

Parish of St. George

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Annual Report 1999



St. George's Round Church
since 1800

The Little Dutch Church
since 1756

St. George's Anglican Church
Parish Officers, 1999

Chair	Father Gary Thorne, Rector
Senior Warden	Susan Harris
Junior Warden	Terry McLaughlin
Treasurer	Stuart Gray
Secretary	Anna Paton
Members-at-Large	Les Grandy Carmichael Wallace Louise Burley David Winters John Hammond Ann Read Nora Praught Heather Hannon Julie Morris Tim Brennan Karen Wheeler
Gabriel Guild	Gertie Moulton
Little Dutch Church Management Committee	Anne West
Restoration	John Hammond
Choir	Julie Morris
Group Committee	
Synod Delegates	Elizabeth Henderson Stephen Blackwood
Youth Delegate	Chelsea Thorne

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*Note: the audited financial statements for 1999 will be circulated as soon as they are available

**Minutes of St. George's Parish
Annual General Meeting
February 21, 1999**

1. Fifty-Nine parishioners were present. The Meeting opened with a prayer by Father Thorne. The agenda was approved, with one change, elections moved from item 13 to 7.

2. **Moved** by Julie Morris, seconded by Janet Ross for acceptance of the minutes of 1998 as distributed. Gai Thomas noted corrections to the sentence structure of the Rector's report, and that the last sentence of Organizational Reports should end with the phrase 'at the AGM in 1999'. Minutes approved as corrected. Carried.

3. No business arising from the Minutes.

4. **Communications:** Letter from Helen Johnson read by the Secretary and discussion postponed to Rector's Report.

5. Financial Statements were presented by Stuart Gray. Noted that the Parish ended the year in a positive position with approximately \$1700 in net income over expenses. Borrowings from investments through the year have been repaid. Allotment paid in full for the year.

Anne West inquired about the location of the organ fund. Karen Wheeler noted that there are 3 organ funds with separate purposes. Vaila Mowat inquired of the Altar Guild account and learned that monies are received annually from the Diocese and deposited into the GIC.

Moved by Stuart Gray, seconded by Karen Wheeler, that Parish Council be permitted to accept the financial statements as reviewed by the selected chartered accountant. Carried.

6. **Rector's report:** Father Thorne gave a few words about our worship at the Parish, the vision and principles to

establish a stable, nourishing consistent parish life, the few changes he has instituted since his arrival, and a proposal to have a full parish session in May to allow all to share reflections about worship in the parish. He thanked outgoing warden Mary MacLachlan for her tremendous assistance and presented her with a passage from Herbert's "The Parson with his Church Warden".

7. **Wardens' Report:** Mary MacLachlan presented the report, thanked all who helped her in her role, and observed, with examples, the diversity and the similarities of parishioners at St. George's.

8. **Report of Synod Delegates:** no report

9. **Election of Officers:** The names presented in the Annual Report by the Nominating Committee were acclaimed, with the exception of Dorothy Coons who declined the position of Diocesan Times correspondent.

Moved by David Winters, seconded by Ann Read, that the Gabriel Guild, Group Committee, Little Dutch Church Management Committee, Choir, and Restoration and Preservation Committee groups each select their own representative to sit on Parish Council. Carried.

Moved by Vaila Mowat, seconded by Joyce McCulloch that the Restoration and Preservation Committee member to Parish council be someone who has been on both the restoration and restoration transition committee. Carried.

10. **Committee Reports:** were presented. Gai Thomas inquired about the status of the property use questionnaire and was promised a copy for her completion. She noted a typographical error in the Restoration Transition Team Report item 3 fundraising, should be \$100,000 not \$100,00. Richard MacLachlan noted that all property insurance policies were renewed at replacement value in July

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**1999 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Audited)**

**Presented to Parish Annual General Meeting
Sunday, March 5, 2000**

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**BALANCE SHEET
Year ending December 31, 1999**

Assets

Cash in Bank

Bank Accounts	\$23,447
Funds Held for Deposit	6,740

Total Cash in Bank \$30,187

Receivables

Payroll	\$297
Sexton's Rent	2,900

Total Receivables \$3,197

Investments

Committed Investments	\$6,998
Un-committed Investments	17,360

Total Investments \$24,358

Total Assets **\$57,742**

Liabilities & Parish Equity

Current Liabilities

Accrued Allotment Arrears	\$54,616
Short Term Fund Accounts	3,473
Rectory Damage Deposit	820
Organ Fund Payable	5,319

Total Current Liabilities \$64,228

Long Term Liabilities

Long Term Fund Accounts	\$12,309
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Total Long Term Liabilities \$12,309

Equity

Parish Equity	(\$42,869)
Retained Earnings	20,387
Net Income 1999	3,686

Total Parish Equity (\$18,795)

Total Liabilities & Parish Equity **\$57,742**

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**Statement of Incomes & Expenditures
Year ending December 31, 1999**

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Income			
<u>General Parish Income</u>			
Offerings	\$145,715	\$135,000	\$10,715
Sunday School Income	272	100	172
Investment & Endowment Income	5,761	3,000	2,761
Other Income	6114	7,000	(886)
HST Income	4,809	1,200	3,609
Total General Parish Income	\$162,671	\$146,300	\$16,371
<u>Rental Income</u>			
Church Rental	\$1,225	\$1,000	\$225
Hall Rental	1,190	1,000	190
Rectory Rent	15,600	15,600	0
Sexton's Cottage Rent	6,000	6,000	0
Total Rental Income	\$24,015	\$23,600	\$415
Total Income	\$186,686	\$169,900	\$16,786
Expenditures			
<u>General Parish Expenditures</u>			
Photocopying	\$3,788	\$1,500	\$2,288
Supplies & Postage	2,484	2,100	384
Telephone	2,656	2,000	656
Allotment	27,144	27,144	0
Bank Service Charges	564	50	(514)
HST Expense	5,857	5,000	857
Payroll Fees	192	50	142
Total General Parish Expenditures	\$42,684	\$37,844	\$4,840
<u>Ordained Ministry</u>			
Stipend-Rector	\$33,604	\$33,604	\$0
Housing Allowance	17,747	17,747	0
Travel Allowance	5,400	5,400	0
Benefits	2,579	2,700	(121)
Pension	5,400	5,412	(12)
Vacation Replacement	500	900	(400)
Total Ordained Ministry	\$65,230	\$65,763	(\$533)

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**Statement of Incomes & Expenditures
Year ended December 31, 1999**

<u>Pastoral Ministry</u>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Fees & Memberships	\$221	\$50	\$171
Poor Fund	1,420	1,200	220
School Bursaries	195	150	45
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$1,836	\$1,400	\$436
 <u>Spiritual Development</u>			
Advertising & Publicity	\$433	\$600	(\$167)
Eucharistic Supplies	1,647	2,000	(353)
Guest Speakers	0	200	(200)
Parish Library	0	50	(50)
Gifts	101	300	(199)
Photocopying	2,002	2,000	2
Special Events	100	200	(100)
Supplies & Postage	405	500	(95)
Camp St. George	5,001	5,000	1
Sunday School Supplies & Materials	61	250	(189)
Music Programme			
Stipend -- Director	15,200	15,201	(1)
Vacation Replacement	300	400	(100)
Photocopying	280	240	40
Supplies & Materials	2,386	2,520	(189)
Total Spiritual Development	\$27,892	\$29,461	(\$1,569)
 <u>Property</u>			
General			
Snow Removal	\$2,025	\$1,500	\$525
Insurance	471		
Maintenance	1,182	1,500	(318)
Total General	\$3,678	\$3,000	\$678
 Church			
Insurance	\$4,139		
Maintenance & Repairs	2,224		
Security	2,738		
Taxes	265		
Oil	5,876		
Water	608		
Total Church	\$15,581	\$5,000	\$10,851

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**Statement of Incomes & Expenditures
Year ended December 31, 1999**

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Hall			
Insurance	\$1,398	\$2,600	(\$1,202)
Maintenance & Repairs	3,027	3,000	27
Management Fees	5,603	5,603	0
Supplies	767	1,000	(232)
Taxes	0	200	(200)
Electricity	2,809	3,200	(233)
Oil	4,323	5,600	(1,277)
Propane	499	500	(1)
Water	485	1,000	(585)
Total Hall	\$18,911	\$22,703	(\$3,792)
Rectory			
Insurance	\$447	\$800	(\$353)
Maintenance & Repairs	1,752	1,500	252
Taxes	1,788	1,700	88
Telephone	419		
Oil	36	200	(164)
Total Rectory	\$4,442	\$4,200	\$242
Sexton's Cottage			
Insurance	\$127	\$250	(\$123)
Maintenance & Repairs	348	750	(402)
Taxes	975	950	26
Oil	177	200	(23)
Total Sexton's Cottage	\$1,627	\$2,150	(\$523)
Little Dutch Church			
Insurance	\$120	\$260	(\$140)
Maintenance & Repairs	0	400	(400)
Taxes	0	150	(150)
Electric	729	600	129
Total Little Dutch Church	\$849	\$1,410	(\$561)
<u>Total Property</u>	<u>\$43,358</u>	<u>\$38,463</u>	<u>\$6,895</u>
Net Income	\$3,686	(\$3,031)	\$6,717

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**Statement of Investments
December 31, 1999**

Committed Investments

Diocese of Nova Scotia	Memorial Fund	\$879
Diocese of Nova Scotia	Altar Guild	\$819
Diocese of Nova Scotia	Wright	\$300
Diocese of Nova Scotia	Pickford Choral Scholarship	\$5,000
Total		\$6,998

Un-Committed Investments

Royal Trust Corporation	Parish	\$7,850
Diocese of Nova Scotia	Rector & Wardens	\$2,010
Diocese of Nova Scotia	Shaw	\$500
Diocese of Nova Scotia	Rector & Wardens	\$7,000
Total		\$17,360

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**Statement of Short & Long Term Fund Accounts
December 31, 1999**

Short Term Fund Accounts

Stepping Stones	\$120
Christmas Outreach Fund	\$3,353
Total	\$3,473

Long Term Fund Accounts

Pickford Choral Scholarship	\$5,000
Missions Appeal Fund	\$1,332
Ecology Gardens Fund	\$1,695
Memorial Fund	\$4,282
Total	\$12,309

1998, that the Church policy carrier will change to Fraser & Hoyt and that insured values will be published in a church bulletin.

Moved by Robert Martin, seconded by Lars Nowen, that the committee reports be adopted, as corrected. Carried.

11. **Organization reports:** Moved by Robert Martin, seconded by Gai Thomas, for the reception of the organization reports. Carried. Financial statements from the Group Committee, Curriculum, Little Dutch Church Restoration, provided to Secretary. In future only the financial reports of the Altar Guild and Gabriel Guild should be contained in the Annual Report.

12. **Budget:** Father Thorne called on Mary Martin to present the Budget. She reviewed the principles used to prepare it, including payment of the allotment and realistic revenue amounts. She reviewed, item by item, the income and expenses and notes to the 1999 budget. A deficit budget was presented (\$2,396) and Mary noted that we are looking for outside sources to cover it.

Gai Thomas asked if concerts in the church would generate income. Neil Robertson noted that the Total Expense figures were incorrectly reported on pages 42 or 47, and wondered which was correct. Mary advised that the amount of \$172,926.00, and Net Income/Loss of \$3026.00 were the correct figures.

Hugh Tilley raised a concern that offerings were budgeted to include the previous year's total, which included a special appeal, and may therefore require another special appeal. Mary Martin responded that if we all respond to the needs of the church throughout the year that a few parishioners will not have to make a special effort at the year-end. Jan Connors indicated that if we don't use the actual offerings for the previous year that it will make it difficult to maintain the

current level of annual expenses. Joyce McCulloch asked about the debt which the church was carrying and Mary Martin reported that the allotment debt was approximately \$54,000 and that the Parish could ask the Diocese to forgive that debt but that we must pay our current allotment obligations.

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had been
forgiven*

Moved by Mary Martin, seconded by Sandra Thorne, for acceptance of the 1999 budget.

Questions raised about Camp St. George, the need for more information about its plans and goals before the church gave \$5,000.00 to it, whether other neighbourhood churches are making financial or other contributions to it, discussion about approving the budget with the exclusion of the Camp.

Moved by Neil Robertson, seconded by Daniel Labrie, to amend the budget to exclude Camp St. George and give the Parish Council power to include it after an information session, which would include all members, is held. The motion was debated and defeated.

Mary Martin's motion was re-introduced. Carried.

- ~~13. No new or special business introduced.~~

14. Father Thorne thanked parishioners and Parish Council members for their efforts and attendance at the meeting. Upon the motion of Carmichael Wallace, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Paton, Secretary

Rector's Report

G. W. A. Thorne

For ten years I have been privileged to be your priest and pastor. This Annual Report tells the story of one year in the dynamic life of a small congregation. I want briefly to reflect on the vision which has brought us to this point.

The very same three-fold vision which was so clear and compelling for me ten years ago continues to determine my ministry in this place. That a single vision should continue to be the source of inspiration and give direction to the life of a parish is either a good or bad thing. It is bad if it holds back a parish from developing new, fresh and creative visions. It is good if it gives a stability, integrity and unified sense of purpose for a parish family. The three-fold vision is as follows:

1. The transformation of a community into the Body of Christ. I can well remember the countless conversations with parishioners within my first eight months at Saint George's in which I shared my conviction that the parish must become a totally inclusive community: odds and sods, rich and poor, the weak and the strong, the nice and the nasty, the illiterate and the educated. We are all connected to one another spiritually as members of the Body of Christ. This principle has seemed significantly to hold us back many times because we are a community of diverse people and we hold diverse (and strong) opinions on just about everything under the sun. At times we have been tempted to replace this 'inclusive' model with that of being a 'team' which 'cuts' those who don't contribute to our ability to go forward to become a strong parish. Like-minded people accomplish great things! Perhaps.

On the other hand, we are not called to be a successful 'team', but the Body of Christ. Christ died for all. Everyone who finds spiritual comfort in the Word and Sacrament at Saint George's already is a member of the Body of Christ in this place. We don't get to choose

who we want as our Christian brothers and sisters. Rather, through much prayer and inner transformation we learn to bear one another's burdens and be the Body of Christ.

2. "Son of man, can these bones live?" Ezekiel is in a valley full of dry bones when the Spirit of God promises to breathe life into them:

"And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord." (37.6)

The wider Church sees the worship contained within the Book of Common Prayer as 'dry bones' with no life left in it. Likewise, the judgement of our Church and prevailing culture is that the Bible itself has lost its ability to be the lively Word of God for this generation. Here at Saint George's we are committed to praying the Holy Spirit to make these older forms of worship come alive with meaning, challenge and truth. If God so pleases, he will send his Holy Spirit to breathe life into these forms of worship so that they will transform lives and be the means whereby many will find themselves within the Gospel of Love. We seek to be faithful and sincere in our worship, allowing ourselves to be converted ever more and more deeply by the experience of God in the liturgy. In this way that we will discover if these 'bones' (Prayer Book Worship) can live.

3. The outreach at Saint George's is that of the Body of Christ and develops out of our worship. Within the first few months of coming to Saint George's a reporter interviewed me for a feature story and asked what kinds of 'ministries' and activities within the neighbourhood I would initiate. The answer was as simple as it was disappointing for the interviewer: 'None.' "But" she replied, "as a Christian, and as a pastor, didn't I see it as my Christian duty to make a difference in

people's lives in this disadvantaged urban core?" Nope. At least not by myself, nor even through projects initiated by me. It continues to be my greatest temptation to 'do' good works in this neighbourhood. Indeed, if anyone wants to establish a name as a 'Crusader against the powers of wickedness and evil, and an advocate for the poor' this neighbourhood is the ideal place to do it. But from the beginning I understood that my priestly ministry must be very different from this. As your Rector it is my responsibility to build up and nourish the parish family so that the countless gifts of the whole congregation can be given to the exercise of ministry. My role is to equip you for the work of the ministry through the reading and preaching of the Word; the giving of the Sacraments; teaching you practically how to live and love within the life of the Holy Trinity; helping you to realize that we are the Body of Christ and members each of the other; encouraging you to "bear one another's burdens".

This Annual Report documents the fruit of our worship life: your inspired determination to reach out in loving and compassionate embrace of your neighbour. Perhaps there is still some life and room to grow within this single three-fold vision of inclusiveness, traditional Christian spirituality and compassionate ministry of the whole Body of Christ!

Finally, a personal word of sincere appreciation for those with whom I am privileged to share ordained ministry at Saint George's. The Rev'd Hayward Hodder, Father B.C. Strople, The Rev'd Jim Snyder and The Rev'd Keith Todd each encourages and ministers to us with deep, significant and singular gifts of priesthood. Over the years Father Eldie Richard has cared for the parish willingly and lovingly as priest-in-charge whenever I have been away from the parish. Through their ministries we are all truly blessed and for this priestly collegiality I give thanks to Almighty God.

Wardens' Report

Susan Harris, Senior Warden; Terry McLaughlin, Junior Warden

The final year of the 1990's has come and gone, a year in which the parish added new members to its parish rolls, with difficulty and sacrificial giving ended the year in the black, and completed the active phase of the restoration of the church, including the ordering of the organ. But, five years on from the fire, it would be to miss so very very much to leave an account of the past year with just those few words. Study sessions, Bible studies, faithful worship, ongoing neighbourhood outreach, deepening and expanding ministry to neighbourhood children through Camp Saint George, now the Youth Net - even to say this is not the whole story. The wonderful work of the restoration of the church has been accompanied by a restoration of ourselves and our focus as a parish. The theme of our upcoming anniversary year really says it all: 200 years in the Round Church: Loving God and Neighbour.

A few events should be mentioned in summing up the past year. Lars Nowen, who worked in the parish and in the neighbourhood for the first part of the year, was ordained priest by Bishop Burton of the Diocese of Saskatchewan at St. George's in April. It was a splendid occasion for us and for Lars.

In June, an Evensong to mark the fifth anniversary of the fire took place, together with the honouring of our donors. It was extremely touching to meet so many of the people who have supported us through the past five years. And in November, our Rector was made a Canon by the Bishop Ordinary of the Armed Forces. We were delighted that he should be so fittingly honoured.

Unusually this year, both wardens are leaving office at once. It has been our pleasure to work with so many gifted, humourous, committed,

quirky, hard-working, charming people, who show God's love to one another and to the community in such a variety of ways. With such a diverse mix of people who feel so passionately about their parish, it is inevitably going to be the case that we will not always agree, but after our Worship Forum last spring,

what we do know is that our common love of our worship life and our commitment to show this in our daily lives is what truly does unite us. We thank the parish for giving us the opportunity to serve as Parish Wardens and we especially thank Father Thorne for his wisdom and care through another year.

Update on Flags

Most parishioners will know that the possible presence and placement of flags in our Round church is presently a matter of discussion. The diversity of our parish is reflected in the diversity of views that parishioners hold about the presence/hanging of flags. Consequently, the question of flags in the Round Church was raised in Spiritual Development Committee and at the January 2000 Parish Council meeting. Your elected Parish Council knows that there are many views to be heard and much sharing of opinions and feelings to take place; Council looks forward to a thoughtful and charitable decision-making process.

The following motion was passed unanimously at the February Council meeting:

“That the Parish take some time to consider the presence of flags in the Round Church and possible placement of such. This consideration would involve a process whereby all parishioners would have full opportunity both to express their opinions and to learn the opinions of others. Efforts will be made to encourage as much consensus as possible through the consultative process. Parish Council would make a decision following the conclusion of such a process, and upon the recommendation of the Spiritual Development Committee.”

Lay Brother's Report

David Winters

This past year has been one of uncertainty. Initially, it promised a trickle of new neighbourhood people in our congregation. However, the regulars are still with us but the trickle is almost imperceptible. Now and then our light flashes, as in a young Mexican's arduous path toward refugee status and employment. He was sustained for a while by morning and evening prayer, and help with legal matters; now he is a cook at a Spring Garden Road restaurant.

Here at St. George's, my Order of Celi De is beginning to grow. My support group has

provided me with email and I can now relate to the Order and it to me more readily. Soon Mr. Frank Ralph will be clothed a novice at St. Peter's in Eastern Passage, and he and I shall work together in the Diocese. I have the honour to represent the Celi De at his Clothing.

During the summer, I visited two monasteries in the U. S. - the Abbey of St. Gregory and Julian House - for spiritual direction related to my vocation and to the nature of Christian community in a monastery and in a parish. This has helped me and the development of my support group at St. George's.

Faithful Servants

In our parish, as in every parish, there are some faithful servants who never ask for mention. At the risk of missing someone, the parish executive wants to say thanks for the work of Dorothy Coons and Margherita Mendel in the parish office. Jane Mason-Browne designs the bulletin every week, and more. David Winters and Vaila Mowat spend many hours in the

practical care of the church and altar, and in the daily prayer life of the parish. Les Grandy and Willis Grandy are always ready with our Prayer Books and Hymn books at 10:30 Sunday, and Karen Wheeler handles duties for the 8am service. Their quiet work allows our parish to carry on.

Spiritual Development

Lawrence Bruce-Robertson

Committee members: John Swaine, Susan Harris, Neil Robertson, Sandra Thorne, Ann Read, Vaila Mowat, the Rector. Please see separate entries for Music, Lay Readers MCs and Servers, Altar Guild, Daily Offices, Sunday School and Nursery.

Study and Meditation: 1999 was a busy year with study and meditation sessions. Chris Snook organised and led a bible study on Fridays. The Prayer Book Society of Canada's Nova Scotia branch continued to hold Prayer Book Society Institutes at the church. These are open sessions dedicated to deepening our theological understanding of the scriptures.

Weekly during Lent, Lars Nowen led a bible study, Louise Burley led a study of parables and the Rev'd. Jim Snyder gave talks before Compline. Father Thorne led a quiet day on the eve of Passion Sunday with a series of talks on the Christian year and the conversion of the soul.

Another quiet day on praying the Prayer Book Communion completed a series he began in 1998. In August Stephen Blackwood provided leadership in a meditation on Boethius' *Consolation of Philosophy*.

Special Events and Guest Preachers:

Of special events, Palm Sunday was notable. The other churches in the neighbourhood joined us for the procession in the street. This was a well-attended and joyful event. Father Robert Crouse was our Good Friday preacher on the Seven Last Words From the Cross. We were also blessed with the preaching of the Rev'd. Jim Snyder, Father Richard, Father Strople, as well as some guest preachers. We were honoured by a visit from Bishop Burton of Saskatchewan. Two more members of our congregation were ordained: we wish Ian Whistler and Chris McCann the best in their calling, and keep them in our prayers.

Worship Forum: In May a special forum was held on parish worship. This was occasioned by three years of discussion and debate about many aspects of worship in the parish. 57 people took part in a round-table discussion facilitated by Bruce Archibald. We thank him for his humble and very capable leadership. The Spiritual Development Committee reflected on that discussion and presented a set of recommendations to the Rector and Parish Council. Some of the issues addressed were the use of Latin and other foreign languages, the amount and form of congregational singing, the length of the service, the manner of choosing hymns, the liturgical action in the service and the use of vestments at certain services.

We are far too diverse a community to ever have a homogeneous view of these issues. This diversity is one of our strengths. At the same time it presents a challenge to us in our continued and imperfect attempts to develop a common life whose principle is the love of Christ. However, it is hoped that we as a parish community, through charity, have come closer to a communal understanding and practice regarding these matters.

Music Director's Report

Garth MacPhee

In the year 2000, Saint George's Parish reflects on and celebrates 200 years of Christian witness in the north-end of Halifax. I think of this ministry as a wheel, the center of which is our liturgy, the spokes of which are the many divers programmes and activities that make up our parish life. As music director, I find this to be an exciting and challenging time.

On Sunday, May 16, a liturgical forum was held following the morning service, both to provide parishioners an opportunity to express their personal thoughts, as well as to reflect on the evolving character of worship at St

George's. I was moved by the sincerity of those who spoke, as well as the care with which people listened. It was an atmosphere of tolerance and love.

As in past years, we bid adieu to old friends, and welcomed new ones. On Trinity Sunday, we said goodbye to Barb Swanson. A group of her friends honored her with a donation to the organ fund. In September, Janet Ross and Steven Burns left Halifax for a year's sabbatical in Europe. Happily, their son, Ross has been keeping their seats warm while they are away. Also in September, we welcomed bass, Peter Conrad, altos Marla MacDougall and Jackie Harmer, and soprano Jacqueline Wylde. This year's recipient of the Pickford Choral Scholarship is Aniko Lewton-Brain. Former choral scholar, Barbara Kaill, is looking forward to studying voice at Mount Allison University next fall. We at St George's are privileged to have the opportunity to encourage these talented young people.

During the year, the choir has sung Evensong in Windsor, Wolfville and Westville. In June, we sang at the final Eucharist for a three-day liturgical conference at All Saints' Cathedral. One of my enduring musical memories of the year is the singing of Hubert Parry's "I was glad", accompanied by Gayle Martin on the Cathedral organ. The choir repertoire has expanded to include Palestrina's *Missa Assumpta est Maria*, first sung at Easter, Vaughan Williams' *Mass in G*, sung on Christmas Eve, as well as numerous new motets and canticles. In some cases, these music purchases have been gifts of choristers and parishioners. I am grateful for their generosity. The singing of Choral Compline continues to be another gift, both to the singers and congregation. This short time of music and prayer has come to be an oasis in the midst of our busy lives.

On occasion, our worship is enlarged by the sounds of instruments - the haunting violin drones during plainsong masses, the violin and recorder descants on Christmas Eve, the beauty

of a Bach violin sonata at the Easter Holy Communion. I wish to express my appreciation to Kirsty Money, Karen Langille and Ivor Rothwell for their contributions. Since August, Debra Burleson has kindly assisted by playing the organ for Sunday Evensong.

On Trinity Sunday, 2000, my resignation as music director will become effective. I know when I leave this place, I will take with me the love and encouragement that makes St George's a spiritual home to so many.

Lay Readers, MC's and Servers

John Swaine and Scott Connors

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 our parish in a variety of capacities.

They are:

Rob Martin	David Olding
Craig Savoury	Harley Kynock
Br. David Winters	John Swaine

Four of our lay readers regularly conduct the service of Morning Prayer on Sunday mornings, and are licensed to administer the sacrament at the Eucharist. They often assist in that capacity as Subdeacons.

They are:

Craig Savoury	David Olding
John Swaine	Rob Martin

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)
Nadine Gallant
Rob Martin Craig Savoury
John Swaine Chelsea Thorne

Harley Kynock assists at the 8:00am Holy Communion service, providing the Meditation.

Servers -- 1999

Lauren Billard Scott Connors
Tamsyn (T.J.) Brennan Sierra Hoyte
Rhys Kavanagh Nadine Gallant
Jonah Snyder Andrew Thorne
Br. David Winters

The Altar Guild

Vaila S. Mowat

The Altar Guild has increased to 18 members: Louise Burley, Debra Burleson, Tillie Glover, Lora Harris, Susan Harris, Helen Johnston, Honey Kynock, Tracy Lenfesty, Mary MacLachlan, Jane Mason-Browne, Joyce McCulloch, Rosemary Mason-Browne, Margherita Mendel, Jean Milsom, Vaila Mowat, Barbara Todd, Hilary White and David Winters. Barbara Todd sometimes brings along those great brass-polishers, sons Ben and Michael. Daughter Hannah, and James and Claire Harris help too. With this many hands, work is much lighter.

Our work is to clean and polish communion ware and brass, and set up the sanctuary and vestments for worship services. We are always glad to see more members, especially during vacation times in June, July and August.

Special thanks go to Tillie Glover for so faithfully and efficiently cleaning, ironing and repairing our large linens. Thanks also to Jean Milsom who washes and irons the surplices, albs, amices and cottas worn by the sanctuary party, and to Helen Johnston, who keeps us supplied with flowers from her garden. We also thank Helen for her February talk on flower arranging. Thanks too for everyone who helped at the big Easter Saturday cleanup of the church.

Two major events marked the second half of the year. An October break-in resulted in some disturbance and theft. All items were recovered, but the brass and communion ware sustained some scratches and dents, which are to be repaired. We hope that the building will be made more secure; some steps have already been taken.

A positive event was the provision of a small Altar Guild room in the church. Here we can store frontals and items used seasonally or seldom. Many, many thanks! It is simply wonderful not to have to carry things from hall to church and back, especially in the icy months. Thanks to Sandra Thorne for helping design the room and to Chris West for overseeing the construction.

The Altar Guild supplied foam so that small kneelers could be made for the altar area. The cloth was supplied by Diana Lowe-Gallant and Debra Burleson, and Debra did the construction. Bye-bye to army blankets and unravelling corduroy. Hurrah!

I would like to thank Jane Mason-Browne for keeping the accounts for me this year. The Altar Guild received \$2266.23 from donations from parishioners and payments for wedding flowers. Our expenses totalled \$2,127.34, mainly for flowers and cleaning and polishing supplies. Our starting balance was \$1,163.18, so we close the year with a balance of \$1,301.96.

The Daily Offices

Vaila S. Mowat

The Daily Offices continue to be attended and manned (I refuse to say personned) by a number of our parishioners. To our usual officiants - Brother David, John Edmonds, Gai Thomas, and myself - we have welcomed the additions of Debra Burleson and Father Keith Todd. Now that the time of Morning Prayer is changed from 8 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., our Rector is also able to join us and assist in conducting the Morning Office. Also, Dick Gallagher, who often attends on Friday and Saturday, leads the service Saturday evenings. All are most welcome to join us at any of these services. We feel privileged to offer these devotions together. The times are 7:30 - 8 a.m. for Morning Prayer, and 5:30 - 6 p.m. for Evening Prayer, Monday to Saturday. The Litany is sung on Friday mornings.

Sunday School

Lora Harris

St. George's Sunday School once again saw many changes. After running the summer Sunday school program, Tanya Connors stepped down in September, and so we began our year with recognition of her years of service to the youth of this parish.

We have spread the responsibilities a little further this year, with Louise Burley organizing and co-ordinating the Sunday School as a whole, Vaila Mowat providing photocopying and room set-up, and Lorna Wallace taking responsibility for purchasing and delivering craft supplies as needed. Barb Todd and Wanita Gordon are our Junior Sunday School team, and Lora Harris and Naomi Blackwood teamed up for the Senior Sunday School.

In order to provide the continuity that children require and yet allow each teacher to take part in the regular service, each Sunday one team member teaches, leaving the other

person free to take part in worship. Last, but certainly not least, we once again relied on a three week rotation of parish volunteers. Wanita or Barb took one volunteer for the Junior Sunday School, while Lora or Naomi and a second volunteer taught the Senior Sunday School in the former chapel.

The Junior Sunday School, consisting of our three- to eight-year olds, has been using a donated curriculum called "Threes" published by the Christian Reform Church. "Threes" presents the Old and New Testament in stories, songs, games and activities geared for the young child. Our older children (roughly eight years old and up) are following Year IV of the St. George's Curriculum, which uses the saints to illustrate the many ways men and women of faith have lived out the Christian life in God's service, active and contemplative.

One Sunday each month has been dedicated to teaching the older children more about our own worship, and I am sure most of you have seen (or at least heard) us come in together after the sermon to take part in the service. Most of these children are now taking part in Confirmation classes, also held Sunday mornings with Christopher Snook.

Barbara Pike once again directed and organized the Sunday School in their production of this year's play, "The Gift of Christmas", which was written by our faithful playwright, Mark DeWolfe and performed in the church in lieu of a sermon on Advent IV.

The Sunday School and visiting children also had the opportunity to take part in the family creche service, a Nativity pageant "from scratch" held on Christmas Eve. It was organized by Vaila Mowat and Debra Burleson, hosted/taught with much energy by Father Thorne, accompanied by Garth MacPhee with choir members and guests singing and playing, and attended by more than 100 people.

Nursery Report

Ann Read

There are several babies and young children who attend church regularly with their parents. The Crying Room has been used on special occasions, but for the most part, the "nursery" has established itself in the pews to the right just inside the doors. I am very grateful to Nora Praught who has volunteered to look after nursery aged children on each Sunday she attends, when I am out of

town, and to Lora Harris for her help during the summer. The Crying Room has no carpet so that in winter months or on rainy days, there are puddles on the floor as adults wander through the room. I hope we will be able to have carpeting and safe furniture for a more comfortable nursery. In the mean time, the members of our growing group of families are happy to be situated where they are.

Pastoral Ministry

Stephen Blackwood

For St. George's Pastoral Ministry, this has been a helpful year for our praying. Learning to know the movement of God's spirit within each other and within our community and neighborhood is our challenge, our life. The members of the Pastoral Ministry Committee are Lorna Wallace, Karen Wheeler, Roseanne Reeves-Newson, Louise Burley, Christopher Snook, David Winters, and myself.

One of the exciting new initiatives of the committee has been the attempt to support Friends of Friends, a project that helps to match released life offenders with support groups for re-integration into society. St. George's has a group of six people who are committed to being a Church test-pilot group for this important work. On the same note, first our Pastoral Ministry committee, then our Parish Council passed motions of support for Restorative Justice, a similar programme. In fact, at our Diocesan Synod in May, we introduced a motion of support that was unanimously approved.

This December, we had our third Stepping Stone Christmas Dinner. Once again, the sounds of some of our neighbours and their children laughing and eating a feast were beautifully orchestrated by the caring hand of

Louise Burley. This same care is evident in the separate annual reports for the Pastoral Ministry items of Christmas Outreach (and baskets), the Soup Kitchen and PWRDF.

This year I am co ordinating the Christian Education Programme at St. Patrick's Alexandra and Joseph Howe elementary schools, for the North End Council of Churches. The children, teachers and principals value our presence in the schools. However, we struggle to find enough teachers for the programme. Can it be sustained?

So many of our activities are now weekly or annual and we have come to assume them. There are two sides to this, I think. The first is that, over time, we come to know ourselves within all that we are about as a parish, so that we rely on each other for our own identity. That is, we count on each other's involvement in the Parish for what we think St. George's is about. The other side is that if we simply assume, for instance, that the Christmas outreach will happen this year as last year, it may falter because we may not have known we were needed. This year, thankfully, we were blessed with more support and more volunteers than in recent memory. What could be greater proof of our life together?

St. George's Youth Net
(Camp St. George)
Stephen Blackwood

1999 was a remarkable year! Before he left in May, Rev'd Lars Nowen developed the neighbourhood relationships that make St. George's YouthNet possible. Naomi Blackwood, who had been working in the inner-city schools for months, began as the project's Field Worker. A Management Committee was formed, with Father Thorne (chair), Derek Mitchell, Debra Burleson, John Swaine, Father Jonathan Eayrs of St. Paul's and (as warden) Susan Harris. Over the summer, Naomi ran 2 two-week day camps. About 30 children came to rely upon us as actively helping neighbours. More than 30 people from the parish and beyond helped out in some way.

In September, I was hired as Interim Director. My task was to do whatever I could to bring the programme to the point where it could hire a full-time long-term Director. At the same time, Naomi and I wanted to build the relationships with the neighbourhood children that she had fostered over the summer months. That has indeed happened. Three days a week the hall was opened at lunchtime as a safe, warm place where neighbourhood elementary children could make crafts, talk, play and spend time with each other. Between 12 and 25 children now expect our doors to be open for "Kids in the Hall". Youth Net also began funnelling volunteers towards the North Branch Library's tutoring programme. About 25 student-tutor pairs meet weekly! The tutors are mostly students from King's and Dalhousie. They are concerned, compassionate and dedicated folks who bring a wide variety of talents and viewpoints but find a common purpose serving in this neighbourhood.

One of our concerns is official, sensitive and contemporary guidelines for the process of recruiting, interviewing and supporting volunteers. This is an important and difficult task which is essential to Youth Net's becoming more than a day to day programme.

But this is not all! In September, Garth MacPhee was employed to spend Wednesday mornings in St. Pat's - Alexandra School with music teacher Gail Teixeira's school choirs. Since then, Garth has discovered an energetic and talented group of 20 neighbourhood children who now have lunch and rehearse in our Hall every Wednesday, for a Spring Musical, "Oh, Jonah!" Watch for it in the Round Church and both schools in April.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have continued with the same commitment and vigour as in past years. A fuller report follows. In December, Youth Net had a St. Nicholas party for all children who had been involved in any of the year's programmes. Over 50 children filled the hall and received a treat bag from St. Nick. It took over 20 volunteers - parishioners and friends - to make this event a great success.

As time goes on, we hope that the community of neighbourhood families and the parish in will all become closer knit. The year's remarkable progress has been possible because of the many who have worked within its vision. Financially, the Diocesan Growth for Ministry Fund was our largest supporter. We also received funds from the Department of Justice, local business and foundations, from the Parish budget and from individual parishioners. Parishioners have played a vital role in the growth of Youth Net. They have been key volunteers at the day camps, made lunch for countless events, driven, baked, tutored, offered supplies and talents, provided supervision, and prayed.

1999 was also the first year of a Community Mobilization and Youth Crime Prevention project of the North End Council of Churches, funded by the Department of Justice. St. George's has played a leadership role in this project. The co-ordinator, Denise Levangie, has made true progress towards bringing us all together for the neighbourhood youth. But, you might ask, what good has it all come to? So far as the children are concerned, our behaviour problems are drastically reduced

and many children seem to trust us. For those of us who have had that privilege, this work has been the most abundant of blessings. We thrive on the prayers and volunteer support of St. George's and its friends. It can honestly be said that the children are beginning to feel this is a safe place, with people who care.

Revenues		\$24,082
Expenses: Salaries	\$16,300	
Other	1,542	
Retained Surplus		\$6,240

Visiting

Visits to shut-ins continued. In addition, Harley Kynock began checking hospital lists and visiting parishioners in the hospitals for fellowship, reading and prayer.

Soup Kitchen Report

Karen Wheeler

On November 9, 1999 we celebrated 14 years of operation - quite an extraordinary accomplishment. We would like to sincerely thank all those who, over the years, have so diligently committed to this mission through talent, time and treasure. We also thank the entire congregation for their support in allowing this kitchen to operate at St. George's.

Since the beginning we had a total of 32 food Teams made up from Churches and Organizations. This year one of our groups from Dartmouth found that they were unable to continue due to the increased need within their own area. We thank you St. Luke's for your long time commitment and wish you well in your new endeavours.

For the past couple of years our working teams made up from members of the congregation and other people for some reason have not been very active. We hope this year we can correct that situation so we mailed and or delivered a schedule to each and everyone who

was on it last year. If for some reason you are unable to continue, please call one of us to let us know so we can remove you from the list. From time to time we are asked to allow youth groups, confirmation students, high school students and various company employees to come and help us do the work of the Lord.

We especially thank those who come almost every week - **Les Grandy, Gertie Moulton, Ada and Willis Grandy**, who work so well in the 'bread and sweets' kitchen. We welcome others who have taken on specific jobs. **Emily Keast**, a high school student from Bedford, who continues to set up the emergency clothing. This is not an easy task, sorting through old clothes, hanging them up and then putting them away until the following week. **Andrew** (Emily's father) and **Jim Stonemen** have been doing little and big odd jobs for the last year, whenever something gets broken they are there to fix it. **Mary Slaunwhite**, for taking care of the tablecloths and drink table. **Dick Gallagher** who has taken a leadership role instructing all the new volunteers on how to set up and put away the tables and chairs. Also the garbage, which no one wants to do. **Thank you so much Dick**. As well, we thank each of the team members who do come on their allotted days. Last by not least my good friend **Ron MacNaughton** who helps me get groceries and pick up the donated goods each and every Saturday and other times when I need him. **Thank you Ron**. It is because of you all that this kitchen runs so smoothly.

As you may or may not know, this kitchen runs strictly from donations and not from our church budget. If anyone would like to join one of our teams - which entails that you put aside one Saturday every six weeks, please contact Ron or myself to have your name added. If you would like to donate funds to help us you may do so by using your Missions envelope clearly marked "Soup Kitchen".

Karen Wheeler 471-2332 and
Ron MacNaughton 455-0737
Co-ordinators

**Financial Statement
St. George's Soup Kitchen**

For the Year ending December 1999

Balance as of December 31, 1998		<u>\$1,1512.06</u>
<u>Revenue:</u>		
Donations & Interest		<u>\$4,853.37</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Bolands/Atlantic Cash & Carry	\$1,340.28	
Weekly groceries/Equipment	\$3,298.10	<u>\$4,638.38</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1999		<u>\$1,727.05</u>

Christmas Outreach

Judy Baker

Because of the generous donations of parish members (and the Sterile Processing Department at the QEII Heath Sciences Centre and staff at Royal Mutual Funds), the 1999 Christmas Outreach Program provided assistance to 15 families (37 children). As in the past, the Metro Food Bank Registry System was utilized to ensure that each family had only one sponsoring agency.

Approximately two dozen people came to the Church Hall early on the morning of December 18th to wrap gifts, pack food hampers and make deliveries. The sense of comradery and fellowship added special meaning to these activities. In addition to the

individual family Christmas support, there were also 24 baskets filled and delivered to the elderly and infirm, many of whom are in nursing homes and supervised apartment complexes. Thanks to Gai Thomas and Craig Savoury. The cost of Christmas Outreach 1999 was approximately \$1925.00.

This year's endeavour was extremely productive and rewarding. The success of the program must again be credited to the generosity, support and efforts of parishioners and outside benefactors who contributed in many ways to ensure that many less fortunate had a brighter Christmas holiday.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Baker, Chair
Betty Josey, Co-chair

Finance Committee

A Finance Committee was not active in 1999 because a chair could not be found. The year 2000 budget was prepared by the Wardens, major committee heads, Treasurer and Rector, coordinated by Debra Burleson, with advice from Mary Martin. A Finance Committee is

being put together and a more active year is anticipated in 2000.

Personnel Committee

No standing committee was active.

Property Committee

Richard MacLachlan

The Property Committee continues to be active, guided by the Diocesan Canons. Members are Richard MacLachlan (Chair)

Tim Brennan

Ian Tillard

John Swaine

Julie Morris

Susan Harris (ex-officio-Warden)

Gary Thorne (ex-officio- Rector)

Karen Wheeler (ex-officio- Hall Manager)

General activities:

Security of Parish properties:

i) Insurance: The property Committee spent the November meeting with representatives of the Diocese and their insurer, Marsh (formerly and MacLennan). We reviewed the current insurance on all properties and inventory of Parish assets. Once a final inventory is complete we will qualify for the best premium available. The properties will need to be re-appraised in 2000, as it is 5 years since the most recent appraisal.

ii) Security systems: The fire/smoke alarm system in the Round Church now has alarms rung through to the Fire Department. Due to the recent break-ins to the Round Church and the Hall, both buildings will have motion detectors activated at the end of the day and turned off when the buildings are in use.

iii) Keys: Parish Council approved a protocol for the assignment of keys in the past year. Access to a key for a given property is linked with administrative responsibility within the Parish and is not tied to an individual. The assignment of keys will be tied to the cycle of the AGM. Assignment of keys will be via the Property Committee and then via either the Hall Manager or the Rector to ensure a minimum of delays in producing keys once authorized.

iv) Interpretation Centres: part of the restoration included a commitment to Interpretation of the Restoration Process. The Property Committee has met with the former chair of the Restoration Campaign, the Parish Historian and others. Our conclusion is that "Interpretation will be a multi-

faceted process. Much will be accomplished with weatherproof displays immediately to the south of the Round Church and also at the Little Dutch Church. Artifacts and informative materials on display in both designated National Historic Sites will complement these displays".

The Round Church: With this building nearing the end of the planned restoration, we are reviewing the heating systems to "fine-tune" their operation to maximize both heat and silence. The first few months of 2000 should see considerable progress; new lights for the ceiling will follow.

The Hall: Following circulation of the usage questionnaire, decisions have been made to:

- re-do the space in the former Restoration Office to allow for a dedicated space for the Rector and a 'swing' office space for visiting parish members
- utilize donated computer equipment for the Rector and staff
- create a new web page, address and server
- create a dedicated and renovated space in the former Chapel for the YouthNet programs.

Rental properties:

We continue to look at ways to maximize rental income while adhering to our Parish values. We do feel it is important not to artificially confuse support for one's community and support for appropriate models of care delivery with real needs of fiscal prudence and accountability. To this end we have started to rent parking spaces on the Parish Property to individuals so motivated (going rate is \$40/month). All rents are payable in advance by post-dated cheques and receipts will be issued. There should be no exceptions.

In summary we realize the trust placed in us to try to safeguard such historic sites; we will try to live up to the standard.

Stewardship Committee

Jan Connors

Stewardship initiatives in 1999, in many respects were limited. The home visits, which took place during the two previous years to present the Stewardship Package, were not continued. The absence of a joint Finance and Stewardship Committee meant there was no regular venue for brainstorming and planning around Stewardship issues. Consequently troubleshooting became the work of the Parish Executive and Parish Council. What was done, however, includes the following:

Subsequent to meeting our 1998 allotment obligation to the Diocese, we set out to apply for forgiveness of past years' unpaid allotment. We learned from the Parish Relations Committee that guidelines require that applications for forgiveness of debt be considered after a parish has paid current-year-allotment for two consecutive years. After weighing all the considerations – the advice that we not apply in advance of this timeframe and the likelihood of a successful outcome if we wait – Parish Council agreed that we would defer making application and commit to paying our full allotment assessed for 1999.

We have been diligent in reporting Offerings in the weekly bulletin, thereby keeping active envelope holders, newcomers/potential parishioners, and guests informed of our needs. Information provided has also included a year-to-date total in comparison to the year-to-date budget. All year long we have been aware of our falling behind budget.

Recognizing that there are many newcomers to the parish we produced a pew card to encourage people to add their names to the parish list and to take envelopes. These cards have been used on several occasions. They assist us greatly in getting complete information on the family, including the names and birth dates of children and e-mail addresses for those accessible via this medium. Current parishioners are welcome to use this card to provide us with change of address information and/or an e-mail address. We currently communicate with more than 50 parishioners by e-mail.

With particular consideration for the summer

months' offerings we undertook to establish automatic debit for those who preferred this method to the envelope system. Unfortunately this endeavour has been fraught with problems. We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused; every effort will be made to rectify the situation.

The most significant project to be acknowledged herein is the Special Appeal undertaken by Anne West with the help of Mary Martin with the approval of Parish Council. The campaign was presented in a format to remind us all of the many treasured aspects of ministry and mission at St. George's and the need for financial resources to support them. The financial statements will speak to the success of this endeavour. Special thanks to Anne and Mary for their advise and hard work.

While all of the above has focused primarily on the financial matters, this report would be incomplete if it did not point out that there is more to Stewardship than just money. Our offerings of time and talent are very important parts of our whole response to God's many blessings. We only need to read through this Annual Report to realize how much all depends on the loving work of so many people – from visiting shut-ins to being a Server at the altar; from singing in the choir to serving people at Soup Kitchen; from opening the mail to serving the children of this community as a volunteer leader; from teaching Sunday School to cleaning the church or hall for parish worship and fellowship; from serving on a committee to committing to help with some part of our Christmas Outreach; from cleaning brass to informing us about PWRDF; from making garland to maintaining the web page...

The fact is that there is such a variety of ways to serve our Lord right here at St. George's that every person can respond in a way that is meaningful to them and life-giving to the parish.

Restoration and Preservation Committee

S. John Hammond

The following summarizes activities for 1999 and provides an overview of future plans.

1. Restoration

In accordance with the modified restoration plan, discreet work packages were identified, costs estimated and contractual arrangements negotiated with companies and individual tradespeople. Carpentry, drywalling, plastering and painting, together with some electrical installations, accounted for the bulk of the internal work in most areas of the church from the servants' gallery to the basement. In addition, liturgical furnishings and the rolls of honour were restored. Externally, the provision of new roof gutters, repairs to the fence and painting of the building were completed and a bell loaned by a Pictou family was installed at year-end. The new organ was ordered in December.

2. Year 2000 Program

Work on doors for the front porch closets and to the basement, and the installation of the rolls of honour and wall memorials will be undertaken in the near future. Major tasks currently being addressed include the lighting system for the church, a priority list for which has been established; completion of the Restoration (Donor) Room; an interpretation centre and an emergency exit on the south side of the gallery. It is planned to have this work finished within the year, thereby completing the modified restoration, with the exception of the organ, which will be installed in June 2002.

3. Fundraising Campaign

The year 1999 was marked by intensive fundraising activity, culminating in the achievement of our goal. \$4.6 million has now been raised, which enables us to complete the modified restoration and purchase the new organ.

The 1998 Christmas Appeal raised \$37,000, but left us needing a great deal of money. It began to appear that our original goal was not attainable. In February 1999, the restoration was modified to make it more achievable. Once the cost of this

modified restoration was calculated and negotiations with M. Létourneau on the price of the organ were complete, it appeared that a further \$100,000, plus pledges, would enable us to achieve our goal. Existing donors were solicited in March to contribute to this final \$100,000. They responded magnificently, but although the goal was exceeded by some \$30,000, the calculations had been faulty. HST on the organ had not been included and some pledges had failed.

After much discussion, which included the suggestion that we find a cheaper organ, it was decided to launch another campaign to raise the \$50,000 shortfall, most of which was needed for the organ. This campaign, entitled Organ Finale, was chaired by Debra Burleson and has raised \$22,000. In October, the Campaign Chair launched a final Christmas Appeal, despite the fact that our donors had already been appealed to since the previous Christmas. Early in December, an issue of the newsletter Rise Again was sent to all outside donors who had given over \$100 (1,300). Again, their response was magnificent and over \$26,000 came in. Together with a gift of \$5,000 from the Windsor Foundation, this has brought us to the point where our objectives can be met.

In mid-January 2000, the parish and the public were informed that the campaign had reached its goal and thanked for their support. Campaign tasks now remaining are to install the donor floor in the Restoration Room, to prepare a memorial book and to monitor outstanding pledges until the last one ends in 2004.

4. Tourism: During the summer of 1999, a student was hired as a guide to welcome tourists. A federal government grant was obtained to cover half the cost. Over 4,000 tourists visited the church, many of them donors. In September a number of parishioners worked as volunteer guides.

The 1999 Financial Statement, unaudited, is included in this report.

**Restoration/Preservation Committee
Financial Statement**

<u>Financial Position</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Cumulative to Date</u>
RECEIPTS:			
Insurance	-		875,000.00
Infrastructure Grant	-		600,000.00
City of Halifax	15,000.00		291,666.00
Parks Canada	-		1,000,000.00
Miscellaneous Gov.	-		10,724.80
Private Sector	195,356.17		1,464,611.45
Bank Interest	4,479.93		75,600.65
G.S.T. Rebate	92,993.75		<u>107,748.56</u> (Held for
Total	\$307,829.85		\$4,444,351.46 Maintenance
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Petty Cash Float for Merchandise	-		292.00
Fundraising Merchandise	-		31,058.21
Fundraising Expenses	18,583.28		378,272.34
St. George's 2000	-		1,930.63
Bank Charges	828.71		5043.74
Bank Error	(1,940.25)		(1940.25)
Replacement Items	-		34,523.47
Professional Fees	-		893,356.30
Restoration Expenses	56,152.10		2,569,683.10
Audit	-		7,867.75
Maintenance Fund	150,000.00		150,000.00
Mortgage Payout	-		<u>87,074.03</u>
Total	\$223,623.84		\$4,157,161.32
Funds on Hand or In Bank	\$84,206.01		\$287,190.14

**Little Dutch Church Management
Committee**

Anne West

The following work to continue the conservation of the Little Dutch Church took place during 1999

1. Replacement of one window, to match style of the others
2. Some finish carpentry prior to painting
3. Painting the interior of the church

4. Conservation of the Lochmann hatchment
5. Conservation of the 1801 wooden grave marker, which was hung in the church
6. Conservation of the six most endangered gravestones

On August 26, Parks Canada hosted a ceremony in the Little Dutch Church graveyard at which a plaque was unveiled which declares the church a National Historic Site. The weather was sunny,

friends of the Little Dutch Church from many organizations attended, and the Gabriel Guild served refreshments under the tree: a memorable event.

Meetings were held with provincial and federal graveyard experts to start the process of conserving the graveyard and committee member Dietmar Tholen began an assessment and inventory of the graveyard. Fundraising continued at a low level and concerts were held during the summer. In addition, discussions were held with Dr. and Mrs. Huber about their wish to provide light fixtures for the church.

Concerts and lectures in the Round Church and Little Dutch Church

Anne West

Many of the concerts, lectures and group visits which took place during 1999 were co-ordinated by me, on the basis that if I did the work, any financial gain could legitimately be claimed by the restoration. During the summer, much of the work of co-ordination was done by Paula Henderson, a student employed by the restoration. The Music Director organized other performances and several recording sessions took place.

The following events took place during 1999:

March 3: Performance of modern music by string quartet Blue Engine

April 17: AGNS Expressions of Faith, lecture by Marie Elwood

May 28: Writers' Union of Canada, Margaret Laurence Memorial Lecture

May 29: Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada, visit

June 1: Meeting of United Empire Loyalists in the church

June 14: Provincial Heritage Advisory Board, visit and lunch

July 12: Musique Royale/Musique ancien de Montreal

June 26: Victoria Scholars concert/AW did PR

July 23: Baroque in the Round, trio, AW did some PR

July 31: Helen Creighton Concert

August 23: Musique Royale

In addition, four concerts were held in the Little Dutch Church, sponsored by the German Canadian Association of Nova Scotia.

A small flyer was prepared with the details of all summer events. This was distributed to parishioners and to audiences at all concerts. It was very successful and gave coherence to what was suddenly seen to be quite a major music program.

I am of the opinion that there is an opportunity to develop an ongoing music program for Saint George's, perhaps concentrating on the baroque niche.

Celebrating 200 Years in the Round Church: Loving God & Neighbour

Terry McLaughlin, for the Committee: Sandra Thorne, Julie Morris, Rosemary Mason-Browne, Robert Martin, Mary MacLachlan, Susan Harris.

The year 2000 marks our 200th anniversary. For two centuries the Round Church has been part of this neighbourhood. Our 200th Anniversary started off with a wonderful Advent Lessons and Carols Service in early December 1999. This was followed by a parish fellowship meal where the committee introduced the theme for the anniversary year, "loving God and neighbour", and talked about the events to come. It was an upbeat and joyous event.

The theme is really the spirit of what we are trying to invoke for the year, within both the parish and our neighbourhood. We will be having several events over the year to help mark the 200th anniversary. These include: parish fellowship meals, Nova Scotia Mass Choir (March 11), Great Big Neighbourhood Picnic in early July, a fall lecture series on the history of the parish and the neighbourhood, a Mission in Lent with Dr. Andrew Louth and one in the fall focussing on outreach with Kenneth Leech. A major musical production of Noyah's Floode by Benjamin Britten is also in the works!

Organization Reports

Gabriel Guild Report

Karen Wheeler and Gertie Moulton

Our Annual Report always starts out with the very same words. Another year has come and gone and with our small membership, we were able to pass \$5,000.00 to the church coffers. Much of these hard-earned dollars are made through the multi talented fingers of your ladies as they make and sell their wares throughout the year.

We were very sad to hear that the mayor's Garden Party was struck from the HRM budget, which was one of our best fundraisers. This event, because the sweets are donated is almost all profit, well over \$2,000.00. Also for years we catered to the Heritage Trust of N.S. but for 1999 they decided to go somewhere else. We did get a few small new jobs but not enough to pick up the shortfall. These were the reasons why we were unable to give the usual \$7,000.00

Throughout 1999 we catered several outside events including Funeral Receptions and Workshops, North End Seniors Club, L. D. C. National Historic Site Dedication, N. S. Historical Society Annual Dinner, Bean Supper for Helen Creighton Society and the sale of Calendars. We held many of our regular parish events, Pancake and Card Social, Penny Auction, Red Rose Dinner, Turkey Dinner. All of these events we

made a profit and in addition to these we had many in house receptions that the ladies were asked to provide refreshments for.

On behalf of the guild we sincerely thank, **Les and Willis Grandy** for their constant help in the kitchen whenever we ask them to do so. We just could not get along without you both. Thank you so much.

Each year, **Beatrice and Dewitt Rockwell** tell me when the day is over that this will be the last time that they will be able to do the Pantry Table, but as you can see they always come back. What a commitment!!!!

At the time of writing this report, we are very sad to say that **Harry Hill** passed away. Both **Rita and Harry** have been very active in these catering events. Rita and Harry celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past June.

Last by not least, we want you to know how much we appreciate the support and commitment of the parishioners by baking for the table, helping in the kitchen, waiting on tables and donations of funds to help us with our expenses. In particular the support that **Flo Grandy** gets when she sells our tickets. Thank you!!!! Thank you!!!!

Respectfully submitted
K.A. Wheeler and Gertie Moulton
Convenors

**Gabriel Guild
Financial Statement for 1999**

Balance as of December 31, 1998

\$675.94

Revenue:

Catering	Funeral Receptions and workshops	\$ 750.00	
	North End Seniors club	\$ 200.00	
	Calendar sales	\$ 355.00	
	N. S. Historical Society	\$ 600.00	
	L.D.C. Reception	\$ 500.00	
	Helen Creighton Society	\$ 800.00	
Parish Events	Pancake Supper/Social	\$ 602.00	
	Penny Auction	\$ 300.00	
	Red Rose Dinner	\$1,612.00	
	Turkey Dinner	\$3,018.26	
	Interest on account	\$ 1.80	
			<u>\$8,739.36</u>

Expenses:

	Bank Expenses	\$ 1.20	
	St. Peter's Publication	\$ 300.00	
	Groceries / equipment & supplies	\$3,109.15	
	Guild Annual dinner and gifts	\$ 448.22	
	St. George's Church	\$5,000.00	
Total Expenses			<u>\$8,858.57</u>

Balance as of December 31, 1999

\$ 556.73

St. George's 2nd Halifax Scouting Program

Jan Connors

Overall our Beaver, Cub and Scout programs continue to function very well. This is due mainly to two factors. First, we have extremely dedicated Leaders in all three Sections. They all take a genuine interest in the children in they work with, and come up with some really neat activities. Second is the continued support of this parish, our Sponsor. It is not just the use of the facilities, or the financial support provided (this year through individual contributions to help with Scouts Canada Registration fees), it is also the interest that the parish shows in the program. We also wish to acknowledge the continued support of the Royal St. George's Society.

The boys and girls who participate in the program range from 5 to 14 years of age. A few of them are parishioners but the majority of the young people live in the neighbourhood.

Statistically speaking, we currently have 15 Beavers, 14 Cubs and 7 Scouts. There are no Venturers this year.

Our Scouters for the 1999/2000 Season are:

Beaver Leaders:

Cathy Rasley (Parishioner)
Vaila Mowat (Parishioner)
Lisa Pellow (Parent)
Catie Wallace (Parishioner and Dalhousie University Student)

Cub Leaders:

Sheila Stuart (Intern, IWK/Grace)
Chi-minh (Chip) Phi (Dalhousie Medical Student)

Naomi White (MSVU Student)
Marc Nicholson (Dalhousie Medical Student)
Heidi Ruedy (Dalhousie Medical Student)

Scout Leaders:

Tanya Connors (Parishioner)
Scott Connors (Parishioner)
Jane Mason-Browne (Parishioner)
Dave Roberts (Friend of the Parish)

Group Committee:

Don Connors, Co-chair (Parishioner)
Jan Connors, Co-chair (Parishioner)
Chris West (Parishioner)
David Olding (Parishioner)

PWRDF Report

Lorna Wallace

Last year the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund celebrated its 40th birthday. Initially established by the General Synod for disaster relief, the Fund today also supports many development projects around the world. Your donations assist both aspects of this mission.

1999 saw the refugee crisis in Kosovo (revealing St. George's willingness to give practical support to a family if needed) followed by the terrible earthquakes in Turkey. You have generously given well over \$3,000 to the Fund this year. Support has also been given by many through advocacy, encouraging our government to follow the impetus from spiritual and political leaders to forgive debtor nations. This would enormously enhance the prospects for good health and education in these countries.

Our highlight event of 1999 was the PWRDF/harvest lunch in October. Rev. Doug Woodhams preached and Susan Francis, Diocesan Director of the Fund outlined its 40-year's history. This event was written up in "Under the Sun", see Lorna Wallace if you would like a copy.

Now that January 1st, 2000 has passed, there is a sigh of relief going round. "Whew, we got over that hurdle okay, looks as if everything is functioning just fine, perhaps we needn't even have worried." This is not the outlook of

PWRDF. Everything is not okay when, as Rev. Woodhams pointer out, the 3 richest people on earth own more than the 600 million poorest. The call for Jubilee 1998-200000 alerts us that this can, and should, be an opportunity for change, a chance for healing the land and our hearts.

In her book "Proclaim Jubilee" Maria Harris urges us to:

Forgive everything we can,
forgive debts,
forgive trespasses,
forgive sins,
forgive family,
forgive world debt!

Saint George's Christian Education Curriculum

Jane Mason-Browne

Another busy year has past. We are well on the way to completing the enormous task of developing and revising our four year curriculum. The Saint George's Christian Education Curriculum is a response to a need for a curriculum which has a Bible-centered focus and is faithful to the Anglican theological and spiritual tradition, as expressed in the Book of Common Prayer.

Year I of the curriculum, which focuses on the catechism, is now published. Year II, an in depth look at the church calendar year, is in the process of being published. Year III, which traces the lives of important people in the Bible, is undergoing its final revisions and will be in the hands of the publisher later this year. Finally, Year IV, a close look at the lives of people who shaped the history of the church, is nearing completion.

As each year passes the numbers of individuals who have given enormous amounts of care, patience and love to each word and phrase woven into the curriculum grows. These people, both near and far, to numerous to list by name within these sentences, have whispered gentle phrases into the ears of countless children. Thank you.

Restoration Quilters Report

Gai Thomas

In our second year of operation the RESTORATION QUILTERS have chatted, laughed, listened, and even had time to stitch 545 hours. A total of 14 quilters (including 6 new quilters and 1 USA visitor) spent an average of 3 hours a week of fellowship and fun transforming *Elizabeth's Garland of Roses* into a glorious tribute to its original artisan-owner. Five quilters are from other parishes and religions, and a few have become active contributing parishioners or increased their commitment to St. George's. Tea-time mid morning draws together various

occupants, and an occasional visitor (besides Hanna the Hall cat).

The year 2000 is the year of the Quilt and we hope to have *Elizabeth's Garland of Roses* on public display along with its 50-year history. We expect to complete the quilt with the names of all stitchers' embroidered around the edges early in the New Year, and present it to its new owner after a Sunday service.

Sincere thanks to Anne, Helen (resident expert), Daphne, Lynn Lora Pat, Joan, Joyce, Roseanne, Nora, Michal, Susan and Donna. It has been my pleasure to sponsor and coordinate this parish group.

Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, Ordinations, Burials

Baptisms

Mar 21 Ruth Esther Natasha Young
May 2 Alexander Joseph Purcell
May 2 Robert William Purcell
June 20 Tanner Jay Robicheau-Moulton
June 22 Catherine Ann Lockhart
July 7 Hayley Elizabeth Sibley
Aug 1 Victoria Elizabeth deMinckwitz
Aug 1 Katrina Alexandra deMinckwitz
Aug 15 Sarah Grace Peddle
Sept 19 Billy William Burns
Sept 19 Geoffrey Nicholas Howard
Oct 3 Raymond Lorenzo Adekayode
Nov 28 Kendall Maria Williams
Nov 28 Roger Sidney Marsters

Marriages

Feb 14 Walter Andrew Powell and
Sarah Jean Paterson
March 13 John William MacDonald and
Judith Shelagh Gordon
May 8 Donald James Mackill and
Ruth Esther Natasha Young
July 17 Derrick Mark Forrest and
Faye Lynn Slaunwhite

Aug 29 David Gordon Andrew Larkin and
Michelle Lynn McLeod
Sept 18 William Andrew Jerome Smith and
Shari Lynn Purchase
Oct 2 Daniel Edward Cahill and
Natasha Lynn Boutlier
Oct 8 Raymond Lorenzo Adekayode and
Angela Colleen Anderson
Oct 16 Walter Andrew Hannon and
Sarah Megan Benson
Dec 22 Roger Sidney Marsters and
Paula Louise Phillips

Ordination to the Priesthood

April 18 Lars Nowen

Burials

Jan 15 Varina Dominey
Jan 23 Richard John Matthews
Mar 6 Ellen Beck
May 8 Edwin Fraser Ross
June 14 Douglas William Russell
Aug 17 Russell Paris Jr.
Nov 23 Lois Edith Ferguson
Dec 13 Eliza Jane Herritt
Dec 29 John Wheatley

Nominations - Year 2000

Position	Returning	Nominated
Senior warden		Jan Connors (1 year)
Junior warden		Jane Mason-Browne (2 years)
Treasurer		Stuart Gray
Secretary		Anna Paton
Synod Delegates	Elizabeth Henderson	David Peddle
Synod Alternate Delegate *	David Olding	
Synod Youth Delegate	Chelsea Thorne	
Members-at-large	Les Grandy (3/3)	Wanita Gorden
	Carmichael Wallace (3/3)	Roger Marsters
	Louise Burley (3/3)	Tracey Lenfesty
	John Hammond (3/3)	
	David Winters (3/3)	
	Tim Brennan (2/3)	
	Julie Morris (2/3)	
	Nora Praught (2/3)	
Special Committees:		
Restoration and Preservation	John Hammond	
Little Dutch Church Management Committee	Anne West	
200 in 200 Committee	Terry McLaughlin	
Organizations:		
Gabriel Guild		
Group Committee		
Choir	Julie Morris	
Regional Council Delegates*	Karen Wheeler, David Winters	
	Wardens, Synod Delegates	
Communications Officer*		Debra Burleson
PWRDF*	Lorna Wallace	
Auditor*		Joanne Rhynold and Nancy Haley
Diocesan Times*	Sandra Thorne	assisted by David Winters

* not a Parish Council position

Music Director Search Committee

Susan Harris

Our Parish Music Director, Garth MacPhee, has given notice that he will be leaving St. George's at the end of June. We are so thankful to Garth for the three years that he has spent with us and for the beautiful music that he and the choir have offered over this period. In light of Garth's plans to go away for further study, Parish Council has struck a Music Director Search Committee. This committee is composed of Lawrence Bruce-Robertson, Peter Duinker, Michal King, Terry McLaughlin, Susan Harris (Chair), and Fr. Thorne. Advertisements will appear in both print and electronic publications in the month of March. Interviews and auditions will take place prior to the summer, with a view to making an appointment well before the busy fall season is upon us.

**PARISH OF ST. GEORGE
HALIFAX**

2000 BUDGET

Income

<u>General Parish Income</u>		
Offerings ¹	\$140,000	
Church Preservation Fund ²	7,500	
Investment Income	4,500	
Church Maintenance (Special Events) ³	4,600	
Sunday School Income	200	
HST Income	2,600	
Other Income	5,000	
Total General Parish Income	\$164,400	85%
<u>Rental Income</u>		
Parking ⁴	\$3,000	
Rectory	16,400	
Sexton's Cottage	6,000	
Church Rental ⁵	2,500	
Hall Rental	1,000	
Total Rental Income	\$28,900	15%
Total Income	\$193,300	

Notes:

1. The figure for offerings was obtained by taking actual 1999 offerings, subtracting the amount able to be attributed directly to the end-of-year special request, and adding 2% to reflect the growth and aspirations of the Parish.

2. The Church Preservation Fund is an endowment fund of approximately \$150,000. In 1998 Parish Council decided to annually use the interest, up to 5%, for specified uses related to the restoration / preservation of the Round Church.

3. Special events to help fund maintenance of the church, in accordance with the 1998 plan adopted by Parish Council.

4. Rental of some parking spaces in the upper lot is a new income source.

5. Church rental is projected to increase over last year's level as a result of increased proactive efforts and a more clearly defined scale of rental fees.

Expenses

General Parish Expenses

200 th Anniversary Committee	\$1,300	
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance ⁶	3,340	
Supplies & Postage	2,100	
Telephone	2,000	
Allotment	24,151	
Bank Service Charges	600	
HST Expense	5,500	

Total General Parish Expenses	\$38,991	20%
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Ordained Ministry

Stipend-Rector	\$34,500	
Housing Allowance	17,484	
Travel Allowance	5,700	
Benefits	7,675	
Vacation Replacement	400	

Total Ordained Ministry	\$65,759	34%
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Pastoral Ministry

St George's YouthNet ⁷	\$5000	
Scouting	1000	
Poor Fund	1500	
School Bursaries	200	
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$7,700	5%

Spiritual Development

Diocesan Bookroom	\$1,800	
Advertising & Publicity	600	
Guest Speakers	300	
Parish Library	50	
Gifts	500	
Special Events	200	
Sunday School Supplies & Materials	250	
Music Programme ⁸		
Music Director	\$15,200	
Vacation Replacement	400	
Supplies & Materials	2,520	
Total Music Programme	18,120	9%

Total Spiritual Development	\$21,820	11%
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Notes:

6. All photocopier costs are lumped in one figure as the lease begun in 1999 includes up to 8,000 copies per month at no additional charge.

7. YouthNet in 1999 had a total budget of approximately \$30,000, with all but \$5,000 coming from sources other than the parish budget. A similar strategy is intended for the year 2000.

8. Although there may be a hiatus between Music Directors, the budget has been maintained at 1999 levels to offset costs of recruitment.

Property			
General			
Snow Removal	\$1,500		
Maintenance	1,500		
Total General		\$3,000	2%
Church			
Parish Life Display ⁹	\$1,000		
Crying Room Upgrade	500		
Insurance	3,500		
Maintenance & Repairs	3,900		
Security ¹⁰	4,400		
Taxes	250		
Electricity	2,500		
Oil	6,600		
Water	400		
Total Church		\$23,050	12%
Hall			
Insurance	\$2,600		
Maintenance & Repairs	3,000		
Management/Janitorial Fees	5,520		
Supplies	1,000		
Taxes	200		
Electricity	3,200		
Oil	6,700		
Propane	500		
Water	1,000		
Total Hall		23,720	12%
Rectory			
Insurance	\$800		
Maintenance & Repairs	3,000		
Taxes	1,700		
Furnace Contract	200		
Total Rectory		5,700	3%
Sexton's Cottage			
Insurance	\$250		
Maintenance & Repairs	750		
Taxes	950		
Furnace Contract	200		
Total Sexton's Cottage		2,150	1%
Little Dutch Church			
Insurance	260		
Maintenance & Repairs	400		
Taxes	150		
Electricity	600		
Total Little Dutch Church		1,410	1%
Total Property		\$59,030	31%

Total Expenses

\$193,300

Notes:

9. Parish Life display is a moveable set of display units at the back of the Round Church to inform parishioners and visitors about the worship, outreach and operation of the Parish.

10. Security costs now include a monitoring fee for alarm systems. This is partly offset by a decrease in insurance premiums.

PARISH OF ST. GEORGE
HALIFAX

Statement of Insurance
December 31, 1999

Maritime Anglican Church Comprehensive Insurance Programme

Agent: J&H Marsh & McLennan Limited

Coverage _____ In Effect through 12:01 am March 1, 2000

Church		\$5,100,000
Hall	Building & Contents	\$858,000
Little Dutch Church	Building & Contents	\$58,000
Sexton House	Building & Contents	\$62,000
Old Rectory	Building & Contents	\$248,000
Trade Mart Building	Contents Only Lot 112	\$50,000 *

Cancelled. Nov '79

St. George's Parish Origins

Henry Roper, Parish Historian

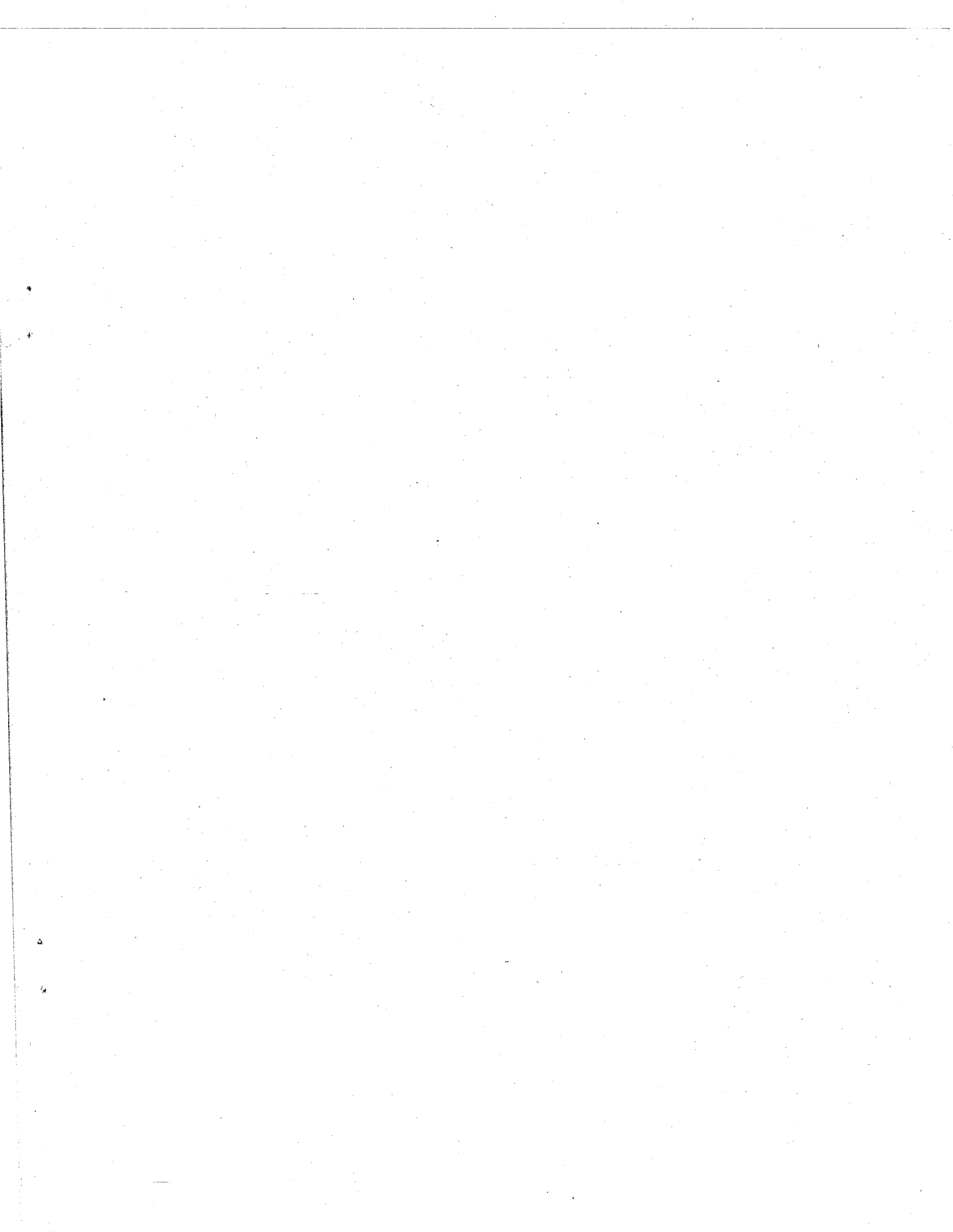
St. George's Church has been serving the residents of Halifax since 1756, the year a small dwelling was moved to its present site by German evangelical Lutherans to become what is known as the Little Dutch Church. Enlarged in 1760, including the addition of a spire, it was consecrated on Easter Monday, 1761 by the Rector of St. Paul's the Rev'd. John Breynton, as St. George's. This name was perhaps chosen to honour the recent accession to the throne of George III as well as to demonstrate the loyalty of the German congregation by the association of their church with the patron saint of England.

Services at St. George's were initially conducted by members of the congregation according to Lutheran rites, as the little church had no pastor: twice a year the rector of St. Paul's came to celebrate Holy Communion. In 1874, the Rev'd Bernard Houseal, a Lutheran clergyman who came to Nova Scotia as a refugee from the American Revolution, became available to serve as pastor. As the congregation was too small to maintain him, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel agreed to provide a stipend, on the condition that Houseal was ordained as an Anglican. During his ministry, the congregation expanded beyond the original German community: when Houseal died in 1799, a majority of the congregation, after much debate, selected the Rev'd George Wright, who was born in Ireland, as rector rather than another German minister.

The following year the congregation began construction of a new St. George's. It took many years, from 1800 – 1827, for this ambitious undertaking to be brought to completion. On the 17th April 1827, the church was consecrated by Bishop John Inglis. In the same year St. George's was separated from St. Paul's as the second parish in Halifax. Through the years, under the leadership of such remarkable persons as the Rev'd. Robert Fitzgerald Uniacke and Canon Henry Ward Cunningham, St. George's has remained a centre of religious, educational and philanthropic life in the north end of Halifax. That leadership role continues today. The St. George's congregation is now drawn from the entire Halifax metropolitan region and beyond.

**200 years of loving God and Neighbour
and with God's blessings, many years to come**





Who are We?

In response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
the Parish of Saint George offers a unique combination of
traditional Anglican worship and commitment to inner-city ministry.

Open to the community which surrounds it,
Saint George's dares to be shaped by the inner city,
and yet seeks to transform our neighbourhood by preaching,
in Word and action, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Come join us in worship, fellowship and outreach ministry.

To God be the Glory!