

Annual Report for the year 2012

St. George's Round Church

Halifax, Nova Scotia



Annual General Meeting: March 17th, 2013

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Parish of St. George
Annual General Meeting
March 17, 2013

Agenda as per Canon 35

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13. Adjournment and Prayer

**Parish of St. George
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
18 March 2012**

Opening Prayer: Fr. Westhaver (chair)

Approval of the Minutes

One amendment to the minutes for the previous AGM (6 March 2011) was made: Michal King should have been listed as one of the parish's Synod Delegates.

Patricia Martinson moved the approval of the minutes. Jan Connors seconded. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

David Snair expressed his gratitude for the new picnic table, and asked that, when the work on the hall is done, it be placed near the greenhouse.

Correspondence

None.

Rector's Opening Remarks

Fr. Westhaver directed parishioners' attention to the individual reports constituting the Annual Report, as these would not be formally presented at the meeting. He remarked that the life of the parish is a response to God's love, and that its various ministries exemplify a 'turning to God.' Each ministry matters a great deal. He also noted that stewardship would be high on the agenda – something to be 'wrestled' with – earlier (rather than later) in the coming year.

Financial Statements

Jan Connors presented the financial statements. The parish received 108% of budgeted Undesignated Offerings in 2011; while better than budget, this percentage was required to break even. A number of property considerations resulted in some significant expenses in 2011. The parish's Total Rental Income was \$29,075 (116% of budget, coming primarily from parking space rentals) while our Total Income was \$390,594 (107% of budget). A number of the parish's expenses came in under budget, including the stipends for the office manager (some of this expense was transferred to the Soup Kitchen) and priest assistant (some of which was paid by the Friends of St. George's). The Friends of St. George's also helped fund the music program. Hall expenses came to \$54,776 (141% of budget), the over-expenditure due primarily to maintenance costs and the increasing price of oil. \$8875 was paid to KCI (Ketchum Canada) for their fundraising feasibility study. Total Expenses were \$390,254, resulting in a Net Income of \$340.

As of 31 December 2011, St George's has \$106,136 in its bank account. Previously, the parish held two bank accounts; by eliminating one, roughly \$1000 in banking fees per year has been saved. Jan noted two errors in the Balance Sheet: under Committed Investments, the Altar Guild fund should read \$879, and the Helen C Johnson Ministry fund, \$24,769. Our most current figure for Total Diocesan

Endowment Funds is \$349,894. Total Assets are \$456,148. Equity is \$54,132; we may add to this our Net Income for 2011 of \$337 (reported as \$340 above).

Discussion: **Stan Armstrong** asked why the oil expenses for the hall were so over budget when those for the church were actually under budget. **Jens Jensen** answered that the hall was not at all energy efficient; it is also heated more regularly, as various events take place in it. **Jesse Blackwood** asked whether the cost of oil for the hall, which YouthNet often uses, might be used to lower the church's allotment fees. **Jan** said that when preparing the Diocesan Allotment, the percentage of the hall's usage that falls under ministry is calculated; this results in greater exemptions. **Fr. Westhaver** explained that allotment is the portion of a parish's income paid to the diocese; it is usually 20% of total income, but there are various exemptions – e.g. on funds dedicated to outreach or grants received by the church.

Jens Jensen announced that since the printing of the financial statements, an audit check has been performed by Mike Himmelman and John Hammond. **Fr. Westhaver** remarked that St. George's has very complicated books, and that we are fortunate to have Jan Connors 'holding things together.'

Jan Connors moved that the financial statements up to 31 December 2011, as presented with corrections, be accepted. Stan Armstrong seconded. Carried.

Insurance

Jens Jensen reported that the church is insured for \$10,500,000, and its contents for \$110,000. The hall is insured for \$1,600,000, and its contents for \$113,000. The Little Dutch Church is insured for \$105,000, and Trinity House for \$327,000. In the near future, an appraisal of the church and its special assets (including some Georgian silver) will be performed; in Jens's words, we dare not be underinsured.

Other Business

Patricia Martinson noted an error on the Diocesan Declaration Certificate: section 'VI' should be 'V.' It was also noted that the Wardens' Report should give the year as 2011 rather than 2012. Further to her reports on the Confirmation Class and Youth Group, **Liz Curry** expressed her thanks to Mike Blackwood for his help and enthusiasm; thanks also went to Karen Westhaver for her help with the Youth Group. **Nick Hatt** noted an omission in his Spiritual Development report: he thanked Darren Dyck for his meditations given on Holy Monday and Tuesday in 2011. Liz Curry will be giving these meditations this year.

Tracy Lenfesty moved that the reports be accepted en masse. John Hammond seconded. Carried.

Budget

Jan Connors presented the budget. On the whole, no drastic changes have been made; everything, though, has gone up. Total Undesignated Offerings are budgeted at \$294,000. This represents a 3.2% increase from last year's budgeted amount, but is actually less than what came in in 2011. The stipends for office manager and priest assistant are lower than what these individuals will actually earn, as the Friends of St. George's has undertaken to help fund their work. The second 50% due to KCI, which will be paid in 2012, is not budgeted, as the budget committee decided to use a portion of a bequest to the church towards paying this expense.

Discussion: **Patricia Chalmers** asked why the diocesan allotment increased (up 27%). Jan answered that the previous numbers were based on the 2010 income; also the parish wasn't able to claim last year all the exemptions it did in the year before. The parish aims to take advantage of all the exemptions it can, Fr. Westhaver explained.

Patricia Martinson moved that the budget be approved. Sue Zinck seconded. Carried.

Elections and Thanks

A nominations list was provided in the Annual General Report. For Warden, Jane Mills; for Parish Council, Stan Armstrong and Jacqueline de Mestral. Other nominations include Cheryl Bell for chair of the Publicity Committee, Jens Jensen for Property, Mary Hills for Hospitality, and Jennifer Dyck for Envelope Secretary.

There were a number of additions to the nominations list. Elizabeth Henderson and Mike West will stand for Member-at-large for Parish Council, and Dan Sargeant has been nominated to take over as chair of the Finance Committee.

Susan Harris moved that the nomination list, with additions, be approved. Anne West seconded. Carried.

Fr. Westhaver welcomed new Warden Jane Mills; he thanked Elizabeth Henderson for again letting her name stand for Synod Delegate, and he welcomed Dan Sargeant to the Finance Committee. He also thanked outgoing members of Parish Council: Barbara Armstrong, Kim Lickers, and Dinah Savoury. Fr. Westhaver recognized Jens Jensen for his six years (two terms) of service as Warden, noting his diligent work, level head, and clear and faithful counsel. Jens will be remaining as chair of the Property Committee.

Fr. Westhaver also expressed his thanks to: Jean Milsom for overseeing hospitality (including fellowship groups, potlucks, Christmas); Evelyn Mann for her work as envelope secretary; Mike Himmelman for his work on the budget and parochial return; the Wardens (Jens Jensen, Kevin Gibson, and Sheila Jackson) for their diligence and hard work; members of Parish Council, who make difficult decisions, Garth McPhee, who threw himself into his work with the Sunday morning choir, youth choir, cherub choir, and YouthNet; Andrea Lee and Elisabeth Kleven for their administration (Soup Kitchen, hall management, bulletins, etc.) and generally making parish life go more smoothly; and Jesse Blackwood and Jane Neish for their work at YouthNet.

Jens Jensen expressed his (and the parish's) thanks to the Rector for his diligence and hard work. 'He's come a long way,' said Jens, jokingly. He also thanked Karen for bearing the burden of our joy. 'We are very well served.'

Closing Prayer: Fr. Westhaver

Nominations 2013

Leaving at the end of their term on parish council, with thanks for their three years of service:

Sheila Jackson (Warden)
 Michael Himmelman
 Duncan Morum
 Laruelle LeVert (moved to St John this past summer)

Position	Returning	Nominated
<i>Warden</i>	Kevin Gibson (3 of 3)	
<i>Warden</i>	Jane Mills (2 of 3)	
<i>Warden</i>		Gwynedd Pickett (1 of 3)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jan Connors	
<i>Secretary</i>	Darren Dyck	
<i>Synod Delegates (3)</i>		Elizabeth Henderson Craig Savoury Nadine Savoury
<i>Synod Alternate*</i>		
<i>Synod Youth Delegate</i>		Autumn Essington
<i>Synod Youth Alternate*</i>		
<i>Members-at-Large</i> <i>(max. 12, 3 year terms)</i>	Nicholas Hatt (3 of 3) Craig Savoury (3 of 3) Meghan Jamieson (3 of 3) Jacqueline de Mestral (2 of 3) Stan Armstrong (2 of 3) Mike West (2 of 3) Elizabeth Henderson (2 of 3)	John Mark Dawson (1 of 3) Benjamin Lee (1 of 3) Ulrich vom Hagen (1 of 3)

* Do not serve on Parish Council unless they attend Synod

Non-Parish Council Positions:

<i>Regional Council Delegates</i>	Wardens, Synod Delegates
<i>PWRDF Contact</i>	Lynn Stevenson
<i>Auditors (2)</i>	
<i>Diocesan Times</i>	Elizabeth Jones
<i>Parish Archivist</i>	

Leadership Responsibilities:

<i>Spiritual Development Chair</i>		Susan Harris
<i>Pastoral Ministry/Outreach Chair</i>		
<i>Stewardship Committee Chair</i>	Jane Mills	
<i>Finance Committee Chair</i>	Dan Sargeant	
<i>Property Committee Chair</i>	Jens Jensen	
<i>Publicity Committee Chair</i>	Cheryl Bell	
<i>Envelope Secretary</i>	Jennifer Dyck	
<i>Hospitality Team Leader</i>	Mary Hills	
<i>Hospital Visiting</i>	Sheila Jackson	

Rector's Report

Once again this annual report provides a wonderful picture of the life of the parish of St George over the past year. At the same time, as a people whose life is nourished and sustained by the sacraments we know that the 'outward' and 'visible' aspects of our life in the body of Christ displays the 'inward' work of the Holy Spirit, a life which is often hidden and difficult to see.



Worship is both the beginning of what we do, and the end towards which we move. It is a kind of work which aspires to a perfect rest. We turn to God in adoration and in thanksgiving, in prayer and praise. The annual report helps us to see two important aspects of the life of worship. First, it is a communal activity. When we come to pray together we support and encourage one other as much as we do when we visit during a time of sickness or offer other kinds of practical help. In the same way, the ministries described in this report are also part of the bonds which knit us together and by which we help one another to grow in Christ. Secondly, the

life of worship is not strictly bounded by our times of church services on Sundays and week-days. The ministry of the parish in the neighbourhood is part of the life of worship. The weekly soup kitchen, the work of YouthNet, the scouting program, and Christmas outreach are ways by which we are both sent out bearing the light of Christ and by which we bring the people we encounter with us in prayer.

One of the major undertakings of this part year has been the beginning of phase 2 of the hall repairs and renewal. The hall is both a focus for ministry in the neighbourhood, and a venue for many of the events and activities which are part of the building up of the body of Christ in this parish. Bringing this project to completion will require dedication and sacrifice. It will only be possible if the burden is shared by the parish as a whole. There are lots of practical reasons why making the hall more functional, efficient, safe, and attractive is a good idea. However, it will also be important for us to be guided by an understanding of how this project expresses the inner and spiritual life of the parish and offers new possibilities for ministry. For example, a group of parents in the parish have been considering for some time how it might be possible to start a parochial school at St George's. Such a school would offer new opportunities for bringing together education and spiritual formation and for furthering the mission of the parish. Such a new beginning would also be an expression of hope and trust in the capacity of the Gospel to prepare young people to live faithfully and wisely amid the challenges of life today. This is just one example of the kind of ministries a refurbished hall could help to make possible.

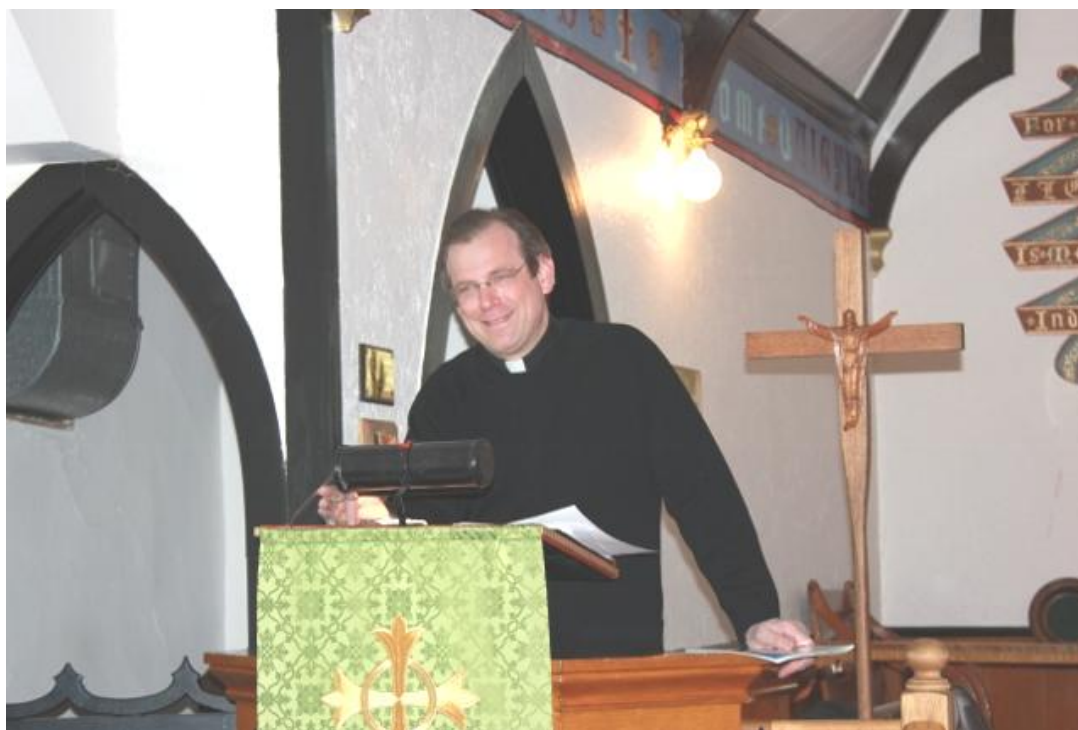


The new stove, installed the final week of February, 2013.

One of the trials of the spiritual life is that much of what we do has affects which are hard to see or become obvious only after time. It is absolutely clear to me that all the efforts which people make to build up the life of the parish bear fruit abundantly, often in ways which would not have been predicted. I hope that this report will help us all to see that, and even to have our eyes opened to the more hidden work of the Spirit.

Since this is a report for 2012, I won't say more at this time about my plans to leave the parish at the end of June. At the same time, as I come to the end of my time as Rector of St George's, I am very grateful to you all for the way in which you have, by grace, given yourselves to contribute to the ministry and mission of this parish in 2012, and throughout all the years that I have been here. It is a special parish, alive with the grace of God, a city set on a hill, and a nursery raising up many souls in Christ. For this reason I am confident and hopeful that the same Lord who has been a lantern to our feet and a light to our path will continue to bless and prosper this parish in the months and years to come.

George Westhaver, Rector



Fr Westhaver speaks on the O Antiphons during the pre-Advent quiet day at St Michael's Church in Petite Riviere.

Wardens' Report (added Sunday, March 10th)

The year 2012 was one of intense and fruitful activity in the parish of St George as we bore witness to God's love through the many ministries of the parish, our fellowship with one another, and the sacrifices of faithful parishioners and friends which have made possible much important work to maintain the fabric of our beloved Round Church and revitalize our Parish Hall. As we embark upon a year which will bring change to our parish, we have good reason to be hopeful that, with God's help, our life of worship and ministry in our community will continue to flourish as we carry on with the work of the year now past.

Those who have witnessed the progress of construction in and around the Round Church and Parish Hall will know that much of our attention in 2012 was devoted to addressing the pressing need for care and improvement of our structures. The work accomplished over the past year in our properties is described in detail in the report of the Chair of our Property Committee, and we are grateful to Jens Jensen for his leadership in the substantial capital projects begun last year and underway now. We also wish to thank those who have given selflessly of their time and expertise to oversee the planning and execution of construction marking the beginning of an important revitalization of our Parish Hall, as well as all those who have made this work possible.

As much as we are delighted to see how the work in the Hall now taking shape will create an attractive space for the parish, we are mindful that this work is carried out, not for its own sake, but to ensure that the Hall, like our church buildings, will stand for generations to come, and that it will provide a welcoming place for us to gather in fellowship, prepare for worship, and minister to our community through the numerous activities which find a home there. The reports of the many committees and individuals which are found within this Annual Report attest to the ways in which our Hall is essential to almost every activity the parish carries on. We are confident that what has begun will create new opportunities for community outreach and fellowship, help to invite newcomers to our parish family, and offer possibilities in education for our growing number of children and young people.

We are encouraged that the many ministries to our community and parish family have thrived throughout the work on our property, and that a growing number of parishioners are taking an active part in these activities. We are hopeful that we will find new ways to grow together in God through the sharing of our time with each other and those around us.

As our Rector's time in the parish approaches a conclusion, it is appropriate that we take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to him for his faithful ministry among us. We wish Father Westhaver, Karen, Clara, and Charlotte every blessing in their future in England.

Finally, we offer sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the life of our parish in 2012. What has been accomplished over the past year to the glory of God is a source of great hope, and we pray that God will continue to bless our parish.

Sheila Jackson, Kevin Gibson, Jane Mills
Wardens

Standing Committee Reports

Spiritual Development Report

The Spiritual Development Committee meets on a few occasions throughout the year to advise the Rector on matters relating to the spiritual growth of the parish. A similar group also meets in advance of major festal seasons (*e.g.*, Advent/Christmas, Lent/Holy Week, Easter) to help coordinate the parish's observance of those seasons. In addition, the Committee sponsors regular events, both educational and social, to encourage our spiritual formation as Christians.

The character and nature of the liturgies at St George's has been a point of interest for many parishioners this year, especially those who are relatively new to the parish. With this in mind, many of the programs and events offered were focused around the liturgy, which was the major focus of the Spiritual Development Committee this year. The following is a summary of those efforts.

A Sunday morning adult study group was held regularly most weeks just prior to the main Sunday liturgy. The timing of these study sessions has proven very popular. In Epiphany tide, the group concluded a study led by Fr Westhaver on the use of the Psalms in the Sunday liturgy, which had begun the previous autumn. During Lent, Fr Westhaver led a series of weekly reflections on the theme of "Lent as Recreation" using images of the mosaics in the Cathedral of Monreale in Sicily as a guide. During Eastertide, using Hebrews 8-10, the group considered the relationship between earthly liturgy and the life of Heaven, again led by Fr Westhaver. The group concluded for the summer by studying the appointed lections for the Feasts of the Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, using corresponding sermons by Fr Crouse as a guide to the appointed Scripture readings. These sessions were led by Nicholas Hatt. In October, the study group started again, this time reading through the Confessions of St Augustine. This study will continue into the new year, and has been jointly led by Fr Westhaver and Benjamin Lee. Any and all are welcome to join this Sunday morning study group at any time. The group gathers each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunday School room.

In addition to the Sunday morning study group, during Lent, our music director, Garth MacPhee, offered four evening study sessions about the music of the Church. The first session was an overview of Lenten hymnody (February 29), followed by a session on the musical sections of the Holy Communion service (March 7), then a session on the signing of the Psalms in the Anglican tradition (March 14), and finally a session on the Lamentations of Jeremiah which included a live performance of the setting written by Thomas Tallis (March 21). These sessions proved very popular and attracted many parishioners and friends of the parish.

On Holy Monday and Tuesday, we were very fortunate to have a series of reflections offered by parishioner Elizabeth Curry, a graduate student at Dalhousie and our youth group leader. During the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter) we welcomed to the parish Fr Jonathan Eayrs, from the Diocese of Toronto. With his recent study of the work of Charles Peguy in the background, Father Eayrs preached at the Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil, and he offered a powerful series of reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ at the Good Friday Three-Hour Service. The text of his sermons and reflections are available on the parish website at www.roundchurch.ca.

Last year, on Easter Monday 2011, we held a special service at the Little Dutch Church on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of its dedication to St George. A decision was made to make this commemoration an annual event, and so a service of Holy Communion was held at the Little Dutch Church on Easter Monday this year. This is in an important way to recall the humble origins of our parish, and pray for our founders and benefactors.

On the evening of the Tuesday after Pentecost (May 29, 2012), Fr Gordon Neish, priest-in-charge of the Parish of Bear River, gave a special talk entitled “Soul and Body in Adoration: On the service of Holy Communion”. Father Neish is a great friend of our parish, and a learned and senior member of the parish clergy in Nova Scotia. It was a wonderful opportunity to have him speak to us. The event was preceded by the celebration of the Holy Communion and a potluck supper, making it a great social event too.

On Saturday, December 1st, a pre-Advent Parish Quiet Day was held at St Michael’s Church and Rectory in the Parish of Petite Riviere, Nova Scotia. Fr Westhaver offered a number of reflections on the ‘O Antiphons’, a series of responsories used during Advent that date back to at least the fifth century and are mentioned by Boethius in his Consolation of Philosophy. About 15 people attended the event, including a couple of members of the Parish of Petite Riviere and New Dublin.



Pictures from the pre-Advent quiet day in Petite Riviere.

In the midst of all these special events and speakers and quiet days, there is also the regular pattern of daily prayer, which is said in the church. Throughout the year, a few parishioners gather twice daily to say Morning and Evening Prayer, offering up in prayer the needs of the parish and the world. The Christian religion teaches us that the most important events of this life happen in the quietest and most unassuming places of the world, whether in a manger in a small town called Bethlehem, a soup kitchen on Maitland Street, or a cold, quiet church in the early morning hours. This pattern of daily prayer is an important part of the ongoing spiritual formation of our parish, and a thank you is extended to all those who help lead these daily services. Even if you cannot attend these small services, join them in prayer

wherever you find yourself. If you are looking to renew your own spiritual life, consider attending one the daily offices -- it may help deepen the life of prayer for you.

Finally, I extend a sincere thank you to the members of the Spiritual Development Committee this past year: Philip Mills, Stan Armstrong, Susan Harris, Tracy Demmons, Evelyn Mann, Jan Connors, Sue Zinck, and Alex Easton. Their dedication to the spiritual life and growth of St George's is unwavering, and their counsel invaluable.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas Hatt, Chair of Spiritual Development
Feast of the Circumcision, A. D. 2012

Music Director's Report

'Since singing is so good a thing, I wish all men would learne to singe'.
(William Byrd, Preface to 'Songs of Sadnes' (1588))

"I am a feather on the breath of God."
(Hildegard von Bingen, 12th c. Benedictine Abbess and Christian Mystic)

As I reflect on my first full year as Director of Music, I realize that most of my week is spent singing, rehearsing choirs or giving singing lessons. What a privilege it is! Whether it is the cherubs bouncing around the Guild Room singing 'Jumping for God', a glorious polyphonic Kyrie on a Sunday morning, or the Junior Choir warming up on 'Jubilate Deo' by Praetorius, my work is richly diverse and exciting. Ours is truly a singing Parish, as may be attested by the lusty rendering of hymns and psalms at divine worship. Hildegard's image of the divinely inspired breath suggests to me that the art of singing itself can become a spiritual practice. The discipline of focusing the breath and refining the sound



Our fine music director in uniform. Don't be fooled, this photo does not reflect his cheery disposition.

of your voice is the embodiment of meditation.

Augustine says, 'He who sings prays twice'. In the choir, we strive to tune our voices harmoniously, to submit ourselves one to another in service of the greater whole. The Sacrifice of Praise demands of us everything we have to offer, and in so doing, we draw ourselves ever close to God's presence.

Here follows a brief summary of musical events during the past year:

-The Lent Series in 2012 was dedicated to the broad subject of Church Music, led by Garth MacPhee. The talks were preceded by soup in the Sunday School Room, wonderfully provided by volunteers. Topics included Lenten hymnody, music of the liturgy (specifically the Holy Communion service), Psalm singing in the Anglican tradition, and musical settings of the Lamentations of Jeremiah. On the final evening, a small choir performed the five-voice setting of the Lamentations by Thomas Tallis. The talks were well attended and evidently appreciated. At this time, I would like to express my thanks to Susan Harris for coordinating the Soup Roster.

-The Junior Choir presented a cantata version of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat' by Andrew Lloyd Webber on Pentecost Sunday, May 27. The children gave a radiant performance before an enthusiastic audience of nearly two hundred people. Theatrical direction was provided by Karen Bassett whose high energy and creativity inspired and delighted the children. A glorious coat of many colors was stitched together by Karen Westhaver.

-In mid-November a light restoration of our magnificent organ was performed under the supervision of the builder, Fernand Letourneau. The instrument, while in fine condition, is now ten years old and was in need of routine maintenance. This work was done at a fraction of the actual cost, thanks to M. Letourneau's generosity and commitment to excellence.

In honor of the tenth anniversary of the Letourneau organ, a Gala Concert is planned for the evening of Sunday, April 14 2013. Organist Garth MacPhee will be joined by members of Tempest Baroque Orchestra in a performance of the Händel Organ Concerto in B-flat and the Sinfonia from Cantata 29 by J. S. Bach. Other works by Dupré, Duruflé, Liszt and Buxtehude may be included. Stay tuned for more details!

-Under the artistic direction of Andrew Pickett, the Prince Edward Consort gave two performances this year: January 29 'Good Queen Bess, Music and Readings from the life and times of Elizabeth I'; Nov 18 'The Golden Age (El Siglo de Oro): Music and Readings from the Reign of Philip II of Spain'. The proceeds from these events were donated to the Friends of St George's in support of the music programme. The singers and players included members of our choir, but also guest artists who gave their time and talent most generously. I wish to thank Andrew for creating these unique and beautiful performances.

Week by week, the St George's Choir prepares settings of the Ordinary, motets and plainsong psalms for the liturgies. The diligence and care with which they fulfill this work is admirable. The musical achievements and accomplishments of each and every singer contribute enormously to the quality of the choir. Through the past year, many new motets and settings were added to the repertoire, including the beautiful six-voice *Missa Ego sum qui sum* by the 16th c. Flemish composer Philippe Rogier, performed on Easter Sunday.

In June we bade farewell to Laurelle LeVert as she prepared to move to Saint John to begin a new appointment at the University of New Brunswick. Her devotion to the choir, her sense of humor and love of the Parish will not soon be forgotten.

The Junior Choir continues to rehearse on Tuesdays in the Guild Room, 6-7pm. It is my privilege and delight to teach this cheerful and dedicated group of singers. Their repertoire includes a range of styles, and they have sung in French, German and Latin. In April the children will participate in the Halifax Kiwanis Music Festival, and a little later in the spring they will present the jazz musical, 'Oh Jonah!' Stay tuned for more details. Anyone interested in joining the choir is most welcome!

On most Sundays after the 10.30 Holy Communion Service, the Guild Room is again filled with the sound of children's voices. The Cherubs are mostly little ones, ages 4 yrs – 6yrs, in consort with attendant moms and dads, who gather after church to sing and make a joyful noise. Anyone is welcome to drop by and partake of the merriment. While our accomplishments are perhaps modest, these little cherubs have a love of singing, which I hope will eventually lead them to the Junior Choir. Meanwhile, we have a lot of fun!

I would like to offer my thanks to the parents and guardians of all the children for their ongoing support. I especially wish to thank Karen Westhaver for coordinating rosters for parent-on-duty and for copying song lyrics for the Cherubs.

During my holidays, I am fortunate to call upon Michal King, who so ably assists at the organ for services, and Eszter Horvath, who leads the choir. My only anxiety is whether or not I'll be welcomed back each time!

At this time, I wish to express my appreciation to Elisabeth Kleven, our marvelous Parish Administrator. For her long-suffering patience and support, I am most thankful. Lastly, I take this opportunity to thank Father Westhaver whose humility, wisdom and compassion compose a most admirable model of leadership and service.

Garth MacPhee, Music Director

Altar Guild

St. George's Altar Guild consists of about 12 people plus helpers and supporters who make sure the church is prepared for the many services we have throughout the year. There are six teams of two or three people each who work on Fridays or Saturdays to polish brass, prepare the vessels for Holy Communion, arrange flowers, and make sure that everything is ready for Sunday services. We also make sure that all the necessary supplies are available - candles, communion wafers, wine, linens, etc. There are many advantages to being part of the Altar Guild. There are no business meetings but lots of time for fellowship as we work, and we all have the satisfaction of providing an important and supportive "behind the scenes" role in the liturgy. We have a corporate service of ante-communion each year at 10am on Holy Saturday, and then invite the parish to help us prepare the church for Easter. Holy Week and Easter are our biggest challenges because of the multitude of services with not much time to prepare for them.

I would like to thank all the members of the Altar Guild: Jean Milsom, Margherita Mendel, Leona Sweeney, Bill Naftel, Dinah Savoury, Anne Tilley,



Dianna Lowe, Nadine Savoury, Barbara Richardson, Karen Westhaver and Wendy Himmelman.



Jacque deMestral (above) and Anne Tilley and Leona Sweeney (below) help to prepare the church for Easter's festivities.



There are many helpers who, although not part of a team, make a huge contribution to our work: Vaila Mowat (candles, small linens and countless

other tasks), Elisabeth Kleven (orders and deliveries!), Kim Connors (weddings), Jacquie deMestral (laundry and palms), John Swaine (beautiful flowers at Christmas and Easter), John Hammond (communion wine by the case, delivered to the door!), Craig Savoury (setting up for the 10:30 service and other special services), Cathy Larsson (helpful - ALWAYS), Jim Rawding and John Krell (funeral preparations and cleaning), and Sasha (boundless enthusiasm). I hope I will be forgiven if I have forgotten anyone.

Two years ago the Altar Guild got together for tea and snacks. It was a very successful afternoon, but scheduling was a problem for last year. I hope we can revive this tradition in 2013. I also hope that we will purchase a new linen altar cloth. We have several, but most are very old and damaged.

(Above and right) Easter flowers arranged by John Swaine.



with the Altar Guild, or if me know.

If anyone is interested in helping out you have any questions at all, please let

Tracy Lenfesty

Sacristan's Report

It has been another busy year for those of us who assist with Sunday services. The lay readers have the privilege of administering the chalice at Holy Communion and include Alex Easton, Craig Savoury and Nadine Savoury. Fred Lafontaine is also able to assist with the administration from time to time.

My role as sacristan is the rather pedestrian task of putting a schedule together to ensure that someone reads Morning Prayer and assists during the 10:30 Holy Communion on Sundays. Of course this means that my team spends most of its time at the front of the church, or shaking hands beside the side entrance after the service is over.

The altar servers have expanded and special thanks go to Scott Connors and Cathy Larsson for serving as the MC during Sunday services.

Scott takes care of the server scheduling, which makes my life a lot easier.

Alex Easton, Sacristan



Alex Easton and Gary Woolgar during the pre-Advent retreat in Petite Riviere.

Servers

I would to thank everyone for their continuing service throughout the year, especially the following: Alex Easton, Drew Himmelman, Fred Lafontaine, Cathy Larsson, Andrew Thorne and Clara Westhaver. Special thanks to Jim Rawding for faithfully serving at the 8am, Holy Communion service on Sunday.

New servers this year include Trevor Hannon, June Mills, Maddy West and Gary Woolgar. Gary has been serving quite regularly at the 10am Wednesday service and has recently agreed to help us out on High Feast Days and also to be added as a person we can call on if we find ourselves short-handed for any of the other services.

I would also like to thank Elizabeth Curry, Autumn Essington, Philemon Lloyd and Abby Vansnick. These individuals were all part of our team last year but have decided not to continue serving for the time being. However, if circumstances change we will always welcome them back with open arms.

Most of the people listed above cannot always be in attendance at all services due to other commitments, especially when it comes to High Feast Days during the week. For that reason, I encourage any adults or young people to get involved as servers regardless of their serving experience or time commitment.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Connors, Head Server

Toddlers' Church

The Toddlers' Church for the fall of 2012 commenced at the beginning of October rather than in September, as we were waiting on a new curriculum that had been ordered. For each month we do one basic lesson with different teachers and activities each Sunday. This way the children, who are all between 1 and 4.5 years old, are able to learn through repetition.

In **October** we focused on the story of the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary; in **November** we told the story of Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem, Mary riding a donkey during her journey; and in **December** we focused on the story of the Nativity itself. The curriculum we've been following is appropriate for the Toddlers (especially 1.5 years to 3.5 years old) and was written by Paula Smiley and ordered by our Sunday School Superintendent. It has songs and activities to assist with telling the very basics of each story.

Along with a friendly, patient and somewhat dynamic parent/teacher, these resources aid in engaging the children so that they can learn about Jesus, his birth and life, as well as Old Testament stories, from a young age. Knowing the stories of the Bible will be a basis for more complex thinking in future years as the children move on to our Sunday School program. Though the toddler room in the basement is filled with toys it is not primarily a place to play, nor is it a place for parents to escape the sermon! It has been incredibly helpful to the teachers' efficacy if during the lesson time (which usually begins immediately after the Creed) parents listen, sing, colour, and pray along with both their toddler(s) and the teacher and generally help direct their children in paying attention.

The children are keen and lively and enjoy singing and colouring and acting out stories, and a few already know the Lord's Prayer. The older ones are able to help the teacher and are invaluable examples for the younger ones, and the very youngest of the bunch are often able to engage with the material on some level too, which is encouraging.

The teaching rotation consists solely of parents at this point, though it would be great if others who were gifted with toddlers would like to lend a hand in teaching or just as a support person. If any are interested to help out, please let me know! Thanks be to God for such a wonderful 'crop' of kids, and fantastic

parents who all care so much about their children; we count it a blessing to be able to meet together to share in this as a church community on Sunday mornings.

Before signing off, I want to list the toddlers who attend this very important Sunday program, for those who are curious!

Ann Gibson, Teddy Gibson, Alice Gibson, Angus Wilson, Ambrose Dyck, Olivia Dawson, Samantha Schafer, Mary Neish, Madeleine Rigby, Jane Rigby, Abraham Diamond, Ellianna Lee.

{Babies under 1 year of age: Margaret Dyck, Leela Phillips, Simcha Diamond}

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Lee

Sunday School

The Sunday School programme at St. George's continues to prosper at a slow but steady rate. We've had an influx of children who have finished the toddler programme and now have 'graduated' to more studies in the Sunday School. We continue to follow the St. George's Curriculum discussing stories and people in both the Old and New Testaments. Thank you to the parents of the Sunday School students who read Bible stories on a daily and weekly basis to their children. It certainly makes the discussion of the Bible on Sunday morning more exciting and dynamic when the children have already heard and been thinking about these stories.

One big change this year was that the Youth Group started taking responsibility for bell ringing, and thus fewer of the older, confirmed young adults now have the opportunity to join us in Sunday School. But we are grateful for their attendance over the years and their willingness to take their part as adults in the church.

We had one of the largest celebrations for St. Nicholas that we've ever had in early December. This celebration has grown into a new pattern of having child-friendly activities during the week for major holy days. I'd like to thank Garth MacPhee for his suggestions and support in this. At the end of September we celebrated with St. Michael's and All Angels', followed on the first of November with All Saints' Day. We follow our regular Sunday morning pattern by attending the first part of the service and peeling away before the sermon for arts and crafts, baking and colouring in the Sunday School room, and returning to church later. Then all join for a meal later in the Hall.



St. Nicholas Day 2012 celebrations: Drawing, Colouring and the Perler Bead Activity in the back and in the kitchen.

I want to extend a warm thank you to Lauren Kay who is heading up the Youth Group this year.

I would also like to thank those who have been willing to teach Sunday School over the past year: Liz Curry, Autumn Essington, Nick Hatt, Sarah Keeshan, Kim Lickers, Vaila Mowat, Rachelle Stevenson, Ian Stewart, Uli Vom Hagen, Michael West, Gary Woolgar and Sue Zinck as well as Tracy Lenfesty who serves as our substitute teacher. I am extremely grateful for your dedication and support. If you are a parent who has a child in Sunday School and would like to help out occasionally, please contact me.

I am grateful to all who attend the Sunday School events, both the children and their parents who make it possible.

To God be the Glory.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Westhaver, Sunday School Coordinator

Youth Group

Saint George's Youth Group moved into the church loft in the spring of 2012 and transformed it into a welcoming space for weekly meetings. I joined the youth group as coordinator in September 2012, and in January 2013 Autumn Essington joined us to help lead activities.

During our Sunday morning meetings, we have tried our hands at a variety of different activities. We built a trivia board game for the Sunday school, we held a few *Lectio Divina* Bible studies, we've drawn comparisons between biblical stories and current day people and events, and one morning we learned to play a hymn on ukulele. Each Sunday, a member of the youth group is responsible for ringing the church bell during the service.

The youth group has also held a few activities outside of our Sunday morning meetings. In September, our beginning of the year activity was an outing to play laser tag and have pizza. Several members of the youth group contributed to the baked goods table at the Fall Book Sale and volunteered at the Saint Nicholas YouthNet party. In December, we had a second outing to see "The Hobbit" and then returned to St. George's to help with the Hanging of the Greens.

Lauren Kay

Publicity

A small but dedicated team manages the publicity for Saint George's Round Church. Sarah Stevenson maintains the website, Elisabeth Kleven in the church office sends out regular reminders of services and events and maintains our @stgeoround Twitter feed, Anne West continues to help out, and Cheryl Bell places ads, sends notices to the newspaper, and writes and distributes media information for special events.

This year we placed ads at Christmas, Easter and back-to-school time to let people know about services at St George's. We also submit listings information about guest preachers and special services to the Chronicle Herald. Christmas and Easter services were very well attended.

At the beginning of the year we applied to the federal government Canada Summer Jobs programme for funding to hire a summer student, and we were very fortunate to hire Sarah Keeshan, who was at the time completing her Masters in History at Dalhousie. Between May and the end of August, she helped Elisabeth Kleven in the church office, carried out research, and conducted tours for over 100 visitors. You can read her report below.

Website

During 2012, 5,298 visitors made 10,904 visits to the parish website. Visitors were down ~14% from 2011, and visits were down ~8%. In 2012, our highest recorded days were Sunday, January 29th (96 visits) and Christmas Eve (97 visits). Monday in Holy Week (68) and Good Friday (67) were the next highest. In a typical week, there are approximately 225 visits to the site. Beyond the homepage, the most frequently visited parts of the site are the service schedule, upcoming events, and documents page. The documents page contains links to items such as previous bulletins, previous annual reports, wedding information, and the "Special Services" pamphlet.

At the time of writing, Elisabeth Kleven and Sarah Stevenson are actively working on a renewed website for the parish. The renovated site will run on the WordPress content management system to allow for easier updates by multiple authors. This encourages distributed responsibility and provides for succession planning. Sarah is particularly grateful for Elisabeth's partnership in this venture, as well as for her willingness to fill in and maintain the current site at various points over the last year.

Cheryl Bell, Publicity Committee Chair (Website information and stats provided by Sarah Stevenson)

Summer Student

I had the great pleasure this summer of working as St George's summer student. As a result of the Parish of St George's significant place in both Haligonian and Canadian history, its continuing importance within the community, and the designations of the Round Church and Little Dutch Church respectively as national historic sites, the Canadian government subsidizes an annual public history program through the parish.

This year, I was particularly excited to have been able to re-write the brief Parish History that is now available to visitors and parishioners alike. This is the first time that the History has been rewritten and updated in booklet form for over 50 years, and I hope that many will discover and enjoy the church's rich history through this medium. In addition to this project, I led tours of the Round Church and Little Dutch Church and we had over 100 visitors – some from as far away as Australia! St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church (across the street) also began offering historic tours last summer. Their organizers were quite impressed with St George's rich history as well as our number of visitors. Hopefully, we can use these ties to expand public awareness of both churches in the future.



The Little Dutch Church features in our 2012 Palm Sunday procession around the neighbourhood.

The parish of St George is very nearly the oldest Anglican parish in Canada, and the Round Church and Little Dutch Church are true national treasures. For 256 years, generations of men and women have worshiped God in this place, through famine, war, triumph, and despair. We are the caretakers of their history, and their legacy belongs to each of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Keeshan, 2012 Summer Intern

Pastoral Care and Outreach

Pastoral Visiting

To the Wardens and Members of Parish Council and Parishioners:

Once again, it has been my joy and privilege to share in the Ministry at St. George's as Pastoral Visitor. I have not been as active in this Ministry as in the previous years, due to the additional care my mother requires since her hospitalization last May. Also the number of Parishioners sick in hospital has practically been nil since July, and the very few in since that time were only in hospital for a very short time. It only goes to show St. George's seems to be a "healthy" congregation.

This Ministry involves Hospital Visits, Home and Hospital Communion, Home Visits, and occasionally Celebrating the Eucharist at St. George's, assisting as Deacon, and Preaching. I have also conducted and assisted at Funerals. This Ministry provides a wonderful experience listening to family stories, sharing in Prayer and Sacrament, and of course, hospitality over a cup of coffee or tea. Three Parishioners on my regular "Home Communion" visits died this year, and I must say, I still miss our time together. May they rest in peace!

I have been "on-call" occasionally while the Rector has been able to have a day off with his family, and especially when he was away in England preparing and submitting his Thesis. I understand all went well, and I extend my "Congratulations" and look forward to his receiving his "Doctorate" in the spring of 2013.

It has also been a joy and privilege to once again share with you from time to time in the beautiful Liturgy offered up at St. George's on Sundays and Holy Days.

The following statistics may be of help to you, regarding my Ministry as *Pastoral Visitor*:

Celebrant/Deacon/Preacher: 41 Services

Hospital Visits: 74

Home Visits: 12 (not Communion)

Home/Hospital Communion: 32

Funerals: Officiant/Assist: 5

Funeral Home Family Prayers: 1

Marriage Preparation: 0 Sessions

Weddings: 1 (assisted)

A Ministry that has been most helpful to me over the past year has been that of Sheila Jackson and Elizabeth Jones who checked the hospital lists each week and informed me of who was there. This was a great help (not being familiar enough with the names of Parishioners) and once again I am most grateful.

Thank you for your friendship, support and encouragement to me during the year.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev'd James Purchase

Trinity House

It has been another busy year at Trinity House, with many blessings and some challenges. As each new resident comes to Trinity House, they bring their life experiences and knowledge, which help grow our community. This year, Trinity House welcomed Cathy Larsson, Patris Zotaj, Jonathan Borden, Helen Chandler, Susan Slater and Gary Woolgar. Our guest room has also provided for many short-term stays for guests.

Trinity House residents contribute to parish life in many ways. They serve as altar servers, volunteer with YouthNet, sing in the choir, lead daily offices, assist with Soup Kitchen and help with Christmas outreach.

All the residents at Trinity House would like to offer thanks for the donations of various goods that we have received throughout the year. They are very useful and have helped to make sure that Trinity House is a home for everyone who lives there. Special thanks to the Himmelmans for the donation of a fridge to replace one in the kitchen.

This year, Trinity House has seen some physical upgrades.

Before Christmas, a new stove was purchased to replace the old one, which wasn't working properly. A complete renovation of the downstairs bathroom was undertaken. The bathroom was stripped to the studs and rebuilt completely. There was a significant amount of plumbing and electrical work done in the downstairs and upstairs bathroom. All-new bathroom fixtures and cabinets were installed. The furnace room was also cleaned out and foam sealer was applied to all of the outside walls. Many thanks to Edmonds and to Jim Benedict and his crew who spent many days at Trinity House working in a small space.

Finally, I would like to remind parishioners that Trinity House has a guestroom available for the use of parishioners. If you have friends or family who are visiting and need a place to stay, Trinity House has a welcoming door.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Lickers

Soup Kitchen

Michael King, leader of Group 6, describes a typical Saturday at the Soup Kitchen:

It's a Saturday afternoon, 2 pm, and we're beginning to fill up the coffee and tea urns for the expected crowd of men, women, and the occasional child, who will come through the Maitland Street hall door later in the afternoon.

The food from Feed Nova Scotia looks especially good and was delivered on Friday – enough for 120 servings this week. If there are more mouths to feed, we'll find extra canned food to heat up as needed. The ovens are turned on to begin heating the food as the volunteers from one of the other churches in the community arrive to help set up and serve (also usually with additional dishes of food).

Feed Nova Scotia always provides oodles of whole wheat buns, and we butter these for at least 100 to start with.

Tables are set up with table cloths. Trays with forks and spoons wrapped in paper napkins are assembled to hand to the guests as they enter the hall. A coffee and tea table is prepared with powdered milk and sugar, and a big water container stands ready. The long serving tables are loaded with hot food and desserts that are handed to the guests by the volunteers.

When 4 o'clock arrives we are ready for the rush. A volunteer at the door greets the guests and another hands out the trays. Someone keeps count on a pocket counter. The hall is warm and the recipients are grateful for the hot food and a chance to unwind. On the way out, "God bless you" can be heard many times.

And we respond in like form - "God bless you too."

Deaf Ministry

Again in 2012, interpreters were made available so that the Deaf community could attend church regularly on Sunday and Wednesday mornings, as well as other special services from time to time. The Deaf also attended the Parish Annual Meeting and other meetings and social events throughout the year. Our interpreters this year were Karen Anne Smith and Ashley Campbell. Karen Anne has been with us since the fall of 2010 and Ashley since the summer of 2011. We are very grateful to them for staying after church for coffee hour so as to facilitate conversations between the Deaf and hearing members of the congregation. Our thanks are also due this year to George and Pauline Himmelman who have been driving Agnes Comerford to church on Sunday mornings. It is a wonderful thing for parishioners to help one another get to church. The Deaf community experienced another loss this year, when Blois Shatford died in May. Blois had been unwell and unable to get to church for some time but was a very active member of our parish Deaf community in its early years.

Attached below is a picture of Carol Morrison and Heather Grant walking in the Palm Sunday street procession this year.

Susan Harris, on behalf of the Deaf Support Group



Carol Morrison and Heather Grant take part in the Palm Sunday procession around the neighbourhood.

St. George's YouthNet

The year 2012 was a period of growth and development for many of YouthNet's programs despite staffing shortages and funding challenges. The year was filled with many activities, events and a number of new programs, all of which are supported by our amazing and dedicated staff and volunteers. In addition to the programming YouthNet offers, YouthNet continually works with the Board, community organizations, Joseph Howe Elementary School, volunteers and the youth themselves to identify the needs of the community and to offer programming in response to these requests. This year a new teen program was piloted in response to this identified need.

The lunch program continues to be a success at Joseph Howe School, although it has placed a serious strain on current YN staff. The benefits, however, have been wonderful for the children. YouthNet staff and volunteers are able to engage positively with all children in the school, and new youth have registered for the after-school program as a result of our contact with the school. We are continuing to work on finding a long-term funding solution for the lunch program so that it can continue.

There have been a few changes in YouthNet's regular programming. As of May 2012, the after-school program runs from Tuesday to Friday. Despite this reduction of one day (which allows staff to have more time to do the prep work required to run programs), there have been many inspiring and encouraging things taking place as YouthNet seeks to fulfill its mission. This process is complemented by YouthNet's participation in regular meetings where numerous community organizations come together to work collaboratively and to offer mutual support. This important initiative was begun by Jesse Blackwood in 2011. This resulted in a "Try-It Day" for youth in grades 6-8 on a PD day last March where activities were offered based on youth feed-back and facilitated by the various organizations. It was a great success and many thanks to Jesse for his integral efforts in making that event take place, the results of which have led to new offerings for youth in the community.

The highlights of the year came as a result of two one-time grants that allowed YouthNet to expand its wilderness program into the spring and fall and to add a much-needed teen program in September on Tuesdays. This year we did hikes at Cape Split and McNabs Island, two five-night trips at Cape Chignecto, and a trip to Pollett's Cove. These trips allow for the growth of the relationships between youth and staff, which is significant, and contribute to the success of the mentoring relationships staff are able to build with youth, making these trips one of the single most important things YouthNet does. Moreover, the importance of these wilderness trips to the development of the youth themselves cannot be overstated as their impact on participants is long-lasting. For some, the trip is an incredible physical challenge, but all feel a huge sense of accomplishment and personal achievement. These trips encouraged participants to expand their sense of identity as they overcame physical and mental challenges, and pushed them beyond what they thought was possible. These successes build self-esteem, giving them confidence to face new challenges and to try new things, which staff and volunteers see in other aspects of programming.



Hanging out at Pollett's Cove, Cape Breton



Teens, staff, and volunteers having fun Tuesday night

The most significant change in programming has been the reintroduction of teens to YouthNet programs, with resounding success. Led by former Program Co-ordinator, Sarina Piercy, this program provides a much-needed space where older youth can meet together and hang out in a safe and supportive environment while participating in different activities. Jewellery-making, instrument making, sewing, drawing, soccer, and cooking are just a few activities the teens have participated in. A Youth Leadership program is in the works so interested youth can develop leadership skills and participate in the after-school program on Wednesdays to Fridays; and a mentorship program, where volunteers are

paired with a teen, is getting off the ground. The most wonderful result of the teen program has been the return of a couple of former YouthNet participants, who now have somewhere to go after school.

Summer camps were fun and exciting for both the kids and the staff and volunteers. Six weeks of camp provided children the opportunity for wilderness camping, field-trips out of the city, art, science, gardening and cooking, and a music and theatre week. During art week, the boardwalk on the lawn was painted in partnership with the Community Art Bikers, brightening that space for everyone. Our end-of-summer party was the perfect place for our youth to showcase their achievements in music week, and they put on a show, the highlights of which were two songs from the musical “Annie”. This week of camp included a number of parish youth as well, which was a wonderful addition.

In early 2012, a number of new activities were added to YouthNet’s programming. Speed-skating at the oval was a hit, where skills are taught by qualified coaches. The art program was led by NSCAD professor, Melinda Spooner, from April to June, and a video project was led by two NS filmmakers, Ariella Pahlke and Ann Verrall, where the children’s projects were posted to YouTube and our website. The video project ended with a screening at the Art Gallery of NS for National Youth Art Week in May as well as a later showing in conjunction with an end-of-year art show at YouthNet in June where the children sang, displayed their artwork and screened their video projects. And in the fall, our new Program Co-ordinator, Natasha Condé, introduced theatre as an after-school activity, and a new art project was led by Melinda and Ariella. Additionally, cooking, games, gym activities, the music program (led by Garth MacPhee), gardening, knitting, and many other activities continue to take place. These activities are all supported by our incredible volunteers and partners. In 2012 we had volunteers from King’s, Dal Law, and Eastern College, and ESL students from Citadel High School. Some of our partners included the Ecology Action Centre, MSVU, the North Branch Library, the North End Community Garden, Speed NS, SuperNova, and Youth Art Connection.

YouthNet would not exist without the generous support of its donors, partners and volunteers, many of whom come from the parish. The people who support YouthNet’s programs are indispensable, and I thank you for your unfailing and generous support as YouthNet continues to fulfill its mission.

Jane Neish, Director of YouthNet

Christmas Outreach

Mission to Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Project

This past year should be considered successful! We received congregational donations of necessary stock and cash to complete the filling of 55 boxes. Well done!

But that is not the full story: the Edmonds family contributed a further 40 boxes. In comment, there is the word "Exceptional!" This makes our total 95 boxes. St George's has done well, but note that the target for 2013 will be higher!

The coordinators wish to thank one and all for their diligence.

Then,
let us not upon
our laurels rest.
For the situation
will become weary
and the desire,
intent, and enthusiasm
become lethargic,
in danger of being lost.

Thank you,
Patricia Martinson & Anne Tilley

Christmas Outreach for Families

This was another busy year for Christmas Outreach for Families. This year, St. George's sponsored 23 families. These families were nominated through St. George's YouthNet, from contacts made through the parish office and from Feed Nova Scotia. All the families were registered with Feed Nova Scotia's Christmas program, so that other organizations would be aware that St. George's was sponsoring the family.

Each family receives a different support depending on their needs. Some receive only a grocery card; others receive Christmas dinner supplies; and some receive Christmas supplies, a grocery card, and gifts for the children of the family.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed financially to Christmas Outreach through the collection plate and at the special collection at the Choral Evensong in December. Financial contributions are the key to the success of Christmas Outreach, and we are able to help so many families with the generosity of St. George's parishioners.

Special thanks to all of our turkey donors who always come through, sometimes at the last minute! Your generosity is wonderful.

Finally, Christmas Outreach for Families would not be successful without the help of many dedicated volunteers! I would like to thank ALL of the volunteers who came to assist with wrapping presents and sorting groceries and helping to drive and carry presents and groceries to families. Special thanks to Wendy Himmelman, who helped with the shopping for clothing and gifts for families this year, and to Elizabeth Jones who contacts Sobeys faithfully every year and enjoys spending a few hours grocery shopping.

In closing, I would encourage parishioners to think of Christmas Outreach for Families year round. I will happily accept donations of new children's toys, clothing and wrapping supplies throughout the year and will store them carefully until next Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Lickers

Hospital Visiting

This programme exists for the expression of love and concern for the members of the parish who are in hospital. My sincere thanks to Elizabeth Jones who helps me check the lists twice a week and then relay the information to Father Westhaver and Father Purchase. This enables them to visit and administer the sacraments and also for myself to visit on a regular basis. If you or someone you know is in hospital or scheduled for treatment please let us know.

Sheila Jackson

Sunday Fellowship

The Sunday fellowship time following the 10:30 service is a great way for parishioners to get together and meet with each other. Setting up things before the service, serving the tea and coffee, and clearing away afterwards is looked after by a different team each week. We have six teams that work in rotation. Some of the teams are in need of extra members, so if you feel this is something you could contribute to, please get in touch with the Church office. All of us are looking forward to the new kitchen – which will make things a lot easier.

Mary Hills, Fellowship Coordinator

Property Matters

2012 was an extremely significant year regarding property concerns and actions. The following summarizes the highlights, together with a few notes concerning the direction forward on some items:

1. The Round Church:

- It is essential at a minimum to keep up the exterior fabric of the Round Church structure, which can be done with careful use of the income from the dedicated Preservation Fund. Plans to carry out a further section of painting of the exterior were deferred to a future year, as most of the income from the Preservation Fund this year was directed to a major foundation repair project (see below). As the years go by, a regular program of repainting the exterior over a three or four-year cycle would be very desirable so as to avoid large one-time expenditures for painting the whole structure at one time, should the whole be allowed to deteriorate. With the exception of addressing the heating system (see below), there should be no further large, one-time calls on the Preservation Fund for the foreseeable future, so the routine of painting a section each year should be feasible in the future.
- The unresolved problem of groundwater intrusion through much of the stone foundation continued to be of concern, as the stone assembly in certain parts had become badly deteriorated. However, an application was made to Parks Canada for assistance in the expensive repair involved, as the church is a National Historic Site, and it was approved! During the late fall, a major project of excavation of the foundations and installation of footing drains and a major repointing of badly deteriorated mortaring was carried out. It was also necessary to remove and refurbish the interpretive panels in the south yard, to enable access for the heavy equipment. Good fortune was had, as the contracted work was quoted well within budget, the system of catch basins and sump pumps which were expected to be installed turned out to be unnecessary because bedrock elevations permitted gravity drainage, and a very generous donation of services from a parishioner covered the cost of the excavation, backfilling and restoration of the landscaping.
- Substantial expenditures were incurred in repair and maintenance of mechanical equipment and controls, primarily concerning the heating system. This is not surprising, as the mechanical equipment is now mostly seventeen years old, most having been replaced as part of the restoration following the 1994 fire. The service life of components such as pumps and controls is not much more than that time span, so items are coming up for replacement or major repair. It is appropriate to think of this point while considering the next point, concerning energy efficiency and noise issues.
- As has been recognized for some time, the heating plant's energy efficiency could be considerably improved by use of the newly available natural gas readily at hand, as there is a gas main on Cornwallis Street. Also, the existing hot air distribution system is inherently noisy and the controls are difficult to operate. These matters continue to represent high expenses and inconvenience and ought to be addressed soon. The use of natural gas is significantly less expensive than oil, and estimates suggest that a payback period of less than ten years would be achievable by conversion to gas. A new system using modern air blowers, a good control system, and sound dampening ductwork would alleviate the noise and troublesome controlling of the system.
- A number of less demanding repairs and improvements to the interior should be considered when resources permit, including sanding and refinishing of the chancel floor, and further lighting features to complement the chandelier that has recently been installed.

2. The Little Dutch Church:

- Very little work was required to the Little Dutch Church, as a major program was carried out two years ago, in which the exterior fabric and the plaster finishes inside were repaired and painted, ventilation was improved and foundation masonry was rejuvenated. That work had been funded by a cost-sharing grant from the Government of Canada, Parks Canada.
- Looking forward, attention should be paid soon to the deteriorated state of the dry stone wall around the whole perimeter of the grounds. The wall is an integral part of the heritage value of the property, and provides a degree of security to the ancient cemetery that occupies most of the outdoor area of the lot.

3. Trinity House (formerly the Rectory):

- As was said last year, the Parish was the recipient of an entirely unexpected and unusual donation of labour and funds from a far-away parish – the Church of the Incarnation in Dallas, Texas. That parish offered to carry out their annual mission to improve the physical assets of a needy church or community. Approximately 40 adults and young people, many in their teens, nicknamed “the Dallas Group”, came to our community in July, and in the course of four days’ intensive work, prepared the exterior of the structure for painting. Shingling and woodwork were refurbished, masses of old wiring hung on the outside were removed, and the exterior was prime painted. Our own contractor completed the painting and remaining minor repairs to woodwork.
- The above rejuvenation of the exterior of the building represents a point at which it can be said that the needed work to bring most of the exterior of the building up to a good state, and to provide it with a modern heating system, has been done. The remaining work includes improvement of doors and windows and, if possible, insulation of the lower storey floor, which is positioned over an uninsulated crawl space.
- The interior of the building generally has been adequate in terms of finishes and amenities, considering the requirements of the residents. The greatest need has been the condition of the bathrooms, whose finishes and fixtures have become quite old and worn. Toward the end of the year, a parishioner’s generous donation of skilled labour, together with materials purchased by the Parish, enabled the downstairs bathroom to be totally renovated. This significant step forward has improved living conditions for the residents. In the future, a room by room upgrade and renovation can be considered such that over time, the whole interior is brought to a high standard.

4. The Hall:

- As the year began, the Parish had just completed the process of again studying the feasibility of replacing the hall with a new structure, and a fund-raising feasibility study to determine the prospects of raising the large amount needed in either case. As of mid-February, 2012, the decision had been taken by Wardens and Parish Council that the best course of action was to retain the hall and move as rapidly as possible to its repair and the reconfiguration of its interior spaces. This was related to a very generous donation by a parishioner at that time that enabled a complete re-roofing of the building, and installation of footing drains along the “wet” side of the hall to alleviate the long-standing problem of water intrusion through the foundations on the north side. Those projects were essential to the first step of keeping the hall “safe, warm and

dry”, and protecting the structure from further deterioration from rain water entering the roof and walls.

- With the direction forward determined, the services of an architect were retained through a competitive proposals process, to make a conceptual design of the interior. The design process proceeded into the fall, including consultation with hall users, resulting in a design which would provide an attractive entrance and an interior layout that would finally relieve the Parish from the “rabbit warren” phenomenon and make the spaces and fittings much more user friendly.



The hall transformed into a construction zone as work was done on the storage area, stage, and kitchen.

- As the year ended, welcome news had been received that funding has been approved for some needed improvements to the hall related to operation of the Soup Kitchen. The Government of Canada has initiated a program called the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, by which shelter and supporting services to alleviate the distress of the homeless can be developed or improved. The Parish made application for funding as a supporting service provider (*i.e.*, the Soup Kitchen) to install a proper wheelchair ramp to the main hall level, install proper fire exit doors at all exterior doors, and purchase a new main kitchen commercial stove. These were being implemented by the end of 2012 and will much improve the convenience, safety and efficiency of our operation of this important component of our inner-city mission. At year’s end, that project plus the beginnings of renovation of the kitchen and storage areas were well underway, again with generous support in the form of donation of skilled trades and labour for construction.
- In conjunction with the above, a professional study of the financial capability of the Parish to follow through on the whole renovation of the hall was commissioned, with positive results. With careful planning and financial control, it is apparent that the entire undertaking can be accomplished in a short number of years. The result will certainly be a testament to the faith, spirit of giving, and hard work of many parishioners so necessary to bring this important asset for the mission of the parish up to a good standard.



The new doors and the wheelchair ramp were important parts of the renovation work this winter.

- The Parish was again the recipient of generous assistance to the YouthNet program, from the United Way Day of Caring program. The project included painting of program rooms. The Parish absorbed the cost of most materials, but all the labour and tools were donated via United Way.

Management and Operations

In addition to the above notes, which concern structures and grounds, it is appropriate to comment on the great deal of work and attention provided by Parish staff and volunteers. Managing the property affairs of this Parish involves care of two National Historic Sites, a residence (Trinity House), a very busy hall, and extensive grounds that require significant care to maintain their high standard, all supported by complicated administrative processes to manage their use by numerous groups.

Ordinary operating requirements are largely handled by our capable Parish Administrator, and the planning and execution of capital projects are accomplished by the Wardens and Parish Council, under the watchful eye of the Rector. Parishioners have also contributed much in donation of grounds-keeping, snow removal, preparing inventories of chattels, cleaning, and monitoring of safety and security features. Without all their good work, the Parish properties would soon become dilapidated.

Respectfully submitted,
Jens Jensen, Property Chair

Other Organizations and Groups

St. George's Restoration Quilters

A small and steady group of Quilters continues to meet most Tuesday mornings, in the Guild Room, 9:30 am to 12 noon. We welcome visitors, or other crafty people! Contact Lynn Stevenson at 453-4994.

We have been able to give any money made from our work directly to the Church. Although our numbers have decreased and productivity has slowed, we are very optimistic about completing the last big quilt soon!

Lynn R. Stevenson

Parish Library

Our parish library consists of several cabinets containing scholarly tomes, biographies, videos, writings of prominent religious authors, some religious fiction, children's books, etc. It is found in the back of the Guild Room, and available only to adherents of St George's Church. Its lending system seeks to function like the city and regional libraries. At the moment there are many overdue books and I will, over time, chase the borrowers down!

In 2012 I purchased 8 books [or publications] and at least 6 were donated. I've been posting notices in the church bulletin whenever new books are received and available for borrowing. Also, a 'Prayer Book Origins' wall chart was obtained and framed, with the church office responsible for its display in the hall.

A parish library 'demo' table was set up in the hall following service on Oct 28/12 to generate interest, and 8-10 books were borrowed at that time.

My expenses for the year were approximately \$150.00 with the budget set at \$200.00.

Vaila Mowat is an unwavering help to me. I welcome her suggestions re purchases, as well as requests from other church members.

Respectfully submitted,
Trudie Urquhart, Parish Librarian

Parish Gardens

Most of the wonderful work we have seen at St George's in the garden area has been the work of Edmonds Landscaping. It is totally amazing what they have done, and they should be heartily thanked!

I was going to pull up a few weeds, but Edmonds got to them before I did. Thanks! I did however plant some borders, and have notably (I hope) started us on a collection of peonies, which, if successful, will last for ages. Keep your fingers crossed!

YouthNet likewise has been busy growing vegetables and flowers.

Submitted by Vaila S. Mowat

Holy Baptisms

Jaelyn Marie Riley	January 29, 2012
Brayden Douglas Roy	April 15, 2012
Carmen Carly Diane Savary	April 15, 2012
Ellianna Jade Maria Lee	April 15, 2012
Hannah Danielle Archibald	April 29, 2012
Charlotte Elizabeth Elson	August 19, 2012
Jane Evelyn Rigby	August 26, 2012
James Michael Savoury-Boland	September 2, 2012
Desiree Jane Bryan	November 4, 2012

Confirmations

Madeleine Jane Forvargue West	October 14, 2012
Raymond Curtis Phillips	October 14, 2012
David Roy Snair	October 14, 2012

Marriages

Erica Jayne McDonell and Ryan Angus McCurdy	June 30, 2012
Dawn Elizabeth Smith and Angelo Cornell Wright	September 15, 2012
Tracy Allison Demmons and Ulrich Richard vom Hagen	December 29, 2012

Funeral Rites

Hubert Rose	May 5, 2012
Shirley Louise Martin	June 29, 2012
Joyce Margaret McCulloch	July 3, 2012
Donald Scott Bezanson	July 14, 2012
Cecil William Moore	August 17, 2012
Daina Margarita Kulnys	December 28, 2012

**2nd Halifax Group Committee
2011/12 Scouting Year**

as at

31-Aug-12

for comparison:
pervious year (10/11)

INCOME

Popcorn	\$	1,162.39	\$	439.00
Apple Day	\$	53.29	\$	150.79
Scoutrees	\$	-	\$	280.00
e-Bay	\$	-	\$	337.00
Registrations (including Parish contribution)	\$	1,135.00	\$	1,072.00
Other:	\$	300.00		
		<u>\$ 2,650.68</u>		<u>\$ 2,278.79</u>

EXPENSES

Bank Fees & cheque order	\$	23.40	\$	61.04
Colony	\$	130.72	\$	296.93
Pack	\$	130.72	\$	308.45
Troop	\$	-	\$	-
Group	\$	57.00	\$	572.59
Winter Camp	\$	-	\$	901.73
Registration	\$	2,160.00	\$	1,793.50
Popcorn	\$	1,028.65	\$	354.10
Scoutrees	\$	-	\$	111.00
		<u>\$ 3,530.49</u>		<u>\$ 4,399.34</u>

Net Income		<u>\$ (879.81)</u>		<u>\$ (2,120.55)</u>
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Carried forward from pervious year		\$ 1,191.05		\$ 3,311.60
Current Year funds available		\$ (879.81)		\$ (2,120.55)
Total funds available		<u>\$ 311.24</u>		\$ 1,191.05

2011/2012			2010/2011	
\$	53.29	Apple Day		150.79
\$	133.74	Popcorn Net	\$	84.90
\$	-	Scoutrees Net	\$	169.00
\$	-	badges on ebay	\$	337.00
<u>\$</u>	<u>187.03</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$</u>	<u>741.69</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Bank Balance @ 31Juj12	\$	313.19
Outstanding deposits	\$	-
Outstanding cheques	\$	(1.95)
Cash available	<u>\$</u>	<u>311.24</u>

Parish of St. George
Income & Expense
2012 Year End Statement (Audited)

Accrual Basis

	<u>Note #</u>	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		1				
Income		2				
Undesignated Offerings		3				
Envelope Offerings		4	164,628			
Direct Deposit		5	68,795			
Loose		6	10,833			
Undesignated Offerings - Other		7		294,000	(294,000)	
Total Undesignated Offerings	1.	8	244,256	294,000	(49,744)	83%
Designated Offerings		9				
Memorials		10	1,526			
Altar Guild		11	808	1,500	(692)	54%
Christmas Outreach		12	3,392	2,700	692	126%
Deaf Ministry		13	264	250	14	106%
Missions		14	47	500	(453)	9%
Music		15	839	750	89	112%
Outreach (Family Support)		16	820	1,200	(380)	68%
Scouting		17	345	750	(405)	46%
Soup Kitchen		18	966	2,500	(1,534)	39%
Special Projects	2.	19	1,250	1,000	250	125%
Sunday School		20	5			
Trinity House		21	14,615	13,000	1,615	112%
YouthNet		22	658	1,000	(342)	66%
Total Designated Offerings		23	25,535	25,150	385	102%
Interest, Rental, Other		24				
Title Search ST funds trans to	3.	25	2,000			
Hall Bldg Fund trans to income	4.	26	28,175			
Bequest funds trans to income	5.	27	10,261			

	<u>Note #</u>	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
RENTAL INCOME		28				
Parking		29	18,940	20,000	(1,060)	95%
Church Rental		30	1,405	1,500	(95)	94%
Hall Rental		31	7,205	7,000	205	103%
Total RENTAL INCOME		32	<u>27,550</u>	<u>28,500</u>	<u>(950)</u>	<u>97%</u>
DNS&PEI Endowment Fund Interest		33				
ETFs to Income	6.	34	13,800			
Church Preservation Endowment	12.	35	9,645	10,000	(355)	96%
Deaf endowment		36	942	975	(33)	97%
Total DNS&PEI Endowment Fund Interest		37	<u>24,387</u>	<u>10,975</u>	<u>13,412</u>	<u>222%</u>
Special Fund Raising Events-net	7.	38	7,671	5,000	2,671	153%
Calendars		39	668	600	68	111%
Church Tours		40		250	(250)	
Grant Income	2 & 12	41	17,725	3,570	14,155	496%
HST Income		42	11,743	11,729	14	100%
Total Interest, Rental, Other		43	<u>130,180</u>	<u>60,624</u>	<u>69,556</u>	<u>215%</u>
Total Income		44	<u>399,971</u>	<u>379,774</u>	<u>20,197</u>	<u>105%</u>
Gross Profit		45	399,971	379,774	20,197	105%
Expense		46				
Reconciliation Discrepancies		47				
584 - PST Expenses		48				
600 - GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES		49				
Bank Service Charges		50	707	1,000	(293)	71%
GST/HST Expense		51	22,175	11,940	10,235	186%
Special Events-expenses		52	200			
Summer Intern/Guide	2	53	4,585	1,500	3,085	306%
Treasurer Stipend		54	3,600	3,600		100%

	<u>Note #</u>	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Office Expenses		55				
Computers & Equipment		56	552	650	(98)	85%
Office Manager	8 & 10	57	4,124	9,000	(4,876)	46%
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance		58	4,094	5,080	(986)	81%
Photocopying		59		200	(200)	
Supplies & Postage		60	1,990	2,500	(510)	80%
Telecommunication		61	2,144	2,200	(56)	97%
Total Office Expenses		62	12,904	19,630	(6,726)	66%
Allotment		63	38,461	38,464	(3)	100%
Total 600 - GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES		64	82,632	76,134	6,498	109%
700 - ORDAINED MINISTRY		65				
Stipend - Rector	10.	66	24,608	39,373	(14,765)	63%
Benefits		67	12,724	13,297	(573)	96%
Housing Allowance		68	28,700	28,700	0	100%
Travel Reimbursement		69	5,280	5,280		100%
Vacation Replacement		70	225	600	(375)	38%
Telecommunications		71	945	1,000	(55)	95%
Diocesan Events		72		350	(350)	
Priest -Assistant Ministry	10.	73	1,550	2,000	(450)	78%
Total 700 - ORDAINED MINISTRY		74	74,032	90,600	(16,568)	82%
800 - PASTORAL MINISTRY		75				
SK Coordinator/Outreach Support	8.	76	13,331	13,350	(19)	100%
Christmas Outreach		77	3,392	2,700	692	126%
Deaf Ministry Interpreters		78	7,880	7,700	180	102%
Missions		79	500	500		100%
Outreach (family support)		80	1,466	3,000	(1,534)	49%
Scouting fees		81	1,000	1,000		100%
Soup Kitchen		82	1,345	1,800	(455)	75%
St George's YouthNet		83				

	Note #	Line #	Jan - Dec 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
YouthNet Music	9.	84	5,000	5,000	0	100%
St George's YouthNet - Other		85	5,110	5,000	110	102%
Total St George's YouthNet		86	10,110	10,000	110	101%
Total 800 - PASTORAL MINISTRY		87	39,024	40,050	(1,026)	97%
900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT		88				
B - Memorials		89	1,381			
A - General Expenses		90				
Advertising		91	1,820	2,500	(680)	73%
Altar Guild		92	1,183	1,500	(317)	79%
Gifts		93		400	(400)	
Guest Speakers		94	1,684	1,800	(116)	94%
Lay Readers Annual Dues		95	90	90		100%
Liturgical Supplies		96	3,524	1,900	1,624	185%
Parish Library		97	143	200	(57)	72%
Special SD Events/Program Costs		98	314	800	(486)	39%
Supplies-Calendar		99	648	650	(2)	100%
Total A - General Expenses		100	9,406	9,840	(434)	96%
C - Music Program		101				
Musicians		102	8,097	6,000	2,097	135%
Stipend - Director	9 & 10	103	19,526	30,000	(10,474)	65%
Vacation Replacement		104	725	1,500	(775)	48%
Music Expenses		105	1,235	2,500	(1,265)	49%
Total C - Music Program		106	29,583	40,000	(10,417)	74%
D - Sunday School Program		107				
Youth		108	3,766	3,500	266	108%
Supplies & Materials		109	16	700	(684)	2%
Total D - Sunday School Program		110	3,782	4,200	(418)	90%

	<u>Note #</u>	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Total 900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT		111	44,152	54,040	(9,888)	82%
1000 - PROPERTY		112				
A - General		113				
Security		114	2,609	3,150	(541)	83%
Development	4, 5 & 6	115	43,922			
Insurance		116	16,553	18,000	(1,447)	92%
Maintenance		117		500	(500)	
A - General - Other		118	840			
Total A - General		119	<u>63,924</u>	<u>21,650</u>	<u>42,274</u>	<u>295%</u>
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)		120				
Janitorial Services		121	1,381	4,500	(3,119)	31%
Maintenance & Repairs		122	3,010	10,000	(6,990)	30%
Supplies		123	1,192	2,100	(908)	57%
Utilities		124				
Electric		125	6,201	7,000	(799)	89%
Oil		126	17,208	19,000	(1,792)	91%
Propane		127	1,328	900	428	148%
Water		128	671	900	(229)	75%
Total Utilities		129	<u>25,408</u>	<u>27,800</u>	<u>(2,392)</u>	<u>91%</u>
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)		130	30,991	44,400	(13,409)	70%
C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis		131				
Trinity House Capital Repairs	11.	132	2,676			
Internet		133	1,050			
Maintenance & Repairs		134	<u>1,200</u>			
Total Maintenance & Repairs		135	<u>1,200</u>	0	1,200	100%
Taxes & Fire Protection		136	3,287	3,300	(13)	100%

	<u>Note #</u>	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Telephone		137	665	1,200	(535)	55%
Utilities		138				
Electric		139	1,719	2,000	(281)	86%
Gas		140	1,760	2,000	(240)	88%
Water		141	947	1,300	(353)	73%
Total Utilities		142	<u>4,426</u>	<u>5,300</u>	<u>(874)</u>	<u>84%</u>
Total C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis		143	13,304	9,800	3,504	136%
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)		144				
Capital Repairs		145				
Maintenance & Repairs		146	39	200	(161)	20%
Utilities		147				
Electric		148	308	300	8	103%
Total Utilities		149	<u>308</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>103%</u>
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)		150	347	500	(153)	69%
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)		151				
Janitorial		152	3,900	4,000	(100)	98%
Maintenance & Repairs		153	5,567	2,000	3,567	278%
Organ Maintenance		154	3,047	2,000	1,047	152%
Preservation Expense Transfer	12.	155	1,627			
Preservation Expense		156	19,433	10,000	9,433	194%
Fire Protection		157	555	600	(45)	93%
Utilities		158				
Electric		159	1,798	2,200	(402)	82%
Oil		160	14,599	17,000	(2,401)	86%
Water		161	722	800	(78)	90%
Total Utilities		162	<u>17,119</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(2,881)</u>	<u>86%</u>
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)		163	51,248	38,600	12,648	133%

	<u>Note #</u>	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Total 1000 - PROPERTY		164	<u>159,814</u>	<u>114,950</u>	<u>44,864</u>	<u>139%</u>
Total Expense		165	<u>399,654</u>	<u>375,774</u>	<u>23,880</u>	<u>106%</u>
Net Ordinary Income		166	<u>317</u>		<u>317</u>	<u>100%</u>
Net Income		167	<u><u>317</u></u>		<u><u>317</u></u>	<u><u>100%</u></u>

Parish of St. George
Balance Sheet
2012 Year End (Audited)

Accrual Basis

31 Dec 12

ASSETS	Note #	Line #	
Current Assets		168	
Chequing/Savings		169	
TD/Canada Trust		170	189,247
Total Chequing/Savings		171	<u>189,247</u>
Other Current Assets		172	
Petty Cash		173	300
Diocesan Endowment Funds		174	
Committed Investments		175	
Helen Johnson Youth Music IDtba	13 & 14	176	50,000
Altar Guild ID840	14.	177	856
Helen C Johnson Ministry ID825	14.	178	23,925
Little Dutch Church ID845	14.	179	12,472
Memorial Fund ID850	14.	180	3,599
Pickford Choral Scholar ID860	14.	181	11,559
Preservation & Conserv. ID870	14.	182	244,922
Wright Gravelot Fund [Lot 10]	14.	183	<u>1,687</u>
Total Committed Investments		184	349,020
Uncommitted Investments		185	
Rectors & Wardens ID810	14.	186	19,867
Rectors Fund ID830	14.	187	8,554
Shaw James A ID820	14.	188	<u>2,789</u>
Total Uncommitted Investments		189	<u>31,210</u>
Total Diocesan Endowment Funds	15.	190	<u>380,230</u>
Total Other Current Assets		191	<u>380,530</u>
Total Current Assets		192	<u>569,777</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		193	<u>569,777</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		194	
Liabilities		195	
Current Liabilities		196	
Accounts Payable		197	
Accounts Payable		198	19,454
Total Accounts Payable		199	<u>19,454</u>
Other Current Liabilities		200	
ST - Funds held for specifics		201	
Altar Guild Fund		202	1,831

		31 Dec 12
Bequests	203	48,624
Christmas Outreach Fund	204	5,008
Choir Chair Fund	205	889
Curacy Fund	206	2,160
Hall Building Fund	207	31,861
LDC	208	682
Memorials	209	11,312
Missions Appeal Fund	210	4,981
Organ Fund	211	1,362
Pickford Scholarship	212	1,396
Preservation ST Fund	12. 213	1,627
PWRDF Appeal Fund	214	23
Rector's Discretionary Fund	215	1,172
Soup Kitchen Fund	216	2,161
Special Gift Fund	217	295
Total ST - Funds held for specifics	218	115,384
Total Other Current Liabilities	219	115,384
Total Current Liabilities	220	134,838
Long Term Liabilities	221	
Liabilites associated with ETF	222	
Helen Johnson Youth Music Trust	14. 223	50,000
Altar Guild	14. 224	856
HJ Deaf Ministry Fund	14. 225	23,925
LDC	14. 226	12,472
Memorial Fund	14. 227	3,599
Pickford Choral Scholarship	14. 228	11,559
Preservation Fund - Church	14. 229	244,922
Gravelot Fund [Lot 10]	14. 230	1,687
Rector & Wardens	14. 231	19,867
Rectors Fund	14. 232	8,554
James A Shaw Fund	14. 233	2,789
Total Liabilites associated with ETF	15. 234	380,230
Total Long Term Liabilities	235	380,230
Total Liabilities	236	515,068
Equity	237	
Retained Earnings	238	54,394
Net Income	239	317
Total Equity	240	54,711
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	241	569,779

Notes to the 2012 Year End Financial Statements

Income & Expense

1. Line 8
Shortfall complimented by benefit from FSGS
2. Lines 19, 41 & 53
Summer Intern/Guide Summary

2012 Income	
Summer Student Grant	\$3,395
Designated gift	\$1,000
Total Income	\$4,395
2013 Expenses	\$4,585
Net Cost to parish	\$ 190
3. Line 25
Monies received in 2011 more than offset actual cost paid in 2012
4. Line 26 & 115
Sufficient to pay for WHW Architects was drawn into income from the hall fund as approved by Parish Council.
5. Line 27 & 115
Partial bequest used to pay 50% balance of KCI study billing in 2012 as approved by Parish Council.
6. Line 34 & 115
Withdrawal of funds from Rector & Wardens' Endowment Trust Fund to pay previous year Fowler Bauld & Mitchell invoice as approved by Parish Council. Expectation of recovery of funds from a CMHC grant in early 2013.
7. Line 38
Special Fund Raising Events includes the net income from book and plant sales and the 2011 Pancake Supper.
8. Line 57 & 76
Office Manager Payroll shared between General Expenses and Soup Kitchen Coordinator/Outreach Support.
9. Line 84 & 103
YouthNet Music includes portion of Music Director's stipend to provide this program to YN youth.
10. Line 57, 66, 73 & 103
Office Manager, Rector Stipend, Priest Assistant, and Music Director have received the benefit of some expenses being paid directly by Friends of Saint George's Society
11. Line 132
Partial expenses of Bathroom Renovations; additional expenses incurred in 2013 budget.
12. Line 155, 35 & 41 + Line 213 of Balance Sheet
Transfer to fund account of unspent Church Preservation Endowment interest unspent after taking foundation grant into account.

Balance Sheet

13. Line 176
New bequest received by way of Diocesan Endowment Trust Fund designated for Youth Music. First interest will be realized in 2nd Quarter of 2013
14. Lines 176-188 & 223-233, and
15. Lines 190 & 234
Liabilities associated with Endowment Trust Funds (ETF) figures equal the amount of their respective investments. These balanced totals making it easier to understand our equity position at any given time.

THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
DECLARATION CERTIFICATE
CERTIFICATE NO. NSPE-054

In consideration of the conditions, stipulations and declarations contained herein and the general conditions and riders attached hereto and the premium specified below, the INSURERS, do insure as follows:

CERTIFICATE HOLDER : The Parish of St. George

MAILING ADDRESS OF : 2222 Brunswick Street
CERTIFICATE HOLDER : Halifax, NS B3K2Z3

POLICY PERIOD : From March 1, 2012, until March 1, 2013, at 12:01 a.m. standard time

TOTAL PREMIUM : \$16,453

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>LIMIT OF LIABILITY</u>	<u>DEDUCTIBLE</u>
I} PROPERTY OF EVERY DESCRIPTION	As per attached Schedule of Locations	\$5,000 each occurrence, except \$25,000 Flood 3% / \$100,000 min. Earthquake
II} BUSINESS INTERRUPTION	\$100,000 aggregate/occurrence	\$NIL
III} COMPREHENSIVE CRIME		
- Employee Dishonesty Form A	\$50,000	\$500 each occurrence
- Inside/Outside Holdup	\$25,000	\$250 each occurrence
- Depositors Forgery	\$20,000	\$500 each occurrence
- Money Orders & Counterfeit Currency	\$20,000	\$500 each occurrence
- Credit Card Fraud	\$20,000	\$500 each occurrence
- Audit Expense	\$25,000	\$NIL
IV} COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY	\$5,000,000 each occurrence General Aggregate Limit	\$500 Property Damage only, each occurrence
POLLUTION LIABILITY	\$1,000,000	\$1,000 Third Party Property Damage only
ABUSE COVERAGE	\$10,000,000 per occurrence \$10,000,000 annual aggregate	\$NIL
VI} BOILER & MACHINERY	Included	\$5,000 each occurrence

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE OFFICE plc has issued a Master Policy No. 0105122FX01, but this Certificate shall not be binding upon the Company unless countersigned by a duly authorized representative of the Company.

DIRECTORS' & OFFICERS' LIABILITY: \$1,000,000 per claim subject to an annual aggregate of \$1,000,000 (Including Defense Costs)

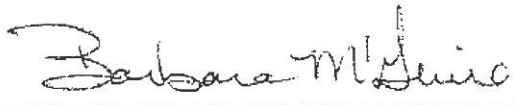
RETENTION: \$2,500 for Loss arising from claims alleging the same Wrongful Act or related Wrongful Acts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Chartis Insurance Company of Canada has issued a Master Policy No. 1638818, but this Certificate shall not be binding upon the Company unless countersigned by a duly authorized representative of the Company.

<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>INSURERS</u>	<u>PARTICIPATION</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
Part I to V Inclusive	Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc	100%	\$16,358
Directors' & Officers' Insurance	Chartis Insurance Company of Canada	100%	\$95

For purpose of the Insurance Companies Act (Canada), this document was issued in the course of Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc insurance business in Canada.

Dated: February 26, 2012 at Halifax, Nova Scotia


by, Marsh Canada Limited

THIS POLICY CONTAINS A CLAUSE THAT MAY LIMIT THE AMOUNT PAYABLE

THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SCHEDULE OF LOCATIONS

Named Insured: The Parish of St. George

Effective: 01-MAR-2012
Policy No.: NSPE-054

Loc. I.D.	Description	Rating Class	Limit per Location	Rate	Premium	Poll Prem	Sub Total	
1	Building and Contents of St. George's Church, 2222 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS; wood frame, hydrant protected, sprinklered, fire alarm, intruder alarm, oil heat, rebuilt 1999.	AA AA	\$10,689,585 \$112,750 Total \$10,802,335	0.0953 0.0953 Total	\$10,190.00 \$107.00 Total \$10,297.00	2 A \$170	\$10,467	
2	Building & Contents of St. George's Hall, 5429 Cornwallis Street, Halifax, NS; wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, fire alarm, intruder alarm, oil heat, built 1900	A A	\$1,622,089 \$116,133 Total \$1,738,222	0.2163 0.2163 Total	\$3,508.00 \$251.00 Total \$3,759.00	2 A \$170	\$3,929	
3	Building & Contents of Little Dutch Church, 2393 Brunswick Street, Halifax, NS, wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, no heat, built 1755	A A	\$108,140 \$1,161 Total \$109,301	0.2703 0.2703 Total	\$292.00 \$3.00 Total \$295.00		\$295	
4	Building & Parish Contents of Parish Rectory, 5435 Cornwallis St., Halifax, NS; wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, oil heat, built 1850	A A	\$335,232 \$2,323 Total \$337,555	0.2703 0.2703 Total	\$906.00 \$6.00 Total \$912.00		\$912	
			Building Contents Total					
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Total Property Limits			\$12,987,413					
							Commercial General Liability Premium:	\$660
							Crime Premium	\$95
							TOTAL PREMIUM	\$16,358

Many thanks to those who helped get this Annual Report printed:

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you'll find their names after each report*

And to the Rector and Wardens, the members of the Finance Committee, Parish Council, and of course to our treasurer Jan Connors for their tireless work on the budget, thoughtful time spent on revisions, and commitment to carrying St George's forward in good financial health.