

Annual Report for the year 2017

# The Parish of Saint George

Halifax, Nova Scotia



Annual General Meeting: February 25, 2018

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# **Parish of St George**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**February 25, 2018**

Agenda as per Canon 35

1. Opening prayer;
2. The Election of the Chair of the Meeting;
3. The Election of the Secretary of the Meeting;
4. The reading, correction, if any, and approval of the minutes previous meeting dated February 26, 2017;
5. Any unfinished business from the previous annual meeting;
6. Business arising from the minutes;
7. Communications;
8. Consideration of the Statement of Financial Position at Year-End 2017
9. The presentation of a list of all insurance policies belonging to the parish corporation and the amount of insurance on all buildings owned by the parish corporation;
10. New business;
  - a. Discussion on an illuminated sign
  - b. Discussion of the Halifax Community Chaplaincy (H.C.C) proposal
11. The presentation the Statement of Income and Expense for the year 2017;
12. The Parish Corporation;
13. Deck the Hall;
14. The Refugee Sponsorship Committee;
15. The report of the Priest-in-Charge;
16. The report of the Wardens;
17. Consideration of a written report of each committee of the parish and the reception of reports of parish organizations, regional council, and other congregational bodies;
18. Talk by Friends of Saint George's Society
19. Consideration of a statement of the estimated income and expenditures for the ensuing year;
20. The election of Wardens;
21. The election of other members of Parish Council;
22. The election of lay representatives and youth delegates to Synod pursuant to the Constitution of the Synod;
23. The election of a secretary of the parish, unless a meeting of the members of the parish has authorized the parish council established for the parish to elect or appoint the secretary or the by-laws of the parish provide for the appointment of a secretary other than by election at an annual meeting of the members of the parish;
24. The election of a treasurer of the parish, unless a meeting of the parish has authorized the parish council established for the parish to elect or appoint the treasurer or the by-laws of the parish provide for the appointment of a treasurer other than by election at an annual meeting of the members of the parish; 21. the election of one or more auditors;
25. The election of delegates to Regional Council (all clergy are members ex officio; at least one synod delegate, between three and six additional members representing men, women and youth);
26. The election of a correspondent to the Diocesan Times;
27. Such other elections or appointments as the meeting determines;
28. A closing prayer.

**Parish of Saint George**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**February 26, 2017**

1. **Opening prayer:** led by Fr. Purchase

2. **The Election of the Chair of the Meeting:**

MOTION: *S Zinck moved that A Wilson chair the meeting. G Pickett seconded. Carried.*

3. **The Election of the Secretary of the Meeting:**

MOTION: *A Wilson moved that J Gracie minute the meeting. J Ross seconded. Carried.*

MOTION: *A Wilson moved the adoption of the agenda as presented. A Thorne seconded. Carried*

4. **The reading, correction, if any, and approval of the minutes previous meeting dated February 28, 2016:**

MOTION: *S Harris moved the adoption of the minutes as presented. N McAllister seconded. Carried*

5. **Any unfinished business from the previous annual meeting:**

*Daniel Watson's comments on usury and parish finances*

D Watson's comments resulted in a multi-week discussion on usury, including a series of lectures presented by Dr. N Robertson, of which D Watson is aware.

6. **Business arising from the minutes:**

None.

7. **Communications:**

The Parish has received an education letter from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) as a follow-up to the audit that CRA conducted of the finances of the parish. The education letter addressed a number of concerns, including the parish's failure to issue T4 and T4A slips for monetary and non-monetary benefits, including accommodation and any stipend over \$500. Overall, the result of the audit was positive, but the importance of keeping parish activities documented was stressed.

MOTION: *S Zinck moved that the parish extend thanks to J Connors (Treasurer), J de Mestral (Warden), and all of the auditors for their diligent work. J Ross seconded. Carried.*

8. **Consideration of the Statement of Financial Position at Year-End 2016;**

The parish ended the year with a deficit of \$18,294, with revenue totalling of \$302,755 and expenses totalling \$321,049.

As shown, on Line 10, undesignated offerings totalled \$218,500, most of which is due to very generous giving in December. Prior to December, the parish was running a \$60,000 deficit. Line 40 shows a rental income of \$29,610 against a budget of \$29,500.

Lines 208 and 212 are new line items, which reflect CRA's request that the value of parish property be included on the assets portion of the balance sheet.

These financial statements were unaudited at time of printing.

N McAllister and D Wright have since completed an audit of the financial statements

MOTION: *J Connors moved the adoption of the Financial Statements as presented. M Hills seconded. Carried.*

*J Ross voiced thanks of J Connors's diligent work as parish Treasurer, which was greeted with a round of applause.*

**9. The presentation of a list of all insurance policies belonging to the parish corporation and the amount of insurance on all buildings owned by the parish corporation;**

*A Wilson presented the statements.*

**10. New business**

None.

**11. The presentation the Statement of Income and Expense for the year 2016;**

a) Parish Corporation

The presentation of the Statement of Income and Expense for Parish Corporation for the year 2016 has been covered in item 8.

b) Deck the Hall:

The music room project has been completed to the point of consuming almost all of the Deck the Hall committee's resources. The project is now focusing on fundraising, and the project is in need of a fundraising coordinator. Work will resume as resources become available.

*S Burns & J Ross expressed thanks for JM Dawson's work as Chair of the Deck the Hall committee, which was greeted with a round of applause*

c) The Refugee Sponsorship Committee

The Refugee Sponsorship Committee started the year with \$28,000 in the bank, and, without active fundraising, managed to raise an additional \$30,000 - including \$600.00 from the Diocese of NS & PEI for the support of the Hussein Family. There has been little in the way of disbursements, because we are still awaiting the arrival of the Almasalmas.

**12. The report of the Priest-in-Charge**

MOTION: *Fr. Purchase moved the adoption of the Priest-in-Charge's report and Pastoral Visitor's report as presented. S Armstrong seconded. Carried.*

MOTION: *G MacPhee moved that thanks be expressed to Fr. Purchase. A Pickett seconded. Carried. The motion was met with standing ovation.*

**13. The Report of the Wardens**

*A Wilson thanked the proofreaders*

MOTION: *S Zinck moved the adoption of the Wardens' Report as presented; A Thorne seconded. Carried.*

MOTION: *S Harris moved that thanks be expressed to the Wardens for their tremendous work, which was met with a standing ovation.*

**14. Consideration of a written report of each committee of the parish and the reception of reports of parish organizations, regional council, and other congregational bodies;**

Presented individually:

- i. The report of the Spiritual Development Committee was considered.
- ii. The report of the Director of Music was considered.
- iii. The Sacristan's report was considered.
- iv. The Altar Guild report was considered

*T Lenfesty invited any people interested in joining the Altar Guild to contact her*

- v. The report of the Refugee Sponsorship Committee was considered

C Larsson remains in Skype contact with the Almasalma Family, and a number of students at the University of King's College are starting a letter writing campaign to lobby, generally, on behalf of refugees. If we haven't seen the ALMASALMAS by the end of march, there will need to be a meeting as to what to do with the house; Regarding the Hussein family: a group in Shubenacadie brought in a family from Iraq, who have since moved to Halifax and are now under the care of the Refugee Sponsorship Committee. They are settling in well, making contacts in the local Arabic-speaking community, and learning English. There is a new application to sponsor a family from South Sudan; The Refugee Sponsorship Committee has enjoyed a wonderful collaboration with members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, who have contributed \$10,000 to the committee's funds.

MOTION: *S Zinck and A Wilson moved that thanks be extended to the members of the Refugee Sponsorship Committee, particularly to S Dodd, Chair.*

- vi. The report on the Altar Servers was considered:

*W Shaw expressed hope that there were prayers during communion for the safety of all workers labouring on the re-decking project, and for the patience of all motorists.*

*Fr. Purchase expressed a wish to honour the long-serving Altar Servers - one has been serving for over 50 years*

- vii. The report of the Sunday School Coordinator was considered:

*The Sunday School is presently facing a large shortage of teachers.*

- viii. The report of the Parish Archivist was considered;
- ix. The report of the Parish Librarian was considered;
- x. The report on Fundraising Sales was considered

*MOTION: A Wilson moved that thanks be expressed to M King and G Urquhart for their work organizing the weekly sales during Sunday fellowship. J M Dawson seconded. Carried.*

- xi. The report of the Publicity Committee was considered

*The Publicity Committee was recently struck in order to coordinate the promotion of parochial services and events. It is in need of members and volunteers.*

- xii. The Sextons' Report was considered:

*A Bird requested that space in the annual report be earmarked for a Trinity House Report*

Trinity House is blossoming this year. The house has hosted ministries, weekly Shakespeare nights, the Halifax Humanities board meeting, Tea at Trinity meetings and is now nurturing new families.

- xiii. Property Committee:

A Wilson thanked C savoury for assuming the role of Property Chair; and thanked all other members of that committee.

S Smith's architectural firm put together a portfolio and a bid for the services that they have offered to us for the maintenance of multiple buildings.

- xiv. The SS report was considered

*A Bird expressed thanks for the organizational efforts.*

- xv. The Soup Kitchen report was considered:
- xvi. The Deaf Ministry report was considered:
- xvii. Hospitality/Fellowship: M Hills: "Food is an important part of what we do here."
- xviii. The report of Shoeboxes for Seafarers was considered
- xix. The Christmas Outreach report was considered:
- xx. The report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Halifax Scouts was considered:
- xxi. The YouthNet report was considered

MOTION: *V Mowat: moved that congratulations be offered to the staff and volunteers of YouthNet for their work.*

MOTION: *C Savoury moved the acceptance of all reports as presented. J Connors seconded. Carried.*

**15. Consideration of a statement of the estimated income and expenditures for the ensuing year;**

The Budget Committee Consisted of 4 people: A Wilson, S Zinck, J Connors, and N McAllister. The Parish Corporation finished 2016 with a deficit, not a debt. The parish has sufficient cash reserves to cover the deficit without borrowing additional money.

The first proposed budget cuts the music budget, the Soup Kitchen Coordinator's stipend (by 3 hours per week), and the Spiritual Development budget.

Last year's budget for undesignated offerings was an average of the real offerings from the previous three years.

The second proposed budget strikes a middle ground between the budgeted amount last year, and the real receipts.

Comments:

- i. JM Dawson: the line item on p.57 budgeting for propane can be removed; there is no line item in the proposal for the cost of natural gas.
- ii. M Vanderkwaak: under the proposed budgets, the residents at Trinity House will assist in the payment of the Trinity House utility bills, as represented on p. 59, line 155 and p. 54, line 138.
- iii. T Lenfesty: questioned cuts to the liturgical supplies budget, as that budget pays for candles, wine, and communion wafers.
- iv. A Pickett: We are asking the question: how do we make do with less? We can be more active in addressing this, but the buildings are underused; the average parish is declining, but we are not an average parish - we have a unique parish, a unique building, and the best choir in Atlantic Canada; we need to be getting the word out, and I think the reinvigoration of the Publicity Committee is a huge step; I am inclined to make a motion to increase parish membership by 5%; I have been having concerts here as a sneaky way of getting people into the building. We have to give people a reason to stick around. We can make Saint George's a more comprehensible place and I hope that the Publicity Committee and parish will grow.
- v. A Wilson: I had a boss who said "Hope is not a method." We are Christians, and hope is a method.
- vi. S Harris: Budget 2 gives a more reasonable challenge. Given the amount of work that the PA does and the number of hours that he puts in for which he is not paid;



- vii. M Hills: As a counter and as someone who loves Evensongs: can the offerings at Evensong be regularly designated?
- viii. M Vanderkwaak: Something surprised me about both versions of the budget: I expected us to raise rent in the hall. I am wondering about the various ways that the hall could generate revenue.
- ix. S Zinck: The Parish Administrator has looked at parking fees, and rental fees, and is trying to raise revenue further with making reasonable increases.
- x. J Connors: We do calculate the in-kind offering that is made in the form of space to the tenant charities which use the hall free of charge. That offering is an allotment write-off.
- xi. U Vom Hagen: Congratulations on the committee on preparing a clear budget; and thanks to the congregants for reducing the budget gap.
- xii. N McAllister: I was a very bad committee chair, and we had agreed in committee on a budget, and I had reservations, and the committee was gracious in allowing me to redraft the budget. These two budgets do not represent Reality vs. Optimism: we are still cutting \$4000 out of the budget, even in the optimistic version.
- xiii. N. Robertson: It is not just a question of optimism, hope and growth - there is a question of will. If we vote for the optimistic budget, we are choosing to make the growth happen.
- xiv. A Wilson: Thank you all for coming and staying. We will be voting by a ballot system. On the budget.

RESULTS OF THE BUDGET VOTE: *Budget 1: 5 votes. Budget 2: 32. No abstentions.*

**16. The election of Wardens;**

There is no election this year.

**17. The election of other members of Parish Council;**

*J de Mestral noted that there are omissions from the presented list of nominees: the Auditors for 2016 were N McAllister and D Wright.*

*A Wilson issued a call for nominations from the floor for persons to serve on Parish Council as Members-at-Large.*

*The call was repeated three times.*

*The nominees listed were elected by acclamation.*

**18. The election of lay representatives and youth delegates to Synod pursuant to the Constitution of the Synod;**

*Nominations for delegates were received from the floor: C Savoury and S Zinck. The Nominees were elected by acclamation.*

*Youth Delegate: R Chipman is interested but unable to stand as not yet at the age of 16.*

*Alternate Synod Delegates: R Kent and M Vanderkwaak were elected by acclamation.*

- 19. The election of a secretary of the parish, unless a meeting of the members of the parish has authorized the parish council established for the parish to elect or appoint the secretary or the by-laws of the parish provide for the appointment of a secretary other than by election at an annual meeting of the members of the parish;**

*The Parish Administrator fulfills this role ex officio*

- 20. the election of a treasurer of the parish, unless a meeting of the parish has authorized the parish council established for the parish to elect or appoint the treasurer or the by-laws of the parish provide for the appointment of a treasurer other than by election at an annual meeting of the members of the parish; appointed by Parish Council;**

*J Connors has given one year's notice of her intent to resign the position of Treasurer. A nominations committee has been convened.*

*A Wilson thanked J Connors for her service*

- 21. the election of one or more auditors;**

*N McAllister and JM Dawson were nominated and elected by acclamation.*

- 22. the election of delegates to Regional Council (all clergy are members *ex officio*; at least one synod delegate, between three and six additional members representing men, women and youth);**

- 23. The election of a correspondent to the Diocesan Times;**

*Diocesan Times Correspondent: P Martinson was elected by acclamation.*

- 24. Such other elections or appointments as the meeting determines;**

None.

Fr. Purchase: Thank you to the wardens, the members of Parish Council, M Himmelman for Property Committee; B Lee, D Neish; and all those completing their terms of service on Parish Council; and a big thank you to J Connors; to the Choir and Garth, and to the Junior Choir for being amazing. You have so many gifts and the mission that you are carrying out in this Parish is being carried out lovingly, caringly, and competently. On behalf of myself and Fr. Snook, thank you all.

*MOTION: R Kent moved that the meeting adjourn. Carried.*

- 25. Closing Prayer: led by Fr. Purchase**

## Nominations 2018

Leaving, with thanks for their years of service:

Al Wilson (Warden)  
Sue Zinck (Warden)  
Jan Connors (Treasurer)  
Judith Fisher (PC)  
Donna Stewart (PC)  
Jennifer King (PC)  
Richard Kent (PC)

### Position

Warden  
Warden  
Warden  
Treasurer  
Secretary

### Returning

Jacque de Mestral (3 of 3)  
  
  
Jordan Gracie

### Nominated

Evan King (1 of 2)  
Tracy Lenfesty(1 of 3)  
Davinia Wright

### Members-at-Large, Parish Council

(max. 12, 3 year terms)  
3)

Rozzi Curran (3 of 3)

Meghan Jamieson (1 of

Nathan McAllister (3 of 3)  
Marilyn Orr (2 of 3)  
Matthew Vanderkwaak (2 of 3)  
Mary Hills (2 of 3)  
Vaila Mowat (2 of 3)

Peter Dawson(1 of 3)  
Scott Connors (1 of 3)  
David Sheppard (1 of 3)  
Allan Snook (1 of 3)

### Non-Parish Council Positions

Regional Council Delegates  
Synod Delegates  
Youth Synod Delegate  
PWRDF Contact  
Diocesan Times

Wardens  
Sue Zinck  
  
Lynn Stevenson  
Patricia Martinson

### Leadership Responsibilities within Parish:

Spiritual Development Committee	Susan Harris
Property Committee	Uli vom Hagen
Deck the Hall Committee	John Mark Dawson
Refugee Sponsorship/Outreach	Susan Dodd
Altar Guild	Tracy Lenfesty
Sacristan	Nadine Savory
Server scheduler	Scott Connors
Finance Committee	Nathan McAllister
Publicity Committee	Richard Kent
Diocesan Times	Patricia Martinson
Parish Archivist	Taunya Dawson

Parish Librarian  
Envelope Secretary  
Counters  
Hospitality Team Leader  
Christmas Outreach  
Shoeboxes for Seafarers  
Safer Church Committee  
Hospital visiting

Trudy Urquhart  
Judith Fisher  
Betty Haigh  
Mary Hills  
Kim Connors, Wendy Himmelman  
Patricia Martinson, Anne Tilley  
Donna Stewart, Kieva Diamond



The Altar at Easter,

## Report of the Priest-in-Charge

To the Wardens, Members of Parish Council, and Parishioners:

***“In response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Parish of Saint George offers a unique combination of traditional Anglican worship and a commitment to Inner-City Ministry. Open to the community that surrounds it, St. George’s dares to be shaped by the Inner City, yet seeks to transform our neighbourhood by preaching, in Word and action, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”***

This is the “Mission Statement” of Saint George’s and the Parish endeavours to be faithful to its mission, and the reports that follow will give indication to that.

Father Harris has been of tremendous help with Celebrating and Preaching at the Eucharist and in scheduling the Deacon Roster with help from outside the Parish: the Rev. Ray Carter, Fr. Gary Thorne, Fr. Thomas Curran. Fr. Thorne has been our Preacher and Celebrant from time to time as well. My thanks to each of you for your help.

The year began with a great celebration on January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Epiphany, which was followed by Pot Luck in the Church Hall and was very well attended. Unfortunately we had a snow storm on Saturday night which cut into the attendance for the 10:30am Sunday Eucharist, but it all cleared out and we had a wonderful attendance for the Lesson & Carol Service that night. Our thanks to Garth MacPhee and the Choir for such a magnificent and inspirational Service, as well as for the Lesson & Carol Service for Advent later in the year, and the various Choral Evensongs held during the year. We are certainly blessed to have such a great musician as Garth as well as a faithful and extremely dedicated Choir. Thanks also to Michal King and Adam Johnson who have filled in while Garth was on vacation. And to Jordan Gracie, who acted as our Cantor, during the summer while the Choir was on holiday.

The Junior Choir continues to inspire us with their music during the year. It is wonderful to hear them sing such a variety of music - and without the words in front of them. Congratulations again on their being awarded “Gold” at the Music Festival in the Spring. Well done! The Junior Choir also entertained us royally with their presentation of the musical, “Three Trees” in May.

Our thanks are offered to Garth also for conducting a series on “Lenten Hymns and Music” for three evenings during Lent, and for all his dedication and faithfulness.

Holy Week was very special with Dr. David Butorac as our Preacher for Monday and Tuesday, Fr. Jim McCorriston for Maundy Thursday, and Dr. Roberta Barker for the Three Hour Service on Good Friday. Also during Lent on Sunday evenings there was a series of meditations given, based on Fr. Crouse’s *“Images of Pilgrimage: Paradise & Wilderness in Christian Spirituality”*. Thanks to the Parishioners who led in these.

In April, the Parish was saddened to hear that Fr. Christopher Snook had submitted his resignation as Rector to the Bishop due to continued poor health. Fr. Snook was able to come and be our Preacher on Sunday, June 11 and a “Farewell Luncheon” was held that day. A Parochial Search Committee was selected in early summer to seek applications for a new Rector. Late in the Fall the Wardens were able to announce that Fr. Nicholas Hatt will be our new Rector beginning on Ash Wednesday 2018.



Fr. Purchase at the YouthNet Saint Nick Party

During the year we had a number of very interesting and informative talks on the Little Dutch Church and Saint George's. Dr. Jonnach spoke on "*The Seven Mysteries of St. George's*" which traced the development of the Palladian style of architecture and its use at St. George's. Garry Shutlak, Senior Reference Archivist of the Nova Scotia Public Archives, gave a talk on the history of the Little Dutch Church and the Community that built it. Later, two of our Summer Student Guides, who welcomed summer tourists to the Round Church, gave interesting talks. Matthew MacDonald spoke on "*Averting the Malignity of Slander: Treason, Murder, and a Conspiracy of Weak and Deluded Men*" - about the life of the Hon. Joseph Frederick DesBarres, Lieutenant Governor of Cape Breton, who is buried in the Crypt of St. George's. Matthew Vanderkwaak followed this with "Sacred Geometry: the Architecture of the Round Church, 1800-1827": a very fascinating and informative talk indeed.

Also during the year, Sue Zinck, one of our Parish Wardens, and Fr. Jim McCorrison conducted a Series on "*Sacred Sorrows: Mental Health and the Journey to Wholeness*". Discussion centred on mental health and the spiritual life. In August, Benjamin Lee conducted a Study Group on Prayer beginning with a look at "*Heavenly Avarice: The Theology of Prayer and Aspiration*" by Fr. Robert Crouse, followed by a paper: "*Beginning to Pray*" by Archbishop Anthony Bloom.

During the Summer we were pleased to welcome two former Rectors for a brief visit: Fr. George Westhaver and Fr. Robert Petite. It was great having them with us.

Hymn Books with music were donated and dedicated in memory of Tracy vom Hagen. We give our thanks to the donor.

Confirmation Classes began in September in preparation for Archbishop Ronald Cutler's visit in the New Year. Classes for Amelia and Isla were held after Coffee Hour on Sundays with the catechists: Liz King, Steve Gibson, Benjamin Lee, Ginny Wilmhoff, Jordan Draper and Nathan McAllister. I conducted classes on Wednesday evenings for the adults: Andrea Lane, Sheka Wright and Joyce Wright. Daniel Wilband was prepared for Baptism as well as Confirmation and Debbie Davidson for Reception into the Anglican Church.

**Altar Servers** - This year we recognized the dedication of our Altar Servers by presenting them with the Server's Cross and Ribbon. **White Ribbon & Cross** to: James Rawding (over 60 years) ; Craig Savoury (37 years); Scott Connors (36 years); Andrew Thorne and Nadine Savoury (16 years). **Blue Ribbon & Cross** to Cathy Larsson (9 years) and Trevor Hannon (5 years). **Red Ribbon & Cross** to: Alan Wilson (4 years); Nathan McAllister (3 years); Rebecca Chipman, Taunya Dawson and Richard Kent (2 years). **Wooden Cross** to Elizabeth Savoury, Sue Zinck, Uli vom Hagen and Rosemary Wilson for completing 1 year of training. Congratulations and many thanks for your faithfulness.

**Remembrance Sunday** - For many years Remembrance Sunday was observed with Choral Evensong on the Sunday following Remembrance Day. The Service was poorly attended - sometimes it seemed there were more in the Choir than the Congregation. This year we held the Service on the Sunday before Remembrance Day with Choral Mattins at 10:00am, preceding the Eucharist. The Sunday School Children led in the Prayers, lit memorial candles, and laid Poppies on the Remembrance Cross. The Junior and Senior choirs were present. There was a much larger Congregation and many mentioned how much they appreciated "sung" Morning Prayer. Our thanks are given to Norman Crewe, a Merchant Navy Vet from St. Mark's Church who donated the Poppies and the Remembrance Cross.

Meghan Jamieson accepted to be our Sunday School Co-ordinator in the Fall, taking the place of Andrea Lee who has served for a number of years. It is such a joy to see so many of our young people in Sunday School on Sundays - once in awhile I get to see some of their art work when they come to the Altar Rail

for their Blessing (not to mention a favourite stuffed animal from time to time). Meghan rehearsed with the Children for the Annual Christmas Eve Crèche Service which went off without a hitch. Since this was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion, I read the story: *“The Little Tree by the Sea - From Halifax to Boston with Love”* by John and Belle DeMont. The tree Halifax sends each year to Boston in thanks for all the help and assistance given during the aftermath of the Explosion is traditionally the first tree lit on the Boston Commons. Thanks to Meghan and her “Helpers” in organizing the Service, which was extremely well attended - around 200.

The Church was beautifully decorated for the Christmas/Epiphany Celebrations and thanks go out to Edmonds for providing the greenery and to Craig Savoury and his “Elves” who put the **Garland** together and hang it, and clean up. Not too many Churches are using “real” fir boughs these days, and so we not only have the joy of seeing the greenery, but also smelling it. Thanks to Jim Rawding, with the help of the men from Edmonds, who come to take it all down and clean up and have the Church ready right after Epiphany.

Andrea and Benjamin Lee, along with Amy Bird and Matthew Vanderkwaak and others re-organized the Youth Group. They meet at Trinity House for discussion, food and fun. Thanks to them for doing this important Ministry.

During the year a number of repair projects took place which resulted in some adjustments to our Worship. Repairs to the Steeple, roof, and painting of the exterior of the Little Dutch Church meant that the Daily Offices had to be moved to the Round Church for most of the summer. Our thanks to all those Parishioners and Friends who volunteer to lead in the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer, Mondays to Fridays, as well as to Jan Connors and others who lead in Choral Evensong on Sundays. In the Spring, the men from Edmonds scraped and repainted the woodwork on the reredos and tabernacle, as well as painted the walls and cupboards in the Vestry. The sanding and re-varnishing of the Chancel floor in the Round Church only resulted in alterations to our Wednesday morning Eucharist which we held in the Guild Room. Thanks to all who removed the furniture for the re-sanding and again putting it all back for the following Sunday, and to Vantage Flooring for doing the sanding and re-varnishing. More work was done at the Round Church in the fall with the removal of the four “East” windows over the Altar. With the staging taking up space, the Altar was moved closer to the Chancel Entrance and Parishioners received Communion at the Chancel Steps. The windows will be replaced in early 2018. All in all we managed quite well. Our thanks to the employees of Edmond’s for all the work they did at the Little Dutch Church and removing the windows, not to mention all the great work re-shingling parts of the Parish Hall and Church and painting the repaired areas. How blessed we are to have Edmonds carry out this much-needed work.

St. George’s continues to be faithful to its Mission of **Outreach**. **Youth Net** which meets in the afternoons after school continues to provide various educational and recreational activities for a number of young people in the Community, as well as a Lunch Program. The summer is quite exciting with many activities taking place away from the Parish and in different settings and communities. The young people entertained us at their annual “Extrava-Jam” in late summer and we were treated to a delicious meal at their annual St. Nicholas Supper in December. Our thanks to Rozzi Curran and the dedicated Staff for all the wonderful programs they provide for the children and teens.

Patricia Martinson continues to organize our Annual **Shoe-boxes for Seafarers** each Advent, and this year 50 or more boxes were prepared for the Mission to Seafarers. Thanks to Patricia and her helpers as well as to all who made donations.

Kim Lickers, and her helpers were able to provide turkeys and other items to many needy **families for Christmas**, and also prepared and gave small floral arrangements to some of our elderly and shut-in

Parishioners. Many thanks to all of you who take time from your busy schedule, so close to Christmas, to share the real meaning of Christmas with others.

The **Saturday Soup Kitchen** provides a much-needed service in our Community. Our Parish Administrator, Jordan Gracie, spends many hours receiving food from Feed Nova Scotia and other groups, and has been seen cooking meals himself - over 2 dozen turkeys on one occasion. Our thanks to the Parishioners who volunteer to take turns setting the tables, serving and washing-up each week, as well as the people of various Parishes and Churches who prepare the food and also come and serve. There are still some Saturdays when no food is scheduled to arrive and no one to serve. This creates more work for Jordan who scrambles to see that something is available. Perhaps you cannot come and serve, but maybe you can cook something at home when these occasions happen. So please let Jordan know you would like to help, and he can give you a call when help is needed.

**Fellowship Hour**, after Church on Sundays and Wednesdays, have proven popular and provide an opportunity to meet and chat with each other, as well as to meet new people from time to time. Our thanks to Mary Hill who organizes the Sunday Fellowship, and Leona Sweeney and Vaila on Wednesdays. And, of course, we can't forget all who provide the food and prepare the coffee and tea - many, many thanks. Thanks also go to the **Friends of Saint George's** for all they do to contribute to the welfare of the Parish, and who are present at the Fellowship Hour on Sundays with their special "liquid refreshment".

Also seen at Fellowship Hour is Michal King and Trudy Urguhart and their helpers, selling books and other items as part of the fund-raising in the Parish. It is amazing how much they raise in the run of a year. The big item, of course, is the **Annual Plant Sale** which is a great help to the Parish. Thanks to all who work at that - it is truly appreciated. And thanks to Maxine Miles and her helpers for cooking and serving the **Turkey Burgers**. Thanks to Jennifer King and Davinia Wright, and all who serve on the **Fund-Raising Committee**.

There is a small group of people, who perhaps go un-noticed, but deserve our thanks: that is the **Publicity Committee**. This small group sees that special posters are printed to advertize special Services that take place during the year. You may see these brochures and posters at the back of the Church or enclosed in your Sunday Bulletin, but you may not be aware that they put these also in store and business windows, and also go door-to-door in the neighbourhood, especially at Christmas and Easter. They deserve our appreciation and THANK YOU! I mentioned to Parish Council that perhaps now is the time to think about a Church Sign at the corner of Cornwallis and Brunswick Streets, which will be visible to traffic, and on which we can advertize special events and reach a broader audience. We need to re-think "evangelism" - to realize that just because our doors are open, people will come in - we need to go out and invite them to come in, and a large, visible sign is perhaps one way we can reach out and let people know what we are all about. Of course, no sign can ever replace a "personal invitation" and the "word-of-mouth".

The **Altar Guild** and **Brass Cleaners** faithfully prepare the Altar and Sanctuary each week for Sunday Worship, and there were times during the various renovations that their work became a challenge, but they carried on. To Tracy Lenfesty and all of you who carry out this Ministry, my personal thanks for your faithfulness and dedication. It is great to know that everything will be ready when I arrive to conduct Worship.

To Jim Rawding, your love of the Church is seen in the many hours you spend each week cleaning the Church (with the help of your faithful companion - the dog), and the many years serving at the Altar at



the 8:00am Eucharist. THANK YOU - such few words, but I am so appreciative and so are the Parishioners. Thanks also to Justin, from Edmonds who comes and helps you - you constantly sing his praise. Thank you, Justin!

I would be remiss if I didn't express my personal thanks to our **Parish Administrator, Jordan Gracie**. He certainly has a handle on the pulse of the Parish, and how he handles all that is on his plate is beyond me - my brain would go on over-load. THANK YOU for all you do for the Parish and the various groups and committees, and a special thanks from me for your help and assistance during this interim.

My thanks to Taunya Dawson and to Roseanne Reeve Newson for their ministry as **Pastoral Visitors**: they check the Hospital lists and let me know who is in hospital. It is a tremendous help. Roseanne will not be able to carry out this Ministry next year. I am sure Fr. Hatt will also appreciate this Ministry continuing, so if anyone would like to do this, please let him know.

Thanks also to Matthew Vanderkwaak, Justin Wolff and Joey Blackwood, our Sextons during the year, opening and closing the Church and Hall each day. Also thanks to those who filled in during the Christmas break while they were away.

The Parish owes tremendous thanks to the **Wardens and Parish Council** for all the hours they have spent making sure that the work of the Parish continues with the Rector's absence. As you will see from the Wardens' Report, Council has been very busy and a great deal has taken place. My sincere thanks to our Parish Wardens: Al Wilson, Sue Zinck and Jacquie de Mestral and the Members of Parish Council for carrying out their responsibilities so admirably and with such enthusiasm and dedication. Al, and Sue vacate their position as Wardens this year, and Donna Stewart and Judith Fisher vacate their Council positions after 3 years serving. Jennifer King and Richard Kent are also leaving due to other commitments which make it impossible to attend meetings. Our thanks go to all of you for your contributions to Parish Council and the Parish during your term of Office.

Jan Connors, our **Parish Treasurer**, is also retiring from Office. Jan's knowledge of the financial situation of the Parish is mind-boggling, and yet she is always on top of things, and seems to know where every penny is located. But, we recognize that she has been so dedicated to this position over a very long period of time, and she deserves a break. "Well done, good and faithful servant! Many, many thanks!!! Davinia Wright will oversee the Parish Finances and Jordan Gracie will be Bookkeeper. Jan has agreed to help during this period of transition.

To all of you who look after Scouts, Soup Kitchen, Coffee Hour (both Sundays & Wednesdays), Counters, Envelope Secretary, Librarian, Archivist, Deck the Hall, Church and Hall Cleaners, Humanities, Sextons and others our grateful thanks and appreciation. And thank you to all our **Parishioners** who come faithfully for Worship and contribute to Parish life in so many ways. If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize. Without you the Ministry at St. George's, within the Parish and in the wider Community, just wouldn't take place. Thank you for your dedication.

Once again it has been my great joy and privilege being with you and I thank you for your friendship and support. St. George's will always have a special place in my heart, and you will see me from time to time. Every blessing to your new Rector, Fr. Hatt, who will take over in February. I am sure that under his leadership the worship and outreach ministry of St. George's will continue and be a blessing to the Community. God bless you!

**Hospital/Home Visits: 94 (not Communion)**

**Home/Hospital/Nursing Home Communion: 40 Services (104 Communicants)**

**Baptisms:** Isolde Beatrix Clara Wilson  
Seraphina Lily Joanna Lee  
Flora Anne Wolff

**Confirmation:** Amelia Anne Maud Sproule  
Isla Margaret Kathleen Sproule  
Andrea Paone Lane  
Iyasheka Patrice Wright  
Joyce Elizabeth Yvonne Wright  
Daniel Wayne Elliott Wilband

**Received into the Anglican Communion: Deborah Lynn Davidson**

**Funerals:** Rita Gladys Hill  
Pamela Cheryl Spatara  
Gordon Joseph Roach  
Bernard James  
Irene Theresa Salter  
Margaret Mary May Gritten

**Weddings:** Zoe Curtis & Edward Anido  
Joanne McNair & Andrew Hickey  
Kaitlyn Merson & Nicholas Thomas  
Katherine Terris & Douglas MacLean

**A Death: Jane Westropp - Funeral later in 2018**

**Burial of Ashes: Heather Jensen at Christ Church Cemetery, Amherst**

**Eucharists: Celebrant & Preacher: 168**

**Parish Council meetings: 9**

**Other Special Services: 14**

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Canon James Purchase,  
*Priest-in-Charge*

## **Wardens' Report**

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. (Hebrews 12. 1-3)*

Often it is the case that I sit down to write a Wardens' Report for Parish Council or the Annual Report and have little difficulty in doing so. This has not been the case for this one. I think that at least part of the reason is that I was looking at the problem in the wrong way. I tried to write of endings, finishing, closing another year out, and along with those things, my final term as a warden of this parish. Lists of activities and achievements seemed poorly placed. Certainly many of the other reports of this Annual Report cover them with better detail and understanding than I would manage. Please do read them all.

A great many wonderful activities have gone on. We have continued to serve our neighbours in a myriad of ways. We have managed a small surplus that largely covers the deficit of the previous year. We have done all these things while patiently waiting for the provision of a rector to minister to us. The offices, feast days, all of the observances that much of the world is forgetting, all of these things are worthy to be marked. However, somehow these things did not seem to fit with what I felt ought to be brought forward for this year's Wardens' Report. It was only earlier in the day that I started this report, and a couple of days later than I had offered to my fellow wardens, that a notion of a piece of Scripture came to me.

A bit of looking, and the quote from Hebrews, above, was found. It was that piece of Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews that so clearly showed the problem with my original approach. The AGM, the end of the fiscal year, the end of the calendar year, the end of my term – all of these things are just events in time. They hold no special or extra meaning in the greater life of the Church, the parish, or to our neighbours. Most are simply marks of extra paperwork being due. As the 31st of December clicked over to the 1st of January, Soup Kitchen work continued, Bible studies still needed planning, grocery cards still needed replenishing, music was still considered, prepared, practiced. The life of our church, and the Church, went on as it did in the days, and months, and years before. And therein was my problem laid bare. Looking back is not what we are called to do. Certainly, those who administer this parish on behalf of us all need to know where we have come from in order to steer us into the future. But as a family, as brothers and sisters in Christ, looking back is not running the patient race. To run, one must look forward.



Fr. Nicholas Hatt, our new Rector  
as of Ash Wednesday, 2018

This year we go forward with a new rector in Fr. Nicholas Hatt. Through the Grace of God we pass from the faithful and loving hands of one good shepherd in Fr. Purchase into the hands of Fr. Hatt. It is because of Fr. Purchase that I did not fret over not having a rector this past year. We were in the best of hands while we ran those miles of the race together, patiently waiting to be provisioned with a rector. While Fr. Hatt will no doubt have some of his own ideas on how to lead us forward, to lead us in our communal race, it is our shared life in Jesus and in Common Prayer that will provide us with a course to run, common and known to all of us who have been at St. George's for even a short time. I do so look forward to the years to come, as we all strive together to do it just that little bit better, to try and walk just that little bit closer in His way, to love God and our neighbour just that little bit more clearly. For unlike any race I have run of this world, the one to which Paul speaks usually gets easier as it goes on, as one grows in faith.

But what of those times when the race is too hard, the hills too long, "the sin which so easily beset us" does just that, the end is nowhere in sight? Those three little verses above are dense. Not only is there the way forward, there is what to do when it is too hard. Beyond those three verses of Hebrews, there is much in Scripture, and in particular in the Gospels, that show us the way forward. His yoke is easy, his burden is light, if you will let it be so. In the weeks and months ahead there will be times that will be hard. Three years as warden makes that clear to me. There are challenges ahead, some small, some great, some known, most a surprise. Each of us will face our own as well as those of the parish as a whole. It is not those things that seek to waylay us, but what we do as individuals and as a parish family that matter. To run the race patiently we need to remember what was done on our behalf so long ago, what we are asked to do in return, and to remember in whose name we run. We must run our race, look to the future, and find those little ways to love God and neighbour just that little bit better. As a distance runner I know once said "just put one foot in front of the other".

Looking forward, there is a study group in Lent, Frs. Harris and Hatt have both offered to help educate on the theology and meaning of our liturgy, and how the actions from the back of the Nave to the front of the Altar have intent, meaning, and action. Confirmations have just occurred. There are new ideas from our Rector and two new wardens as they and Jacquie lead us forward, and I am sure many more things. I look forward to the next lap, and to what the future holds in store for the parish of St. George.

I would be remiss if I did not offer thanks to a great many people. To those I fail to mention, my most sincere thanks. Like most of us, even this warden doesn't know the half of what people do for the parish and those it serves. I leave having served with excellent committee heads and other leaders in the parish. We owe them much. My thanks to Fr. Purchase. He is an inspired leader, and a more faithful witness is hard to find. Thank you to Frs. Carter, Harris, Thorne, and others that have ministered at the altar, pulpit, and wherever else they were called in our parish. A personal thank you to Sue, who is also ending her term as warden, and to Jacquie, who carries on for another year. My term would have been impossible without you both. Thanks to Garth MacPhee for his faithful service to our liturgy. As well, thanks to the choir and other musicians. Ours is a liturgical faith, and our music is so important to that liturgy. To the committee chairs, thank you. You have all acted with great leadership and with great care for our parish. Again, I could not have done much of anything for the parish without you. My thanks to all of the leaders of the various missions and works of the parish – Soup Kitchen, Fellowship, Christmas Outreach, Sunday School, Bible and other studies, YouthNet, our nascent youth group, Sextons, and so many others. I am sure there are people and things that I have forgotten. To all of you, my thanks. Please do carry on your great work, but don't forget to plan for the future. Recruit, train others, perhaps even press-gang (kidding). Be sure that the works in which you have been entrusted carry on in the future. As well, thank you to all who have given of themselves in time, talent and treasure to provide the necessary support to all things material, personal, and spiritual in our parish and are not otherwise mentioned. I am sure there is much of which I am not aware, and so all the more thanks for your giving.

I would like to take the opportunity to single out a few persons and groups. Again, Fr. Purchase: words fail, so simply "Thank You". Jan Connors is leaving the position of Parish Treasurer at the end of this year. She has exercised tremendous stewardship of our parish funds through many years. Jan has ensured that there are people ready to step in, and will remain available after the transition to provide advice. Thank you Jan. I would not only like to thank, but to illuminate the work of the Refugee Sponsorship committee. While there have been a number of successes and joys, there has also been so much heartache and frustration. Simply put, I am incapable of emulating such grace, determination, and faith. Words fail me.

What we do at St. George's is important. Let it continue to be so. Help it continue to be so.

*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.*

(Psalm 122. 1)

*Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.*

(St. Mark 16. 15)

Alan Wilson,  
outgoing *Senior Warden*,  
for Sue Zinck and Jacquie de Mestral  
January, 2018

*Reports from Committees, Subcommittees,  
Parish Organizations, and Congregational Bodies*

## Report of the Spiritual Development Committee

### Lent

On the first four Sundays in Lent (March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th), various parishioners offered brief meditations at Evensong, using as a resource “Images of Pilgrimage: Paradise and Wilderness in Christian Spirituality” by the Revd. Dr. Robert Crouse. Those offering meditations were Matthew Vanderkwaak, Taunya Dawson, Nathan McAllister and Kieva Diamond. At a Choral Evensong held on Mothering Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Revd. Vivien Hannon completed the series, with a final meditation on “Images of Pilgrimage”.

### Lenten Church Music Series

Garth MacPhee offered a two-part Church Music Series on a couple of Tuesday evenings during Lent. Included were a session on Lenten Hymns and a session on Music in the Liturgy - 'Why we do what we do' and Psalm Singing in the Anglican Tradition. Each evening began with 5:30 Evensong in the church, followed by soup and fellowship in the main (upper) hall at 6 and then a return to the church for the lecture/discussion/music show & tell at 7 pm. This series was aimed at youth as well as adults.

An additional opportunity for people to attend a weekday Holy Communion service during Lent was celebrated by Fr Peter Harris on Fridays at 12:15 pm.

Dr. Roberta Barker, Professor in the Fountain School of Performing Arts at Dalhousie and in the Foundation Year and Early Modern Studies Programmes at King's, offered a series of splendid meditations on the Seven Last Words at our Three Hour Service on Good Friday.

### Easter Season

Dr. Sue Zinck and Captain the Revd. Jim McCorriston conducted a three-part educational series, “Sacred Sorrows & the Journey to Wholeness”, a series on mental health and the spiritual life, during the Easter Season. This series elicited interesting questions and discussion.

### Fall Study Group

Beginning Monday, September 11, from 7-8:30 pm in the Round Church, Dr. Wayne Hankey led a reading group on Charles William's history of Christendom, *Descent of the Dove: A Short History of the Holy Spirit in the Church*. This group was very well-attended and drew people from the parish as well as from the wider community. This Study Group wrapped up at the end of November.

### Advent



Lunch on the Advent Quiet Day

### Advent Quiet Day

On Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Fr. Douglas Chard, Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Lockeport and Barrington, offered an Advent Quiet Day, with the title “Hurry up and Wait”. “Now it is high time” “Judge nothing before the time”. The Quiet Day began with Holy Communion and featured three addresses, interspersed with periods of silent reflection, providing us with a helpful and reflective entry into the Advent Season. A light lunch was served. The day concluded with Evening

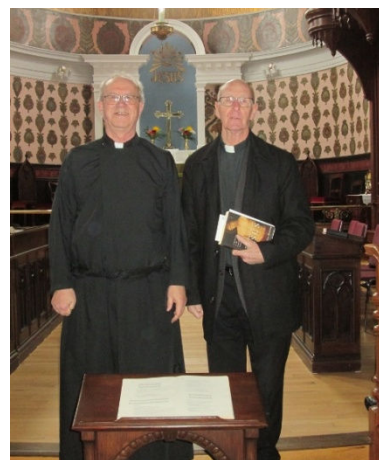
Prayer.

On Advent I and Advent III, meditations were offered at Sunday Evensong by parishioners Dr. Evan King and Dr. Sue Zinck. These meditations included reflections on the recent study sessions on Charles Williams' *Descent of the Dove*.

One meeting of Spiritual Development was held to prepare for Advent/Christmas and one to prepare for Holy Week/Easter. One Christian Education meeting was also held.

Let me join my words of gratitude to Fr. Purchase to everyone else's. We could not have been better served by our faithful Priest-in-Charge. Now we are delighted and thankful to welcome Fr. Nicholas Hatt to St. George's as our new Rector.

Susan Harris,  
*Spiritual Development Chair*



Fr. Chard (left) and Fr. Purchase (right)  
at the Quiet Day.

## Music Director's Report

With pleasure I submit a report on the Parish Music for the year 2017.

In April the Junior Choir was once again awarded Gold in the Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival. The choir sang 'The Birds' by Benjamin Britten and 'I'm climbing up the mountain', a traditional spiritual. Adjudicator Nina Scott-Stoddard praised the choir for its musicality and preparation.

On Sunday, June 11 the Junior Choir presented a Children's Concert in the Round Church. A delightful musical based on the folk story, The Three Trees, was presented. 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.

A generous gift made possible the purchase in June of a new digital Yamaha piano, which made its debut in the children's concert. The piano is invaluable for accompanying the Junior Choir, and is much appreciated by all.

On Wednesday, June 14 the Prince Edward Consort under the artistic direction of Andrew Pickett gave a concert entitled, 'The King James Version: Music of the Jacobean Court', featuring works by Tomkins, Byrd and Wilbye. As in the past, funds raised were donated to the Friends of St George's, earmarked for the music programme. Thanks to Andrew and the members of the Consort for so generously contributing time and talent.



Children listen to Garth playing the organ after a  
Choral Holy Communion service

In March, the Director of Music led a Lenten series on Church Music. Originally planned as a three-week study, it was condensed into two sessions, due to a winter storm. Both sessions were well attended. Thanks to Susan Harris for helping to coordinate the series.

Week by week, the St George's Choir prepares settings of the Ordinary, motets and plainsong psalms for the liturgies. I am grateful to lead such a dedicated and talented group of singers.

Through the past year, many new motets and settings were added to the repertoire, including the sublime six-voice *Missa Cantate* by John Sheppard, which was sung on Easter Sunday. On Saturday, June 10 the choir gave a short afternoon concert as part of Doors Open Halifax.

The Junior Choir continues to rehearse on Tuesdays in the Guild Room, 5.45-6.45pm. 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 Junior Choir celebrates after being awarded "Gold" at the Kiwanis Music Festival

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.

The resignation of Father Christopher Snook in Eastertide was sad news for us all. Although his pastorate was relatively brief, his extraordinary gifts of preaching and his pastoral sensitivity will not soon be forgotten. On a personal note, he was both a friend and mentor, guiding and helping to shape my understanding of the liturgy.

Throughout this lengthy interim period, Fr Jim Purchase has provided remarkable service as Priest-in-Charge. Faithful in every aspect of his ministry, good-humoured, sensible and tireless, Fr Jim is a blessing to us all here at Saint George's.

As I write this report, the arrival of our next incumbent, much anticipated, is just days away. Fr. Nicholas Hatt will be a gift to our Parish, and I hope we in turn will receive him with open hearts and minds.

Garth MacPhee,  
*Director of Music*

### **The Altar Guild's Report**



B. Naftel polishing the Altar Cross

The Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the Round Church and the Little Dutch Church for services throughout the year. This involves arranging flowers, polishing the brass fixtures (including the very long altar rail!), laying out vestments, and washing and preparing the vessels for Holy Communion. There are some extra responsibilities regarding ordering wine, wafers, candles, and keeping track of the linens, making sure they are properly washed and ironed.

We are a smallish group who work behind the scenes in teams of two or three, often on Saturday mornings. This is a time of fun and fellowship as well as work. We currently have 5 teams who work on rotation.

I would like to thank all of our team members and occasional helpers in



2017: Bill Naftel, Jean Milsom, Margherita Mendel, Leona Sweeney, Jim Rawding, Anne Tilley, Dinah Savoury, Dianna Lowe, Nadine Savoury, Barbara Richardson, Sarah Romero, Cathy Larsson, Margaret Sylvester, Sue Zinck, and of course Jordan Gracie who is always on hand to receive deliveries, and makes sure we never run out of brass polish.

Our busiest times are during Christmas and Holy Week. Once a year we gather for Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion on Holy Saturday morning. Everyone is welcome to join us.

We are always happy to receive new members, even if you cannot commit to being on the schedule. Please speak to me if you are interested. No experience is required.

Thanks be to God.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Lenfesty,  
*Head of the Altar Guild*

### **The Altar Servers' Report**

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), 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. I also include someone to act as the Thurifer during High Feast Days or other occasions when incense is used over and above the typical amount we use at a Sunday morning service.



Choral Holy Communion on Trinity Sunday, 2017

I would like to thank everyone for their continued service throughout the year, especially the following: Rebecca Chipman, Trevor Hannon, Richard Kent, Cathy Larsson, Andrew Thorne and Alan Wilson. New Servers this year who have become regular members of our team include: Taunya Dawson, Elizabeth Savoury, Ulrich (Uli) vom Hagen, Rosemary Wilson, Sue Zinck.

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 simpler nature of that service. As well I would like to thank Taunya Dawson and Nathan McAllister for helping out at Holy Communion services throughout the week such as Wednesday morning at 10am or the services which require a Said Communion service rather than Choral.

On November 19, 2017 Ribbons and Crosses were presented to the servers in appreciation of their years of Ministry. Thank you to Father Jim Purchase for organizing this event. I especially liked how Father Purchase made a point to make sure that those who couldn't make it on the above-mentioned date still

had an opportunity to be publicly recognized in front of the congregation the next time they were on duty. The list below shows all those who received recognition and the level they received:

### **White Ribbon and Cross**

*for service exceeding 10 years:*

James Rawding 60+ years  
Craig Savoury 37 years; Diocesan Layreader 19 years  
Scott Connors 36 years; Head Server  
Andrew Thorne 16 years  
Nadine Savoury 16 years

### **Blue Ribbon and Cross**

*for service between 5 and 10 years:*

Cathy Larsson 9 Years  
Trevor Hannon 5 years

### **Red Ribbon and Cross**

*for service between 2 and 5 years:*

Alan Wilson 4 years  
Nathan McAllister 3 years  
Rebecca Chipman 2 years  
Taunya Dawson 2 years  
Richard Kent 2 years

### **Wooden Cross**

*for the completion of one year of training:*

Elizabeth Savoury  
Sue Zinck  
Ulrich vom Hagen  
Rosemary Wilson

Some of our members, such as Cathy Larsson, Alan Wilson and I also have duties from time to time on the MC / Subdeacon schedule, which Alan produces as part of his Sacristan duties. For the time being Cathy and Alan have both decided to focus on the MC / Subdeacon end of things as the numbers are lower for staff on that roster. However that has not precluded them or any of the other MCs from stepping in if we find ourselves short-staffed and I thank them very much for that.

Also I would like to thank Alan Wilson for his services as Sacristan. Alan became the Sacristan when Father Christopher Snook was our Rector and agreed to stay on after Father Christopher's departure until the arrival of our new Rector which we all know took place on Ash Wednesday. I don't recall hearing who is set to take over the Sacristan position but I'm guessing that will either be mentioned in the Sacristan's Report or will be appointed upon the arrival of Father Nicholas Hatt.

We are always looking for people to get involved as part of our team: it could be one Sunday a month or a few; on high feast days throughout the week; Crucifer at a Choral Evensong, which happens once a month on Sunday evenings, or at all of the above.

Even though our numbers have grown the level of commitment that people can offer varies according to their personal scheduling. The old saying "many hands make light work" holds true here as more people will make it easier to spread the workload, will avoid having the same people on week after week, and will also provide a mix of new and experienced servers.

Younger children can help as boat boy or boat girl or even help with some of the other duties on the altar.

Newly confirmed individuals can also help, to get a better understanding of things they have learned during confirmation class. Regardless of age or experience, training can be provided if necessary whether it is briefly before or after a service or during a more convenient time.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Connors,  
*Head Server*

## Sunday School Report from January – June, 2017

The Sunday school continued in 2017 in a similar fashion to the few years preceding during which I (Andrea) was the coordinator. I hope you have all enjoyed reading the reports I have submitted over the years. I have enjoyed this post very much and put immeasurable amounts of time, thought, care and energy as well as prayer and love into it and the children we teach and lead each week. Thank you for allowing me to have this role in our parish over these years. I am happy to pass along the torch to Meghan Jamieson who I am glad to continue working with in the Sunday School, under her excellent leadership. I have learned much from her over the years and am sure I will continue to in the years to come.

During January through June of 2017 we continued with lessons on God's People in the Bible which we had begun the previous fall. We began with Elijah and Elisha and worked our way through to St. Mark, and as usual we interrupted our special studies with celebrations and lessons on the Christian year including Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost and Trinity. This was all accomplished with the help of many different teachers including Benjamin Lee, Vaila Mowat, Meghan Jamieson, Carolyn Gibson and Steven Gibson, as well as help from Kieva Diamond — all of whom I would like to thank immensely for their support and work during those 6 months.



Sunday School Children & Friends decorate Easter eggs

The Easter weekend's lessons and activities required lots of preparation and planning, which resulted in plenty of fun and learning for toddlers through to the eldest kids in the Sunday school. We dyed and decorated eggs on Holy Saturday and on Easter Sunday we had our lesson together and an Easter egg hunt and finally distributed the eggs we had so carefully coloured for the congregation. It was definitely a highlight of the winter/spring for all of us, children and teachers included.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers and other parishioners who pray for and support the Sunday School in countless ways. The children are not there to be babysat and taken out of the service so as not to disturb the adults, but are important, vital parts of Christ's body, needing nurturing and feeding and so much care and upbringing in the Christian faith. Christian Education at our church fundamentally begins with these little ones, not with the studies and lectures given by the popular or gifted theologians and thinkers, and attended by the college students and curious or pious people of our parish. It begins with the children whom you see (and probably also hear) each Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Lee

## Sunday School Report from June-December 2017

I took over from Andrea Lee as Sunday School coordinator this August and jumped right into the teaching year. We've continued with two groups as in previous years.

The Toddler's Church meets downstairs with children who are pre-school age and younger. This year they are a small group including several babies, and so maintaining their attention can sometimes be a challenge.

The Sunday school aged children are a good sized group this year and have had really good attendance. We are using Year Two of the St George's curriculum which follows the cycle of lectionary readings. A nice element of this unit is that it connects the lessons in Sunday school very closely to what the children hear in the liturgy in church.

We have had a few special events. The children really enjoyed our annual St Nicholas celebration with cookie decorating and a visit from the saint himself. And our Nativity play at the children's service on Christmas Eve was a lot of fun for everyone.

We've had some great helpers this year who make it possible to continue with this important Christian education program. I would mention Andrea Lee who made sure I didn't forget anything, Steven Gibson and Vaila Mowat who were especially helpful with the Christmas service, Carloyn Gibson who made the cookies for the St Nicholas celebration, and Heather Neish, Joyce Wright, Kieva Diamond, and Duncan Neish who taught or helped in other ways.

Meghan Jamieson,  
*Sunday School Coordinator*

### **Youth Group Report**

In September, after consulting with families and youth of St George's, a Youth Group was reestablished, with the intention to meet regularly for fellowship, study, and prayer. Our first meeting was on September 24th, and we have continued to meet up to December on average twice per month. There is a core of six youth who have attended, and a core of five leaders. Trinity House has served as our primary meeting place, where we have been able to exchange hospitality. Our meetings typically begin with sharing tea and conversation around a table, followed by a game. We then shift into a time of study, which leads into an opportunity to share prayer requests. We conclude our meetings with a candlelit sung Compline in the Round Church. In our initial study, we considered how our BCP Service of Holy Communion manifests a dynamic structure of the spiritual life in terms of purification, illumination, and union; we discovered surprising ways in which this threefold pattern shed light on both the movement of our own desire, and the movement of grace in the service of word and of sacrament. In Epiphany, Fr Purchase generously hosted us for a pizza and games party at his home.

Looking ahead, the leadership team (including Matthew Vanderkwaak, Amy Bird, Andrew Thorne, Andrea and Benjamin Lee) is keen to discern with our new Rector the shape that this group will take. Everyone involved recognizes the importance of gathering together, and upholding one another in friendship and prayer, although finding the time to do this has been a challenge from the start. So far in February, we have not been able to meet, due to busy schedules. Nevertheless, we are committed to finding a way to continue to meet with one another.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Lee

## Publicity Committee Report

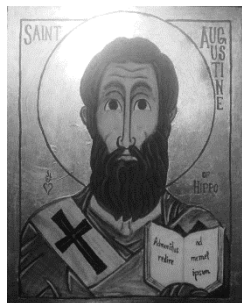
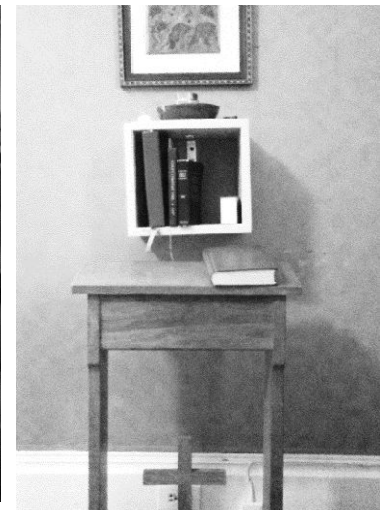
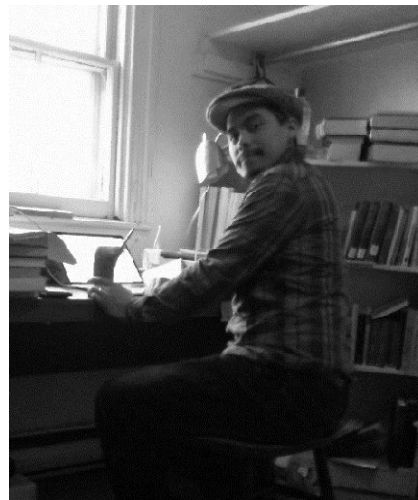
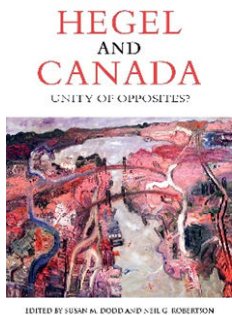
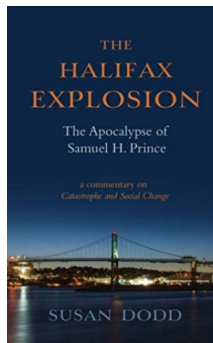
Though the publicity committee was active in 2017, no report was submitted in time for publication.

### Trinity House and Sextons' Report

A little over two years ago Fr. Christopher Snook invited a small group of us to live at Trinity House. Before long, Dr. Susan Dodd, Matthew Vanderkwaak & Amy Bird, and Justin Wolff & Katie Raines we settled in and wondering how this odd experiment might turn out. Since then Justin and Katie had a beautiful daughter, Flora, and have moved to another house, and Joey Blackwood has join us. Many wonderful things have been afoot in this strange old house.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Vanderkwaak,  
*Sexton*



From top left to right:

- Susan has published two books, one a commentary on Samuel Prince's study of the Halifax Explosion, the other a volume on Hegel she edited with Neil Robertson.
- A pizza birthday party
- Flora, the cutest!
- The Trinity House prayer nook
- Benjamin Lee holds an office on the third floor where he works on Eriugena on the week days.
- Two icons, one of St. Augustine, the other of St. John of Damascus, written at Trinity House. On Fridays, a small group gathers to work on icons and cultivate other crafts.

## Report of the Property Committee

Though the Property Committee was active in 2017, no report has been submitted in time for print.

## Report on the Implementation of the “5S” organizational system in the Parish Hall

See the 2016 report. The underlying issues there identified remain unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Gracie,  
*“5S” Coordinator*

## Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen opens its doors each Saturday afternoon at 4pm to serve a hot meal to anyone who comes in the doors. Team Leaders arrive at 2:00pm to begin setting up, volunteers arrive at 3:00pm, clients are served between 4:00pm and 5:00pm, and cleanup (ideally) is finished by 6:00pm.

In total, approximately 5907 meals were served in 2017, with the average Saturday serving  $113 \pm 23$  people. This is a decrease from 2016, where the average Saturday saw  $134 \pm 30$  meals served, and approximately 7085 meals in total.

Soup Kitchen would not be able to function without three things: 1) the hard work of the volunteers that make up the six rotating teams that make the meal happen every week; 2) the generosity of the church and community groups that make and help serve each weekly meal; and 3) the support of Feed Nova Scotia’s food truck programme.

Our partnering parishes and organizations in 2017 were:

Cornerstone Wesleyan	St. Peter’s, Birch Cove
Bedford Baptist	St. Paul’s Anglican
WCB Soupers	All Saints’ Cathedral
King’s College Chapel	St. Mark’s Anglican
All Saints’ Bedford	St. John’s United, Fall River
St. John’s, Westphal	St. Thomas’ Anglican, Fall River

Thanks are due to Mary Hills, Betty Haigh, Mike & Wendy Himmelman, Matthew Vanderkwaak, Maxine Miles, Jim Rawding, Debbie Davidson, Fr. Purchase and everyone who helped prepare meals when no outside group was available.

2017 saw the departure of three longtime volunteers: Maxine Miles, who led Team 1; Michal King, who led Team 6 (both have been leading their teams since time immemorial.); and Michelle Gabriel, who co- led Teams 2, 3, 4, and 6.

2017 also saw Teams 1 and 6 transferred to new leadership, with Jim Rawding taking stewardship of Team 1, and Debbie Davidson taking stewardship of Team 6.

That being said, Teams 1, 2, 4, and 6 are presently without co-leaders, and Teams 2 and 3 are chronically short of volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Gracie,  
*Soup Kitchen Coordinator*

## **Deaf Ministry**

The Deaf Ministry continues at St. George's despite its small numbers. Over the past few years, our numbers have dwindled due to the death or infirmity of members of the group. The Sunday congregation is comprised of Agnes Comerford and Heather Grant and Joan Drysdale faithfully attends the Wednesday 10 am Holy Communion. We are grateful to our Deaf Interpreters, Ashley Campbell, Jessica Bezanson and Karen Anne Smith for their commitment to this ministry.

Susan Harris,  
*Deaf Support Group*

## **Parish Library**

The parish library off the Guild Room in St. George's Church Hall has increased in size with the necessary addition of 2 tall open shelving units brought down into this space in late 2016 after being found abandoned in a storage room. Over this past summer I have organized all of our present holdings and created space for each titled section. This was made possible by moving 3 named groupings into the new open bookcases. Drapes were hung to cover the front of these bookcases as it is impossible to fit doors to the frames.

There are several parishioners who actively use the library, and I encourage the use of the card index stored in an unlocked drawer of the glass-doored book case. I happily avail myself to anyone who would like to borrow from the library.

However, most of the year I have been involved in selling 'Used Books and More' (with Michal King) to the congregation during Sunday's coffee hour following the morning service. We have made a goodly sum of money over the past year, thanks to generous donations and purchases from our supporters.

Michal will report on the total amount of money we have made for the church. We have been given use of 2 large cupboards on the hall stage to store our items for sale. The state of clutter and general untidiness of the stage has been a source of concern all year as it becomes a physical hazard for getting to the 'counting' room, and a fire hazard as well. I have recently emailed the Director of Youth Net with my concerns about this space.

I have purchased only one new book this year for the library, and I have donated a bag of used books, which were duplicates of ours, to the library at the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

Matthew and Amy have volunteered to take our unsold used books to Value Village, and this is a great help.

The parish library is still missing a number of books, in particular 2 books by Charles Williams. It would be great to have those returned, as I had recent requests for them and could not provide them.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudie Urquhart,  
*Parish Librarian*

## Books & More Report

The total sales from 'Books and More' for 2017-Jan to Dec was \$ 2405.30

Thank you to all the parishioners who donate to these Sunday morning sales and find interesting things to buy.

Watch for another notice, coming soon, about a Bake Sale and Jewellery Sale. Keep the books coming in!

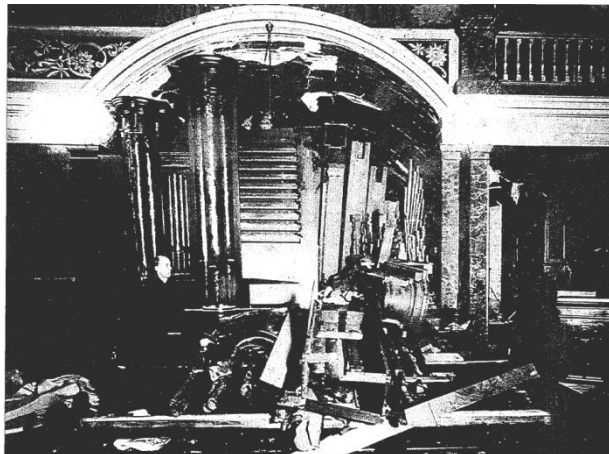
Respectfully submitted,

Michal King

## Parish Archives

2017 was another busy year for the archives. A number of accessions were received - worthy of particular mention was a large file from Sarah Stevenson containing some new material on the Fire of 1994 and the Restoration. A large transfer of records from the Parish Office were also received, most notably parish annual reports to 2007. The Parish Administrator is currently preparing the transfer of annual reports up to 2017 to the archives.

In an effort, to support the restoration of the Little Dutch Church, the Archivist invited Garry Shutlack of the Nova Scotia Archives to speak on the early "History of the Little Dutch Church". The lecture was held in the Little Dutch Church on 9 September 2017. The event filled the Little Dutch Church, and launched a series of lectures given on the history of St. George's Parish in the fall of 2017.



Fr. Cunningham surveys the damaged chancel and destroyed organ after the Halifax Explosion

2017 was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1917 Halifax Explosion, which generated external requests for access to archival holdings. Photographs of historical artifacts and relating to the history of St. George's Parish during the Halifax Explosion were posted to the St. George's Facebook group. Some of the results of research conducted on the Halifax Explosion were displayed in a binder placed at the back of the Church early in December to coincide with the anniversary. (The binder has been missing since the Advent/Christmas displays were created; if anyone knows where the binder has been placed, please return it to the Parish Administrator or the Archivist.)

Respectfully submitted,

Taunya Dawson,  
*Parish Archivist*

## 2nd Halifax Scouts

Though the 2nd Halifax Scouts was active in 2017, no report was submitted in time for publication.



## Hospitality Report

I want to thank the dedicated group of people who come early on Sunday mornings and bring all the lovely food and get things ready for the fellowship gathering after the morning service. The fellowship time has become a very important way for parishioners to get to know each other, and welcome visitors and new people, and the children seem to really enjoy it too. You will see me periodically asking in the bulletin for new people to come on board, this is because many of the team members have been doing this for a long time and for different reasons they need to step down or take a break. We work on a six week rotation and also get asked to help at special receptions such as funerals or parish pot luck dinners. If you feel this is something you would like to be part of, even if only to provide some extra food, please get in touch with me.



The Mothering Sunday Potluck

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hills,  
*Fellowship Coordinator*

## Christmas Outreach

### Mission to Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Project

Fifty well filled shoeboxes were delivered to the Mission to Seafarers from our church, to provide cheer to the men and women of the ships, away from home and in the port of Halifax for Christmas. Edmonds contributed fifty more great boxes.

A most sincere thank you to everyone who gave filled shoeboxes, items for the shoeboxes, and money. A special thank you is given to Margaret Sylvester for her generous donation in memory of her brother, Philip Sylvester RNVR, who was killed at sea on December the 11<sup>th</sup> 1942. Thank you to Jo-anne of "Hair I Am" for providing the shoeboxes, and to Bessie Evans, Barbara Richardson, and Dinah Savory, for their enthusiasm and help packing and delivering the boxes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Martinson & Anne Tilley

### Christmas Outreach for Families

Christmas Outreach did happen in 2017, and delivered turkeys and gifts to many: both shut-ins and to those in need of support in our community – however, no report was submitted in time for print.

## **Refugee Sponsorship Committee**

The Saint George's Refugee Sponsorship Committee remains very active.

This year we supported our sponsored family from Baghdad, Iraq, first as they welcomed a new baby, and as the older boys continued to adapt to life in Canadian schools, and finally as they relocated to Windsor, Ontario. The dedication of the volunteers who became friends and supporters to the Hussein family was truly remarkable. The commitment and friendship, and sheer work put in by the core supporters of the Hussein and by the Husseins themselves was truly wonderful.

We have engaged a well-respected law firm, who charge a fixed rate, to help M Almasalma to prepare a response to the Ministry of Immigration's questions arising from M's security screening process. As well, we have submitted numerous requests through the Access to Information process, and we continue to work on this. There is nothing here to report at this point, other than that we are committed to seeing the Almasalmas through to the completion of the application process. We will provide further updates as they become available.

The application to sponsor the Machot Deng family from the South Sudan has been received by the government, and we await the commencement of that process. This is reasonably expected to take another two-three years. In the meanwhile, we send \$100 a month to that family, as they wait in a UN Refugee camp in Uganda, to help them during the famine in that region.

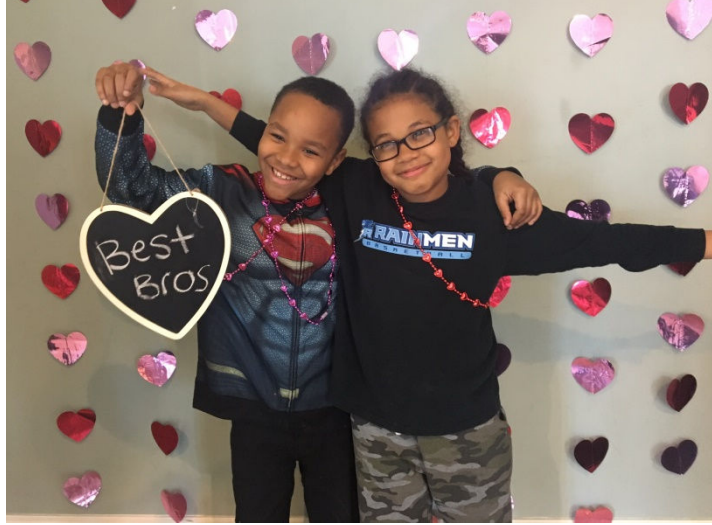
As always, we are grateful for the ongoing support of the Saint George's community, as well as the support from Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, members of NS Legal Aid, students, faculty, and staff from the University of King's College, and local activists.

Sincerely,

Susan Dodd,  
*Chair, Saint George's Refugee Sponsorship Committee*

## St. George's YouthNet Annual Report 2017

St. George's YouthNet had a year full of new experiences, laughter and exciting partnerships which made it a year to remember. As YouthNet quickly approaches its twentieth year, we are making sure to reflect on twenty years of memories and are thrilled to be making new memories every day. YouthNet does not exist solely because of the staff, who keep up with its day to day routine. YouthNet continues to succeed because of the many people in the community who believe in the organization and do what they can to support it. It is with the collective memory of its community that YouthNet continues to provide opportunities to the young people in the North End of Halifax to grow, to challenge themselves, and dream of bright futures.



### Staff and Board

YouthNet's Executive Director Rosalind Curran and Sarah Krahn the Program Coordinator continue to be YouthNet's full-time employees and oversee all of YouthNet's programs. Michael Earle and Shaquille Armaly were the teen coordinators for the first half of the year, and we welcomed Tara Norman and Sean McKenna as teen coordinators in September. Sean and Tara both recently moved to Nova Scotia from



Ontario and have been incredible additions to our team. Tara Norman is also our new lunch program coordinator.

There were a few changes to YouthNet's board this year. Fr. Gary Thorne stepped in as interim chair, and Andrew Lacas, Ian Porter and Mary Oгаа joined the board to help YouthNet with its programs and fundraising. Jim McCorriston and Cheryl Bell finished their time on the board this year. Cheryl Bell was our secretary for many years, and Kimberley Dares is now filling that role.

### Lunch Program

Our lunch program at Joseph Howe Elementary School continues to be a great need for the school's students. We provided lunches to 24 students at the school every day with the help of YouthNet staff Sarah Krahn and Tara Norman. The children greatly enjoy the lunches and are excited when they receive them. These lunches would not be possible without the incredible support and donations we receive

from our volunteer lunch providers, St. George's, Feed Nova Scotia, McInnes Cooper and the Department of Community Services.

### After-School Program

Our after-school program had a very successful year with many new children interested in joining the program and new partnerships to help grow our wide range of activities. From January to June we had 20 children in the program and in the fall we had 22 participants. Many of the children who joined in September were keen to be part of this program after attending YouthNet's summer camps. Many new



university students joined us in September to volunteer once a week at our after-school program. These volunteers are mostly students from Dalhousie University, University of King's College and Citadel High School. We also had a few placement students help us out in the spring and fall from Saint Mary's University and Mount Saint Vincent University. The after-school program was possible this past year thanks to St. George's, Halifax Youth Foundation, United Way, Canada Post Foundation and Flemming Charitable Foundation.

The first half of the year the children participated in speed skating at the Halifax Oval, wrote poetry, learned how to sew sock monkeys, made art with volunteer artist Kate Wright and played Capture the Flag outside when the weather warmed up. In the fall we were visited

by students from SMU who taught us how to make a Korean dessert and by SuperNOVA who helped us create our own bridges. A group of 5 girls visited the Centre for Art Tapes once a week for a month to make a music video.

### Teen Program

As of the fall, teen program has 15 regular participants between the ages 12 and 16. Teen program runs twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and consists of a group discussion, cooking and sharing a meal together. In the first half of the year the teens visited the McPhee Centre in Dartmouth several times for drama and photography and they tested out their baking skills. In the fall the



group planned a Halloween party for the after-school program, played various team-building games and baked cookies to bring to the women and children at Adsum House. This program was possible this year thanks to Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside and Anglican Foundation of Canada.

### Summer Camps

YouthNet had an incredible summer with the help of our three summer students: Anne Bell, Sarah Griffin and Sarah Glen. We started off the summer with a fun 2 night camping trip at Rissers Beach. The children spent all of their time jumping in the waves and playing in the sand. The following week was Art and Writing Camp where the children created beautiful art work and wrote poems and stories. We had an all-girls teen canoe trip in Kejimikujik with many youth who had never been canoeing before. Busy Bees camp was for 5 to 8 year olds and featured adventures around the city including a scavenger hunt, relay races and swimming at the lake. Eight youth then tackled the



six day hike at Cape

Chignecto. This is a challenging trip and it was incredible to witness the perseverance of the participants who felt like giving up a few times along the way. SuperNova from Dalhousie University led a science camp and the summer ended with Music and Dance camp which featured contemporary, hip hop and salsa dance routines.

Thank you to everyone who has supported YouthNet during the past year. We could not do what we do without the many people who volunteer their time to help out at events, make delicious meals for our lunch program, drive the youth going on our camping trips, and those who commit to coming to our after-school program once a week to develop friendships with YouthNet children. Our donors provide our programs with security to ensure that we can continue to offer our programs that provide the children and youth in the North End community a place where they are safe and encouraged to challenge themselves to try new things. Our donors allow YouthNet to offer incredible activities like art, music, cooking and hiking and canoeing. We appreciate everyone who helped us achieve our goals this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Curran,  
*Executive Director, Saint George's YouthNet*

# 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.*



In the absence of a submission in the 2016 Annual report, this report will cover work accomplished in 2016 and 2017. Looking back, we've accomplished a lot in the past 4 years of the Deck the Hall Campaign. We've completed Phase 3: New Accessible Washrooms, Phase 4: Windows, Phase 5: Heating Plan (80%) and have made significant progress on Phase 6: Music Room.

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.

## 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, the implementation of the project was delayed. There was substantial overlap with this phase and the next (music room) that required careful planning and future considerations before we committed to overhaul the old system. While we had signed a contract to complete the work, the actual staged implementation of the project was put on hold.

A decision was made to add in-floor heat to the music room (area under the hall). This decision was not taken lightly. It added approximately \$12,000 to the cost of the heating plan. With that change and the delay in implementation, the boilers initially sourced became unavailable and no longer supported. That actually allowed us to take a step back and re-assess the equipment we could use. What came of that was a cheaper and better option for what we are trying to do so we were able to get boilers that can be staged to add capacity should we require that. They are also more efficient in their operation and are the next generation of tiered gas systems. We were pleased they were cheaper than the original boiler package we had specified.

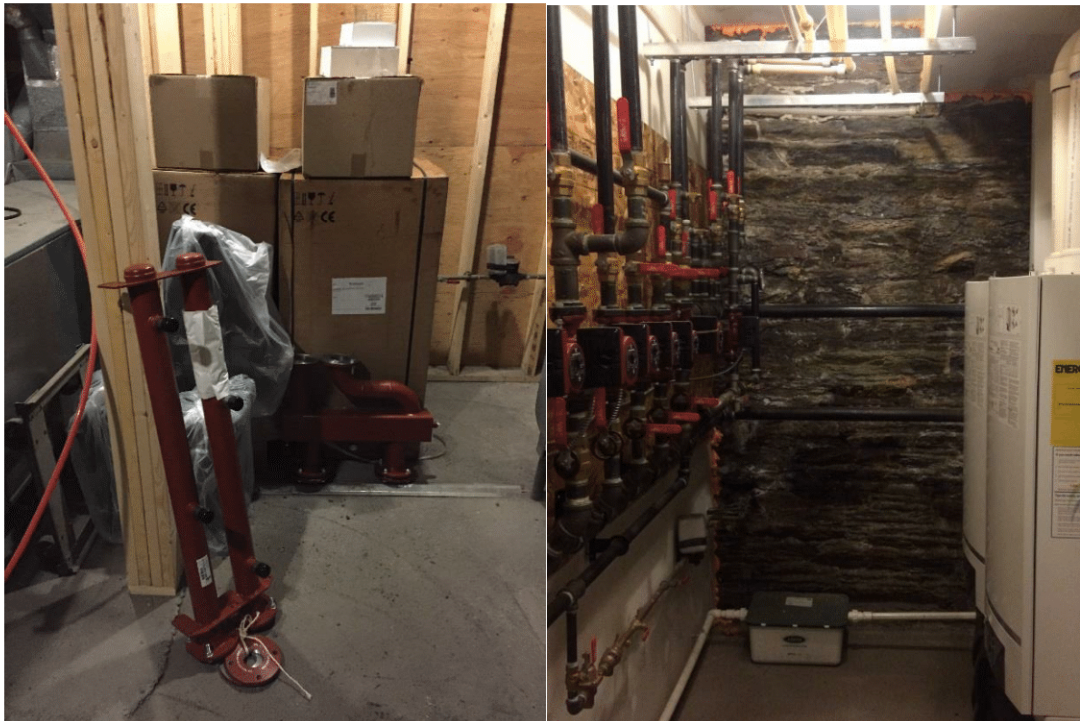
We began the process of dismantling the old heating system and readying for a new one. That meant taking the heating for the entire hall offline while we completed the work. We started that in September/October of 2016 knowing it would take 4-6 weeks to complete. As many of you may remember, the hall was very cold last October & November while we worked to get the new plant

online. This started by digging out the concrete to add a floor drain that would tie into an existing floor drain buried 12" under the concrete.



*(Demolition and installation of floor drain in boiler room)*

Next was the decommissioning of the old furnace, removal of the oil tank and all the duct work that ran to the old furnace. We disconnected hot and cold water lines for a short period of time, framed in the new area and installed drywall to meet fire regulations. While that was being done, Bremner's Plumbing and Heating ran hundreds of feet of black iron and insulated plastic pipe for the infloor heat as well as the new radiators to be installed in the upper hall areas. (We had phase 5 and 6 moving forward simultaneously). Finally, the installation of the tiered boiler system was completed, flashed up, tested and brought online.



*(Arrival and installation of the equipment)*

There are still some nuances of the system that we need to work out for us to be able to get rid of the old oil fired boiler in the Annex (building attached to the Hall). That will be part of phase 7, which will be part of the Annex renovation.

With some changes to the heating plan and breaking the project into smaller parts we're projected to come in under budget. Thanks to an extremely generous donation received in 2015/2016, we were able to fund the in floor heat and start planning for the next stages of the music room construction.

### Phase 6: Music Room

The first half of phase 6 saw the completion of many things in a short amount of time. Demolition of the existing floor was done in the summer of 2016 thanks to Edmonds who provided the labour, disposal and oversight of the demolition.

Having looked in on the project a few times, this was not for the faint of heart. The structure in the existing sub-floor was excessive. There was TONS of material removed. A few discoveries along the way such as the beautiful granite slabs underneath the wooden floor. They served as footings, holding the cast iron posts that supported the wooden beams running end to end (which hold up the hall). Also found, were original tags from the lumber mill in Moncton, NB who may have supplied the lumber to Halliday Craftsman in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.



*(Demolition of the West side of the music room floor)*



*(Left: Granite Slab and base of iron posts, Right: Lumber Delivery Artifacts)*



With demo complete, it was time to connect the East to the West. A gravel bridge was laid for conduit to be placed thereon for communication cables to travel from one end to the other via pull stations on either end. The main plumbing line was replaced and rough in plumbing was installed for the two



*(Gravel Bridge for conduit looking West)*

washrooms. All conduit leads to the furnace room underneath the main entrance to the Hall by the stairs. We discovered here that there is an old cistern to which the water naturally flows along the bedrock on the dirt floor of the music room. At this end, the slope change was more than 3', which would require significant engineering to secure that corner of the building and a substantial amount of gravel in this half of the room.



*(Conduit and drains looking East)*

The next part of the project unfolded quickly. It included blocking out footings for the massive steel beams to be installed later, gravel placement and compression, spray foam insulation, laying of rebar



and piping for the in floor heat and a substantial concrete pour and polish. This all happened within 2 weeks and was left to cure for a third week. If you remember from previous reports, we did not install the two lower windows on the South façade as they served as access hatches for the material to be brought into the music room space.

*(Blocking and pipe for heat)*



*(Freshly poured slab)*

Once the slab was poured, polished and cured, it was time to put its strength to the test. This is the last part of the music room renovation that we completed in 2017 but involved real heavy lifting. IDL Contracting who was the general contractor for Phase 6 built temporary walls on either side of each existing beam while RKO Steel carefully placed two 18" steel beams measuring 40' in length nearly exactly where they were to be installed.

With the temp walls in place, old beams removed and the hall above supported, the steel beams were carefully raised a few inches at a time and put into place, supported by steel columns. The smaller of



the beams on either end of the 40' span are supported by 2x8 walls. These beams are sized large enough to facilitate in floor heat in the upper hall at a later time should that be the desire of the parish in the future. DTH wanted to make sure that we considered the next generation when sizing the required structure for this area as it may be the only time to consider such things without huge additional expenses

down the road. This part of phase 6 ran a few weeks late but was completed under budget as well.

## FUNDRAISING: Music Room

We have an exciting event in the works spring fundraiser that will appear in the bulletin. Stay tuned!

On behalf of the DTH committee and everyone invested in this project, I want to thank every donor to Deck the Hall. This project would not be possible without each of you. We've received many gifts over the last two years and every bit of it helps us move this project along and I am very appreciative and humbled by the generosity of so many. We have been able to raise enough money in 2016/2017 to bring Phase 6: Music Room close to completion.

Deck the Hall has been operating as a subcommittee, reporting to Parish Council since 2014. The committee membership has changed slightly over the four years but we remain committed to renovating the Hall and Annex with careful consideration for both the project and the generous donations of so many.

I am grateful to Fr. Purchase who has been constant at meetings and a quiet confidence and encourager of this project. His patient and steady demeanor has been a huge help over the last few years.

Anne Snook has served with us for 3 years and will be stepping down as DTH Treasurer. Her experience with financial matters has been very helpful but I especially would like to thank her for her commitment to the project, our spending rules, and her diligence in making sure everything was carefully accounted for. It is in part because of this critical oversight I am able to say with confidence that we are diligent in our spending and accounting for every donation received.

John Swaine has been with DTH since the beginning. He wrote an incredible grant application in the early years and sourced so much valuable information for the long term benefit of the project that we still use today. He was instrumental in working with Anne West to get the window design just right and has a keen eye for the detail. I relied on him heavily for his experience in church matters but also for an honest and fair perspective on so many matters. John stepped down from the committee in 2016 after 4 years of service with DTH.

My heartfelt thanks to John Swaine and Anne Snook for their time spent on DTH committee. New to the committee for a 3 year term as DTH treasurer is Peter Sproule.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of:

Fr. Purchase, Priest in Charge  
Jordan Gracie, Secretary  
Steve Bezanson, Construction Liaison  
Jens Jensen, Committee Member

Fr. Snook, Rector (2016)  
Anne Snook, Treasurer (2017)  
John Swaine, Committee Member (2016)  
Scott Smith, Committee Member

John Mark Dawson  
Chair, Deck the Hall Committee  
February 2018

## **Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, and Funerals in 2017**

### **Baptisms**

Isolde Beatrix Clara Wilson  
Seraphina Lily Joanna Lee  
Flora Anne Wolff

### **Confirmations**

Amelia Anne Maud Sproule  
Isla Margaret Kathleen Sproule  
Andrea Paone Lane  
Iyasheka Patrice Wright  
Joyce Elizabeth Yvonne Wright  
Daniel Wayne Elliott Wilband

### **Receptions into the Anglican Communion**

Deborah Lynn Davidson

### **Marriages**

Zoe Curtis and Edward Anido  
Joanne McNair and Andrew Hickey  
Kaitlyn Merson and Nicholas Thomas  
Katherine Terris and Douglas MacLean

### **Funerals**

Rita Gladys Hill  
Pamela Cheryl Spatara  
Gordon Joseph Roach  
Bernard James  
Irene Theresa Salter  
Margaret Mary May Gritten

Parish of Saint George Insurance Documents for 2017



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, 2017, until March 1, 2018, at 12:01 a.m. standard time

TOTAL PREMIUM : \$19,461

<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. 01-201-96-05**, 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%	\$19,366
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 2, 2017 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 INSURED LOCATIONS  
 (Any Building / Contents not listed here is Not Insured)

Named Insured: The Parish of St. George

Effective: March 1, 2017  
 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	\$11,801,032 \$215,728 Total \$12,016,760	0.1057 0.1057 Total	\$12,478.00 \$228.00 Total \$12,706.00	2 A \$230	\$12,936
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	\$1,803,880 \$74,277 Total \$1,878,157	0.1900 0.1900 Total	\$3,427.00 \$141.00 Total \$3,568.00	2 A \$230	\$3,798
3	Building & Contents of Little Dutch Church, 2393 Brunswick Street, Halifax, NS, wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, no heat, built 1755	AA AA	\$297,465 \$7,894 Total \$305,359	0.2373 0.2373 Total	\$706.00 \$19.00 Total \$725.00		\$725
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	\$371,387 \$70,139 Total \$441,526	0.2373 0.2373 Total	\$881.00 \$166.00 Total \$1,047.00		\$1,047
				Total			
				Total			
				Total			
Total Property Limits \$14,641,802 Commercial General Liability Premium \$380 Abuse Liability Premium \$385 Crime Premium \$95 <b>TOTAL PREMIUM \$19,366</b>							

**THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL INSURED AND LOSS PAYEES**

**Name of Insured:** The Parish of St. George

**Policy Period:** From 01-MAR-2017 to 01-MAR-2018

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

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

*Financial Statements of the Parish Corporation  
and Committees at Year End 2017*



Parish of Saint George Year End 2017 Financial Statements

**Parish of St. George  
Income & Expense**

2017 Year End Statement (Unaudited at time of printing)

Accrual Basis

	Line #	<b>Jan - Dec 17</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>\$ Over Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
Ordinary Income/Expense	1				
Income	2				
Undesignated Offerings	3				
Envelope Offerings	4	133,775			
Direct Deposit	5	56,967			
Loose	6	11,225			
Undesignated Offerings - Other	7		210,754	(210,754)	
Total Undesignated Offerings	8	201,968	210,754	(8,787)	96%
Designated Offerings	9				
Anglican Healing Fund	10	250			
Priest Assistant	11	4,160			
PWRDF	12	983			
Diocesan Times	13	20			
Mission to Seafarers	14	100			
Memorials	15	2,386			
Altar Guild	16	1,289	525	764	245%
Christmas Outreach	17	2,491	2,750	(259)	91%
Deaf Ministry	18	160	266	(106)	60%
Missions	19	95	545	(450)	17%
Music	20	1,738	550	1,188	316%
Outreach (Family Support)	21	780	1,100	(320)	71%
Soup Kitchen	22	4,834	4,000	834	121%
Special Projects	23	200			
Trinity House	24	5,266	2,800	2,466	188%
YouthNet	25				
YouthNet Direct Debit	26	600	600		100%
YouthNet - Other	27		1,150	(1,150)	

## 2017 Annual Report

	Line #	<b>Jan - Dec 17</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>\$ Over Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
Total YouthNet	28	600	1,750	(1,150)	34%
Total Designated Offerings	29	25,351	14,286	11,065	177%
Interest, Rental, Other	30				
Fund Raising Sales & Events-net	31	5,466	5,000	466	109%
Parochial Search	32	1,636			
Deferred revenue to income	33	27,469			
RENTAL INCOME	34				
Parking	35	23,954	23,000	954	104%
Church Rental	36	1,633	1,500	133	109%
Hall Rental	37	8,920	7,750	1,170	115%
Total RENTAL INCOME	38	34,507	32,250	2,257	107%
DNS&PEI Endowment Fund Interest	39				
Altar Guild	40	88			
Rector's Discretionary	41	452			
Pickford Scholarship	42	584			
Youth Music ETF Interest	43	2,527	2,550	(23)	99%
Church Preservation Endowment	44	12,582	12,590	(8)	100%
Deaf endowment	45	1,209	1,230	(21)	98%
Total DNS&PEI Endowment Fund Interest	46	17,443	16,370	1,073	107%
Calendars	47	715	850	(136)	84%
Grant Income	48	5,807	3,591	2,216	162%
HST Income	49	6,104	5,615	489	109%
Total Interest, Rental, Other	50	99,147	63,676	35,471	156%
Total Income	51	326,466	288,716	37,750	113%
Gross Profit	52	326,466	288,716	37,750	113%
Expense	53				
584 · PST Expenses	54				
600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	55				
Parochial Search Expenses	56	150			
Deferred Revenue to Fund Acct	57	2,370			

	Line #	Jan - Dec 17	2017 Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Archives	58		1	(1)	
PRCs	59		80	(80)	
Bank Service Charges	60	1,077	605	472	178%
GST/HST Expense	61	16,781	11,300	5,481	149%
Summer Intern/Guide	62	6,324	3,591	2,733	176%
Treasurer Stipend	63	4,800	4,800		100%
Office Expenses	64				
Computers & Equipment	65				
Office Manager	66	4,213	250	3,963	1,685%
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	67	5,419	4,500	919	120%
Photocopying	68		115	(115)	
Supplies & Postage	69	1,708	1,750	(42)	98%
Telecommunication	70	1,752	2,000	(248)	88%
Total Office Expenses	71	13,093	8,615	4,478	152%
Allotment	72	27,926	28,342	(416)	99%
<b>Total 600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES</b>	73	<b>72,521</b>	<b>57,334</b>	<b>15,187</b>	<b>126%</b>
<b>700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY</b>	74				
Stipend - Rector	75		22,285	(22,285)	
Parish share - CPP, EI, Pension	76				
Housing Allowance	77		21,525	(21,525)	
Travel Reimbursement	78		3,960	(3,960)	
Vacation Replacement	79		1,000	(1,000)	
Telecommunications	80		300	(300)	
Diocesan Events	81		100	(100)	
Priest -Assistant Ministry	82	17,691	1	17,690	1,769,053%
<b>Total 700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY</b>	83	<b>17,691</b>	<b>49,171</b>	<b>(31,480)</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>	84				
PWRDF - disbursed to PWRDF	85	983			
Soup Kitchen	86				
SK Coordinator/Outreach Support	87	13,713	13,998	(285)	98%

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	Line #	Jan - Dec 17	2017 Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Soup Kitchen Supplies	88	4,086	2,106	1,980	194%
<b>Total Soup Kitchen</b>	89	<b>17,799</b>	<b>16,104</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>111%</b>
Christmas Outreach	90	2,935	2,750	185	107%
Deaf Ministry Interpreters	91	4,360	5,500	(1,140)	79%
Missions	92	1,500	1	1,499	150,000%
Outreach (family support)	93	2,915	2,000	915	146%
Scouting fees	94	1,000	1,000		100%
St George's YouthNet	95	5,450	5,000	450	109%
<b>Total 800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>	96	<b>36,942</b>	<b>32,355</b>	<b>4,587</b>	<b>114%</b>
<b>900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	97				
<b>A · General Expenses</b>	98				
Advertising	99	919	500	419	184%
Altar Guild	100	572	1,150	(578)	50%
Gifts	101	750	1	749	75,000%
Guest Speakers	102	1,200	700	500	171%
Liturgical Supplies	103	1,991	3,000	(1,009)	66%
Parish Library	104	20	100	(80)	20%
Special SD Events/Program Costs	105	597	400	197	149%
Supplies-Calendars	106	813	750	63	108%
<b>Total A · General Expenses</b>	107	<b>6,861</b>	<b>6,601</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>104%</b>
<b>B - Memorials</b>	108	<b>538</b>			
<b>C · Music Program</b>	109				
Stipend - Director - Youth Prog	110				
Musicians	111	5,990	6,000	(10)	100%
Stipend - Director	112	25,140	22,160	2,980	113%
Vacation Replacement	113	600	1,000	(400)	60%
Music Expenses	114	1,032	1,750	(718)	59%
<b>Total C · Music Program</b>	115	<b>32,762</b>	<b>30,910</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>106%</b>
<b>D · Sunday School Program</b>	116				
Youth	117	4,200	4,100	100	102%

	Line #	Jan - Dec 17	2017 Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Supplies & Materials	118		300	(300)	
Total D - Sunday School Program	119	4,200	4,400	(200)	95%
Total 900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	120	44,362	41,911	2,451	106%
1000 - PROPERTY	121				
A - General	122				
Fire Protection	123	278	450	(172)	62%
Security	124	2,686	2,600	86	103%
Snow Removal	125	9,290	9,000	290	103%
Insurance	126	19,461	19,600	(139)	99%
Total A - General	127	31,714	31,650	64	100%
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	128				
Janitorial Services	129	11,773	10,000	1,773	118%
Major Renovations	130		1,500	(1,500)	
Janitorial Supplies	131	1,823			
Maintenance & Repairs	132	3,445	4,500	(1,055)	77%
Utilities	133				
Electric	134	7,264	6,000	1,264	121%
Oil and Gas	135	7,801	6,500	1,301	120%
Water	136	1,087	1,000	87	109%
Total Utilities	137	16,153	13,500	2,653	120%
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	138	33,195	29,500	3,695	113%
C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis	139				
Trinity House Capital Repairs	140	7,385			
Internet & House Phone	141	1,064	800	264	133%
Maintenance & Repairs	142	1,951	1,500	451	130%
Taxes & Fire Protection	143	4,427	4,200	227	105%
Sexton's cell phone	144	591	600	(9)	98%
Utilities	145				
Electric	146	1,082	1,200	(118)	90%
Gas	147	2,762	3,900	(1,138)	71%

## 2017 Annual Report

	Line #	<b>Jan - Dec 17</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>\$ Over Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
Water	148	925	1,000	(75)	93%
Total Utilities	149	4,769	6,100	(1,332)	78%
Total C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis	150	20,186	13,200	6,986	153%
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	151				
Utilities	152				
Electric	153	526	350	176	150%
Water	154	29	75	(46)	39%
Total Utilities	155	555	425	130	131%
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	156	555	425	130	131%
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	157				
Janitorial	158	4,080	4,080		100%
Maintenance & Repairs	159	613	2,500	(1,887)	25%
Organ Maintenance	160	3,737	3,300	437	113%
Preservation Expense	161	31,402	12,590	18,812	249%
Utilities	162				
Electric	163	1,682	1,500	182	112%
Oil	164	9,009	7,900	1,109	114%
Water	165	1,328	1,300	28	102%
Total Utilities	166	12,019	10,700	1,319	112%
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	167	51,851	33,170	18,681	156%
Total 1000 - PROPERTY	168	137,502	107,945	29,557	127%
Total Expense	169	309,017	288,716	20,301	107%
Net Ordinary Income	170	17,449		17,449	100%
Net Income	171	17,449		17,449	100%

# Parish of St. George

## Balance Sheet

2017 Year End (Unaudited at time of printing)

Accrual Basis

	Line #	<u>31 Dec 17</u>	<u>31 Dec 16</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	172		
<b>Current Assets</b>	173		
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	174		
TD/Canada Trust	175	107,346	113,594
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	176	<u>107,346</u>	<u>113,594</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	177		
<b>Petty Cash</b>	178	600	600
<b>Diocesan Endowment Funds</b>	179		
<b>Committed Investments</b>	180		
Helen Johnson Youth Music ID277	181	63,237	63,677
Altar Guild ID840	182	1,083	1,091
Helen C Johnson Ministry ID825	183	30,259	30,469
Little Dutch Church ID845	184	24,538	23,745
Memorial Fund ID850	185	5,552	5,372
Pickford Choral Scholar ID860	186	14,619	14,721
Preservation & Conserv. ID870	187	314,851	317,043
Wright Gravelot Fund [Lot 10]	188	2,603	2,518
<b>Total Committed Investments</b>	189	<u>456,742</u>	<u>458,636</u>
<b>Uncommitted Investments</b>	190		
Rectors & Wardens ID810	191	18,430	17,834
Rectors Fund ID830	192	10,819	10,894
<b>Total Uncommitted Investments</b>	193	<u>29,249</u>	<u>28,728</u>
<b>Total Diocesan Endowment Funds</b>	194	<u>485,991</u>	<u>487,364</u>
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	195	<u>486,591</u>	<u>487,964</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	196	<u>593,937</u>	<u>601,558</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	197		
Maitland St Parcel B Halifax	198	127,700	127,700
Trinity House - 5435 Cornwallis	199	369,500	369,500
Round Church - 2222 Brunswick	200	1,886,800	1,886,800
Parish Hall - 5421 Cornwallis	201	122,100	122,100
LDC - 2393 Brunswick St.	202	251,200	251,200
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	203	<u>2,757,300</u>	<u>2,757,300</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	204	<u><u>3,351,237</u></u>	<u><u>3,358,858</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	205		
<b>Liabilities</b>	206		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	207		
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	208		
Accounts Payable	209	2,412	1,903

	Line #	31 Dec 17	31 Dec 16
Total Accounts Payable	210	2,412	1,903
Other Current Liabilities	211		
Clearing Suspense	212	82	0
ST - Funds held for specifics	213		
Refugee Sponsorship In-Out	214	0	24
Mission to Seafarers (Shoebboxes	215	200	150
Deck the Hall - due for tansfer	216	0	(580)
YouthNet	217	200	200
Archives	218	110	110
Altar Guild Fund	219	1,831	1,831
Bequests	220	10,088	10,088
Christmas Outreach Fund	221	3,255	3,699
Choir Chair Fund	222	889	889
Curacy Fund	223	2,160	2,160
Diocesan Times Fund	224	130	110
LDC	225	969	969
Memorials	226	2,955	1,108
Missions Appeal Fund	227	3,230	3,730
Organ Fund	228	1,362	1,362
Pickford Scholarship	229	3,571	3,571
Preservation ST Fund	230	14,397	33,216
PWRDF Appeal Fund	231	0	40
Rector's Discretionary Fund	232	452	0
Soup Kitchen Fund	233	1,000	1,000
Special Gift Fund	234	295	0
Trinity House	235	0	7,705
Total ST - Funds held for specifics	236	47,094	71,382
Total Other Current Liabilities	237	47,176	71,382
Total Current Liabilities	238	49,588	73,285
Long Term Liabilities	239		
Liabilites associated with ETF	240		
Helen Johnson Youth Music Trust	241	63,237	63,677
Altar Guild	242	1,083	1,091
HJ Deaf Ministry Fund	243	30,259	30,469
LDC	244	24,538	23,745
Memorial Fund	245	5,552	5,372
Pickford Choral Scholarship	246	14,619	14,721
Preservation Fund - Church	247	314,851	317,043
Gravelot Fund [Lot 10]	248	2,603	2,518
Rector & Wardens	249	18,430	17,834
Rectors Fund	250	10,819	10,894
Total Liabilites associated with ETF	251	485,991	487,364



	Line #	31 Dec 17	31 Dec 16
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	252	485,991	487,364
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	253	535,579	560,649
<b>Equity</b>	254		
<b>Parish Opening Equity</b>	255	2,757,300	2,757,300
<b>Retained Earnings</b>	256	40,909	59,203
<b>Net Income</b>	257	17,449	(18,294)
<b>Total Equity</b>	258	2,815,658	2,798,209
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	259	3,351,237	3,358,858

**Notes to the Financial Statements:**

Soup Kitchen Income includes a grant from Feed Nova Scotia almost \$2,200. Line 22

Priest Assistant, Music Director, and Office Manager remuneration was subsidized by Friends of St. George's Society. Lines: 66, 82 & 112

Operating, Deck the Hall, and Refugee Sponsorship individual statements are consolidated:

a) apply for the HST rebate Jan-Jun and Jul-Dec each year

b) report f to CRA annually under the Parish's only Charities Registration Number

Deck the Hall Year End 2017 Financial Statements

Deck The Hall, Parish of St George  
**Income & Expense-YEAR END 2017**  
 January through December 2017

2018-01-25  
 Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 17
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
50 · Campaign	6,000.00
51 · Direct Debit Income	32,120.95
60 · Campaign - Music Room	
Total 50 · Campaign	38,120.95
70 · HST Income	8,187.69
Total Income	46,308.64
Expense	
100 · Vendor Expenses	63,002.94
200 · HST Expense	9,060.45
300 · Office Expense	
301 · Office manager	4,571.04
302 · Banking Fees	14.00
Total 300 · Office Expense	4,585.04
Total Expense	76,648.43
Net Ordinary Income	-30,339.79
Net Income	-30,339.79

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**Balance Sheet YEAR END 2017**  
 As of 31 December 2017

	31 Dec 17
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
DTH-TD Canada Trust	99,977.44
Total Chequing/Savings	99,977.44
Total Current Assets	99,977.44
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>99,977.44</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
30000 - Opening Balance Equity	153,805.60
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	-23,488.37
Net Income	-30,339.79
Total Equity	99,977.44
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>99,977.44</b>

*Refugee Sponsorship Committee Year End 2017 Financial Statements*

Balance per bank statement Dec. 31 2016	\$ 57,659.50
Plus outstanding deposits	\$ 688.55
Plus outstanding cheques	-\$ 700.00
Adjusted Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2017	\$ 57,648.05

Income for 2017 as p attached statements	\$ 2,580.95
Disbursements for 2017 as per attached	-\$ 10,390.95

Balance per Books December 31, 2017	\$ 49,838.05
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Balance per bank statements Dec 31, 2017	\$ 49,838.05
Plus outstanding deposits	\$ 72.39
Plus outstanding cheques	\$ -
Adjusted Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2017	\$ 49,910.44

Notes:

\$5,100 of disbursements as loan to Husseins, to be repaid in 2018

*Budget 2018*

**Parish of St. George**  
**Income & Expense YTD vs. Annual Budget**  
 January through December 2017

	<u>Jan - Dec 2018</u>		<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		18		
Income		19		
Undesignated Offerings		20		
Envelope Offerings	135,500.00	21	135,255.08	
Direct Deposit	58,000.00	22	56,967.00	
Loose	11,500.00	23	11,225.42	
Undesignated Offerings - Other		24		210,754.00
<b>Total Undesignated Offerings</b>	<u>205,000.00</u>	25	<u>203,447.50</u>	<u>210,754.00</u>
Designated Offerings		26		
Anglican Healing Fund	0.00	27	250.00	
Priest Assistant	0.00	28	4,160.00	
PWRDF	0.00	29	983.00	
Diocesan Times	0.00	30	20.00	
Mission to Seafarers	0.00	31	50.00	
Memorials	0.00	32	2,385.71	
Altar Guild	1,300.00	33	1,270.76	525.00
Christmas Outreach	2,450.00	34	2,410.85	2,750.00
Deaf Ministry	160.00	35	160.00	266.00
Missions	100.00	36	95.00	545.00
Music	1,700.00	37	1,738.00	550.00
Outreach (Family Support)	800.00	38	755.00	1,100.00
Soup Kitchen	4,750.00	39	4,711.83	4,000.00
Special Projects	200.00	40	200.00	
Trinity House	12,400.00	41	12,421.36	2,800.00
YouthNet		42		
YouthNet Direct Debit	0.00	43	600.00	600.00
YouthNet - Other		44		1,150.00
<b>Total YouthNet</b>	<u>0.00</u>	45	<u>600.00</u>	<u>1,750.00</u>
Designated Offerings - Other	0.00	46	50.00	
<b>Total Designated Offerings</b>	<u>23,860.00</u>	47	<u>32,261.51</u>	<u>14,286.00</u>
Interest, Rental, Other		48		
Fund Raising Sales & Events-net	5,500.00	49	5,465.70	5,000.00
Parochial Search		50	1,636.36	
Deferred revenue to income	0.00	51	18,819.76	
RENTAL INCOME		52		
Parking	24,000.00	53	23,954.00	23,000.00
Church Rental	1,650.00	54	1,633.00	1,500.00
Hall Rental	8,700.00	55	8,670.00	7,750.00
<b>Total RENTAL INCOME</b>	<u>34,350.00</u>	56	<u>34,257.00</u>	<u>32,250.00</u>
		57		

<b>DNS&amp;PEI Endowment Fund Interest</b>		58		
Altar Guild	50.00	59	56.02	
Rector's Discretionary	130.00	60	130.10	
Pickford Scholarship	150.00	61	148.78	
Youth Music ETF Interest	2,550.00	62	2,527.06	2,550.00
Church Preservation Endowment	12,500.00	63	12,582.10	12,590.00
Deaf endowment	1,200.00	64	1,209.20	1,230.00
<b>Total DNS&amp;PEI Endowment Fund Interest</b>	<b>16,580.00</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>16,653.26</b>	<b>16,370.00</b>
Calendars	750.00	66	714.50	850.00
Grant Income	7,200.00	67	5,807.00	3,591.00
HST Income	7,915.00	68	6,104.37	5,615.00
<b>Total Interest, Rental, Other</b>	<b>72,295.00</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>89,457.95</b>	<b>63,676.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>301,155.00</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>325,166.96</b>	<b>288,716.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>301,155.00</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>325,166.96</b>	<b>288,716.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		72		
<b>584 · PST Expenses</b>		73		
<b>600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES</b>		74		
Parochial Search Expenses		75	150.00	
Deferred Revenue to Fund Acct	0.00	76	1,397.31	
Archives	1.00	77		1.00
PRCs	1.00	78		80.00
Bank Service Charges	700.00	79	1,076.91	605.00
GST/HST Expense	15,000.00	80	15,830.05	11,300.00
Summer Intern/Guide	7,600.00	81	6,324.02	3,591.00
Treasurer Stipend	5,600.00	82	4,800.00	4,800.00
One time Treasurer Training	800.00	83		
Office Expenses		84		
Computers & Equipment	1,000.00	85		
Office Manager	4,000.00	86	4,212.76	250.00
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	5,500.00	87	5,419.34	4,500.00
Photocopying	0.00	88		115.00
Supplies & Postage	1,750.00	89	1,708.42	1,750.00
Telecommunication	2,400.00	90	1,752.49	2,000.00
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>14,650.00</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>13,093.01</b>	<b>8,615.00</b>
Allotment		92		
Allotment - Other	31,401.00	93	27,926.04	28,342.00
<b>Total Allotment</b>	<b>31,401.00</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>27,926.04</b>	<b>28,342.00</b>
<b>Total 600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES</b>	<b>74,953.00</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>70,597.34</b>	<b>57,334.00</b>
<b>700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY</b>		96		
Stipend - Rector	13,500.00	97		22,285.00
Parish share - CPP, EI, Pension		98		
Housing Allowance	19,700.00	99		21,525.00
Travel Reimbursement	3,075.00	100		3,960.00

Vacation Replacement	1,000.00	101		1,000.00
Telecommunications	600.00	102		300.00
Diocesan Events	1.00	103		100.00
Priest -Assistant Ministry	2,900.00	104	17,690.53	1.00
<b>Total 700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY</b>	<b>40,776.00</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>17,690.53</b>	<b>49,171.00</b>
<b>800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>		<b>106</b>		
PWRDF - disbursed to PWRDF		107	983.00	
Soup Kitchen		108		
SK Coordinator/Outreach Support	14,000.00	109	13,712.76	13,998.00
Soup Kitchen Supplies	3,500.00	110	3,963.93	2,106.00
<b>Total Soup Kitchen</b>	<b>17,500.00</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>17,676.69</b>	<b>16,104.00</b>
Christmas Outreach		112		
Christmas Outreach - Other	2,400.00	113	2,934.77	2,750.00
<b>Total Christmas Outreach</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>2,934.77</b>	<b>2,750.00</b>
Deaf Ministry Interpreters	4,400.00	115	4,360.00	5,500.00
Missions	1.00	116	1,500.00	1.00
Outreach (family support)	2,000.00	117	2,915.00	2,000.00
Scouting fees	1,000.00	118	1,000.00	1,000.00
St George's YouthNet		119		
St George's YouthNet - Other	5,000.00	120	5,450.00	5,000.00
<b>Total St George's YouthNet</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>5,450.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Total 800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>	<b>32,301.00</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>36,819.46</b>	<b>32,355.00</b>
<b>900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT</b>		<b>123</b>		
<b>A · General Expenses</b>		<b>124</b>		
Advertising	1,200.00	125	919.00	500.00
Altar Guild & Liturgical Supplies	2,500.00	126	462.63	1,150.00
Gifts	100.00	127	750.00	1.00
Guest Speakers	1,000.00	128	1,200.00	700.00
Liturgical Supplies	0.00	129	1,991.33	3,000.00
Parish Library	100.00	130	20.00	100.00
Special SD Events/Program Costs	400.00	131	594.00	400.00
Supplies-Calendar	800.00	132	812.50	750.00
<b>Total A · General Expenses</b>	<b>6,100.00</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>6,749.46</b>	<b>6,601.00</b>
<b>B - Memorials</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>538.40</b>	
<b>C · Music Program</b>		<b>135</b>		
Stipend - Director - Youth Prog	0.00	136		
Musicians	6,000.00	137	5,990.00	6,000.00
Stipend - Director	25,586.00	138	25,139.84	22,160.00
Vacation Replacement	600.00	139	600.00	1,000.00
Music Expenses	1,000.00	140	1,032.15	1,750.00
<b>Total C · Music Program</b>	<b>33,186.00</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>32,761.99</b>	<b>30,910.00</b>
<b>D · Sunday School Program</b>		<b>142</b>		
Youth	4,200.00	143	4,200.00	4,100.00
Supplies & Materials	250.00	144		300.00

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<b>Total D · Sunday School Program</b>	4,450.00	145	4,200.00	4,400.00
<b>Total 900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	43,736.00	146	44,249.85	41,911.00
<b>1000 · PROPERTY</b>		147		
<b>A - General</b>		148		
<b>Fire Protection</b>	300.00	149	277.75	450.00
<b>Security</b>	2,700.00	150	2,685.63	2,600.00
<b>Snow Removal</b>	10,460.00	151	6,675.00	9,000.00
<b>Insurance</b>	20,000.00	152	19,461.00	19,600.00
<b>Total A - General</b>	33,460.00	153	29,099.38	31,650.00
<b>B - Hall (5429 Cornw&amp;2227 Mait)</b>		154		
<b>Janitorial Services</b>	10,800.00	155	11,617.75	10,000.00
<b>Major Renovations</b>		156		1,500.00
<b>Janitorial Supplies</b>	1,700.00	157	1,711.53	
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>	4,000.00	158	3,093.38	4,500.00
<b>Utilities</b>		159		
<b>Electric</b>	7,350.00	160	7,264.39	6,000.00
<b>Oil and Gas</b>	7,500.00	161	7,454.30	6,500.00
<b>Water</b>	1,150.00	162	1,087.47	1,000.00
<b>Total Utilities</b>	16,000.00	163	15,806.16	13,500.00
<b>Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&amp;2227 Mait)</b>	32,500.00	164	32,228.82	29,500.00
<b>C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis</b>		165		
<b>Trinity House Capital Repairs</b>	0.00	166	7,385.00	
<b>Internet &amp; House Phone</b>	0.00	167	1,064.14	800.00
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>		168		
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs - Other</b>	2,109.00	169	1,861.48	1,500.00
<b>Total Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>	2,109.00	170	1,861.48	1,500.00
<b>Taxes &amp; Fire Protection</b>	4,500.00	171	4,426.64	4,200.00
<b>Sexton's cell phone</b>	0.00	172	590.67	600.00
<b>Utilities</b>		173		
<b>Electric</b>	1,150.00	174	1,081.67	1,200.00
<b>Gas</b>	2,800.00	175	2,761.77	3,900.00
<b>Water</b>	1,000.00	176	925.06	1,000.00
<b>Total Utilities</b>	4,950.00	177	4,768.50	6,100.00
<b>Total C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis</b>	11,559.00	178	20,096.43	13,200.00
<b>E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)</b>		179		
<b>Utilities</b>		180		
<b>Electric</b>	500.00	181	526.13	350.00
<b>Water</b>	50.00	182	29.25	75.00
<b>Total Utilities</b>	550.00	183	555.38	425.00
<b>Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)</b>	550.00	184	555.38	425.00
<b>F - Church (2222 Brunswick)</b>		185		
<b>Janitorial</b>	4,420.00	186	4,080.00	4,080.00
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>	900.00	187	613.21	2,500.00



<b>Organ Maintenance</b>	3,500.00	188	3,737.19	3,300.00
<b>Preservation Expense</b>	12,500.00	189	31,401.82	12,590.00
<b>Utilities</b>		190		
<b>Electric</b>	1,700.00	191	1,681.50	1,500.00
<b>Oil</b>	7,000.00	192	6,450.30	7,900.00
<b>Water</b>	1,300.00	193	1,327.67	1,300.00
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<u>10,000.00</u>	194	<u>9,459.47</u>	<u>10,700.00</u>
<b>Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)</b>	<u>31,320.00</u>	195	<u>49,291.69</u>	<u>33,170.00</u>
<b>Total 1000 · PROPERTY</b>	<u>109,389.00</u>	196	<u>131,271.70</u>	<u>107,945.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>301,155.00</u>	197	<u>300,628.88</u>	<u>288,716.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>0.00</u>	198	<u>24,538.08</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	199	<u><u>24,538.08</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

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