians, government employees, contractors, and the unemployed. There are many students, many retired persons, and some in seniors' residences and nursing homes, as well as in city housing.

**PARISH STATISTICS FOR THE 3 MOST RECENT YEARS**  
(Available in the Parochial Return Forms)

Item	Year 2012	Year 2011	Year 2010
Number of Families on Parish List	172	194	180
Average Weekly Attendance	155	165	160
Number of Easter Communicants	200	185	195
Number of Baptisms	9	6	10
Number of Confirmations	3	17	0
Number of Marriages	3	4	5
Number of Burials	6	11	12
Number of Sunday Schools & total students	2 Toddler Church: 15 Sunday School: 19	1 33 Students	1 19 Students
Number of Choirs & total members	2 Junior Choir: 12 Adult Choir: 20	2 Junior Choir: 14 Adult Choir: 19	1 18 members
Number of Altar Servers	12	17	18
Number of Eucharistic Ministers (who are not lay readers)	2	0	0
Number of Layreaders	4	5	6
Number of Altar Guilds & total members	1 14 members	1 12 members	1 13 members
Number of Women's Groups & total members	0	0	0
Number of Youth Groups & total members	1 9 Members	1 12 Members	0
Number of Unit & Church Councils	1	1	1
Number of Council Committees	4	4	4
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			
Number of Identifiable Givers	170	165	185
Total Annual Offering	297,966	331,360	296,287
Please describe other regular income sources (e.g., men's or women's groups, suppers, special appeals...)	Parking and hall rental, Spring and Fall sale, pancake supper		
Endowment Income (excluding Cemetery)	10,587	10,586	10,877
Total Parish Income	399,971	390,594	347,120

Item	Year 2012	Year 2011	Year 2010
Diocesan Allotment Due	0	0	0
Diocesan Allotment Paid	38,461	30,290	33,570
Diocesan Allotment Arrears	0	0	0
Number of Mortgages For Each Congregation & the Parish, & (Total Amount) – if applicable	0	0	0
Parish Grants Received (Gov't)	17,725	5,570	3,903
Clergy Stipend Due	0	0	0
Clergy Stipend Arrears (if any)	0	0	0
Distance Previous Incumbent Traveled for Parish Mileage (in kilometres)	13,895	12,632	7,272
Amount Paid for Housing Allowance If Rectory Has Not Been Provided	28,700	28,700	26,200
Fair Rental Value of the Rectory (if applicable)	N/A	N/A	N/A
P.W.R.D.F. Contributions	1,350	1,570	1,790
Other Contributions (e.g., Food Bank) N. Sask, YN, Scouts Canada	11,500	8,500	6,500
Total Year-End Balances (TD/CT) Parish not Diocese	189,247	109,506	128,395

Do parishioners use P.A.R. (Pre-Authorized Remittance)?  Yes  No If yes, how many? 29

Please list each item of office equipment and its condition:

Parish Office laptop: Toshiba Satellite Pro, running Windows XP Home Edition, will need to be replaced in 1-3 years; Backup: Verbatim USB500 external hard drive; Sugarsync automatic offsite backup, 30 GB; Fax: HP1040 fax machine, in fine condition; Printer/Copier: Konica Minolta Bizhub c451, leased; service included in lease, pay per copy; Acer Laptop for Parish Treasurer, 4 years old

**PARISH PROPERTY ANNUAL EXPENDITURES & PROJECT SUMMARY**

<b>Building</b> <i>Please List Location</i>	<b>Amount Spent This Year</b> <i>Please list specific projects which were done</i>	<b>Amount Spent Last Year</b> <i>Please list specific projects which were done</i>	<b>Amount Spent 2 Years Ago</b> <i>Please list specific projects which were done</i>
1. Rectory	13,304	15,095	37,385
2392 Cornwallis Street ("Trinity House")	Modern heating system, renovated bathroom	Exterior refurbishment	Natural gas heating system installed
2. Church Building	51,248	38,001	32,156
Round Church, 2222 Brunswick Street	Foundation excavation and drainage	Exterior painting, heating system repairs	Basement room refurbishment
3. Church Building	347	318	4,222
Little Dutch Church, 2393 Brunswick Street			Foundation masonry repairs, interior and exterior painting
4. Church Building			
5. Church Building			
6. Church Building			
7. Church Hall	30,991	54,776	34,499
5429 Cornwallis Street	Installation of footing drains	Chimney and fire escape replacement	Maintenance and repair
8. Church Hall			
9. Church Hall			
10. Cemetery	0	0	0
Little Dutch Church Burying Ground			
11. Cemetery			
12. Cemetery			
13. Other (e.g., Office)	63,924	27,967	17,936
General Church Property	New Parish Hall Development		

*(If more space is required, please list clearly on an attached sheet.)*

**Projected Maintenance and Repair:**

Completion of painting of the exterior of the Round Church and continuing maintenance and repair of the aging heating system are required. A significant maintenance programme in the Parish Hall is also underway. Internal painting, window and door replacement and room upgrading in the Rectory ("Trinity House") are also planned.

**Projected Capital Projects:**

Continuing construction of the reconfigured Parish Hall and ongoing consideration of conversion of the Round Church heating system to natural gas.

## THE WIDER CHURCH

How frequently does Regional Council meet in your region?

- 4 times a year  
 8 times a year  
 Other (please specify):

Does the Region have a Programming Committee for Regional Council?  Yes  No

Does your parish have a youth delegate on Parish Council?  Yes  No

Does your parish elect a youth delegate for Diocesan Synod?  Yes  No

Does your parish have youth attend the Diocesan Youth Conference, the Teens Encounter Christ weekend, the Ask & Imagine Program or the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering?  Yes  No

Does your parish presently have a representative for the *Diocesan Times*?  Yes  No

How many parishioners subscribe to the *Diocesan Times*? 117  
(This information is available upon request from the Diocesan Times.)

Does your parish presently promote the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund?  Yes  No

If so, how? PWRDF envelopes are included in offering envelopes; sale of PWRDF Christmas Cards

Does your parish presently promote the Bishops' Action Appeal?  Yes  No

If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

How has the Diocesan Vision been publicized in the parish?

Informally, while an emphasis upon the creation and sustenance of a Christ-centred, mission-minded community of faith is central to the parish's life

Have lay people from the parish attended a diocesan event, other than diocesan synod, within the past 2 years?  Yes  No

If Yes, which ones? Ordinations and Synod Services

Are there any parishioners who serve on committees for the Diocese, Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, or Anglican Church of Canada?  Yes  No

Not currently

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS WHICH ARE MADE DURING THE VISIONING TIME FOR THE PARISH**

### **1. What has this parish meant for people?**

The parish's adherence to the tradition of worship according to the Book of Common Prayer (1962) draws together people of all walks of life and sustains all of the parish's activities throughout the week. Many parishioners have emphasized the importance of the parish's rich liturgical tradition in which sacred music holds a particularly important place. Others have found the wide range of opportunities for education and spiritual renewal through regular study groups and retreats an important way of deepening their faith. Particular note was made of a recent study in the parish of Saint Augustine. Many parents have found a supportive environment where their children may grow in faith together. One parishioner noted with satisfaction the opportunities for friendship among those of different ages in our parish family. For those touched by the many programmes offered at Saint George's (e.g. Soup Kitchen, Saint George's YouthNet, and Scouts), the parish is also a place of outreach and ministry in our community.

### **2. Where would we like to go from here in parish life?**

Parishioners seek opportunities to grow together in worship and fellowship. Some seek a greater sense of their Anglican identity through opportunities for study, reflection and fellowship in smaller groups in addition to regular worship. Some seek greater engagement with the community through a renewed emphasis upon outreach and preaching. Others seek opportunities for programmes appropriate for the growing number of young children in the parish, especially those which connect the lives of children to the life and music of the Church. Parish Council has recently authorized exploratory work which may lead to the establishment of a school for youngsters in the classical tradition. The parish is also committed to the refurbishment of its Parish Hall over the next five years, where many ministries have found a home. It is expected that a more welcoming and efficient Parish Hall will foster new opportunities for learning and fellowship among parishioners.

### **3. Are we hopeful? What are the causes of our hope?**

Saint George's is a parish full of hope. God's faithfulness, which we witnessed in the restoration of the historic Round Church following extensive damage by fire in 1994, is the reason for our hope. The parish has been blessed with many young families and children, giving hope that it will continue to grow. It also maintains a substantial commitment to the practical and spiritual needs of parishioners and the community in North End Halifax. In response to the increasing needs of our parish, as well as the continued work of our outreach ministries, the parish has embarked upon a significant revitalization of its Parish Hall, and the commitment of time, expertise, and financial resources by parishioners to see this project completed are also reasons for hope.

### **4. Are we concerned? What are the causes of our concern?**

Concern is not a constant condition and it does not define the parish. Nevertheless, the parish is attentive to several circumstances:

- (i) Aware of the blessing of many young families in our midst, we are concerned to continue to engage those who worship with us already, and to attract more young families to worship with us.
- (ii) We seek to develop engaging and relevant Christian education programmes for children and youth, so that they remain committed to and active in their faith as they mature.

(iii) As the character of North End Halifax continually changes, parishioners must renew their engagement in the parish's outreach ministries, and those ministries must be relevant to our community.

(iv) The parish must welcome in a meaningful way each person who comes to worship with us.

(v) The parish must address its financial responsibilities within the context of Biblical stewardship.

## **5. What are we willing to do to address changes? What sacrifices might this entail?**

Parishioners will make sacrifices of time, financial resources, and their own abilities to preserve and improve the fabric of the parish in order to accommodate the requirements of a growing number of children and young people within it, and so that it may provide a more sustainable and efficient space in which to operate its existing programmes and introduce new ones.

## **6. What are we *not* willing to do to address changes?**

The parish adheres to the pattern of worship according to the Book of Common Prayer and its lectionary through which parishioners of diverse perspectives and experiences share a commitment to a common tradition of Anglican worship and spirituality. Parishioners' responses have made clear that this commitment could not be altered without changing the character and mission of the parish that has drawn, and continues to draw, such a group of people together.

## **7. What parish programmes would we like to have (e.g., Bible studies, youth ministries, social & outreach ministries...)?**

The parish is committed to continue the programmes which have helped to define it, including outreach ministries within the neighbourhood, a music programme which excels in sacred music supporting the liturgy, and programmes for Christian education and spiritual development (from Toddlers' Church, Sunday School, and catechesis to adult study groups, parish retreats, and special addresses on Biblical and theological topics). These programs nurture and support the Christian life of prayer, conversion, and repentance, and aim to edify the body of Christ through the integration of its members.

## **8. What impact would we like to make on the local community?**

The parish is concerned with the example of our worship, which begins and ends in contemplation. This demands our active involvement in the neighbourhood with the poor and marginalized, as well as the privileged, so as to minister Christ's gospel, and to find Christ in the face of the other, no less than it demands excellence in our liturgy, music, and teaching. We seek to serve the community's needs and to create real community through the work of the Soup Kitchen, YouthNet, Scouts, community gardens, financial support networks, hosting and providing space for public concerts, community meetings and events, and unique educational opportunities like Halifax Humanities (<http://www.halifaxhumanities101.ca/>). We would like to develop the relationships we have with local organizations and community leaders in ways that enable us to improve our ministry and connect the regular parishioners with the neighbourhood community. Ultimately, the impact we would make is one of sincere repentance, a more lively faith, increase of the manifold gifts of grace, and fruitfulness of good works.

**9. What relationships with neighbouring parishes or denominations do we have, or what would we like to have?**

Each Palm Sunday we join together for worship with the local Baptist, Roman Catholic, and United churches in procession through the neighbourhood. On several occasions clergy of other denominations have been invited to preach in the parish, and we expect our Rector to communicate closely with neighbouring parishes and congregations to keep abreast of the changing needs of the wider community. In addition, our Soup Kitchen is a collaboration involving no fewer than twelve neighbouring parishes. These relationships will require continuing prayerful attention.

**10. What are our minimum property requirements?**

The parish needs structurally sound, secure, and well maintained church buildings (Round Church and Little Dutch Church), Parish Hall, and Rectory. An accessible and efficient Parish Hall that makes the best use of the space available is required to meet the needs of the many parish programmes which are housed there. Sufficient parking for parishioners, many of whom live some distance from the parish, is also required.

**11. What kind of property or properties would we like to have?**

The parish has undertaken a renovation and reconfiguration of the Parish Hall, as planned and now under construction. The Round Church heating system should be converted to natural gas in order to improve significantly the efficiency of the building, together with sound dampening ductwork to alleviate the problem of noise in the church.

**12. What spiritual gifts and leadership qualities are we looking for from our spiritual leader?**

The incumbent will be required to exercise different spiritual gifts according to different circumstances. The Rector will understand the dignity and weight of vocation and aspire to be a shepherd, an obedient child of God, a messenger, a watchman, a steward, a gardener, a physician of souls, a subtle teacher and questioning student, an overseeing general and a warrior on the field, a sacrificial lamb, and mediating priest. In each of these the exercise of the four cardinal and three spiritual virtues – temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice, faith, hope and charity – will be necessary. The gift of humility is especially important if this person is to be a minister of divine grace.

**13. What style of liturgical leadership are we looking for?**

Saint George's liturgical tradition is that of a somewhat Anglo-Catholic parish which uses the Book of Common Prayer exclusively. The Eucharist is celebrated from the eastward position in front of the altar. At the main service on Sunday and on major Feast Days, the ceremonial includes incense and often includes three vested ministers. The parish is looking for someone who can fit comfortably into this context and who loves and understands our liturgical worship and is prepared to preach according to the Prayer Book lectionary. To quote from our parish webpage: "Saint George's is a parish of the Classical Anglican tradition. That is to say, we not only 'use' the Book of Common Prayer (1962) at all services of public worship, but we understand the Prayer Book to encourage a way of Christian living which seeks to offer ourselves, our souls and bodies as a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice. The life of the parish is formed by its endeavour to be shaped by Holy Scripture and to be true to the spiritual integrity of the Christian Tradition". The regular rhythm of the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer is an important part of our parish life and we look for a priest who understands

and will foster and encourage the daily round of worship in the parish.

**14. What leadership style are we looking for from our spiritual leader (e.g., directive, consultative...)?**

Saint George's is a busy parish. Our programmes, outreach, committees, and liturgy could not function without many dedicated lay people to lead, to organize, and to do the work. We look to our Rector for guidance, for support, and for encouragement. We expect our Rector to help keep us on a path that encourages a holy life and fulfills our mission in the world and in our neighbourhood. Our Rector will be happy to work collaboratively with the laity, but priestly ministry should always be acknowledged, particularly where liturgy, preaching, and Christian education is involved. For example, it would not be expected that the Rector would attend all the meetings of the Finance Committee, but attendance at all Spiritual Development Committee meetings would be necessary. We hope that our Rector will be someone who desires to be present with and among the people of our parish as a pastor, and also as a friend.

**15. How do we expect our incumbent to look after him- or herself (and the clergy family if applicable) – e.g., days off, sabbaticals...? How do we support our incumbent in doing this?**

We recognize that the demands on the Rector can be constant and wearying, and that time for rest, exercise and other leisure activities is necessary for physical, mental and spiritual health. The Rector is encouraged to take a full day off each week, and to take a full vacation according to Diocesan policy. It is recognized there may be a certain degree of flexibility in the adjustment of schedules during times of greater or lesser parish activity (Holy Week, for instance). Assistance for some duties (hospital visiting, etc.) has been made available at various times. The Parish has also supported previous incumbents in their pursuit of continuing education in the form of both financial and practical support for sabbatical leave (e.g., arranging for clergy coverage, and through wardens and office staff handling certain practical matters during the Rector's absence).

**16. Realistically, how would we like to see the diocese contribute to parish life?**

The most important way in which the diocese can support the parish is through support of the Rector.