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ANNUAL REPORT

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PARISH OF ST. GEORGE

Annual Meeting February 5, 1984

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The Blessing

MINUTES OF 1983 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of St. George's Parish was held on February 6 with the Rector, Fr. R. Petite in the chair. The meeting was preceded by a delicious Pot Luck Supper for approximately fifty people under the direction of the Gabriel Guild Ladies.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Fr. Petite and a special prayer for parishioners who had died during the past year.

The minutes of last year's annual meeting were read and on motion of the Secretary seconded by Percy James were adopted.

Copies of the Annual Report were distributed to all parishioners before the meeting, the report was complete with reports from all committees.

The report of the Gabriel Guild was moved for adoption by Mrs. Mary Isaacs.

The report of the Sanctuary Guild was moved by G. Moulton.

The report of the Servers Guild was moved by Ken Pringle.

The report of the Spiritual Development Committee was moved by Susan Harris.

The report of the AIM Committee was moved by Jan Connors.

The report of the Sunday School was moved by Mrs. K. Mitchell.

The Property Committee report was moved by Don Connors.

The Wardens' report was presented by George Munroe, it was moved for adoption by George and seconded by Jan Connors.

Mr. Munroe discussed the Financial Report of the Parish in detail and answered questions to the satisfaction of all present. Mr. Munroe moved the adoption of this and all reports as presented in the Report Book, it was seconded by T. F. Glover and carried.

The Rector presented his report of the past year, its accomplishments and his hopes and dreams for the year now upon us. Dr. John Swaine moved the adoption of the report seconded by K. Campbell and carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented. Our Senior Warden, Frank Riles has resigned, George Munroe now takes on Senior Warden and Harvey Francis will be the Junior Warden. All parishioners who have been nominated have consented to act, members may be added to committees and council as necessary. It was moved by Sherry Yates seconded by Ken Pringle that this report be adopted. Motion carried.

This concluded the report of the year's work, it represents one of the most exciting and busy years in the life of St. George's. We look forward to an even more challenging and more rewarding one this year. The meeting adjourned on motion of T. E. Glover and with prayer and blessing by Fr. Petite.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. Glover,
Secretary

104 Central Avenue
Halifax, Nova Scotia
February 2, 1984

The Warden's
St. George's Church
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Sirs:

The attached financial statements were prepared from the records of current account #244-14, as supplied by the treasurer.

My review of this account included such tests as was considered necessary for the circumstances and from information received from the treasurer.

During my analysis of this account it was found that bank transactions were carried out by persons other than the treasurer, with the result that transactions to and from the St. George's Foundation account and Bank Loan borrowings and repayments could not be verified. I will, therefore, take no responsibility as to the accuracy of these amounts as indicated on the attached financial statements.

It should be pointed out that the treasurer cannot be held accountable for transactions which were not made by him and this practice should stop immediately.

It was also noted, during my review, that payments were being made to Dartmouth Fuels for fuel oil, annual maintenance and water heater rental at 7117 Bayers Road, which is the address of your former clergyman.

Except for the above comments, to the best of my knowledge and ability the records and financial statements represent an accurate picture of the Church's current account #244-14 for the year ended December 31, 1983.

Yours very truly,

Raymond Ells
Raymond Ells

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Enclosures

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Year Ended December 31, 1983

Current Account 244-14 (Summary)

Receipts

Offerings	\$ 42,660.97
Parish Organizations	11,293.77
Endowments	5,405.66
Other	<u>\$109,289.18</u>
	\$168,649.58

Less: Bank Balance (Overdraft) December 31, 1982	<u>(676.84)</u>
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\$167,972.74

Disbursements

Salaries	\$ 21,305.00
Diocese of Nova Scotia	4,454.16
Insurance	1,979.04
Taxes and Utilities	23,976.65
Repairs and Maintenance	21,525.77
Other	<u>\$ 97,281.13</u>
	\$170,522.35

Less: Bank Balance (Overdraft) December 31, 1983	<u>2,549.61</u>
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\$167,972.74

Details of Receipts - Account 244-14
For the Year Ended December 31, 1983

Offerings

Open	\$ 2,096.03	
Weekly Envelopes	30,091.44	
Easter	2,193.80	
Thanksgiving	1,193.00	
Christmas	2,333.50	
Special	\$ 4,753.20	\$ 42,660.97

Parish Associations

Gabriel Guild	\$ 8,050.00	
Cent-A-Meal	52.67	
Dances	3,050.00	
Sunday School	\$ 141.10	\$ 11,293.77

Endowments

Diocese of Nova Scotia	\$ 1,438.06	
Shaw Estate	47.50	
Central Trust	2,301.11	
NS Savings and Loan	\$ 1,618.99	\$ 5,405.66

Other Receipts

Rentals	\$ 3,708.42	
Oil	14,090.13	
Initial Offerings	216.95	
Gabriel Guild Bible Society	100.00	
Poor Fund	119.39	
City of Halifax	3,500.00	
Heidelberg Orchestra	350.00	
World Relief	132.00	
Bank Loans	48,000.00	
Received from St. George's Foun.	24,846.73	
Prov. of NS	4,290.94	
Donation	1,000.00	
Donations to St. George's Found.	400.00	
Choral Director Fund	1,495.24	
No Name Productions	190.00	
Trans. from 1300989	605.00	
Trans. from St. G's Summer Proj.	4,000.00	
Guides - Summer Project	577.88	
Kwacha Playhouse	250.00	
Calendars	56.00	
Sanctuary Guild	63.90	
Trans. from Rectory Acct.	489.37	
Trans. from Acct. 354-14	.45	
Lodge Donation	526.03	
Sundry	\$ 280.75	\$109,289.18

Less: Bank Balance (Overdraft)
December 31, 1982

\$168,649.58
676.84
\$167,972.74

Details of Disbursements - Account 244-14
For the Year Ended December 31, 1983

Salaries

Rector	\$16,610.00	
Organist	2,500.00	
Treasurer	995.00	
Travel	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	\$21,305.00

Diocese of Nova Scotia

Parish Allotments - Pension & Car Replacement		\$ 4,454.76
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Insurance

Marsh and McLellan Ltd.		\$ 1,979.04
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Taxes and Utilities

City of Halifax	\$ 835.12	
NS Power Corporation	2,795.53	
Public Service Commission	742.52	
Dartmouth Fuels Ltd.	18,227.37	
Maritime Tel & Tel Co. Ltd.	<u>\$ 1,376.11</u>	\$23,976.65

Repairs and Maintenance

Don Connors	\$ 509.00	
Geo. L. Allen & Son	22.77	
Prov. Sanitary Products	1,661.68	
Ron Keel Plumbing	139.00	
Acadian Paint	328.08	
Arthur & Conn Ltd.	637.35	
Burgwin Furniture	20.00	
R A. MacFarland Ltd.	149.77	
Harold Smith (Painting)	3,500.00	
Susan Morash (Labour)	85.00	
Piercey Supplies	549.14	
Sears	35.00	
Sundry Maintenance	789.25	
Barry Morash (Labour)	350.00	
Don Whitty (Labour)	662.91	
Marlite Co. Ltd.	207.33	
Douglas Morash (Labour)	100.00	
Waltar Morash (Labour)	385.00	
PCO Services	300.00	
Cody Food Equipment	1,633.99	
Leonard Morash (Labour)	220.00	
Hfx. Heating & Air Cond.	150.00	
Darrell Briand	85.00	
Maritime Pipe Organ	165.00	
Mic Mac Agencies Ltd.	895.40	
Halifax Seed Co.	865.38	

Repairs and Maintenance (Cont'd)

Vacuum Hut	\$	429.96	
Carpet Market Ltd.		4,290.94	
Scotia Roofing		160.63	
Bremner Plumbing & Heating		392.23	
David Clayton		50.00	
Pipe Organ Builders	\$	<u>155.00</u>	\$21,525.77

Other Disbursements

Gestetner Canada Inc.	\$	391.54	
Anglican Youth Camp		106.00	
Denis King (Organ Tuning)		95.00	
Atlantic Syst. Envelopes		271.50	
St. G's Summer Project (Loan		4,000.00	
Parishioner Loan Refunds		2,500.00	
Diocesan Book Room		2,019.47	
George Munroe--Dance Costs		950.00	
Metcalf & Holm		23.40	
All-Type Printing		1,688.99	
Organist & Priest Supply		220.00	
Parish Service Co.		81.60	
Ranco Car Rental		613.00	
G. Munroe-Royal Visit Costs		1,100.00	
David Buley		770.00	
Halcraft Printing		880.67	
Mahon's Stationery		922.09	
Newfoundland Grocery		464.41	
C. M. Almy & Son		155.35	
Reid Sweet		493.38	
Whipple & Mowbray		301.10	
Claude W. Vincent		165.00	
Postage and Office Supplies		2,323.81	
Guides - Summer Project		600.00	
Bank Charges and Interest		5,398.88	
Bank Loan Repayments		44,875.00	
Spent on behalf of St. George's Foundation		23,804.06	
Calendars		131.25	
Poor Fund		119.39	
Knowlton Supplies		106.11	
Trans. to Acct. 751-928		50.00	
Canada Pension Plan		260.35	
Unemployment Insurance		374.69	
Trans. to Acct. 1300989	\$	<u>2,025.09</u>	\$ 97,281.13
			<u>\$170,522.35</u>
Less: Bank Balance (Overdraft)			2,549.61
December 31, 1983			<u>\$167,972.74</u>

LITTLE DUTCH CHURCH

Balance as of December 31, 1982		\$ 20.17
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Receipts

City of Halifax	\$1,300.00	
Interest	19.78	
Donation	500.00	\$1,839.95

Disbursements

(work on chimney)	\$ 604.00	\$ 604.00
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Balance as of December 31, 1983		\$1,235.95
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ST. GEORGE'S POOR FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1982		\$ 140.01
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Receipts

Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$ 119.39	
Donations	80.00	
Interest	.26	\$ 339.66

Disbursements

Willow Grocery	\$ 315.93	
Service Charge	6.53	\$ 322.46

Balance as of December 31, 1983		\$ 17.20
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ST. GEORGE'S ORGAN FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1982		\$ 144.01
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Receipts

Bank Interest	\$ 21.26	\$ 165.27
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Disbursements

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Balance as December 31, 1983		\$ 165.27
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Investment (Bank of NS)		\$4,870.00
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OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

City of Halifax Taxes	\$ 3,020.53
Halifax Seed	461.81
Anglican Book Centre	98.20
Diocesan Book Room	618.48
Newfoundland Grocery	198.44
PCO (Pest Control)	240.00
Carpet Market	547.07
Prov. Sanitary Products	266.32
Cody Foods	456.09
Halcraft Print Ltd.	324.62
Atlantic Systematic Envelopes	283.53
Dartmouth Fuels	6,495.00
Mahon's Stationery	92.47
Oil Loan	4,500.00
Rectory Loan	<u>\$13,049.00</u>
	<u>\$30,651.56</u>

INVESTMENTS

Nova Scotia Savings & Loan	\$ 200.00
" "	601.72
Central & Eastern Trust	\$ 100.00
Nova Scotia Savings & Loan	\$ 100.00
" "	776.48
" "	200.00
" "	494.52
" "	1,142.39
" "	200.00
" "	300.00
" "	1,000.00
" "	200.00
" "	500.00
Central & Easter Trust	\$ 700.00
	<u>\$ 1,100.00</u>
	\$ 7,515.11
St. George's Organ Fund	\$ 3,370.00
Central & Easter Trust	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
	\$ 4,870.00
Diocese of NS	<u>\$ 8,210.67</u>
	<u><u>\$ 20,595.78</u></u>

Parish of St. GeorgeSpecial Income 1982-83

Community Works I	\$ 20,500.00
Community Works II	31,089.00
Student Employment	11,766.86
Government NEED Project	43,900.00
St. George's Foundation (Royal Visit)	24,846.73
Province of Nova Scotia	15,000.00
City of Halifax	3,500.00
Anglican Foundation	10,000.00
Subsidiary Benefit, Royal Visit	\$ 20,471.00 (in kind)
TOTAL	\$181,073.59

Outstanding Accounts: Project Related
Special 1982-83

Community Works II	\$ 10,869.00
Government NEED Project	16,529.82
Bank of NS Loan (NEED)	5,000.00
Halifax Heating (Furnace & Duct Work)	\$ 7,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 39,398.82

Budget 1984Recap

Expenses	\$ 8,223.70
Receipts	8,020.00
Projected Deficit	(2,037.00)

Receipts

	<u>Expected 1984</u>	<u>(Actual 1983)</u>
Offerings	\$ 59,800.00	\$ 42,660.97
Investments	nil	
Parish Organizations		
Guild, Dances, Garden Sale, Men's Dinner, etc.	9,000.00	
Rentals		
Hall Old Lodge Room	3,000.00	
West End	2,500.00	
East End	4,000.00	
Church	900.00	
	<u>10,400.00</u>	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Grand Total	\$ 80,200.00	

Expenses - Property

Municipal Taxes	\$ 2,200.00
Insurance (All Buildings)	2,100.00
Oil	20,000.00
Water Services	600.00
NS Power Corp.	1,800.00
Misc. Supplies (cleaning, etc.)	1,800.00
Maintenance	1,800.00
Labour (Snow Shovelling & Grass)	1,000.00
Fire Extinguishers Maint.	150.00
Pest Control	240.00
Telephone Services	\$ 650.00
	<u>\$ 32,340.00</u>

Expenses - Spiritual Development

Rector	\$ 17,425.00
Choral Director	3,000.00
Organist	2,500.00
Unemployment Insurance	400.00
Canada Pension	280.00
Diocesan Pension	2,642.00
Travel Allowance	1,200.00
Rector's Car Replacement	2,100.00
Eucharistic Supplies	300.00
Bulletins	250.00
Special Bulletin Covers	100.00
Sunday School Supplies	\$ 200.00
	<u>\$ 30,397.00</u>

Expenses - General

Treasurer	\$ 1,000.00
Paper & Supplies	300.00
Offering Envelopes	300.00
Postage & Office Supplies	2,000.00
Bank Loan Repayment	8,400.00
Bank Charges & Interest on Short-Term Borrowing	2,000.00
Allotment to Diocese of NS	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>
	\$ 19,500.00

Recap

Property	\$ 32,340.00
Spiritual Development	30,397.00
General	<u>\$ 19,500.00</u>
	\$ 82,237.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENTST. GEORGE'S GABRIEL GUILDBalance December 31, 1983

\$ 176.15

Receipts:

Assessment Fees	\$ 22.00	
Card Social	192.00	
Central Trust (Deb. Int.)	270.50	
Marsh & McLennan (Ins.)	367.50	
No-Bake Pie Sale	247.00	
Dinner - A.S.T.	282.00	
Red Rose Dinner	2,708.00	
Box Collection	33.50	
City of Halifax Catering	175.00	
Octoberfest Pantry Sale	265.40	
Bean Supper and Social	209.50	
Christmas Dinner and Sale	2,200.25	
Scotia Square Bazaar	1,010.50	
Picture Sale	58.00	
Misc.	85.00	
Weddings	1,291.26	
Senior Citizen's Dinner	\$ 253.00	\$9,846.56

Disbursements:

St. George's Church	\$8,050.00	
Bible Society	100.00	
Armstrong Meat	384.28	
Atlantic Speedy Propane	170.49	
Lizzie Sitlant (Cards)	12.77	
Calvin Ladies Fellowship	8.00	
Sobey's Ltd. (Turkey, etc.)	594.52	
Bank Service Charge	17.96	
Friends of Kings	-25.00	
Gifts	70.00	
Best For Less	118.49	
Farmers Ltd.	\$ 18.31	\$9,569.82

Bank Balance

\$ 276.74

Joyce Brown,
Treasurer

RECTOR'S REPORT

When I think back over the previous year in our Parish, I am struck with a good deal of awe that we have managed to accomplish so much. A brief look at the Warden's report will provide the evidence to this fact. One need only look about the property to gain an appreciation of what has been achieved. We have developed in other areas too and the many ways in which the people of the Parish have taken on responsibilities and given of their time and ability attests to this fact as well.

Last year I sat down and made a list in my report of the many people who made significant contributions to the life of the Parish, in order that I might fittingly thank them for their commitment. That proved to be quite a large list. This year the list is even longer and to enumerate them individually again would involve mentioning a very large proportion of the Parish.

I hope that all of these people who have joined in ministry with me will jointly accept my very sincere thanks for the service they have made to their Parish. I am unable to adequately say what this support has meant to me personally and indeed what it has meant to the life and future of the Parish. I hope that your involvement has been of benefit to you and was a factor in continued personal growth.

Reports ought not be simply a recording of the past year's achievements in a process of accountability, but ought to as well point to the future and enumerate goals that are yet to be achieved. I should like now by reference to the achievements and experiences of 1983 at St. George's to do just that.

However before continuing it is necessary to establish firmly in our minds what our chief purpose as a Parish should be. Only then are we able to properly evaluate our life together in terms of the activities in which we have been involved.

The word "Parish" has its root in a Greek word meaning a sojourner. The sojourner is a person, just like us, who dwells in a place as a temporary resident, as a stranger or alien. He or she is a traveller, a pilgrim. So are we all. As members of our Parish, we are pilgrims who are moving from alienation (separation) to communion--with ourselves, with our God, with others. Through the graciousness of God we are daily being called into communion with him and through him into communion with our neighbours. And so our aim and goal in life and death is to return to God. This is the chief work of the Church and the Parish is a small body of pilgrims who form part of the Church in their movement towards God.

Everything we do in our Parish must be subordinated to this process of spiritual growth and encompass our fulfillment of the duty towards God and neighbour.

If communion with God is the work of our Parish, and through him, with our neighbour, then what we do together on Sunday morning is paramount. Whenever we are called to renew our Baptismal vows, especially during Eastertide, we promise that we will be faithful in our common prayers together, in fellowship and in the breaking of bread. This has been the life of the Church since Apostle times and so it must be ours at St. George's.

Our Eucharistic celebration on Sunday mornings has been both a source of encouragement and strength to me as I go about my ministry. It is wonderful to see our numbers increase and to see even more people involved in taking responsibility for worship than last year. I know that all will not want and need not take particular functions in the Eucharist but to those of you who do I want to say how heartening this is. And not only are you reading and leading intercessions as well as doing other ministerial functions but I am perceiving a more conscious awareness in many, of the spiritual nature of these ministries. This is true of all who read, sing in choir, serve at the altar. Everything we do at the Eucharist must be conscious worship and proclamation. We must strive to do it better.

A word about music. Whenever we worship, it should be with all of our senses. We should see beautiful and hear beautiful things and so music is most important. The ministry of the choir has matured and developed this past year and our music is a true aid in lending to an awareness of God's presence and a fitting offering to God himself. We have offered new music and perhaps at times this is a little difficult for the congregation but I hope you will all persevere and seek to learn the music with a willing heart. In time you will get the tune down and believe me it will all be worth it.

When I come down in to the nave to read the Holy Gospel, I am deeply conscious that many are not singing. I hope you will all make a renewed effort as the new year goes on.

The increase of young boys and girls serving at the altar has been noticeable as well. These young people need your encouragement and as they continue to perfect their service at the altar they are a witness to us all of the dignified and solemn nature of our worship, of its simplicity and beauty and of the necessity for us all to approach the Eucharistic celebration with our best. An attentiveness is needed in us all for it is in being attentive that we can hear God speak to us.

All of us together offer our praise to Almighty God, and in so doing we bring our talents, our financial resources, our needs, our faults, and our concerns for one another. Through the grace of Christ these things are lifted up to God and in turn we are fed with his life at the altar rail, we are empowered as a Parish, a group of pilgrims who will continue to seek communion with him and with our neighbour.

This worship must provide the focus for our lives as we go about our daily work. And just as we bring many things to the altar from our life, we must carry something away out into the world; something of Christ's sacrifice and triumph.

There are so many of the Parish involved in Pastoral Care, Spiritual Development, Church School, Parish Finance and Property and Parish Government. It is often a busy round of meetings and sometimes full of frustrations. It is often easy to lose sight, in the midst of these responsibilities of the goal to which all of our activities ought to lead. Indeed, sometimes they lead us away from God rather than closer to him. This has always been the danger with Parish involvement, strange as it may seem. Often it is of no real fault of our own but is the result of a whole combination of things, often beyond our control. During such times we need to be patient and above all support and reach out to one another.

I am aware that some have found things difficult over the past year and this has led to some discouragement. I pray the coming year will be better. We are all in the world and thus a whole round of worldly responsibilities are ours both for the church and for our families. They need to be done but it is sad when those things involving the church become burdens. Those who have had these chores for St. George's have worked hard over the past year. I want to extend your thanks to Mr. George Munroe and Mr. Donald Connors who are passing their responsibilities to others in the new year.

It is very clear that Parish financial obligations have been a considerable burden throughout the year and will continue to be so for some time to come. We continue to struggle with an enormous oil bill each year and we begin a new year with a considerable debt on the work completed on the property despite immense sums of Government assistance and funds from the St. George's Foundation. The Finance Committee has been working on a weekly basis with the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Diocese in order to find a solution to these financial problems.

It is most heartening to see your response to our special appeals, especially to the Anglicans In Mission Project and the Oil Drive. However when our envelope offering is compared to other Anglican Parishes in the Diocese, our standard of giving is low. I am painfully aware that some are unable to

give more, especially our pensioners, but there are others who are able and I must implore them to do so. At the moment we do not receive enough funds to meet our monthly expenses and we will have a heavy burden to bear in settling accounts for work already completed on the property.

With luck the St. George's Foundation will begin restoration of the Church in the Spring, thus relieving us of heating the Church in the winter of 1984-85. Hopefully we will be able to complete the work on the East Hall and make it a revenue producing facility.

It will be evident to all how much the Parish depends on the work of the Gabriel Guild for additional funds.

In the Church, finances are always a matter of stewardship. God has blessed us with material resources and we are called to give part of those resources back to him. For each of us it is a matter of setting the work of the Church as priority. God asks only for what we are able to give.

The Parish should take a special satisfaction in the reappearance of the Scouting Movement in our midst. We are rendering an important service to the community by sponsoring Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Thank you to the Group Committee and to those who work with the young people. We have been able to free some funds from the "Window Fund" to provide assistance to these groups as a temporary measure and hopefully the Parish will be able to continue some form of financial support.

We continue to work with the Church School under very capable leadership. The numbers are small owing to the large proportion of our children serving at the altar. I think my main concern here is keeping in contact with the teachers. Because they are not always involved in the Sunday Eucharist and their work happens when we are all in the Church a distance is naturally created. The young children are always a concern of mine and I hope as time goes on we will be able to establish better contact between the children, their teachers, and the Rector and Spiritual Development Committee.

My final remarks have to do with the upcoming Lenten Retreat on the last weekend of March. We have already begun work in the Parish in preparation for Fr. Hankey's work among us and during the next few weeks you will receive a letter in the mail and eventually a team of people will begin visiting your homes. I cannot stress enough the importance of this Lenten Retreat. It will be a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and I think it most important that our people plan to be in attendance. We are hoping that people will register for the Retreat in order that we may plan properly. Baby sitting services will be available as well as a program for the older children.

Thank you all again for your support to me personally and for your confirmed commitment to your Parish. We pray its life will equip us all for the pilgrimage ahead. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

The Rev'd. Robert Petite,
Rector

ANNUAL REPORT 1983-84WARDENS OF THE PARISH OF ST. GEORGE

This has been a year which will shine in the memories of all members of the parish. It was a year which saw dreams realized, new programs established, a growing congregation and a new public awareness of an historic church.

The year began with the parish historian finally discovering, quite by accident, the proper name of the parish. Perhaps this was a good omen for the year, in that after two hundred and thirty years we have finally settled on who we are: the Parish of St. George.

The event which will have the greatest impact on the parish as well as the community was the establishment on June 4, 1983 of the St. George's Foundation by an act of the legislature of Nova Scotia. This body is charged with the restoration and continuing maintenance of Prince Edward's Church and the Little Dutch Church. Work is well in progress to prepare for the restoration project. Steps have been taken to have St. George's declared a National Historic Site and an extensive fund drive is in preparation. The parish is fortunate in the securing of Mr. William E. Schwartz as chairman of the foundation.

A result, of the establishment of the St. George's Foundation, was the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales on June 15 at which time a plaque was unveiled commemorating the start of the restoration.

The visit saw our church and buildings made fit for the royal couple in record time. Yet it was all worth it for the sheer magic of seeing the great, great, great, great grandson of the designer of our church entering its portals, making it a day to remember.

The wardens would like to especially thank the many people who made this possible: our Member of Parliament, the Hon. Gerald Regan, who we are sure will long remember the event; the Chairman of the Foundation, William Schwartz who had the faith and trust to enable the preparatory work to be done; the rector, Fr. Petite who with great energy managed to attend to his parish duties while working long hours to arrange the program for the visit. We would especially like to thank the members of the parish who undertook various tasks from scrubbing the church to serving as ushers. In particular we would like to thank Don Connors for the inhuman hours which he put in and Ron MacNaughton who managed, by a very deft hand, to prevent riots over the guest list.

It is impossible to pass from this great public event without remarking on other events in the parish which helped create a public awareness of the church and its work.

As the result of a Federal Government grant, both our churches were open to the public from June 21 to September 8. This enabled upwards of five thousand people to visit both structures.

The church was made available to the United Empire Loyalist Association, who presented both a service of thanksgiving and a musical evening. This group hopes to have an annual service at St. Georges. A number of performances were put on in the church by the Kwacha Players, Nova Scotia's first black theatre company. Many groups presenting programs from chamber music to dramatic readings have performed at St. George's within the last year. The wardens trust that such programs can be continued, for St. George's is not only an historic parish church it is a public treasure.

Although a great deal of a public nature, happened within the past year even more happened within the parish.

The most obvious is the work carried out on our buildings and grounds. In the past two years upwards of three hundred thousand dollars worth of work has been done. The question most often asked is where did such vast sums come from? The following list of sources in in order of proportion of the total raised:

- The Government of Canada
- The Parish of St. George
- The St. George's Foundation
- The Government of Nova Scotia
- The Anglican Foundation
- The City of Halifax

The rehabilitation of our buildings begun with the Dutch Church in 1981 is well on the way to completion. With the exception of the church which is stabilized preparatory to restoration, the buildings are in good repair. Further work is required in the east end of the hall and this will be a government project funded by the Federal and hopefully the Provincial Governments. The greatest problem with the buildings arose from the many unknowns one finds in very old wooden structures.

Over the past year the work of the parish committees has been astonishing. Beginning two and a half years ago with a single advisory committee to parish council, there are now five committees functioning; finance, property, spiritual development, pastoral care and publicity. The wardens would like to thank all committee members for their hard work and support

The hard work of two senior members of the parish was recognized with the appointment of William Rose and Percy Newcombe as Honorary Life Wardens. Their hard work and faithful support of their church is an example to all.

The wardens would especially like to compliment the rector and the members of the Spiritual Development Committee for the evolution of a meaningful worship program which respects the past while adapting to the present. Especially heartening is the development of a musical program under David Buley.

The lectors organized by Patricia Martinson add a great deal of congregational participation to our services. It is hoped that this will continue and expand.

Our special worship programs continue to grow and involve more people. The annual Dutch Church Service continues to pay tribute to the efforts of our ancestors. This year the special service commemorating the birth of Martin Luther was successful and could perhaps become an annual event. Our Lenten and Advent programs continue to attract more people and it is hoped that they can be expanded.

The success of Anglicans in Mission proved that with enough effort virtually that which appeared impossible could be achieved. At St. George's through the untiring efforts of Jan Connors we exceeded our covenanted amount. However most importantly, from the AIM Committee, we evolved a Pastoral Care Committee which will keep in touch with our many shut-ins and elderly parishioners.

The social life of the parish has been more active than for many years. After twenty two years the Boy Scout movement is active at St. George's. Our charter, the oldest in Nova Scotia, has been re-activated and upwards of forty boys are involved in Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers. Hopefully next year Guides will return also.

Many of our social events were linked to fund raising. The continuing winner in this category is the Gabriel Guild. Not only do the ladies provide wonderful social events, they earn much needed dollars for the parish.

For the first time a Victorian Dinner was held on Queen Victoria's Birthday. Although this event did not yield a great profit it produced much experience which will enable the dinner in 1984 to be a great success. In recounting this event it would be remiss not to mention the magic which Kevin Campbell created in the kitchen and the agility of our waiters. The poetic reading at this event will lure many back to the next such function.

Our dances were a great social success adding an outlet

much needed for social interaction amongst our parishioners. Gertie Moulton did a fine job of organization. The Parish bar tenders, as their fellows everywhere, plied their trade while sympathetically listening to the complaints and concerns of their customers. The dances and other related functions although not earning the amounts hoped for did contribute additional monies to the parish operation. It is hoped that some such program of social events can be continued.

The future for the Parish of St. George is promising. A great deal of hard work is still necessary and financially there are still difficult times ahead. However, as a community attempting to live by Christian principles we will succeed. We must always remember, and this is often difficult, that we are more than stately buildings, royal visits, and bank balances. We are a caring community trying to do God's work.

The Wardens would like to thank Fr. Petite, the committee chairmen, council members and the many volunteers who have given of their time and effort over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Munroe
W. Harvey Francis

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Church Services

In the spring of 1983, our primary focus was on Lenten Liturgical observances. The committee studied the traditional services for Lent and Easter and included various teaching notes in the Sunday bulletins concerning these. Lent featured Litany in Procession and dedication of a new tabernacle and viaticum. On Palm Sunday a procession including banners made by the children took place. Holy Week observances consisted of Tenebrae, Stripping of the Altar and commemoration of the Lord's Supper, and the Good Friday Liturgy. Once again in 1983, a Vigil took place on Easter Eve, followed by the first Eucharist of Easter.

In the fall, we planned an instructional Eucharist and the instructions accompanied the 10:30 service on two Sundays.

Children's Activities

In the spring, Mrs. Kitty Mitchell left the oversight of the Sunday School, after many fine years of service. We have been fortunate that Carolyn LeMieux has come forward to take on this task and we commend her especially, as well as her assistants, Ruth Wells and Paula Cunningham.

Four workshops were conducted for the children of the parish this year. On the Saturday before Palm Sunday, a seder meal was held and the children prepared banners and music for the Palm Sunday Service. Further workshops included one for St. George's Day, one in Advent, and finally a crib service at Christmas time.

The servers, who miss Sunday School due to assisting at the Eucharist, are receiving monthly instruction and activities from Father Petite and Ken Pringle.

Planning for 1984

A number of workshops for the children are planned, according to the seasons of the church year.

Our upcoming Lenten observance will center around a Retreat and Mission to be given by the Reverend Dr. Wayne Hankey of the University of King's College on March 30, 31 and April 1. The theme for this parish weekend will be the forgiveness of sins, and we hope that it will prove to be a helpful time of reflection and renewal for all, both adults and children.

All members of this committee have been hard-working and willing assistants in these many activities and deserve our thanks.

Susan Harris
Kevin Campbell

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1983 was the initial year of the Pastoral Development Committee. Its formation in the early fall stemmed from the Anglicans in Mission team and is an effort to respond, in our own parish, to the needs of others.

Our main efforts have been for those members of St. George's who are "shut in"; unable due to health to attend church. We attempt to keep these parishioners informed about what is happening in their church and to communicate with them through phone calls and visits.

We have faith that in the upcoming year God will provide us with new and renewed energy and show us additional ways in which we can help others.

Janet Connors
Committee Chairman

This year has seen many changes and improvements to our property.

Rectory: Renovations have been completed except for some minor painting and wallpapering.

Cottage: The plumbing has been updated and a fresh coat of paint and wallpaper has been applied.

Church: Due primarily to the Royal Visit this building has seen a fresh coat of paint on a number of areas. New chandeliers have been hung in the vestibule. New red carpet has been laid in this area also, along with a red carpet down the front stairs and on to the sidewalk. In the chancel area our choir stalls have been painted French grey and new velvet now covers our cushions and kneelers.

Hall: This building has seen the most changes; our main hall is completely painted and plaster repaired. The floor has been sanded and varnished and many good coats of wax have been applied.

The area in the west end of the building or under the kitchen areas have had a complete new concrete floor and new supporting pillars added. There are now three separate rooms available in this area.

Our lower hall has been painted, new cupboards have been built and carpeting now covers the floor to make it a very comfortable meeting room.

What used to be known as the Brace Shop or Gymnasium or the Gilbert and Sullivan area is now under construction. With the help of the Federal and Provincial Governments we will have a new, two storey "Club Room". This area already has a tenant awaiting completion of this project.

Windows and in some cases doors have been replaced to help make the building a little more energy efficient.

Wiring in all parts of this building have been upgraded to bring them up to the electrical code standards. A new chimney was built on this end of the hall this year. Insulating this building and work on the roof are two items to be addressed in 1984.

All our buildings except for the Little Dutch Church received a fresh coat of Cape Cod grey paint. New fences were built around all our property and sod was laid on all our lawns, to make our property much more presentable for the Royal Visit.

Little Dutch Church: Fresh paint inside, new doors and a new chimney were the improvements to this building.

The City of Halifax made it possible for us to have a new chain link fence built around the Dutch Church property to help slow down the vandalism of the grave stones.

Another arrangement with the City allowed us to have the use of more property in the area of the cottage for twenty-five years at the cost of one dollar per year.

With all the improvements to our property we have been able to utilize them both as a source of revenue and as a community resource. At present we have a number of groups using our facilities and we can handle more:

Independant Order of Oddfellows
Ladies Guild
Cubs
Scouts
Beavers
Inner City Youth Club
Alcoholics Anonymous
Exercise Classes
Choir

We have had the following groups use our buildings for dramatic or musical purposes:

Hidelberg Orchestra
Kwacha Players
Loyalist Association of N.S.
Gottingen Street Merchants Association
The Little Theatre Group

The Church and the Little Dutch Church were open for guided tours all summer long.

At this point I wish to thank the members of the Property Committee; Harry Boswell, Bill Kelley, Don Neilly and George Munroe for making the good choice of Leonard and Susan Morash as our part-time sexton. For the short time they have been with us many fine changes have taken place on the grounds and interiors of our buildings.

Respectfully submitted
Don Connors

PARISH MAGAZINE

The Parish magazine was published twice during 1983. Our May addition was headlined by a photograph of the Royal couple, who were about to visit in June.

The September issue was combined with our annual Little Dutch Church service programme, producing another fine keepsake of our parish.

Financial Report

Receipts: Open	77.57
Revenue	<u>859.70</u>
Total	937.07

Expenses:	
Printing costs	<u>671.44</u>
Balance	265.63

New advertisers must be found to make our historic publication survive. Remember, it has been published since 1897.

Don Connors

ST. GEORGE'S GABRIEL GUILD A. C. W.

Our year just passed has kept us quite busy and the results are very gratifying. We have been able to give \$8,050 to the Church Corporation. To do this we held our annual Shrove Tuesday Card Social with Pancake Lunch, a card social with bean supper, two parish dinners--The Red Rose and the Christmas Tea & Sale, a craft sale at Scotia Square, a dinner for Faculty and Students of the Atlantic School of Theology, a Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner, food for a Senior Citizen's Party for the City of Halifax, a Bakeless Pie Sale and for the first time in some years we catered to three weddings--all three within one month late in the year. These were in every case children of the Parish and we were happy to do our bit to start off their life together. We hope there will be more such happy occasions. Besides these efforts we have made small donations to Friends of Kings, the Bible Society, Alexandra Society and Fairview Villa Christmas party. This was a project shared by all the A.C.W. of the City.

In all these efforts we would not forget those who though not Guild members, are ever willing to help by serving and donating food and money. While our membership has not increased our workers have and we note the difference in efficiency when the hardest work is being done. To those parishioners and friends, including the husbands, we say a sincere "Thank you". You made our jobs much easier.

I would be remiss if I did not make special mention of our President who is always eager to plan any effort that comes to us. She has been an inspiration and has worked very hard often in spite of much physical discomfort but never using it to ease her workload. Our best workers are very often workers of the Sanctuary Guild, the Choir, Council Members and Parish Committee Chairmen, all busy and conscientious for love of the "Old Church".

We ask your continued support as we start another year's work. We can use every talent and any time that you can spare. Together we can do much with even a little for "little is much if God be in it".

M. G. Glover

SANCTUARY GUILD

This is my first report as President of the Sanctuary Guild and since I have only assumed that office for a few busy months, I am still learning many things, enjoyable things which I consider a great privilege. The work of the Sanctuary is to me second only to the priestly office and I know that all our workers share that feeling with me.

We would thank all those who have supported the work of the Sanctuary and ask their continued interest. We have lost a few workers and if there are ladies who can spare an hour or more on Friday or Saturday I ask them to come and offer themselves to share in this special duty.

We hope very soon to purchase linen that we may replace badly worn cloths, the interest on our debenture which matures very soon will hopefully pay for this expensive need.

We are grateful to all who have donated flowers to help keep our altar beautiful. We are privileged to have a lovely altar but it is only at its best when there are flowers. This is not always easy, we ask those who have summer gardens to think of the altar, we will gladly pick them up. Flowers are a beautiful memorial.

M. G. Glover

ST. GEORGE'S CHOIR

1983 has seen a number of musical events at St. George's. The design of the church encourages various groups to perform concerts and theatre there and such entertainment has been evident. Another musical highlight took place during the Royal Visit when the choir from All Saints Cathedral was able to lead the singing during the ceremony accompanying the visit.

September saw the appointment of a Choral Director in the person of David Buley, who is delighted to be able to work in a parish in which he lives. David has been working in cooperation with our organist, Michal King, to increase the repertoire of hymns and service music. To this end a new communion service setting: "The Mass of St. George" has been composed by David Buley especially for use at St. George's.

The choir, numbering 15, has been diligent about rehearsal attendance and service leadership, and made a particularly splendid offering at our Carol Service in December.

We hope that in 1984 during the restoration of the Church, to be able to clean and restore the organ in order to effect a more reliable leadership from that instrument. In the choral area we hope to include some children in the choir as well as to increase the adult membership. Perhaps the most important goal for the future will be a more active participation of all parishioners in the congregational music at our services.

Viva la musica!

Respectfully submitted,

David Buley

SERVERS' GUILD

In the beginning was John Paul Westin and his eager team of ten servers as I approached as journeyman to offer my assistance. As John Paul completed his university year at King's College and moved on to Toronto to further his theological studies, I was appointed Master of Ceremonies and Sacristan to carry on with the Servers' Guild with what was fast becoming a tradition.

To the already well established servers in Scott Hickey, Sharon Yates, Michelle, David and Cheryl Huett, Craig Savoury, Sam Petite, Jennifer and Jeremy King and Tammy Evans were added three more, Scott Connors, Jennifer MacKenzie and Wayne Cooper, having been confirmed on March 31st by Bishop Peters. Our latest addition is Melissa Caines, whose family has recently joined our congregation, thus raising our total number of servers to fourteen.

The year has been an exciting and busy one with 3 of our seniors, Jennifer, Jeremy and Sam receiving their 2 year crosses while later the 7 juniors received their 1 year crosses. After the church was presented with two torches in October, we added two acolytes to our Sanctuary Party, bringing the total active number each Sunday to six. We are grateful for such memorials as these as they help keep ambitious minds and willing hands occupied. If a motto were to be struck for our guild it would read, "I Serve (Every Sunday)".

Last November and December saw the first and second of our monthly get togethers in the church with Fr. Petite. During these sessions religious instruction was both taught and reviewed along with practicing our Sanctuary skills and mannerisms. Our last get together was an outing to the land of King's to attend a Solemn High Mass at King's College Chapel. Following the mass we had dinner in the university dining hall where most ate "very well", we just hope big brother wasn't watching.

So in all, we are most certainly very active and growing, not only in numbers but in stature, as we pass on our most appreciative thanks to Fr. Petite as well as to the moms and dads for their encouragement and continued support without which our contribution to the liturgy would be impossible.

Ken Pringle,
Master of Ceremonies

In 1922 the Parish of Saint George joined the Boy Scouts of Canada movement, and for the next forty years our parish children were ably guided by dedicated volunteer leaders.

But in 1962 with the change of Halifax's inner city area, we found ourselves in a position of not having enough boys to continue a Boy Scout Group, so we suspended our involvement.

This year saw the rechartering of 2nd Halifax Boy Scouts. We have the oldest charter in Halifax.

We started with a number of leaders and a few boys. As of December 31st we have forty boys and eleven leaders involved in our program.

Due to our twenty-one year absence we must start all over again finding equipment and "funds". These are two of our greatest sources of headaches.

Scouting's Aim: The Aim of the organization is to help its "members" develop their character as resourceful and responsible members of the community by providing opportunities and guidance for their mental, physical, social and spiritual development.

Beavers: A positive group experience for boys 5, 6 and 7 years old designed to develop a love of nature, an ability to share and play together, express their creative ability and to understand the meaning of a spiritual fellowship.

Wolf Cubs: A program for boys 8, 9 and 10 years old designed for maximum enjoyment through activities in such areas as outdoors, acting, games, music, badge and star work, handicrafts and stories.

Scouts: An adventurous program for boys 11 to 14 years old in which the members participate in activities, develop skills, earn badges and awards and have fun in the outdoors through hiking and camping, all designed to help guide them as they move towards good citizenship.

I wish to acknowledge our leaders and their dedication, at this time:

Joey Hall	Joyce Brown	Cheryl Day
Barry Morash	Linda Forde	Michael Hall
Joseph Baldwin	Kelly Sanford	Deborah MacDonald
Annette Paul	Stephen Forde	

Also the Group Committee:

George Munroe	Dave Montgomery	Gordon Jacobsen
Bill Kelley		

Don Connors
Group Committee Chairman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Members: Fr. Petite
Mr. Ronald MacNaughton

The Parish Council is composed of the executive offices of the Parish, Committee Chairmen, representatives of organizations and members at large. Since the implementation of Canon 35 on Parochial Government, Wardens serve for a term of two years and members for a term of three. This allows for the possibility of bringing new leadership on Council each year and gives those who have served for a time an opportunity for a break.

St. George's is just beginning to implement Canon 35 and because of our congregational limitations, is unable to follow the Canon to the letter. Thus there may be some nominated who have already served for more than three years. We have desired to keep these people on Council for an additional year to facilitate an even mix of new members to our Parish and those who have been members of the Parish for a considerable time. We feel this is important in order that we benefit from those who have accumulated a good deal of experience in the Parish and those who bring fresh ideas to Council as new Parishioners.

It should be noted that all the members-at-large are expected to serve on one of the five standing committees.

Our sincere thanks to outgoing members of Council for their faithful service throughout the year.

As a matter unrelated to Parish Council elections the Nominating Committee recommends the appointment of Mr. George Munroe as Honary Church Historian and that the Annual Meeting empower him to work in consultation with the Rector and Wardens in matters relating to the Restoration of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Petite
Ron MacNaughton

PROPOSED COUNCIL 1984

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| Chairman: | - Ron MacNaughton * NV |
| Rector: | - Fr. Petite |
| Wardens: | - Dr. John Swaine
- Harvey Francis |
| Treasurer: | - Tom Glover * NV |
| Secretary: | - Tilly Glover |
| Organization Representatives & Council: | |
| Choir | - Violet Francis |
| Gabriel Guild | - Certie Moulton |
| Altar Guild | - Tilly Glover |
| Committee Chairmen: | |
| Property | - Bill Kelly |
| Finance | - John Kernaghan |
| Spiritual Development | - Susan Harris |
| Pastoral Care | - Jan Connors |
| St. George's Foundation | - George Caines * NV |
| Publicity | - Terry McLaughlin |
| Members At Large: | - Leslie Grandy Michael King |
| | - Willis Grandy |
| | - David Nash |
| | - Percy James |
| | - Tom Perkes |
| | - Mrs. Kaiser |
| | - Harry Boswell |
| | - Kevin Campbell |
| Synod Delegates: | - The Wardens |
| Regional Council: | - The Wardens or
their designates |

* NV - Non Voting

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