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Parish of St George
Annual General Meeting
February 27, 2016
Agenda as per Canon 35

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Parish of St. George
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
22 February 2015

A. Opening Prayer: Fr Christopher Snook (Chair)

B. Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of the St George's Annual General Meeting, March 17th 2014, were circulated.

Correction: On page 3 of the Minutes in the Annual Report, a sentence should read "... some funds from the Brian Start and a memorial fund were transferred..."

MOTION: J M Dawson moved the approval of the minutes for the previous AGM (17 March 2014). J Connors seconded. Carried.

C. Business Arising from the Minutes

Al Wilson asked if Parish Council has discussed Daniel Watson's concerns from last year.

The Wardens had asked Daniel to send his concerns in a letter to Parish Council for discussion. Darren Dyck said that we only received Daniel's message 3 weeks ago, so Parish Council hasn't yet been able to consider it.

D. Correspondence

None.

E. Report of the Rector

Fr Christopher thanked everyone, particularly the Wardens, for their gracious support and encouragement since his arrival in September. He had an extra thanks to give for Jane Mills, SeniorWarden, who took on many, many projects, and was part of the search committee — a huge undertaking! Thank you, Jane!

Fr Christopher called our attention to three principles — love, adoration, and community — to call upon in our worship and service. He presented three items for prayer:

The ministry of YouthNet: The parish needs to continue with vigilance and care to sustain this relationship, and see YouthNet as an extension of the ministry and life of the parish.

Deck the Hall: The parish will continue to bear in mind the purpose and intention of the renovation, and how it feeds our ministry.

The role of ordained women at St George's: The parish should allow this question to be animated by adoration and reflection.

MOTION: D. Dyck moved the acceptance of the Rector's Report. S. Harris seconded. Carried.

F. Report of the Wardens

Gwynedd Pickett spoke, thanking Jane for her wonderful and kind service. She also thanked Elisabeth Kleven for her service in the office, particularly during our time without a rector.

Gwynedd mentioned that it is exciting to see new people stepping into positions of leadership and helpfulness. The church is a living, growing thing, and requires much care and attention. It is wonderful to know of contributions from everyone in the congregation, many of these contributions being quiet and unseen. We are grateful and hope this momentum is ongoing. Some of these projects include the development of a "SafeR Church" policy, the Deck the Hall project, and the Sunday School.

MOTION: G. Pickett moved the acceptance of the Wardens' Report. M. Hills seconded. Carried.

G. Financial Statements for 2014

The total income for 2014 is \$288,321, and we have total expenses of \$285,131, for a net income of \$3,190. We ended the year in the black, and paid all our bills!

Net other income for Deck the Hall is \$153,806.

Jan asked if there were any questions, but none were brought forward.

MOTION: J. Connors moved the adoption of the Financial Statements. S. Harris seconded. Carried.

Jan mentioned that she worked closely with Jennifer Dyck and Elisabeth Kleven, and she thanked them for that work. She also mentioned Mike Himmelman, our Chair of Finance, and the counters, who take on such a challenging job in the parish, and thanked them for their ongoing work.

Garth MacPhee thanked Jan Connors for her tireless efforts in service of St George's.

H. Insurance Reports for 2014

We have the best coverage for the best price, and are very well served with the coverage this year. There have been no claims in 2014, thanks be to God!

I. Reports of Standing Committees

Property

John Mark Dawson mentioned that the historic windows in the hall will be installed on March 17th. The cuts in the plaster where the asbestos has been removed are visible, and everything is ready to go.

Jacque de Mestral noted that the property report didn't mention work to be done to the floor of the LDC, and asked that we be sure not to forget about this important repair.

Jennifer King asked how the progress was going with re-envisioning Trinity House's purpose. Fr Christopher spoke to this, saying that our goal right now is to get to a point where only the Sexton is resident in the house, and then we will be able to move forward with future possibilities. It would be best to have a fallow period for a time to give us space for discernment. By the end of this month we will have only parishioners resident there, which is part of our goal for the house.

Pastoral Ministry/Outreach

Uli vom Hagen, Chair of Pastoral Ministry/Outreach, mentioned that he and Tracy von Hagen have been meeting with Fr Christopher to discern a path for the committee, and though no concrete actions have yet been taken, there has been thoughtful attention given to this, and we intend to 'get it going' in 2015, with regards to a pastoral visitation team in the parish.

J. Safer Church

Gwynedd Pickett brought forward a policy for the parish to consider, which would lead to creating a plan for Safer Church. We must move on this as our duty to the Diocese.

SafeR Church has been developed on a diocesan level in response to concerns about safety and liability. This is influenced by scandals and news stories, but also by an intention to be welcoming and ensure that everyone is well-treated. We should view this as a reflection of our Christian Love and respectful attitude towards each other. Having this in place will encourage new members, visitors, and seekers, and we can view it as a piece of our responsible ministry.

A Safer Church plan has implications for insurance, snow/ice clearing, as well as ministry and work with children, etc, as we make a commitment that this a welcoming and safe community.

The policy Gwynedd proposed is a statement of our intent, but is not the detailed plan. If we choose to adopt the policy today, then our next step is to develop that detailed plan (indicated in section 6 of the policy). Details would include things like determining if we should require vulnerable sector checks for members of our congregation that work with children, or having a pairs system for parish visiting. The deadline for implementation of the initial plan is June 2015.

While having a policy on this subject is a Diocesan requirement, we need to ensure that what we develop is a reflection of St George's desire to be transparent, and to make a public commitment to safety.

Sue Zinck mentioned that there may be concerns that this belies a lack of trust in each other, or undermines our trusting relationships and friendships. She noted that not only is this sort of policy completely standard for those in professional ministry, but it is very helpful. The policy does not preclude knowing each other well, and this should always be our intent. She asked why the Diocese weren't more prescriptive about the policy, and Gwynedd said that the Diocese wants each church to tailor it to their particular needs.

Andrea Lee asked if we could have police record checks arranged through the church. Elisabeth said that it's ready to go anytime we're ready to use it. She will be in touch with Andrea.

Al Wilson mentioned that we should note which 'law' takes precedence in the event of a conflict between civil and diocesan rules. It was pointed out that the Diocesan policy on sexual misconduct does comply with statutory reporting obligations. Al Wilson moved an amendment to section 3.3: "The Parish will heed requirements established by the diocese in matters related to abuse prevention and response, *provided there is no conflict with civil law (as above.)*"

Jacque de Mestral asked why the "R" in "SafeR Church" is capitalized. This is a quirk of the Diocese's choosing, and it was generally agreed that we, in our own policy, will call it "Safer Church."

Gwynedd will chair a committee, and welcomes volunteers.

MOTION: G. Pickett moved the adoption of the Safer Church policy as amended. W. Himmelman seconded. Carried.

K. Budget for 2015

We are aiming for the same target as recent years — \$264,500. We have had two transitional years, and neither of those years have we met our targeted budget, but we are looking at a more stable year, and hope to meet it this year.

The budget includes a .5% increase for lay stipends, recommended by the Diocese. It also includes an increase for Jim Rawding and John Krell, who clean the church weekly. It does not include any Deck the Hall money — Parish Council has approved a separate bank account and accounting process for Deck the Hall, so from 2015 on, the Deck the Hall project will be reported separately.

Trinity House income is way down, due to our expectation that the house will be predominately empty for much of the year. We did not spend any money on Trinity House capital repairs in 2014, partly due to the transitional nature of the space.

Our new photocopier lease allows us to reduce the amount we have budgeted for that item. Our allotment is significantly lower this year — by \$15,000! — a process a long time in coming.

Our budget comes to \$333,851 in 2015.

Uli vom Hagen asked who the budget committee was. It was Jan Connors, Mike Himmelman, Jane Mills, Fr Christopher, and Jennifer Dyck. Uli commented that he has doubts that we can meet this budget, and wanted us to be wary about committing to an ambitious budget when we've had financial troubles the last couple years. Jan spoke to this, mentioning that historically when a rector is not in place, giving

diminishes due to uncertainty. Seeing how the parish does this year at meeting our budgeted undesignated offerings will give us an indication of how realistic a goal this is going forward.

Mike Himmelman thanked Uli for his comments, and agreed that a new budget is a challenge. He said that if we are to start cutting the budget, we will feel those cuts, and they would come from things like heating and lights.

MOTION: J. Connors moved the approval of the proposed budget for 2015. S. Zinck seconded. Carried.

L. Elections

Al Wilson was declared the nominee as Warden. Jan Connors was re-nominated as Treasurer, and Elisabeth Kleven as Recording Secretary. Nominated for Parish Council members-at-large were Nicholas Hatt, Wendy Himmelman, Judith Fisher, Donna Stewart, and Davinia Wright. Jacquie de Mestral and Craig Savoury were nominated as Synod delegates.

A Deck the Hall committee was established, consisting of John Mark Dawson, Anne Snook, Anne West, Jens Jensen, a Warden, Elisabeth Kleven, and John Swaine.

MOTION: J. Connors moved the election of those nominated. J. King seconded. Carried.

MOTION: D. Dyck moved the adjournment of the Annual General Meeting.

M. Closing Prayer: Fr Christopher closed the meeting in prayer.

Nominations 2016

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

Gwynedd Pickett (Warden)
 Jens Jensen (Property Chair)
 John Mark Dawson
 Ulrich vom Hagen
 Heather Jensen
 Nick Hatt

Stepping down to take up another position (many thanks!):

Craig Savoury (Warden)

Position	Returning	Nominated
<i>Warden</i>	Al Wilson (2 of 3)	
<i>Warden</i>		Jacqueline de Mestral
<i>Warden</i>		Suzanne Zinck
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jan Connors	
<i>Secretary</i>	Elisabeth Stones	
<i>Members-at-Large</i> <i>(max. 12, 3 year terms)</i>	Benjamin Lee (3 of 3) Kieva Diamond (3 of 3) Duncan Neish (3 of 3) Mike Himmelman (3 of 3) Wendy Himmelman (2 of 3) Judith Fisher (2 of 3) Donna Stewart (2 of 3) Davinia Wright (2 of 3)	Rozzi Curran Richard Kent Jennifer King
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>		
<i>Parish Archivist</i>	Taunya Dawson	
Leadership Responsibilities:		
<i>Spiritual Development Chair</i>	Susan Harris	
<i>Pastoral Ministry Chair</i>	Ulrich vom Hagen	
<i>Outreach Chair</i>		Susan Dodd
<i>Stewardship Committee Chair</i>		Jane Mills
<i>Finance Committee Chair</i>		Nathan McAllister
<i>Property Committee Chair</i>		Craig Savoury
<i>Publicity Committee Chair</i>	Cheryl Bell	
<i>Envelope Secretary</i>	Judith Fisher	
<i>Hospitality Team Leader</i>	Mary Hills	
<i>Hospital Visiting</i>	Roseanne Reeve-Newson	

Rector's Report

The Christian life is in many ways an heroic life, though unlike the lives of ancient heroes whose stories are the stuff of epic poetry, our stories are largely untold and anonymous.

The quiet heroism of struggling through illness and death in families, the patient heroism of working through difficulties in friendships, the hidden bravery of those challenging their addictions, the determination of all those who labour and pray sacrificially for the life of our parish, the daily discipline required to refrain from judging our neighbour and grow in virtue, the untold burdens of all those in our parish family battling depression, anxiety, or financial instability – all of these things and much more constitute the anonymous heroism that makes up the warp and woof of our life together as we seek by grace to be more fully conformed to Christ.

This hidden life of Christian heroism describes the vast majority of our parish ministries. There are, for example, the small and dedicated group of daily office officiants and altar servers along with the altar guild that make our weekly round of worship possible; the hidden ministry of counters and the envelope secretary, of choristers and Choir director; the quiet labour by those who oversee hospitality, of parish cleaners and those who work in the Soup Kitchen; the largely unacknowledged work of our Sunday School superintendent and teachers, confirmation class instructors, guest speakers, pastoral visitor, assisting clergy, librarian, parish archivist, scouting team, the Deck the Hall committee, YouthNet, parish treasurer, parish administrator, Parish Council, and on and on. An extraordinary amount of our life is hidden and anonymous and unacknowledged.

This is, of course, as it should be – for our Lord himself lived 'hidden' in the backwaters of the Roman Empire and exhorts us to do our good "in secret." Yet each year at the AGM we are invited to pause to remember that nothing in the life of St George's is possible without the gracious, generous and largely anonymous work of so many. Glory to God!

I cannot summarize in this report the breadth of what happens in a year at St George's. I would, however, like to share the following reflections as we look to the year ahead – highlights, as it were, of my own thoughts. But before proceeding, I wanted to highlight the vision governing the life of Christian community: Adoration.



Fr Christopher, Evelyn Snook, Susan Harris, and Cathy Larsson making palm crosses. It's a serious business!

The vision of parish life that guides and sustains Christian community is the determination that all things tend towards the adoration of God in Himself. This is the meaning, for example, of the extraordinary effort devoted to our worshipping life and also the meaning of every outreach initiative. *By prayer and mutual love, we seek to adore the one by Whom all things are made.* This adoration is not only the goal of our worshipping life. Rather, our labour in this community is to lead it, in its own way, to the same adoration. Though composed of people from various religious traditions and with widely different spiritual commitments – even none at all –, we prioritize adoration and contemplation by insisting that all we do be informed by the Good, the True, and the Beautiful. These are the attributes of God. If they are characteristic of our life together, they will lead souls, each in their own way, to adoration.

1. The Role of Women in Holy Orders at St George's: In response to concerns raised at the AGM in 2014 over the role of ordained women at St George's, I committed at the 2015 AGM to explore the

concern with Parish Council. Late last year I prepared a report for the Council that described briefly the history of this question in our parish and suggested a way forward. That report is appended to my annual report. It highlights practical ways that St George's is able to support and highlight the presence of ordained women in our life together. It also argues that the very significant division in our parish over the ministry of ordained women is only one of many ways in which we are a community of deeply-held and very diverse convictions. This is not a detriment to life together, but a blessing inasmuch as these differences teach us patience, forbearance, and love. I commend the report to all.

2. Trinity House: Over the past year Trinity House has begun to take on a very different character than when I first arrived at St George's. At the time of my writing, with just two residents (the Sextons), the house is both in better appearance and more open to the parish than previously. A study group was hosted there last autumn; two studies will be held there in Lent (on Wednesdays and Sundays); meetings have occurred periodically; games nights happen regularly for a small group of relatively new parishioners; a "Tea and Trinity House" discussion series is in the works with the guidance of Dr Susan Dodd; and the addition of a second floor sitting room has increased the number of usable spaces for community and parish events. The offering of work space on the third floor of the house to graduate students from the parish has allowed these same students to enter more fully into the life of the parish. Increasingly, the House is taking on the shape of a parish ministry.

3. St George's YouthNet: Fr Westhaver and the Board of St George's YouthNet worked determinedly in the early years of this decade to articulate the guiding vision of YouthNet and to return the organization to its founding principles. This work continued this past year with the hiring of Rozzi Curran as Executive Director – a candidate with both a long history with the children and teens as well as a deep understanding of YouthNet as fundamentally an expression of the congregation's life in our community. Claiming this relationship to YouthNet by actively seeking to support its work not only financially, but especially by presence and engagement with staff and children, is crucial to YouthNet's continued importance as a mission of this specific congregation to the wider parish community. Many will remember the early days of YouthNet when not only staff, but also volunteers, lunch providers, and more were active parishioners. Many of its most formative and significant programmes were also inspired by members of the worshipping congregation. Please prayerfully consider allowing YouthNet to be the means by which you express the call to make friends in our parish.

4. Refugee Committee: The refugee sponsorship committee has been an extraordinarily energetic community. As its work turns towards the practical demands of welcoming a new family, my sincere



David Snair enjoys the grounds, Trinity House in the background

hope is that its work might be the seed of a larger engagement with some of the social conversations currently underway in the North End.

As always, this year a new warden will be welcomed and another step down. Gwynedd Pickett has in the last three years not only weathered not only a parochial search committee, but also untold numbers of hidden burdens and anxieties as a warden for our parish. We give thanks to God for her ministry, which has always included very clear insight and remarkable calm.

Please pray for me, a sinner.

The Rev'd Christopher Snook BA, MA, MA (Th)

APPENDIX: Rector's Report to Parish Council on the Role of Ordained Women at St George's

A pastoral reflection on the role of ordained women at St George's Anglican Church

In 2001, St George's Parish Council convened for its monthly meeting in the absence of one warden. The warden had left the parish due to his disagreement with the active support of the discernment process for a woman in the congregation. In response, then-Rector (Father Gary Thorne) clarified in that Council meeting and in his Annual Report for the same year his understanding of St George's relation to the national Church's admission of women to all three orders of ministry. As noted in my report to the Annual Meeting in 2015, as a member parish of the Anglican Church of Canada in good standing, St George's does not and cannot have a policy on the ordination of women apart from the national Church. The parish recognizes and has supported the calls of at least two women to ordained ministry. It will be called upon to support more. The parish has consistently welcomed women clergy as guest preachers and to assist in services. I work collegially with women in holy orders from across the Diocese, most recently conducting a pre-ordination quiet day at St George's for two women to be made deacons. *That* women are ordained in our Church is a matter of national policy. The painful and divisive question for St George's (as witnessed by a warden's departure in 2001 and more recently by difficult discussions at the AGM of 2014) is what role ordained women may have in this parish. How do we live together in Gospel love knowing that we disagree on this issue?

As in 2001, St George's includes many who see the ordination of women as a natural development of Christian thought and practice and critical to the preaching of the Gospel in the 21st century. St George's also includes those who view the ordination of women as incompatible with Church tradition and sacred scripture. This is not, of course, the only issue on which there is disagreement in the parish. Different opinions on any number of significant concerns abound: abortion, euthanasia, same-sex marriage, the relative merits of the prayer book versus alternative liturgies, the meaning of 'parish' and 'parish ministry', social outreach and more.

The fundamental commitment of our parish (and our unique witness within our Diocese and even within the National Church) is to live the classical Anglican patterns of worship and Christian living described in the spiritual system of the Book of Common Prayer. Our commitment to this system as a coherent and inspired means to lead our souls to the vision of God is what makes us a unique Christian community that takes up the very best of 2000 years of prayer and theological reflection in its liturgy, music and preaching. St George's has assumed for decades that adequate responses to the difficult questions of our age will only be reached (in this life or the next) inasmuch as we submit ourselves to this rhythm of prayer and service.

So, what to do?

I have considered many possibilities, none of which seem adequate. Some have suggested a gathering of parishioners to discuss our various positions on this sensitive question, but this may well prove more and not less divisive. Alternatively, others would have us consider the history of women's ordination in the Anglican Communion so as to better understand our various positions. But this too is unsatisfactory

inasmuch as any adequate consideration of holy orders requires a much more systematic process of reflection on the fundamental questions of the Christian understanding of what it means to be human.

More positively, I think, than any of these alternatives might be to address the concern that women are under-represented at St George's by highlighting the ways that we can and do as a parish family support the ongoing inclusion of women (lay and ordained) in the worshipping and teaching life of our community by

1. making an ongoing effort to include women in the preaching, teaching and assisting roles of the Church.
2. remaining open to assisting in the formation of clergy for the Diocese, both women and men. (We were recently invited, for example, to coordinate with the Rev'd Debra Burleson the inclusion of candidates for ordination in the servers rota – subdeacon, crucifer, acolyte, thurifer – at evening liturgies this new year. This is one way of exposing ordinands to the riches of the prayer book tradition.)
3. proposing to the Spiritual Development committee that we explore the issues of Christian anthropology that inform our understanding of what it means to be human. The purpose of such study is simply deeper and more faithful prayer about all of the contemporary issues impacting our lives, from questions of gender, to euthanasia and more.

These are three small steps that speak to current concerns in the parish simply by bringing more attention and intention to various areas of our life together.

As mentioned in my report to the AGM, who celebrates in the absence of the Rector is entirely a matter of his or her discretion. I will continue to exercise discretion in this matter to the very best of my ability according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. My role as Rector in this issue is that of Pastor. My desire is to be deeply and truly sensitive to the pastoral needs of every member of the Body of Christ in our Parish.

I take upon myself in prayer the burdens of all parishioners. This includes the burdens of those who would find it difficult to continue in our parish if it allowed women in holy orders to perform priestly and episcopal functions. It also includes those who feel increasing difficulty continuing in our parish family unless they begin to see more active participation of women in holy orders. These tensions are terribly hard, but they are not antithetical to our life together. Rather, they refine our loving. Indeed, our ongoing life together as a community depends on our willingness to bear one another's burdens relative to this and many, many other concerns.

I will actively seek spiritual conversation with our people about all matters of Christian discipleship, behavior, discipline, church order, and doctrine, including the issue of women in holy orders. In the end my shepherding of the congregation of Saint George's Parish will always be in accordance with my seeking the mind of Christ, the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

I lean upon the prayers of each of you, trusting that in God's providence we may continue to support and encourage one another in Love even 'as the Day approaches'.

Please pray for me.

Father Christopher Snook

Report of the Pastoral Visitor

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 part-time Pastoral Visitor for the year 2015.

St. George's is a very busy and active Parish with a number of various Ministries, many under the capable leadership of Lay People. However, there are a number of Pastoral and Sacramental Ministries that are the responsibility of the Parish Priest. My Ministry as Pastoral Visitor is to assist Father Snook in carrying out these Ministries so that he may also have time for the administrative responsibilities that come his way as well.

This part-time Ministry involves Hospital Visits, Home and Hospital Communion, and occasionally celebrating the Eucharist at St. George's, assisting as Deacon, and Preaching. I have also assisted at Funerals.

I have been "on-call" occasionally while the Rector has been able to have a day off with his family, and when he has been sick, and also during holiday time.

With the vacancy in the Parish of Cornwallis, Ken Pringle and I have extended an invitation to the other Anglican Residents of Evergreen Home for Special Care (Kentville) to join us for Holy Communion. Our first Service was during Eastertide with a congregation of 9. Since then we have 6 who faithfully come, and they are very appreciative of this Ministry.

This year saw the death of John McNulty, one of my Home Communicants. I first met John at the Rehab when I came to St. George's in 2006 and since then have taken Communion to him at home and/or hospital. It was my privilege to anoint him before he died and to preach at his Funeral.

During the year there were 5 in Nursing Homes, and 2 at home who received Communion on a regular basis. This includes a new Parishioner at Arborstone whom I started to visit in November. In 2016, there will be 2 more Parishioners for Home Communion.

I thank you for the opportunity to exercise this Ministry and to be a part of the life of St. George's..

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

Hospital Visits: 63 Home Visits: 34 (not Communions)

Home/Hospital/Nursing Home Communion: 53

Funerals: Officiant/Assist: 3 Anointing of Sick/Dying: 2

Laying on of Hands with Prayer: 3

Celebrant/Deacon/Preacher: 17 Services

Imposition of Ashes (Ash Wed.) in Hospital/Nursing Home: 3

For a number of years, Elizabeth Jones shared in this Ministry by checking the **hospital lists** each week, informing me of Parishioners in hospital. Her sudden death was a shock to all of us, and I thank God for her ministry, and pray she may rest in peace, and rise in glory. Taunya Dawson has taken on this Ministry and I wish to express my appreciation to her. Roseanne Reeve-Newson also expressed interest in this Ministry and I am grateful to her as well. Thank you!

Your Brother in Christ,

The Rev'd Canon James Purchase, Pastoral Visitor

Wardens' Report

In preparing to write this report, it has been quite instructive to reread the Wardens' Reports from the past six years. Certain themes recur again and again. Some, of course, are expected: thanks for the many contributions that sustain parish life, and a summary of notable events over the prior year. However, it was interesting to see that struggles with priorities and goals for the parish and of having enough people "step up to the plate" to help out in practical ways have also characterized St. George's recent past. These have once again been issues over the last year, although there are encouraging signs of increased engagement and support.

It has been inspirational to see the success of the Refugee Sponsorship Committee. This group has mobilized tremendous support in a short time, with generous pledges of funds, time and talents. The effort has strengthened existing connections and forged new ones between St. George's and other members of the North End and faith communities. We look forward to the arrival of the Almasalma family in the spring, and the group is considering sponsorship of a second family.

Many thanks are due Nick Hatt and Wendy Himmelman for taking on the work involved in implementing the Safer Church policy adopted at last year's AGM. We are grateful to everyone who has helped out by providing input. This remains a work in progress, not just for St. George's but for the Diocese as a whole.

Our parish community has welcomed new faces, and mourned the loss of long-time friends. It is safe to say that St. George's as it is now would not exist had it not been for the tireless, unceasing efforts of Anne West towards the restoration of the Round Church, the establishment of YouthNet, the restoration of the Little Dutch Church and most recently the successful completion of Phase 4 (windows) of Deck the Hall. It was a joy to celebrate her 80th birthday in August and to see so many attend her funeral to celebrate a life well lived. We were also saddened by the death of Elizabeth Jones and miss her many and varied contributions to parish life, particularly her strong interest in the music program and Christmas Outreach. The next phases of the Deck the Hall initiative, which involve construction of the music room on the ground floor, will proceed in part due to generous donations in memory of these two amazing women. Music remains a vital part of the life and ministry of the parish, for which we extend many thanks to our wonderful Director, Garth MacPhee.

Deck the Hall's focus over the past several months has been on structural work and project planning; details on this and upcoming work are available in the Committee's report. We were blessed last spring by Susie Leblanc's beautiful concert, which was a wonderful jump-start to the fund-raising towards the Music Room.

The work being done to restore the hall – organizing fund-raisers, project planning, construction – primarily requires a small, core group of volunteers. We have been fortunate to have talented, dedicated people take on these jobs. Special projects such as repairing the boardwalk and improving the safety of the fence have also been suggested and undertaken by committed volunteers. However, the ongoing maintenance of the fabric of the parish remains a significant challenge. We are thankful that the Hall sees heavy use: far better to have our buildings bustling with activity, used for fellowship, community outreach, and generating some rental income to help balance our budget, than to have a museum on our hands! Yet, while hall users are responsible for cleaning up after themselves, general wear and tear is a natural consequence of constant use, and our buildings require periodic maintenance. The parish is desperately in need of a Property Committee. It has not had one for some time now. Emergency situations are being dealt with by one of the Wardens and by the chair of the Deck the Hall Building committee, but this is not a sustainable situation. Please consider prayerfully whether this is an area suited to your talents.

We all know St. George's is a unique place. One facet of this is the delicate tension between old and new; we are a place of intensely traditional worship and liturgy combined with a real desire for transformation and social justice. With changing demographics of our parish, with new tragedies and challenges affecting the world around us, our focus and means of ministry will also undergo changes. It is natural that as new interests and initiatives grow, long-standing ones may fade. Sometimes it is hard to make that explicit – to admit to ourselves that a particular group, event, or deserving cause is no longer our priority, even if it is clear by our actions that we are putting our time and money elsewhere. We may feel guilty about letting go of certain traditions, or feel that change is somehow disrespectful to the hard work and committed ideals of parishioners who went before us. But we do ourselves and our neighbours no favours if we spread ourselves too thin. It may help to recognize that this is a natural process, which serves to revitalize and inspire us, and encourages new members to join and bring new ideas. Indeed, as we look at the history of St. George's over the past decades, we see such changes. We no longer have the Gabriel Guild – but we have a Refugee Sponsorship Committee. We no longer have the Young Men's Choral Society of the early 1900s, putting on musicals in the Hall – but we have YouthNet and a thriving Junior Choir. The Word at the heart of all our worship and ministry is eternal and unchanging. As we look to the year ahead, and plan and build for many more to come, let us all prayerfully consider the ways in which the Word is shared at and by St. George's, and be inspired.

The Wardens: Gwynedd Pickett, Craig Savoury, and Al Wilson

Right: The Palm Sunday procession stops at Cornwallis Street Baptist



Below, left: Garth MacPhee, Andrew Pickett, and Steven Burns take part in singing a plainchant setting of "Rodolphus rubrinus" at the choir Christmas party.

Below, right: Roseanne Reeve-Newson and our Passiontide Missioner, Dr Stephen Blackwood.



Standing Committee Reports

Report of the Spiritual Development Committee

In 2015, the Christian Education section of Spiritual Development met twice to discuss possible Christian Education programmes for the parish, and the “practical wing” met twice to go over the preparations for Holy Week-Easter and Advent-Christmas.

Concert: Babar Meets Mother Goose

On Saturday, February 21st in the Parish Hall, Jennifer King on piano and Steven Burns as narrator, presented a morning of music for young and old. Everyone enjoyed this charming combination of music and storytelling. Admission was by donation in support of the Music Room project.

Lent

Into the Silent Land: Rediscovering the Ancient Practices of Christian Prayer

Sunday evensong reflections by members of the parish

At Sunday Evensong during Lent, meditations on the ancient practices of Christian prayer were offered. Stan Armstrong, Jacquie de Mestral, Nathan McAllister, and Shannon Parker were our speakers at these services

Wednesdays in Lent

During Lent, Benjamin Lee offered reflections at the regular 10 a.m. Holy Communion services. Following Holy Communion on Wednesday evenings, a light supper was shared, followed by a Study Group. This year the group read the life story of St. Mary of Egypt and discussed “The Beauty of Holiness.” St. Mary of Egypt was one of the most revered saints of the early medieval Church. This study was conducted by Fr. Snook.

Fridays in Lent

In order to offer parishioners an additional time for worship during Lent, a said Holy Communion Service was celebrated at 12:15 by Fr. Peter Harris.

Passiontide Mission

Beginning at St. George’s on the evening of March 20th and concluding on Sunday morning, March 22nd, Dr. Stephen Blackwood offered a series of addresses on the topic “*the moment in the rose-garden*”: *Reflections on Time and Eternity*. The first address took place on Friday evening at St. George’s, followed by Compline, with a full Quiet Day, including four addresses plus periods of silence (with lunch at midday), taking place on the Saturday at The Jesuit Centre of Spirituality across the street from St. George’s. Then on Passion Sunday, Dr. Blackwood preached at Choral Holy Communion. Dr. Blackwood is a former parishioner and was the first Director of Saint George’s YouthNet.



Lunch in the Sunday School Room during the Passiontide Quiet Day

Holy Week

Jesse Blackwood, another former parishioner, with a long history of working for YouthNet, preached on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Maundy Thursday. The Good Friday addresses on The Seven Last Words from the Cross were offered this year by Alan Hall, yet another former parishioner.

Tuning the Soul: Reflections on Music and the Journey to God

This year there were plans to present a lecture series in support of the Music Room, with talks at each monthly Choral Evensong. The plan was that a guest speaker would address the mystery of music and the soul in its journey to God. Due to terrible weather, the first in the series which was meant to be offered in February was offered instead on the first of March, when Dr. Wayne Hankey, long-time friend of St. George's, gave an address on music and the spiritual pilgrimage. Dr. Neil Robertson gave a second address on Bach, but snowstorms continued to dog the scheduling of this series and the subsequent planned sessions had to be cancelled.

Youth Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes began in October, ahead of Bishop Cutler's visit for Confirmation on January 25th of 2016. Led by Fr Christopher Snook and a number of clergy and laypeople from the St George's congregation, the class met at 4 pm on Sundays in the Sunday School Room in the Parish Hall, wrapping up just in time for Evensong at 5 pm. Topics discussed included the Catechism, the Baptismal Covenant, the Apostle's Creed, the Commandments, Prayer, the Sacraments, "What is the Church?" and "How Shall I Live?"

Autumn Reading Group

Beginning in October, Nathan McAllister conducted a Reading Group, considering the novel *Descent into Hell* by Charles Williams. Williams wrote a series of remarkable novels, of which this is one, exploring the relationship between the visible and invisible worlds. The group met on Thursdays in Trinity House and this study was a part of the preparation of the adult Confirmation candidates.

Advent

The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell

At Sunday Evensongs during Advent, reflections were offered on the traditional Advent themes of Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. The reflections were offered by Tamara Watson, Nick Baker, Duncan Neish and Katie Carline.

Advent Study Group: The Advent of Dante's Divine Comedy

On three Tuesday evenings during Advent, Dr. Tom Curran of the University of King's College and frequent member of our congregation, offered a series on the Divine Comedy, including "A Dark Wood": *The Infernal Kingdom of the Leopard, the Lion & the Wolf*, *Seer and Sibyl: The Restoration of the Golden Age*, and *Judgement: Incontinence, Violence and Fraud*.



The new Advent wreath frame, made by Craig Savoury, bearing the seasonal branches.

Advent Quiet Day

Come be my light: Three saints for Advent

An Advent Quiet Day was held at the University of King's College Chapel on the afternoon of Saturday, December 12th, including prayer and silence with reflections on three 20th century saints. Fr. Snook led us in the consideration of the lives of Fr. Alfred Delp, Mother Maria Skobstova, and Dorothy Day. The day concluded with supper and a time of fellowship in the Senior Common Room at King's.

It is remarkable for a parish to have so many parishioners and former parishioners who are willing and able to speak to us so thoughtfully and we are grateful to all who preached or taught this year, as well as to all who offered of themselves in so many other ways. We continue to be thankful for the work of our faithful and loving clergy and most especially for the selfless work and witness of our Rector, Father Snook. His visionary leadership is a great blessing.

Susan Harris

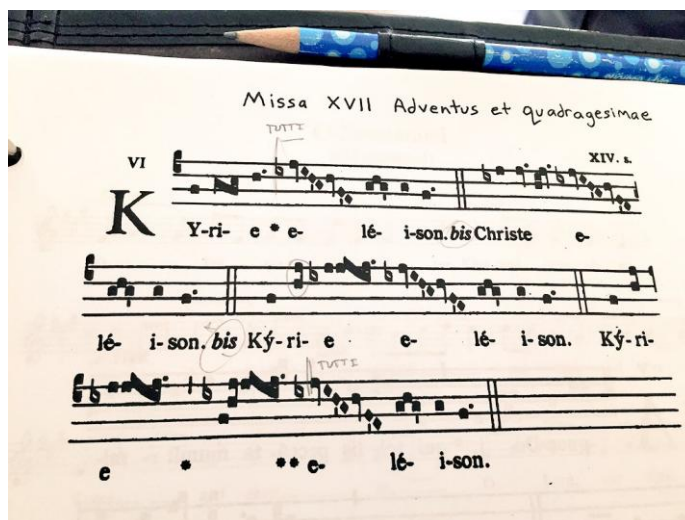
Chair of Spiritual Development

Music Director's Report

With pleasure I submit a report on the Parish Music for the year 2015.

On the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday, May 24 internationally acclaimed soprano Suzie LeBlanc gave a concert 'in the Round' in support of the Music Room Campaign. The Saint George's Consort accompanied Ms. LeBlanc in works by Monteverdi and Mozart, as well as a charming Acadian folksong. The Parish Choir joined her in a performance of Monteverdi's setting of Psalm 111, Confitebor tibi, Domine (I acknowledge you, O Lord, with my whole heart), and sang the Sanctus & Benedictus from his six-voice *Missa in illo tempore*. The concert was a triumphant success, raising \$5K for the Music Room.

As I recall that sunlit afternoon in May, and the joyous nature of the occasion, it is poignant to note that two individuals who helped bring Suzie LeBlanc to Saint George's have since crossed to the further shore. In August our hearts were broken when Elizabeth Jones so tragically drowned in the LaHave River. Besides being an ardent supporter of music in our Parish, Elizabeth was an active member of the Elizabeth Bishop Society. It was through her contacts in this organization that Ms LeBlanc was first approached about giving a benefit performance. Then in late November, Anne West passed away, leaving behind her an extraordinary legacy including the restoration of the Round Church, YouthNet and the Deck the Hall Campaign. Quite simply, these two individuals are deeply missed. We feel their absence keenly, and recall their presence among us with gratitude. I mention this in



In Advent and Lent the choir sings plainsong masses, written in "neums," or square notation, challenging in its simplicity.

my Music Director's Report, not only because of the Suzie LeBlanc concert, but because their support and passion imbued my own work with meaning and substance.

In December we bid fond farewell to Linnea Fetter, who for three years sang in Saint George's Choir and lived in Trinity House. Lini has returned to her native Fredericton, New Brunswick where she is completing the final stages of her degree in Speech/Language Pathology.

In April the Junior Choir was awarded Gold in the Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival. The choir sang 'We will sing for joy' by Domenico Scarlatti and 'En Prière' by Gabriel Fauré. Adjudicator Monique Richard praised the choir for its blended tone and musicality.

On Sunday, June 7 the Junior Choir presented a Jazz Cantata and Children's Concert in the Round Church. A large and appreciative audience turned out to support the choir on this occasion. Once again, we were fortunate to call on the theatre expertise of Karen Bassett, who worked hard to prepare the choreography and staging. Special thanks to Carolyn Gibson, who helped the children create animal masks for the cantata.



The St George's Junior Choir wins gold in the Kiwanis Music Festival under the leadership of Garth MacPhee.

On Sunday, March 22 the Saint George's Consort gave a concert in the Round Church. Featured guest artist was oboist Karim Nasr, from Montreal. In spite of heavy snowfall and parking restrictions, this performance was well attended. No doubt Haligonians, much beleaguered by winter's heavy mantle, were in need of distraction and inspiration.

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 seven-voice *Missa Praeter rerum serium* by the 16th c. master, Cipriano de Rore, performed on Christmas Eve. To chorister Jordan Gracie, we owe a debt of gratitude for his facsimiles of these seldom-performed works. Jordan spends many hours researching musical sources and preparing editions of masses and motets for our choir. We are tremendously grateful for his talent and time.

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. A word of appreciation goes to the parents and guardians who ensure that the children arrive punctually for rehearsal, and for their support and encouragement of the choir.

The music programme owes a debt of gratitude to the Friends of Saint George's Society for their ongoing efforts on our behalf. Without this support, our music programme would not be able to offer the substance and quality of programming we currently enjoy.

A word of gratitude must go to Elisabeth Kleven, our wonderful Parish Administrator. Not only does she run the office with efficiency, she is multi-talented in a variety of useful ways – computer techie, graphic designer... and of course, as a soprano in the various musical ensembles in the Parish! In August, we celebrated with Elisabeth and Matthew as they joined hands in matrimony in the Round Church. What a remarkable time it was, and such a happy memory.

Lastly, I wish to thank Fr Christopher, our tireless Rector. Week by week, the quality of liturgical leadership he provides is nothing short of inspirational. His humility, wisdom and compassion compose a most admirable model of leadership and service.

Garth MacPhee, Director of Music

Altar Guild

When I look back at past Annual Reports for the Altar Guild, each year is described as "busy". An altar guild in a parish with as many opportunities to worship as we have at St George's is bound to be busy! We had two resignations this year, so our group is a little bit smaller than it was in the past. However, we can still make 5 teams of 2 or 3 people per team, and we have one new member - so we are very thankful. Our tasks remain the same. We tidy and prepare the church for Sunday services, weekday services such as saints' days and holy days, funerals, weddings, baptisms, and others as required. We polish brass, prepare the vessels for Holy Communion, lay out vestments, arrange flowers, look after candles and keep the church supplied with wine and wafers. Some of our members like to do some extra polishing (one of our group is very attentive to the state of the pew numbers) and some take on the extra task of laundering linens. As you might imagine, our busiest times are Christmas and Holy Week. Summer is a little more relaxed and we try to use the flowers in the parish gardens for the altar.



Beautiful flowers for Christmas, arranged by John Swaine and Barb Richardson.

Some of our vestments and hangings are becoming quite worn due to general wear and tear and we hope to work with the Rector and Parish Council to determine what can be done to gradually replace or repair the damaged ones.

Many, many thanks to all who are on the rota and our friends who assist when needed: Dinah Savoury, Anne Tilley, Barbara Richardson, Katie Carline, Bill Naftel, Leona Sweeney, Jean Milsom, Margherita Mendel, Dianna Lowe, Nadine Savoury, John Swaine, Vaila Mowat, Cathy Larsson, Craig Savoury, Sue Zinck, and Jim Rawding.

If anyone would like to join the altar guild, please let me know. Each team is responsible for a Sunday once every 5 weeks. It takes about an hour and a half to two hours each week. No experience necessary! The altar guild is a simple, practical and pleasant way to contribute to the life of the parish. To God be the Glory.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Lenfesty

Servers

The servers' guild consists of a number of individuals who assist with various roles in the Sanctuary during the course of the liturgy. This could be anything from getting the bread and wine or collection from the parishioners who come to the rail with those items at the offertory, carrying the cross to lead processions (crucifer), or carrying a candle (taperer) to acting as server to bring items back and forth between the Altar and Credence table for preparation and clean up of Communion. I produce a schedule that typically has three people scheduled for a 10:30 am Sunday service to perform these roles and I include someone to act as the Thurifer when incense is used, especially during High Feast Days.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued service throughout the year, especially the following: Rebecca Chipman, Trevor Hannon, Cathy Larsson, Andrew Thorne, Tovah Vom Hagen and Alan Wilson. Special thanks to Jim Rawding for his continued faithful service at the 8am Holy Communion service on Sunday mornings. Jim performs some of the above-mentioned roles on his own, given the lower-key nature of that service. Thanks also to Duncan Neish for helping us out on high feast days especially during Christmas and Epiphany.

As mentioned in my 2014 report, Alex Easton has resigned as Sacristan. On behalf of the whole team, I would like to welcome Alan Wilson who has taken on Alex's duties since his departure. Also, I would like to thank Connie Calvin for her service to our team. Connie and her family moved to Ontario back in August due to family circumstances.



Roseanne Reeve-Newson and Tracy Lenfesty making palm crosses.

We are always looking for people to get involved as part of our team, whether it be one Sunday a month or a few; on high feast days throughout the week; as Crucifer at a Choral Evensong, which happens once a month on Sunday evenings, or all of the above. Some of our members such as Cathy Larsson, Alan Wilson and myself also have duties from time to time on the MC / Subdeacon schedule, which Alan produces, so the more people we have, the easier it will be to spread the workload to avoid having the same people on week after week. Younger children can help as boat boy or boat girl, as has been the case with Rosemary Wilson and Elizabeth Savoury; newly confirmed individuals can also help, to get a better understanding of things they have learned during confirmation class, or even adults. Regardless of age or experience, training can be provided whether it is briefly before or after a service or during a more convenient time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Connors, Head Server



Longtime St George's Parishioner Nicholas Hatt was ordained to the Deaconate in fall 2015.

Sunday School

The St. George's Sunday School of 2015 had a wonderful year. We continued our study of saints (and a few other notable church-folk and Christians) from January through June, studying St. Columba, St. Agnes, Augustine of Hippo and many others, following a part of our St. George's 4th year curriculum. The children enjoyed this study alongside our keeping of the church year by celebrating a snowy Palm Sunday, having special activities for the children on Good Friday, and an incredible egg decorating 'egg-stravaganza' on Holy Saturday. We also spent time reflecting, learning and celebrating together on Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday about each of those feast days. Sunday School and Toddlers' church took a break for the summer, and resumed in September.

The option to have Sunday School for children ages 6-12 running from 9:30-10:30 was considered, but in the end we chose to stick to our time during the service. We created a 'Preschool & Primary' class (formerly known as 'Toddlers' Church) for children 2-5 years old (including those already in Primary at school) who meet in the Toddler room in the basement of the church itself. The regular Sunday School, ages 6-12, meets in the Sunday School room as usual. Babies and 1 year olds join into the prayers and singing and sometimes the story time and crafts, and often 13 and 14 year olds join into the Sunday School when there isn't a meeting for the Youth at that time, and we are happy to welcome them! The curriculum we are following for the Preschool and Primary class is Old Testament stories for the fall, the Christmas story at Christmas and New Testament stories (all in a sort of chronological order) beginning after Epiphany for 2016. Teachers for this group include mainly parents. The 6-12 year olds have been following the 1st year of the St. George's Curriculum entitled 'The Catechism' and for the fall including the baptismal covenant and looking at the specifics of the catechism and baptism services. Instead of teaching once or twice per month, each teacher has taken a section or 'unit' for the year. We also had a chance as usual to celebrate St. Nicholas, this year with a low-key, but still bursting with fun, morning of activities on December 6th. Advent was taught in its own 'unit' by another teacher. And our nativity play on the 24th of December was calm, peaceful, and beautiful, coming off without a hitch this year! The

line-up I have of girls wanting to play Mary is getting longer, but if anyone knows of someone wishing to play Joseph, we are ever looking to fill that part.

Thank you to all parishioners for your prayers, support and love of the children who attend regularly and you see running in after class to go up for a blessing, and also those who drop in occasionally. As we learned in September and October, when we are baptized, we are all part of God's family, adopted as beloved children of God, brothers and sisters together with Christ and inheritors of the kingdom of God. We are this whether we are 1 year or 93 years old, smart or not, no matter the differences between us. Thank you for counting the children's Christian education as important as any other parishioner at St. George's. And thanks especially to the teachers and helpers who sacrifice attending regular services, week in and week out, to teach the kids who come to St. George's Sunday School.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Lee

Youth Group

There have been Youth Group activities at St. George's on and off for many years, depending on the number of youth (ages 11-18), and the availability of youth leaders. The latest incarnation has been going strong for the last two years with an average number of 3-8 youth attending events. Generally, the youth gather for "Youth Group" after the Creed, which gives them time to discuss the readings for the day and the liturgical season with their peers. As well, we have tea together, and then return to the service after the Agnus Dei. Shannon Parker was joined this year by Veronica Curran as a second youth leader, which has made it possible to offer more "Youth Group" gathering times during the service this winter, at the request of the youth.

Very importantly, this year, the loft space in the Church was re-dedicated during the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels as a meeting place for the youth and was designated as "The Angel's Roost". Father Snook also installed an icon of St. Michael during the dedication and blessed the loft. Taking St. Michael as a patron for the youth is in following with our prayers for their protection and strength and our hope that our Parish might take up the habit once again of sending our youth to the St. Michael's Youth Conference in New Brunswick. SMYC (St. Michael's Youth Conference) is a 6 day Youth Conference for Anglican youth from all over the Maritimes, which takes place during the last full week of summer vacation.

In addition to our Youth Group gatherings during the service, many of the youth have been meeting for an hour on Sunday afternoon for Confirmation Class. Eight youths were confirmed by Bishop Cutler at St. George's on the evening of January 25th, 2016. We are proud of them for their attention, excellent questions, and their great senses of humour and fun which made the classes with them a joy for all their confirmation instructors.

There will be another learning opportunity for the Youth during Lent 2016, which is being coordinated by



Members of the Confirmation Class performing "sword drills," racing each other to find Biblical passages.

Steven Gibson, with the help of Shannon Parker. It is titled "The Divine Image: A 5-week Lenten Study of Art and Spirituality for Young People, in Honour of Fr. Robert Crouse". This will include sessions by Mary Evans MacLachlan on Giotto and the lives of the Saints, Peter Bryson on Gothic Architecture, Father Gary Thorne on Icons and the Church, and Emma Fitzgerald with a hands-on workshop on Drawing Observations from Nature. Please pass the news of this workshop on to any youth beyond the parish who you think might be interested.

With thanks, Shannon Parker

Publicity & Website

St George's continued to place ads in local newspapers at strategic times – Christmas, Easter, and in early September – to reach out to our larger community during those crucial seasons. Our 2015 Summer Student, Eleanor Morum, furthered past efforts by setting us up on Trip Advisor, where we have received some pleasant reviews. Elisabeth Stones in the office has been our main source of publicity materials, ranging from posters for special services and fundraising events to posting on Facebook and our @stgeoround Twitter account to stay in touch with our parishioners, friends, and wider community about relevant announcements and news. Cheryl Bell, very experienced in such things, often advises Elisabeth and was involved in procuring and arranging for the distribution of advertising materials for the Suzie LeBlanc concert in May 2015.

We continue to aim our publicity chiefly at online methods of communication, which saves a great deal of postage and printing costs. Posters for services and events are posted on the parish website and distributed on Facebook, the Anglican NetNews, and by email, often by parishioners and volunteers. In addition to our electronic advertising, we are grateful to parishioners for putting up our posters in their communities and for telling their friends about our fundraisers, concerts, services, and outreach opportunities – truly, the most effective form of publicity!

Website

During 2015, 7,599 visitors made 11,852 visits to the Parish website. Last year we had 5,723 visitors making 8,924 visits. This growth seems to reflect the changes made to the website in 2015 to provide more (and more useful) information, and the website is regularly tweaked and improved as needs become apparent.

On average we have about 35 visitors per day, and 228 per week, which shows steady growth from last year's 20 visitors per day/150 per week. Christmas Eve was the day with the most visitors (141), followed by Whitsunday (112, also the day of the Suzie LeBlanc concert), the 4th Sunday in Advent (106), and January 23rd (100, the Friday before the PBSC Evensong).

The majority of our visitors (77.89%) hail from Canada, with most of the rest from the United States (8.93%), the United Kingdom (2.42%), and Brazil (1.27%). Most visitors (70.75%) used a desktop computer or laptop, with 16.93% accessing the website on a mobile device like a smartphone, and the final 12.93% using a tablet. This marks a small drop in percentage of desktop use, and a surge of nearly 6% for mobile devices. Windows users make up 49.66% of our visitors, while Macintosh and iOS users make up another 41%. Android, Linux, Chrome OS, and Blackberry users make up nearly all the rest, at a combined 9.34%.

Beyond the homepage, the most frequently visited parts of the site are the bulletin archives, calendar of events, the service schedule, and the soup kitchen information, in that order.

After struggling to find ways to display our many posters and events on the website in an easy-to-digest way, Parish Administrator and Webmaster Elisabeth Stones made some changes to the front page this year. She added a “sticky” post to the front page to display 3-5 of our upcoming special events, and a carousel of poster images on the right sidebar, which can be clicked to view the larger poster in detail. There has been great positive feedback about the improved visibility of upcoming special events.

During the winter storms in February 2015, which caused difficulty for many in attending workplaces and services, Elisabeth Stones also took to posting a banner on the website on days of extreme weather, to notify people of the status of services or whether the office was to be open that day.

We were pleased to be able record some of the Christmas services this year, and in early 2016 those recordings will be posted on the website in full. Many thanks to Debra Burleson, Garth MacPhee, and Matthew Stones, who have each played a part in this process. Recordings give us another way to share the beautiful music and liturgy we have at St George’s with visitors and potential parishioners.

In 2016, we will continue to refine the website and modify it to best suit the needs at St George’s. The bulletins continue to be posted weekly, and the Rector’s sermons and sermons from many of our guest preachers are available. Many thanks to Fr Christopher and to Barbara Armstrong for their ongoing work preparing the sermons for the website. As we look forward to many exciting events in 2016, we know the website will continue to play a large supporting role in the daily life of the parish.

Elisabeth Stones, Parish Webmaster

Sexton’s Report

In 2015, Trinity House saw some changes in residents, Sextons and general use of the space. Cathy Larsson began the year as Sexton with Darren Dyck as co-interim Sexton. Darren however left in mid-June to move to Calgary and so Sexton duties were shared among the community during the summer. In September Thomas McCallum and Chris Fetter came in as the new Sextons.

Long-time resident of Trinity House during the academic year, Lini Fetter, spent the fall finishing the last academic term of her graduate degree and left for Fredericton in December. She is missed very much, although she is doing well in Fredericton and is now able to spend more time with her family. In October and November, Trinity House welcomed back Gary Woolgar, who spent time in Trinity House in the past and was visiting Halifax before heading back to the UK. Over the fall the members of Trinity House came close together over weekly meals and shared interests in cooking and music. The house blessing performed by Fr. Christopher greatly set the stage for a fruitful fall and Trinity House has been a place of communal peace.

Due to fewer residents, a sitting room was made on the second floor, as well as the third floor being used for office space. In addition, the old sitting room on the first floor was converted for use by the parish archivist. The new sitting room has since been used for a study group in the fall led by Nathan McAllister as well as recently for a board game night for young adults of the congregation.

The future is still perhaps a little uncertain, but the invitation for God to work in Trinity House made in the fall through the house blessing has borne fruit. We continue to ask for guidance on how to best use this space for the service of God and our neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Fetter, Co-Sexton

Pastoral Care and Outreach

Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen opens its doors each Saturday afternoon at 4pm to serve a hot meal to many in our area. Months often start with low numbers, with 80-90 clients, but by the end of the month we are often seeing 150 or more.

There are six teams of volunteers that work on a rotating basis, and they are paired with church and community groups from all over the Halifax Regional Municipality, who bring the main course and a group of volunteers.

Our St George's team leaders are: Maxine Miles and the 8 o'clock parishioners, Mary Hills, Mike and Wendy Himmelman, Evelyn Mann, Michal King, and Jacquie de Mestral and Leona Sweeney. We offer very special thanks for Michelle Gabriel, who, though not a St George's parishioner, gives valuable assistance and continuity to four of the six teams.

Our partnering parishes and organizations in 2015 were St John's Anglican (Fairview), Dalhousie Law Christian group, All Saints' Anglican (Bedford), Bedford Baptist Church, St Paul's Anglican, All Saints' Cathedral, St Peter's (Birch Cove), St John's (Westphal), Saint Andrew's Missionary Society (King's), St Thomas's (Fall River), Alpha Gamma Delta, Cornerstone Wesleyan, Sarah Greenman & Friends, St John's United, St Mark's Anglican, St Timothy's Anglican, The "WCB Soupers", Scouts Fortress of Food, the staff of Doc Braces, and many kind individuals who offered their time on an ongoing basis.

In March of 2015 Feed Nova Scotia closed down the Learning Kitchen, a program that helped educate people in food service skills and in so doing created beautiful meals that we could serve to our clients when we did not have food support from another source. The loss of the Learning Kitchen left us with over a dozen Saturdays with no food support in 2015. Fortunately, many of our friends and local parishes stepped in. For the four meals that remained, St George's



Friends of indefatigable volunteer Michelle Gabriel gathered to wrap presents for "Santa" to give out at the Soup Kitchen Christmas Party.



parishioners brought casseroles, donated funds to buy food, and used donated supplies to make a meal. It was truly a group effort, and we step into 2016 better prepared to fill this gap.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Stones, Soup Kitchen Co-ordinator

Deaf Ministry

In 2015, St. George's continued to offer the Deaf community an Anglican parish in which to worship, enjoy times of fellowship and participate in parish meetings and other events. About once a month on a Friday afternoon, the Deaf Club meets in the Parish Hall, with about 20-25 people in attendance. The Deaf ministry at St. George's has a long history and it is a great blessing to have been able to foster friendships within the parish over the years.

We continue to be grateful to our Interpreters, Jessica Bezanson, Ashley Campbell, and Karen Anne Smith for their faithfulness and commitment to this ministry. Their organization of the Sunday and Wednesday interpreting schedules and their contact with the Deaf behind the scenes is a valuable part of the service they offer.

Through the year, Heather Grant and Shelley Barton assisted Carol Morrison, a long-time Deaf and Blind member of our congregation, interpreting on her hands the signs of our regular Interpreters. Unfortunately, as 2015 came to a close, Carol was transferred to an increased care section of Northwood and it seems less likely that she will be able to attend church regularly and faithfully as she has for the past number of years. It has been a delight to have Carol with us and we will greatly miss her friendly presence.

Throughout 2015, George and Pauline Himmelman very kindly continued to drive Agnes Comerford to church on Sunday mornings, when they were able to do so. Their circumstances have changed, and beginning in 2016, Allan Snook will be driving Agnes, for which we are very thankful.

Susan Harris, Deaf Support Group

Parish Library

As parish librarian, I am in the process of cataloguing several new and interesting books which I intend to introduce soon to the congregation by way of the church bulletin.

As in previous years, the used book sale (as part of the parish fall sale in November) took many hours of sorting, set-up and selling.

And soon I will be setting up a table during "fellowship hour" on Sundays in the hopes of selling the used books left over from the November sale, and raising money for the "Deck the Hall" fund. Last year approximately \$170 was collected from January to May 2015.

Several parishioners have borrowed books from the library this year, and I have replaced copies of three books to the library, the originals of which had been borrowed but never returned in years previous.

As was the situation last year, the library's holdings have outgrown their space in the Guild Room, and Father Snook, on his request, was given a copy of the letter of concern written to the Wardens in the summer of 2013 regarding the future placement of the parish library.

Respectfully submitted, Trudie Urquhart, Parish Librarian

Parish Archives

2015 was an exciting year for the Parish Archives with Parish Council's approval of a designated room in Trinity House. After several tours it was decided that the parlour on the first level would be the best choice due to the size of the room and accessibility. Once a very large green couch and other paraphernalia were removed, suitable donated furnishings have been added to the room. Plans for storage for archival items are in progress. If anyone knows where a suitable second-hand map cabinet can be purchased please contact me.

The large walls of the room will permit displays. At the moment I am working on a display of one of the Fezziwig Balls, a series of restoration fundraising events held at venues such as the Dalhousie Faculty Club and the Lord Nelson Hotel. Does anyone have memorabilia from these events that they would like to lend or donate?

Accessions. Now that we have more space, donations of photographs and manuscripts reflecting the history of St. George's and the Diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI will be gratefully received. Last year we received the following accessions Anne West (may she rest in peace) kindly donated several committee files to the archives as well as a print of a lovely painting of St. George's Church c.1860. A descendant of the Rev. Bernard Houseal, Loyalist and Rector of the Little Dutch Church, donated copies of manuscripts and other historical information she had found while researching her Houseal Family history. Jan Connors kindly brought the photo of the St. George's Boys Choir found on the internet to my attention. Does anyone recognize any of the boys in the photo below?



Inquiries. I received several inquiries which necessitated research trips to the Nova Scotia Archives to consult our vestry records and other sources which are currently housed in that location. One of the inquiries was from the Rev. J.K. Morrell seeking more historical information on St. Mark's Church, which was founded by the clergy and congregation of St. George's Parish in 1866, and is celebrating a 150th anniversary this year.

By: Taunya J. Dawson

2nd Halifax Scouts (report from September 2014-December 2015)

After having an active Scouting program for 32 years again, it sure was a different fall, winter and spring for our dedicated Scouting volunteers not going to Scout, Cub Scouts or Beaver Scout meeting each week. We had no SCOUTS!

Why I say “again” is because back in 1962 we suspended our Scouts Canada Charter for the same reason: “No or not enough youth for us to run a proper program”. For you see St. George’s has been a sponsor of a Scouts Canada program in this place since 1922. Yes, 1922-1962 and 1982-2014. But we will not go another 20 years without!

In August of 2015 we met with a community organization, *Paths2Learning* that was looking for a way to get their clients involved in Scouting. Their youth are mainly dealing with ADD, ADHD and Autism. So in September, with open arms from the Parish and Scouts Canada, our small group of dedicated, qualified Scouts Canada volunteers (most of whom are parishioners of St George’s) took up the challenge. They are Kim and Scott Connors, Andrew Thorne, Tanya Welton, Sherry Keizer, Angela Zwicker and Don Connors.

Our Scouting Group may be small but the dedication and hard work of its volunteers is very much appreciated in this special community.

Financially, the Group did not spend any money in the 2014-2015 Scouting year, returning to the Parish the \$1,000 it annually contributes to the program. The cheque was received and deposited for the 2015-2016 program year with no expenditures as of the time of this report.

Don Connors,
Group Commissioner, 2nd Halifax

Sunday Fellowship

This past year has seen the loss of some of our long-standing members for the fellowship teams.

Elizabeth Jones and Anne West who sadly died this past year had been faithful members for many years. Others have moved or feel they are no longer able to help because of health constraints. So I am sure you often notice pleas for new recruitments in the bulletin. I am truly thankful when some new members offer to help, even if it’s only to bring some extra food. It’s good to see that we now have a few men on our teams, as the kitchen is not just a women’s domain!

Members work on a six week rotation and arrive early to set up the tea and coffee and the tables. Fellowship members are often called upon to help at funeral receptions and other special events.

The gathering in the hall after the Sunday Service is a great way for parishioners to get to know each other more and to share our true fellowship, and our growing numbers of children seem to thoroughly enjoy it too.

Mary Hills, Fellowship Coordinator



Soup Kitchen leader & Fellowship Coordinator Mary Hills, working the dishwasher like a pro!



Soup kitchen volunteers (including Bernie MacPhee, Bob Trenaman, Trudie Urquhart, and Michelle Gabriel) plate desserts before the doors open.

Christmas Outreach

Mission to Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Project

A total of 88 boxes were delivered to the Mission. Edmonds sent fifty and there were 38 from the Parish, not such a good turnout this year, but let's look forward to better things in the new year.

I will, as usual, put a reminder in the bulletin in early September 2016. I would add that I "left the sea" in June 1982 and so never benefited from the Shoeboxes for Seafarers scheme, which started in 1997.

Thanks to all who donated to the programme – I think a great part of the value to the seafarers is that, despite the evidence of neglect, there are some people who remember the seafarers.

- Patricia Martinson, with Anne Tilley

Christmas Outreach for Families

Christmas Outreach for Families had another busy year! This year, St. George's sponsored eleven families. Families are referred by St. George's YouthNet, from contacts made through the parish office, and from Father Snook. All families are registered with Feed Nova Scotia's Christmas Registry program, so that other organizations are made aware that St. George's is assisting the family.

I would like to thank all parishioners who gave generously to Christmas Outreach through the collection plate and at Advent Lessons and Carols. Financial contributions are the key to the success of Christmas Outreach and due to your generosity we are able to assist many families at Christmas.

I would like to extend a special thank-you to everyone who donated a turkey this year. It never ceases to amaze me that every year we receive enough turkeys for all the families who require one. I would also like to thank an amazing donor and RJF Healthcare, who donated coats and winter boots for children involved in YouthNet programs.

Finally, Christmas Outreach would not be successful without the dedication of volunteers who come to help wrap, pack, and deliver gifts and groceries to the families. This year, I would like to thank Elizabeth Jones for her years of service helping with grocery shopping and this year her presence was greatly missed.

Looking forward to next year, I would encourage families to consider sponsoring a family. Encouraging your workplace to donate to Christmas Outreach is a positive way to make a meaningful contribution in the Christmas season. I also encourage parishioners to think about Christmas year round. I will happily accept new children's toys, clothing and Christmas wrapping supplies throughout the year and store them until next Christmas.

Kim Lickers

St George's YouthNet

Thanks to the dedication of Saint George's YouthNet staff, volunteers and supporters and the charming youth who enter the doors of St. George's every week, it has been another wonderful and exciting year. The year has been full of growth and transformations, from staff changes and new children joining the program, to developing projects and partnerships. The friendships and love constantly circling YouthNet and in the community bring great joy to YouthNet leaders and participants, and YouthNet's vision to make friends, discover talents and inspire dreams has been made possible by all of the support YouthNet has received this past year throughout its transitions.

There have been a few changes to YouthNet's Board and staff during the year. In the fall, Sharon Steeves and Michael Earle joined the teen program as the program's coordinators. In June, Rosalind Curran transitioned into the role of Executive Director. YouthNet is very appreciative of the hard work done by prior Director, Alex Zachernuk, and Ben Trenaman, Interim Director.

Alex Shaw, Sue Zinck and Duncan Neish have left the Board, and YouthNet is extraordinarily grateful for the time they spent with us. Board additions include Mark Kennedy and Kimberley Dares.

YouthNet's lunch program continued to be a great success throughout the year with the help of Diego Fay, our lunch coordinator, and our amazing lunch providers. Our lunch providers consist of several parishioners and community members who provide lunch once a month, and a rotating group of lawyers from McInnes Cooper who supply lunch for the students once a week. Lunch program is also made possible by the support from staff at Joseph Howe Elementary School. The 23 students in the program are served hearty lunches at Joe Howe, giving them energy to make it through the school day. During the lunch hour, YouthNet staff are delighted to build closer relationships with the students at Joe Howe, which offers the opportunity for the staff to bring in new children to the after-school program in addition to March break and summer camps.



The daily walk from Joe Howe to YouthNet

The after-school program was filled this past year with new workshops, partnerships, special guests and exciting activities. Weekly piano lessons were offered to the kids by St George's Music Director Garth MacPhee. Some highlights from the winter and spring were weekly art workshops with Emma Fitzgerald, weekly cooking activities, swimming lessons at Centennial Pool thanks to the Dal/King's Swimming Society, preparation for a Spring Talent Show and collaborations with the teen program for a fantastic Valentine's Day Party, a game of Capture the Flag and a scavenger hunt. Fall activities included a tutoring program at Joseph Howe, nutrition workshops hosted by Mount Saint Vincent nutrition students, bubble bounce soccer at the Commons, 'Let's Talk Science' workshops, and visits to



YouthNet children enjoying time outdoors

the Halifax North Memorial Library for science experiment and art projects. The after-school program is intended to be an opportunity for the children to explore new interests and challenge themselves while building important and lasting relationships with their peers, YouthNet staff and volunteers. This program works towards this goal every day, and the various activities we offered this year were inspired by this continuing vision.

Due to the gracious funding from the Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside and Capital Health, teen program had another successful year full of workshops, outings and volunteer work. Winter and spring activities included swimming lessons at Centennial Pool, a ski trip, mentoring workshops, a woodworking workshop at Forbes Restoration, a ropes course at On Tree and an African dance workshop. Teen program also continued regular programming throughout the summer for the first time this year which included going swimming and rollerblading, a visit to Shakespeare by the Sea and the spectacular trip to Brier Island to whale watch on the Bay of Fundy arranged by the Rotary Club. Fall highlights included cooking dinner for the Hope Blooms monthly community supper and



Bocar on the whale-watching boat

attending WE Day, a youth empowerment conference. Teen program continues to have about 15 participants regularly and their enthusiasm for being part of the teen program and the joy that many of them have as junior leaders is key to their own growth as mentors in their community. YouthNet is fortunate to have such a large number of older youth who remain part of the YouthNet community.



A foggy day at Cape Chignecto

YouthNet's summer was a delight as always, and was filled by 5 weeklong day camps and 4 camping trips, thanks to the generous support from the parish and others who responded to our summer appeal. These camps included a recreation camp to test out various forms of sports and physical activity including rollerblading and water sports, an art camp full of creative and messy projects, a fun-filled camp of adventures for 5 to 8 year olds, a cooking camp for aspiring chefs to try out recipes from various cultures, and 'YouthNet's Got Talent', which included African and Latina dance workshops. Once again, YouthNet offered two weeklong teen canoe trips at Kejimikujik National Park where the youth were completely immersed in nature and away from their city lifestyles, and a 6 day hiking trip for 10 to 13 year olds at Cape Chignecto, which was physically and mentally challenging but a beautiful and rewarding experience for all of the young hikers. A mini camping trip was also successful for the younger youth at Grave's Island. The summer was full of new experiences and nonstop excitement and our summer camp leaders worked very

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Brooklyn and Essence at the 'YouthNet's Got Talent' summer camp.

hard to inspire the youth to try new things, to encourage all of their unique talents and to expose them to the fantastic opportunities they have in their community.

Despite YouthNet's growth this past year, YouthNet staff is continuously thinking of new possibilities for the program as they continue to renew YouthNet's vision. At the heart of all YouthNet does, are the loving and beautiful children and youth who are part of its various programs.

These programs exist due to the generous support of private and corporate donors. YouthNet's ability to continue throughout its various transformations would not be possible without support from parishioners and community members and we thank all of you for your continuing prayers for the young people and this vibrant community that provides us all such joy.

Rosalind Curran

Executive Director

Property Matters

Jens Jensen

I would open by offering my sincere thanks to Jens Jensen. He has selflessly offered his service and leadership in managing the Parish property for many years. Jens had to step away earlier in the year due to outside commitments. Since then, property issues have been dealt with by several people, including the Wardens, John Mark Dawson and others. Such an ad-hoc arrangement is not ideal. However, our search for a new Property Chair has yet to find a permanent replacement. I would ask that anyone who wants to become more active in parish management identify themselves to the Rector or a Warden. Management and organisational skills would be useful in keeping the Parish property in good condition. Whether through liturgy, the soup kitchen, YouthNet, Sunday School, Halifax Humanities, or any of the other programs which we support with our properties, it is those physical structures which we offer to our neighbours in our attempt to live the life Jesus intended for us.

No doubt I have forgotten something in this report. The year has seen a number of successes, challenges and opportunities:

The Round Church

Discussions continue around possible upgrades to the heating system. We continue to explore the possibility of switching the system to natural gas. A letter of intent will have been sent to Heritage Gas with regard to installing a gas feed to the church by the time of the AGM. There is some possibility that the city will be conducting paving work to Cornwallis Street, and once this is done, there will be a two year prohibition on asphalt cutting. The letter of intent is just that, and does not commit the parish to installing natural gas in the church. It does ensure that we can proceed with natural gas if Parish Council decides to proceed.

The Little Dutch Church

The Little Dutch Church continues to offer a singularly unique space to worship. No extraordinary issues have presented themselves this year. Interest and donations have come in via the German Canadian Association of Nova Scotia, both in terms of money and volunteer service in the maintenance of this part of the Parish holdings. Members of the parish, with the guidance of Jeffrey Reed, are preparing a plan for the repair of the runner and floor covering in the Sanctuary, sourcing period-appropriate materials, and as such, it will be some time until this project can be completed.



The Palm Sunday procession stops outside the Little Dutch Church. Gwynedd and Tallis Pickett, foreground.

Trinity House

Trinity House continues to offer excellent service to the Parish and its missions. Our Sextons have taken up residence. We did say goodbye to one resident and chorister, Linnea Fetter. We also have several rooms on the top floor being used as offices for graduate students from the Parish. The archives are also in the process of moving into their own space in Trinity House.

The Parish Hall

Most items with regard to the Hall are covered under the Deck the Hall report. However, there are a few things outside of the Deck the Hall program. We have met with some challenges keeping the Hall clean. This is not a bad thing, in that it is an indication of just how much activity the hall sees, both with Parish programs and support to other users of the Hall. Parish Council has started the process of identifying a company to provide regular cleaning service to help keep things in tiptop shape. As many of the hall users know, there is a significant rodent problem in the hall. A generous donor has come forward and is covering the costs for rodent-proofing of the building, complete with guarantee. Donors have also come forward to make envelope repairs, and to relocate the telecommunications lines to the Maitland Street side of the building. We are grateful for the generosity and the work.

Grounds

The walk from Cornwallis Street to the hall found itself in need of significant work at the end of last winter. Craig Savoury arranged for the complete replacement of that walk. John Mark Dawson oversaw the extension of the fence along Cornwallis. This should keep balls (and kids) from unintentionally finding their way into the street. My thanks to them both.

In closing, I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of those who contribute to the maintenance, operation, and improvements of our property. Without it, and them, we would lose these great gifts and the good that we can do with them. I would especially like to thank Elisabeth. She is the one who meets the tradespersons, arranges for routine maintenance and holds the "corporate knowledge" which makes managing the property possible. I would also like to thank John Mark Dawson for helping me in managing property issues, and Craig Savoury for the same and providing continuity in property issues with his long and dedicated service in the Parish. There are many more to thank, including those of whose work I am not aware – Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Wilson, Warden

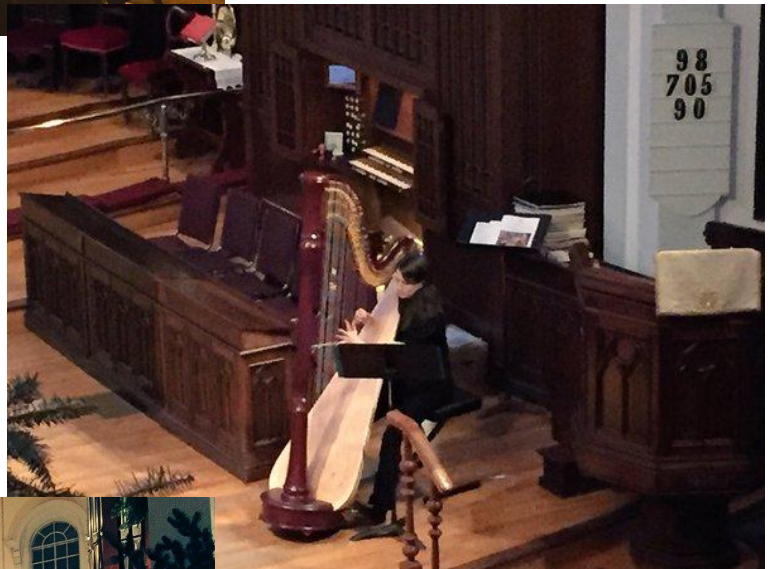


The marvelous acoustics of the Round Church allow for concerts and beautiful music to accompany our worship.

Top: A string quartet plays special music before our evening Christmas Eve service, 2015.

Right: Harpist Ellen Gibling plays at the Lessons & Carols service, January 2016

Bottom: The crowd gathers for a Helios Vocal Ensemble concert, December 2015.



Deck the Hall

Deck the Hall 2012-2022

A ten-year project to put new life into the parish hall and fit it to serve as the social centre of Saint George's and the home of its outreach programs for many generations to come.



2015 was another busy year for Deck the Hall. We had recently completed Phase 3: New Accessible Washrooms and were looking forward to Phase 4: Windows, Phase 5: Heating Plan and Phase 6: Music Room. The planning involved with Phase 4 was extensive and we saw that unfold in the first half of 2015. In an attempt to simplify our accounting and take some load off the Parish treasurer, DTH sought permission from Parish Council to initiate our own bank account, brought on a treasurer and started operating at arm's length from the Parish account, reporting to Parish Council.

As with all stages of Deck the Hall, there is a lot of work that happens behind the scenes and requires tremendous planning and patience in order to clearly define the parameters of each project to execute them with minimal disruption and within the budget. The work you see is representative of hundreds of hours of planning and discussions before a single tool is used.



Phase 4: Windows



Upon reflection, the scope of the window project for the eight character-defining windows of the hall was massive. Halifax Regional Municipality, having identified the windows as ‘character-defining’ meant there were many details that had to be considered, adding many layers to the planning. The design and fabrication process for the windows was extensive in order to replicate as closely as possible the images we have of the windows from 1890. Other details of the windows that were particular included the pediment mockup above the 2 large windows and small but relevant details like how to make the finished product appear seamless with the rest of the exterior envelope of the hall. Once the final designs were submitted and agreed upon, the windows were purchased.

Before any installation, we had to perform asbestos abatement in the upper hall and music room. During that abatement process, we discovered significant rot in the music room in a few key areas. These were all structural related components that meant we needed it fixed or replaced before we could install the windows.

Having completely replaced the sill along the North and South wall and repaired a structural component in the NW corner of the Music Room, we were able to proceed with the installation.

Most of you will remember the winter we had in 2015. Metro Windows and Doors was set to begin the window installation at the time the first snow storm hit. They had to then dig out the area around the Hall to place their scaffolding. Having started to place scaffolding, the second storm struck, followed by the freezing and ice which made the logistics of the install even more complicated. After a few weeks of delays and many hours shoveling, the scaffolding was placed and the installation was under way.



While the window installation was ongoing, the committee was figuring out the exterior finishes such as the pediment mockup. You can see pictured in the images below that a lot of conversation led to a drawing, which led to fabrication and subsequently an installation.



Once the majority of the exterior work was complete, the snow started to melt and the rain began. We then noted a fairly major leak just above one of the new windows that needed to be fixed. The repair was extensive but necessary in order for us to protect the work of the window installation.

While we were working on exterior finishes, there was another team of workers inside installing window trim. Following the trim installation a team of painters were solicited to paint the trim and repair some drywall/mortar on the inside.



Water infiltration repair

In June 2015 we held a dedication ceremony of the new hall windows. We hosted a barbecue to personally thank all the donors for their meaningful and important contribution to Phase 4: Windows. The generous support of parishioners and friends who sponsored the windows as memorials with donations totaling \$50,000 made this project possible. Halifax grants awarded \$25,000 for Phase 4 and despite having added some major structural work and significant shingling to the project, we wrapped up phase 4 on budget at \$80,000.

Phase 5: Heating Plan

The heating plan was developed by Art Irwin and a contractor was chosen in December of 2014. Although the intention was to convert the existing system early in 2015 from an oil fired forced air furnace to a natural gas boiler and hot water radiator system, we delayed the onset of this project. There is substantial overlap in the required work of Phase 5 and Phase 6 so in order to ensure a smooth delivery of services and with the goal of not duplicating or undoing any work, and staying on budget we took a step back in latter part of 2015 to re-assess the project flow.

Phase 6: Music Room

Very early in 2015 (January-April) there was a substantial amount of work done in the music room. As noted earlier, a lot of this work was required well ahead of our planned timing to facilitate the installation of the windows.

While we were having asbestos removal performed for the windows in the music room and hall, we decided it would be most cost effective to have the entire space remediated while we had the people and the equipment on site to do so.

It was an expensive undertaking but was a cost we would incur at some stage of the process. It was most effective to do this work early as it would also open up the room and allow the committee to plan later work.



Asbestos Abatement in the Music Room



Left: Supporting post showing its age, Right: Supporting post after repair

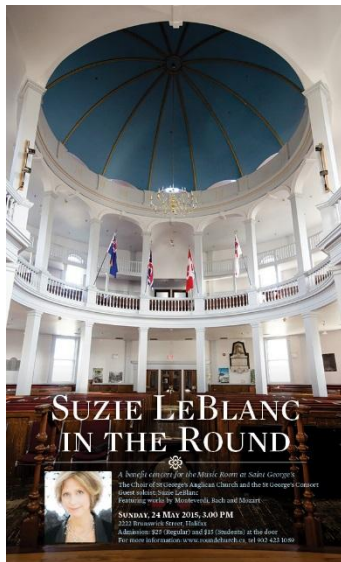
Once the removal was complete, we were able to see what, if any structural work was required. There was substantial rot discovered along the North and South walls as well as a main support for hall above that was badly damaged and required immediate repair. We undertook a fairly substantial renovation in the music room at that point. The structural work was done immediately with the sill repairs being done in the weeks that followed.

Following a few site visits from the Engineer and a plan in place, we undertook the major task of securing the floor above and replacing the entire sill on the North and South wall in the music room.



(It was not all doom and gloom as we uncovered a beautiful stone wall that we hope to preserve later in Phase 6)

Fundraising: Music Room



The fundraising initiatives kicked into high gear early in 2015. There was a lot of excitement surrounding our first major initiative for the music room campaign. With the purpose of drawing attention to a space that will become a home for our own musicians as well as those in the community we hosted a memorable event in May entitled “Suzie LeBlanc in the Round” spearheaded by Elizabeth Jones and Anne West.

The Saint George’s Consort accompanied Ms. LeBlanc as well as the Parish Choir. The concert drew more than 250 music lovers to St. George’s and was a huge success, raising \$5,000 for the music room. Drawing people in for such a concert also helped to raise the profile of music at St. George’s and the potential for music-making in the new space.

In the fall of 2015 there was a letter writing campaign that was initiated. It involved writing letters to specific people asking for a donation of \$1000. The hope was to reach 100 people, who would each donate \$1000 in order to advance the project. That campaign is ongoing.

In December 2015, Phase 6 received a substantial boost with an anonymous donation of more than \$80,000 which will help to substantially advance work for Phase 6: Music Room.

A Tribute to a Legend

2015 was an exciting year on the construction and planning side but a sad year on the personal side. A seat held by a valued and cherished member of our committee was left vacant with the passing of Anne West in November 2015. Deck the Hall lost a dedicated and committed soul who was an integral part of the committee. Before I became chair (which I think was Anne's plan all along), Anne ran these projects with sniper-like focus and precision, and was relentless in her pursuit of information, expert opinions and clarity. Anne had a keen ability to keep people enthused about the work being done. This, paired with her careful but deliberate and persistent supplication for donations, has led us to where we are today.

The Deck the Hall project would certainly not be where it is without Anne's contributions. Anne left her mark on the physical and spiritual fabric of the church and hall and her knowledge and passion will be missed on the Deck the Hall committee.

The Deck the Hall committee would like to thank everyone who helped in 2015. It is the prayerful and sincere desire of each and every contributor that allows us to keep moving forward together. We are especially thankful for our anonymous donors who continue to make it possible for us to keep the work moving and bring us ever closer to completion.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of:

Fr. Chris Snook, Rector and Committee Member

Elisabeth Stones, Secretary

Anne Snook, Treasurer

Steve Bezanson, Construction Liaison

Dr. John Swaine, Committee Member

Jens Jenson, Committee Member

Scott Smith, Committee Member

John Mark Dawson

Chair, Deck the Hall Committee

January 2016

Holy Baptisms

Andrew Alexander Neish	April 5, 2015
Chinenye Zinachidi Etumni	July 5, 2015
Chidubem Zituem Etumni	July 5, 2015
Ophelia Blackwood	October 4, 2015

Confirmations

None

Marriages

Elisabeth Hope Kleven and Matthew Daniel Brian Stones	August 22, 2015
Catherine Dorothy Harrison and Matthew John Street	September 5, 2015
Catherine Ellen Connell and Gregory George Blunden	October 3, 2015

Funeral Rites

Kenneth Brian Easterbrook	October 10, 2014
The Rev'd Wilfred Wagner	November 27, 2014
Verna May Bridge	March 14, 2015
Philip John Herritt	October 23, 2015
Elizabeth Anne Jones	August 27, 2015
Anne West	November 30, 2015
John Arthur McNulty	December 10, 2015

Parish of St. George
Income & Expense

2015 Year End Statement (Unaudited at time of printing)

Accrual Basis

	<u>Jan - Dec 15</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Note</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	1			
Income	2			
Undesignated Offerings	3			
Envelope Offerings	163,104	4		
Direct Deposit	43,409	5		
Loose	12,599	6		
Undesignated Offerings - Other	7	264,500	(264,500)	
Total Undesignated Offerings	219,112	8 264,500	(45,388)	
Designated Offerings	9			
Memorials	3,030	10		
Altar Guild	868	11 750	118	
Christmas Outreach	3,491	12 3,000	491	
Deaf Ministry	210	13 200	10	
Missions	500	14 1	499	Funds transferred in from the fund account to match expense on line 74
Music	1,125	15 750	375	
Outreach (Family Support)	156	16 250	(94)	
Soup Kitchen	2,646	17 700	1,946	
Special Projects	2,296	18		
Trinity House	3,360	19 4,000	(640)	
YouthNet	1,411	20		
Total Designated Offerings	19,093	21 9,651	9,442	
Interest, Rental, Other	22			
Fund Raising Sales & Events-net	4,751	23 2,500	2,251	
RENTAL INCOME	24			
Parking	21,918	25 20,800	1,118	
Church Rental	1,484	26 1,200	284	
Hall Rental	7,015	27 6,000	1,015	
Total RENTAL INCOME	30,417	28 28,000	2,417	
DNS&PEI Endowment Fund Interest	29			
Youth Music ETF Interest	2,498	30 2,400	98	
Church Preservation Endowment	12,236	31 11,800	436	
Deaf endowment	1,195	32 1,150	45	

	Jan - Dec 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Note
Total DNS&PEI Endowment Fund Interest	15,929 33	15,350	579	
Calendars	1,224 34	900	324	
Grant Income	3,394 35	3,500	(106)	
HST Income	9,549 36	9,450	99	
Total Interest, Rental, Other	65,264 37	59,700	5,564	
Total Income	303,469 38	333,851	(30,382)	
Gross Profit	303,469 39	333,851	(30,382)	
Expense	40			
584 · PST Expenses	41			
600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	42			
Bank Service Charges	961 43	1,000	(39)	
GST/HST Expense	13,840 44	19,000	(5,160)	
Summer Intern/Guide	4,163 45	4,500	(337)	
Treasurer Stipend	4,800 46	4,800		
Office Expenses	47			
Computers & Equipment	302 48	500	(198)	
Office Manager	69 49	250	(181)	
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	4,543 50	4,000	543	
Photocopying	51	200	(200)	
Supplies & Postage	2,008 52	1,500	508	
Telecommunication	1,856 53	2,300	(444)	
Total Office Expenses	8,778 54	8,750	28	
Allotment	22,736 55	22,736	0	
Total 600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	55,278 56	60,786	(5,508)	
700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY	57			
Stipend - Rector	15,220 58	15,220	0	FSGS Support
Benefits	13,469 59	13,500	(31)	
Housing Allowance	28,700 60	28,700	0	
Travel Reimbursement	5,280 61	5,280		
Vacation Replacement	450 62	800	(350)	
Telecommunications	591 63	750	(159)	
Diocesan Events	20 64	400	(380)	
Priest -Assistant Ministry	75 65	1	74	FSGS Support
Total 700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY	63,805 66	64,651	(846)	
800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY	67			

	Jan - Dec 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Note
Soup Kitchen	68			
SK Coordinator/Outreach Support	13,689	69 13,688	1	FSGS Support
Soup Kitchen Supplies	1,473	70 2,000	(527)	
Total Soup Kitchen	15,162	71 15,688	(526)	
Christmas Outreach	3,491	72 3,000	491	Amount to match income transferred to fund account for future use
Deaf Ministry Interpreters	6,609	73 7,600	(991)	
Missions	500	74 1	499	See note on line 14
Outreach (family support)	430	75 2,000	(1,570)	
Scouting fees	1,000	76 1,000		
St George's YouthNet	77			
YouthNet Music	5,000	78 5,000	0	Part of Music Director's stipend
St George's YouthNet - Other	5,000	79 5,000		
Total St George's YouthNet	10,000	80 10,000	0	
Total 800 - PASTORAL MINISTRY	37,192	81 39,289	(2,097)	
900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	82			
B - Memorials	3,030	83		
A - General Expenses	84			
Advertising	1,205	85 2,500	(1,295)	
Altar Guild	1,149	86 2,000	(851)	
Gifts	360	87 100	260	
Guest Speakers	1,215	88 1,000	215	
Liturgical Supplies	2,586	89 2,000	586	
Parish Library	20	90 100	(80)	
Special SD Events/Program Costs	371	91 500	(129)	
Supplies-Calendar	679	92 900	(221)	
Total A - General Expenses	7,585	93 9,100	(1,515)	
C - Music Program	94			
Musicians	6,820	95 6,000	820	FSGS Support
Stipend - Director	15,778	96 16,026	(248)	
Vacation Replacement	900	97 1,000	(100)	
Music Expenses	915	98 2,500	(1,585)	
Total C - Music Program	24,413	99 25,526	(1,113)	
D - Sunday School Program	100			
Youth	4,100	101 4,100	0	Coordinator Stipend
Supplies & Materials	212	102 500	(288)	

	Jan - Dec 15		Budget	\$ Over Budget	Note
Total D - Sunday School Program	4,312	103	4,600	(288)	
Total 900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	39,340	104	39,226	114	
1000 - PROPERTY		105			
A - General		106			
Security	2,919	107	2,800	119	
Snow Removal	7,375	108	7,000	375	
Insurance	18,260	109	19,198	(938)	
Maintenance		110	200	(200)	
Total A - General	28,554	111	29,198	(644)	
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)		112			
Janitorial Services	5,905	113	10,000	(4,095)	Provision for cleaning contract did not materialize
Janitorial Supplies	1,589	114	2,000	(411)	
Maintenance & Repairs	5,919	115	4,000	1,919	
Utilities		116			
Electric	6,991	117	9,000	(2,009)	
Oil	10,005	118	15,000	(4,995)	
Propane	497	119	800	(303)	
Water	993	120	1,000	(7)	
Total Utilities	18,486	121	25,800	(7,314)	
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	31,899	122	41,800	(9,901)	
C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis		123			
Internet	1,485	124	1,250	235	
Maintenance & Repairs	716	125	3,000	(2,284)	
Taxes & Fire Protection	4,163	126	4,200	(37)	
Telephone	613	127	650	(37)	
Utilities		128			
Electric	1,149	129	2,300	(1,151)	
Gas	3,609	130	3,500	109	
Water	803	131	1,300	(497)	
Total Utilities	5,561	132	7,100	(1,539)	
Total C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis	12,538	133	16,200	(3,662)	
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)		134			
Maintenance & Repairs		135	200	(200)	
Utilities		136			
Electric	301	137	350	(49)	

	Jan - Dec 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Note
Water	68 138	20	48	
Total Utilities	369 139	370	(1)	
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	369 140	570	(201)	
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	141			
Janitorial	4,092 142	4,080	12	
Maintenance & Repairs	920 143	5,000	(4,080)	
Organ Maintenance	2,737 144	3,300	(563)	
Preservation Expense Transfer	9,741 145			Unused interest from Church Preservation Endowment Trust Fund transferred (Line 31) to ST Fund for use in 2016
Preservation Expense	2,495 146	11,800	(9,305)	
Fire Protection	397 147	450	(53)	
Utilities	148			
Electric	1,483 149	2,300	(817)	
Oil	9,944 150	14,000	(4,056)	
Water	1,247 151	1,200	47	
Total Utilities	12,674 152	17,500	(4,826)	
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	33,056 153	42,130	(9,074)	
Total 1000 - PROPERTY	106,416 154	129,898	(23,482)	
Total Expense	302,031 155	333,850	(31,819)	
Net Ordinary Income	1,438 156		1,438	

Parish of St. George

Balance Sheet

2015 Year End - Operating (Unaudited at time of printing)

	Accrual Basis		Note #
	31 Dec 15	31 Dec 14	
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Chequing/Savings			
TD/Canada Trust	112,472	161 257,433	
Total Chequing/Savings	112,472	162 257,433	
Other Current Assets			
Petty Cash	600	164 400	
Diocesan Endowment Funds			
Committed Investments			
Helen Johnson Youth Music ID277	61,525	167 60,325	
Altar Guild ID840	1,054	168 1,033	
Helen C Johnson Ministry ID825	29,440	169 28,866	
Little Dutch Church ID845	17,288	170 16,289	
Memorial Fund ID850	4,988	171 4,700	
Pickford Choral Scholar ID860	14,224	172 13,946	
Preservation & Conserv. ID870	301,375	173 295,500	
Wright Gravelot Fund [Lot 10]	2,338	174 2,203	
Total Committed Investments	432,232	175 422,862	
Uncommitted Investments			
Rectors & Wardens ID810	16,559	177 15,498	
Rectors Fund ID830	10,841	178 10,321	
Shaw James A ID820	3,866	179 3,643	
Total Uncommitted Investments	31,266	180 29,462	
Total Diocesan Endowment Funds	463,498	181 452,324	
Total Other Current Assets	464,098	182 452,724	
Total Current Assets	576,570	183 710,157	
TOTAL ASSETS	576,570	184 710,157	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
Accounts Payable	178	189 98	
Total Accounts Payable	178	190 98	
Other Current Liabilities			
Clearing Suspense	791	192 0	Canada Helps money to be transferred to Refugee Sponsorship Committee
ST - Funds held for specifics			
Mission to Seafarers (Shoeboxes)	0	194 100	
Archives	110	195 110	
Altar Guild Fund	1,831	196 1,831	
Bequests	10,088	197 10,088	

Accrual Basis

	<u>31 Dec 15</u>	<u>31 Dec 14</u>	<u>Note #</u>										
Christmas Outreach Fund	3,193	198 2,052											
Choir Chair Fund	889	199 889											
Curacy Fund	2,160	200 2,160											
Diocesan Times Fund	85	201 45											
LDC	1,182	202 682											
Memorials	811	203 2,041											
Missions Appeal Fund	3,685	204 4,125											
Organ Fund	1,362	205 1,362											
Pickford Scholarship	2,992	206 2,414											
Preservation ST Fund	23,155	207 13,414	Accumulated interest; See note Line 145										
Property Development	0	208 2,291											
PWRDF Appeal Fund	0	209 145											
Rector's Discretionary Fund	0	210 1,605											
Soup Kitchen Fund	1,000	211 255											
Special Gift Fund	0	212 123											
Trinity House	300	213 300	2014 misallocation corrected in 2016										
Total ST - Funds held for specifics	<u>52,843</u>	<u>214 46,032</u>											
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>53,634</u>	<u>215 46,032</u>											
Total Current Liabilities	<u>53,812</u>	<u>216 46,130</u>											
Long Term Liabilities		217											
Liabilites associated with ETF		218											
Helen Johnson Youth Music Trust	61,525	219 60,325											
Altar Guild	979	220 1,033											
HJ Deaf Ministry Fund	29,440	221 28,866											
LDC	17,288	222 16,289											
Memorial Fund	4,988	223 4,700											
Pickford Choral Scholarship	14,224	224 13,946											
Preservation Fund - Church	301,375	225 295,500											
Gravelot Fund [Lot 10]	2,338	226 2,203											
Rector & Wardens	16,559	227 15,498											
Rectors Fund	10,841	228 10,321											
James A Shaw Fund	3,866	229 3,643											
Total Liabilites associated with ETF	<u>463,423</u>	<u>230 452,324</u>											
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>463,423</u>	<u>231 452,324</u>											
Total Liabilities	<u>517,235</u>	<u>232 498,454</u>											
Equity		233											
2015 - to DECK THE HALL Bank Acct.	(153,806)	234 0	Transferred to Deck the Hall bank account; separate Income & Expense statements										
			Lines 235 to 238 restated removing DTH										
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<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>												
57,898	54,711												
1,437	3,187												
59,335	57,898												
576,570	556,352												
Retained Earnings	211,704	235 54,711											
Net Income	1,437	236 156,993											
Total Equity	<u>59,335</u>	<u>237 211,704</u>											
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>576,570</u>	<u>238 710,158</u>											

Deck The Hall, Parish of St George
Balance Sheet Year End 2015
As of 31 December 2015

	<u>31 Dec 15</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
DTH-TD Canada Trust	202,536.95
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>202,536.95</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>202,536.95</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>202,536.95</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	153,805.60
Net Income	48,731.35
Total Equity	<u>202,536.95</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>202,536.95</u>

Deck The Hall, Parish of St George
Income & Expense Year End 2015
January through December 2015

	<u>Jan - Dec 15</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
46400 · Other Types of Income	18,000.00
50 · Campaign	
51 · Direct Debit Income	5,735.00
60 · Campaign - Music Room	113,532.02
50 · Campaign - Other	2,847.65
Total 50 · Campaign	<u>122,114.67</u>
70 · HST Income	5,137.66
Total Income	<u>145,252.33</u>
Expense	
101 · Vendor Expenses - Windows	79,797.03
200 · HST Expense	11,911.45
300 · Office Expense	
301 · Office manager	4,562.91
302 · Banking Fees	198.59
300 · Office Expense - Other	51.00
Total 300 · Office Expense	<u>4,812.50</u>
Total Expense	<u>96,520.98</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>48,731.35</u>
Net Income	<u><u>48,731.35</u></u>



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

DECLARATION 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 CERTIFICATE HOLDER : 2222 Brunswick Street
Halifax, NS B3K 2Z3

POLICY PERIOD : From March 1, 2015, until March 1, 2016, at 12:01 a.m. standard time

TOTAL PREMIUM : \$18,160

<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	\$2,000,000	\$1,000 Third Party Property Damage only
ABUSE COVERAGE	\$10,000,000 per occurrence \$10,000,000 annual aggregate	\$NIL
V) EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN	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, AIG Insurance Company of Canada has issued a Master Policy No. 037718276, 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%	\$18,065
Directors' & Officers' Insurance	AIG 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: March 4, 2015 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: March 1, 2015
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	\$11,455,088 \$209,404 Total	0.1011 0.1011 Total	\$11,585.00 \$212.00 \$11,797.00	2 A \$230	\$12,027
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	AA AA	\$1,751,000 \$72,100 Total	0.1817 0.1817 Total	\$3,182.00 \$131.00 \$3,313.00	2 A \$230	\$3,543
3	Building & Contents of Little Dutch Church, 2393 Brunswick Street, Halifax, NS; wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, no heat, built 1755	AA AA	\$288,745 \$7,663 Total	0.2269 0.2269 Total	\$655.00 \$17.00 \$672.00		\$672
4	Building & Parish Contents of Parish Rectory, 5435 Cornwallis St., Halifax, NS; wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, natural gas heat, built 1850	AA AA	\$360,500 \$68,083 Total	0.2269 0.2269 Total	\$818.00 \$155.00 \$973.00		\$973
			Building Contents Total				
			Building Contents Total				
		Total Property Limits	\$14,212,583		Commercial General Liability Premium		\$380
					Abuse Liability Premium		\$375
					Crime Premium		\$95
					TOTAL PREMIUM		\$18,065

THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL INSUREDS AND LOSS PAYEES

Name of Insured: The Parish of St. George

Policy Period: From 01-MAR-2015 to 01-MAR-2016

Coverage is provided for, but not limited to, the following location(s):

Location Address:
Type: Loss Payee Name: Sharp Electronics of Canada c/o The Bank of New York Mellon Address: 31 Adelaide Street East P.O. Box 104 Toronto, ON M5C 2H8 Special Interest: One MX5001N Digital Imaging System, Value \$10,000
Location Address:
Type: Name: Address: Special Interest:
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Parish of St. George 2016 Operating Budget - Draft

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jan - Dec 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	2016 Budget	Notes
Income					
Undesignated Offerings					
Envelope Offerings	163,104.25				1
Direct Deposit	43,409.00				2
Loose	12,599.09				3
Undesignated Offerings - Other		264,500.00	(264,500.00)	218,592	4
Total Undesignated Offerings	219,112.34	264,500.00	(45,387.66)	218,500	5 4-year average = 216,492
Designated Offerings					6
OTHER SOURCE PROGRAM FUND RAISING				37,000	7 new line item for new sources of revenue
Memorials	3,029.59				8
Altar Guild	867.79	750.00	117.79	750	9
Christmas Outreach	3,491.00	3,000.00	491.00	3,000	10
Deaf Ministry	210.00	200.00	10.00	200	11
Missions	500.00	1.00	499.00	50	12
Music	1,125.00	750.00	375.00	1,000	13
Outreach (Family Support)	156.00	250.00	(94.00)	200	14
Soup Kitchen	2,645.68	700.00	1,945.68	1,000	15
Trinity House	3,360.00	4,000.00	(640.00)		16
Special Projects	2,296.12				17
YouthNet	1,410.80				18
Total Designated Offerings	19,091.98	9,651.00	9,440.98	43,200	19
Interest, Rental, Other					20
Fund Raising Sales & Events-net	4,751.05	2,500.00	2,251.05	5,000	21 net proceeds from 2 annual sales
RENTAL INCOME					22
Parking	21,917.85	20,800.00	1,117.85	21,500	23
Church Rental	1,484.00	1,200.00	284.00	1,500	24
Hall Rental	7,015.00	6,000.00	1,015.00	6,500	25
Total RENTAL INCOME	30,416.85	28,000.00	2,416.85	29,500	26
DNS&PEI Endowment Fund Interest				30	

	Jan - Dec 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	2016 Budget	Notes
Youth Music ETF Interest	2,498.00	2,400.00	98.00	2,461	31 based on 4% of market value
Church Preservation Endowment	12,236.34	11,800.00	436.34	12,055	32 "
Deaf endowment	1,195.30	1,150.00	45.30	1,178	33 "
Total DNS&PEI Endowment Fund Interest	15,929.64	15,350.00	579.64	15,694	34
Calendars	1,223.80	900.00	323.80	750	35
Grant Income	3,394.00	3,500.00	(106.00)	3,500	36
HST Income	9,548.87	9,450.00	98.87	8,000	37
Total Interest, Rental, Other	65,264.21	59,700.00	5,564.21	57,444	38
Total Income	303,468.53	333,851.00	(30,382.47)	319,144	39
Gross Profit	303,468.53	333,851.00	(30,382.47)	319,144	40
Expense					41
584 - PST Expenses					42
600 - GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES					43
Bank Service Charges	961.05	1,000.00	(38.95)	1,000	44
GST/HST Expense	13,840.24	19,000.00	(5,159.76)	16,300	45
Summer Intern/Guide	4,162.76	4,500.00	(337.24)	4,500	46
Treasurer Stipend	4,800.00	4,800.00		4,800	47
Office Expenses					48
Computers & Equipment	302.35	500.00	(197.65)	500	49
Office Manager	69.01	250.00	(180.99)	250	50
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	4,543.31	4,000.00	543.31	4,500	51
Photocopying		200.00	(200.00)	200	52
Supplies & Postage	2,007.69	1,500.00	507.69	1,750	53
Telecommunication	1,855.74	2,300.00	(444.26)	2,000	54
Total Office Expenses	8,778.10	8,750.00	28.10	9,200	55
Allotment	22,736.28	22,736.24	0.04	28,342	56
Total 600 - GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	55,278.43	60,786.24	(5,507.81)	64,142	57
700 - ORDAINED MINISTRY					58
Stipend - Rector	15,220.08	15,220.00	0.08	15,518	59 \$37,503 total
Benefits	13,469.47	13,500.00	(30.53)	14,000	60
Housing Allowance	28,699.92	28,700.00	(0.08)	28,700	61
Travel Reimbursement	5,280.00	5,280.00		5,280	62

	Jan - Dec 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	2016 Budget	Notes
Vacation Replacement	450.00	800.00	(350.00)	800	63
Telecommunications	591.29	750.00	(158.71)	750	64
Diocesan Events	20.00	400.00	(380.00)	100	65
Priest -Assistant Ministry	75.00	1.00	74.00	1	66
Total 700 - ORDAINED MINISTRY	63,805.76	64,651.00	(845.24)	65,149	67
800 - PASTORAL MINISTRY					68
Soup Kitchen					69
SK Coordinator/Outreach Support	13,689.01	13,688.46	0.55	13,713	70
Soup Kitchen Supplies	1,472.78	2,000.00	(527.22)	1,000	71
Total Soup Kitchen	15,161.79	15,688.46	(526.67)	14,713	72
Christmas Outreach	3,491.00	3,000.00	491.00	3,000	73
Deaf Ministry Interpreters	6,609.00	7,600.00	(991.00)	7,000	74
Missions	500.00	1.00	499.00	50	75
Outreach (family support)	430.00	2,000.00	(1,570.00)	2,000	76
Scouting fees	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000	77
St George's YouthNet					78
YouthNet Music	4,999.92	5,000.00	(0.08)	5,000	79
St George's YouthNet - Other	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000	80
Total St George's YouthNet	9,999.92	10,000.00	(0.08)	10,000	81
Total 800 - PASTORAL MINISTRY	37,191.71	39,289.46	(2,097.75)	37,763	82
900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT					83
B - Memorials	3,029.59				84
A - General Expenses					85
Advertising	1,204.80	2,500.00	(1,295.20)	1,500	86
Altar Guild	1,149.05	2,000.00	(850.95)	1,500	87
Gifts	359.57	100.00	259.57	100	88
Guest Speakers	1,214.87	1,000.00	214.87	0	89 Ask FSGS
Liturgical Supplies	2,585.99	2,000.00	585.99	3,000	90
Parish Library	20.00	100.00	(80.00)	100	91
Special SD Events/Program Costs	371.42	500.00	(128.58)	500	92
Supplies-Calendar	678.60	900.00	(221.40)	750	93
Total A - General Expenses	7,584.30	9,100.00	(1,515.70)	7,450	94

	Jan - Dec 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	2016 Budget	Notes
C - Music Program					
Musicians	6,820.00	6,000.00	820.00	6,000	95
Stipend - Director	15,777.63	16,026.00	(248.37)	16,800	96 \$33,584 total
Vacation Replacement	900.00	1,000.00	(100.00)	1,000	97
Music Expenses	915.27	2,500.00	(1,584.73)	2,500	98
Total C - Music Program	24,412.90	25,526.00	(1,113.10)	26,300	99
D - Sunday School Program					
Youth	4,146.00	4,100.00	46.00	4,100	100
Supplies & Materials	166.22	500.00	(333.78)	300	101
Total D - Sunday School Program	4,312.22	4,600.00	(287.78)	4,400	102
Total 900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	39,339.01	39,226.00	113.01	38,150	103
1000 - PROPERTY					
A - General					
Security	2,919.26	2,800.00	119.26	2,800	104
Snow Removal	7,375.00	7,000.00	375.00	7,500	105
Insurance	18,260.00	19,198.30	(938.30)	18,500	106
Maintenance		200.00	(200.00)		107
Total A - General	28,554.26	29,198.30	(644.04)	28,800	108
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)					
Janitorial Services	5,905.45	10,000.00	(4,094.55)	10,000	109
Janitorial Supplies	1,588.81	2,000.00	(411.19)	2,000	110
Maintenance & Repairs	5,918.89	4,000.00	1,918.89	5,000	111
Utilities					112
Electric	6,991.36	9,000.00	(2,008.64)	7,000	113
Oil	10,004.93	15,000.00	(4,995.07)	10,000	114
Propane	496.51	800.00	(303.49)	500	115
Water	993.34	1,000.00	(6.66)	1,000	116
Total Utilities	18,486.14	25,800.00	(7,313.86)	18,500	117
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	31,899.29	41,800.00	(9,900.71)	35,500	118
C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis					
Internet	1,485.31	1,250.00	235.31	1,250	119
Maintenance & Repairs	716.15	3,000.00	(2,283.85)	1,500	120

	Jan - Dec 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	2016 Budget	Notes
Taxes & Fire Protection					
Telephone	4,162.80	4,200.00	(37.20)	4,200	127
Utilities	613.26	650.00	(36.74)	650	128
					129
Electric	1,148.58	2,300.00	(1,151.42)	1,250	130
Gas	3,608.51	3,500.00	108.51	4,000	131
Water	802.74	1,300.00	(497.26)	1,000	132
Total Utilities	5,559.83	7,100.00	(1,540.17)	6,250	133
Total C - TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis	12,537.35	16,200.00	(3,662.65)	13,850	134
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)					135
Maintenance & Repairs		200.00	(200.00)	0	136 LDC fund can cover M&R expenses
Utilities					137
Electric	301.06	350.00	(48.94)	350	138
Water	68.25	20.00	48.25	75	139
Total Utilities	369.31	370.00	(0.69)	425	140
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	369.31	570.00	(200.69)	425	141
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)					142
Janitorial	4,091.99	4,080.00	11.99	4,080	143
Maintenance & Repairs		5,000.00	(4,080.10)	2,500	144
Organ Maintenance	2,736.51	3,300.00	(563.49)	3,300	145
Preservation Expense Transfer					146
Preservation Expense	2,495.38	11,800.00	(9,304.62)	12,055	147
Fire Protection	396.97	450.00	(53.03)	450	148 for church, LDC & hall
Utilities					149
Electric	1,483.43	2,300.00	(816.57)	1,500	150
Oil	9,944.44	14,000.00	(4,055.56)	10,000	151
Water	1,246.66	1,200.00	46.66	1,300	152
Total Utilities	12,674.53	17,500.00	(4,825.47)	12,800	153
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	33,056.14	42,130.00	(9,073.86)	35,185	154
Total 1000 - PROPERTY	106,416.35	129,898.30	(23,481.95)	113,760	155
Total Expense	302,031.26	333,851.00	(31,819.74)	318,964	156
Net Ordinary Income	1,437.27		1,437.27	179	157
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