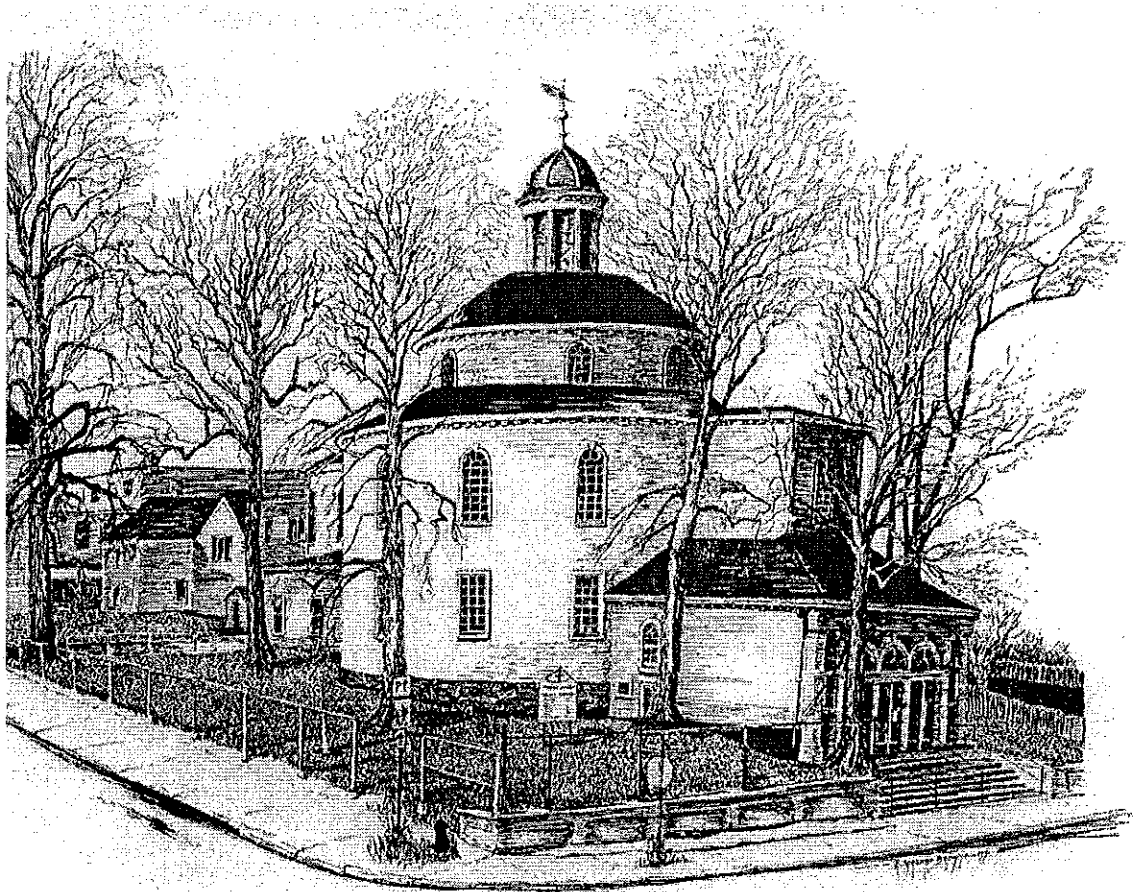


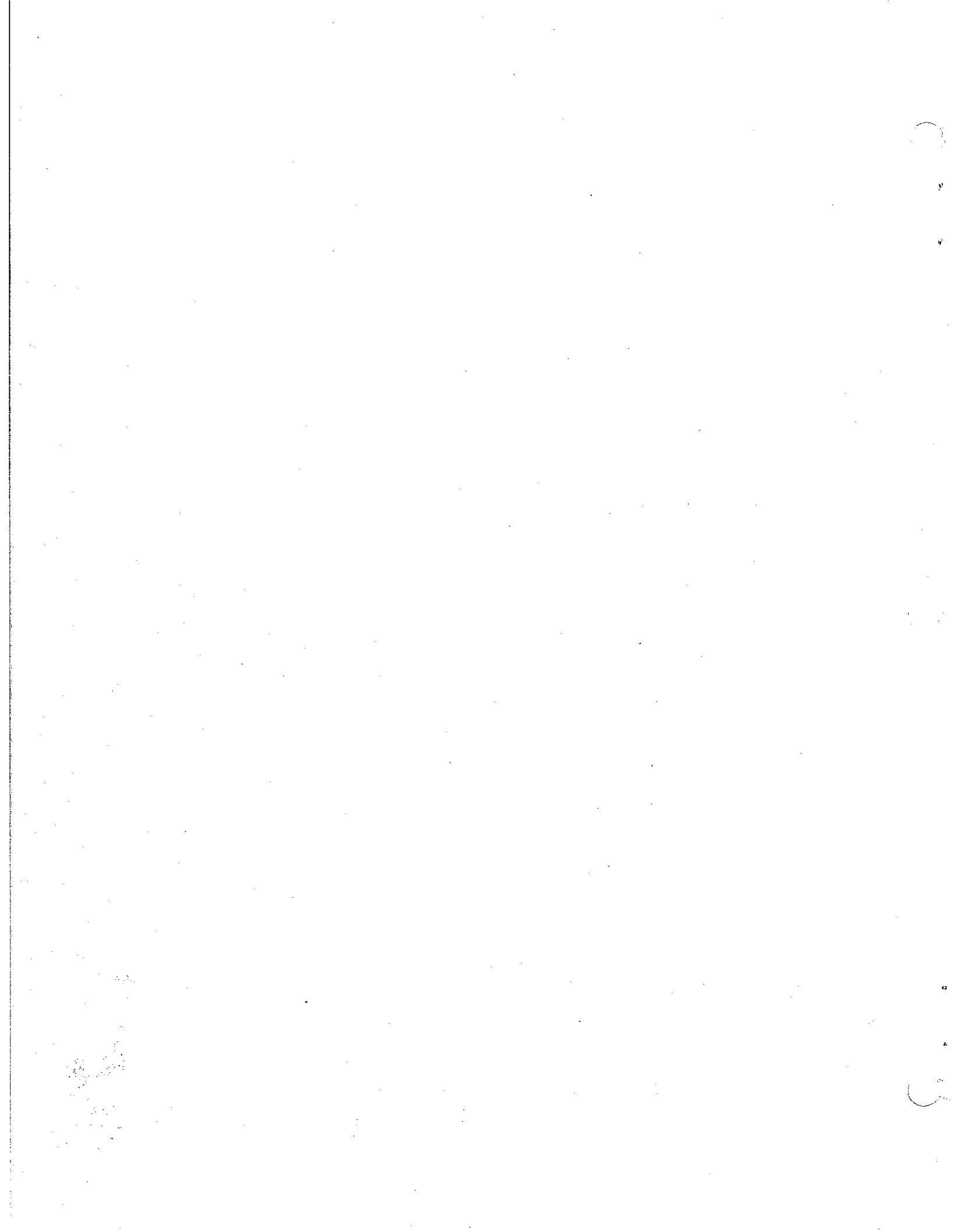
Annual Report
for the year 2003

Saint George's Round Church

Halifax, Nova Scotia



22 February 2004



Agenda of Annual Meeting, 22 February 2004

1. Opening Prayer
2. Reading, correcting, approval of Minutes of 2003
3. Business arising from minutes
4. Communications
5. Financial Statements year end December 31, 2003
6. Rector's Report
7. Wardens' Report
8. Committee and Organization Reports
9. Elections
10. Nominations to Diocesan Council and King's College Board
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF SAINT
GEORGE, 23 FEBRUARY 2003

Approximately 80 parishioners were in attendance.

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

Minutes. Moved by Patricia Martinson, seconded by John Hammond, that the minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting of the Parish of Saint George be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising. None.

Communications. None.

Special YouthNet Presentation. There was a brief presentation relating to ongoing work on the Saint George's YouthNet web presence, noting particularly the work of volunteers Allistair Fraser and Harold Godsoe.

General Reports.

Rector's Report. Father Thorne thanked the Parish for its support of his Doctoral studies. He thanked parishioners for being members of the visible Body of Christ in the community, as is evident in the reports of the pastoral teams, in the work of YouthNet, and in other aspects of the Parish's outreach. He noted his confidence that this work would continue during his upcoming sojourn in the Golan Heights. He expressed particular thanks for the contributions of David Buley, Anna Paton, Stephen Blackwood, and Father Eldie Richard.

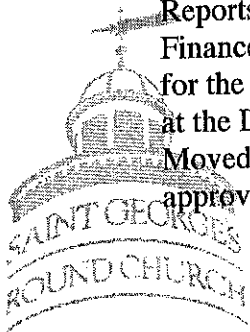
Wardens' Report. Stephen Blackwood, speaking on behalf of Anne Read, Anna Paton, and Tracy Lenfesty, drew parishioners' attention to the Wardens' Report in the Annual Report, stressing especially the need for a regular secretarial presence in the Parish. He thanked Father Thorne for allowing the Parish to participate in the completion of his Doctoral thesis, and presented gifts to the rector on behalf of the parish: a photograph of the congregation taken from the sanctuary, and a carved cross commissioned from a woodworker in the Parish.

Music Director's Report. David Buley thanked the Parish for welcoming him back in the capacity of Music Director, and thanked the choir for its ongoing volunteer efforts.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Finance Committee. In lieu of Stuart Gray, Mary Martin presented a Financial Statement for the year 2002. She thanked particularly Leslie Jaeger for his work on finance matters at the Diocesan level.

Moved by Mary Martin, seconded by Lowell Perry, that the 2002 Financial Statement be approved as circulated. Carried.



In lieu of Stuart Gray, Mary Martin presented the 2003 Budget for the Parish of Saint George. She noted particularly that the budgets was predicated on the assumptions that Allotment would be paid in full and that the budget would be balanced.

Moved by Mary Martin, seconded by Jan Connors, that the 2003 Budget for the Parish of Saint George be adopted as presented. Carried.

Property Committee. Ian Tillard gave an overview of the Committee's ongoing work relating to the present state of the Hall and Rectory, possible scenarios for their future development, and to the financial implications of these. He invited parishioners to bring their ideas and skills relevant to these questions to the attention of the Committee. Parish Historian Dr. Henry Roper gave a brief description of the histories of the two buildings. Moved by Patricia Martinson, seconded by Ian Tillard, that the Property Committee be instructed to explore various alternative scenarios for Hall development and report to a Special Meeting of the Parish by 30 April 2003. Carried.

Spiritual Development Committee. Moved by Neil Robertson, seconded by Jane Mason-Brown, that the Reports of the Music Director, Altar Guild, Servers, and Daily Offices be approved as circulated. Carried.

Pastoral Ministry Committee. Derek Mitchell offered a brief presentation on the Inner City Initiative and Saint George's participation in it.

Moved by Derek Mitchell, seconded by Jan Connors, that Jim Baker be nominated as the Parish's official representative on the board of the Inner City Initiative. Carried.

Moved by Patricia Martinson, seconded by John Hammond, that the reports presented by the Pastoral Ministry Committee be approved as circulated. Carried.

Stewardship Committee. Moved by Jan Connors, seconded by Sandra Thorne, that the reports presented by the Stewardship Committee be approved as circulated. Carried.

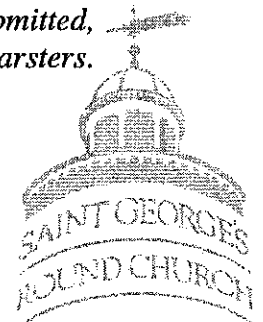
Groups and Organizations. Moved by Vaila Mowat, seconded by Neil Robertson, that the reports of Groups and Organizations be approved as circulated. Carried.

Nominations Committee. All nominees put forward by the Committee were elected.

Moved by Patricia Martinson, seconded by Ian Tillard, that the 2003 Annual General Meeting of the parish of Saint George be adjourned. Carried.

The meeting closed with prayers.

*Respectfully submitted,
Roger Marsters.*



General Reports

Rector's Report

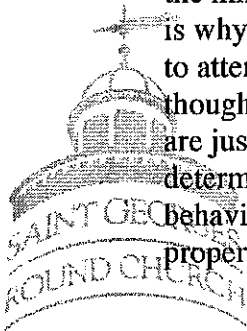
Soon after the terrible events of September 11, 2001 a novelist wrote "If the hijackers had been able to imagine themselves into the thoughts and feelings of the passengers, they would have been unable to proceed. It is hard to be cruel once you permit yourself to enter the mind of your victim. Imagining what it is like to be someone other than yourself is at the core of our humanity." Of course it is possible to push this insight back several steps and suppose that the real failure of the imagination occurred generations ago when the affluent nations of the west were not able to imagine themselves into the thoughts and feelings of the people of the Middle East.

At Saint George's we understand the importance of the Christian imagination, redeemed by Christ. It is through the imagination that we place ourselves at each other's disposal as parishioners. Knowing our own inner struggles, we imagine ourselves into the thoughts and feelings of one another. This imagining is not for 'judging' the other, but in order to minister to the other. To use language perhaps offensive to the outsider but Scriptural, we allow ourselves to be 'used' by the other whenever such usefulness is for the good of their soul and the building up of the Body of Christ. Indeed, it is hard to be cruel once we permit ourselves to enter the mind and heart of another. And that is why sometimes we stubbornly refuse to attempt to imagine ourselves into the thoughts and feelings of another – we are just set on disliking another, or determined to disapprove of their behaviour or lifestyle. We know that the proper use of our imagination would

break down the dividing wall of hostility between us, yet for one reason or other we decide to maintain that wall and dwell securely behind it in the dungeon of our soul.

The use of the Christian imagination is a demand of divine justice, as demonstrated by the ministry of Jesus Christ. Although He saw into the thoughts, feelings, minds and hearts of each one of us, He still had to undergo the agony of the cross, and He tells us plainly that we shall be judged. Imagining ourselves into the mind and heart of another does not mean that the other is not accountable for his or her actions, but rather that we share their future with them. As members of the Body of Christ we have a shared future. When one weeps we all weep. When one rejoices we all rejoice.

During 2003 I spent more than half the year in a place in the Middle East where the God-given gift of imagination is creative, fertile and rich, yet unredeemed. Unredeemed in that two peoples, the Jew and the Arab, have determined that the only way to survive is to refuse to enter compassionately into the thoughts and feelings of the other. That dividing wall of hostility is maintained and they have decided that their good and their peace will not be together in relation to God and to each other. They insist that their God is not the same. They insist that they are not true neighbours and in their imaginations they push the other to the outer edge of what it is to be human – and perhaps further.



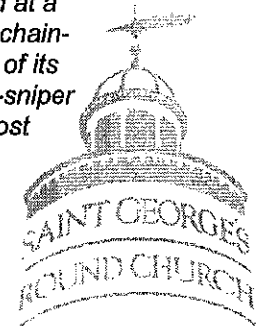
I am profoundly grateful to the parish for allowing me the opportunity to minister to Canadian troops on the Syria/Israel border for six months in 2003. I know that for so many of you my presence there was an extension of the ministry of our parish. It is a testimony to your commitment to the Christian imagination that this parish is so keen to imagine itself into the thoughts, feelings, hearts and minds of peoples throughout the world. Each time we pray in this way, especially in our intercessions during the Holy Communion, we become more human, put on the mind of Christ, and are prepared to ascend with him in contemplation to our Father in Heaven. In a sermon preached in Jerusalem just three weeks ago The Archbishop of Canterbury noted that Dietrich Bonhoeffer, just before he was executed for his resistance to Hitler, observed that the churches in 1930's Germany had lost credibility by concentrating only on their own problems and demanding their own freedom. They failed to use their redeemed imaginations to think themselves into the hearts of their neighbours who were most appallingly at risk, the Jews of Germany. As I write this I know our own Anglican Communion is facing a serious crisis and

we have been fasting and praying as a parish for the unity of the Church. Yet being the Body of Christ also means that we bear and show forth the loving wounds of Christ. These wounds of Love are deep enough to receive and overcome all the sin of this world. By the grace of God may Saint George's continue to be the Body of Christ to a broken world.

For being part of this wonderful parish I am truly thankful to Almighty God. In particular, I wish to express my thankfulness for all who worked so hard and cheerfully during my absence. The content of this Annual Report testifies to the way the parish thrived during this time. The three wardens: Tracy Lenfesty, Susan Harris and John Swaine cared for the parish in every possible way. Fathers Richard, Todd, and Strople were joined by Father Gordon Neish to offer godly and priestly ministry in Word, Sacrament and pastoral care. YouthNet prospered in its outreach to young people. The list of parishioners who went about their various and significant ministries in worship and mission, both in the parish and neighbourhood, would be exceedingly long.
Thank you one and all.



DON'T FENCE ME IN - Palestinian and Israeli demonstrators protest against the anti-terrorist fence at Abu Dis outside Jerusalem February 7, 2004. Some 1,000 protesters gathered at a section of the barrier where the chain-link fence that forms 97 percent of its length becomes a concrete anti-sniper section. (From the Jerusalem Post Online.)



Report of the Priest Assistant, Fr Eldie Richard **Honorary Assistant's Report – 2003**

The year 2003 was a very hectic period for St. George's Church. One of the outstanding events of this past year was Father Gary Thorne's Mid-East tour of duty as a Chaplain in the C.A.F. I was very concerned for him especially in the area in which he served as Chaplain where terrorism was always present. However, he returned to us in good health. During his absence personal prayers were offered for him and his family for each and every day that he was on the Mid-East tour. Well done Father Gary.

As assistant priest of St. George's Parish I have been assigned the responsibilities of celebrating the Eucharist every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. The mid-week Holy Communion Service has an average attendance of approximately 8 to 10 worshippers. During the Advent and Lenten Seasons we have an average of between 10 to 16 worshippers. I would like to say "Thank you" to the following parishioners who are present for almost every Holy Communion Service on Wednesday morning: Kenneth Pringle (Lay reader), Cathy Jewell, Lorna Hickey, Brother David, Dorothy Coons, Dr. John Hammond, Vaila Mowat, Mr. J. Edmonds, Hubert Rose, Margherita Mendel, Dick Gallagher and many others who worship at St. George's every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

During this past Advent Season I would like to say how much we enjoyed and

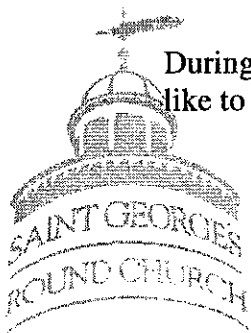
appreciated the meaningful and spiritual meditations which were presented by Stephen Harnish. And now we are looking forward to the Lenten Season because once again Stephen Harnish will provide the meditations.

During the past year I have also celebrated the Holy Eucharist for the Deaf Community which I really enjoyed. This gave me the opportunity of being able to become better acquainted with this special Community of the Deaf. I would also like to take this opportunity of saying "Thanks" to Debby for the heartwarming meditations which she presented at these celebrations of Holy Communion.

During the year I also gave Private Communion to three families of our parish. These are monthly visits which take place throughout the year. These private Communion services also gave me the opportunity of visiting the homes of these parishioners.

In closing I would like to express my thanks to each and every one of you for your heartwarming support in so many ways especially your prayers and kindness towards each other. Once again "Thank you" for your faithful service and prayers.

*Respectfully submitted,
Father Eldie Richard*



Report of the Music Director

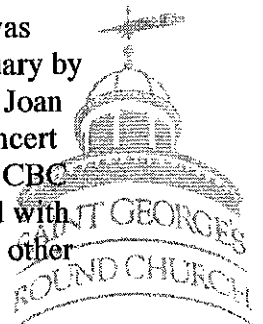
THE CHOIR OF THE PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE continues to offer grace-filled contributions to the liturgies at Saint George's, typically on Sundays at the 10:30 a.m Choral Communion services, as well as at the 9:00 p.m. offices of Choral Compline. The full choir rehearses on Thursday evenings – normally for two hours -- as well as on Sunday mornings, so singers undertake an enormous responsibility in their time and spiritual commitment when they agree to be part of the choir. In addition to the regular services the choir often sings at other events, including the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols, services of Choral Communion for feast days, weddings, memorial services, and monthly offerings of Choral Evensong. Also, In Lent, a series of musical and artistic meditations was offered by our Parish musicians and some guests. In addition to the regular round of communion service settings and motets the choir prepared and performed liturgically, Benjamin Britten's cantata, Rejoice in the Lamb, and Requiem by Maurice Duruflé. The choir also participated in a feature concert of the Scotia Festival of Music held at the Round Church in June, and, in December, sang at an Advent event at the Atlantic School of Theology, which was broadcast on ATV though the holiday season. EACH MEMBER OF THE CHOIR deserves your thanks for the work of preparing -- so diligently and prayerfully -- for the worship experiences that the Saint George's family is so fortunate to have. While all of the musicians here share equally in the offerings of our music, I am especially grateful to Brian Start for his able assistance in organ leadership,

as well as to Paula Philips and Peter Duinker for their choral assistance, when I am away from the Parish.

WE WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED to welcome Emily Harnish and Kelsey Hunter into the choir this Fall. Furthermore we were delighted to assist Sebastien Labrie and Nicholas Veltmeyer in their journeys toward the Tenor or Bass sections (They began as Altos in the September!) These young musicians are learning the complex array of repertoire that is sung at St. George's, and it is a privilege to share that tradition with singers who will uphold it in the future. We have welcomed Ross Gower, Colin Webster, Andrea Lee, Benjamin Lee, Barry Stevens, Sarah Stevenson, Julia Nordmann and Natasha Harwood to the choir this year, and their presence continues to add to the overall sound the choir makes. New members are always welcome in the choir, and I am keen to listen to anyone interested in participating.

GIFTS OF MOTET SCORES and anthem collections have been made recently in thanks for the choir's singing at events such as weddings, funerals and memorial services. This is helping to build, and to replace damaged or missing copies in the fairly good library of choral music that the Parish houses. Gifts in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones are always welcome!

OUR LÉTOURNEAU ORGAN was given its inaugural recital in February by internationally acclaimed organist Joan Lippincott. Excerpts from this concert were later broadcast nationally on CBC Radio Mrs. Lippincott was thrilled with our instrument as have been many other



organists who have visited here during the year. However, one of the drawbacks in housing the organ in the chamber on the North side of the church is the effect that weather will have on the instrument. The combination of hot sunlight beaming in on it from the south windows, and often extremely cold (or moist in the summer) air drifting in through the frequently opening door below it will not be good in the long term. I am confident that we can intervene in these adverse conditions by dealing properly with the entrance system at the north door of the Round Church.

THE ROUND CHURCH WAS USED FOR CONCERTS and other arts events, including concerts sponsored by the Saint Cecelia Concert Series, Halifax Camerata, the Scotia Festival of Music and The Hymn Society of United States and Canada. The church was also used a recording venue by CBC Radio, and for a Christmas special that was broadcast both on Vision TV and PBS. Each of these various events generated revenue for the Parish. As we continue to provide this beautiful building for concerts and recordings, it will be important to maintain a high level of viability, accessibility, hospitality and comfort. A great asset to potential performers – as well as our own music program - would be a piano.

I am hopeful that the Parish can continue to consider ways to expand the ministry of music at St. George's. One enterprise this coming year will be the creation of a series of music and art events that will occur at 4 o'clock on Sundays.

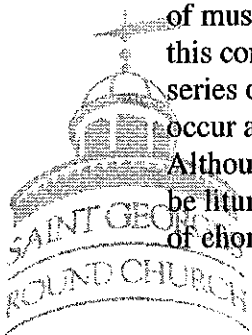
Although some of these occasions will be liturgical in nature (monthly services of choral evensong, for example) others

may take the form of concerts or meditations that include sacred music, poetry, dramatic and dance presentations.

Many parishioners continue to relate to me the importance of the tradition of sacred music offerings here in relation to their spiritual lives. Continuity is vital in this regard, and I attempt to ensure that we can expect to worship through suitably offered music week by week throughout the year. Thus, I want to explore the possibility of creating a position of associate organist and conductor that would help ensure continuity in our musical and liturgical tradition during times that I am away from the Parish due to other commitments.

Finally, please know how appreciative I am of your comments regarding your experience of the music at Saint George's. The choice, preparation and liturgical performance of our music intends to reflect the spirit of the worship event in praise of God. As God is made known to humanity in many forms, so we may hope to glimpse a vision of God's glory through the music we offer, while ministering to ourselves and to others in and through that music. As we remain open to our neighbouring community, I hope we can continue to reflect on how our neighbours shape our musical offerings – as those offerings open our hearts to our central act as a community of faith. In thanks for your continued support, friendships, and concerns for the music at Saint George's I am

*Yours faithfully,
David Buley
Director of Music
Parish of Saint George*



The Wardens' Report

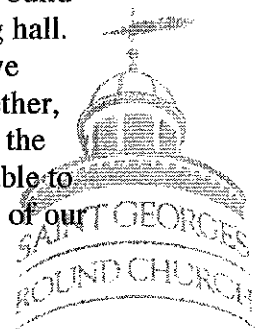
Another eventful year in the life of our parish has come and gone. We have much to look back upon with thanksgiving and much to look forward to with hopeful expectation. But I wonder if we truly realize how blessed we are to be part of this remarkable parish. For so many congregations today, the desperate need is felt to find out who they are, to find some sense of definition that will grip and hold people together as a parish. "Visioning" is the current buzzword, as congregations grapple with dwindling and aging numbers in their pews. If only they could catch a vision...

At St. George's, surely it is the case that everyone is fired by a vision for this parish. Our vision starts where it should – "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my Heart" – and pours forth in heartfelt worship as expressed in the Book of Common Prayer, enhanced by challenging preaching and beautiful music. It calls us to a life of service and love within our surrounding neighbourhood, as well as within our parish. It leads us always to know our sins and failures, always to know that whatever we accomplish is done only by God's grace. And this vision has brought together a wonderful and richly diverse group of people.

So what has this "wonderful and richly diverse group of people" been up to during this past year? What is the record of joys and sorrows that we should stop and consider? Read these reports and find out! The individual reports will speak for themselves.

But overall, the most notable feature of the past year was undoubtedly the six month absence of our Rector, while he was stationed as a military chaplain with United Nations Peacekeepers on the Golan Heights. Although we as wardens approached this period with considerable trepidation, we honoured our Rector for his commitment to minister to these young men and women serving so far from home. The continued well-being of the parish was assured by the care with which Fr. Thorne prepared for his absence and through the wonders of e-mail he was in frequent contact with us while he was away. But most important of all, he left us in such good faithful pastoral hands. Fr. Gordon Neish, our Priest-in-Charge during this period could not have been a better fit for St. George's. We are deeply thankful to Fr. Neish for his care of our parish while Fr. Thorne was away.

As the year drew on, the condition of the church hall began to be a dominant concern for the parish. A special parish meeting was called in June to begin the process of serious consideration of options for the future. Through the remainder of the year, the Property Committee worked to gather and present information to assist the parish in making this important decision. As we prepare for this Annual Meeting, we are all conscious of the important decisions to be made concerning whether to build a new hall or renovate the existing hall. We know that whichever option we choose, we will have to work together, just as we did in the restoration of the church, to make sure that we are able to continue the mission and outreach of our parish.



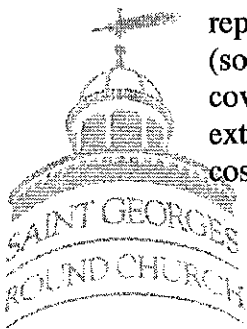
St. George's has truly prospered this past year. The congregation has grown, offerings have increased. But more important than this, we continue to follow that vision which drew us here in

the first place. We thank Fr. Thorne for never allowing us to turn away from this vision and we thank the congregation for its tremendous level of participation and support.

The Property Report

Building Development Committee Report to the AGM, February 2004

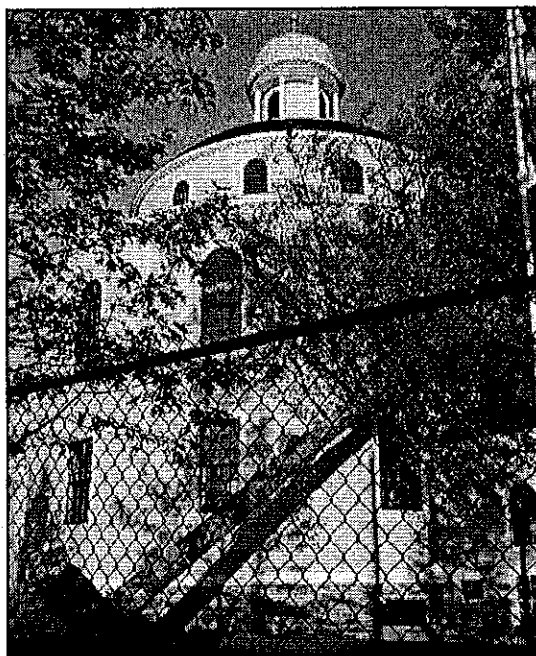
- 1) The Property Committee was busy this year on a number of fronts including the ongoing maintenance of properties and planning around the future of the Parish properties. There were many parishioners who contributed particularly to the property planning activities and lest I forget one, I would just like to thank them all for their efforts and I hope that this effort will put us on the road to a stable property portfolio.
- 2) The Property Committee has been split this year into the Building Development Committee and the regular maintenance (which now folds into the general administration function). The former Property Committee now constitutes the Building Development Committee with the responsibility for planning of the future parish properties.
- 3) As far as ongoing maintenance, the main expenditure this year was the replacement of the heating systems in the Hall which was completed in the fall. In addition there have been some other significant expenditures; repair from Hurricane Juan damage (some of which has been or will be covered under insurance) and an extraordinary increase in the per litre cost of heating fuel.
- 4) The Rectory tenancy was stable this year with no major problems with the building. The building condition is stable (fair) and there are some deferred repairs still on the books.
- 5) We continue to maintain the Hall on an as required basis only.
- 6) The Alexandra/Kidston Glass site development did not get started this year as anticipated. However the signage and removal of the Kidston Glass building would indicate that the development is imminent.
- 7) Efforts are continuing on overall property planning and development. The intent was to look at all of the options and develop a small number of options to present to parishioners. This phase is now complete and we are ready for decisions. To recap:
 - a) Planning meetings were held over the first eight months. In these meetings, numerous options were examined by a diverse group of parishioners. The criteria encompassed property, historic, preservation, sustainability, aesthetics, cost and community issues.
 - b) Support was provided to the group through professional help by Anita Jackson (landscape architecture), Anwyll Fogo Architects (site and building development) and Hanscomb



- Cost Consultants (cost estimate for renovation to the existing Hall).
- c) As directed in the 2003 AGM, findings were brought before the parish in meetings in the spring and in the early part of 2004.
 - d) We are now at a point where the

two principal options of repair or replace the Hall can be considered by parishioners and this is brought forward as an agenda item for the 2004 AGM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ian Tillard
Chair, Building Committee



Hurricane Juan Aftermath: left, southeast view of the Church; below, the playground fence north of the Church. Photos by Gary McGonagill.

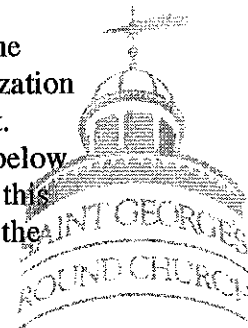


Reports of the Standing Committees

Spiritual Development

I must begin this brief report by thanking Susan Harris who has been chair of the Spiritual Development Committee in all but name during the last third of this year. While I was pre-occupied with matters domestic, she faithfully guided the work of the committee, ensuring that its various responsibilities were met.

In part because of the absentee chair, the committee was mainly concerned with the tasks that belong to the ongoing spiritual life of the parish – keeping going the various ministries of the Sunday School, the Deaf Community, the Altar Guild, the Music Programme, the Servers and so on. This work is the very stuff that knits together the spiritual life of the parish and many are involved both in the planning and the realization of the multitude of aspects that make worship and spiritual reflection possible at St. George's. The reports of at least some of what belongs to this work are contained below in this annual report, but I also wish to highlight the planning for Lent and Advent this year. In Lent, Dr Wayne Hankey conducted a Lenten series entitled, "The Fear of the



Lord", using Charles Williams' novel, "Descent into Hell", in conjunction with selected passages of Scripture. Also in Lent, Daniel Watson, one of our parishioners, led a series based on the Diocesan Lenten Programme, called "Taking Up the Cross". Then in Advent, the Rector led a series of three sessions: "Seeing Christ in the Torah", "Seeing Christ in the Old Testament", and "Seeing Christ in the Psalms".

I should also mention just a couple of items that escape the groups reporting herein. First, in June the Spiritual Development Committee produced on behalf of the Parish a "liturgical portrait" of the Parish. This was done at the request of the Doctrine and Worship Committee of the Diocese which was, in turn, responding to a request from the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee of the national church. This "portrait" was a largely descriptive reporting on the liturgical practices at St. George's. The purpose behind the initial request was evidently that the national church is seeking to understand the full array of liturgical practices in the Anglican Church of Canada – but with an emphasis on ascertaining the use of innovative forms.

Also worth reporting is the motion put to parish council and passed there that the Orthodox Parish of Saint Vladimir be able to use space in the Parish Hall so long as this is mutually convenient. This congregation is currently engaged in preparing the space in the hall where they will begin to worship in a few weeks.

Beyond these items, I commend to you the reports contained below.

Neil Robertson, Chair

Servers

The 2003 year was a successful year with regard to serving. We have officially lost only one member, Nadine Savoury, as she decided to focus more on her duties as M.C and Sub-Deacon. Welcome back to Matt Burley who had moved out of province with his family mid-way through last year but has since returned.

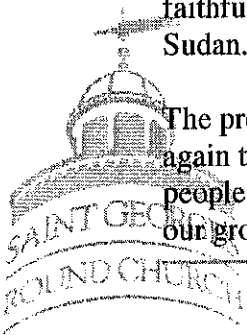
Also I would like to welcome our most recent addition, John Chuol, who has been coming to Saint George's rather faithfully since his family's arrival from Sudan.

The presentation of crosses took place again this year which entailed many people receiving recognition due both to our growing numbers and also in lieu of

last year's presentations not taking place. The following people received crosses this year Nicholas Baker, Emily Harnish, Ryan Harnish, Elliot Kavanagh, Rhys Kavanagh, Sebastien Labrie, Alex Purcell, Blois Shattford, Andrew Thorne, Nicholas Veltemeyer, David Wallace and Br. David Martin.

In closing, I would like to make those adults or youth who are interested in serving aware of the fact that even though our numbers are growing we still welcome the opportunity for you to become involved

*Respectfully submitted,
Scott Connors
Head Server*



Altar Guild

The members of St. George's Altar Guild for the past year were: Dorothy Coons, Nadine Gallant, Lora Harris, Susan Harris, Helen Johnson, Cathy Jewell, Tracy Lenfesty, Diana Lowe, Mary MacLachlan, Joyce McCulloch, Margherita Mendel, Jean Milsom, Vaila S. Mowat, Nora Praught, Dinah Savoury, Sandra Thorne, Anne Tilley, Lori Trenaman, with the special assistance of Flor Grandy and David Winters.

For the year 2004, the same people continue in the guild, except that Lora Harris and Nora Praught have moved away and Nadine Gallant has become Nadine Savoury. The membership of the Altar Guild has been divided into six teams, with each team comprising at least two members. Altar Guild duty consists of attendance every sixth Saturday (or Friday afternoon) to polish brass, arrange flowers, prepare the holy communion vessels for Sunday morning, and lay out the vestments. As each team has now only two members, we would gladly welcome new people – for “many hands make light work”.

I would like to express my thanks for all the hard work which Altar Guild members have put in over the course of the last year. I firmly believe that we must have one of the best Altar Guilds in the city -- maybe even the province?? – and boast that our brass is always bright and shiny!

Some folk deserve special mention. First of all, many, many thanks for Helen Johnson. During the spring and summer months, most of the flowers gracing our altar came from her garden (A number of bouquets also came from

the church grounds). The donation of these flowers beautifies our church and helps with expenses. Secondly, I would like to thank Margherita Mendel for the all the times in which she has assisted David Winters in obtaining supplies – wine, candles, oil, breads – from the Diocesan Book Room, and also to thank David himself for obtaining the supplies with the help of Margherita and her car. We also thank him for opening the church for the Altar Guild each Saturday.

Next, I would like to thank Flo Grandy who every Sunday without fail brings us our small linens washed and ironed – no small feat. Thanks also to Dinah Savoury who washes and irons the altar cloths and credence cloths, and to Jean Milsom who undertakes from time to time to wash and iron all the cottas and surplices, albs and amices of the priests, deacons, and servers. Then there are those who sew – this year we particularly thank Anne Tilley for some repair work, Diana Lowe for mending cottas, and Dinah Savoury for producing two new altar covers. And we thank George Cochrane for all his help with the paschal candle and the advent wreath. We thank Jan Buley for making new backdrops for the Christmas crèche scene, and Chris West for fixing the trouble with the altar rail.

It should be noted that the Altar Guild has over time taken on some duties which were not originally assigned to it – doing laundry for the sanctuary party, for instance, and from our funds buying candles -- we have found that Betty's Gift Shop is always reliable in providing trouble-free candles – for the Advent Wreath and the special candelabra at Christmas and Easter. We also assist at



weddings and funerals, on numerous occasions providing not only the reading of the church for the occasion but someone to hand out programs and books – and to return them from the pews afterwards.

I append a financial report for the year 2003. An unusual expense this year is the payment of a bill for Bertrand Foucher Belanger for \$695.91. The payment of this bill has meant that we have actually spent more this year than we have taken in. The bill is in payment for repairs made to our paten, chalice and breadbox by that firm, and it would not normally be paid by the Altar Guild. However, after some discussion with the rector and the wardens, we decided that it would be appropriate for us to pay this bill out of our past reserves. We are proud to this.

The Altar Guild thanks the parish for its support, and looks forward to a productive new year.

Sincerely, (Miss) Vaila S. Mowat, Altar Guild Head

<i>Altar Guild Accounts for 2003</i>	
CREDITS	
From Church and weddings	\$ 2220.44
Bank Interest	<u>.34</u>
Total	<u>\$2220.78</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Flowers (including hanging baskets)	\$ 1231.63
Candles, fabric, cleaning supplies	446.94
Bank service fee	20.25
Allotment	518.74
Repair of chalice, paten and breadbox	<u>695.91</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2931.47</u>
If the last item (chalice etc.) were left off, the total would be \$2217.56, leaving a “profit” of \$3.22 for the year. If it is left in, the expenditures for the year exceed the income to the amount of \$692.69	
The altar guild began the year with	
	\$ 3,517.56
and closed at	2,824.87
Therefore,	
	$\$3,517.56 + \$2,220.78 = \$5738.34$
Subtract expenditures	<u>2913.47</u>
	<u>\$2824.87</u>

Daily Offices

Every year I report the same message, nothing new. Perhaps that’s not so bad. It just indicates that we are stable in the Body of Christ at a time when uncertainty and division is ever present on the horizon.

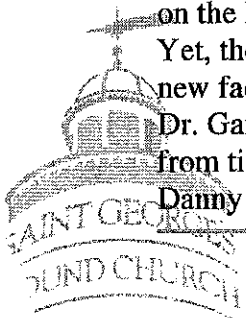
Yet, the offices are blessed with several new faces who preside regularly such as Dr. Gary McGonagill, Vivien Hannon, from time to time Louise Burley, and Danny Watson who, by the way, can

sing Eastern Chant which is a spiritual treat for us.

The Office of Evensong after a period of struggle (attendance was down) is beginning to thrive due to the regular efforts of Jan Connors.

I shall close with my perennial line: The Offices are alive and well and living at 2222 Brunswick St.

*Together in Christ,
Br. David Martin Winters FOCD*



Nursery

Annual Report for 2003

On the "Crying-Room" Crowd

Quite a few of the most charming and delightful people in our congregation visit the little room at the back of the church during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning service in order to talk with each other, and play a few games. Sometimes we read a Bible story while the "Big Folks" listen to the sermon.

In June, we lost the lady in charge of this room, Mrs. Nora Praught, although we hope that in the future, she may be able to return to us once her stay in the middle east is over. Since that time I have tried to see to it that the room is staffed every Sunday morning, although

I know that I have occasionally failed to do this. Besides myself, the regular volunteers are Kim Lickers, Roseanne Reeve-Newsome, and Gladys Perry.

We have gladly received some additional toys. Some new-to-us reading material suitable for the under-fives would be appreciated.

Even in winter it's WARM in the "crying" room. Visit us some time – we seldom cry and more often smile. It is a great chance to meet your newest parishioners!

*Sincerely,
(Miss) Vaila S. Mowat*

Sunday School

Sunday School 2003

The focus this year has been primarily Year Two - which follows the Church Year based on the Prayer Book lectionary and sections of Year Four - significant figures in Christian history down through the centuries.

We have been successful in establishing a Senior Sunday School. This has been under the guidance of Stephen Harnish and Christopher Snook. This group begins at age twelve and ranges in number from two - five. They meet before the 10:30 worship service making it possible to take part in the congregation or serve on the alter.

Both junior and senior groups participated in the Palm Sunday Street Procession and the Christmas pageant which took us back two thousand years to the miracle of the birth of Christ through artifact story telling. This pageant was developed by Jan Buley and music composed by our Choir Director, David Buley.

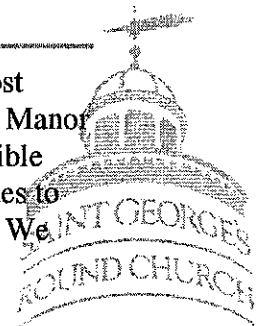
All of this was accomplished through the dedication of our teachers who lovingly gave their time and talent to make our Sunday School successful.

Cathy Keizer-Harnish

Deaf Ministry

We continue to provide weekly opportunities for the Deaf Community to come and worship or study the bible with us. Our Northwood outreach in the

chapel each Tuesday has been most welcome, with pastoral visits to 8 Manor and 2 Centres for shut-ins. Our bible study leader, Hugh Glass, continues to provide excellent biblical studies. We



enjoy and learn so much about Jesus and the church.

This year has given us...

We continue our once per month visit to Prince Edward Island and the Deaf Community meet at Saint Peter's Cathedral. Laura Bartlett and her family continue to worship with us and her

daughter Brie-Anna, was baptised late last year.

Chris Racine and Laura Bartlett continue to be the interpreters at Saint George's, although Chris has pulled back from the weekly worship for the moment. We look forward to his return in the spring.

Fr Keith Todd

Interpreters

It has been a number of years since meeting Keith Todd. It appeared he had come from nowhere to invite us to come to bible class to learn with him. We very much enjoyed the signed service provided at Saint George's and decided to begin worshipping on a regular basis here. We started out slowly..taking a few bible classes and a few Friday noon services. Keith began to discuss plans for a Deaf ministry being formed and my wife Agnes and I were very interested in being involved. And now we have grown a great deal with having more members of the Deaf community attending services and feeling more a part of the Saint George's community. This is made possible by having interpreters available. Currently we are happy to have Laura Bartlett and Chris Racine. I really enjoy picking and making fun of Laura while she is interpreting, she has a hard time to keep a straight face! We are looking forward to enjoying the new hall, in whatever form that may take, with a TTY machine available to us.

We look to the future to hire more interpreters and intervenors for our Deaf/Blind parishoners and continue to grow. We are very fortunate for what Keith has done for us to start our ministry and look forward to raising the bar in the years to come.

Bill Comerford

This has been a great year of growth for our Deaf ministry with some new faces around. We continue to see a steady group (approx 10-12) coming to worship on Sunday mornings as well as a very diverse group during Friday noon services.

Friday's service has been a blessing! We have a great team with Keith Todd and Debby Burleson. We have had some really moving discussions and had great opportunities to teach and learn from each other. Debby has been a constant wealth of insight and inspiration to me.

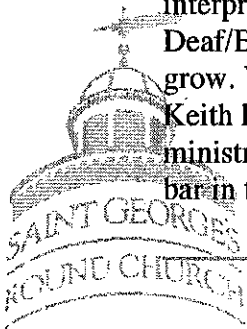
We are looking to hire another intervenor for the members of our Deaf/Blind community. We have had the fortune of being involved in not only traditional worship but as well as choral worship, several other wonderful opportunities.

We also look to add a third interpreter to our team.

I look forward to having a TTY set up in the hall and look forward to making some initiatives come to reality such as having more outreach to those isolated in the community and getting us online.

Thank you again for all your support and friendship over this past year and especially to Jan Buley, Susan Harris, John Swaine, Keith Todd and Father Thorne.

Laura Bartlett



Lay Readers and MCs

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

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

Brother David Martin
Nadine Savoury
David Olding
Roseanne Reeve-Newson
Craig Savoury
Stephen Harnish
John Swaine

Three 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:

Nadine Savoury
Stephen Harnish
David Olding
Craig Savoury

Christopher Snook
John Swaine

The MC's are the people who organize and co-ordinate each liturgy. Behind the scenes before each service they are busy organizing the servers and clergy, assigning tasks, making sure that candles are lit, checking that the sanctuary is ready and that the service starts on time. During the service they stand near the celebrant to anticipate and assist him, and to unobtrusively provide cues and direction for the servers. The goal is for the liturgy to proceed smoothly and reverently. After the service they help the Altar Guild by clearing the sanctuary, putting away the vestments and keeping the Vestry tidy.

They are:

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

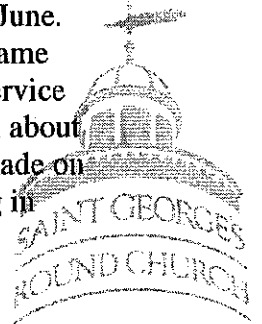
Pastoral Ministry

YouthNet

It has been another full year for YouthNet, marked by farewells to well-loved staff and the welcoming of new, developing new programs, and being surprised by how quickly some of our young people have grown up.

In the Spring, Kate Freeman and Naomi Blackwood both graduated from Dalhousie and left YouthNet to pursue new directions. Both were integral to the development of YouthNet, in particular the Day Camps and

Wilderness Program. Bidding them farewell included many weeks of preparation: training new staff and planning for summer programs. Never before had Day Camps or the Wilderness Program been run by anyone but Naomi or Kate! Many of you will remember our formal good-bye to Kate and Naomi after a Sunday worship service in June. Twenty neighbourhood children came into the church at the end of the service and two spoke to the congregation about the impact Kate and Naomi had made on their lives. Naomi is now studying in



Toronto and Kate is working full time at ARK Outreach.

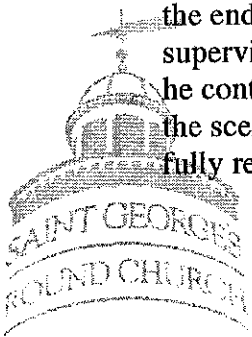
Kate McKenna, King's student and community resident, came on board to co-ordinate the Summer Day Camps and successfully ran two Day Camps and a Music Camp with the support of LaShawn West (his second summer with us). Like last year, the daily presence of dedicated volunteers ensured that each child received close attention and care. One girl arrived just after 8am on the second day of camp saying she couldn't sleep – she was too excited about the rest of the week. Another young person arrived on the last day of camp with cards to specially thank each of the volunteers. Kate and LaShawn are to be commended for sustaining the level of care and programming that is now expected by parents and children. Both gave everything they had to make the programs a success and will attest to being absolutely exhausted by the end of August.

Jim Wilson, a long time community resident and former YouthNet volunteer, took on Wilderness Camp Co-ordination with the part-time assistance of Alan Hall. They introduced nine youth to the program and ran our first ever junior leadership trip to the Cape Breton highlands. Jim also facilitated a partnership with the Black Business Initiative through which twelve of our senior youth built kayaks. Many will remember that Jim damaged his foot at the end of July and was unable to supervise the final Wilderness trip, but he continued to plan and organize behind the scenes. We are glad that he has now fully recovered.

YouthNet has long desired to bring the energy, focus and care of the summer into school year programming. This fall we were finally ready thanks to the strong foundations built these past six years. By the end of 2003, we were running six after-school programs compared with only three a year ago. We now see children every day of the week but Sunday.

With the closure of the Cornwallis Street Baptist Lunch Program we expanded our own noon program (previously run in partnership with Cornwallis) to include lunch. We now have 29 children attending and rely on the generosity of many parishioners to provide soup, sandwiches and vegetables each day (heartfelt thanks to you to all). We began a Latin club in partnership with the Dalhousie Classics department that has become a favourite of 6 kids. And we made plans for a Community Music Program, a CAP Site and Teen Community Leadership group – all now in action. Through the fall, Kate McKenna continued to co-ordinate the after-school reading club; community members Rhonda Newcombe and LaShawn West joined our regular staff in September and continue to provide excellent leadership in our various other programs.

Neighbourhood teens also continued to provide leadership in YouthNet programs and in the new year will benefit from workshops and special training. The United Way honoured three of these teens in their 2003 poster campaign. Seeing their faces on buses, posters and billboards around town has been a constant reminder to us of their achievements and of YouthNet's growth. These young people were once children



in our programs. Now they are entering the greater world as ambassadors of their neighbourhood, leaders for their peers, with some of YouthNet in their hearts and with them in ours.

Thank you to everyone who has made this year possible and who continue to believe in the kids and the work we do. We could not accomplish any of this without the support of generous volunteers who give so much of their

time in over 14 programs each year. Thank you also to our financial supporters including the parish, the Diocesan Growth for Ministry Fund, Edmonds Landscape and Construction Services, ExxonMobil Canada, Segelberg Trust, the Youth Employability Project and many individuals. Finally, thanks to everyone who prays for us, the kids and the neighbourhood.

Barbara Swanson

Group committee

Annual Report for 2nd Halifax Scouting

When the Group Committee held its first meeting on September 15th, 2003, it was forced to face the fact that youth registration in the Scouting program at St. George's was very low. As only one scout registered, it was decided not to offer a scouting program for 2003/4, but, as a few children and youths had registered for Beavers and Cubs, programs are being held for them this year.

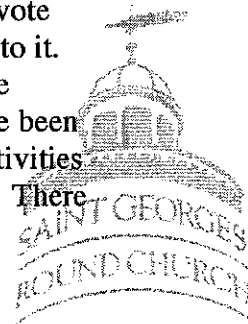
This downward trend in membership is a continuation of what we have experienced in the previous scouting year of 2002/3 in which, however, we did carry out a program for Scouts as well as for Cubs and Beavers. The group Committee has tried to recruit youth through the neighbourhood schools and churches – thanks especially to Lowell Perry and Barbara Swanson for their efforts in this respect. In part our difficulty reflects a decline in numbers in Scouting generally, whether in this city, province or in this country. Perhaps also we are competing these days locally with more alternative programs for youth. Those who do attend our program enjoy it, and we have

good reason to feel pride in the leadership of our sections.

We thank YouthNet for its support and for its payment of membership fees. We also thank our section leaders, Kim Lickers and Scott Connors for Beavers, and Sarah Manos, Peter MacDonald and Nancy Clarke.

The Beaver program in 2002 gave a place for some children from Armbrae Academy when the Academy ceased to offer a program. This year the membership of 2-3 has been entirely of neighbourhood children. The usual Beaver activities have taken place, and all "kits" are now "Eager Beavers." Although our Beavers were too young to attend Area Camp last year, 2nd Halifax took part, and presented an interesting program. This year we are offering Camp and Lodges and Lairs instead.

The Cub program has also proceeded as usual. We owe a great deal of thanks to the busy medical students who devote some of their scarce leisure hours to it. Every time I have happened on the program on Tuesday nights, I have been impressed by the quality of the activities and by the enjoyment of the cubs. There are 4-6 Cubs.



Because of the low numbers of registered youth – yet we have not really had trouble getting leaders – the Group Committee has considered the possibility of closing down the Scouting Program entirely at St. George’s at the present time, but we have not yet reached a decision on this issue. If anyone has ideas or suggestions on how we might “do it better”, please contact Lowell Perry (Group Chair) at 477-2287 or V. S. Mowat (Secretary) at 454-8094.

The latest treasurer’s report is attached.

Sincerely,
V. S. Mowat
(Group Committee Secretary)

**2nd Halifax Group Committee
Financial Statement 2003
@ Jan. 5/04**

Revenue:	
Coffee	\$ 81.90
Dalhousie University – Cubs	100.00
Interest	--
Parish-YouthNet/Plate Donations	134.38
St. George’s Society--	
Popcorn	43.00
Registration	20.00
Scoutrees	--
	<u>\$379.28</u>

Expenses:	
Beavers	\$ 250.49
Cabin (including lease fee)	534.32
Closing BBQ	--
Cubs (including Hfx. area camp)	--
Group	(403.00)
Operation Alert	
Police Record Checks	--
Popcorn	--
Registration	--
Scoutrees	--
Service charges/cheque costs	11.40
Training	--
Troop	--
Uniforms	--
	<u>\$393.21</u>
Net Income	\$ (13.93)

Balance Sheet

Assets	
bank book balance @Sept.10/03	\$705.56
Cheque(s) uncashed at bank	
Liabilities	
update	<u>\$ 21.85</u>
	\$683.71

Net Income 2003	
@above	\$ (13.93)
Retained income from previous years	\$697.64
Funds available =	\$683.71

Notes:

Popcorn income and expenses not included.



Soup kitchen

On November 9th, 2003 we celebrated 18 years of operation and we have many people to thank for their commitment over the years.

I am still harping about our weekly teams. This is still not working !!!!! We have teams of 4 who are expected once every 6 weeks, to come to do various jobs which are supervised by the following people:

Dick Gallagher, Ada and Willis Grandy, Les Grandy, Gertie Moulton and Karen Wheeler. The teams are expected to help with the set up and clean up each week. Since the beginning of this year these teams have been revised by the addition of new parishioners and there is still room for more.

We have several youth groups from other denominations/churches, who come and entertain the clients, which is very enjoyable. Other young people are coming - Sarah Edmonds, Andre Gray, Susan Doucet, Amanda James. Not all are from St. George's.

An extra special thank you to Marilyn Warner who organizes, and buys all the gifts for the Annual Soup Kitchen Penny Auction in May. What a sister, and she attends another church!

This kitchen runs strictly from donations and fund raisers, not from our church budget. It you would like to donate funds to help us you may do so by using your Missions envelope clearly marked "Soup Kitchen ". Also, as stated above, if you would be interested in joining please contact Karen at 471-2332 after 6:00 p.m. or weekends.

There will soon be a brochure with statistics and more details of how this mission runs.

Yours respectfully,

*Karen A. Wheeler,
Coordinator*

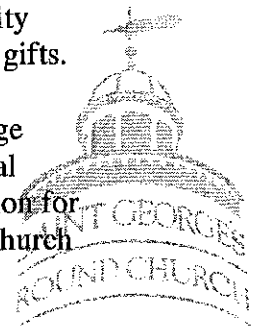
Financial Statement St. George's Soup Kitchen For the year ending December 2003	
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Balance as of December 31, 2002	\$1,219.83
Revenue:	
Donations, Fundraisers & Interest	\$6,885.27
Expenses:	
Atlantic Cash & Carry	\$1,905.19
Weekly Groceries/Equipment	4,590.70
Total	\$6,495.89
Balance as of December 31, 2003	\$1,609.21

Christmas family outreach CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2003

Due to generosity and caring by the congregation as well as external sponsors/donors, nineteen families (43 children) gratefully received assistance through our Christmas Outreach 2003

program. The majority of these families who live in the northend community received ample food hampers and gifts. A warm Thank You to all who contributed, in any way, to the huge success of this endeavor. A special acknowledgement to Vivien Hannon for ensuring our messages reach the church



bulletin; Cheryl Lemke and Heather Jensen for purchasing the groceries; Andrew and Katie for assisting me in selecting, purchasing and sorting the presents (toys and clothing); and, those who came to wrap, pack and make the deliveries to our 'families'.

FUNDS RECEIVED:	\$3,050.00
BREAKDOWN:	
Food:	\$1400.00
Clothing/Gifts:	\$1650.00

*Respectfully submitted,
Judith Baker, Chair*

Stepping Stone

The association is a 'user friendly non-profit organisation that supports individuals involved in the sex-trade by contributing to their health, safety and well-being'. As well as helping those in and formerly in the sex-trade it tries to reach youth at risk of becoming involved.

Its guiding principles, briefly summarised, are: To establish and maintain contact with individuals, responding to immediate needs. To help them access existing services and to establish a self-help programme. To encourage the use of harm-reduction strategies. To provide long-term support to former sex-trade workers. To educate youth about the risks relating to prostitution.

Stepping Stone has been generously funded by the Department of Community Services and the United Way as well as by the Halifax Youth Foundation and private donations. There is some concern that due to cut-backs to the DCS, the next budget may be reduced. The annual staffing cost is \$115,220. The budget for 2003/4 of \$136,900 has allowed for many improvements to be implemented at 2224 Maitland St. during the past year. A table and chairs were purchased and all rooms repainted in time for the Summer Barbecue and Open-house. A computer for programme-users will, it is hoped,

help them in finding alternative employment.

Some regular programmes are:

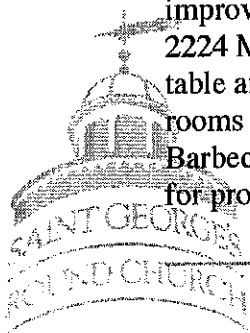
- Strolls, handing out condoms and offering counselling, court support,
- addiction counselling, visits by a nurse, Bingo, 'movie night' and cooking
- classes (focussed on good nutrition on a budget).

St. George's main interaction with our neighbours at Stepping Stone is at their Christmas Party. Once again this year Karen Wheeler organized the turkey-dinner, assisted by members of the congregation and YouthNet staff, who also provided crafts and games. This year David Buley contributed musical entertainment. Many thanks to all who helped to make this 'the best party yet!'

We have budgetted \$400 for the Christmas Party but thanks to generous donations Jeannine has been able to set aside enough to cover next year's party, freeing St. George's to use that money elsewhere.

Another link between Stepping Stone and St. George's is through Youthnet. Some of the mothers who use the drop-in have children attending Youthnet programmes. It is hoped that this bond may be mutually beneficial, particularly in the area of reaching youth in danger of becoming enmeshed in the sex-trade and educating them about the risks.

*Lorna Wallace
(Stepping Stone Board member)*



Missions to Seafarers

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN

This year we were thrilled to have gathered enough supplies to deliver over 50 boxes, our best ever! Thanks to the employees of Edmonds for their great contribution. Thanks also to Heather Hamilton and Anne Tilley, and children in Sunday School for helping put the boxes together; and to Karen Wheeler

who helped deliver the last load of boxes.

I suggest we all look for specials on the hygiene items year-round to avoid last minute full-price purchasing. And of course if you want to knit mitts, scarves, or hats the seafarers love them! Thanks for your generous support of this Christmas Outreach project that brings joy to our Christmas visiting seafarers.

Gai Thomas

Christmas baskets

This year 36 parishioners were visited and delivered a Christmas gift basket. Members of the Parish contributed some wonderful food and other items to the

baskets, and six Parishioners made the deliveries in the week before Christmas.

Margherita Mendel & Helen Johnson

PWRDF

Unfortunately due to my illness PWRDF was less active this year than in the past.

Lorna Wallace's help with the Christmas cards was greatly appreciated.

I wish to thank everyone who prayed for me throughout the year. I seem to be making some headway after a stint in the rehabilitation center.

*Respectfully submitted,
Brian Mann*

Total givings for the year	\$2033
- General givings	\$1718
- Christmas card sales	\$315

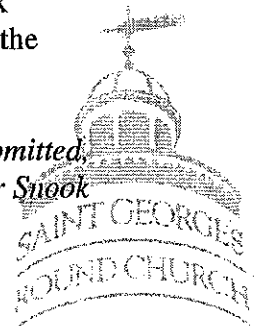
Confirmation preparation

Confirmation

This year ten people we confirmed from St George's at the regional confirmation service held at St Matthias'. Six young people and four adults received the Apostolic Rite. Stephen Harnish, Fr Thorne and I were responsible for the preparation of our youth candidates and David Olding and Fr Thorne prepared the adults. It was a blessing having so many from our parish confirmed and to see the presence of parishioners at the confirmation service supporting the confirmands. Please keep the recent confirmands in your prayers: Daniel, Kale, Ryan, Erica, Jonathan, Kelsey, Andre, Ben, Jesse and Kate.

Since the institution of regional confirmations three years ago it has been discouraging not having a Prayer Book confirmation service. Our candidates are formed within the Prayer Book tradition and the liturgy used at the regional services is largely unfamiliar to them. Thankfully, the Bishop explained during his recent visit that in situations where the number of candidates for confirmation at a regional service are by and large drawn from Prayer Book parishes it is only sensitive to use the Prayer Book liturgy. This is wonderfully encouraging news.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Snook*



The Web Page

The last year has not seen many changes in the appearance of the website. The single major addition to the site was Fr Thorne's 'Letters Home' to the parish from his peacekeeping duties in the Golan Heights. Word got around, and several individuals who know Fr Thorne from outside the parish (and some former parishioners now living elsewhere) asked to be notified when new epistles appeared, resulting in more traffic on the website.

When the website project was initiated, it was hoped that new people might discover St. George's via the Internet. Recently Fr Thorne and I were thrilled to learn that at least one new parishioner has come to St George's because of what they read on the website.

In January 2004, our service provider, Eastlink, moved the website to a different server, doubling the amount of server space available to us. This was done at no additional cost to the parish. The parish had actually been paying for this service all along and the error was only detected when the website exceeded its memory limitation on the previous server. This move is good news on several fronts. Not only does it double our space, it will allow some technical changes which will make updating the site much easier. There are also a number of other potential changes which were not possible with our previous server and these possibilities will be further investigated in the coming months.

Sarah Stevenson

Neighbourhood Activity, Community Happenings & Advocacy

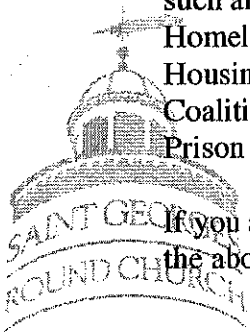
So many in Saint George's do so much: Soup Kitchen, YouthNet, Coffee Hour, Choir, Sunday School, Finance, Property, Committees, Guilds and most important of all, the worship of Almighty God in thankful prayer.

We are blessed in our location with many opportunities to help our underprivileged brothers and sisters in such areas as The Community Action on Homelessness, Metro Non Profit Housing, Harm Reduction, The Aids Coalition of Nova Scotia, Adsum House, Prison Ministry, to name only some.

If you are interesting in helping in any of the above, please contact David Olding

(426-2565; oldingda@csc-scc.gc.ca). No one, however, should ever feel they have to help in everything. We are all called to serve God in various ways, the most important always being the regular worship in our beautiful church and the prayer support in those areas that we cannot serve in a practical way.

For over a year, Community Happenings and Advocacy has been a regular feature of our weekly bulletin. There we've learned something about some of the aforementioned organizations, as well as ARK, Direction 180, Halifax Inner City Initiative, the Halifax Peace Coalition, Mainline Needle Exchange, and others. We've learned about needs, initiatives to help, training opportunities, and of relief efforts for local fire victims. But most of all our consciousness has been raised on very important issues. May our



prayer life be affected and more efficacious as a result.

CH&A has been the responsibility of Jan Connors throughout 2003. We look forward to learning about local

happenings and advocacy opportunities from Kate Freeman, who takes over this role in 2004.

David Olding and Jan Connors

Stewardship

As in last year's annual report, stewardship is represented herein through the reports of the various Team Ministries. Specifically they include: Baptismal Preparation Team, Greeters, Newcomers Welcome Team, Young Families Contact & Fellowship, Parish Youth Ministry Team, University Students Team, Sunday Lunch Hospitality Team, Sick & Shut-in Visitation Team, and Parish Sponsor Team for Hospital Visiting. But truly, this entire report attests to Stewardship at Saint George's. Just read all these reports! So many give so much of their time. So many offer their talent and expertise. So many give sacrificially of their financial treasure, each according to their means. All give of their time, talent and/or treasure in thanksgiving, to the Glory of God!

Jan Connors

Baptismal Preparation Team

Families of children for Baptism were visited and prepared by the team of Lynn Stevenson and Stephen Harnish. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the families by helping to answer their questions and to assist them

with the organisation of the baptism so that they feel welcomed at St.

George's. Short family profiles in the bulletin about the Baptismal family also helps other Parishioners to know a little about the child and family.

Lynn Stevenson

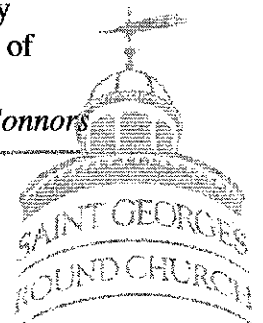
Sick & Shut-in Visitation Team

We are thankful for each person in our parish who periodically or regularly visits sick or shut-in parishioners. Two of our dear friends died this past year. Alice Westhaver and Matilda Glover are sadly missed. Those of us who visited either of these two remarkable ladies always came away with the sense of having been the ones ministered to rather than us ministering to them.

In addition to the several visitors who faithfully call on sick or shut-in members in their homes or nursing homes, Br. David Martin Winters regularly visits all the Northwood Centre & Manor residents from Saint George's.

Christopher Snook is taking over the coordination of this Team in 2004. If you can commit to making a biweekly visit to brighten the day of a lonely parishioner, please let Chris know of your interest.

Jan Connors



Parish Sponsor Team for Hospital Visiting

The Hospital Visitation Team has continued for the past year with three people consistently checking the QE II hospital admission lists, for any parishioners of St George's, throughout the week and notifying Father Thorne and me accordingly.

I have then endeavoured to visit the patients on a regular basis during their stay.

There are four patients who are in permanent care whom I also visit weekly. Kathleen Jaeger also gives her time to this.

My sincere thanks to Vivien Hannon, Gladys Powell, Gai Thomas and to Tricia Robertson (who handed over to Gai with the advent of Nan).

Sheila Jackson

Greeters Team

Would you like to be a greeter? It is really quite simple. Just be at the main door at 10:10 on your designated Sunday with a friendly smile for all and an encouraging word for newcomers and visitors. Invite them for coffee and watch for them after the Service, and accompany them to the hall and introduce them to Father Thorne and members of the congregation. Watching

for new faces soon becomes a habit and hopefully as we practice this habit, we won't have to have a roster of greeterseveryone will be a greeter! Until such time, I would like to thank all those who have been on the 'greeting roster' during the past year and to encourage all others to join us!

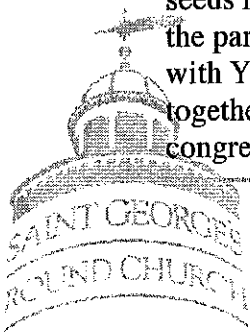
*Respectfully submitted,
Dianna Lowe*

Youth Ministry Team

As was the case last year, Youth ministry has been largely conflated with confirmation preparation this past year. This is far from ideal. We continue to need well-established longterm relationships to be built amongst our parish's youth and to that end need regular opportunities for our young people to be together. There are two initiatives that will begin in the next month that will hopefully provide the seeds for consistent Youth activities in the parish. The first is a joint programme with YouthNet that aims to bring together young people from our congregation with young people from

the North End around local and global social issues. This is being directed primarily by Josh Dunn. The other programme is a Lenten series for the parish's Youth on Desert Spirituality led by Daniel Watson and myself. These are encouraging developments. Please keep them in your prayers. Youth Ministry continues to be in need of people who feel called to its work and to assist in the care and spiritual development of our parish's youth. Should you be interested in this ministry, please contact me.

*Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Snook*



University Student Ministry Team

The major event for the University Student Ministry Team in the past year was a potluck Easter dinner. This was the second year in a row for this event. Fr Gordon and Mrs Nellie Neish generously hosted the dinner at their Halifax apartment. Between the students and the Neish family (all of them) and their friends, about 35 people enjoyed a lively Easter meal. The Team continues to maintain an email list of students in the parish to notify them of special events - retreats, Advent/Lent study groups, volunteer opportunities with YouthNet etc. We know that we are missing several new student parishioners; please contact Chelsea Thorne (thorne_chelsea@hotmail.com) if you wish to be added to this email list, or know of someone who may wish to be added.

Over the summer, I felt that it was time for someone closer to the University age group to take a more active and visible role with this team. In September, Chelsea Thorne agreed to take on primary responsibility for this team, assisted by Matthew Wright. I thank them both for agreeing to this task. I am also grateful for the support of many people for their assistance to me over the last two years including Jan Connors, Cathy & Stephen Harnish, Tracy Lenfesty, Gary McGonagill, Fr Gordon & Mrs Nellie Neish, Paula Phillips & Roger Marsters, Barb Swanson & Chris Snook, Chelsea Thorne and Fr Gary Thorne and any others whom I may have omitted. As I step back from a primary role with this group, I hope that the parish will continue to support this team and continue to give our University parishioners a warm spiritual home away from home.

Sarah Stevenson

Sunday Lunch Hospitality Team

Sandwiches, savories and sweets are provided by 4-member teams, in the Hall after the 10:30 Sunday Service. This year I was thrilled to not only fill all 6 teams with volunteer food providers, but also to have 3 spares in the wings!

Thanks to all 27 willing workers. To join a team, please call Gai Thomas 455-2612 or e-mail hydrostone2000@yahoo.ca

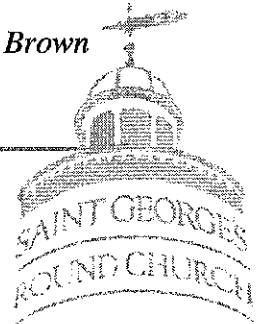
Gai Thomas

Newcomer Welcoming Team

The weekly Church Bulletin requests Newcomers to contact us so that we can assist in giving a welcome to St. Georges. Attention is given to Newcomers and priority provided to help them to feel comfortable and encouraged to worship with us. A visit to their residence can be arranged if desired and information given about the services and actives and

help provided by the Church. New members are introduced to other church members where they can talk and listen to each other. Being friendly and working in welcoming on a regular habit is rewarding, say hello and give a friendly greeting.

Jim & Irma Brown



Synod Report

Diocesan Synod met at St Mary's University 29-31 May 2003

The bishop's charge was delivered on the afternoon of May 29th. The Charge was fairly lengthy and the full text of the Charge can be found on the Diocesan website (www.nspeidiocese.ca). Among the highlights - the Bishop's intention to consider amalgamating parishes in Team Ministry approaches such as is currently in place in Pictou County; the Bishop is once again receiving inquirers for the Non-Stipendary Ordained Ministry; the report of the Episcopal Ministry Task Force and the Bishop's intention to bring a motion to Synod which would result in the election of a Suffragan bishop by the end of the calendar year with a consecration of a suffragan early in 2004, a Capital Campaign for the diocese to fund a variety of programmes and our diocesan commitment to the residential schools settlement.

There were several presentations throughout the Synod on topics including:

- A presentation from Bill Close, President of AST on the upcoming changes to AST's mission, recruitment and training of students.
- Mission to Seafarers and the need for a chaplain to fill the position that has been vacant for almost a year.
- The Rev'd Canon Sue Moxley, rector of St Mark's Halifax spoke about Sanja who is living in sanctuary at St Mark's.
- Representatives of the Visioning Task Group spoke about the Visioning process in the diocese.
- The Capital Campaign Task Group - the final target number for the Campaign has not been set.

- The Rev'd Dr Sue Moxley spoke to Synod about the New Agape agreement signed at the last General Synod. The goals of this agreement are: self-determination, justice, healing, historical reparation and partnerships. This presentation was followed by a presentation from a delegation visiting from the Diocese of Keewatin.

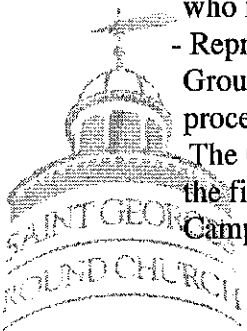
Perhaps the most interesting debate of Synod came out of a resolution regarding raffles in parish fundraising. This motion generated a great deal of discussion and was defeated in a vote by orders (clergy and lay delegates voting separately where the motion must carry in both orders).

Results of the elections to committees, Diocesan Council, Provincial & General Synod may also be found on the diocesan website. A further summary of the events of Synod may also be found on the diocesan website.

*Dr Gary McGonagill
Dr Neil Robertson
Sarah Stevenson*

Electoral Synod 22 November 2003

Synod met at St James Armdale on Saturday 22 November 2003 for the purpose of electing a suffragan bishop for the diocese. The Reverend Canon Dr Susan Moxley was elected on the third ballot. Other candidates were the Reverend Ron Cutler, The Ven Eric MacDonald, The Reverend Diane Parker and The Reverend Robert Richmond. The Reverend Diane Parker and the Reverend Robert Richmond withdrew after the second ballot.



Finance

Counters report

Counters are the people who disappear each Sunday after church to count the weekly offering while the rest of the congregation gathers for fellowship in the church hall. Working in pairs as required by the canons of the diocese, they count and record contributions to ensure that all money received is accounted for and that every identifiable giver can be issued an annual receipt for income tax purposes.

In a dynamic parish like Saint George's, counting is taking an increasing amount of time. Last Easter, it took four people four hours each, a total of 16 working hours. As a result, we have developed a system to spread the load. There are six teams of two who each count for a month of Sundays twice a year. The other 10 months a year, they too can share in post-worship fellowship.

Counters in 2003 included Roger Marsters, Dorothy Coons, Matthew Robinson, Gary McGonigall, Lowell

Perry, Sarah Stevenson, Chuck and Barb Richardson, Martin Yeatmen, Michal King and Mary Martin. Special thanks are due to long-time counters John Hammond, Anne West and Chris West who retired during the year. And a warm welcome to the counting house for our newest member, Barry Stevens.

The counters wanted me to thank Saint George's parishioners for their generosity and to remind them that when writing a cheque for a special need such as Gottingen Street fire victims or Christmas outreach, always to make the cheque out to Saint George's church, not to the special need. Note the special need on the memo section of the cheque or on the envelope.

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

Robert Martin
463-7115

Reports of other organizations/groups

Gabriel Guild

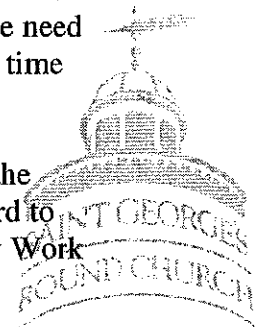
Just a few weeks ago we catered to a funeral reception and were told by one of our parishioners that we don't exist anymore. I can't understand where she got that from — as you will see from our list of annual events.

They are as listed, Pancake and Card Social, Penny Auction, Red Rose Dinner, Turkey Dinner. In addition we had many funeral receptions,

anniversary and birthday functions and special church services/events as well as providing the tea, coffee and milk for fellowship weekly.

You know that the age of our members range from 59-91 and therefore we need to call on the parish for help from time to time. BUT WE DO EXIST.

Once again, James Rawding and the "Smiths/Miles" have come forward to help us with the Pantry and Fancy Work

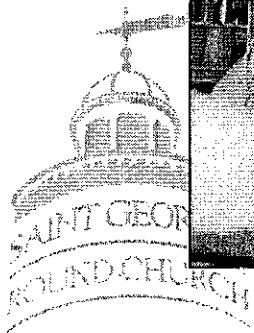


Tables, and not just working on them but bringing in things to sell for us. Thank you so much for your commitments. Karen's sister, Marilyn Warner continues to launder all of the tablecloths and dish towels weekly. Les and Willis Grandy for so much help in the kitchen before, during and after the dinner, along with John Krell and Jens Jensen. Great job Flo for selling all the tickets. I keep forgetting, Vaila calls the entire parish to ask for donations, etc. Under the leadership of Paul McCulloch and Stephen Burns, our cleanup team is so important and they make sure that our good china and silverware is clean and all accounted for before it is stored for our next event. To Lorna Hickey, who is such a pleasure to work with (and has a big car to help me lug the food back to the church), thank you Lorna for being so willing to help us with all of the above events Thanks !!!!!

To every one else, thank you for your donations of baked goods, money, waiting on tables, cutting pies, washing dishes, or just coming to eat, your support is muchly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
K. A. Wheeler and Gertie Moulton
Convenors

The Gabriel Guild and friends at work:



Gabriel Guild	
Financial Statement for the year 2003	
Balance as of December 31, 2002	\$4,047.69
Revenue:	
Catering Funeral receptions, workshops	\$300.00
Calendar Sales	410.00
Parish Events	
Pancake Supper/Social	495.00
Penny Auction	192.00
Red Rose Dinner	1,637.05
Turkey Dinner	2,156.70
Total Revenue	\$5,190.75
Expenses:	
St. Peter's Publication	\$ 385.00
Groceries/Equipment & Supplies	1,943.55
Guild Annual Dinner & Gifts	nil
St. George's Soup Kitchen	3,000.00
Total Expenses	\$5,328.55
Balance as of December 31, 2003	\$3,909.89



Parish Historian

This year saw the publication of Elizabeth Pacey's long-awaited book on St. George's, which appeared in the autumn under the title *Miracle on Brunswick Street* (Nimbus Press). We should all be grateful to Betty, for her work has exceeded our expectations, and fully deserved the glowing review I gave it in the *Sunday Herald*, 14 December, 2003, which is reprinted in the February issue of the *Lance*. I hope that all members of the parish who can afford it will purchase and read Betty's book, which is also splendidly illustrated. In an act of exceptional generosity, she has agreed to donate her royalties to the Church.

Despite the appearance of *Miracle on Brunswick Street*, parishioners will still find it useful to read the three lectures on the history of St. George's by Father Thorne, Brian Cuthbertson and myself, published in a booklet entitled *Church and Community: Serving God and Neighbour*; copies (\$5.00) are still available, the proceeds going to support Youthnet.

We have made significant progress in the process of establishing a records management policy. The purpose of such a policy is to establish which records need to be kept on the church premises, and for how long, and which are of sufficient importance to be kept for archival purposes. St. George's has no

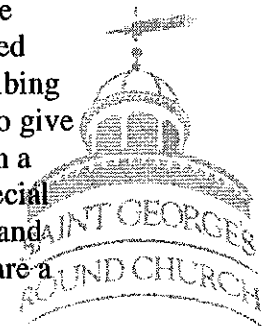
facilities for the preservation of such records, but Brian Cuthbertson, Diocesan Archivist, has agreed to accept records from us on an ongoing basis as soon as we have developed a policy. We must, accordingly, work out which records we think of sufficient importance to preserve. Sarah Stevenson and I have been working on this question. Through Sarah's initiative, we were fortunate in being able to get a comprehensive report done on the church records by two students in the School of Library and Information Services at Dalhousie, Kat Loker and Heather Berringer, which they sent us in April. As they undertook this study as their assignment for a graduate course, there was no cost involved. The students produced a very thorough document which will provide Sarah and me with a basis to continue working on a records management policy which will eventually be brought to Parish Council. Meanwhile, we have made one big step in transferring records. Anne West's collection of restoration material is now deposited in the Diocesan Archives. We owe Anne a debt of gratitude for assembling such a well-organized and catalogued collection which documents a defining moment in our history, and will be of great interest to future generations.

Henry Roper

St. George's Restoration Quilters

The last year has been busy, and of course, fun as we gathered most Tuesday mornings to quilt, chat, and have Morning Tea. Five quilters have worked on 2 commissioned quilts, and seven have completed or are working on 10 Crib quilts which we'll donate in June

2004 to several agencies that serve children in crisis. We have received several very positive letters describing how appreciated our quilts were to give to children who needed comfort in a troubled situation. Tea-time is special because we have several regular, and often an on-the-spot guests, to share a



"cuppa" and chat. We welcome NEW MEMBERS. Instruction given and help is always available. Call Gai Thomas 455-2612 or e-mail hydrostone2000@yahoo.ca

Gai Thomas

*Quilters Margherita, Heather and Helen
(Photo by Gai Thomas)*



Julian Gatherings

" For where two or three are gathered together in my name....", (Matt. 18:20). Our Julian Gatherings are most often two or three or four gathered together in Jesus' Name — in worship (said Compline) and meditation (30 minutes of silent prayer). If your week has become hopelessly hectic, consider this

invitation to join us for 45 minutes of peacefulness any Monday at 7 pm; it just might make a heavenly difference. Compline is a beautiful little Office even when it is simply said. In December we were blessed to have the Confirmation Class join us..

Jan Connors

Parish Library

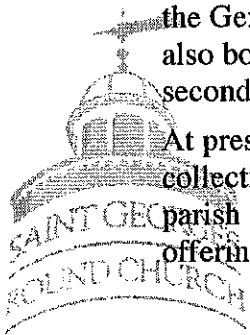
As librarian of the parish library, I thank the Parish Council for allowing me \$200.00 to pay for new books for the library. I have concentrated this year in producing a children's section to the library, buying some books at a low price, and taking some— with permission — from the supply in the Sunday School Room. Besides these additions, however, I have acquired for the library copies of the new Discovering the Book of Common Prayer by Sue Careless, and both the books about the history of St. George's Parish, the one by Elizabeth Pacey on the parish through the years, and the one by Paul and Eva Huber on the German roots of the parish. I have also bought some useful material second-hand.

out in February of this year. They have in many cases an evangelical emphasis which has been lacking in our material to date, and so provide some variety to our stock. The donation also includes some copies of bibles, which could come in handy for Youth Studies, or as reference. We thank Evelyn for this useful gift.

I am also myself donating some books to the library which were overflowing my shelves, and which I hope you might enjoy as I have.

The conditions in which the library is open for books to be lent and returned are not ideal. I cannot bring books upstairs to the coffee hour as often as I would like, as I have other duties on Sunday mornings. However, I practically always attend the coffee and cakes routine after the Sunday Service, and will always willingly let people use the library.

At present, I am busy cataloguing a collection of books kindly donated to the parish by Evelyn Mann. I shall be offering them to the parish to be loaned



I have not kept an account of money spent this year, but, as I understand that I shall again be given \$200.00 to pay for new books in the year 2004, I will do so in future. *Sincerely, Vailla S. Mowat*

Baptisms, burials, marriages, confirmations

HOLY BAPTISMS

April 6 Chloe Elizabeth Leights
 April 20 Angel Lee Wells
 Sebastian Randell Wells
 Gregory Noah Pickett
 May 4 Caroline Rachel Webb
 June 8 John Lawrence Aucoin
 August 9 Lily Sean Francis
 Sept. 28 Matthew Sheldon Connors
 Chase Manning Dixon
 Aidan John Paul Evans
 Nov. 7 Andre Gray
 Brie-Anna Nicole Bartlett
 Dec. 28 Austin Harry Hill

CONFIRMATIONS

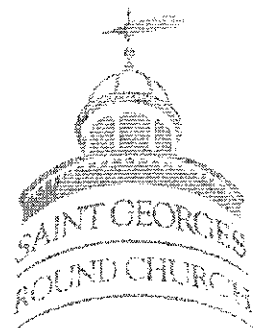
Jan. 12 Emily Harnish
 Elizabeth Haigh
 Kimberly Lickers
 Robert Purcell
 Gillian Tillard
 Daniel Watson
 Jan. 19 Eliot Kavanagh

MARRIAGES

June 7 Cory Allan F. Hendsbee and
 Sheri Anne Quinn
 August 29 Jefferey Roland Lockyer
 and Lisette Belliveau Fewer
 August 30 Alan William Wilson and
 Meghan Kathleen Jamieson
 Sept. 6 Philip Herritt and Michelle
 Irene Guillemette
 Sept. 6 Sean Andrew Otto and
 Susannah Rae Stanbury
 Sept. 29 Barry Craig Savoury and
 Nadine Dianne Gallant

FUNERAL RITES

Feb. 19 Leslie Walter Fillingham
 July 22 Everett Vincent Marryatt
 Aug. 6 Matilda Georgina Glover
 Aug. 17 Lucy Miles
 Oct. 16 Ileen Lilian Archibald
 Oct. 17 Alice Westhaver
 Oct. 27 Rita Mary Blanche Innis
Sept 20 ~~Nov. 2~~ David Haigh
 Dec. 23 Evangeline Mary Giles



Nominations committee

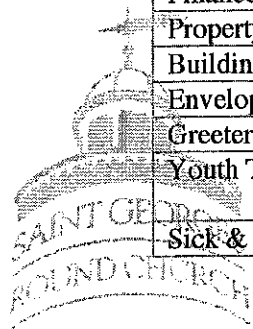
Nominations – Year 2004

Position	Returning	Nominated
Senior Warden	Tracy Lenfesty (3 of 3)	
Junior Warden		Stephen Harnish
Property Warden	John Swaine (2 of 3)	
Treasurer		Jan Connors
Secretary		Betty Haigh
Synod Delegates (3)		1. Sarah Stevenson 2. Christopher Snook 3. Stephen Harnish
Synod Youth Delegate (1)		1. Rhys Kavanagh
Synod Alternate Delegate*		Daniel Watson Nadine Savoury Nicholas Baker
Synod Alternate Youth Delegate*		
Members-at-large (12 maximum; 3-year terms)	1. Kathleen Jaeger (3 of 3) 2. Br. David Winters (3 of 3) 3. Daniel Watson (2 of 3) 4. Ian Tillard (2 of 3) 5. Cathy Harnish (2 of 3) 6. Patrick Hannon (2 of 3) 7. Nadine Gallant (2 of 3)	8. Susan Harris 9. Barry Stevens 10. Neil Robertson 11. Gary McGonagill 12. Evelyn Mann
Special Committees:		
Little Dutch Church Management Committee		
Organizations:		
Gabriel Guild		
Choir		
Regional Council Delegates*	Wardens, Synod Delegates	
PWRDF*	Brian Mann	
Auditor*		
Diocesan Times*		Robert Martin

* not a Parish Council position

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

Spiritual Development Chair	Neil Robertson	
Pastoral Ministry Chair	Fr. Thorne will continue as Acting Chair for the immediate time being	
Finance Committee Chair		Barry Stevens
Property Committee Chair		Lowell Perry
Building & Development Chair	Ian Tillard	
Envelope Secretary		Sandra McPhee
Greeters Team Leader		Betty Haigh
Youth Team Leaders		Christopher Snook and Stephen Harnish
Sick & Shut-in Team Leader		Christopher Snook



Parish Financial Statements for 2003 (unaudited)

PARISH OF ST GEORGE
HALIFAX

Balance Sheet
As at December 31, 2003

ASSETS

General Account	\$54,190	
Restoration Account	32,596	\$86,786
Receivables		
HST Claims		6,792
Committed Investments		156,998
Un-Committed Investments		9,510

TOTAL ASSETS **\$260,086**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		\$482
Rectory Damage Deposit		820
Short-Term Fund Accounts		42,107
Long-Term Fund Accounts		175,184
Total Liabilities		\$218,593
Equity		
Restoration Equity		\$32,606
Parish Equity		7,660
Net Income		1,227

Total Equity **\$41,493**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$260,086**



PARISH OF ST GEORGE
HALIFAX

Statement of Incomes & Expenditures
Year Ending December 31, 2004

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>
INCOME			
General Parish			
Offerings	\$207,924	\$181,400	\$26,524
Endowment Income ⁱ	13,195	7,500	5,695
Investment Income ⁱ	3,411	2,500	911
Yard Sale	10,741	8,000	2,741
Other Income ⁱⁱ	1,019	5,000	(3,981)
HST Income ⁱⁱⁱ	3,675	3,675	(3,675)
Total General Parish	\$239,965	\$208,075	\$31,890
Rental			
Parking	\$10,603	\$10,500	\$103
Church	1,800	2,000	(200)
Hall	200	1,000	(800)
Rectory	11,700	15,600	(3,900)
Sexton's Cottage ^{iv}	375	0	300
Total Rental	\$24,678	\$29,100	(\$4,422)
TOTAL INCOME	\$264,643	\$237,175	\$27,468

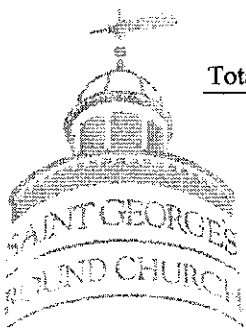
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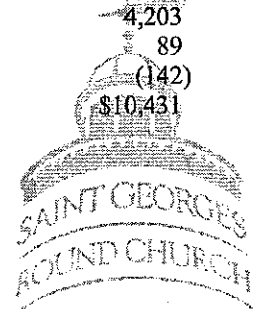
Photocopying	\$3,577	\$4,000	(\$429)
Supplies & Postage	2,573	2,300	273
Telephone/Internet ^v	3,413	2,200	1,213
Allotment	34,430	34,430	0
Bank Service Charges	838	600	238
HST Expense	12,881	6,000	6,881
Total General Parish	\$57,712	\$49,530	\$8,182

Ordained Ministry

Stipend – Rector	\$43,240	\$43,240	\$0
Housing Allowance – Rector	14,210	14,210	0
Travel Allowance	5,700	5,700	0
Benefits ^{vi}	10,589	10,190	399
Vacation Replacement	500	500	0
Priest's Assistant	468	3,000	(2,532)
Total Ordained Ministry	\$74,707	\$76,840	(\$2,133)



<u>Pastoral Ministry</u>			
St George's Youth Mentoring Partnership	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Poor Fund	930	1,000	(70)
Scouts	1,000	1,000	0
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$6,930	7,000	(\$70)
<u>Spiritual Development</u>			
Advertising & Publicity	\$850	\$800	\$50
Diocesan Bookroom ^{vii}	3,008	2,000	1,008
Guest Speakers	100	800	(700)
Gifts	225	200	25
Parish Library	151	200	(49)
Special Events	100	200	(100)
Interpreters	1,000	1,000	0
Music Programme			
Stipend – Director of Music	19,000	19,000	0
Vacation Replacement	400	400	0
Supplies & Materials	2,375	4,000	(1,625)
Sunday School	266	250	16
Total Spiritual Development	\$27,475	\$28,850	(\$1,375)
<u>Property</u>			
General			
Development ^{viii}	\$5,800	\$5,800	0
Snow Removal ^{ix}	3,900	3,300	600
Insurance	568	785	(217)
Maintenance ^x	5,890	0	5,890
Total General	\$16,159	\$9,885	\$6,274
Church			
Organ Maintenance	\$0	\$1,000	(\$1,000)
Insurance ^{xi}	14,632	12,165	2,467
Maintenance & Repairs ^{xii}	6,959	2,000	4,959
Security ^{xiii}	4,407	4,150	257
Taxes	511	1,100	(589)
Oil ^{xiv}	12,007	7,500	45,507
Other Utilities	178	600	422
Total Church	\$38,694	\$30,515	\$8,179
Hall			
Insurance ¹¹	\$5,272	\$4,400	\$872
Maintenance & Repairs	8,410	4,500	3,910
Janitorial Services	4,500	4,500	0
Supplies	896	600	296
Taxes	299	250	49
Electricity ^{xv}	3,654	2,500	1,154
Oil ¹⁴	10,703	6,500	4,203
Propane	489	400	89
Water	1,108	1,250	(142)
Total Hall	\$35,331	\$24,900	\$10,431



Rectory			
Insurance ¹¹	\$991	\$930	\$61
Maintenance & Repairs	961	4,500	(3,539)
Taxes	2,391	2,100	291
Oil	359	270	89
Water	186	250	(64)
Total Rectory	\$4,888	\$8,050	(\$3,162)
Sexton's Cottage			
Taxes	\$203	\$250	(\$47)
Total Sexton's Cottage	\$203	\$250	(\$47)
Little Dutch Church			
Insurance ¹¹	\$321	\$270	\$41
Maintenance & Repairs	168	0	168
Taxes	0	75	(75)
Electric	827	800	27
Total Little Dutch Church	\$1,316	\$1,145	\$171
Total Property	\$96,591	\$74,745	\$21,846
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$263,415	\$236,965	\$26,450
NET INCOME	\$1,227	\$210	\$1,017

PARISH OF ST GEORGE
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Statement of Investments
December 31, 2003

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
Diocese of Nova Scotia	Preservation & Endowment Fund	150,000
Total		\$156,998

Un-Committed Investments

Diocese of Nova Scotia	Rector & Wardens	\$2,010
Diocese of Nova Scotia	Shaw	500
Diocese of Nova Scotia	Rector & Wardens	7,000
Total		\$9,510



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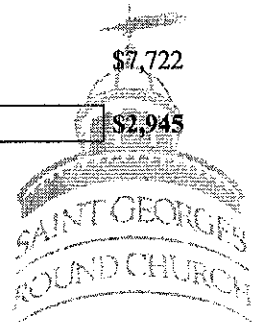
Statement of Short & Long-Term Fund Accounts
December 31, 2003

Short-Term Fund Accounts		Long-Term Fund Accounts	
Property Development	\$5,800	Preservation Fund	\$150,000
Building Fund	300	Pickford Choral Scholarship	5,000
Insured Hurricane Repairs	(4,266)	Missions Appeal Fund	8,568
Fire Relief	505	Ecology Gardens Fund	1,695
Altar Handrail	200	Memorial Fund	8,559
Furnace Capital Fund	(14,086)	Organ Fund	\$1,362
Insurance Claims	1,432		
Choir Chair Fund	4,020	Total	\$175,184
Vestments Fund	8,112		
Office Fund	14,801		
Rector's & Wardens	598		
Priscilla Evans Fund	4,129		
Father Richard	500		
Shining Lights	210		
Pickford Scholarship	162		
Deaf Ministry	12,698		
Stepping Stones	237		
Christmas Outreach	2,280		
Diocesan Times	(165)		
Poor Fund	3,867		
Rector's Discretionary	774		
Total	\$42,107		

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RESTORATION CAMPAIGN
Statement of Income & Expenditures
As at December 31, 2003

INCOME		
Donations	\$845	
HST Refund	9,822	
TOTAL INCOME		\$10,667
EXPENDITURES		
Bank Charges	\$143	
Construction	231	
Design	3,450	
HST	539	
Organ	3,360	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$7,722
NET INCOME		\$2,945



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RESTORATION CAMPAIGN
Balance Sheet
As at September 30, 2003
(Completion of Campaign)

ASSETS	
Restoration Account	\$66,956
Preservation Fund	150,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$216,956
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Payable to Parish	\$34,350
Preservation Fund	150,000
Total Liabilities	\$184,350
Equity	
Restoration Equity	29,662
Net Income	2,944
Total Equity	\$32,606
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$216,956

- These balances were consolidated to the Parish Statements as of the date of this statement -

Notes to Statement of Income & Expenditures

ⁱ Due to Administrative Reviews at the Diocese of Nova Scotia, we did not receive income payments from Q3 and Q4 of 2002 – they were received in 2003.

ⁱⁱ \$500 Received from St Joseph's Children's Centre for Fence repairs and \$519 from the Altar Guild to recapture Allotment paid on plate donations.

ⁱⁱⁱ Due to an audit of our 2001 HST Return by Revenue Canada, the 2002 Return was not filed until November 2003. This amount has been carried forward as a Receivable for 2004.

^{iv} Recapture of the damage deposit paid by the final residents of the Sexton's Cottage.

^v Internet (\$718) was not included as an item in the 2003 budget.

^{vi} Incorrect figures were used when budgeting Fr. Thorne's Benefits

^{vii} Actual Bookroom expenses were 50% over budget

^{viii} This line was transferred to the Property Development Account for use in 2004

^{ix} The snow removal contract was not signed until January 2003 – resulted in a full year's contract plus the first payment of the 2004 contract occurring in 2003.

^x \$732 resulted from having to replace all the building locks following a theft of keys. \$4,868 was expended for tree removal following Hurricane Juan

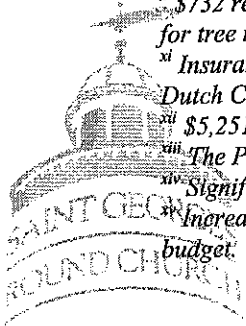
^{xi} Insurance premiums on the Church increased 20.3%, the Hall 19.8%, the Rectory 6.6% and the Little Dutch Church 18.9%

^{xii} \$5,251 was expended on unbudgeted repairs to the Heating System.

^{xiii} The Parish was fined 4 times for false alarms totaling \$600

^{xiv} Significant increases in oil prices had not been budgeted for.

^{xv} Increased heating costs derived from non-central heating sources are likely the source of amount over-budget.



Saint George's Parish 2004 Budget

	Jan - Dec 04
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
500 · GENERAL PARISH INCOME	
Investment Income	2,500
Yard Sale	8,000
Offerings	205,750
Other Income	5,000
HST Income	6,000
	227,250
550 · RENTAL INCOME	
551 · Parking	10,500
553 · Church Rental	2,000
554 · Hall Rental	2,000
552 · Rectory Rent	15,600
	30,100
Total Income	257,350
Gross Profit	257,350
Expense	
5800 · HST Expenses	8,000
600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	
Office Expenses	
Office Manager	5,000
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	4,000
Telecommunication	2,500
Supplies & Postage	2,500
	14,000
Allotment	39,615
Bank Service Charges	750
	54,365
Total 600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPE...	54,365
700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY	
Priest's Assistant	3,000
Stipend/Housing - Rector	57,421
Travel Reimbursement	5,700
Benefits	11,000
Vacation Replacement	500
	77,621
Total 700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY	77,621
800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY	
Interpreters	1,000
St George's YouthNet	5,000
Poor	1,000
Scouts	1,000
	8,000
Total 800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY	8,000
900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	
A · General Expenses	
910 · Diocesan Bookroom	2,500

Saint George's Parish 2004 Budget

	Jan - Dec 04
Adv. & Publicity	1,200
Guest Speakers	800
Parish Library	200
Gifts	200
Special Events	200
Supplies & Postage	600
Total A - General Expenses	5,700
C - Music Program	
Stipend - Director	19,000
Vacation Replacement	550
999 - Supplies & Materials	4,000
Total C - Music Program	23,550
D - Sunday School Program	
Supplies & Materials	300
Total D - Sunday School Program	300
Total 900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPME...	29,550
1000 - PROPERTY	
A - General	
Development	5,800
Snow Removal	3,350
Insurance	22,500
Total A - General	31,650
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	
Security	550
Janitorial Services	4,500
Maintenance & Repairs	4,500
Supplies	600
Taxes	300
Utilities	12,500
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	22,950
C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)	
Maintenance & Repairs	1,500
Taxes	2,400
Utilities	600
Total C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)	4,500
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	
Taxes	75
Utilities	
Electric	800
Total Utilities	800
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	875
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	
Organ Maintenance	1,000
Maintenance & Repairs	2,000

**Saint George's Parish
2004 Budget**

	<u>Jan - Dec 04</u>
Security	4,200
Taxes	600
Utilities	<u>12,000</u>
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	<u>19,800</u>
Total 1000 · PROPERTY	<u>79,775</u>
Total Expense	<u>257,311</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>39</u>
Net Income	<u><u>39</u></u>