

# ***The St. Paul's Chronicle***

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## **Jesus the Children's Friend**

by Warner Sallman

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## GOOD FRIDAY MESSY CHURCH – Friday, April 15, 2022



Attendees painting sun catchers.



Above and below: Attendees decorating Easter cup cakes.



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## WHO TO CALL AT ST. PAUL'S

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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE by George D. Timpson

Dear St Paulians,

This is the twelfth edition of *The St. Paul's Chronicle* and it deals with the upcoming months of the remainder of June, July, August and September, 2022. It also records the various special events since November, 2020. We have lost two years of precious human contact with each other, and it is nice to be able to produce another edition of *The St. Paul's Chronicle*. I hope you enjoy reading it and take note of the events which are happening in our church life.

Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, and its variants, *The Chronicle* was not published during 2021. Our last edition was distributed in November, 2020.

As we have just marked the official celebration of the 96<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Queen Elizabeth II, along with the 70<sup>th</sup> or Platinum Jubilee of her Reign. I have prepared a centrefold of events during our monarch's life which I hope you will enjoy viewing.

As I have tried to stress before, if you would like to write something for this newsletter, then please let me know. You can send it to me as an email attachment to [georgetimpson@rogers.com](mailto:georgetimpson@rogers.com) or mail it to me (1178 Mitchell Court, Innisfil, Ontario, L9S 5A5) or pin it to the "You've got mail" section of the bulletin board outside the church office as a handwritten note and I will type it out for you.

I realize that many parishioners prefer to receive their copy of *The Chronicle* by electronic means. If you are a person who would prefer to receive a printed copy, please sign the appropriate list in the church foyer. It is wasteful of resources to print a number of copies far in excess of what is required.

The next edition of *The Chronicle* will be released on Sunday, October 2, 2022. The deadline for submissions will be **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**. Earlier submission of articles is always welcomed.

I hope that you will keep this copy of *The Chronicle* on your coffee table for frequent reference so that you are aware of what is happening at St. Paul's!

For the record, this edition consists of 7349 words.

Enjoy this edition!

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# *In Memoriam*

## *Millie Jacobs*



Millie passed away peacefully at Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, Ontario, in her 94th year. Millie was predeceased by her beloved husband, Victor (married December 18, 1948), son Allan, daughter-in-law Margriet and youngest son, Michael, brother Patrick James, sisters June Joseph and Faith Lacey. She is survived by her son Paul, daughter-in-law Jeanette (Michael), brother Bob James, sisters Pauline, Jennifer, Vivette and sister-in-law Pamela (Patrick) James. Millie was a beloved grandmother of thirteen grandchildren and a great-grandmother of fifteen great-grandchildren. Millie will be remembered by family and friends as a kind, loving, conscientious, strong, discerning woman with an adventurous spirit.

Her sense of mission led her to the nursing profession (where she practiced in Jamaica, England, Canada and the United States). Her orderly and fastidious nature led her to excel in several areas of nursing, including a high position as a renal transplant Registered Charge-Nurse. Millie would strive to maintain high standards not only in her profession but also within her personal life, focusing on the greater good. Her faithful Christian life led her to serve at St. John's Anglican Church (Mississauga) and St. Paul's Anglican Church (Barrie) as a

devoted member of the choir and congregation. She was an active Sandy Cove Acres resident; despite her health, she could be found at the yearly Canada Day Parade. Singing was a passion for Millie, especially with friends of the Community Singing Group, *The Covets*. Her grit and determination were apparent; she withstood her health challenges to joyfully sing at local retirement homes, decked out in fabulous costumes, 'just to cheer them up'. She will be missed.

## *Mildred Sears*

*January 9, 1929 - December 17, 2021*



Mildred passed away peacefully on Friday December 17, 2021 at Winston Park Retirement Home, Kitchener. Beloved wife of the late Douglas Sears (2008). Mildred and Doug enjoyed 59 wonderful years together of married life. Mildred leaves behind her 2 daughters, Gwen (Charlie) and Marilyn (Bob) and her 2 sons, Russell (Nancy) and Jeffrey (Nancy). It is with great pride that Mildred also leaves a growing legacy of 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Doug and Mildred Sears were regular worshippers at our Traditional Holy Communion service. They were active in the Wednesday morning study group led by Canon George Sandilands. Doug was an active participant in the Men's Dinner Club and Property Committee. Mildred was a creative and talented woman who made attractive and popular crafts for the County Christmas Bazaar and was known for her beautiful arrangement of desserts for any parish function.

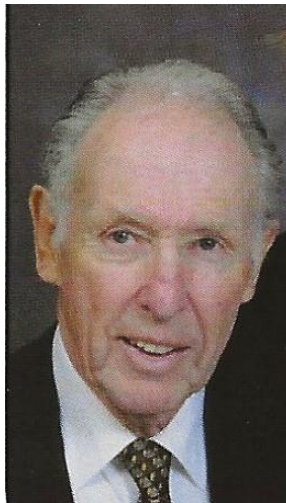
In memory of Doug, Mildred and the Sears family donated the beautiful stained-glass window containing many symbols significant to their life together. There

is a large cross with fall leaves wrapped around it to represent Mildred's favourite season. There are two wedding rings and sailboat to represent the happy times they spent together on the lake.

After the death of their spouses, Mildred and Ken Harmston enjoyed a special friendship.

## *George Arthur Arnold*

*October 8, 1925 – December 7, 2021*



George died on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at RVH in Barrie in his 97<sup>th</sup> year. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 65 years Dolores (nee Coady) in 2020. He was a loving father to Jeff and Jill (Stephen). He was the adored grandfather to Adam (Adina), Ben and Jaclyn (Rory), great-grandfather to Max.

Dolores and George loved to travel. Accompanied by their close friends, they were fortunate to have travelled the world. They especially loved Italy.

George was an entrepreneur. One of his businesses was the restaurant at Ontario Place where he quipped that he fed many Anglican clergy!

After retirement, George and Delores enjoyed their winters in Sarasota Florida and their summers on the shores of Lake Simcoe. George was an avid tennis player and sailor.

He was described by his grandson Adam as “the legend” because of his varied life experiences. A charming “people person”, George touched many people from young to old. He especially enjoyed his role as mentor to his grandchildren

and their cohort of friends. George will be remembered for his zest for life, unwavering optimism and his love of friends and family.

## *Paul Edward Walter Stunden*

*July 5, 1943 – February 13, 2021*



Paul grew up on the family farm with his parents Nancy and George, his older brother Russell and his big sister Eleanor (Beamish.) He was 12 when his sister Kathy (Hall) was born. Paul was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's and was a server when he met Sherry in his senior year of high school. Their first date was the Senior Prom. They were married at St. Paul's of course. Their daughter Lories was born in 1970 and their adopted son Mark was born in 1974. Paul was a devoted husband to Sherry during 53 years of marriage. They built their home on the farm with a beautiful view of Lover's Creek.

Paul loved garage sales and flea markets. He would get out the Friday newspaper and map out his route. His favourite day of the year was the Wing Ding Garage Sale in Cookstown. He also loved umbrella cocktails!

Paul had a long battle with a rare lung disease. In December 2020 he ended up on life support in the ICU. He was not expected to recover but he was discharged after two months. Paul and Sherry were blessed with over a year of precious time together, to hold hands and laugh even more!

Paul will be remembered as a quiet man with a kind and gentle spirit. He always put others first. His faith carried him through difficult times and he did not



complain through his health ordeal. We give thanks to God that Paul's lungs are now filled with heavenly air!

## *Mary "Charles" Sanderson Chiarelli*

*1945 - January 22, 2022*



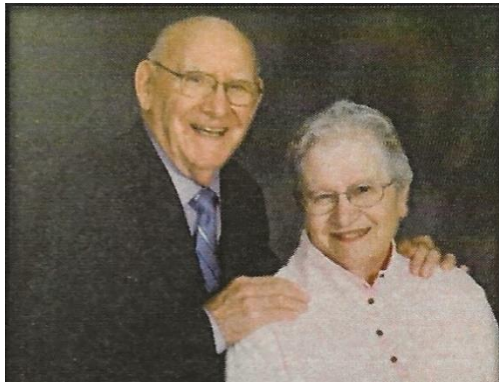
Passed away at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie on Saturday January 22, 2022 at the age of 77. Beloved wife of Tony Chiarelli of Barrie. Dear stepmother of James Chiarelli (Cassady) of Chicago, and Catherine Allen (Fred) of Chicago. Step grandmother of Jac, Calli, Jacob, Victoria, Charlotte, Fritz, and George. Sister of Rick Randle. Predeceased by her sister Nancy. Mary is survived by her cousins Pat Sanderson, David (Godson) Sanderson, Wendy Cadman, William (Wid) Leckie, and Julie Beatty. When Mary retired, she was a teacher at Deer Park Junior & Senior Public School, Toronto.

Mary loved children and youth as her working life testified. She was St. Paul's Children's Ministry Coordinator for over ten years. Mary planted the Children's Garden so that the young ones could learn some basic gardening techniques. The proceeds from this garden went to The Busby Centre. She also ran our 'tween youth group for three years. Mary loved to knit and was part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Mary also assisted with catering and loved setting a beautiful table.

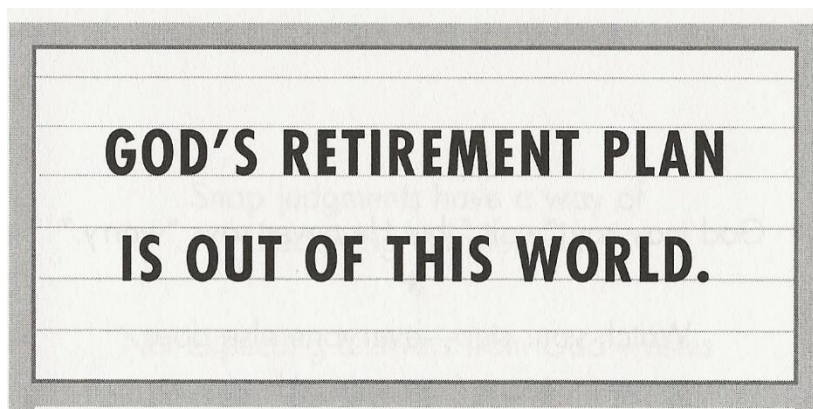
*Queenie Florence Little - July 26, 1934 - February 8, 2022*

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*Frank Lawrence Albert Little - June 17, 1934 - February 24, 2022*



Queenie passed away peacefully at the age of 87 at Woods Park Care Centre, Barrie, on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. Beloved wife of Frank who passed away peacefully at the age of 87 at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie, on Thursday, February 24, 2022. Loved parents of Ed (Alana), Harry (Christine), Frank (Carolyn), and June Hamelin (Jake). Loving grandparents of Scott, Amy, Landon, Leavan, Bryan, Tori, and Hudson. Dear great-grandparents of Noah, Emerson, Madyson, Jase, and Reece. To honour Frank and Queenie's lives, a visitation was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Barrie, on Friday, May 13, 2022, from 11:00 AM until the service of remembrance at 12 noon. Interment in the columbarium in St. Paul's Cemetery followed.





## DEBBIE'S DESK

by The Rev. Debbie Dennis

*(I have taken this article from a clergy coaching blog that I read and I have tailored it for us.)*

There's no doubt about it, the past few years have been very hard. They've been especially hard on clergy and church leaders. The organizational church is in steep decline. It is commonly thought that many congregants not coming back after the return to in-person worship. Church budgets are tight, which means that we can become over-zealous in critiquing expenses. In the meantime, we're struggling with new technology, and doing more work with fewer resources and people.

Clergy burnout is real - many are exhausted, overworked, and anxious. Burnout in the general population is very real, too. There is lots of advice about how to take care of ourselves in this state, but I also think it's important to pay attention to the underlying cause:

We're not burnt out because we're working too hard (though that may be true...).  
**We're burnt out because the system is failing and we can't hold it together all by ourselves.**

We may feel like walking away from ministry (understandable!) and the institutional Church, but we can also take this opportunity to really pay attention to what this pain is telling us we need to walk toward.

Here's a few ways to really listen to what our souls are telling us - where God is calling us - into the future of church.

### 1. DO LESS

'If I don't do it, who will?'

I like to call this the 'overfunctioner's theme song'. Institutional church service has trained us well to do a lot of things that are actually other people's jobs and a lot of things that really don't need to get done.

Let go of what is not essential - and get really honest about what is essential. Give yourself the space and time to hear God's voice - for yourself and for the people you lead.

**Things will fall apart. Let them.** Witness to what is most important. Evaluate. Be open to setting new priorities.

## **2. Rest**

Sabbath is a commandment.

It's almost a badge of honor among clergy that we're 'too busy' to take sabbath, or our days off, or vacations (leaving your number 'just in case' is not a vacation). The same can be said for our core lay leaders, especially those who bring professional skills and work place competence.

But do we honour God with a frenzy of activity?

We need to rest and know that SO much - everything, really - is in God's hands. We may water the seeds, but God provides the growth.

## **3. Return**

The word 'repent' is sometimes hard to hear, but we know it simply means 'turn around', or literally 'return to your higher mind.'

Our higher mind will help us remember why it is that we are called to serving God and our neighbor. It will reconnect us with the joy of our ministry. It will mean that we face Sunday morning with excitement not resentment.

Returning to our own calling story, our own spiritual practice, our own deepest relationship with God will help us hear that voice that lets us know it is ok - and we are on a journey where we do not know exactly where we are going.

## **4. Reimagine**

Here's an age-old truth bomb: we can't keep doing the same things and expect different results. And we can't hold up a dying institution by the force of our wills.

Maybe it's time to consider what we CAN do. We can do the deepest, most meaningful work - bearing the Scripture, sacraments, and traditions of the faith, sharing the Good News of God's love in the world - and we can do it in new places and ways.

We are in the resurrection business. Now is the time to know that we cannot save what is dying, but we can let ourselves be saved, and in this, witness to what is being born.



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND A PARISH VISIONING DAY:** -- Saturday, October 22. Let us dream about our future and build on our strengths. What is God calling St. Paul's Anglican Church, Innisfil and South Barrie to do and be over the next three to five years.

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## **BOOKS 'N THINGS IN THE LIBRARY**

**by Ann Timpson, Church Librarian**

### **"Queens in the Library"**

On February 6, 2022, the *Toronto Star* published a page-long article about the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne of Great Britain. In it, the comment was made that over the centuries, few British monarchs have received nick-names, but are best remembered by their reign's number. A few are perhaps better known by their (usually) affectionate nicknames.

For instance, James II of Scotland had a red facial birthmark and was called "James of the Fiery Face". FYI, he outlawed golf during his reign, as he wanted men to practice archery in defence of the kingdom. Just try to keep invaders out with golf clubs!!

In Anglo-Saxon England, two kings with nicknames come to mind. There was Alfred the Great (soldier, spy, scholar, and Bible translator), and Ethelred the Unready (who tried to *pay* invaders to go away – it didn't work).

Then, with the Norman Conquest, we have William the Conqueror and Richard the Lionheart. Queen Elizabeth I was affectionately dubbed "Good Queen Bess" by her subjects, though I doubt anyone called Queen Victoria "Good Queen Vickie". I once saw a statue of her son Edward VII which called him "Edward the Peacemaker".

The article in the *Toronto Star* continued, saying that our queen deserved to have a nick-name too. After all, she has been well trained as a royal apprentice to a master monarch, King George VI, and has helped with the defence of her country in World War II, serving as a Land Girl, as well as working steadily in a reign of 70 years. What better nick-name for such a lady than "Elizabeth the Steadfast"?!

In honour of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Year, our display shows "Queens in the Library". We will work in counter-chronological order, starting with our monarch and working backwards in time.

### **Queen Elizabeth II** (*The Faith of Queen Elizabeth*)

The subtitle of this book says it all. It says: “a Queen and the King she serves”

### **Mary Slessor** (*White Queen of the Cannibals; God and One Redhead; Servant to the Slave; Blazing New Trails*)

Although not an anointed monarch, this little Scottish missionary to Nigeria spread the gospel, rescued twin babies (she called them “twinnies”, and kept peace amongst the Nigerian tribes. It is said that even the greatest chiefs trembled at her anger, and, as is commented in the first page of *Servant to the Slave*, “Ma had a temper!

In 1964, on a royal visit to Nigeria, Queen Elizabeth asked to be taken to a certain place – the cemetery where Mary Slessor is buried. There the Queen laid a wreath of Nigerian flowers and stood for a time, looking at the tall granite cross that marks the grave.

Perhaps Her Majesty counted Mary Slessor among her girlhood heroines. I certainly do.

### **The Kandake (Candace) of Meroë, Cudh (Ethiopia)** (*Jewel of the Nile; The Damascus Road; The Action Bible: the Ethiopian Treasurer*)

To the ancient Greeks and Romans, any place south of Egypt was called Ethiopia. A kingdom below Egypt, which traded with Rome, but was never part of that palace’s empire was Meroë, sometime called “Egypt’s darker sister”. In this realm, while there was a king to lead troops into battle, the power was held by his sister or aunt, whose title was (depending on your translation of the Bible) kandake or candace. Thus, when the disciple Philip meets and converts the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 9 8: 28-49), he’s actually preaching to (and baptising) a man from Meroë.

### **Poppea** (*Quo Vadis*)

Nero’s empress was well matched with her mad husband. He did murder her in the end, though not by throttling her (as in the movie), but by kicking her in the stomach when she was pregnant! She died from the resulting miscarriage. Nice guy, Nero – I **don’t** think!

### **Messalina** (*Demetrius and the Gladiators*)

Wife of the emperor Claudius, she bore him a son and daughter before being assassinated.

### **Athalia II** (*Jerusalem’s Queen*)

During the period between the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New, this lady ruled well and the land prospered. (continued on page 19)

**NOW, 96 YEARS, AND  
70 YEARS OF SERVICE BY  
THE LADY NOT BORN TO BE QUEEN!**



The Duke and Duchess of York with Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, their first born – April 21, 1926 – not expected to be a future Queen!



Elizabeth (Lilibet) in a carriage and at age two.





Princess Elizabeth apprentices with her father, now King George VI. Her marriage to Philip Mountbatten on November 20, 1947.



The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, after succeeding her father on February 6 1952. Her Majesty does have a wonderful happy smile!





The Royal Family at Balmoral Castle



Prince Charles greets his mother at the Diamond Jubilee Concert on June 4, 2012



Queen Elizabeth with 3 future kings.



The Queen meets Canada's new Governor General Mary Simon at Windsor Castle, March 15, 2022.



Queen Elizabeth II in full royal regalia at the opening of the British Parliament.



The Queen attends Prince Philip's Funeral at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, on April 12, 2021.



The Queen attends Philip's Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey on March 29, 2022.



On her 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday with her ponies Bybeck Nightingale and Bybeck Katie on April 21, 2022.

**Cleopatra** *(Egypt's Sister)*

Another book set during the period between the two Testaments, although this queen is only on the periphery of the story of a Jewish girl who grows up in the Egyptian court.

**Esther** *(We have titles of books and DVDs about this queen, which are on a separate rack from many in the display shelves)*

This is one of the most famous characters in the Bible (even has a book named after her), so enjoy our collection.

*The books of Kings and Chronicles list monarchs, as well as naming their mothers – usually adding “He did what was right (or ‘evil’) in the sight of the Lord”. Was it his mom’s influence?*

**Abi, mother of King Hezekiah** *(Gods and Kings)*

Wife of King Ahaz of Judah, Abi obviously trained her son well, for he’s one of the good guys. That’s more than can be said of Ahaz, who had a bad habit of following other nations’ deities, even “passing his sons through the fire” – which wasn’t nice!

**Athalia I** *(In the Shadow of Jezebel; Really Bad Girls of the Bible; The Action Bible: Jehosheba; Extraordinary Women of the Bible: Jehosheba)*

She was Jezebel’s daughter and she ruled alone in Jerusalem for seven years. While she was at it, she killed all the descendants of King David (or tried to – fortunately she missed one, thanks to his aunt Jehosheba).

**Jezebel** *(The Curse of Jezebel; Bad Girls of the Bible; Elijah [on Testament DVD];; The Action Bible: Jezebel)*

Daughter of the king of Sidon, she led her husband, King Ahab and the people of Israel astray into worshipping Baal. Her daughter Athalia came by her wickedness honestly

**The Queen of Sheba** *(The Last Queen of Sheba, The Queen of Sheba; Solomon and Sheba; The Heart of the King;*

This queen, we are told, came to question Solomon, famed for his wisdom. Jesus makes mention of her as “the Queen of the South” in the Gospels. Tradition has it that the pair did more than just talk – and had a son to prove it. Kings of the present country of Ethiopia included the epithet “The Lion of Judah” among their titles.

*Solomon had many wives – 700 of them, as well as 300 porcupines. We are only told of one son, Rehoboam, though there must have been more. (Love’s Sweet Song; the Last Queen of Sheba )*

**Abishag** (*David, Warrior and King; Bathsheba, Reluctant Beauty; The Unanointed; Love's Sweet Song*)

David's last wife, though she was more of a caregiver, since the Bible tells us that "he knew her not."

**Bathsheba** (*Bathsheba, Reluctant Beauty; David and Bathsheba; Really Bad Girls of the Bible; David, Warrior and King, Israel Gets a King; Legacy of Grace; The Action Bible: Bathsheba*)

The best-known of King David's wives was the mother of Solomon, as well as three other sons. The book of *II Samuel* lists lots of David's offspring.

**Ahinoam (Reba)** *The Unanointed*)

While this book deals mostly with David's generalissimo Joab, it does tell about the mother of Amnon, the first son – or was he?

**Michal** (*Saul's Daughter; Bad Girls of the Bible; David and Bathsheba {movie}*)

David's first wife, whom he had to leave when being chased by King Saul. That monarch married her to another man, but David, once on the throne, demanded her back. As author Liz Curtis Higgs puts it, Michal is a complex character. She really tells David off!

**Rizpah** (*Rizpah; Saul's Daughter*)

Wife to King Saul, this lady married Abner, Saul's generalissimo, after the king's death. Later in David's reign, she heroically kept watch over the bodies of Saul's descendants who were executed (*II Samuel* 21).

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"My more spirited subjects used to globetrot while *I stayed* at home.  
What are your Sir Walter Raleighs doing?"





## **RECTOR'S WARDEN'S MESSAGE & Special Events Co-ordinator**

**by Marilyn Hutchison**

A NEW beginning.....

By the time this issue of *The Chronicle* goes to “press”, the COVID restrictions and mandates we have lived under for the last 20 months will have lifted. Now what?

Age is irrelevant; we have all learned ways of getting through a day, and hopefully, making the most of it.

We have missed out family and friends; some more than others but, every day is a new day and we need to be thankful for all we have.

The Parish Executive Committee has focused on maintaining the church property and in spite of the tornado, that gave us all a scare, St. Paul's is in good shape, thanks to a few people who have lent their skills and tools to make this possible. As home owners, you know that there is always something that needs attention and the church and church property are no different.

The area around St. Paul's, looks like a bean sprout that has taken off. The number of new homes built and under construction, in our immediate area is staggering; and there are more to come. Mapleview has been and is still in the process of being widened, to handle the volume of traffic; it looks bigger than Hwy 27!

Thank you for your continued support. YOU make a difference and make it possible for St. Paul's to continue to have a presence in the community where “Everyone Is Welcome”.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT**

In November of 2021, St. Paul's hosted the **Christmas Bazaar** and if you were not an attendee, you missed a fantastic day featuring the biggest ever bake table that offered readymade entrees, preserves and treats for every taste, including doggie treats. This netted St. Paul's just shy of \$7,800.

I want to recognize the masterminds behind the scene; so to speak! Eleanor Beamish, Mark & Kathy Hall, Darlene Baker and a few others made the bake



Bake Sale Tables and Silent Auction items displayed at 2021 Annual Bazaar.

table the success that it was. Thanks to Angel Gowan for her Penny Table that was a big hit and she also made baskets that were a big hit. Rev. Debbie made T-shirts with catchy sayings that were snapped up, and Rev. Debbie also did custom baskets that were pre sold. Siobhan Kemp made festive urns; two of which were placed at the main entrance. Siobhan and her mom, Maire Duncan, also had a jewelry table that offered pretty accessories. Thanks to Flo Dament who oversaw the Christmas table and select items, as gifts. Mike Sindrey saw an opportunity to put a silent auction together that drew the interest of shoppers.

Thank you goes to the helping hands that came to carry, sort, set-up, take-down and pack up; without these helping hands, events like this would not be possible.

The curtain has just come down on the annual **Plant Sale & Upscale Garage Sale** and what a day! Take a bow St. Paul's ..... we raised over \$5,000 in one day (and still counting) (2021-\$4,800). We opened at 9:00 AM with the first



Pictures show the 2022 Plant Sale & Upscale Garage Sale on May 28, 2022

customer at about 8:15 .... you got it – early bird gets (got) the worm!

Thank you to Eleanor Beamish, Mark & Kathy Hall and Marilyn Jenkinson “the gardeners”, who toiled for weeks to make this possible. The size, the quality, and the quantity of plants that were made available, rivaled local garden centers.

Back by popular demand was the “stone man” who offered concrete statuary.

Siobhan Kemp rented spaces to twelve vendors who came with their own tables and tents. Our own Cheryl Carlos and Susan Arnold were amongst the vendors offering products for sale.

Johnathan Kemp and Steve Brown were the BBQ masters who sold out of peameal bacon on a bun, and hot dogs. Hamburgers came a close second but the freezies hit the spot!

Throughout the year, items are donated to St. Paul’s that we store for the “garage sale”. Thank you to Flo Dament and Judy Hecking and those who carried, sorted, priced and manned the tables with “treasures” of every size and shape. Thanks to Linda Woodward, Natasha Drummond, and Jeannette Knowlton-Muhr for being available and pitching in. Our “on the spot sign maker”, Cathy Turgeon, was kept busy; we just need to figure out how to keep the signs upright!

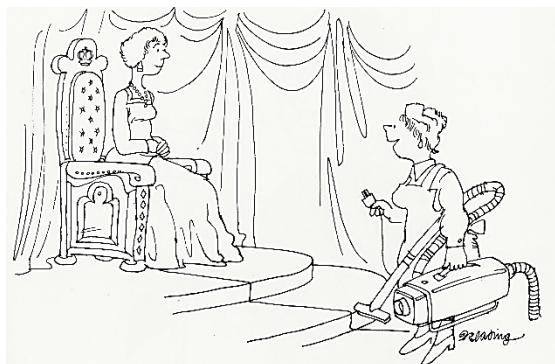
Thanks to Mimi Price, our church treasurer, who kept counting and counting and counting. No matter how many times she was interrupted (while counting), Mimi kept her smile and when we saw her shoulder her knapsack, we knew she was off to the bank!

We were fortunate this year that the hall was not in use the week before, as this allowed us to spread the work out over a whole week and we were very grateful for this.

You make a difference; that is how events like this can happen and the success they are.

Thank you, thank you, thank YOU!

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“Your Majesty, have you got any power behind the throne?”





## ST. PAUL'S CEMETERY BOARD NEWS

**By George D. Timpson**  
**Chair, St. Paul's Cemetery Board**

Although I have been the Chair of the Cemetery Board for two years now, my predecessor, Wanda Dickey, continued to fulfil this role because of the COVID pandemic for an extra year. Therefore, I really took charge of the board in 2021.

In May, 2021, the Board met on the cemetery grounds and examined the condition of everything, and it determined that we needed to do some tree trimming and carry out some basic ongoing maintenance to a few tombstones, trimming of shrubs and other smaller items.

On July 15, the work crew doing the trees was in the property working when the Barrie tornado struck. There were trees and tombstones damaged, and one of the vehicles from the maintenance crew was destroyed as a tree fell on the back of the truck. Fortunately, nobody was injured! Our insurance company covered the cost of the required work.

On Saturday, May 7, 2022, the board members met on the cemetery grounds to do a clean up of winter debris.

As we look ahead, the Board is planning to construct a new columbarium this year, along with more landscaping to mask the doubling of the GO train tracks on the east side of the property, as well as regular maintenance of the grounds. The new columbarium will probably be available for use in 2023.

I think we have a lovely presentable cemetery of which we can all be proud and happy about.



Left: George Timpson returns from the lectern. Above: The luncheon buffet table after the service.





## **PEOPLES' WARDEN'S MESSAGE & Property Committee Chair**

**by Mike Sindrey**

Since the last edition of *The Chronicle*, St. Paul's has been a busy place when it came to keeping up the church property.

Last summer, we were able to get the complete area of the church proper painted as we were closed for services. I would like to thank everyone who helped with this endeavour. The church looks much cleaner and the cracks in the walls are not that visible now.

As you know, we had a tornado come through Barrie last summer. Unfortunately, we did have some damage to the church roof, along with a water back up in the front entrance of the church. Fortunately, our insurance company replaced the flat roof over the entrance. We are still waiting for the contractors the main roof work and we are hoping that this will be completed over the summer.

We also had the furnace and air conditioner in the water treatment room replaced. The furnace was old and there was a problem getting parts for it. We are presently getting a quote to replace the furnace and air conditioner for the upstairs of the church. The Parish Executive Committee will decide if we go forward with this project.

The water system was giving us a lot of problems and after doing everything we could to save it, it became apparent that it needed to be replaced. We now have a brand new system which is very user friendly.

The cover over the air conditioners was taken down as we were told by the contractor that they needed to be completely open.

We did have a clean up day this past spring. The property was cleaned up and the gardens were prepared for the summer. This spring we also had two pine trees taken down on the right-hand side of the driveway as you come in. They had died over the winter, and to be proactive we had them taken down so that there would be no future problems.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped to keep the church property up (past and present). I would also like to thank everyone as well for their financial support as a lot of this work could not have been done.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Mimi Price

I am well aware that talking about church finances is not everyone's "cuppa" tea but indulge me as I explain how we are addressing our debt with the diocese - a few examples appear below.

We have been encouraging our parish members to give through PAR where there is no interruption to your donation, as it comes off your bank account or credit card monthly. In the last few months, we have seen a very healthy increase in this form of giving and we are so grateful. As we know how much is coming in every month, it helps us with our cashflow in managing our financial commitments. The summer months traditionally have lower church attendance and that is when we see a drop in our givings. Giving through PAR ensures your offering occurs regularly and continues to help St. Paul's.

We have just completed one of our most successful plant sale extravaganza events and we are so excited to have raised over \$5200. So much love went into this one event:

- plants being separated, dug, potted, transported, and priced.
- squares, tarts, pies, etc. being prepared and then beautifully wrapped.
- finding treasures no longer wanted at home and sharing them with others through our Upscale Garage Sale.
- the ever-popular raffle of plants and statuary, and
- sourcing the best deals on peameal bacon, hamburgers and hotdogs and then cooking all those to perfection!

**Thank you** to the many hands that performed all this work! Thanks also to those who came to support our work at St. Paul's. What I loved was the camaraderie in places like the makeshift "picnic area" in the parking lot with everyone enjoying a bite and some fellowship – meeting, laughing, catching-up and just being with others. It was also a fortuitous opportunity to see what people were buying and then go get it too....at least I did!! The sun certainly shone on us that day and provided good nourishment for our spirits.

Lastly, we have been very fortunate to be beneficiaries according to the final wishes of some of our parishioners and we will use that money wisely. We know we have a debt to the diocese, and we also have repairs that must be made to the physical plant of St. Paul's, so the Parish Executive Committee continues to steward your money responsibly.

Thank you for all you provide to St. Paul's.

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## HOW TO MAKE AN E-TRANSFER OF FUNDS

In order to make an e-transfer to St. Paul's, follow the steps outlined here:

1. Donor goes on-line for their bank and sends \$\$ to St. Paul's Anglican Church e-mail address which is [office@stpaulsinnsifil.com](mailto:office@stpaulsinnsifil.com)
2. The **security question** is, "What is the pastor's last name?" The **answer** is "Dennis".
3. In the **message box**, the donor needs to indicate what the funds are for: general offering, bazaar, FundScrip, children's ministry, etc.

Once it is received in the office, the funds are deposited. That's all there is to it!

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## BAZAAR, 2021 AND PLANT SALE, JUNE, 2022

by Mark and Kathy Hall

Since 2020, we did our best to operate our major fundraising events despite COVID-19, while working safely within all regulations and guidelines. We are pleased to say we succeeded in raising funds while also providing fellowship for volunteers, great buys for customers, and keeping St. Paul's presence alive in the wider community.

In total, we held two online plant sales (2020 AND 2021) and one online bazaar (2020). These events required different ways of doing things, but it all worked out and customers responded extremely well.

Surprisingly, the 2021 online plant sale brought in \$4,000 in plant sales, almost double what we usually take in on flowers.

By November 2021, the Covid restrictions had eased enough that we could have a limited in-person bazaar. Regulations restricted us to having no more than 25

people in the hall at any one time, to have a one-way traffic flow and no lunch. Still, we brought in \$8,000 which is average for a normal year.

These events all operated with far fewer volunteers than usual. All our events bring in a huge number of people from the surrounding community, and we have many repeat customers. Many of them stuck with us throughout the pandemic.

As for this spring's in-person plant sale, so many people said they were so glad to be back at the sale. Some said they had ordered online the previous two years, and at least one said she had been literally waiting all year for the 2022 sale!

This year we were able to have lots of church volunteers including a number of younger members. Thank you especially to Charlotte, Jensen, Jonah, Rachel and Sarah. We also had two very capable high school students earning volunteer hours lugging plants and making change.

Many thanks to all our other volunteers: Mimi, Cathy, Judy, Flo, Linda, Jeannette, Marilyn J, Marilyn H, Darlene, Eleanor, Natasha and Jensen, Siobhan, Johnathan and Charlotte, Jerry and Linda, Mike and Cindy, Steve and Julie, Jonah, Rachel, Sarah, Eileen, Rev. Joanne, Linda and Frances.

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## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

**by Helen Steenkamer-  
Punshon, Co-ordinator**



Wow, has it ever been a long time since our last publication! The pandemic has indeed been very challenging and I hope that all of you fared well navigating through it all.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry only just started back to meeting on the second Wednesday of every month and it was so lovely to start that back up again. Sadly, we are down in numbers due to various life circumstances. The remaining participants are amazing and I look forward to seeing them whenever they are able to show up for our meetings. We always welcome new members, so if you can knit or crochet and you want to be part of this awesome team,



please call me (705-436-5821) or drop by on our once-a-month meeting day (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 9:30 – 11:00-ish am). Please know that:

- ☐ All skill levels are welcome;
- ☐ We have all sorts of yarns available as well as assorted knitting needles and crochet hooks;
- ☐ There are no quotas – you can go as fast or slow as you please;
- ☐ Most of the items are produced in your own home – we meet once a month for just the sheer pleasure of getting together, doing a bit of knitting/crocheting with each other and sharing coffee and conversation;
- ☐ You choose what you wish to make whether that may be a shawl, baby blanket, afghan, throw, or a pocket prayer cloth, the choice is yours.

PLEASE, please, please let us know if you, or anyone you know, is celebrating something that needs some recognition that we may present a Prayer Shawl/Afghan to. Our inventory is very full and we love nothing better than to celebrate occasions by giving away our items. There is no charge for this, simply the sheer joy of giving something to someone to make their day a little brighter and to let them know that they are loved and never alone. Examples of occasions are:

- ☐ Milestone birthdays, anniversaries;
- ☐ Going away to College/University;
- ☐ Grieving the loss of a loved one;
- ☐ Someone needing support while battling physical/mental challenges;
- ☐ Weddings;
- ☐ Moving away;
- ☐ Babies and Baptisms.



The recipient does not need to be a member of St. Paul's or even someone you know very well. I encountered an employee at the Post Office who was telling me that her 31-year-old son had recently suffered a cardiac arrest and passed away leaving a new baby and wife behind. She most gratefully accepted the offer of receiving a Prayer Shawl for herself and her Daughter-In-Law and it has

helped her immensely with processing her grief just knowing that she is supported and cared for by others. We really want to honour all life events but can't if we don't know about them, so please allow us to give recognition where it belongs by informing us who you think would benefit from receiving a shawl/afghan and the occasion that it's for. Many thanks in advance for helping us share the love.

We have received a huge pile of yarn in recent months that we are very grateful for. Not wanting to be greedy, we have shared it with other groups in the Church that can utilize it as well as in Jean Oldershaw (for her amazing knitted items at the Christmas bazaar) and Marilyn Hutchinson (for her many creative uses with whatever medium she is working with). A huge shoutout and infinite thanks to Tony Chiarelli and Linda Woodworth for your extremely generous gift of yarn and supplies that will keep on giving to all that receive the resulting treasures made from the yarn you have donated.

This past Sunday we were so happy to have our latest shawls/afghans blessed at the combined service. These have been accumulating since the beginning of the pandemic so it is wonderful to be able to put them with the rest of the inventory for distribution. Thank you, Rev. Debbie for giving them such a lovely heartfelt blessing.



Helen addresses the congregation before the blessing of the shawls on Sunday,  
May 29, 2022.

## CHILDREN'S COLOURING PAGE





The Good Friday Chancel



The Easter Sunday Chancel