

The St. Paul's Chronicle

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Singing in Springtime

"Every bird loves to hear itself sing."

An oil original mouthpainted by Triantafillos Iliadis

February, 2024, to May, 2024
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REGATHERING DINNER – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023



Guests arrive for the dinner.



A table centrepiece



The dessert table.



The clean up crew at work.

Marilyn Hutchison

Awarded the Order of the Diocese of Toronto (ODT)

Monday, January 1, 2024

St. Jame's Cathedral, Toronto



The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto, greets and awards Marilyn Hutchison her Order of the Diocese of Toronto.

Marilyn served as Rector's Churchwarden for four years, offering support and encouragement. She was also respected by the parish members and served as a sounding board for many, both in terms of parish issues and pastoral care. Marilyn was our Special Events Coordinator and as such planned parish suppers, Christmas bazaar, plant sale and flea market. Using her skills as a small business owner, Marilyn was invaluable with parish administration including her role as Volunteer Screening Coordinator. Marilyn assisted with the implementation of Messy Church at St. Paul's. This woman is the eighth wonder of the world and if she sees something that needs doing, it was done yesterday. Marilyn is also called "Josephine the plumber."

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE by George D. Timpson

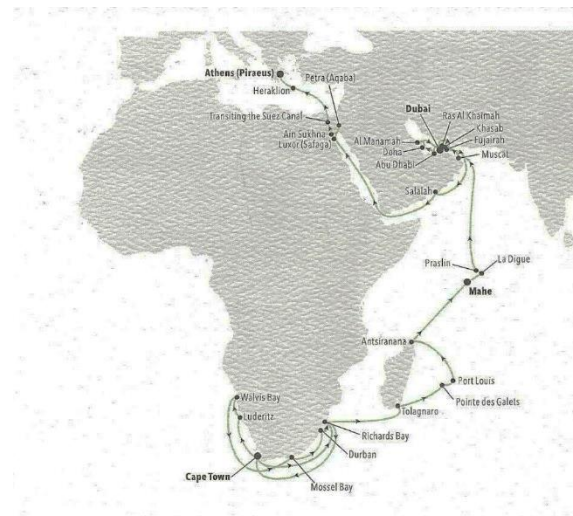
Dear St. Paulians,

This is the seventeenth edition of *The St. Paul's Chronicle* and it deals with the four upcoming months of February to the end of May, 2024.

It also shows memories about the activities from last October through to nearly the end of this January. I hope you enjoy reading it and take note of the events which are happening in our church life.

I would like to thank Rev. Debbie, Mimi Price, and my wife, Ann, for their contribution of photographs. These pictures show the atmosphere of the event and add a lot of lightness to a newsletter.

On a personal note, my wife, Ann, and I will be departing our home on January 25, 2024, for 64 days as we take in a 62-day cruise on the *ms Silver Spirit* starting in Cape Town, South Africa, on January 27th. The cruise ends in Athens, Greece, on Good Friday, March 29, 2024. An outline of the overall cruise is shown here.



Therefore, the next edition of *The Chronicle* will be released on Sunday, May 26, 2024. The deadline for submissions will be **Friday, May 17, 2024**. Earlier submission of articles is always welcomed.

With regard to the calendar of events at the back of the newsmagazine, I assure you that every effort is made to ensure accuracy; however, as time progresses, plans change, and some timings/events do, too.

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!

Happy Easter to you and yours!

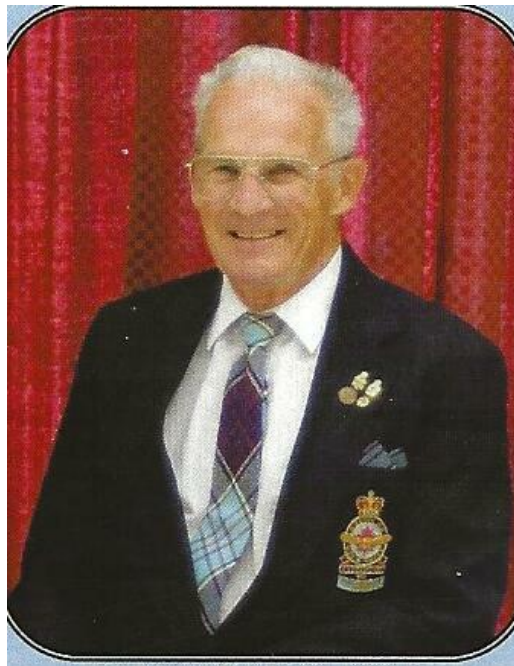
For the record, this edition consists of 6,680 words.

Enjoy this edition!

In Memoriam

William (Bill) Buck

April 1, 1930 – January 5, 2024



When Bill was growing up, he joined the Air Cadets. During his time in Air Cadets, he was chosen to be one of the cadets to go to Great Britain on an international exchange trip. His experiences in Air Cadets lead him on his journey and career with the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). He was commissioned as a Staff Officer and served his last overseas appointment in 1979. After 31 years, Bill retired from the RCAF. He went on to work for 11 more years at the University Hospital in London, Ontario, as the Manager of Security and Protective Services. He fully retired in 1990. Bill has 4 grown children. Always an athlete, he ran in 21 marathons – that's 42.1 km or 26 miles plus 385 yards – per marathon!

To quote Bill, "You might say – not giving up was my passion. If something hurts, run through it, don't quit, persevere!"

Bill's Celebration of Life will be Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 1:00 PM.



DEBBIE'S DESK

by The Rev. Debbie Dennis

Do you know that there is a stream of scholarship within Christian theology focused on church growth? Over the past sixty years, the United States established an entire industry including books podcasts and conferences. It has been a passion of mine and I would like to share a piece of theory with you.

Parishes are categorized by their size and the resulting dynamics within them. There is a family church, a pastoral church, a program church and a corporate church. Roy M. Oswald of The Alban Institute introduced this theory in his groundbreaking work entitled *Discerning Your Congregation's Future*.

The following is a synopsis of a blog on church growth. If you want to learn more simply google church growth.

The Family Church: *Defined by having less than 50 active members.*

*It is usually structured like a family unit, and so will have **a mother figure and/or a father figure (matriarch and patriarch, not necessarily from the same genetic family).** These are the people that really run the church. Their role is to make sure that any pastor that comes to them does not change things too much. The pastor is essentially a chaplain who delivers pastoral care. Pastors who come into these situations with a lot of ambition and not understanding this dynamic will soon be in a clash with one of the parent figures. A showdown with one of the parent figures in the first five years will be deadly for their ministry there. Still there is a lot that can be done if they understand their place in the "family". They can provide inspirational, quality worship and visitation and pastoral care. If those are their strengths, they will do well, especially if they can identify the parent figures and work alongside them. Yet they need to recognize that if that person decides against something, it is finished. These churches are used to pastors moving on (up the ladder to bigger churches on a regular basis. That is partly why they don't take a pastor seriously. He is not there for the long haul.*

These are dangerous churches for inexperienced seminarians with all kinds of fresh ideas. The squelching they experience will be brutal and confusing.

These churches are far more resilient than most people expect. The way to effective ministry in them that will bring God lasting honour is to stay and love them for at least 10 years, playing by the rules and deferring to the parent figure's leadership for 3 to 5 years.

The Pastoral Church: *Defined as 50 to 150 active members.*

Pastors are more central in these churches, and thus more empowered. There are too many parent figures for one to consistently rise to power. So the Pastor's job is to manage them. This is done by forming an effective leadership circle and having good open communication and delegating authority and responsibility, and by supporting and recognizing the accomplishments of others. The dangers are in the pastor overworking, taking on too much responsibility.

A key element of a Pastoral size church is that **members will grow most spiritually and personally from direct relationship to the pastor.** The pastor will be expected to be part of most bible studies or other groups. Yet at the larger end of this scale that may not be possible. A person with a need who calls the pastor will expect to be able to meet with them within 24 hours or less.

A second key for such a church is that it will **value how members feel they can still know everyone and feel like family.** As soon as you get beyond 130 to 150 that is less possible and will create anxiety in the congregation. They will, maybe even unconsciously, begin to fear they are losing fellowship with so many unknown faces around. At this stage it becomes impossible for most Pastors to have personal knowledge of all active members as well. If they believe they are ineffective if they don't know everyone the Pastor will actually contribute to keeping the church at this size. Or **they will make choices that create friction. For example, when the Pastor chooses to focus on new believers and that irritates the old timers. The church leadership will convey a desire to grow through outreach in the call conversation, but when the Pastor arrives their behaviour makes it clear they are not willing to pay the real price that entails.**

Some clergy are most effective in this kind of church. Strong interpersonal skills are needed. Being a pastor who enjoys being at the center of things is also important, though that can get out of hand if not monitored. Expressive and open pastors do well here.

The Program Church: Defined as 150 to 350 active members

When the Pastoral church grows, and **the pastor cannot cover all, then others need to be brought on board to help with the spiritual feeding and other ministries.** So lay leaders of other pastoral staff become important. Pockets or cells of ministry develop which are completely run by those leaders. The pastor may actually have little involvement. The other layers of leadership become surrogate pastors. In a meeting a family concern might be raised, and the lay leader will lead prayer for that situation.

Clergy are still central, but now these lay leaders or other pastoral staff become their major concern. That is a big shift. **Recruiting, training and supporting and ministering to these leaders become crucial for things still**

functioning well. *The pastor neglects them at great risk to the wellbeing of the church as a whole.*

Pastoral care to congregation members moves up to more urgent situations. Just stopping by to chat becomes much less likely unless the pastor has an agenda for that stopping by. Making a request to talk to the pastor about a church matter might lead to an appointment a week later.

*Senior Pastors in these churches need to be strong in program planning and development. Being able to relate to just about anyone becomes less important. **Keeping the programs running smoothly wins out over everything. Helping set direction for the congregation (with the help of the leaders) becomes a more key role, and then also helping them move toward achieving that goal.** A consensus needs to be found, and the pastor needs to be solidly in the middle of it, rebuffing all opposition to it. To not do so will weaken the whole system. So the pastor becomes more of a vision caster and leader of it's implementation. A Pastor who finds direct pastoral care work as the most rewarding part of ministry will be disappointed in this size of church or will be ineffective because of a focus in an area that is not essential.*

The Corporate Church: *defined as 350 or more active members*

If you become this big, I will come back and do a writeup on this one! But again, the needs in terms of a Pastor and leadership are quite different than in the previous three.

What I presume is abundantly clear is that each level requires a different way of organizing power and responsibility and a different set of skills and awareness in their pastor. If a church is either growing or shrinking, it is very important that the leadership and congregation be aware of these changes.

The hardest times for a congregation, all other things being healthy, is the expectation adjustments needed.

A church that grows from a family size to a pastoral size needs to know things are going to be operating differently. The parent figures will not like their loss of power. If they are not mature people, they will fight the growth and the pastor leading it.

*In a church that grows from Pastor size to Program size there will be a lot of missing 'knowing their pastor' and so a lot of resistance to growth as 'regulars' feel neglected in favour of 'newcomers' and can't accept that spiritual care is the responsibility of everyone, not just the pastor. It's all about being aware of how change changes *everything* and about being aware and proactive in it.*

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When I arrived at St. Paul's we still functioned as a family church although our numbers suggested that we were a pastoral church. Indeed, the ministry of the clergy before me was very much defined by this theory.

We have been on the cusp of transitioning to a program sized parish three times in my ministry with you. Each time, while looking different, there has been sufficient push back that we have remained as a pastoral church. Wanting to know everyone personally and wanting major initiatives to include the parish priest are hallmarks of St. Paul's. This article may give us food for thought as we consider moving to the next stage in our development. It will happen only if we are willing to examine our core values and to make the changes necessary to move forward.

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Size Types and Their Characteristics

Family size: • Under 75 ASA* (47% of Episcopal congregations; 15% of the worshippers)

- Single cell
- Group-centered
- Governance: by key family or families
- Pastor as chaplain
- Fights are family feuds

Pastoral size: • 76-140 ASA (25% of Episcopal congregations; 22% of the worshippers)

- Pastor-centered
- Governance: key family(ies) still on Vestry, but new groups forming
- Pastor at center of program and new member incorporation
- Fights are over the pastor (and his/her attention)

Transitional size: • 141-224 ASA (15% of Episcopal congregations; 23% of the worshippers)

- Stretched cell
- Governance: key family(ies) still on Vestry, but many new groups, some outside influence – subgroups form
- Pastor stretched – at cusp of needing additional staff, but resources may not be there

- Fights are over inclusion, information/communication, attention of clergy

Program size: • 225-800 ASA (15% of Episcopal congregations; 23% of the worshippers)

- Multi-cell
- Group-centered
- Governance: committees have power; Vestry moves to oversight/direction; more relational and less task-focused
- Pastor is administrator/delegator (danger of micromanaging)
- Fights are over resources and priorities

Resource size: • 800+ ASA (0.5% of Episcopal churches; 4.5% of the worshippers)

- Multi-cell
- Pastor-centered
- Governance: staff
- Pastor is CEO of the operation; manager
- Fights are between program units and staff

LENT STUDY

Beginning, Tuesday, February 13th, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall, Rev. Debbie will facilitate a Lent Study by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine using both the DVD curriculum found on Amplify as well as her excellent book: *Exploring the Passion*.

Please sign up on the clipboard in the foyer to help us plan. There will be a small cost for materials.





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MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- ✓ Baby Formula
- ✓ Baby Diapers (sizes 4-6) and wipes
- ✓ Personal Care items (shampoo, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene)
- ✓ Peanut Butter
- ✓ High protein drinks (Ensure, Boost)
- ✓ Children's Lunch Snacks (BearPaws, nut free granola bars, juice boxes)
- ✓ Breakfast Cereal and Oatmeal
- ✓ Canned protein: tuna, salmon, chicken, ham, beans, chickpeas
- ✓ Canned soups & stews
- ✓ Pasta & sauces
- ✓ Canned vegetables

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Stats for October 2023 vs. last year

First time visitors	659	+65%
Children under 18	2259	+98%
Seniors	287	+45%
Emergency Food Services	581	+372%
Total # of individuals assisted	7,206	+109%
Donated and rescued food	219,000 lbs	



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BOOKS AND THINGS IN THE LIBRARY

by Ann Timpson, Church Librarian

YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE LIBRARY

As you know, George and I will be away from the end of January until the end of March. During that time, Andrea Simpson has kindly volunteered to take care of the library. Thank you very much to you Andrea for holding the fort!

In the last issue of *The Chronicle*, I mentioned three items in the display that will go from Epiphany to Easter, during the time I am away. These were *The Chronicles of Narnia* (seven books by C.S. Lewis and four DVDs showing some of the stories), *Mary Jones and Her Bible* and *Madeline Takes Command*. But there are lots more in the display. To mention a few:

The Story Keepers: a book and ten DVDs showing how early Christians spread the tales of Jesus in Rome after the Great Fire of 64 A.D., which the Emperor Nero blamed on Jesus' followers.

Kids' 10 Commandments: five DVDs explaining God's rules. Seth, a young Hebrew boy, and his friends learn two commandments per DVD. This is a set well worth watching and learning!

The Dead Sea Squirrels: the son of an American archaeologist brings home two squirrels who are stiff with Dead Sea salt. They come alive and, after several adventures, wind up back home, with good guys and villains chasing them. So far, we have 11 books in the series, with a real cliff hanger at the end. The bad guys have the good ones in handcuffs and the squirrels and two friends must mount a rescue mission. Exciting reading!

Follow Me, Boys: Fred McMurray plays a man who volunteers to lead a Boy Scout troop in a small American town and becomes a perennial Scoutmaster. A very entertaining and wholesome DVD to watch.

The Trouble with Angels / Where Angels Go, Trouble Follows: Rosalind Russel is the Mother Superior of a convent school where she and her nuns have to ride herd on two mischievous girls in the first DVD. In the sequel, many of the girls and nuns travel to a Youth Conference. There aren't the high jinks found in the first movie, but there is a change of habits.

Romanoff and Juliet: Sir Peter Ustinov wrote the play on which this movie is based. When it was filmed, he added portions, directed the movie, and played the president of a tiny country which literally holds the balance of power in the world. In the meantime, he helps two young people: the son of the Russian

ambassador (Romanoff) and the daughter of the American one (Juliet) to achieve a happy ending.

Call It Courage: Mafatu, the son of a South Sea Island chief, is afraid of the Pacific Ocean, having barely escaped with his life as a child in a typhoon. Hearing some of the other boys jeering about him, he decides to take a canoe and go someplace where he can prove himself. An excellent read.

Hannah's Suitcase: This book introduces us to a Japanese gentleman who set up a Holocaust Centre in Tokyo. The young curator asked for an authentic artifact from Jewish concentration camps and received an empty suitcase labelled Hannah Orphan in German. The book by a Canadian author tells of the results of the search, in which we meet George Bailey, a Toronto gentleman who knows lots about Hannah.

If I Just Had Two Wings: Slaves escaping from the American south before that country's Civil War head for Canada using the Underground Railroad. Another book by a Canadian author.

Imagine if you could take a school field trip into ancient history!

Well, in the book *Class 9C and the Genesis Bus* that's exactly what the kids do. They start before Creation and visit places described in the Book of Genesis. Another book, *The Bible Activity Handbook: a Wild Ride through the Bible*, has a family travelling through history, following villains who have kidnapped their father.

Speaking of time travel, we have two DVDs on this subject:

The Greatest Adventure: Three young archaeologists find themselves visiting Bible characters. The adventures are by Hanna-Barbara, who produced *The Flintstones* and *The Jetsons* among other cartoons.



Time Travel through the Bible: Of you remember Jonathan Frakes, who played the second in command of the *Starship Enterprise* in *Star Trek, the Next Generation*, you'll recognize him as our guide through Biblical history.

These are just a few of the items in our library. Please enjoy them. The Library Rules are typed out and framed, set on the table in the library. Please follow them and take care of what you borrow so that others can make use of them, too.

See you after Easter. Happy Easter to you and family!

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A Christian Pays his Taxes

Donated article

(Editor's Note: The following article was donated by an anonymous donor. As this is income tax season for many, I have included it here.)

A tax assessor came one day to a poor Christian to determine the amount of taxes he would have to pay. The following conversation took place:

"What property do you possess?" asked the assessor.

"I am a very wealthy man." replied the Christian.

"List your possessions, please", the assessor instructed.

The Christian said:

"First, I have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

"Second, I have a mansion in Heaven. (John 14:2)

"Third, I have peace that passes all understanding. (Philippians 4:7)

"Fourth, I have Joy unspeakable. (1 Peter 1:8)

"Fifth, I have divine love which never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:8)

"Sixth, I have a faithful wife. (Proverbs 31:10)

"Seventh, I have healthy, happy obedient children. (Exodus 20:12)

"Eighth, I have true, loyal friends. (Proverbs 18:24)

"Ninth, I have songs in the night. (Psalms 42:8)

"Tenth, I have a crown of life." (James 1:12)

The tax assessor closed his book and said, "Truly you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation. I pray that all of us will have this kind of 'wealth'. Have a richly blessed day!" and departed.

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EPISCOPAL VISIT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023



Rev. Debbie and Rt. Rev. Bishop Riscylla Shaw



The Desert Table Awaits



Bishop Shaw watches the cake being cut.



The young people in attendance.

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ST. PAUL'S CEMETERY BOARD NEWS

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

The St. Paul's (Innisfil) Cemetery Board had three general business meetings during 2023: January 18, May 17, and September 27.

The big highlight of 2023 was the construction, followed by consecration of the new fifth columbarium during May, 2023. The blessing of the new structure was carried out by The Rev. Debbie Dennis, Incumbent of St. Paul's (Innisfil) Anglican Church, on Sunday, June 4, 2023, following the annual Cemetery Sunday Service at 11:00 AM. The service was well attended by many guests and family members who have relatives within St. Paul's Cemetery.

Another important issue before the board is the request from InnPower Corporation for an aerial and land easement along the north side of the cemetery property for new hydro lines. InnPower services the Town of Innisfil and the southern portion of the City of Barrie up to Mapleview Road. Because the cemetery property is actually owned by the Diocese of Toronto, our Parish Executive Committee (PEC) of St. Paul's has to be involved, along with the Executive Committee of the Toronto Diocese which has the authority to grant final approval and conditions for approval.

This has necessitated many discussions between representatives of InnPower, St. Paul's PEC, myself, and solicitors for the City of Barrie and the Toronto Diocese. As I write this in early January, these discussions are still underway and final resolution is anticipated within the next couple of months. InnPower requires the land easement in case it is ever necessary to come onto the cemetery property to service the new hydro lines.

As the next meeting of the cemetery board is scheduled for January 17, 2024, I have not yet seen the December 31, 2023, financial statements as they are still being prepared. (The deadline for inclusion in this edition of The Chronicle was January 11, 2023.) I can assure you that the cemetery board finances are in good order.

In addition to me, our board consists of Mark Hall, Vice Chair; Roger Rix, Treasurer; Jan Chaytor, Secretary; Wanda Dickey, Immediate Past Chair, and four Members at Large – Kathy Hall, Mike Hogg, Jennifer Srigley, and Ann Timpson. Our meetings are attended by representatives of the Sanderson

Monument Co. Ltd., namely Don Sanderson and Janet Sanderson. This company provides the day-to-day maintenance of the cemetery property.

Community Breakfast – Saturday, October 15, 2023

Mimi Price cooks the pancakes and Jonathan Kemp prepares the French fries.



People serve up their scrambled eggs, sausages and bacon while others wait in line!





RECTOR'S WARDEN'S REPORT

by Mike Sindrey, Chair, Property Committee

Rectors Warden report: This has been a great year for us. We are seeing new members joining the church which is giving us more volunteers for many different things. Overall, we have had great success with our major fundraisers as the plant sale and the bazaar. This has been done with the help of our parish family. I hope for great things this year and I am sure I won't be disappointed.

Dinner report: We have had many successful dinners this year. I would like to thank Fr. Ken Roguszka and Jonathan Kemp for their help with this. I also would like to thank the potato preppers, the servers, the set-up crews and the clean-up crews. There are too many of you to name. That is a good problem to have.

Please don't forget our next dinner which is Saturday. February 17 at 5:00 pm. We will be having ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, salad and desert. Keep the date open if you can!

Property report: I would like to begin with thanking Jerry Woodworth coming on as my co-chair this year. He has taken over a lot of the maintenance of the water system which has been a great help and has been around to help with the other jobs that need to be done to keep the physical plant of the church running smoothly.

This year luckily has been an uneventful year. We have had a few plumbing problems but nothing too serious. We are still keeping an eye on the furnaces, but so far so good.

As well, we installed roof snow melters in the valleys of the office roof to stop leakage into the church.

I would like to thank people for coming out for the different clean up days, but we could always use some new hands.

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ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Sunday, February 11, 2024

**At 12:00 noon
in the Parish Hall**

Deadline for Ministry Leader's Reports: Sunday, January 21, 2024

Vestry booklets available for pickup: Sunday, February 4, 2024

Receive reports of various church groups, approve the 2024 church budget, elect representatives to various positions, ask questions and hopefully, get answers!

Bring a brown bag lunch with you

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From the book of Bible and Church Jokes

When was the first baseball game in the Bible?

In the Big Inning when Eve stole first, Adam stole second, and God threw them both out!



PLANT & UPSCALE GARAGE SALE, & CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023

By Kathy and Mark Hall

Plant and Garage Sale Extravaganza

The 2023 Plant and Garage Sale Extravaganza seems a long time ago – but memories of the good times and parish fundraising remain for all of us. We were blessed with pretty good weather, good crowds and lots of volunteers to make sure everything went well.

And by everything, we mean tons of annual and perennial plants direct from local gardens, plus many “finds” available at the indoor garage sale. Visitors also snapped up tasty treats from the bake table and the delicious offerings from the barbeque pit.

Many thanks to all the wonderful customers and to the many volunteers who helped make it all happen.

All told, we were able to raise almost \$6,000 for parish purposes.

Now, all eyes are turning towards the event we’re planning for this coming spring. We don’t have a date set yet, but it will be somewhere in the late May/early June period. We are always looking for new helpers and fresh ideas, so be sure to step up.

2023 Christmas Bazaar

For many people, the Christmas Bazaar is the highlight of the year. This time around, with the national economy in not the best of shapes, we were unsure just how successful we would be. When the dust settled, everyone involved was thrilled to learn that we cleared a good \$8,000. That result is much in line with proceeds from bazaars of recent years.

We were blessed with many helping hands this year. In fact, we had more than 50 volunteers helping out in various ways, including a good number of newer parishioners. What a great way to get involved, help out and meet fellow St. Paulians!

To quickly recap, our 2023 Bazaar once again offered a great line-up of activities. These included a silent auction, Penny Table, lunchroom, Christmas baking, jewellery and collectibles, books, Christmas crafts, a table of Christmas décor and clothing by Rev. Debbie. We also offered a reimagined KidZone, with

Christmas gifts and wrapping and a kids' craft area. Youngsters also served up complementary hot chocolate to visitors.

Thanks are due to our wonderful customers, many of whom keep coming back year after year. We hear comments from them about how they make a point of attending annually and how they think it's the best bazaar in town.



PEOPLES' WARDEN'S & TREASURER'S REPORT

by Mimi Price

Happy New Year!

We have a community here at St. Paul's that seeks to feed the spiritual human in each of us, as we have the opportunity to learn, to serve and to join together in something very special. This St. Paul's community encourages all of us to be better and do better for each other, for our families and for the communities where we live.

In the fiscal year cycle of St. Paul's, the last quarter is the one in which we make up for much of the lack of giving over the summer months. It is at this time of thanks and giving that we see the true nature of the people of St. Paul's.

In our Christmas Bazaar, we see the generous nature of our church family when we all pitch in. The baking of cookies, pies, squares, jams, jellies, pickles, etc. are done with love and with gratitude for being embraced by God's love. We see the smiles with which we greet each other at these events – it is a reunion and a wonderful time for sharing! We go about our work in a manner that enables everyone to have a role. We invite everyone to lend a hand as everyone's hand helps someone else. In this response we see the hand of God guiding us in his work to be his servants in our communities.

Our giving envelopes at Thanksgiving and Christmas remind us at these special times that what we have is through God's grace and his generosity. The importance of these envelopes to our parish is vital, as they are signs of our commitment to the life and health of St. Paul's. They contain everything from coins to cheques and this affirms that each of us matters. That it takes all of us together through our generosity, to create a whole that is St. Paul's.

So, these grateful gifts add up to so very much. Our big events of the year, the Plant Sale and Upscale Garage Sale and the Christmas Bazaar contribute immensely to our bottom line. In appreciation of all the work our parish did this year, we were able to pay down our debt by more than \$25,000! This is because of a commitment by our people to rise above this burden and continue to see St. Paul's as a parish that can flourish as we continue to invite new people in.

Thank you for your contributions to St. Paul's. Whether they are through your time, with your hands, with your insight, through your voice, with your prayers or with your monetary gifts, St. Paul's is blessed to have you.

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**by Helen Steenkamer-
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I hope that this edition of *The Chronicle* meets all of you with a wonderful start to the new year! May it bless you with great health, happiness and realizing all your heart's desires.

We are starting this year off with celebrating the fact that in January 2014 this Ministry was started at this Parish. Ten years ago!!! Hard to believe! In that time we have done 423 shawls/blankets/throws. This can only happen with the freely given time, talents, dedication and love of some very special ladies.

A huge "THANK YOU!!!" to Jan Chaytor, April Douglas, Susan Arnold and Andrea Simpson for participating our monthly meetings on a regular basis and making them such a joy to attend. Thanks also for all the beautiful work you put into making such gorgeous shawls/blankets/throws. You ladies are awesome!!! Many thanks also go to Ann Copeland and Penny List for their contributions to our Ministry; definitely much appreciated. We would be remiss if we didn't thank and acknowledge Cathy Turgeon for brightening our meeting days with her presence and coffee making skills.

Many of the crocheted/knitted items made are done so using the makers' own resources but we have also been incredibly fortunate to have received many yarn donations. For all donations and support received we are honoured and extremely grateful. A gigantic "Thank You" to all!!!

There are so many reasons to gift a Prayer Shawl, also known as a Comfort Shawl, Friendship Shawl and various other titles. Here are a number of them:

- Support for someone who is experiencing challenges whether they be physical, emotional, spiritual, financial, medical, grief, etc.;
- Celebrations such as a new baby, Baptism, milestone birthday/anniversary/graduations, weddings, new home/moving, etc.

There are also small Pocket Prayer Cloths available that can easily fit into your pocket or purse and thus are portable enough to accompany you wherever you go. They can provide you with a tangible reminder that you are loved, supported and never alone. Great for challenges during exams, medical appointments, surgeries, basically whenever you need them. Please help yourself. They are located in the front hall on the table at the bottom of the stairs.

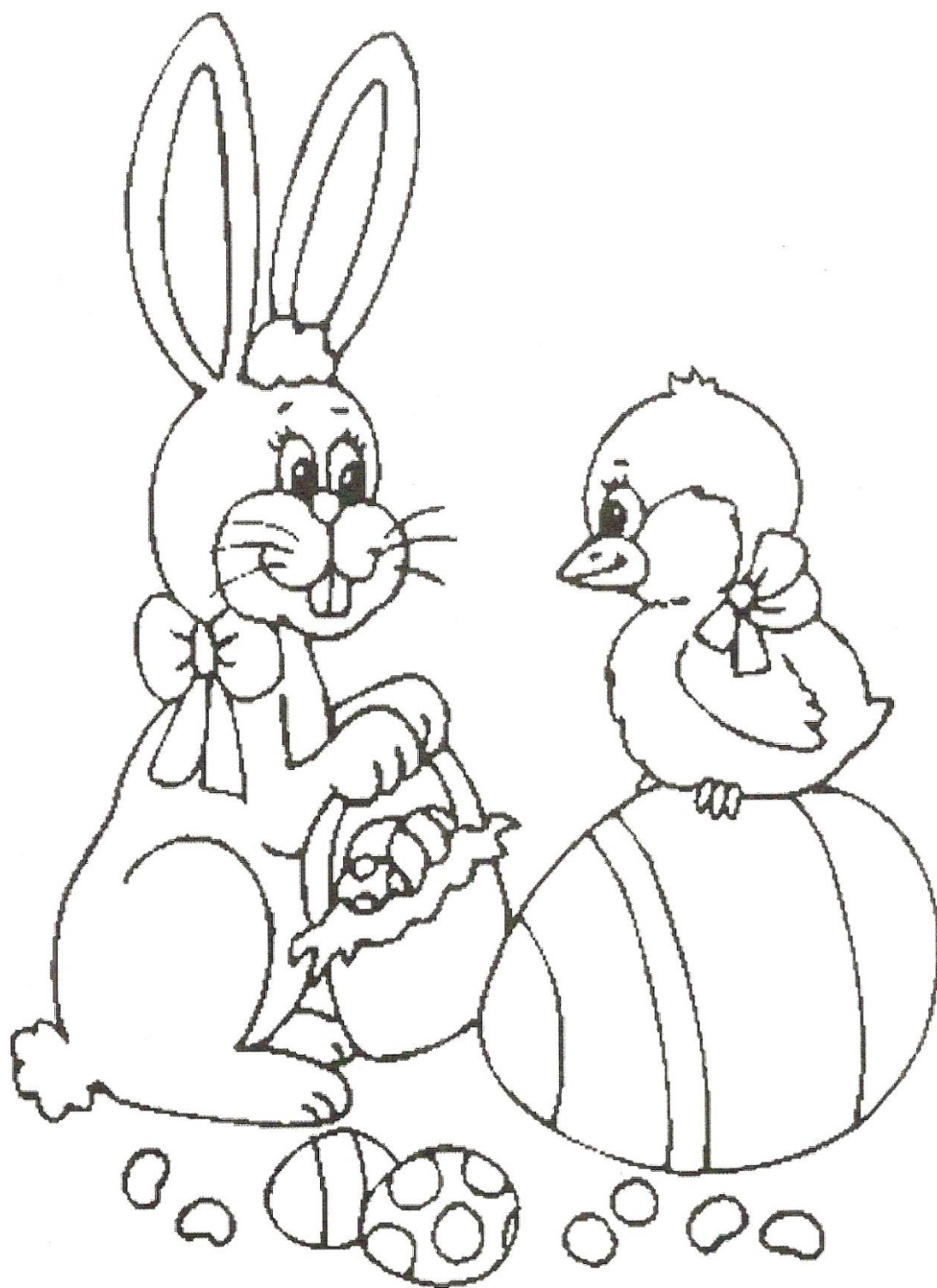
You can request and gift a Prayer Shawl for yourself and/or to anyone. Why not make someone else's day by presenting them with these items of love and support which let them know that they are cared for and never alone. Ask Cathy at the office or Helen at Church on Sundays.

On December 9th, we were delighted to be able to present Bishop Priscilla Shaw a blue throw which she was drawn to because of the colour which was the colour of the flower of her name. Below is a picture of the one she chose.



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CHILDREN'S COLOURING PAGE



FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FHC = Family Holy Communion Contemporary	THC = Traditional Holy Communion using BAS			1	2 7:30 PM Al Anon	3 3:00 PM Messy Church
4 Epiphany 5 10:00 AM THC Vestry Booklets available	5 6:30 PM SASS Dance	6	7 4:00 PM SASS Dance	8	9 7:30 PM Al Anon	10
11 Last Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 AM FHC 12:00 noon VESTRY MEETING	12 6:30 PM SASS Dance	13 7:00 PM Lent Study	14 ASH WEDNESDAY & VALENTINES DAY 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl 11:00 AM THC POT LUCK LUNCHEON 4:00 PM SASS Dance	15	16 7:30 PM Al Anon	17 5:00 PM PARISH SUPPER
18 Lent 1 10:00 AM THC	19 6:30 PM SASS Dance	20 7:00 PM Lent Study	21 4:00 PM SASS Dance	22	23 7:30 PM Al Anon	24
25 Lent 2 10:00 AM FHC	26 6:30 PM SASS Dance	27 7:00 PM Lent Study	28 4:00 PM SASS Dance	29		

MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM Service					1 7:30 PM Al Anon	2
3 Lent 3 10:00 AM Service THC	4 6:30 PM SASS Dance	5 7:00 PM Lent Study	6 4:00 PM SASS Dance	7	8 7:30 PM Al Anon	9
10 Lent 4 10:00 AM Service FHC	11 6:30 PM SASS Dance	12 7:00 PM Lent Study	13 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM SASS Dance	14	15 7:30 PM Al Anon	16
17 Lent 5 10:00 AM Service THC	18 6:30 PM SASS Dance	19 7:00 PM Lent Study	20 4:00 PM SASS Dance	21 7:00 PM Painswick Horticultural	22 7:30 PM Al Anon	23 1:00 PM Stations of The Cross
24 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 AM Service FHC	25 6:30 PM SASS Dance	26	27 4:00 PM SASS Dance	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY	29 GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 PM Messy Church	30 HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 PM SASS Dance	2	3 4:00 PM SASS Dance	4	5 7:30 PM Al Anon	6
7 Easter 2 10:00 AM Service THC	6:30 PM SASS Dance	9	10 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM SASS Dance	11	12 7:30 PM Al Anon	13
14 Easter 3 10:00 AM Service FHC	6:30 PM SASS Dance	16	17 4:00 PM SASS Dance	18 7:00 PM Painswick Horticultural	19 7:30 PM Al Anon	20
21 Easter 4 10:00 AM Service THC	6:30 PM SASS Dance	23	24 4:00 PM SASS Dance	25	26 7:30 PM Al Anon	27
28 Easter 5 10:00 AM Service FHC	29 6:30 PM SASS Dance	30				

MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 4:00 PM SASS Dance	2	3 7:30 PM Al Anon	4
5 Easter 6 10:00 AM Service THC	6 6:30 PM SASS Dance	7	8 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM SASS Dance	9 Ascension of the Lord	10 7:30 PM Al Anon	11 3:00 PM Messy Church
12 Ascension Sunday 10:00 AM Service FHC	13 6:30 PM SASS Dance	14	15 4:00 PM SASS Dance 7:00 PM PEC Meeting	16 7:00 PM Painswick Horticultural	17 Deadline for submissions for <i>The Chronicle</i> 7:30 PM Al Anon	18
19 Day of Pentecost 10:00 AM Service THC	20 VICTORIA DAY 6:30 PM SASS Dance	21	22 4:00 PM SASS Dance	23	24 7:30 PM Al Anon	25
26 Pentecost 1 10:00 AM Service FHC	27 6:30 PM SASS Dance	28	29 4:00 PM SASS Dance	30	31 7:30 PM Al Anon	

Annual Bazaar – Saturday, November 27, 2023



Tables ready to go before the Bazaar opens.



Messy Church – Saturday, December 2, 2023



Working at various crafts



Christmas Parish Dinner – Saturday, December 9, 2023



Music to welcome attendees.



Fantastic outfits!



Serving and enjoying the dinner.



Winning the 50:50 and singing Christmas carols.

