

Annual Report  
for the year 2005

**Saint George's Round Church**  
**Halifax, Nova Scotia**



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## Agenda of Annual Meeting

### PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE

#### Annual General Meeting

February 26, 2006

Agenda as per Canon 35

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of March 6, 2005
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Financial Statements for 2005
6. Insurance Reports for 2005
7. Rector's Report
8. Warden's Report
8. Standing Committee Reports
  - Finance Committee
  - Spiritual Development Committee
  - Pastoral Ministry/Outreach Committee
  - Stewardship Committee
  - Property Committee
  - Administration Committee
9. Proposed Budget for 2006
10. Elections
  - Warden
  - Parish Council Members
  - Synod Delegates
  - Youth Delegates to Synod
  - Secretary to the Parish
  - Treasurer to the Parish
  - Auditors
  - Delegates to Regional Council
  - Correspondent to the Diocesan Times
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment and Prayer

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### Annual Meeting Minutes, Parish of St George 6 March 2005

Approximately 100 parishioners were in attendance.  
Father Thorne opened the meeting with prayer.

#### 1.0 MINUTES

Barry Stevens moved and Patricia Martinson seconded that the minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting of the Parish of Saint George be approved as circulated. Carried. It is noted that the minutes should have the name of Brenda – not Betty - Shannon.

#### 2.0 INCOME & EXPENSES REPORT

The narrative report for the year ending 31 December 2004 was presented by Barry Stevens. Only unaudited financial statements are available.

#### 3.0 RECTOR'S REPORT

Father Thorne spoke about the dedicated work of our Parish wardens. Steven Harnish resigned from the position three months early in order to pursue courses in preparation for ordination. Tracy Lenfesty's term ends today. Each of them was presented with a small gift in appreciation of their work.

Father Todd, who serves the Deaf Community in a non-stipendiary capacity, remarked that its members were deeply upset by today's sermon. In it, the rector mentioned the possibility of suspending special services to the deaf parishioners in view of the financial crisis in the church. Father Todd remarked that the deaf and deaf-blind service at Saint George's is unique. Because the members of the Deaf Community have nowhere else to go, they intended to stay with us. His words were applauded warmly.

#### 4.0 WARDEN'S REPORT

John Swaine reported on behalf of the wardens. He remarked that Tracy Lenfesty has completed a detailed report for 2004. It was a tremendous period of growth in the parish, and he predicted that the forthcoming one will be positive for stewardship. He reported that, due to the severe debt in which we find ourselves, there is a new initiative to be named the "Friends of Saint George's" whose members will come from outside as well as inside the parish. Secondly, there will be a stewardship campaign designed to increase every year the amount of the offerings.

Susan Harris moved that the Parish of Saint George gratefully acknowledges the establishment of an extra-parochial society called "Friends of Saint George's" which exists solely to support the worship, work and mission of Saint George's Parish as such worship, work and mission is determined regularly through normal organs of the Parish. Membership of the Society may or may not include parishioners. Fund raising of the Society will be within and without the parish. All fund raising and advertisement of the mandate of the Society within the parish will be restricted to the discretion of the parish itself. Seconded by Gary McGonagill.

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Gai Thomas asked to whom the group would report. Father Thorne replied that it will be an autonomous body. How it will receive money offered to it will be up to the Parish. The Parish Council will be able to reject any particular form of fund raising such as, for example, a lottery or a raffle. Kathleen Jaeger asked if the money would be subject to allotment. Susan Harris replied that, because it is charitable, it will not be eligible. Father Thorne added that it will depend on how the money is applied. The Friends will apply for their own tax number and will give income tax receipts.

Leslie Jaeger made some observations on the allotment responsibilities of the Parish. We are suffering financially because of the breadth of our activities including YouthNet, service to the deaf community, and the Boy Scouts. As well as a functioning parish, we are a heritage one. We pay more insurance because we are a heritage church. He proposed establishing a heritage foundation to be recognized in the annual budget as being in charge of insurance, repairs and capital expenses for the buildings. The operative budget should be brought down to what it would be if we were a less active congregation. Anne West remarked that the precedent for such would be the Saint George's Foundation which existed in the 1990s to pay for church rebuilding.

### 5.0 STANDING COMMITTEES

(a) Finance – Jan Connors presented the report. The total income was \$253,380 and the expenses \$296,280, a deficit of \$42,900. In 2004, offerings were \$8000 less than in 2003. \$11,000 less income was collected for parking and church rental. There were large increases in the cost of insurance and for maintenance of the rectory. A debate ensued about the apparently high office expenses.

The Income and Expense Statements and the Balance Sheets have not been audited.

Gai Thomas moved and Patricia Martinson seconded that the Financial Statements be approved as written subject to a proper audit in accordance with Diocesan guidelines.

Jim Brown remarked that we decided at the last annual meeting to have audited statements. Father Thorne replied that it would cost between \$6000 and \$9000. He invited Gertie Moulton and Jim Browne to attend the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss their concerns about the process. Motion Carried.

### (b) Budget

Barry Stevens presented the new budget. He declared that to have a balanced budget, the Parish has three options: (1) We can cut money to such services as YouthNet and Office Manager, (2) we can decrease our allotment payment for next year by \$30,000 and (3) with the help of a stewardship campaign and bodies such as the Friends of Saint George's, we can endeavor to pay the same allotment figures as in 2004. In any case, we must repay our short and long term liabilities.

Neil Robertson moved and Daniel Watson seconded that the budget be accepted as it appears and that a stewardship campaign be established to make up the \$30,000 deficit with a warning to the Diocese that the allotment will be that much less for this year. We must establish a committee to review expenditures and to answer to Parish Council.

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Chris West remarked that we need a watchdog looking after our expenses. Without it, no stewardship campaign will be successful. Father Thorne noted that people volunteer many hours of work to control expenses.

Speaking on behalf of the Deaf Community, Joel ??? and Joan Drysdale remarked that their members considered Saint George's to be their church. Joan asked about the money donated to the Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf (AMD) to which they are entitled. John Swaine reported that the AMD claims never to have heard of this ministry and chose not to contribute anything to it.

There was a general discussion about the nature of the allotment and what happens if it is not paid. Father Thorne noted that there could be consequences for the autonomy of the Parish. Susan Harris pointed out that this happens occasionally to virtually all parishes – it has happened to Saint George's in the past. As a rule, the debt is simply forgiven once payments resume.

Father Thorne noted that YouthNet has a budget of approximately \$110,000 a year, \$5000 of that from the Parish. We would be unable to outside solicit contributions if we removed our funding. The same rule would apply to the Deaf Community. MOTION CARRIED.

Some people expressed a wish to bring a revised budget back to the congregation. Jim Brown would like to see a structured meeting of interested parishioners with wardens. Father Thorne remarked that this suggests a crisis of confidence in the officers of the Parish.

Barry Stevens thanked Jan Connors for her great deal of hard work on the budget.

### (c) ELECTIONS

Father Thorne invited further nominations for each position. Kate Freeman was nominated for warden. Jan Connors and Elizabeth Haigh were voted in for another year as Treasurer and Recording Secretary respectively. Jens Jensen and Tracy Lenfesty were nominated to Parish Council making up the full compliment of twelve members. Matthew Penney, Charlotte Penney and John Swaine were nominated to serve as Synod Delegates. Andrew Thorne was nominated as Synod Youth Delegate and Alex Easton and Synod Alternate Delegate. The list of nominees was approved. Evelyn Mann has agreed to replace Sandra McPhee as envelope secretary.

### 7.0 AUDIT OF BOOKS

Gai Thomas moved and Gertie Moulton seconded that the Parish Council find an auditor to formally audit the books.

Carmichael Wallace moved and Jens Jensen seconded a friendly amendment that the auditor be a volunteer. The motion carried.

### 8.0 CHURCH HALL

Joyce McCulloch remarked that the Church Hall is our only economic asset. It is a municipal heritage property and a national historic site. HRM and other grants are available for repairs and maintenance of such buildings.

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Joyce McCulloch moved and Jens Jensen seconded that a special committee be established to investigate all grants and to find information for the cost of the plans which would be involved to repair all or part of the existing hall. The plan should provide the same space and function as the projected new hall. This study is to be done at no expense to the church – there is even a grant to help with the study. April 1st is the deadline for an HRM grant application.

Neil Robertson noted that it is imperative that in our application, we communicate our intention to tear down the hall. Carried.

The meeting ended with prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Elizabeth V. Haigh





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### Letter from the Parish of St. George to the Reverend Canon Gary W.A. Thorne, Ph.D., D.D., 18 December, 2005

Father Thorne,

Many of the Collects of our Church remind us of the uncertainties of life. For example, when we pray at Matins to God, who has “safely brought us to the beginning of this day,” we are reminded of the uncomfortable truth that we cannot know the future, that every day is pregnant with possibilities for good or ill, and the relation between the two is sometimes hard to discern.

It has been your destiny to have been called to lead St. George’s through the greatest crisis in the history of the parish. When you became rector sixteen years ago, you no doubt had plans and hopes for what you might accomplish, but you could never have anticipated that you would have to confront the fire of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, 1994 and all that followed from this disaster.

As you are not a priest preoccupied with endowments and buildings, it might seem an irony that you should have been called to be the leader of the restoration of the Round Church. You are and always have been a passionate advocate of the need to reach out in love to those who suffer poverty, homelessness and sexual exploitation. It will be recalled that persuasive voices argued that the money spent on restoration might be better spent on the alleviation of poverty, voices which you opposed.

But the irony is only apparent and not real. Like John Medley, the saintly bishop of Fredericton whose vision it was to erect a cathedral that is one of the glories of the Canadian Anglican Church, you understand the connection between beauty and truth. The restoration of St. George’s has made it possible for us and future generations to “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,” to use the words of J.S.B. Monsell’s great hymn, and your contribution to that accomplishment will never be forgotten.

But again like Bishop Medley, who viewed his creation of Christ Church Cathedral as a fulcrum to bring the eternal Word to your native province of New Brunswick, you have seen our restored church not as a beautiful object, but as a source of hope and renewal in this neighborhood. You have worked unceasingly on the social issues that affect the north-end, and have inspired the efforts of others who have engaged in the many outreach activities of the Church such as the Soup Kitchen, YouthNet and the Ministry of the Deaf.

Yet good works, like beautiful buildings or possessions, can also become a distraction, however worthy or important. You have never compromised in your preaching in your determination to encourage us all not only to engage in necessary activities and participate in worship, but to think hard about the meaning of Christianity. Your sermons have on occasion been demanding because of this determination to encourage us to grapple with the meaning of our faith. You firmly believe that it is not only the duty of the priest, but of the congregation, to think theologically. The pews at St. George’s are sometimes uncomfortable, and not simply because of the hardness of the seats.

Although emphasizing that we are under the Divine judgment because we fail to bring our wills into harmony with, in Dante’s words, “the love that moves the sun and the other stars,” you always remind us that we can rely upon Christ’s infinite love which forgives us, which tells us to love ourselves and neighbor, and which knits together our parish in friendship.

It is a wonderful achievement that the Round Church has been physically renewed, but you have instructed us that what is most important is, as St. Paul says in his Epistle to the Romans, that we are not to be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. Your commitment to spiritual renewal is your greatest gift to us, and your guidance on this difficult quest has enlarged us all.

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### Rector's Annual Report 2005:

In 2005 there were two ordinations to the diaconate in the small parish of Saint George's in the inner city of Halifax. These ordinations were highly symbolic of the way in which God has so richly blessed our parish in these latter years.

Debby Burlison had left the church in her youth and for more than thirty years felt nothing but pity and bewilderment for those who believed in God and spent their lives trying to prop up the institutional church. She was highly successful both in her academic and professional life and in 1998 had been director of the museum of natural history for several years. Then she attended the worship on All Soul's Day evening in the Little Dutch Church. Her heart was stirred, disturbed and set on fire. Over the next year or so she found herself within the active love of a triune God. Saint George's sponsored and supported her throughout five years of formal discernment and education, during which time we accompanied her on many spiritual excursions, and she was ordained deacon in our Parish in the spring of the year.

Christopher Snook had been raised to know His Saviour in an evangelical church in Halifax but his restless soul would not be satisfied until he had experienced and, to some degree understood, the depths of Divine Love. For many years at Saint George's we were attracted by Christopher's sincerity, compassion, and his character which was so clearly being formed by his living within the Trinity of Love: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. By inviting him to teach, preach, and pastor to us, he shared his journey and we found ourselves with him in



that place of loving mystery and wonder. Although he went to Montreal to complete his training for ministry, Christopher and the parish remained united in prayer and we were blessed especially to have him return to give the meditations on Good Friday. He was ordained deacon in the fall of the year at Saint George's.

These two ordinations are highly symbolic of the servant ministry that this parish has developed over many years and of the way in which our parish is seen by our community. The deacon is sometimes

thought of as a living icon of 'servant ministry'. The first deacon, Stephen, waited on tables so that the apostles could be free to preach and evangelize. The deacon witnessed to the depth of God's Love in Jesus Christ by entering with our Lord into the pain, sufferings and complicated circumstances of His people. The deacon gives up all pretension and entitlement, to walk alongside the poor, disadvantaged, and helpless. In its many compassionate programmes, embrace of all persons in need, and sincere openness to the community in which it is situated, Saint George's is seen to be that type of 'servant ministry'. Thus our hearts were made especially glad by the witness of these two ordinations to the diaconate in 2005.

To be such a parish brings many demands of compassion and sacrifice. In early June a person who had reached out to our parish for several years was brutally murdered, leaving her only son orphaned. Through her work with YouthNet over several years Naomi Kidston ministered in unique and remarkable ways to many young people, and

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we had grown to respect and love Naomi deeply. She had been on the darkest side of life on the streets and, by God's grace, had returned to give her life to help children, youth and adults who were 'at risk'. But the 'system' does not care very well for such people, and again and again Naomi found herself struggling to provide a life for her son. One of the most spiritual and powerful gatherings of my sixteen years at Saint George's was the coming together of so many persons from all walks of life in Halifax to testify to her life and give thanks to God for her Love. A death later in the summer of a young girl well known in our youth programmes became yet another painful time of grieving for us all – and a subsequent resolve to continue to be Christ to the youth of our community.

Saint George's is stretched in every way by this commitment to be Christ to the community. It finds its strength in daily prayer, sacramental worship, and a devotion to the Triune God in whose Love it lives. A parish like this can only continue in this way if the sacrifice it offers is total. And that is a tough message in a North American church in the twenty-first century.

At the Annual Meeting in 2005 it became clear that in order to continue our worship and ministries, a financial stewardship campaign would have to be established. Some voices at the Annual Meeting simply stated that our goals were 'impossible'. Nevertheless, a small and prayerful Stewardship Committee over the remainder of the year helped the parish rally to pay off the \$40,000 debt which had accrued over several years. In addition to paying off this debt, the offerings for 2005 exceeded both the budget expectations and actual expenses for the year.

Thus the parish clearly shows itself capable of a continuing and healthy financial viability. Parishioners will give thanks that this strong and sacrificial financial showing was not a result of an inward turning. YouthNet and the Soup Kitchen had strong years of outreach, and our many other outreach programmes continued to articulate our love for neighbor. Four thousand dollars was received into the poor fund by designated givings and distributed carefully to the most needy throughout the year, and the Rector was able to distribute two thousand dollars through his Discretionary Fund that is supported entirely by designated donations.

When Bishop Arthur Peters gave the parish permission in January 1995 to restore the Round Church, he added a condition as follows:

*Therefore I am prepared to give my permission for Saint George's congregation to continue their endeavours as they work towards the restoration of their church. My permission is contingent upon the parish continuing to act as a responsible parish belonging to the Diocese whose principal work is ministering to people.*

I have been blessed to be part of a parish that has remained true to its primary purpose of Worship, and faithful in its acceptance of the Bishop's challenge.

At the beginning of October I announced my resignation from parish ministry at Saint George's after sixteen years. There were signs within me and signs in the parish that this was necessary for my own spiritual health and the spiritual vitality of the parish. New leadership was required and my prayer is that God will grant you a Rector in whom you will see the Love which he will have for you. Of course you know that although I am close to you at King's College Chapel, I am obliged to distance myself from the parish

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intentionally for a space of time, so as to not 'interfere' with the establishment of the new ministry that you will begin with your soon to be appointed Rector. This 'distancing' (including not visiting those of you whom I so love when you are in hospital, etc.) is necessary for the stability of the parish. On December 18th the parish gave me and my family a tremendous and heartfelt send-off. The formal letter from the parish read and given to me in a very beautiful framed presentation was a remarkably full, sensitive and warm account of my sixteen years with you. I shall treasure these words always, along with the articulation of realized friendship from the Sunday School, YouthNet, Choir, Trinity House and the Deaf Community. Especially meaningful for me was the recognition of the contribution of my family in supporting my priestly

ministry over the years at Saint George's. Sandra's patience and encouragement has been unfailing. I am glad to say that Andrew, Chelsea and Sandra will remain as parishioners, at least for the time being, and will continue to offer their own significant expressions of ministry in the parish.

I am enormously pleased that as I leave, the parish today is so strong spiritually, clear in its vision, and financially healthy.

You will always be huge in my prayers. I ask the kindness of yours.

In the Name of the Most Holy and Blessed Trinity,  
Father Thorne

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### Priest-in-Charge Report

I wish to begin by saying thank you for welcoming me into your Parish family. It is a great privilege being with you in the interim between Rectors. One of the wonderful things about being "retired" in our Diocese is that you often get invited by the Bishop to 'fill in' and so you are able to share in a wide range of Parish traditions across the Diocese-and they are varied- from a handful of the Faithful to a packed house, from simplistic to very elaborate ritual, from traditional music to more contemporary. But amid all that is the realization that this is the Church. And that is what St. Paul has been reminding us of in our Epistle Readings during Epiphany. We may be different in so many ways, and yet we are one-united in our common love of, and commitment to, Jesus Christ. This for me has always been one of the beauties of the Anglican Church- unity within diversity. And so now I am enjoying being with you,

and sharing in your tradition. I hope I am adding to it.

After a long term ministry, it is always difficult to see a faithful Pastor leave and go to another form of ministry, and I am sure it has been difficult for the people of St. George's as it has been for Father Thorne. But, as it is 'a journey just begun' for him, so the same is true for all of you. God is always leading His people on a journey, revealing more of His wonderful natures to us, helping us grow as we face new experiences and meet new people, broadening our vision of the Kingdom and changing us through all of those experiences. We look forward to another new experience when a new Pastor will be in our midst, and we begin a new journey together. Remember the members of the Parish committee in your prayers as they begin the process of choosing a new Rector.

The reports which follow reveal the various and rich ministries that take place within St George's and, on behalf of Parish

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Council and Parishioners I want to express our sincere gratitude for the sincere dedication and commitment of time and talent by all those involved in those ministries. Ministry doesn't just happen-people make it happen and St George's has been blessed by such people.

As you review the past year as outlined in the Annual Reports, and plan the

goals and vision for 2006, may you celebrate your past and anticipate your future.

Your fellow servant in Jesus Christ,  
James H. Purchase  
Priest-in-Charge

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### **Parish Visitation**

Parish visiting continued from February 14th until June 9th. Due to illness, the Feb. 28 - March 3 period was made up in June. As before (Sept. 13, 2004 - Feb.3, 2005) visitations occurred in the parish for three full days every two weeks. Each day began with a celebration of Holy Communion in Trinity House at 6:45 AM, followed by Morning Prayer in the church and breakfast in Trinity House. Again the same pattern continued with some people visited on a regular basis (housebound, unwell), others

occasionally, and first visits. The number of visits has been filed in the Parish Office.

It has been a privilege to be in the parish and to have served Fr. Thorne, your esteemed rector. May the Lord in His Mercy raise up a faithful pastor to continue the good work to His glory and the good of His church.

Respectfully submitted,  
(the Rev.) Gordon Neish

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### **Report of the Music Director**

Music is an integral part of many parishioners' experience of worship at Saint George's. We are fortunate here to have a commitment to seeking to maintain a high quality and quantity of liturgical musical offerings. It is my hope that those offerings have been valued this past year, and will continue to be in the future. We are blessed with an excellent instrument, a very committed choir and an amenable space in which to make music.

The Choir of the Parish of Saint George continues to offer grace-filled contributions to the liturgies at Saint George's, typically on Sundays at the 10:30 a.m Choral Communion services, as well as on major feast days of the church year. The full choir

rehearses on Thursday evenings – normally for two hours – and also on Sunday mornings, so singers undertake an enormous responsibility in their time and spiritual commitment when they agree to be part of the choir. Each member of the choir deserves your thanks for the work of preparing -- so diligently and prayerfully -- for the worship experiences that the Saint George's family is so fortunate to have. Besides our own liturgical offerings (which for some includes singing at Evensong and Compline from time to time), this year the Choir participated in a concert of three local neighborhood choirs – The Cornwallis Street Baptist Church Praise Choir, The Shining Lights Choir and The Saint George's Choir – held at the Round Church

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in May, and, in December, sang for and with some of the guests at Metro Turning Point. The Choir also sang in a benefit concert at St. Matthias' Church, Halifax; presented an Advent concert at St. Mary's Church in Crousetown, and gave a very much appreciated Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas in our neighboring community of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

Current members are: Steven Burns, Shannon Parker, Sarah Stevenson, Sandra Thorne, Risa Corbett, Paula Phillips, Paul Rogers, Kim Lickers, Kelsey Hunter, Janet Ross, Jan Buley, Jackie Harmer, Ian Urquhart, Gai Thomas (choir librarian), Daniel Watson, Chris Stennet, Brie-Anna Bartlett, Brian Start, Aniko Lewton-Brain, and Andrea Lee. While all of the musicians here share equally in the offerings of our music, I am especially grateful to Brian Start for his able assistance in organ leadership, as well as to Paula Philips and Jackie Harmer for their choral assistance, when I am away from the Parish. Gai Thomas deals with the immense job of sorting and maintaining our continually expanding choral library, and we are very thankful for her work.

A particularly enjoyable aspect of my work has involved assisting our younger musicians as they learn the repertoire of the choir in relation to our liturgical tradition. Emily, Brie-Anne and Kelsey faithfully attend a special rehearsal each week in order to facilitate their participation in the choir. This year, two scholarships were given to our young singers by members of the Saint George's Society that allowed attendance at one of the summer choir camps offered through the Nova Scotia Choral Federation. It would be marvelous if more of our singers (young and old) could benefit from this valuable opportunity for extending their musicianship skills. Please speak to me if you are interested in finding out more about or in assisting with this endeavor.

Gifts of motet scores and anthem collections are always welcome and make a very helpful contribution in thanks for the choir's singing, as they help to build, and to replace damaged or missing copies in the fairly good library of choral music that the Parish houses. Gifts in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones are appropriate also.

Due to the departure from the Parish of the Harnish family, Emily Harnish is sadly no longer singing with us. Barry Stevens also left us, moving to Kitchener-Waterloo, and Greg Finney has moved to Toronto. We certainly thank them for the commitment and contributions that they have been able to offer at St. George's and wish them well. We have also welcomed into the choir Risa Corbett, Kim Lickers and Shannon Parker. New members are always welcome in the choir, and I am keen to listen to anyone interested in participating. We have an ongoing need for male singers particularly!

In light of recommendations made by the Parish Council in September, it seems likely that this will be my final year as the Music Director at Saint George's. Please know that I am honored to have been able to lead the musical offerings of this Parish. I have watched over enormous growth in the music here since 1983 – even whilst away from the Parish, pursuing graduate studies. The Parish's commitment to musical ministry has always been appreciated. This would not have occurred without support from the Clergy and Wardens, and for their encouragements and critiques I am very thankful. I am always appreciative of your comments regarding your experience of the music at Saint George's. The choice, preparation and liturgical performance of our music intends to reflect the spirit of the worship event in praise of God. As God is made known to humanity in many forms, so

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we may hope to glimpse a vision of God's glory through the music we offer, while ministering to ourselves and to others in and through that music. As we remain open to our neighboring community, I sincerely hope that the worshipping community that is Saint George's can continue to reflect on how our neighbors shape our musical offerings – as those offerings open our hearts to our central act as a community of faith. The creation of music is a particularly

suitable metaphor for what a community of faith is. It cannot be fully realized without awareness of the 'other.' In thanks for your support, friendships, and concerns for the music at Saint George's I am

Yours faithfully

David Buley  
Director of Music

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### The Wardens' Report

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

This quote from Dickens (*A Tale of Two Cities*, 1859) accurately describes my parish experience of 2005.

The Annual General Meeting held in March 2004, was quite disheartening to many of the volunteer parish administration, who left the meeting feeling rather battered. Some of the criticism of policies, procedures and hard work on the budget felt more like personal attack than charitable disagreement. Perhaps not all realized the impact this had. For months afterwards, we struggled to manage under even heavier responsibilities, without a third warden, including re-examining the approved budget and creating a new one. We re-examined costs, and cut back where we could, but in that process, we left undone things that ought to have been done in order to follow the direction of the Annual Meeting. It was not a pretty picture and yet, later in the year, we seemed to turn a corner. The focus on stewardship of our time and resources drew a wonderful response from parishioners and helped to remind all of us how much we care for this parish. Many important tasks were accomplished. Working together, the parish was able to retire its 2004 debt, and ended 2005 in the black, both outstanding accomplishments.

In 2005, we continued to worship with our fine music and liturgical traditions, while being centered by the use of the Book of Common Prayer. Our Sunday School, Servers, YouthNet programs and Scouting programs helped to expose many young people of our community to positive values and good role models as they develop into young adults. We welcomed new families and individuals into our worship and outreach activities. Some of our numbers took on new leadership responsibilities in finance, music, worship, parish administration, property and maintenance, pastoral care and spiritual development. Four parishioners were either postulants or working towards becoming postulants. Two of our members, Debra Burleson and Christopher Snook, were ordained deacon in the Round Church and are now serving elsewhere. We continued to be a parish where people are baptized, confirmed, married and buried - the ongoing celebration of the cycle of life within the Christian church. And through all of this, we continued to struggle with how to be kind, charitable and accepting of one another.

There have been other important changes in 2005:

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As we all know, our Rector of 16 years, the Reverend Canon Gary Thorne, resigned from the parish effective January 1, 2006 to take on the position of Chaplain at Dalhousie/King's. We have been blessed with his spiritual leadership in our congregation and in our neighborhood, most especially through the terrible fire of 1994 and the long and grueling restoration of both our church building and of our parish life. We wish him well as he takes up his new life at the university. The Parochial Selection Committee is now working with Bishop Hiltz to select a new priest to become our rector. In order to share the increased workload, a third warden, Susan Harris, was nominated by Parish Council and affirmed by a parish meeting in late October.

In November, Brother David Martin Winters became ill and required surgery which left him in hospital for many months. Very quickly we learned of the many daily tasks which Brother David quietly offered to

the parish, and his replacement has been hard to find. Thanks to Vaila Mowat, Dick Gallagher, the Trinity House residents and the Saturday cleaning crews for their support and help during the transition period.

It is always daunting for me to consider the heavy responsibility of providing leadership to this wonderful parish community, with all of its accomplishments, eccentricities and issues. It is reassuring to me to remember that as individuals, we are much less important than the gifts and skills we offer to one another, so that His plan can be fulfilled. I am pleased to pass on my leadership responsibilities to very competent others with the fervent hope that God's plan for this parish is to continue prayerfully into the future.

John Swaine  
Senior Warden

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### **Synod Delegates' Report**

This year's Synod was held in Charlottetown at the University of Prince Edward Island in early May, 2005. Accompanying Fr. Thorne, were postulants Debby Burlison and Stephen Harnish, delegates John Swaine and Jim Wilson, and youth delegate, Andrew Thorne. Parishioner Jan Connors attended as a diocesan staff member.

The Synod focused heavily on the management of stressful change within parishes as they become unable to remain self-sufficient. Many churches are now being closed, and parishes are combined

with other parishes. Historic church buildings are being sold or demolished, leaving parishes and their larger communities upset and in need of support and direction. Recognition of the life cycle of parishes was described as part of the way forward under these difficult circumstances.

Key presentations were also given about the Diocesan "Leap for Faith" Appeal, the AIDS crisis in Africa, differing liturgical practices in the diocese and the St Michael's Report on same sex relationships.

John Swaine



### Spiritual Development

Once again during the past year the spiritual strength and depth of this parish were exhibited in the great number of parishioners who take responsibility for the various ministries that fall under the rubric of Spiritual Development. In this way the work of the parish continued apace in spite of budget restrictions and the unforeseen resignation of our Rector.

Parishioners offer prayer and praise and read Holy Scripture in the church morning, noon, and evening, so that day by day, hour by hour, this parish “might continually profit more and more in the knowledge of God and be the more inflamed with the love of His true religion (Preface to the Book of Common Prayer (1549)).” Their faithful attention to the sacred duty of the Daily Offices anchors this parish as a Christian community. Sung Evensong is offered on Sunday evenings, conducted by Jan Connors, with Aniko Lewton-Brain leading the music, and members of the parish regularly deliver meditations which are profound and challenging.

Parishioners who sing in our excellent choir devote many hours each week to practice so that this parish might worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness Sunday by Sunday and on each of the holy days of the Book of Common Prayer. Their work will be covered in more depth elsewhere in the Annual Report, but it is important that their ministry be acknowledged in the context of thinking about the deep spiritual life of this parish.

Parishioners administer and teach in the Sunday School so that a new generation is raised up in the knowledge and fear of the Lord in His Church. The parish owes a special debt of gratitude to Cathy Keizer-

Harnish, who, after many years of faithful service as Superintendent of the Sunday School, gave up the post in order that her family might worship together in the parish to which Stephen has been assigned as a student. We are grateful to Pam Hunter and Heather Neish, who became Co-superintendents of the Sunday School in January and have thus taken up this ministry to the children who are the future of our parish.

You will read in the reports of the various organizations that fall under the heading of Spiritual Development many more ways in which parishioners contribute of their time and talents to make this parish a beacon in and beyond Canada for the vigor and depth of its life in the knowledge and worship of the Holy Trinity in accordance with the Book of Common Prayer.

As strong as the parish is spiritually through the daily ministries of countless parishioners, it is important to say something about the budgetary situation of the parish and its effects on our spiritual development. In the early spring, Parish Council directed all committees to pare their budgets wherever possible. Consequently, the Spiritual Development committee reduced every discretionary line item in its budget, many of them drastically. There was, for example, essentially no money for the guest speakers that in the past have made the St. George’s Christian Education program a source of strength for parishioners and a model for other parishes. We made it clear that we viewed the revised budget as unsustainable over any longer period, that the neglect of such fundamental aspects of our parish’s life as music and education would soon be destructive of the fabric of the parish.

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Even where budgets have not been cut, we have seen that standing still actually means losing ground. We have suffered an extremely regrettable instance of this during the past year. There has been no increase in the Music Director's salary for several years. During the summer the music sub-committee of Spiritual Development began what we expected would be a routine review of the Music Director's contract since it was due to expire in August. It quickly became clear that, according to the standards set for church musicians' salaries by the Royal Canadian College of Organists and given his years of experience and education, we would be able to expect only seven to ten hours per week of David Buley's time in exchange for what had been budgeted as the Music Director's salary. Parish Council determined that the importance of music in our worship demands more than seven to ten hours per week of a Music Director's time, and so Parish Council decided to offer David a one-year non-renewable contract and begin a search for a new Music Director whose education and years of experience might allow him or her to spend more time each week in the parish and still meet the standards of the RCCO. Thus the result of not keeping up with regular salary increases for the Music Director is that we are shortly to lose the services of a talented and much

in-demand musician, and sadly, for many of us, the presence of an old friend in the parish.

The first phase of the Stewardship Campaign has overcome the deficit that we faced last year, and I hope that parishioners will support the budget that is being submitted to the Annual Meeting for the coming year. In this budget, very modest beginnings have been made toward investing again in the Spiritual Development of the parish, and in particular in the areas of music, the Sunday School, Christian Education, and advertising. These are investments that, if we can sustain and increase them, will be crucial to ensuring that the Parish of St. George continues to go from strength to strength in the years and decades to come.

Finally, I would like to thank our Rector, Fr. Thorne, our Priest-in-Charge, Fr. Purchase, Neil Robertson, my predecessor, Susan Harris, the committee's ephor, and all the members of the Spiritual Development Committee and the Music and Christian Education sub-committees for their service during the past and coming years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary McGonagill, Chairman

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### **Servers**

The year 2005 saw a decrease in the number of servers overall. I would like to thank the following individuals for their years of service at Saint George's; Ryan Harnish, Emily Harnish, Liam Harnish, Rhys Kavanagh and Jon Trenaman.

The presentation of crosses took place again this year which entailed many people to receive recognition for their years of

servicing. Servers' crosses were awarded to: Brother David, Nicholas Baker, Emily, Liam and Ryan Harnish, Elliot Kavanagh, John Trenaman and David Wallace.

Benjamin Lee, Duncan Neish, Nick Veltmeyer and Vivien Hannon have also expressed an interest in serving and will be starting to serve in the New Year.

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Thank you to all servers who are currently serving, including: Andrew Thorne, Nicholas Baker, Sebastian Labrie, Elliot Kavanagh, Alex Purcell and David Wallace.

More servers are always welcome regardless of age and experience! Younger children can serve in the role of boat boy or boat girl during services requiring incense. Older children and adults can serve as a taperer, a crucifer, a server or as a thurifer.

Respectfully submitted  
Scott Connors  
Head Server



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### **Altar Guild**

The members of St. George's Altar Guild for the year 2005 were:

Team 1: Dorothy Coons, Nadine Savoury, Diana Lowe

Team 2: Tracy Lenfesty, with Mary MacLachlan, Susan Harris and helpers.

Team 3: Sandra Thorne, Shannon Parker, Andrea Lee, Joyce McCulloch

Team 4: Margherita Mendel and Jean Milsom

Team 5: Anne Tilley and Dinah Savoury

Team 6: Vaila S. Mowat and Cathy Jewell

Large linens were looked after by Dinah Savoury, small linens by Flo Grandy. Much help was given with flowers by Helen Johnson.

The Altar Guild teams have worked in rotation throughout the year to prepare the church for Sunday mornings. Brass had been polished, flowers arranged, the Holy Communion vessels cared for and made ready, and vestments laid out each week. We have also looked after the arrangements for Saints days, and for special celebrations particularly at Christmas and Easter. We have helped in the year 2005 at 11 marriages and 19 baptisms by making the appropriate

arrangements. We check to see that concerts and the like are properly adorned with flowers, when this is appropriate. We also prepare the church for funerals. Lastly, we attempt to assist in the washing and ironing of the cassocks, albs, surplices, cottas, and amices worn by the officiants and the servers, and to keep the storage cupboards for the vestments and vessels clean and tidy.

Each year, we attempt to do something new to make the work go more smoothly. This year Dinah Savoury has made us three new amices; these were sorely needed. We have continued to call on Diana Lowe for fine mending, and for thurible scrubbing and polishing. I have made a set of 20 pew-marker hangers so that in the future, pew markers at weddings can be hung without possible damage to the pews. Bruce Russell has assisted us with some care to the older white chasuble and we have bought some braid from Almy's so that we can complete the repair.

I wish to thank all the members of the Altar Guild for their work during the last year. Three members have left us—Susan Harris,

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Mary MacLachlan and Cathy Jewell—and I think that they should be particularly thanked for the years of work they have put in. Who will polish the bells now that Cathy is not with us?? I also wish to thank all the members of the parish who have helped us with their financial contributions and with the big clean-up on Holy Saturday...hope to see you again this Holy Saturday in 2006.

A financial statement is appended.

Sincerely,  
(Miss) Vaila S. Mowat

### Financial Statement for St. George's Altar Guild

for the year 2005

Credits for the year 2005:

From the church:	\$1900.30
From Weddings:	300.00
From Bank interest:	.17
Total:	\$2200.47

\*The sum as received from the church includes that given in offerings, moneys made from investments, and some moneys received for weddings, paid through the church rather than directly to the Altar Guild.

Debits for the year 2005:

Flowers:	\$1095.33
Cleaning supplies	105.14
Candles, decorations	166.59
Braid from Almy's	58.25
Service charges	18.75
Allotment for 2004	395.68
Total:	\$1840.74

Balance at end of year:

$$\$2200.47 - \$1840.74 = \$359.73$$

Amount in bank at end of year: \$2,887.34

Amount in bank at beginning of year:  
\$2,527.61. Difference is + \$359.73

### Nursery

St. George's maintains the small room at the back of the church for the use of small children during the 10:30 AM morning services. It is presently staffed by myself, Roseanne Reeve-Newsom and Diana Kulnys.

The space is convenient in that it allows easy access to parents if any problem develops. It is inconvenient in that members of the congregation have to walk through it to get to the washroom during the service, and in that it cannot contain more than three active toddlers comfortably at one time. We can manage, and try to make the best of these disadvantages, but the parish should take these difficulties into consideration for the future, when we may be considering replacing or altering the hall, for a parish needs to be a welcoming place for parents with small children if it is to grow. Ideally

we need a space which would enable easy access to the parents if necessary, plus more room for infants and toddlers. Better storage space would also be lovely. Dream on!

Roseanne suggested that the toys and books be culled to make the space less cluttered, and this has been done. I think that we also need some new toys. I am also about to remove the large teddy bear, so if anyone wants him, please apply. We badly need a new rug. Children of this age tend to be a bit messy, so we do not want to be too fancy, yet this rug does need to be replaced with a suitable bit of carpet.

I have given some thought to beginning some small religious instruction with some of the 2 or 3 year olds—a few songs and prayers, and then some fun time afterwards. Give me your thoughts on this.

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Time spent in the nursery is very delightful. Thank you for the privilege of getting to know your children.

Sincerely,  
Vaila S. Mowat

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### ***Sunday School***

Saint George's Sunday School was full of accomplishments for two thousand and five and as a parish, we should feel proud.

We were blessed when many volunteers responded to the call for help with our increased class size. This help took many forms, from teaching to mentoring (offering to sit with the children- being an ear to listen) and in practical ways by helping at snack time. Because of our influx in numbers, we were pleased to have consistent weekly help to ensure the children arrived safely to church and returned home. Friendships were made and relationships blossomed as we became aware of the neighborhood we worship in and our responsibility to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Of course, all this could not possibly be realized if it were not for the hard work and dedication of our teachers and the young adults who give of themselves continually to support the work of Saint George's Sunday School.

I would be remiss if I did not give heartfelt thanks to Father Gary who has constantly supported and encouraged us in all our endeavours.

As Sunday School Superintendent, I have been blessed in many ways and thankful for the opportunity of the past four years.

Cathy Keizer Harnish, Superintendent.

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### ***Br. David's Bible Study***

During the past year a small group (Dorothy Coons, Margherita Mendel and Vaila S. Mowat) have been meeting with Brother David to study the Old Testament. The program we are using is called "Christian Foundations". It is published by Trinity Episcopal Ministries in Pennsylvania, USA. There are a number of sections to the program and the section we have been focusing on is entitled 'Looking at the Old Testament'. The format assigns OT readings followed by questions. Helpful

introductions to each Old Testament book are also provided. The material in this section was so extensive that we were unable to complete it by last June. This fall we managed only one session (hosted by Margherita in her lovely new apartment) before Br. David had been hospitalized. We have completed nine of the twelve parts and plan to complete the remaining before June.

Submitted by V. S. Mowat for Br. David

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### ***Adult Education Report***

In Lent, a discussion group on the Church Catechism took place at the home of the Rector. The Rector also conducted a weekly Bible Study on the Epistle to the

Philippians. The Lenten Evensong Series this year featured a series of speakers drawn from our own congregation, highlighting the Lenten Evensong lessons. On Passion

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Sunday, the Rev'd Canon John Matheson, from the Diocese of Fredericton, offered a helpful and reflective Quiet Day based on "The Wounds of Christ", by Father Andrew. On Holy Monday, members of the congregation were invited to Trinity House for a viewing of "The Passion of the Christ". Former parishioner, Christopher Snook returned to the parish to deliver a series of splendid sermons for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. On September 11, we welcomed Sister Christina

of the All Saints Sisters of the Poor, who preached at our Choral Communion and also gave an address on the Religious Life. Also in September, the Rector conducted a Bible Study on the Epistle to the Galatians. Our Advent Sermon Series this year was conducted by The Rev'd Dr Tom Curran and was entitled "Midwinter's Day".

Susan Harris  
Christian Education Sub-Committee

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### **Deaf Ministry**

Deaf Ministry in 2005 was a blessing. Although this time last year we were unsure of the shape we would take, we were able to end it on solid ground. Particular thanks must go to individuals who gave financial support which was desperately needed, as well as the wonderful support the congregation as a whole at St George's has given. We have gathered regularly on Friday at noon as well as the Sunday Choral Communion service throughout the past year. Growth has been had in both spiritual lives as well as socially within St. George's with members of the Deaf community attending the annual yard sale, meetings of the congregation, Red Rose Dinner and Ordinations. Blois continues to be on the

schedule to serve although he has had to take time off for health reasons. The Deaf community as well as Laura have accepted the loss of our Rector with great sadness although they have gained a well known Priest-in-Charge, Fr Purchase. The children of the Sunday School have continually brought delight to the Deaf members by way of their special attention to signing during the services. We hope to continue to foster this interest in 2006.

Sincerely,

Laura Bartlett

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### **Lay Readers and MCs**

This is a small but highly trained group of people who assist in the Sunday and Feast Day liturgies.

The Lay Readers undergo specialized training in church history, music, Bible study, and conducting worship. They are then licensed by the bishop to serve in our parish in a variety of capacities. They have been:

Jan Connors (who regularly conducts sung Evensongs)

Stephen Harnish, postulant  
David Olding  
Craig Savoury  
Nadine Savoury  
John Swaine  
Brother David Winters

Two parishioners completed the Lay Reader's Course in 2005: Alex Easton and Daniel Watson.

Four of our lay readers regularly conduct the service of Morning Prayer on Sunday

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mornings, and are licensed to administer the sacrament at the Eucharist. They often assist in that capacity as Subdeacons. They are:

Stephen Harnish  
David Olding  
Craig Savoury  
Nadine Savoury  
John Swaine

The MC's are the people who organize and co-ordinate each liturgy. Behind the scenes before each service they are busy organizing the servers and clergy, assigning tasks, making sure that candles are lit, checking that the sanctuary is ready and that the service starts on time. During the service

they stand near the celebrant to anticipate and assist him, and to unobtrusively provide cues and direction for the servers. The goal is for the liturgy to proceed smoothly and reverently. After the service they help the Altar Guild by clearing the sanctuary, putting away the vestments and keeping the Vestry tidy. They are:

Scott Connors (who is also Head Server)  
Rhys Kavanaugh  
Nadine Savoury  
Craig Savoury  
John Swaine  
Chelsea Thorne

John Swaine  
Sacristan

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### ***Trinity House Annual Report***

#### **Trinity House**

“Bear ye one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Trinity House is a non-registered Christian community whose sole purpose is to support the worship and mission of Saint George’s Parish and to foster priestly vocations. It is founded as a development of the life and ministry of St George’s parish and as the flowering of a long-cherished hope that the parish’s rectory be home to a spiritual community. It is established in the conviction that in the Anglican Prayer Book Tradition, the parish community is the heart of the Christian life. The Church is our family and parish life is the heart of the Church.

The primary commitment of its members is to living in Christian community. Through a commitment to the joys and struggles of community life, this house will be a sign to the world of Christ’s prayer that the Church be one, even as he and the Father and the Spirit are one. It is a school of charity whose members are committed to the Gospel of Christ, bearing one another’s burdens. A guest room will always be available to nurture the practice of hospitality.

While the members of Trinity House are drawn from diverse backgrounds and have diverse occupations, they all participate in the spiritual life of the parish founded upon the Prayer Book Tradition. Sunday and Feast Day Holy Communions and the Daily Offices will be said in the parish Church. The particular gifts of the House’s members will support the labour of the Church. For some this will primarily consist in work in the maintenance of Trinity House itself, for others it will be involvement in the liturgical, committee, neighbourhood outreach and/or material life of the parish. Study is recognized as belonging essentially to the spiritual life of the community. Members of Trinity House will contribute tithes and financial offerings to the work of the parish through the community, according to their means.

It is acknowledged that the care and support of the physical fabric of the house requires a minimum total monthly offering of House members. The building itself remains the property of

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Saint George's Parish, and is given to Trinity House Community for as long as it remains a support to the worship and mission of the Parish. Members of Trinity House do not have a tenancy relation to the parish.

Trinity House is structured. The Rector is its Spiritual Father responsible for the sacramental life of the community and for overseeing its connections with the parish. It is headed by a Prior who cares for the daily spiritual needs of the community. This includes convening and organizing its weekly community meetings, being attentive to the spiritual development of each House member, monitoring community dynamics etc. The Assistant Prior supports the administrative work of the Prior and is concerned with the specific needs of the community and implementing projects. The House Manager (House Mother or House Father) oversees the daily affairs of the community – this includes general cleaning and maintenance, organizing the weekly communal meal to follow the weekly community meeting, and general house management issues as directed by the Spiritual Father and Prior.

All Christians are called to the communal life of the Church in which we live in and through one another in and through Christ. Trinity House is radically committed to this vision and offers those with the vocation an opportunity to live in Gospel simplicity.

### TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

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Trinity House saw much change in its second year. In January, the house was full with eight members including a married couple. By December the number was reduced to five, with one more leaving at the end of the year and with Brother David in hospital recovering from surgery. The most significant loss for the house is that of our Spiritual Father. Father Thorne was of course our source of guidance and inspiration and held the unique vision which gave birth the community.

With all of these changes, the uncertainty of spiritual leadership (we did not know for a time who would be Spiritual Father to us, or if anyone would), the several community members moving away for various reasons, the loss of Holy Communion from our chapel (that sacrament having been deeply significant to

heart of the spiritual life in the community), and with Brother David in hospital indefinitely, both the future and even the day to day life of the community feel very uncertain.

The mission, however, has not changed, and neither has the corporate resolve of the community to live that mission. As the parish goes through the changes, struggles and growth which accompany the transition to a new rector, so Trinity House shares these struggles and most importantly the growth. This is an exciting time for the community. Please keep Trinity House and its individual members, Prior Jeffrey, David, Daniel and Jim, in your prayers. We are thankful to enjoy the privilege of praying for and especially with you.





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### ***Baptism Preparation Team***

During 2005, several parishioners took part in the ministry of Baptism preparation. This ministry involves meeting with families and godparents before a Baptism to help familiarize them with the meaning of the sacrament, with the service itself and the significance of the prayers to be said, and to answer questions; and, on the day of the Baptism, to assist them in any way possible. Lynn Stevenson and Stephen Harnish continued their previous work in this area

for the first eight months of the year, and from September to December it was carried out by Stephen, Duncan Neish and Vivien Hannon. Duncan and Vivien will continue this work in the New Year. We thank Lynn and Stephen very much for their contribution, which has helped many families.

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### ***The Lance***

The report on the ‘Lance’ may well be equated with that old tale of the curate’s egg: Good in parts!

The several editors of the ‘Lance’, produced by the current editorial and production team, have been, it is believed, of a reasonably high quality of written material and style of display. There has been little or no contact by the readers, the congregation, as to the standard of material or style.

It will have been noted that most of the articles or stories have been composed, written or acquired by the editors. Their efforts to obtain contributions from the congregation have been met in so many cases with, responses in the same tenor as those offered by the bidden guests in the Gospel story of the wedding feast.

In view of the parlous financial state of the parish there have been many observations as to the wisdom of the expense incurred for the purchase of paper and printing. It is not considered, by this writer at least, that email is the proper way to publish a parish periodical.

It is then in these circumstances that no further publication should occur until the matters as here in noted are discussed by the congregation and their comments and decision known.

Patricia Martinson  
Co-Editor with Jan Buley

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### ***The Live Poets’ Society***

In October of 2003, a small group of word-lovers gathered to discuss the possibilities of creating a forum to celebrate poetry. We had no idea how the idea of a “Live Poets Society” might evolve and grow, but evolve and grow we have! With an initial “seed group” of about six individuals, we met for the first few months at Dofsky’s Restaurant and shared published and personally crafted works. It was at these early meetings that we also decided that challenging ourselves

with themes or personal writing every other month would be rewarding, in addition to the odd limerick that creeps in almost monthly from the witty pen of Brian Start. Then, with snow swirling about and limited transportation to our chosen venue for these meetings, it was decided that we would instead, enjoy poetry while feasting on fabulous potluck luncheons in the Sunday School room—and on one occasion, (when furnace heat was at a premium!) we found

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ourselves seated in a piercing pool of warm sunlight adjacent to the choir area, sharing our poetry together in the church! A remarkable venue transition has occurred most recently with the desire to include David Winters, a committed fan of our Live Poets Society, in his current (and temporary!) residence at the Halifax Rehab Centre. Have potluck and poetry, will travel...and so we have been congregating in the bright and sunny atrium on the first floor of the Rehab Centre with David

“rolling down” to join us. In three years, we have grown to a group numbering eleven and we are launching a publication of our own work on St. George’s Day, 2006! Our monthly gatherings continue to be joyous and often poignant occasions, and all poetry readers, poetry writers and listeners are welcome to join us.

Jan Buley & Patricia Martinson  
Co-Organizers, LPS

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### **Pastoral Ministry**

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#### ***YouthNet***

As always, 2005 was a busy year at YouthNet.

Sheldon Cain, who supervised our CAP site and helped Rhonda with the lunch program, graduated from Saint Mary’s University with a degree in criminology and is now working as a deputy sheriff. We miss Sheldon and his busy schedule does not allow him to drop by very often, but he thinks of us often. Sheldon has recently announced that he is engaged to be married! Thank you Sheldon for your hard work, dedication and for caring so much for YouthNet and especially for the youth. And congratulations on your engagement!

Last summer we welcomed two new summer staff, Paul Doucet and Erin Elliot. Paul and Erin were faced with the challenge of planning and running summer day camp, art camp, music camp and training the Junior Leaders. All this was done without any experience in the parish or with YouthNet. Paul and Erin did an outstanding job, and must be congratulated for the success of the programming, especially as they had to work with extremely small

budgets for each of the programs. We extend more wedding congratulations to Erin, who got married on the 27th of August, just days after her busy job with us.

Other new staff in 2005 include Laura Bartlett, who steps out of the parish office to help us prepare, serve and clean up after the Lunch Program, and Jocelyn Anderson whose work with us is made possible through a Phoenix program (Phoenix pays the salary!).

The youth really respond to the consistent presence of staff members. Laura and Jocelyn make a tremendous difference!

Programs this year included the Lunch Program, the Breakfast Program at Joe Howe, CAP (computer access), an expanded after school drop in where volunteers play games with youth and provide help with homework, the Music and Drama Program, Latin and Greek Club, and an outdoor adventures club. We continue to assist the tutoring program at the North Branch Library and we work closely with the local schools, often in daily contact with

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principals and teachers. We have been blessed with an excellent (and unusually large) turnout of volunteers from 'King's College. These and many other volunteers are key to the success of our programs.

The summer programming for 2005 included the Day Camp, Music Camp and Art Camp mentioned above, as well as Junior Leader Training. Also, we were fortunate enough to host Mr. John Dreger, from Saint Thomas Choir School in New York City, as our instructor for Summer Greek Camp. Greek Camp was modelled after the previous year's summer Latin Camp, and kindled the fires for our school year Greek program. Also we partnered with the Ecology Action Centre in a gardening program which teamed youth with seniors and explored growing vegetables in an urban setting.

Three 6 day wilderness trips took place, at Kejimikujik, Cape Breton Highlands National Park and of course the gruelling 50 plus km loop at Cape Chignecto. In addition to these challenging trips, which encountered wildlife ranging from mosquitoes to coyotes, a younger group spent 4 days sleeping under the roof of the newly re-opened Camp Brunswick in Chezzetcook.

On another note, YouthNet lost 2 very dear friends in 2005. With deep grief we wept at

the funerals of Naomi Kidston, murdered in her apartment, and Laquinta Wiggins, who died in a car crash. We are richer for the time we were allowed to share with them in this world and keep their memories alive with us until we meet them in the next world.

We wish to thank all who have volunteered with us this past year, the difference you make in the lives of the youth is as great as the difference they make in yours. We also thank those who have donated money to YouthNet, enabling us to maintain the basic structure in which the mentors and youth are transformed.

Please keep us in your prayers,  
Duncan Neish



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### ***CAN's (Community Advocates Network)***

I represent St George's church at the monthly CAN's meetings. Members are committed to assist marginalized persons (dictionary definition "persons relegated to a lower limit of social standing"- very often for reasons such as disabilities, poverty, health issues, addictions, racial issues, homelessness, incomplete education, etc.). Our mission statement is : "We are committed to full community participation in the decision making process of Social Assistance reform. Real issues must be addressed and community-based solutions achieved to ensure well being for all. "

Who attends CAN's meetings? These meetings are an opportunity for both marginalized people and organizations who work to benefit them (especially as it concerns government and social assistance reform to meet real needs) to come together and coordinate their efforts and to lend support to current initiatives.

This committee's activities are often a response to current political situations. I wanted to list the problems that we worked on this year but the list is too long. A short list might include:

- Initiated a program to encourage communities with low voter turnout to get out and vote. This will hopefully minimize the attitude of hopelessness that so often accompanies the marginalized.
- An ongoing issue is the desperate need for safe affordable housing for the marginalized.
- Organized and supported activities connected to the global "Make Poverty History" campaign.
- Supported single moms who are trying to break the cycle of poverty by getting secondary education.
- Met with government officials several times to plead for the marginalized in specific areas.
- Etc Etc Etc

Evelyn Mann

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### ***2nd Halifax Scouting***

The chairman of the Group Committee is Lowell Perry, the secretary Vaila S. Mowat, and the treasurer is Jan Connors. We have held monthly meetings with section leaders in attendance throughout the scouting year. The Scouting year mirrors the school year and runs from Sept. to June. During the January to June period of 2005 we continued with the Sept. to Dec. 2004, leadership. The Beaver leaders for that period were Scott Connors, Kim Lickers and Vaila S. Mowat. The Cub leaders were Nancy Clarke, Rebecca Clarke, and Kathryn LeGrow. Tori Callaghan assisted the Beaver leaders as Activity Leader. There was no Scout Troop during this period. During the Sept. to December 2005 period, the Beaver

leadership remained the same except that Andrew Thorne joined the team as a fourth leader, and Lisa Calvin joined Tori as Activity Leader. The leadership of the Cub pack changed completely. The leaders are now Derek Mitchell, Laura Bartlett, and Chelsea Thorne. The Scout Troop went into operation again. Its leaders are Don Connors and Tanya Connors. A third leader will be added in the new year.

The numbers of youth involved are approximately 12 in Beavers, 5 in Cubs and 8 in Scouts.

The condition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Halifax Scouting cabin which we rent from Scout Canada's provincial office is not satisfactory, and we will have either to repair it or make arrangements with other scout groups to use

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their facilities. Both Beavers and Cubs made use of the cabin last year, however. Scouts have used another group's cabin this fall, and there are plans for the future involving our own or another's cabin. Almost the entire Beaver group went to the Lodges and Lairs camp last June. The Scout troop is already making plans to attend the National Scouting Jamboree in Tamaracouta, Quebec, on July 25 to Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. This involves major fund raising—mainly through the sale of chocolate bars—by the Scouts themselves.

The sections have been engaged in working out their programs while following the guidelines of Scouts Canada for each section. (Rather less training was taken by the new leaders last year, but we hope this situation is being improved this year. Thanks to Kim Lickers for her assistance to the new Cub Leaders in the fall of this year). We have all got together for St. George's Day and for Remembrance Day ceremonies. At the latter we distributed special Scouting badge to veterans—thus marking the Year of the Veteran—to show our appreciation for their service.

We wish to give a very hearty thank-you from the depths of our Scouting hearts to the parishioners of St. George's for their support, and especially to YouthNet, under whom we operate at St. George's. Without your support we could not possibly survive. Scouting fees have been high recently, and then there are other expenses involved as well—uniforms and other gear. If it had not been for your sponsorship we could not have offered the youth the opportunities that Scout Canada can offer to them.

A financial statement for the year 2005 follows. This has been supplied by Jan Connors,

and I have taken the liberty of abbreviating it slightly. It should be understood that this statement includes only the monies handled

by Group Committee. Each section manages its own financial affairs with the help of Group Committee for unusual expenses. The payment of fees to Scouts Canada is managed through YouthNet.

### Halifax Group Committee Financial Statement for 2005

This statement was made on Nov. 6, 2005. Little has changed in the interval.

<b>Revenue:</b>	Sale of Coffee:
\$148.61	
	Money made on popcorn sales:
88.00	
	Registration:
40.00	
	Total:
\$276.61	
<b>Expenses:</b>	Beavers:
\$58.80	
	Cubs:
70.00	
	Police Record Checks
90.00	
	Closing Banquet
79.06	
	Cabin (incl. lease fee)
61.10	
	Service charges & cheque
8.55	costs.
	Total:
\$367.51	
The record for the year is then a <u>deficit</u> of	
\$90.90	

However, the retained income for previous years was \$290.67 so that our bank balance on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> was a positive \$199.77.

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### **Soup Kitchen**

The Soup Kitchen continues to operate each Saturday. No report or financial statement was received in time to be published in this report.

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### **Christmas Outreach 2004**

Due to the generosity of parishioners Christmas Outreach 2005 provided gifts and grocery hampers to six families (12 children). There was one outside sponsor this year who kindly provided for the needs of a family. Elizabeth Jones and Kim (from our choir) greatly assisted with all the efforts connected with Christmas Outreach and they have volunteered to co-chair this activity next year. After many, many years of heading this initiative, I will no longer be involved. I thank everyone who helped me make a difference to so many people who

needed our support. I know I leave Christmas Outreach in excellent hands!  
2005 Total Amount Received from St. George's: \$1320.00  
Disbursement: Food - \$551.00  
Clothing and Gifts - \$769.00  
Total \$1320.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Baker  
Chair, Christmas Outreach

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### **Stepping Stone Association**

The Stepping Stone house is across the Maitland St from our church hall. The association is a non-profit organization which supports sex trade workers by contributing to their health, safety and well being.

Prostitution is a way of life for many girls, women, boys and men in the Maritimes. Their reasons for getting involved vary. Many feel that they have few options when they begin and once involved have difficulty breaking away. Some come from abusive homes, some are runaways, and most have developed addictions and all need money.

In offering support and friendship, Stepping Stone does not attempt to preach to or 'save' its users; it does however help those who wish to leave and provides long term support for those who have left the sex trade. The association offers education to the youth about the risks involved. It provides it's users with health and safety

guidance and information other organizations such as addictions services. It fosters self help and programs selected by users, some social and others directed towards education.

For a number of years St. George's has hosted a Christmas party for users and their children. Thank you to the many volunteers who contributed to making the 2005 party a relaxed and happy event. Special thanks to Karen Wheeler and her helpers for providing a delicious turkey dinner and to David Buley who traveled in from Wolfville with his keyboard to join Diana Kulnys in playing beautiful Christmas music.

At present St. George's does not have a representative on Stepping Stone's board of directors Fr Gary Thorne and Lorna Wallace were members until recently.

Lorna Wallace

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### ***Mission to Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Project***

Once again Parishioners & friends have helped to make Christmas a bit more special for Halifax's visiting seafarers by collecting & decorating medium size shoe boxes, knitting warm hats, socks & mitts, generously donating useful & personal items & gifts & funds, and packing & delivering 31 boxes this year. This year the project was especially blessed to have plenty of colorful & friendly cards decorated by our Sunday School children to enclose with each box. Their enthusiasm was most exciting & friendly messages included "Are you guys

doing good?...I love you";  
"Have a safe New Year. Never give up hope and faith";  
"I like ships and when I go to school I can see ships"; "Hope your holiday is filled with joy and smiles"; and "I know sometimes its hard to sail ships".  
Many thanks to you all including little elves Anne Tilley, Patricia Martinson, Barb Richardson, & Gai's friend Julia Burke.

Respectfully submitted, Gai Thomas, Project Coordinator

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### ***Christmas Baskets for Special Parishioners***

Christmas outreach was successful again this year with 30 baskets being delivered to over 30 shut-in parishioners of St. George's. The baskets contained small items such as cookies, soaps, jams and trinkets donated by parishioners. Thank you to Lorna Wallace, Catriona Wallace, Roseanne Reeve-Newton

and Kim Lickers and all who donated baked goods and gifts. Donations throughout the year are always welcome and may be passed on to Kim or Roseanne.

Kim Lickers

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### ***Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)***

The PWRDF is the outreach organization of the Anglican Church of Canada. Fundraising is done through our individual congregations across the country. Administrative costs are kept very low compared to most charitable organizations. The work carried out by the fund falls, as its name suggests, into two distinct categories: **Relief:** In order to ensure that our donations are directed to where they will be best used, PWRDF (along with five other Canadian Church relief agencies) works through the global organization ACT (Action by Churches Together). For example in the aftermath of the earthquake which devastated Kashmir, funds were channeled through ACT, partners Church World Service Pakistan/Afghanistan and the

churches auxiliary for social action, in Indian administered Kashmir. With matching funds from CIDA the six Canadian Churches sent over \$1,250,000 providing 54,000 survivors with winterized tents, blankets, clothing and kitchen utensils. **Community Development and Social Justice:** PWRDF works with indigenous Canadian communities, including the Mi'Kmaq in Nova Scotia, as well as 9 African countries, 7 in Latin America and the Caribbean and 5 Asian countries. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for vulnerable populations, to promote self reliance and to address root causes of poverty and injustice. The HIV/AIDS crisis has been a focus of outreach in recent years. The fund supports a program providing

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young people with peer education about prevention and another addressing women's reproductive health.

Some other groups supported by the PWRDF include: farmers using traditional and innovative agriculture to improve access to secure food sources, indigenous people recovering and preserving traditional ways for the next generation. Also included are human rights workers documenting abuse and diverse ethnic communities participating in dialogue towards peace.

St. George's has not had a PWRDF representative for the last few years. Our

international outreach group included the Primate's Fund in its concerns. Look out for PWRDF news in our quarterly 'The Advocate'; we hope to do a fundraiser for the ongoing crisis in Kashmir as winter increases the difficulties of those made homeless by the earthquake. If you are interested to read more and have access to the internet, go to [www.pwrdf.org](http://www.pwrdf.org)

Lorna Wallace

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### **St George's Website**

In May, proposed changes to telecommunications services for the parish prompted a review of the web services utilized by St George's. Our current Internet Service Provider is adequate for our present needs for domain hosting and webspace.

The 'new' feature of the website for 2005 was the addition of the weekly parish bulletin in January. This weekly addition is popular with many friends of the parish as a means of staying in touch with St George's.

The content of the entire site was reviewed

in December with changes made on 2 January 2006 to reflect the leadership change from Rector to Priest-in-Charge. The creation of a parish website is one of Fr Thorne's many legacies to this parish, and I am grateful to him for his patient encouragement of this outreach - even in the face of persistent queries for information from the webmaster. I am also grateful to Vivien Hannon for maintaining the website in my absence and for forwarding the bulletin files every week.

-Sarah Stevenson

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### **Neighbourhood Activity, Community Happenings and Advocacy**

The context of this community has remained vital to our Parish life at Saint George's. Whether we live in or work in, or pray daily for this community, it is part of who we are as a Parish and will continue to be. We continue to grow in this community as it continues to grow in us.

There have been many community events over this past year that have served as a reminder of, or simply as an informative introduction to, the daily life of the community. These have included the *Community Action on Homelessness*

*Research Conference* ("The Many Faces of Homelessness"), the *National Housing Strategy Day of Action*, the numerous performances of the *Shining Lights Choir*, and the *Stepping Stone Christmas Party*. Each of these events has meant that each of us can be introduced to the faces in the community that enrich our spiritual life at Saint George's, as our worship at Saint George's with members of the community and the neighbourhood kids at Sunday School has. At the *National Housing Strategy Day of Action* breakfast, Al Tuck



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sang a few verses of the Bob Dylan song 'Chimes of Freedom', which reiterates the stories of many of us in this community, and contains this verse:

In the wild cathedral evening the rain  
unraveled tales/ for the disrobed faceless  
forms of no position/ Tolling for the tongues  
with no place to bring their thoughts/ All  
down in taken-for-granted situations/  
Tolling for the deaf and blind, tolling for the  
mute/ and the mistreated, mateless mother,  
the mistitled prostitute/ For the  
misdemeanor outlaw, chained and cheated  
by pursuit/ We gazed upon the chimes of  
freedom flashing.

In a daily way, this community is experienced at breakfast at the Brunswick Street church, at the Metro Turning Point, Adsum and Barry House, and the temporary emergency shelter at St. Pat's Church (Pendleton Place), at Mainline and Direction 180, Stepping Stone, ARK, Metro Non-Profit Housing, the YMCA, the North Branch Library, Halifax Humanities, Bob & Lori's, YouthNet, our Soup Kitchen and the Church Hall; where, each day, children, youth and older folks are coming in for supportive programs, meals or shelter, and vouchers or bus tickets; to be listened to, to be heard, and, more, to be accompanied on their journey towards peace.

As a Parish, we are continually challenged to welcome and care for the community, in *truth*. As it challenges us, we

are also continually challenged to be welcomed and cared for members of this community. There is a daily rhythm in this community that Saint George's continues to benefit from, and to which Saint George's (through its attention to daily rhythm and offerings) contributes, invaluable.

Father Thorne has been a fixture in this community for sixteen years. And his insistence that this community be part of the spiritual life at Saint George's has been a vital reminder to us of what Christ's love in the daily round is. His presence is greatly missed by those of us at Saint George's, but also, greatly, by all members of this community. It is through God's grace that we are situated in a community where the struggles of our hearts are echoed, and articulated, each day; in the lonely men and children, the widows, those who are motherless, those struggling with addictions, disability and illness, those without a home, and those living in poverty. In this next year, and throughout the years, we must continue to be mindful of what the larger community offers to us as a Parish, to be welcoming and engaged on various levels in the community; but mostly, to always have our hearts open to it; our open hearts waiting to be, as they will be, transformed by its love.

**Kate Freeman**

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### **Parish Visitors Report**

This programme continued through the last year with more than a dozen members of the Parish visiting other members who, for one reason or another, are unable to fully participate in our community.

It is a very loose and unstructured ministry given with love and generosity, in which benefits are received on both sides.

Our Sincere thanks to all who are involved in this important part of our Parish life.

Anyone wishing to participate would be most welcome and should speak to Father Jim or myself.

Sheila Jackson

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### ***Parish Intercessor***

Our Parish Intercessor offers the gift of prayer for specific people and circumstances, at the request of parishioners. While this anonymous parishioner was active in this ministry during 2005, there

have been fewer requests lately. With renewed mention of this in the bulletin, more parishioners may be made aware of this wonderful offer. If you have questions, please see the Priest in Charge.

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### ***Hospital Visiting***

This programme was set up to help members of the Parish, who are in hospital to keep in touch with our Church Family. With Gladys Perry and Gai Thomas carefully checking the lists twice a week and relaying the names to Father Thorne and myself we were, for the most part, able to do this. I believe there were occasions when people were admitted and discharged

within the time frame of the lists being checked.

If you know that you, or a member of your family are, or are going to be, admitted to hospital please let the Church Office or myself know.

My sincere thanks to Gladys and Gai for their cheerful and responsible help in this ministry.

Sheila Jackson

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### ***Sunday Fellowship Teams***

Once again most of the year we had enough volunteers to have 6 Teams with 3 spares to fill in when necessary. However by Fall we had several empty slots to fill. Once the Team lists are distributed the program runs itself. Teams provide sandwiches & sweets and help clean up after the 10:30 Sunday Service year round. Each volunteer spends about 4 hours once every 6 weeks for a total of

approximately 100 hours of service providing this much appreciated program. Please join me in thanking them, and why not volunteer yourself? We ended the year needing at least 3 new members. For information and to join a Team, please call Gai Thomas @ 455-2612. Respectfully submitted, Gai Thomas, Coordinator

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### **Stewardship**

This is the first year in some time that there has been an active Stewardship Committee working to bring people up-to-date on parish activities, plans, and their costs. The Committee was prompted by the 2004 Annual General Meeting and approved by Parish Council to begin to raise funds to cover the 2004 debt. A small group of

dedicated volunteers began to contact parishioners, asking if they would be willing to contribute privately to reducing the 2004 debt.

Outcome? This series of contacts resulted in the elimination of that debt and raised enough to cover the allotment that would be

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required by raising that amount of money.

It quickly became apparent that there was an even longer-term need to deal with the challenge of continuing to provide programs and services that were in excess of our annual income. In the past, our weekly givings have tended to get further and further behind our budgeted needs, resulting in an end of the year financial crunch. It was decided that more emphasis would be placed on improving communication about what we are doing, how much these things cost, and working to ensure that adequate income comes in throughout the year, and not only by means of a special campaign at the end of the year. Short, weekly information inserts about Stewardship – time, various methods of financial giving and volunteerism – were written for the bulletin. A pamphlet about “Stewardship for new parishioners” was drafted, and will be ready for distribution in the new year.

The first “Stewardship Brunch” was held in late October. After a potluck brunch and music, a series of presentations were given about parish programs and their impact, followed by a frank talk about the level of givings required to ensure that we would end the financial year in the black. The doubling our weekly offerings was set as the challenge in order to do so. The

parish was updated and encouraged regularly about progress to this goal through short presentations after worship, by letters to parishioners about how things were going and by information in the weekly bulletin.

Outcome? This goal of ending our financial year in the black was also met!

Stewardship is clearly a very healthy way to think about the way we participate in and contribute to our parish life. It is not just financial giving, but is also the way we give of our time and talents for helping with worship, meetings, singing, cleaning, welcoming others, tutoring, visiting and leadership.

Many thanks to this year’s Stewardship Committee:

Jan Connors  
Kate Freeman  
Susan Harris  
Tracy Lenfesty  
Mary Martin  
Rob Martin  
Fr. Gary Thorne

John Swaine  
Stewardship Chair

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## **Finance**

### ***Finance Committee***

Finance Committee and Budget Committee Report

Budgeting dominated the work of the Finance Committee in 2005 to the extent that the reports of Finance and the Budget Committee are combined.

The Budget Committee is a subcommittee of Finance and there is a considerable overlap of membership since Budget consists of the Finance Committee plus the chairs of the major areas of expenditure, Spiritual Development, Pastoral Ministry, Property and Administration.

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First, the Budget Committee reviewed the 2005 budget as requested at the annual meeting and presented a revised version to Parish Council in July. Then it turned its attention to the 2006 budget. Because the parish is in a period of transition, the 2006 budget contains one-time items like the cost of searches for a new rector and music director that are difficult to estimate accurately. In addition, costs associated with both those positions, and whether the rectory will be occupied by the new rector or continue to be the home of Trinity House religious community, remain unknown at this time.

The only new item in the proposed 2006 budget that is expected to be a continuing expense is a line for costs associated with the Stewardship Committee. Finance noted that, in 2005, while Stewardship volunteers were working hard and successfully to raise tens of thousands of dollars to eliminate both an accumulated debt and a budgeted deficit, members of that committee were paying for special mailings out of their own pockets.

The budget that appears elsewhere in the annual report looks different from previous years because there have been some changes

made in the way information is presented in order to help parishioners follow the flow of their donations.

During 2005, Finance also suggested to Parish Council that it establish an Administration Committee (as provided for in the Diocesan Canons) to assume responsibility for this expense area, which includes everything from the office manager to photocopying paper, and elect a chair who could report on its activities to council.

Finance and the Treasurer worked together to standardize the payment of suppliers and contractors so that there is accountability for all items and the parish is able to document payments appropriately to the Canada Revenue Agency in order to obtain rebates of the GST.

I would like to thank all the parishioners who give their time to the thankless task of number-crunching and especially to Tracy Lenfesty who kindly volunteered to be co-chair of Finance and act as liaison with Parish Council during a period when I was unable to attend because of work commitments.

Robert Martin

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### **2006 Counters Report**

Counters are the people who disappear each Sunday after church to count the weekly offering while the rest of the congregation gathers for fellowship in the church hall.

Working in pairs as required by the canons of the diocese, they count and record contributions to ensure that all money received is accounted for and that every identifiable giver can be issued an annual receipt for income tax purposes. There are

six teams of two who each count for a month of Sundays twice a year. The other 10 months a year, they too can share in post-worship fellowship.

The past year, 2005, saw more parishioners sign up for direct debit contributions to the parish from their bank accounts so there should have been less money to count each week. However, there were more people

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giving through envelopes so the work remained about the same.

At the moment, the teams are: Betty Haigh and Gary McGonagill, Ian Porter and Rob Martin; Roger Marsters and Dorothy Coons; Lowell Perry and Sarah Stevenson, Chuck

and Barb Richardson; Martin Yetman and Michal King.

People interested in assisting in this ministry, please give me a call.

Robert Martin  
463-7115

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### **Property/Maintainer's Committee**

This is a group of four volunteer parishioners who have a keen interest in maintaining and repairing our four buildings. They meet on a regular basis to review work that needs to be done, to prioritize and schedule regular maintenance and repair work, and to organize volunteer work parties.

They are:

Don Sinclair (Chair)  
Jens Jensen  
Jeffrey Reed  
John Swaine, Warden

Much of the work of the Committee is "hands-on", getting things done, and most of the Committee's work goes on unobtrusively behind the scenes. In 2005 there was repair to the Rectory roof, and the building was substantially insulated. As per the usual schedule, another section of the Round Church was painted. Countless hours went into re-examining the heating system in the Church, and improvements will be forthcoming in 2006.

Because of financial constraints, and the parish decision to build a new Hall, very little maintenance work went into the building this year other than energy cost savings through weatherstripping and more careful attention to the use of heating. More consideration will need to be given to the future of this building.

Brother David Winter's contribution to parish security and the cleanliness of the Church was missed when he became ill and was hospitalized for surgery late in the year. His replacement has been a priority in 2006.

Jeffrey Reid's day-to-day observations, alertness to details, research, and contributions on many levels have been substantial. He has been trained in fire safety procedures and in Masonry Conservation for Historic Places. Thank you Jeff, for your enthusiasm and guidance.

John Swaine,  
Property Warden

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### **Hall Planning Committee**

There was very little activity within this Committee in 2005. This is because the financial concerns generated by the parish during the 2004 Annual Meeting, and the pressure to reduce expenses during 2005, that no additional time or energy

commitments could be made to further this project. It will remain on "hold" until the matter is re-activated.

John Swaine  
Chair

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### **Little Dutch (Deutsch) Church Management Committee**

This committee has little activity to report for 2005. The old (but not original) weathervane was returned to the church, where it will be displayed. Vaila Mowat continued to give TLC to the church, aided by Brother David and Father Reed. Daily offices were said at the church during the summer, and Evensong was sung on

Sundays. The German Canadian Association of Nova Scotia held two services in the church and made donations to the funds. The amount standing in the Little Dutch Church account at the Bank of Montreal is \$9,154.90

Anne West

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### **Administration Committee**

The Administration Committee was formed in June 2005 in accordance with Diocesan Canon and in response to discussion at the March 2005 Annual Meeting. The committee consists of Laura Bartlett (Office Manager), Duncan Neish (Director, YouthNet) and Sarah Stevenson (Parish Webmaster).

The primary task of the committee this year has been the investigation of telecommunications services (telephone and internet) for the parish. YouthNet and the C@P site are partners in the use and costs of these facilities. As a result of investigations by members of the finance committee last year, the phone lines have been changed. Our internet service provider is meeting our

current needs, but there is limited room for growth. Changing internet providers, and thus email addresses, has particularly serious implications for YouthNet and their links in the community and requires detailed planning for a successful transition.

In conjunction with the preparation of the parish profile the committee has also discussed the adequacy of the current network configuration and equipment. A more detailed assessment of equipment and services needs to be completed in 2006.

The other, and far less complex, activity of this committee is to provide a cohesive voice for the needs of the office and office staff with the wardens and Parish Council.

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### **Gabriel Guild**

No report of activities or financial statement was received in time to be published in this report..

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### **Parish Historian**

This is my final report as parish historian.

My reason for giving up this position is straightforward. At the present time the parish does not need a parish historian with my particular qualifications. When I was appointed in 1998, Father Thorne wanted a person able to organize a series of lectures in connection with the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Round Church. Accordingly, I organized a five-lecture series 'Church and Community,' three of which were published in a booklet

of the same name (the one by me on the early history of St. George's, and by Brian Cuthbertson on the Rev. R. Fitzgerald and Elizabeth Uniacke, also appeared, respectively, in *The Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society* and the *Journal of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society*). In 2003 Elizabeth Pacey's long-awaited history of the Church was published by Nimbus. In addition, Paul Williams, who gave a memorable lecture on the Little

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Dutch Church in the 'Church and Community' series, has completed his Ph.D. on the same subject for Queen's University. Knowledge of the history of St. George's has thus been expanded considerably since I became parish historian seven years ago. Although it is certainly the case that aspects of the history of the Church remain to be explored, my other commitments do not allow me the time to engage in further research on St. George's.

What the Church needs as my replacement is a person who possesses expertise in records management. I was always aware of my deficiencies in this respect (historians are trained to use records but not to manage them, a complex job requiring professional skills). Accordingly I arranged for Julie Morris to be appointed parish archivist by parish council, but shortly thereafter Julie left the parish. I engaged in successful negotiations with Brian Cuthbertson, then Diocesan Archivist, to get the Diocesan Archives to accept records from St. George's, a move made necessary because the Public Archives of Nova Scotia (now known as Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management) will not accept any further records from the Church. One concrete result of this was the transfer of the restoration records collected and catalogued by Anne West, to the Diocesan Archives. However, St. George's needs to establish a policy by which we

decide what records are to be preserved, and work out an agreement with the Diocesan Archivist, Lorraine Slopek, for them to be transferred on an ongoing basis. Sarah Stevenson and I arranged for a comprehensive report on the records of the Church to be prepared by two Dalhousie graduate students in the School of Library and Information Services in 2003 which will provide a guide to accomplishing this purpose. However, its implementation, in consultation with the wardens and the new rector, requires someone familiar with records management.

I will be pleased to continue to give tours of the Church during the yard sale and provide what services I can to St. George's such as writing (and ghost-writing) speeches. It has been a privilege to be parish historian, and I am grateful to Canon Thorne for asking me to do the job, which brought me back to the parish where I was baptised by Canon Cunningham, and for whose past I feel an affinity as I am descended, through my mother's family, from two German families who were part of the original congregation of the Little Dutch Church. The awareness of the continuity between past and present, combined with a determination not to live in the past but to serve present needs through witness to the Eternal, is what makes St. George's a vital community.

Henry Roper

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### ***St. George's Restoration Quilters***

Though small in number (6-8) we are all blessed to have the opportunity each week (not summer) to gather in the Guild Room to stitch with love into individual Crib Quilts for Children in Crisis, and a small number of folk (with good vision!) work on large quilts on a traditional Quilting apparatus. We chat & laugh, and enjoy a 'great cup or two' of tea & sweets with hall occupants when they drop in. We continue

to work on a large intricate quilt donated to us last year and there is another awaiting our stitches. We welcome new members any time, at any age. There is always someone to teach the basics & help out. We switched to Monday morning 9:30 -about 12 noon. For information & if interested in joining us call the Coordinator Gai Thomas @ 455-2612  
Respectfully submitted, Gai Thomas,  
Coordinator

### ***Julian Gathering***

After much consideration the four regular attendees of our Julian Gathering decided to take a break for the summer and reassess whether to resume after Labour Day. Consequently, our last gathering was on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

We met weekly in the Round Church, or seasonally at the Little Dutch Church, rarely

missing a Monday night. Thirty minutes of silent contemplative prayer was preceded usually by said Compline, or Holy Communion during Advent and Lent.

The first of our Julian Gatherings at St. George's began as a trial for Lent in 2000, continuing faithfully for more than 5 years.

Jan Connors

### ***Report on the Parish Library***

I thank Katherine Jaeger for the gift of a number of useful books which I am now cataloguing and making ready for the use of the Parish. A number of additions were also made to the stock through the summer.

Some books in the library actually In the past year, the parish library had grown, has diminished and is now about to grow again.

belonged to Father Thorne and were on loan to the library, each having a special stamp showing that this was the case. These were returned to Father Thorne before he left the parish, and so our stock of useful books diminished considerably. However, Father Thorne made a cull of the books which he was keeping in his personal library in the church hall, and we got some of the books back which we had returned to him plus a large number of new items. I have chosen from the stock he left a considerable section regarding the study of the bible, and the pastoral life of the church, while putting aside those of a mainly clerical interest.

These changes mean that I shall have to do considerable work on the library in the

near future—I hope to have this work completed by Easter of 2006—as I discard some books we already have, buy some new books which I consider that we need, and catalogue the new accessions. I did not spend any parish money during this year.

Parishioners might consider whether in the future the library can have a space which it can call its own—or more nearly its own. At present I shall continue my practice of bringing books to the parish during the coffee hour from time to time. Also, if you do not return your borrowed items in a timely fashion, I shall be reminding you to do so.

I want to make a particular offering of thanks to John Swaine for his gift of many beautiful books on religious buildings. I have personally spent many delightful hours perusing these, and think that you would enjoy them too.

Sincerely,  
Vaila S. Mowat



### ***St. George's Garden***

The grounds at St. George's as well as those at the Little Dutch Church are taken care of by Edmonds Brothers. For the past seven years or so, I have taken care of the garden plots.

This past year, on the Cornwallis St. side, I have removed the lower branches of the spruce trees, removed part of the Bridal Veil Spirea hedge, and intend to remove the plants beneath the hedge and replace them with flowering annuals—commonly called “bedding plants.” The hedge itself needs to be cut back as does the larger weigela bush in the corner plot. Some new ferns have been added to the corner plot—we will have to see how they do in this location.

On the schoolyard side, the plots are now filled up, and only some colourful perennials and annuals will be planted. Some phlox has already been added. The lilac bushes have been trimmed but need

more serious surgery. I have removed the orange day lilies from the part of the garden used by YouthNet, so as to give the youth more room to plant vegetables etc. in that location. I have also added a “gro-box” by the back fence so that climbing plants may be grown either by the youth or for the parish. A clematis has also been planted in this location—perhaps it may succeed there. A new forsythia bush has also been planted and so far is surviving well.

What I have done to the garden in the past has been at my own expense and, as I am no expert gardener, has been rather hit and miss. In the future, I plan to concentrate more on maintenance, and the rectification of mistakes rather than on the addition of new features.

Sincerely,  
Vaila S. Mowat

## 2005 Annual Report Baptisms, Burials, Marriages & Confirmations

### HOLY BAPTISMS

February 19	Jesse Robert Trenaman
April 3	Joshua Michael Eggenhuizen
May 8	Shauna Lynn Murphy and Emma Catherine Hickey
May 15	Rowan Anne Atkinson Marcil
June 19	Evelyn Leena Lambert Stewart
July 5	Gabriel Marques Merino and Maya Nicole Marino
August 5	Benjamin Carman Murray
September 4	Aaron Steven Christopher Nelson
October 2	Olivia Mae Bryan
October 9	Grace Smith and Benjamin Veyt
October 16	Miriam Laura McGonagill and Catherine Clara McGonagill
	Mitchell Andras Thomas Lovasi
November 27	Maggie Amelia Catherine Harnish
December 18	Casey Lee Williams and Breana Lynn Plaxton

### CONFIRMATIONS

February 20	Victoria Mary Lynn Alkerton, Brie-Anna Nicole Bartlett, Jacob Butros, Amelia Tilton Gaul, James Kevin Harris, Drew Meade MacKellar, John Andrew Charles Smith, Jesse Robert Trenaman, James Fred Wilson
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### MARRIAGES

April 29	Christopher Joseph Hollett and Shelly Lynn MacPhee
May 7	Robert Joseph William Bagatin and Ann Pearl Corkum
July 2	Travis Bryan Jeffrey and Stephanie Anne Glendening
July 23	Kenneth Patrick Nicholson and Kristy Marie Gordon
August 7	Martin Thomas Elliott McCallum and Rebekah Juliana Sheppard
August 20	John Alexander MacIntyre and Jennifer Peyton Parsons
September 17	Ryan Charles Savary and Tiffany Blanche Doris Hodder
October 8	Christopher John R. MacKenzie and Robyn Janeen Jacobs
October 22	Fraser Allen Baldwin and Kim Ellamay Cunningham
October 22	Scott Patrick Hickey and Shauna Lynn Murphy
December 31	Duncan Alexander Neish and Heather Verda McCorriston

### FUNERAL RITES

January 25	Robert Wallace Parke
March 23	Beverly Ann Coolen
October 28	Jessie Foote
June 14	Naomi Wendy Kidston

**Parish of St. George**  
**Year End Income & Expense Statement**  
as at December 31, 2005

Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 05	Jan - Dec 04
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>GENERAL PARISH INCOME</b>		
Offerings		
Direct Deposit	35,174	25,377
Loose	11,253	9,707
General	188,580	164,568
<b>Total Offerings</b>	235,007	199,652
Church Preservation Endowment	9,504	8,251
Investment Income	191	463
HST Income	8,322	6,441
Yard Sale	10,883	10,128
Other Income	0	5,000
<b>Total GENERAL PARISH INCOME</b>	263,906	229,935
<b>RENTAL INCOME</b>		
Parking	7,265	6,845
Church Rental	1,640	505
Hall Rental	4,505	6,825
Rectory Rent	15,600	9,270
RENTAL INCOME - Other	0	0
<b>Total RENTAL INCOME</b>	29,010	23,445
<b>Total Income</b>	292,916	253,380
<b>Gross Profit</b>	292,916	253,380
<b>Expense</b>		
584 · PST Expenses	0	0
<b>600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES</b>		
Prev. Year's Expenses/(Recovery)	(984)	0
Synod Travel & Accommodations	800	0
HST Expenses	10,596	15,397
<b>Office Expenses</b>		
Computers & Equipment	207	2,385
Office Manager	5,000	5,000
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	3,868	3,659
Telecommunication	2,829	3,217
Internet	542	481
Photocopying	134	2,035
Supplies & Postage	2,116	2,406
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	14,695	19,182
Allotment	45,684	39,615
Bank Service Charges	1,757	1,079
600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES - Other	0	0
<b>Total 600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES</b>	72,548	75,273
<b>700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY</b>		
NSOM	1,000	0
Priest's Assistant	150	1,403
Stipend - Rector	39,504	43,240
Housing Allowance	22,824	14,210
Travel Reimbursement	5,700	5,700
Benefits	10,416	10,564
Vacation Replacement	500	400
<b>Total 700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY</b>	80,094	75,517
<b>800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>		
Deaf Ministry	0	3,000
St George's YouthNet	5,000	5,000
Poor	711	897
Scouts	1,000	1,000
800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY - Other	0	0
<b>Total 800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>	6,711	9,897
<b>900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>A · General Expenses</b>		
Diocesan Bookroom	3,024	3,329
Advertising	1,299	1,211

**Parish of St. George**  
**Year End Income & Expense Statement**  
as at December 31, 2005

Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 05	Jan - Dec 04
Guest Speakers	505	600
Parish Library	72	86
Gifts	200	179
Special Events	200	200
Supplies	461	185
A · General Expenses - Other	80	70
<b>Total A · General Expenses</b>	5,842	5,861
<b>C · Music Program</b>		
Stipend - Director	19,000	19,000
Vacation Replacement	550	600
999 · Supplies & Materials	3,544	3,480
<b>Total C · Music Program</b>	23,094	23,080
<b>D · Sunday School Program</b>		
Supplies & Materials	163	994
<b>Total D · Sunday School Program</b>	163	994
<b>Total 900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	29,099	29,935
<b>1000 · PROPERTY</b>		
<b>A - General</b>		
Development	0	4,322
Snow Removal	4,050	2,800
Insurance	19,307	22,432
<b>Total A - General</b>	23,357	29,554
<b>B - Hall (5429 Cornw&amp;2227 Mait)</b>		
Security	260	842
Janitorial Services	4,500	4,500
Maintenance & Repairs	1,625	15,019
Supplies	419	906
Taxes	287	698
<b>Utilities</b>		
Electric	4,514	4,565
Oil	12,040	10,233
Propane	950	707
Water	541	2,287
<b>Total Utilities</b>	18,045	17,792
<b>Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&amp;2227 Mait)</b>	25,136	39,756
<b>C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)</b>		
Maintenance & Repairs	287	5,493
Taxes	2,702	2,513
<b>Utilities</b>		
Oil service contract	115	266
Water	768	0
<b>Total Utilities</b>	883	266
<b>Total C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)</b>	3,873	8,272
<b>E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)</b>		
<b>Utilities</b>		
Electric	226	489
<b>Total Utilities</b>	226	489
<b>Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)</b>	226	489
<b>F - Church (2222 Brunswick)</b>		
Organ Maintenance	1,223	612
Capital Repairs	0	237
Maintenance & Repairs	7,021	8,227
Security	3,379	3,105
Taxes	203	320
<b>Utilities</b>		
Electric	2,130	1,605
Oil	10,642	12,600
Water	617	736
<b>Total Utilities</b>	13,389	14,941

**Parish of St. George**  
**Year End Income & Expense Statement**  
as at December 31, 2005

Accrual Basis

	<u>Jan - Dec 05</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 04</u>
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	25,215	27,442
Total 1000 · PROPERTY	77,807	105,513
Total Expense	266,258	296,134
Net Ordinary Income	26,658	(42,755)
Net Income	<u>26,658</u>	<u>(42,755)</u>

**Report on Parish Investments -- 2005**

All Parish Investments are currently held with the Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island.

The Finance Committee performed an extensive review of our investments in 2004 comparing the return and risk factors of the Diocesan Portfolio with those of Wood Gundy. Will all factors considered the decision was to leave our investments with the Diocese.

<b>Endowment Name</b>	<b>Original Investment Date</b>	<b>Opening Balance @ 4th Qtr 2004</b>	<b>Change since 2004 Annual Report</b>	<b>Market Value @ 3rd Qtr 2005</b>
<u>Committed Investments</u>				
Altar Guild	19-May-99	\$ 819.00		\$ 884.91
Memorial Fund	19-May-99	\$ 879.00		\$ 949.74
Pickford	19-May-99	\$ 9,128.65		\$ 9,814.32
Preservation & Conservation	31-Jan-99	\$ 205,877.51		\$ 222,025.27
Wright Gravelot Fund	19-Mar-39	\$ 300.00		\$ 1,329.52
<u>Uncommitted Investments</u>				
Rectors & Wardens of Church	31-Mar-36	\$ 7,000.00	-\$1500.00 will be reflected on next quarterly statement. Withdrawn to pay remainder of insulation in TH @ motion by R&W	\$ 30,774.59
Rectors Fund	1-Jul-36	\$ 2,010.67		\$ 8,839.65
Shaw, James A	16-Jun-58	\$ 500.00		\$ 2,198.18
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 226,514.83</b>		<b>\$ 276,816.18</b>

## Statement of Insurance

PARISH OF ST. GEORGE

MAP-054

Halifax, N.S.

Loc. I.D.	Description	Amount	Class	Rate	Premium	Pollution Premium	
179	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.	Building	5,500,000	A	0.002151	\$11,831	2 Above
		Contents	100,000	A	0.002151	\$215	\$150
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,600,000</b>				
180	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	Building	1,200,000	A	0.00329	\$3,948	2 Above
		Contents	100,000	A	0.00329	\$329	\$150
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>				
181	Building & Contents of LITTLE DUTCH CHURCH, 2393 Brunswick Street, Halifax, NS; wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, no heat, built 1755	Building	80,000	A	0.003656	\$292	Nil
		Contents	1,000	A	0.003656	\$4	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,000</b>				
183	Building & Parish Contents of PARISH RECTORY, 5435 Cornwallis St., Halifax, NS; wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, oil heat, built 1850	Building	248,000	A	0.003656	\$907	2 Above
		Contents	2,000	A	0.003656	\$7	\$150
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>				

**\$7,231,000**

Part I Commercial General Liability = \$500

Part V (Crime) = \$85

Endorsement = \$0

Schedule continued on next page if required

Effective  
Mar 1/05

PART	LIMIT OF LIABILITY	DEDUCTIBLE
I) PROPERTY OF EVERY DESCRIPTION	\$ 7,231,000	\$2,500 each occurrence
II) BOILER & MACHINERY	Included	\$2,500 each occurrence
III) COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY	\$ 5,000,000	\$500 each occurrence Property Damage
IV) POLLUTION LIABILITY	\$1,000,000	\$1,000 Third Party Property Damage only
V) 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

LOSS, if any, PAYABLE TO: Named Insured or as amended on Schedule of Locations

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE OFFICE plc has issued a Master Policy No. PS30671, 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 occurrence 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, AMERICAN HOME ASSURANCE COMPANY has issued a Master Policy No. 4821415, but this Certificate shall not be binding upon the Company unless countersigned by a duly authorized representative of the Company.

Covering the period from: March 1, 2005 to March 1, 2006

Description: 2005-2006 Renewal Policy

Program Coverage	\$18,568
Directors & Officers Liability	\$115
Diocesan Administration Fee	\$374
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$19,057</b>
Self Insured Trust Account	\$250
<b>Total Amount Payable</b>	<b>\$19,307</b>

Note: Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, upon inspection of properties with the taking over of the Diocesan insurance portfolio, recommends that the Round Church coverage be increased by \$1-1.5 million for more adequate protection of our asset



Revision Date – November 13/97
Committee – Diocesan Council
Source – Administration and Finance

**Checklist for Auditors of Church and Parish Accounts  
Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island**

Name of Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return one copy of this form no later than March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005, to be placed with your audited Parochial Return Form and indicate with a “Check Mark” that all items have been completed and there have been no areas of concern.**

**EXPENDITURES:**

- \_\_\_ 1. All cheques are to be in numerical order, and no cheques are missing.
- \_\_\_ 2. All cheques have two signatures.
- \_\_\_ 3. Verify the signing authorities for the Parish, Church or Church Organization are two of four: Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens. The Rector cannot be a signing authority. A husband and wife, or a parent and child, cannot both be a signing authority on the same cheque. If a relationship exists between the signing officer, Revenue Canada deems this to be one signing officer and not two. Also, if a cheque is made payable to a signing officer that signing officer or any member of his or her family cannot counter sign the cheque.
- \_\_\_ 4. For any cheque made payable to a signing officer there must be approved by Parish Council.
- \_\_\_ 5. Verify the amount of the cheques to the invoices being paid.
- \_\_\_ 6. From the bank statements verify that no cash withdrawals have taken place.
- \_\_\_ 7. The only non -cash debit transactions are bank charges.
- \_\_\_ 8. Verify that no pre-signed blank cheques are on hand with the Treasurer.
- \_\_\_ 9. Verify that a bank reconciliation has been done for each month.

**REVENUES:**

- \_\_\_ 1. The Vestry Book should have all the offerings listed and signed by two people, unrelated to each other, who have counted the collections.
- \_\_\_ 2. The deposits from the bank statements must match the vestry book entry.



- \_\_\_ 3. Verify that deposits are being made weekly, from the bank statement.
- \_\_\_ 4. Total the yearly tax receipts issued to determine that they are within reason of the actual money collected.
- \_\_\_ 5. Determine that any Parish investments are in the name of the Parish.

**OTHER AREAS:**

- \_\_\_ 1. Verify that the Charitable Tax Return of the previous year has been filed with Revenue Canada.
- \_\_\_ 2. Determine how endowments and bequests are being reported to Parish Council.
- \_\_\_ 3. Determine how special fundraisers are being accounted for and reported to Parish Council. More than one person must be responsible for the collection, counting and receipting functions.
- \_\_\_ 4. Determine that reports are being made to Parish Council on a regular basis.
- \_\_\_ 5. Are the Parish Records being maintained and held in safe place for the seven years required by Revenue Canada?
- \_\_\_ 6. Verify the amounts reported on the Receipts and Disbursement Statement, to the amount in the records.
- \_\_\_ 7. Any amounts receivable to the Parish at the end of the year must be accounted for and included on the Receipts and Disbursements Statement and reported on the Balance Sheet.
- \_\_\_ 8. Any amounts owing by the Parish at the end of the year must be reported and included on the Receipts and Disbursement Statement and reported on the Balance Sheet.
- \_\_\_ 9. Clear notes to the Financial Statements should state what amounts are owing and to whom. If the Parish has any outstanding loans, a note should state what the payment is per month; the outstanding balance at December 31 and the final payment due date.

**Reviewed by:**

**Please Print Name, Address, Occupation**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If there are any questions please call the Diocesan Synod Office (420-0717) or the Regional Dean for your area.**

**Please note any discrepancies with the checklist and give your reasons why these discrepancies cause no concern.**

**Saint George's Parish  
Income & Expense 2006 Budget**

Ordinary Income/Expense	2005 Revised Budget		2006	
	Jan - Dec 05		Jan - Dec	subtotals
<b>Income</b>				
<b>GENERAL PARISH INCOME</b>				
General Offerings	\$	213,000	\$	220,323 <sup>1</sup>
Altar Guild	\$		\$	1,300 <sup>2</sup>
Deaf Ministry	\$		\$	5,000 <sup>2</sup>
Music	\$		\$	350 <sup>2</sup>
Poor Fund	\$		\$	3,500 <sup>2</sup>
Soup Kitchen	\$		\$	2,500 <sup>2</sup>
Trinity House Offerings	\$		\$	15,600 <sup>2</sup>
YouthNet	\$		\$	5,000 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total Offerings</b>	\$	213,000	\$	253,573
Church Preservation Endowment	\$	9,000	\$	10,000
Investment Income	\$	150	\$	150
HST Income	\$	7,700	\$	6,000
Grant Income	\$		\$	5,000 <sup>3</sup>
Yard Sale	\$	10,882	\$	-
Other Income	\$	2,500	\$	12,500 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Total GENERAL PARISH INCOME</b>	\$	243,232	\$	287,223
<b>RENTAL INCOME</b>				
Parking	\$	7,920	\$	8,000
Church Rental	\$	1,000	\$	1,500
Hall Rental	\$	3,750	\$	4,000
Rectory Rent	\$	15,600	\$	<sup>5</sup>
<b>Total RENTAL INCOME</b>	\$	28,270	\$	13,500
<b>Total Income</b>	\$	271,502	\$	<b>300,723</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES</b>				
HST Expenses	\$	13,500	\$	12,000
Synod	\$	800	\$	-
<b>Office Expenses</b>				
Computers & Equipment	\$	300	\$	400
Office Manager	\$	5,000	\$	3,700 <sup>6</sup>
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	\$	4,725	\$	4,725
Telecommunication	\$	2,450	\$	2,450
Internet	\$	1,075	\$	1,000
Photocopying (outside sourced)	\$	100	\$	100
Supplies & Postage	\$	2,500	\$	2,500
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	\$	16,150	\$	14,875
Allotment	\$	39,615	\$	39,548 <sup>7</sup>
Bank Service Charges	\$	1,500	\$	1,400
<b>Total 600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES</b>	\$	71,565	\$	67,823
<b>700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY</b>				
Priest's Assistant	\$	5,000	\$	-
NSOM	\$	1,000	\$	-
Priest in Charge	\$		\$	7,150 <sup>8</sup>
Recruitment & Relocation costs	\$		\$	5,000 <sup>9</sup>
Stipend - Rector	\$	36,920	\$	21,537 <sup>10</sup>
Housing Allowance - Rector	\$	25,400	\$	14,817 <sup>10</sup>
Travel Reimbursement	\$	5,700	\$	3,325 <sup>10</sup>
Benefits	\$	9,800	\$	5,717 <sup>10</sup>
Vacation Replacement	\$	500	\$	500
<b>Total 700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY</b>	\$	84,320	\$	58,045
<b>800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>				
Deaf Ministry	\$	-	\$	6,700 <sup>11</sup>
Soup Kitchen	\$	-	\$	2,500 <sup>2</sup>
St George's YouthNet	\$	5,000	\$	10,000 <sup>2</sup>
Poor	\$	700	\$	4,200
Scouts	\$	1,000	\$	1,000

	Jan - Dec 05	Jan - Dec	subtotals
Total 800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$ 6,700	\$	24,400
800A - STEWARDSHIP		\$ 500	
Total 800A - STEWARDSHIP		\$	500
900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT			
A · General Expenses			
Liturgical Supplies (formerly "Diocesan	\$ 3,360	\$ 3,000	
Altar Guild		\$ 1,300 <sup>2</sup>	
Advertising	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,700	
Guest Speakers	\$ 500	\$ 2,000	
Parish Library	\$ 100	\$ 200	
Gifts	\$ 200	\$ 200	
Special Events	\$ 200	\$ 200	
Total A · General Expenses	\$ 5,560	\$	8,600
C · Music Program			
Stipend - Director	\$ 19,000	\$ 20,000	
Vacation Replacement	\$ 550	\$ 500	
Music Director Recruitment		\$ 2,000	
Music Expenses	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,700	
Total C · Music Program	\$ 24,050	\$	28,200
D · Sunday School Program			
Supplies & Materials	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Total 900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ 30,110	\$	38,300
1000 · PROPERTY			
A - General			
Development	\$ -	\$ -	
Snow Removal	\$ 3,900	\$ 4,600	
Insurance	\$ 19,307	\$ 20,000	
Total A - General	\$ 23,207	\$	24,600
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)			
Security	\$ 700	\$ 700	
Janitorial Services	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	
Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Taxes	\$ 700	\$ 700	
Utilities			
Electric	\$ 4,700	\$ 5,400	
Oil	\$ 13,000	\$ 14,950	
Propane	\$ 750	\$ 870	
Water	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
Total Utilities	\$ 20,450	\$	23,220
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	\$ 34,350	\$	37,120
C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)			
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 6,000	\$ 15,000	
Taxes	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
Utilities			
Oil service contract	\$ 688	\$ 200	
Water		\$ 800	
Total Utilities	\$ 688	\$	1,000
Total C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)	\$ 9,188	\$	18,500
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)			
Maintenance & Repairs			
Taxes			
Utilities			
Electric	\$ 250	\$ 290	
Total Utilities	\$ 250	\$	290
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	\$ 250	\$	290
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)			
Organ Maintenance	\$ 700	\$ 1,500	
Capital Repairs	\$ -	\$ -	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	
Security	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400	
Taxes	\$ 320	\$ 320	
Utilities			

	Jan - Dec 05	Jan - Dec	subtotals
Electric	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,725	
Oil	\$ 13,000	\$ 14,950	
Water	\$ 750	\$ 750	
<b>Total Utilities</b>	\$ 15,250	\$	17,425
<b>Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)</b>	\$ 28,170	\$	31,145
<b>Total 1000 - PROPERTY</b>	\$ 95,165	\$	111,655
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 287,860	\$ <b>300,723</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ <b>(16,358)</b>	\$	-

- Assumptions:**
- \* *balanced budget*
  - \* *budget for full allotment*
  - \* *budget same for Ordained Ministry until actuals are known*
  - \* *designated offerings apply first to parish budget*
  - \* *add expense category for Stewardship*

- Notes:**
- <sup>1</sup> amount of General Offerings has been increased enough to balance the 2006 budget subsequent to a thorough review of every income and expense line item
  - <sup>2</sup> designated givings for 2005 have been used to estimate this budget line item
  - <sup>3</sup> Deaf Ministry Diocesan Growth for Ministry application amount
  - <sup>4</sup> includes \$10,000 from special events - yard sale &/or other fund raising event(s)
  - <sup>5</sup> see "Trinity House Offerings"
  - <sup>6</sup> \$15,600 budget reduced by amount remaining in Office Manager Fund Account, and amount pledged by Friends of St. George's Society
  - <sup>7</sup> \$44,586.47 budget reduced by amount remaining in 2004 Debt Reduction Fund Account
  - <sup>8</sup> based on actuals for 5 months
  - <sup>9</sup> includes recruitment travel and potential moving costs
  - <sup>10</sup> based on estimates for 7 months
  - <sup>11</sup> \$11,000 budget reduced by amount remaining in Deaf Ministry Fund Account

## Report of the Nominations Committee

### Nominations - 2006

Position	Returning	Nominated
Senior Warden	Kate Freeman (2 of 3)	
Junior Warden	Susan Harris (as of Oct.05)	
Property Warden		<i>Jens Jensen (1 of 3)</i>
Treasurer	Jan Connors	
Secretary	Elizabeth Haigh	
Synod Delegates (3)		<i>Daniel Watson</i>
		<i>Nadine Savoury</i>
		<i>Craig Savoury</i>
Synod Youth Delegate (1)		<i>Andrew Thorne</i>
Synod Alternate Delegate*		
Synod Alternate Youth Delegate*		<i>Alex Purcell</i>
Members-at-large	Neil Robertson (3 of 3)	<i>Vivien Hannon (1 of 3)</i>
(12 maximum; 3-year terms)	Gary McGonagill (3 of 3)	<i>Duncan Neish (1 of 3)</i>
	Evelyn Mann (3 of 3)	<i>Aniko Lewton-Braine (1 of 3)</i>
		<i>Jim Rawding (1 of 3)</i>
		<i>Alex Easton (1 of 3)</i>
		<i>Ian Stewart (1 of 3)</i>
* do not serve on Parish Council unless they attend Synod		

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<b>Organizations who may elect a member for Parish Council:</b>		
Gabriel Guild		
Choir		
Trinity House – reporting/observer status		
<b>Non Parish Council positions:</b>		
Regional Council Delegates	Wardens, Synod Delegates	
PWRDF Contact Person		<i>Lorna Wallace</i>
Auditor (2 individuals)		
Diocesan Times	Robert Martin	
2010 Contact Person		<i>Taunya Dawson</i>
Parish Archivist (replacing Parish Historian)		<i>Jeffrey Reed (1 year term)</i>

*In addition, the Nominating Committee sought people to take on key leadership responsibilities in the day-to-day life of the Parish.*

Spiritual Development Chair	Gary McGonagill	
Pastoral Ministry/Outreach Contact Person		<i>Kate Freeman</i>
Stewardship Committee Chair		<i>To be elected by the committee membership</i>
Finance Committee Chair	Rob Martin	
Property Committee Chair	Don Sinclair	
Administration Committee Chair		<i>To be elected by the committee membership</i>
Envelope Secretary	Evelyn Mann	
Greeters Team Leader		<i>Heather Jensen</i>
Sick & Shut-in Team Leader	Sheila Jackson	