

Annual Report for the year 2014

St. George's Round Church

Halifax, Nova Scotia



Annual General Meeting: February 22, 2015

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Parish of St George
Annual General Meeting
February 22, 2014
Agenda as per Canon 35

1. Opening prayer
2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of March 16, 2014
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7. Financial Statements for 2014
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Parish of St. George
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
16 March 2014

Opening Prayer: Fr. Purchase (chair)

Approval of the Minutes

Patricia Martinson moved the approval of the minutes for the previous AGM (17 March 2013). Jacquie de Mestral seconded. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Correspondence

None.

Reports of Standing Committees

Fr. Purchase directed everyone to read the various individual reports in the Annual Report, as time would not allow for all of them to be given at the meeting.

Fr. Purchase, therefore, moved the adoption of the Priest-in-Charge's report. Mike West seconded. Carried.

Kevin Gibson moved the adoption of the Wardens' report. Jan Connors seconded. Carried.

Jan Connors gave her report on **finances**. The parish's undesignated offerings amounted to just 72% of budget, but offsetting this shortfall (at least, in part) was rental income, which came in at 124% of budget. St. George's paid \$37,298 in allotment fees to the diocese; the rest of the budgeted \$42,298 for the allotment was covered by the Friends of St. George's. The Friends also helped us reach our budget for Spiritual Development. Jan reported that 69% of the budget goes to ordained ministry. Hall expenses came to 109% of budget, Trinity House expenses to 96%, and the Little Dutch Church cost us a "back-breaking" \$351 for the year. Our total expenses came to 89% of budget. In the end, the parish broke even, thanks to a transfer of funds from bequest income.

On the "Balance Sheet," Jan referred us to line 192. The \$16,745 in HST rebate received as a result of spending for Deck the Hall will be put back into the project. She also noted that some funds from the bequest of Brian Start were transferred to Deck the Hall and to a memorial fund. Jan said that the parish's retained earnings match last year's figure; our equity is down somewhat, but we've also invested significantly in the hall.

Discussion:

Alex Easton asked whether there was a line in the financial statements for the contributions from The Friends of St. George's. Jan responded that the Friends' contributions are not in the books because if they were, they'd have to be considered as income. Alex clarified: an invisible contribution, then? Jan: yes.

Daniel Watson raised the issue that St. George's appears to fund itself partly through the sin of usury—that is, that "we partly fund the parish through the interest that we have gained from investments." He asserted that while most western Christians tend to distinguish between profit attained through unfair interest and that attained through fair, such a distinction is not present in either the Old Testament or the New. He went on to provide evidence of the Church's long-standing aversion to all forms of usury, noting that it is only since Calvin that usury has been, in some traditions, allowed in very special circumstances. He maintained that "the point of our religion is not how much we can get away with, but how much the life of Christ may be manifested in us in this life, how much we may be transformed into

his likeness." He concluded by proposing that the wardens, parish council and the incoming rector conduct "a study on the subject, to determine whether we are indeed at variance with the revelation of the Holy Scriptures 'as defined in the Creeds as maintained by the undivided primitive Church in the undisputed Ecumenical Councils.'" He also asked that, since he will likely be leaving St. George's to study abroad, if any others are in agreement with him, they please raise this issue at succeeding AGMs.

Jane asked Daniel to submit his report to Parish Council. Mike Himmelman commented that St. George's has no loans, no credit cards, and does not earn interest on money loaned to others. The parish does invest with the diocese, however; though how that money is invested is up to the diocese. Daniel commented that it is this practice of investment which he finds problematic.

Jan Connors moved the acceptance of the financial report. John Mark Dawson seconded. Carried.

Susan Harris moved the acceptance of all the reports of standing committees. Taunya Dawson seconded. Carried.

Insurance

Kevin Gibson reported that the parish has made no claims on its insurance policy in the last year.

Budget

Mike Himmelman said that he wasn't going to go into the details of the budget unless there were specific questions. He thanked Jan for her work on the budget. He also reported that John Mark Dawson helped him with the audit. Changes to the budget were limited because we are without a rector. Because we won't have a rector until the fall, there may need to be some alterations.

Mike Himmelman moved the adoption of the budget. John Mark Dawson seconded. Carried.

Nominations

Mike West was declared the nominee to replace Kevin Gibson as warden. Jan Connors and Darren Dyck were re-nominated as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Nominated for parish council members-at-large were Kieva Diamond, Victoria Goddard, Duncan Neish, and Mike Himmelman.

John Mark Dawson moved the election of the above. Vaila Mowat seconded. Carried.

Other Business

Susan Harris thanked Fr. Purchase for his "faithful care of us" and his indefatigable and careful attention of such a long time. It has made "all the difference in the world." She also praised the wardens for their very demanding work during the interim period.

Fr. Purchase said it had been a great pleasure being with us again eight years later. He was grateful that we "put up with him" and wished the parish the best of God's blessings in the years to come.

Kevin Gibson expressed his thanks to outgoing members of parish council: Nick Hatt, Craig Savoury, and Meghan Jamieson.

Following a concern raised by a few parishioners that a recently ordained female parishioner had not been invited to celebrate her first mass at St. George's, Mary Hills reported sending a letter to the wardens and parish council regarding this issue, but felt she had not received a satisfactory reply. She asked why such an invitation was not issued, saying she found it disrespectful that female clergy were not allowed to stand up and give absolution at evening prayer (for example).

Kevin Gibson thanked Mary for her question, noting that her correspondence had been discussed in parish council and answered. He observed that, in the absence of a Rector, there were limitations placed upon wardens and parish council concerning matters affecting the spiritual lives of parishioners and therefore the discussion invited should take place after the arrival of a new Rector.

Kevin Gibson and Gwynedd Pickett emphasized that no policy of exclusion was pursued by the wardens and parish council and that the parochial committee had stated criteria which excluded discrimination on the basis of gender. Fr. Purchase added that he was unaware of any policies of exclusion at St. George's and also suggested that the discussion await the new Rector.

Mary Hills moved that parish council discuss the status accorded to ordained women in performing full liturgical duties at St. George's. Elizabeth Haigh seconded. Carried.

John Mark Dawson moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Safer Church Policy of St. George's Anglican Church, Halifax

SAFER CHURCH POLICY of Saint George's Anglican Church, a parish in the diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, (hereinafter referred to as "this Parish" or "the Parish"), located in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

This policy became effective as of 22 February 2015 and will be reviewed annually.

(1) PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS this Parish seeks to be a welcoming community of trust and a place where everyone may feel safe, supported and respected;

WHEREAS this Parish recognizes that harm and abuse can arise in spaces presumed safe, and that the risk of abuse endangers the well-being of all involved with the Parish, and the Parish itself;

WHEREAS this Parish affirms its responsibility to protect the vulnerable, and accepts that it has moral, ethical, and legal obligations to take active, deliberate action to prevent and respond to the risks of abuse;

WHEREAS this Parish is part of the diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and as such is obligated to heed diocesan canons, policies, guidelines, directives, etc., relevant to abuse prevention and response;

WHEREAS this Parish is to be guided in the matter of prevention of and response to abuse—as in all matters—by the teachings of Jesus Christ;

WE hereby adopt this as our Safer Church Policy. We commit ourselves and this Parish to abiding by its principles and following its guidance and direction in our efforts to create and maintain a safer church community for everyone, by taking active measures to prevent and respond to the threat of any form of abuse, committed by anyone involved in this Parish—children, youth, adults, seniors, men, women, laypeople, and clergy—against anyone involved in this Parish.

(2) APPLICATION

This policy will apply to every relevant aspect of this Parish's life, including its Intangibles, Governance, and Ministries. Every individual in this Parish is subject to this policy.

(3) SAFER CHURCH ABUSE RESPONSE AND PREVENTION POLICIES

1. Priority given to the well-being of individuals, in particular people who are vulnerable

The Parish will never compromise its obligation to promote and protect the well-being of individuals, in particular children, youth, and other vulnerable people, by putting the interests of any individual, or its

own interests, ahead of those of an individual who has made an allegation or disclosure of abuse, or who, it is suspected, has been abused.

If an individual who has been convicted of a civil or criminal abuse-related offence wishes to participate in the life of the Parish, the Parish will carefully consider what participation might and should include or exclude, seeking to extend the love of Christ and opportunities for reconciliation and restoration to that individual, but without undermining or compromising the Parish's primary obligation to take active measures to protect people who are vulnerable.

2. Compliance with civil law in matters related to abuse prevention and response

The Parish will abide by all applicable, relevant municipal, provincial, and federal law and regulation, including, but not limited to, the reporting requirements and other obligations set out in provincial child welfare legislation with respect to the abuse of children or youth, and to any relevant provisions of applicable adult protection statutes or other law.

3. Recognition of diocesan requirements and directives in matters related to abuse prevention and response

The Parish will heed requirements established by the diocese in matters related to abuse prevention and response.

4. Cooperation with civil authorities in investigations of abuse

The Parish will cooperate with child welfare/protection agencies and other civil authorities (e.g., the police) in any investigation of allegations, reports, disclosures or suspicions of abuse within the Parish.

5. Internal investigation of abuse in relation to a child or youth

The Parish will **never** initiate or undertake an internal investigation, for its own purposes, of an allegation, suspicion, report, or disclosure of abuse of a child or youth, unless and until the civil authorities, including child welfare/protection agencies and the police, have made a final disposition in the matter and have indicated that it is appropriate for the Parish to undertake such an investigation. This does not preclude pastoral care to affected members of the Parish; however, pastoral care is a complement, not a substitute, to mandatory reporting and involvement of appropriate external authorities.

6. Development and implementation of SafeR Church Plan

The Parish undertakes to create and implement an ongoing SafeR Church Plan. The deadline for implementation of the initial Plan is June 2015.

A) Specific abuse prevention and response measures

The Plan will identify specific abuse response and prevention measures in relation to its Ministries, Governance, and Intangibles. The Parish undertakes to i) establish and enforce these measures, ii) regularly monitor, evaluate, and test that they are prudent, reasonable, appropriate, and effective, and iii) adjust measures as circumstances warrant.

B) Abuse response and prevention education and training

As an integral part of the SafeR Church Plan, the Parish undertakes to provide, on a periodic and ongoing basis, abuse response and prevention information as well as awareness-building, education, and/or training opportunities, as appropriate, for

- i) all members of the Parish
- ii) all governance bodies and their members
- iii) all individuals and groups involved in providing Parish programs, services, and activities

iv) all individuals and groups participating in parish programs, services, and activities.

C) Annual review of SafeR Church Plan

The Parish will undertake an annual review of the SafeR Church Plan, including this policy and the specific measures the Plan identifies. In addition, any allegation, disclosure, report, or suspicion of abuse in the Parish will trigger a review of this Policy and any relevant specific abuse prevention and response measures. Any deficiencies identified through this review are to be corrected as quickly as is reasonably possible.

(4) APPROVAL OF THE PARISH SafeR CHURCH POLICY

This policy was approved by two-thirds majority vote of the Annual General Meeting on 22 February 2015, and is effective immediately.

Rector

Warden

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APPENDIX 1: DEFINITIONS

In this policy, the following words are defined as follows:

- a) “Abuse”: Mistreatment of a person. Includes sexual, physical, emotional, spiritual, or psychological abuse, as well as harassment and bullying.
- b) “Child/children/youth”: A “child” is a person under the age of 16, as defined by the Nova Scotia Children and Family Services Act. “Youth” in this policy refers to a person over the age of 12 years and under the age of 19 years.
- c) “Governance”: The formal and informal structures and processes through which this Parish is controlled, organized, structured, managed, administered, etc.
- d) “Intangibles”: Realities that cannot be touched or measured, but that are essential elements of the Parish, e.g., its culture, atmosphere, and environment.
- e) “Ministries”: The programs, services, and activities of this Parish, both those it controls and directs, and those in which it participates or those which it supports.
- f) “The/this “Parish””: Saint George's Anglican Church, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- g) “Personnel”: A generic, collective term that refers to anyone who does work or performs services on behalf of and at the request of the Church. The word is to be understood broadly and may include laypersons and ordained clergy, employees, volunteers, students, interns, etc. It includes people working on a part-time, full-time, temporary, permanent, seasonal, casual, paid, or unpaid basis, and may include contractors, depending on the situation.
- h) The “Plan”: The Parish’s SafeR Church Plan.

Nominations 2015

NOTE: Nominations for 2015 not yet finalized at the time of printing.

Leaving at the end of their term on parish council, with thanks for their three years of service:

Jane Mills (Warden)
 Jacqueline de Mestral
 Stan Armstrong
 Elizabeth Henderson

Position	Returning	Nominated
<i>Warden</i>	Gwynedd Pickett (3 of 3)	
<i>Warden</i>	Darren Dyck (2 of 3)	
<i>Warden</i>		
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jan Connors	
<i>Secretary</i>		
<i>Members-at-Large</i> <i>(max. 12, 3 year terms)</i>	John Mark Dawson (3 of 3) Heather Jensen (3 of 3) Ulrich vom Hagen (3 of 3) Benjamin Lee (2 of 3) Kieva Diamond (2 of 3) Duncan Neish (2 of 3) Mike Himmelman (2 of 3)	
Non-Parish Council Positions:		
<i>Regional Council Delegates</i>	Wardens, Synod Delegates	
<i>PWRDF Contact</i>	Lynn Stevenson	
<i>Auditors (2)</i>		
<i>Diocesan Times</i>	Elizabeth Jones	
<i>Parish Archivist</i>	Taunya Dawson	
Leadership Responsibilities:		
<i>Spiritual Development Chair</i>	Susan Harris	
<i>Pastoral Ministry/Outreach Chair</i>	Ulrich vom Hagen	
<i>Stewardship Committee Chair</i>		
<i>Finance Committee Chair</i>	Mike Himmelman	
<i>Property Committee Chair</i>	Jens Jensen	
<i>Publicity Committee Chair</i>	Cheryl Bell	
<i>Envelope Secretary</i>	Jennifer Dyck	
<i>Hospitality Team Leader</i>	Mary Hills	
<i>Hospital Visiting</i>	Roseanne Reeve-Newson	

Rector's Report

Community is the place where we ideally learn to be ourselves without fear or constraint. Community life deepens through mutual trust among all its members... The more community deepens, the more vulnerable and the more sensitive its members become.

Community is established by the simple, gentle concern that people show each other every day. It is made of the small gestures, all the services and sacrifices which say 'I love you' and 'I'm happy to be with you.'

Community is the place of forgiveness. There are always words that wound, self-promoting attitudes, situations where susceptibilities clash. That is why living together implies a certain cross, a constant effort and an acceptance that comes from daily and mutual forgiveness.

– Jean Vanier, excerpts from *Community and Growth*

Dear friends,

I must begin by expressing my most heartfelt appreciation to the entire parish for your welcome this year, and most especially to the wardens – Jane Mills, Gwynedd Pickett, and Darren Dyck – for their extraordinary patience and support since I began my ministry in September of 2014. Garth MacPhee, Elisabeth Kleven, Father Purchase, and the Parish Council have been unstinting in their support. It would be impossible to thank by name the members of our parish family who give sacrificially of their time and energy to make possible our life of worship and outreach, so on behalf of the Parish Council, please accept my most sincere thanksgiving to you all.

I first came to St George's in 1996 at the invitation of a university friend who knew I was struggling to make my way back to the Church. I arrived mid-way through the restoration campaign and quickly learned three things:

1. The prayerful adoration of God is the fundamental priority of a truly human life. This priority is embodied by St George's commitment to order its life by the rhythms of the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer and the frequent celebration of the Holy Communion. This rhythm is the heart-beat of our life together, ordering us as it does to things eternal even in the midst of the very temporal concerns of life together. The Choir's extraordinary commitment and ministry is one of the primary means by which this life of adoration is made possible. God be praised for their ministry.
2. The proving ground of our praying is our loving.
3. The fruit of faithful praying and loving is community and, by God's grace, friendship. In those early years of my life at St George's I was amazed to discover that these friendships formed in the context of worship and service arose between people with widely divergent interests, gifts, and convictions.



Bishop Cutler and Fr Christopher after Institution

Prayerful adoration of God as our true end, love as the proving ground of prayer, friendship – I learned the urgency of these three principles when I first came to St George’s and they seemed weighty enough then (as they do now) to demand a lifetime of humble and patient service.

Having returned to St George’s last autumn, almost ten years to the day since leaving for seminary in 2004, it has been my delight to see that these principles still inform the congregation’s life. Few parishes are as determined as is St George’s in their pattern of weekly prayer, few so faithful in outreach, few so apparently joyful to serve. A cursory list of weekly worship plus weekly outreach is suggestive: at least 15 liturgies a week (often more), Choir, Junior Choir, Altar Guild, Servers and Lay Readers, Sunday School, Soup Kitchen, YouthNet, cleaners, polishers, the Deck the Hall campaign, Counters, committees.... and much, much more.

Yet no list of things done in any parish adequately describes the health of a church. As the great 20th century apologist, C.S. Lewis, observes: “It is easy to think that the Church has a lot of different objects— education, building, missions, holding services...[But]... the Church exists for nothing else but to draw [people] into Christ, to make them little christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose.” St Paul makes the same observation more trenchantly: “though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, I am nothing ...” The purpose of our joy in each other’s gifts and successes, of our frustration with one another’s weaknesses and short-sightedness, and even of our betrayal of one another from time to time – the purpose of it all is to become by grace “little christs” – loving, suffering, dying and rising with and in Him.



Rebecca Chipman and Connie Calvin at a YouthNet brunch with the Rotary Club

I would like to commend three items to the parish for special prayer in the year ahead:

1. **St George’s YouthNet:** YouthNet was founded as a means of intentionally building friendships and mentoring relationships in our neighbourhood. Programming was originally conceived as the context for friendships to grow and was meant to draw on the congregation’s strengths in music, education and outdoor activities. That is, programming was meant to offer who we are to the neighbourhood in the hopes of mutual transformation. The vitality of this vision requires constant vigilance. After fifteen years, YouthNet has both grown in size and become a familiar part of the weekly rhythm of parish life. This is good. And yet both developments can threaten YouthNet’s organic connection to the parish. This connection is best maintained by significant volunteer support from our parish family. Please support the dedicated and determined staff of YouthNet in prayer this year. Please pray for the Board in its search for a new director. Please consider prayerfully how you might be present to YouthNet as a regular volunteer.
2. **Deck the Hall:** The ongoing renovation of the parish hall is an ambitious initiative. As the project continues, I simply encourage us to remain open to the many and various ways in which these new and refurbished spaces may be put at the service of our larger

community. The Hall is, as many have observed, a space to be used – and used aggressively! Learning to submit the renovated space to the community in new ways will be an important part of our faithful stewardship. This is already happening, of course. The new kitchen recently provided a temporary home to Hope Blooms, for example; a Christmas meal for YouthNet families was prepared there as well as the annual Stepping Stone meal. But are there more opportunities to use the hall as it is slowly transformed? May we use it to interact with Christmas Outreach families more than once per year; to host local and community choirs; to provide more regular hospitality to Stepping Stone clients; to host mobile medical clinics etc?

It is my sincere prayer that the building project will be a new means not only of supporting and enriching current ministries of the parish but of expanding the possibilities of friendship and service in our neighbourhood.

3. **Ordained Ministry at St George's:** I am mindful that a motion was passed at last year's AGM directing parish council to consider the role of ordained women at St George's. It was subsequently decided to allow the incoming Rector time to settle before discerning how best to address this question. I am grateful for the time I have been given. I commend this issue to your earnest and heartfelt prayers this Lent.

Before any conversation, I think it is important for me to articulate what I think must be our beginning assumptions:

- a) As a member parish of the Anglican Church of Canada in good standing, St George's does not and cannot have a policy on the ordination of women apart from the national Church. The parish recognizes and has supported the calls of at least two women to ordained ministry. No doubt it will be called upon to support more.
- b) St George's includes members who view the ordination of women as incompatible with Church tradition and Scripture. Likewise, it includes many who see the ordination of women as a natural development of Christian thought and practice. This is an uneasy tension in our parish, present for decades. The question of whether or not women priests celebrate at St George's touches on the pastoral provisions necessary from time to time in order for us to adequately bear one another's burdens and maintain the unity of the Church. The rubric under which this issue must fall in an ecclesial community divided by so many questions of authority and discipline is, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."
- c) It is important to hold in our minds that the Rector of a parish exercises discretion over who celebrates in his or her absence. The purpose of any conversation on this matter is mutual understanding and love. These conversations do not replace the discretion of the parish priest.

Following Easter I will do my best to frame a constructive way forward for this conversation. Until then, I hope that our praying and studying together will continue to open our hearts to one another in love by the inspiration of the Spirit.

I was introduced to three great principles in my early years at St George's: the primary importance of adoring prayer; love as the testing ground of true prayer; friendship as the fruit of prayer and love. By God's grace, I hope and pray that our life together will be governed by these three principles of life in Christian community in the years ahead.

I would like to conclude my report simply by drawing our attention to the end of Jane Mills' term as Warden. For three years, Jane has faithfully served the parish and carried the burdens belonging to the office of warden, including the additional burden of the search for a new Rector. She has been graceful and gracious in her service and we give thanks to God for her ministry among us. On behalf of the parish, I extend her our most sincere thanksgiving.

It is my greatest privilege to be at St George's as priest, aware as I am of my inordinate frailty and weakness. Please forgive me my sins and negligences. And please pray for me, a sinner.

Respectfully submitted in the Name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

The Rev'd Christopher Snook, BA (Hons), MA, MA (Theo.)

Wardens' Report

The highlight of 2014 was of course the arrival and installation of our new Rector. We thank everyone in the parish for their support, patience, and forbearance during the interim period. Special thanks must go to office manager Elisabeth Kleven who, as the most constantly present and visible "point person" in the office during those months, responded constantly and with good grace to the small but vital day-to-day issues that arise in a busy, active parish. We are also deeply grateful to Father Purchase for his pastoral care, and to Father Thorne and Father McCorriston who helped share the burden. The reports that follow detail the great variety of work carried out by many parishioners, all of whose contributions are vital to the quality and breadth of parish life. It is through this generous donation of time and talent, often in quiet and almost invisible ways, that the Parish continues to accomplish so many things and was able to welcome Father Snook with a sense of renewed optimism.



Parishioners and friends supporting the new Rector at his Institution

Community involvement continued through the work of our usual programs as well as special events such as participation in the Gottingen 250 celebration, welcoming fellow Christians into our beautiful church building during the city-wide Baptist Revival, and hosting the Christmas dinner for the Stepping Stone program. Parish fund-raising events included another successful spring plant and antiques sale and autumn flea market, as well as the traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The church building hosted varied musical offerings including a CD launch concert by parishioner Erica Kulnys and the debut of St. George's Consort ensemble, "Bach in the Round Church." The active Sunday School, nursery and toddler church continue to grow, and opportunities for spiritual development were enhanced through several lecture series. Older youth joined adult parishioners on a visit to the Hermitage of the Annunciation in the fall.

Work on the parish hall continued, assisted by generous donations towards a fire safety system and the success of a federal grant towards the cost of accessible washrooms. Anne West's long history of tremendously hard work for the parish on restoration, heritage and fundraising concluded brilliantly with the success of Phase 5 of Deck the Hall, the "character-defining" window campaign. New custom-built wooden windows are presently being installed in the Hall, restoring its original appearance and improving the amount of natural light. Many other upgrades and improvements have taken place over the past year, often at no cost to the parish: weatherproofing of the Round Church, installing secure bike

racks by the church entrance, the wonderful grand piano that graces the Hall stage, repair of the side entrance ramp and vestry porch floor, and upgrading of the church washrooms.

There will always be new projects and challenges ahead. We need to consider how best to spread the word about the unique worship and ministry of St. George's parish, so as to foster growth of the congregation. The church and hall buildings need ongoing maintenance, while the Deck the Hall campaign continues in phases. A committee has been struck to consider the future of Trinity House. As part of our commitment to responsible ministry, and in line with Diocesan and Ecclesiastical Insurance requirements, we are developing a "Safer Church" Policy that lays out the active measures the parish will take to prevent or respond to abuse, bullying or harassment. Such initiatives will only succeed with parishioners continuing to take an active part in the shared life of our parish. We pray that God will continue to guide, inspire, and bless our parish as we work together in Christian community.

The Wardens, Jane Mills, Gwynedd Pickett, and Darren Dyck



Christmas Eve 2014

Standing

Committee

Reports

Report of the Spiritual Development Committee

In 2014, the Spiritual Development Committee met three times to discuss possible Christian Education programmes for the parish and twice to go over the usual preparations for Holy Week-Easter and Advent-Christmas.

Epiphany

We began the year with a Study Group based on a book called *Faith, Hope and Poetry* by British theologian, poet and musician Malcolm Guite. This group was planned, led and hosted by Stan and Barbara Armstrong, to whom we are very grateful for this splendid initiative. The sessions were well-attended and greatly enjoyed.

Lent

Parishioners were encouraged to make a Quiet Day on Saturday, March 8th, put on by the Prayer Book Society of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, part of their Lenten observance. The theme of the Quiet Day was "Lent and Original Sin" and the sessions were led by the Rev'd David Curry at King's-Edgehill School in Windsor, N.S.

Once a week for four weeks during Lent (rotating between Tuesdays and Wednesdays), we held a series based on Lenten poetry. Following Evening Prayer in the church, we gathered for a light supper in the Sunday School Room, with the sessions taking place following supper. These sessions were led by parishioners and we are grateful to them for their thoughtful and prayerful preparation and leadership. The first session was led by Darren Dyck on poems by Robert Herrick, R.S. Thomas and John Donne. The second session, considering several poems by Gerard Manley Hopkins, was led by Elizabeth Jones. Sue Zinck led the third session, based on poems by Denise Levertov, E. Pauline Johnson and Kathleen Norris, and the fourth session was led by Daniel Watson, during which we considered a selection from the Elder Edda of the 13th C. *Codex Regius*, as well as a poem by William Blake and one by T.S. Eliot.

Holy Week and Easter

On Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday, Victoria Goddard preached at the Choral Holy Communion. Our Priest in Charge, Canon Purchase, preached on Maundy Thursday and Dr. John Baxter, Professor of English at Dalhousie University, gave the talks during the Good Friday Three Hour Service. Fr. Jim McCorrison preached at the Easter Vigil and Fr. Purchase preached on Easter Sunday morning. We are thankful to all our preachers. As always, parishioners kept an all night vigil in the church from the end of the Maundy Thursday service until the first service on Good Friday. It is a great blessing to attend a parish where parishioners are willing to come out even in the middle of the night to keep watch on this holy night.

Last but not least before the summer

In May, Victoria Goddard gave an evening presentation on "The Re-enchantment of the World: fantasy, the imagination, and Christian life," in which she spoke about why it might be that writers such as C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, G.K. Chesterton, and Dorothy L. Sayers (along with Charles Williams, Madeleine L'Engle and assorted others) have proven such durable writers of both fiction and theology. She suggested that the current resurgence of the popularity of fantasy novels may be a cultural response to a spiritual void.

The Rev'd Canon Jim Purchase

It is impossible to say enough about how blessed we have been to have Father Purchase serve – again! – as our Priest in Charge during another lengthy interim period between Rectors. Having served as Priest in Charge prior to the arrival of Father Westhaver and then as Priest Assistant, he knows the parish and our parishioners very well indeed. His care for us, both pastorally and liturgically, has been a tremendous gift and has allowed us to continue to prosper between Rectors, which is quite unusual. Speaking for the Spiritual Development side of things, I would particularly mention his tremendous support of the educational programmes which were organized during his time as Priest in Charge, as well as his sensitivity to our liturgical traditions.



Fr Purchase on his last Sunday at St George's, pictured with Anne West and Fr Jim McCorriston

The arrival of our new Rector

It was with great joy that we welcomed Father Christopher Snook to St. George's in September. Fr Snook has deep roots in Nova Scotia as well as here at St. George's. He attended and participated as a lay person at St. George's when he was a student, he and his wife Barbara were married at St. George's and he was also ordained deacon here. A number of parishioners attended the little service of Institution which took place at All Saints Cathedral conducted by Bishop Cutler on September 10th, not long after his arrival in the parish. On November 1st, All Saints Day, his Induction as our Rector took place, with Archdeacon Paul Smith presiding and Father Christopher McCann, Rector of St. Luke's Church in Chardon, Ohio preaching.

Advent

On the weekend before the start of Advent, a group of parishioners, including some youth and young adults, made a visit to the Monastery of the Annunciation in New Germany. During this visit, the youth were able to speak with the monks and ask them questions.

On the Saturday before Advent I, a splendid Pre-Advent Quiet Day was held in Christ Church, Cow Bay conducted by Father Snook, with a potluck lunch at Jane and Philip Mills' house. The Quiet Day began at 9 a.m. and broke for lunch at 1 pm. The theme of the Quiet Day was "... and *there* is every quest..." (Dante's *Paradiso*, XXXIII.97-105). We are very grateful to Philip and Jane for opening their home to us for this lovely time of fellowship following the Quiet Day.

"Owe no one anything but love." Each Sunday in Advent, Father Snook conducted a Study Group at 9:30 in Trinity House, considering Bernard of Clairvaux's *Homilies on Conversion*. Wednesday mornings beginning mid-November and throughout Advent, Benjamin Lee offered *Reflections on the Names of Christ*.

On Advent II, a beautiful service of Advent Lessons and Carols was sung by our choir and at Evensong on the three other Sunday evenings in Lent, Father Snook, Kieva Diamond and Barbara Armstrong offered meditations in a series entitled "From Russia with Love: Voices from the Russian Tradition", Father Snook speaking about St Silouan of Athos, Kieva Diamond about St Seraphim, and Barbara Armstrong about Elder Zosima in *The Brothers Karamazov*.

This report is offered with deep thanksgiving for our faithful and loving clergy and for the many lay people who offered so much of their time and ability so sacrificially during 2014.

Susan Harris, Chair of Spiritual Development

Music Director's Report

With pleasure I submit a report on the Parish Music for the year 2014.

On the afternoon of Sunday, January 26 the Saint George's Consort made its debut in a performance of vocal and instrumental works by J. S. Bach. Thanks to a generous donation that covered the cost of the production, admission to the concert was a freewill offering. An audience of over 300 filled the church, and the atmosphere was decidedly buoyant and celebratory. Funds raised at this concert were given to the Friends of Saint George's Society for the ongoing work of the Parish music programme. The Consort is dedicated to the performance of Baroque music on period instruments, and features some of Eastern Canada's finest baroque instrumentalists. It also features some of the Parish's very accomplished singers, whose voices are a familiar part of our weekly liturgies.



Jacquie Harmer, 1939-2014

On Sunday, March 2 we were saddened by the death of longtime chorister, Jacqueline 'Jackie' Harmer. She had continued singing faithfully throughout her three-year battle with cancer, inspiring those around her with her optimism, determination and passion for choral music. A memorial service for Jackie was held on Saturday, May 3 in the Round Church. In addition to choral music, former pupils and fellow choristers performed solos, a fitting tribute for someone who contributed so richly through her gifts as a musician and teacher.

A second Consort performance took place on Sunday, May 25. It featured three cantatas by Bach including BWV 78, 4 and 170. Again, the performance was enthusiastically received, and a free will offering was collected for the Parish Music programme. The next Consort performance will feature instrumental works by Bach, and will take place on Sunday, March 22 at 3pm.

On Thursday, June 12 the Junior Choir presented a Jazz Cantata and Variety Show. Refreshments were served at the intermission. An appreciative audience gathered in the upper hall for this lovely event. Once again, we were fortunate to call on the theatre expertise of Karen Bassett, who worked hard to prepare the choreography and staging. Chorister Nelle Duinker provided invaluable assistance along the way, for which I was deeply grateful.

In September, Daniel Watson departed Halifax to pursue doctoral studies in Dublin. We miss his resonant bass voice and quirky sense of humour in the choir. Another beloved chorister, Eszter Horvath, was appointed Interim Director of Music at the Cathedral Church of All Saints in September. I am happy to report that Eszter still sings with us on special occasions.

In October, Janet Ross and Steven Burns donated a vintage 1916 Heintzman grand piano to the Parish. The piano is destined for the music room, and is presently on the stage in the upper hall. Janet Ross and Martin Yeatman donated a custom made piano cover, especially useful whilst the piano enjoys a sojourn on the stage of the upper hall.

Under the leadership of Andrew Pickett, the Prince Edward Consort presented a charming programme of Italian madrigals on Sunday, November 23. Once again, the offerings were donated to the Friends of Saint George's for the ongoing work of the Parish music programme. At this time I would like to thank Andrew and the Prince Edward Consort for so generously donating their time and talent.

Week by week, the St George's Choir prepares settings of the Ordinary, motets and plainsong psalms for the liturgies. The diligence and care with which they fulfill this work is admirable. The musical achievements and accomplishments of each and every singer contribute enormously to the quality of the choir. Through the past year, many new motets and settings were added to the repertoire, including the beautiful six-voice *Missa Ecce quam bonum* by the 16th c. master, Clemens non Papa, performed on the occasion of the induction of our Rector, which took place on All Saints Day.

The Junior Choir continues to rehearse on Tuesdays in the Guild Room, 6-7pm. It is my privilege and delight to teach this cheerful and dedicated group of singers. Their repertoire includes a range of styles, and they have sung in French, German and Latin. A word of appreciation goes to the parents and guardians who ensure that the children arrive punctually for rehearsal, and for their support and encouragement of the choir.

The music programme owes a debt of gratitude to the Friends of Saint George's Society for their ongoing efforts on our behalf. Without this support, our music programme would not be able to offer the substance and quality of programming we currently enjoy.

A word of gratitude must go to Elisabeth Kleven, our wonderful Parish Administrator. Not only does she run the office with efficiency, she is multi-talented in a variety of useful ways- computer techie, graphic design... and of course, as a soprano in the various musical ensembles in the Parish!

In the interim period, we were blessed with the leadership of Father Jim Purchase. His gentle and faithful presence was such a tremendous support to my work, and I wish to take this moment to thank him.

The arrival of Father Christopher in September, long anticipated, was well worth the wait. Week by week, the quality of liturgical leadership he provides is nothing short of inspirational. His humility, wisdom and compassion compose a most admirable model of leadership and service.

Garth MacPhee, Director of Music



Above: Susan Harris lines camera-shy Garth MacPhee up for his yearly snap.

Below: The Junior Choir sings.



Altar Guild

2014 was once again a busy year for St George's Altar Guild.

We are a group of about a dozen parishioners who take on the responsibility of making sure the church is ready for worship for all of our many services each week. Responsibilities of members of the Altar Guild include: keeping the church supplied with candles, communion wafers, wine, incense, coals, palms, ashes etc., polishing the brass in the sanctuary (candleholders, book stand, alms basin and the communion rail) and in the church (pew numbers, door handles, plaques), arranging flowers, changing the hangings and washing linens, laying out vestments for the clergy and servers, and preparing for special services such as weddings and funerals. We also look after the Little Dutch Church when it is used in the summertime and for the All Souls' service on 2 November, and in Easter week. As you might imagine, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter are our busiest times.

All in all, the work is very satisfying. Each week on Friday or Saturday, a team of 2 or 3 members meets to prepare the church and to have fellowship with one another. It normally takes each team between 1 and 2 hours to prepare the church. There is a rota and each team is responsible for preparing the church once every 6 weeks.

My very grateful thanks to the Altar Guild members and our friends and supporters: Dianna Lowe, Nadine Savoury, Dinah Savoury, Anne Tilley, Jean Milson, Margherita Mendel, Leona Sweeney, Jane Mills, Wendy Himmelman, Bill Naftel, Cathy Larsson, Barb Richardson, Vaila Mowat, John Swaine, Elisabeth Kleven, John Krell, Jim Rawding, and Sasha for all their help and support in the past year.

If anyone is interested in joining our group, please let me know. We will gladly provide training and pair any newcomers with a more experienced team as you learn.

Tracy Lenfesty



John Swaine continues to spoil us with beautiful floral displays at Christmas (left, with the help of Barb Richardson) and Easter (above, with the help of Sue Zinck).

Sacristan's Report

St George's continues to benefit from our team of lay readers and altar servers. The lay readers for 2014 included Alex Easton (sacristan), Craig Savoury and Nadine Savoury. Scott Connors and Cathy Larsson continued to offer their services as MCs. Scott will give his account of the altar servers, whose services are always very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Easton, Sacristan

Servers

I would like to thank everyone for their continued service throughout the year, especially the following: Connie Calvin, Alex Easton, Trevor Hannon, Cathy Larsson, Andrew Thorne and Alan Wilson. Special thanks to Jim Rawding for his continued faithful service at the 8am Holy Communion service on Sunday mornings.

I would also like to thank Fred LaFontaine for his service on our team. Fred's commitment to the military has made it difficult for him to attend St. George's so he has asked to be put off the schedule for the time being.

Thanks also to Duncan Neish for helping us out on high feast days especially during Christmas and Epiphany. Congratulations are also in order on the birth of their new baby. May God bless Duncan, Heather and Mary as they welcome Andrew into their family.

At the writing of this report, I am happy to welcome both Rebecca Chipman and Tovah Vom Hagen to our team. Both have recently been trained and have been added to the upcoming schedule.

With that said, more people are always welcome to be part of our team. Whether it be one Sunday a month or a few, on high feast days throughout the week or both. Some of our members such as Alex Easton, Cathy Larsson and myself also have duties from time to time on the MC / Subdeacon schedule so the more people we have, the easier it will be to spread the workload to avoid having the same people on week after week.

Also at the writing of this report, I would like to acknowledge Alex Easton. Alex has been our Sacristan for a number of years since taking over the position from Dr. John Swaine. Alex has been a valuable part of our team performing the above mentioned duties, making the schedule for MC / Subdeacons and many other things that the Sacristan's position entails. Thank you Alex for your years of service and good luck on your spiritual journey.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Connors, Head Server



Tovah vom Hagen, one of the newest members of our servers, pictured here preparing to sing in the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo choir.



Making the Christmas garland.
Ellianna, Rebecca, and Ambrose at the Christmas pageant.



Visiting the Hermitage of the Annunciation.
Elizabeth, Evan, and Rebecca at the Christmas pageant.



Sunday School

I've had the responsibility and blessing to be the coordinator for the Sunday School for grades primary through six this year again, as well as helping with organizing the Toddler's Church.

January through June 2014 we continued to focus our lessons using a combination of 1) the scripture readings from the lectionary for Sunday mornings and 2) the flow of the Church Year (Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension, and so on). The students were keen to gather together, to pray together, to read and hear scripture, stories from Paul's letters and the Gospels, and to think and reflect on the lessons we found there. We prayed, crafted, coloured and created, we acted out the stories, and we celebrated together. Each week the group of kids would return to the church after our time together to join in at Holy Communion and receive a blessing, having studied what the congregation may have heard about during the sermon. We learned about: the story of the 3 magi and themes in Epiphany; the wedding at Cana; selections of Paul's letter to the Romans and the Colossians; and parables of the labourers in the vineyard and the seed scattered in the field. On the first Sunday in Lent, we studied the story of the temptation of Christ in the desert. As I mentioned, selections from the New Testament Epistles guided some of our lessons and we were able to introduce the children to the 'Fruit of the Spirit' and 'The Armour of God.' We recounted together the story of Palm Sunday and the week before Christ's death and resurrection, we celebrated Easter together, we contemplated Christ as the good shepherd, we studied the stories of Christ's Ascension and also of Pentecost. The only special service for which we had a 'Sunday School' component during this time was the Feast of the Annunciation. Often simply reading the scripture straight from the Bible or BCP while we act it out with minimal props is the most effective way to communicate the mysteries and truths of Christ's life, death and resurrection, and of God's plan for the world and his love for us all, during our short Sunday School meeting time in the parish hall.

As a trial run we included the 4 year olds in our last 3 Sundays to see if a restructuring of the age-division could work beginning in September. The parents and I concluded that keeping the 4 year olds with the toddlers at the back of the church would be best for the next year. Our break for summer began in mid June, and I of course had been pregnant and gave birth to Brendan in early June, while Benjamin took over heading up the Sunday School at that time.

During this 'Michaelmas Term' we focused on learning about various saints, which led us from St. Matthew the Apostle, to St. Michael (and All



Vital equipment.



Decorating cookies at the St Nicholas Celebration

Angels), St. Francis, St. Clement, St. Luke the Evangelist, Sts. Simon & Jude, St. Hildegard of Bingen, St. Hilda of Whitby, and also of course the celebration of All Saints and All Souls. We had a lesson on stirring up our hearts on 'Stir Up Sunday' and moved into our Jesse Tree lessons during Advent. The annual St. Nicholas Feast Celebration cannot go unmentioned -- it was a grand, but relaxed celebration this year and all the work and preparation was shared by a large group of parents and teachers. Our Christmas Eve Pageant once again turned out beautifully with the motley crew of angels and shepherds attending the birth of Jesus. From the observing parents and grandparents, to the children who donned costumes to participate in a more tactile way, we all felt and understood the sense of wonder, awe, and a profound connection to this miracle through this simple service. Both our St. Nicholas Celebration and the crèche service welcomed many regular weekly attendees and those who count themselves as yearly attendees as well as visitors, to celebrate, worship, and pray together.

Thank you to the teachers of 2014! You spent much energy and time planning, preparing, praying, and then teaching each Sunday, as well as other special services. Teachers during the winter and spring included: Kieva Diamond, Vaila Mowat, Sue Zinck, Mike West, Meghan Jamieson, Shannon Parker Nicolle, Nicholas Hatt, and our helpers were Maddie West, Nadine Savoury, Kim Connors and Benjamin Lee. Our teachers during the autumn through to Christmas were: Kieva Diamond, Vaila Mowat, Meghan Jamieson, Shannon Parker Nicolle, Kim Connors, Carolyn Gibson; our helpers included: Tracy Lenfesty, Galen Pickett, Maddie West and Evan West as well as Connie Calvin. Sue Zinck, Jennifer Dyck, Shannon Parker Nicolle, Mike West, Jennifer King, Gwynedd Pickett, Vaila Mowat, and many others helped out with the Christmas Eve Creche service -- my gratitude for their excellent assistance in helping things run smoothly. Thank you to all who offered help, prayers and more to the Sunday School last year.



Angus and Mary try on their bishops' mitres and St Nicholas beards to celebrate the saint's Feast Day.

I've been very grateful for the presence and leadership of our new Rector since September who has helped me in countless ways in this role of Sunday School coordinator. I would also like to make mention a mother, teacher, and friend, Meghan Jamieson, who has spent much time with me discussing our primary-grade six curriculum, options for the Toddler's Church lessons and curriculum, pedagogy and children's religious education and more. Carolyn Gibson had graciously agreed to coordinate teachers and basic bible-story lessons during the autumn and through the new year until next spring for the Toddlers/Preschoolers -- a big thank-you to her as well. Finally thank you to Shannon Parker Nicolle who has helped with teaching during special services and feast days, and for her willingness to take leadership for the children beyond the scope of the 'Sunday School' who are in the upper Elementary school years and junior high, and who need guidance, leadership and teaching too. This is something that I took note of last year time and again, and just now we are beginning to develop a vision and plan regular meeting times for this 'Youth Group'.

Our future looks bright as we consider a few different aspects of our ministry to the children of St George's. Our shared space will hopefully be evaluated and transformed to serve us (and YouthNet and others) better; teachers are excited to continue in teaching about the saints and 'God's People Through

the Ages' (the 4th Year of the St George's Curriculum); a consideration of the 4 year St George's curriculum and the possibility of revising it in some way in the future is under way; and the huge need for leadership of St. George's youth (ages 11-15/16) which I saw last year but was completely unable to facilitate is now beginning to be addressed. We will have Sunday School classes and other 'meetings' for these youth outside Sunday mornings, with thanks to those folks willing to take on this leadership with the guidance of Fr Christopher.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Lee

Publicity & Website

St George's continued to place ads in local newspapers at strategic times – Christmas, Easter, and in early September – to reach out to our community during those crucial seasons. We benefited from the efforts of our 2013 summer student, who ensured us a spot in the 2014 Nova Scotia Doers and Dreamers Guide, which resulted in many visitors this summer. Elisabeth Kleven in the office has been our main source of publicity materials, ranging from posters for special services and fundraising events to posting on Facebook and our @stgeoround Twitter account to stay in touch with our parishioners, friends, and wider community about relevant announcements and news (and the occasional message about the office phone difficulties — a surprisingly frequent topic of conversation!)

Continuing our trend from last year, we have aimed our publicity chiefly at online methods of communication. Posters for services and events are distributed on Facebook, the Anglican NetNews, and by email, often by parishioners and volunteers. The Saint George's Facebook Group continues to be a hubbub of activity, with many parishioners posting photographs and participating in discussions.

In addition to our electronic advertising, we continue to thank parishioners for putting up our posters in their communities, telling their friends about our fundraisers, concerts, services, and outreach opportunities, helping us to communicate in the most valuable way of all — by word of mouth.

Website

January 24th, 2014 marked exactly one year since our parish website's dramatic redesign. During 2014, 5,723 visitors made 8,924 visits to the Parish website. Last year we had 5,400 visitors making 10,842 visits. This is over 200 more visitors this year than last year, but nearly 2000 fewer individual visits. Notably, our tracking software was not functioning until mid-February 2014, which probably accounts for the lower number of visits.

On average we have 20 visitors per day, and 150 per week. On Sunday, March 16th we posted the announcement that Fr Christopher Snook would be our new rector, and on the 16th and the 17th combined we had 593 visitors. Our next highest were Dec 22nd (59 visitors), All Saints Day (46), and October 9th (32).

The majority of our visitors (81%) hail from Canada, with most of the rest from the United States (8.59%), the United Kingdom (2.25%), and Brazil (1.87%). Most visitors (74.94%) used a desktop computer or laptop, with 13.65% using a tablet, and the final 11.41% accessing the website on a mobile device like a smartphone. This is an increase since last year of about 4% each for tablets and phones, and a drop of around 8% for desktop computers. Windows users make up 54.19% of our visitors, while Macintosh and iOS users make up another 38.58%. Android, Linux, and Blackberry users make up nearly all the rest, at a combined 6.97%.

In an average week there are approximately 170 visits to the website. Beyond the homepage (and omitting the outlier of the announcement on March 16th), the most frequently visited parts of the site

are the service schedule, calendar of events, and the “Who are we?” page with information about St George’s history and worship.

This year a generous photographer named Richard Novossiltzeff granted us access to an interactive 360 degree panorama of the church, which is available on the website (About > Visit St George’s > Interactive Panorama; best viewed with Chrome or Safari). This panorama is a wonderful and beautiful resource, and we are grateful for his kindness in sharing it with us! Richard has photographed many churches both here in Halifax and abroad, which can be seen at www.360cities.net/profile/nadonou

During the summer the parish email mailing list was switched over to a mailing list manager — MailChimp — which we hoped would help create more aesthetically pleasing emails and avoid tripping spam filters. In addition, we’ve been able to add an automated signup form on the website, so signing up is easy, and people who no longer want to receive the emails can easily unsubscribe without having to risk an awkward social interaction. So far this has been overwhelmingly positive, and our mailing list has grown. Also this summer, Elisabeth ran several weeks of information in the bulletin to help parishioners navigate the website and make the parish aware of the resources available there. This will probably continue in 2015, as there have been some small layout tweaks as we strive to present useful information as efficiently as possible.

We were pleased to be able to offer select recordings from the Christmas Lessons & Carols service as well as the 10th anniversary organ concert this year, and efforts have been made to ensure that we are able to get new and better quality recordings of musical events in the parish on an ongoing basis. Many thanks to Debra Burleson, Garth MacPhee, and Matthew Stones, who have each played a part in this process.

In 2015, we will continue to refine the website and modify it to best suit the needs at St George’s. The bulletins continue to be posted weekly, and many recent sermons have also been uploaded, as the rhythm of worship continues. Many thanks to Fr Christopher and to Barbara Armstrong for their work preparing the sermons for the website. As the Deck the Hall project resumes with enthusiasm, and we look forward to many exciting events in 2015, we hope to have the website play a large supporting role in the daily life of the parish.

Elisabeth Kleven, Parish Administrator

Sexton’s Report

It has been a year of turnover and uncertainty at Trinity House. Following the departure of Helen Chandler and John Overton at the end of 2013, Victoria Goddard assumed the duties of the Sexton, having previously taken up residence at Trinity House. In March, she was joined in these duties by Patris Zotaj, a long-time guest of Trinity House who for years had served the parish in a number of different ways. Sadly, Victoria left St. George’s in fall to return to her home in PEI. Darren Dyck stepped in to help Patris cover the Sexton’s duties, but it was not long before Patris also left, having acquired (after many years) the documentation which allowed him to travel to the United States where his family was living. In December, Cathy Larssen moved into Trinity House, becoming co-Sexton (with co-interim-Sexton Darren) and, additionally, house manager.

In the last months, a Trinity House committee has been formed and met a number of times to discuss the potential and future of the property. While we cannot be certain what Trinity House will be in the long-term, in the short term, it is key that we locate a second Sexton, someone with a vision for Trinity House who will be able to do more than simply cover duties.

Respectfully submitted, Darren Dyck



Above: Patris Zotaj is overjoyed, finally on his way to join his family after over a decade of immigration difficulties.

Below: Students from Diaga Irish Dance, which houses many rehearsals in our main hall area.



Pastoral Care and Outreach

Soup Kitchen

Every Saturday afternoon St. George's opens its doors to serve a hot meal to people that depend on this for their main meal of the day. This has been a huge parish commitment for nearly 30 years. We can serve between 80-150 meals, but our average number is usually 100 – 125 each week.

There are six teams of volunteers that work on a rotating basis. St. George's members are helped by different volunteers from various local parishes and often students, especially Dalhousie Law Christian group students, who are a great crew.

The Teams this past year have been let by Maxine Miles and the 8 o'clock parishioners, Mary Hills, Mike and Wendy Himmelman, Evelyn Mann, Michal King and Martin Yeatman, Alex Zachernuk, Jacqui de Mestral and Leona Sweeney. A very special thank you goes to Michelle Gabriel, who, though not a St. George's parishioner, is on hand many weeks throughout the year to give valuable assistance to four of the six teams. Also Patris Zotij, a Trinity House resident, faithfully came to wash the dishes many weeks. Patris has moved to the States to join his family at last- we miss him but wish him well.

The area churches that help with the food throughout the year are St. Thomas Anglican, Fall River, All Saints Cathedral, Bedford Baptist Church, All Saints Anglican, Bedford, St. Paul's Halifax, St. Mark's Halifax, St. John's Anglican, Westphal, St. Peter's, Birch Cove, St John's United, Fall River. St. Margaret of Scotland, Halifax and St. James, Armdale, St. John's Anglican, Fairview, Alpha Gamma Delta alumnae, Cornerstone Church, St. Andrew's Missionary Society, King's and Phi Delta Theta. On the weeks that one of these parishes is not available we get food from the Learning Kitchen of Feed Nova Scotia. We have, however, recently been advised that the Learning Kitchen may soon be closing. Although it is early in the process, it appears there will be another organization which can fill the void left by the closing of the Learning Kitchen.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Hills & Wendy Himmelman



Michelle Gabriel, who volunteers and co-leads many of our Soup Kitchen teams, dressed up as Santa to deliver presents at this year's Soup Kitchen Christmas Party.

Deaf Ministry

In 2014, our parish continued to offer a place for the Deaf community to attend worship in an Anglican church. It is a great blessing to have Deaf members of our parish who have been with us for many years and participate fully in every aspect of parish life: for worship services on Sunday and Wednesday mornings, pancake suppers, potlucks and Annual Meetings. Karen Anne Smith and Ashley Campbell continued as our Interpreters, and were also joined by Jessica Bezanson, who is now interpreting most of the Wednesday morning services. Shelley Barton has joined Heather Grant in assisting Carol Morrison, who is Deaf and blind, so that she can understand what the Interpreter is signing. We are thankful to our Interpreters for their commitment and obvious friendship with the Deaf. Their presence at the informal coffee hours after church helps hearing and Deaf members of the parish to get to know one another and keep in touch. As has been the case in the past, Karen Anne and Ashley organize the interpreting schedule and take special care to notify the Deaf if for some reason no one is able to be present for a particular service, due to weather or ill health. About once a month on a Friday afternoon, the Deaf Club meets in the Parish Hall, with about 20-25 people in attendance. We continue to be grateful to George and Pauline Himmelman for their willingness to drive Agnes Comerford to church on Sunday mornings.

Susan Harris

Deaf Support Group

Parish Library

The parish library is full to overflowing with catalogued books and publications, and there have been sporadic 'borrowings' and items returned throughout the year .

There have also been sizable donations of books from parishioners, and regrettably most of them still sit packed in bags/boxes at my desk, mainly because there is essentially no room left to accommodate them in the library's present physical space.

I have directed my time/energy this past year to the selling of the used books left over from the parish fall sale of 2013. This at first became an exercise simply to empty two fully-crammed cupboards of books, but then the effort took on a life of its own as parishioners responded generously in their donations of money, and warm rapport with one another. My personal records indicate that over \$500.00 was made in support of the hall repair fund in the period of January to August 2014 at my tables set up during 'fellowship' hour following Sunday morning services.

My budget was set at \$200.00 and expenses incurred totalled \$42 for three publications purchased by Vaila Mowat for the library [Summer 2014].

I would like to reiterate that the wardens keep mindful of the needs of the parish library ie additional storage cabinets required, and the possibility of a new and improved space for the library itself as the church hall is further improved and renovated . [A letter was sent to the wardens, Summer 2013].

My thanks to the parish members who gave so generously of themselves—and their money!—to the book sales in support of the hall fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudie Urquhart, Parish Librarian



Everyone gets involved with parish sales!



Parish Archives

The Parish archival collection is currently located in a painted brown wooden cabinet in the “Counting Room” at the St George’s Parish Hall. The collection spans the history of the Parish, and includes a wide and esoteric variety of documents and artifacts. Other archival holdings relating to St George’s are held at the Diocesan Archives (Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) and at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

Research and Other Inquiries. During the reporting period, the following inquiries were received:

External: one research inquiry relating to a brass memorial plaque previously displayed in the Church and currently in the Archives (First World War period); and

Internal: several parish inquiries regarding reports and documents within the Archives.

Acquisitions and Gifts. Acquisitions over the past year include the following gifts, which are gratefully acknowledged:

From Dorothy Coombs: collection of photographs and other documents; and

From Anne West: collection of documents relating to the reconstruction and a published history of St. George’s Church, by George Munroe, 1983.

Recent Activities. Activities over the past year include the following:

Starting an inventory of archival holdings, with the aim of producing a finding aid;

Instituting a Donation certificate form and register to record gifts to the Archives;

Instituting an Accessions register to record acquisitions by the Archives;

Installation of locks (on a single keyset) for the archives cabinet (keys are held by the Archivist and at the Parish Office)

Attendance by the Archivist at the 2014 annual Council of Nova Scotia Archives conference (29-30 May 2014) under the sponsorship of the Diocesan Archives.

Current and Future Activities. Plans for the current year include the following:

Completion of Archival Inventory and Finding Aid;

Storage of documents in suitable archival containers;

Conservation and preservation of key documents.

Issues and Concerns. The following issues are noted for consideration by Parish Council:

Safety and security of the collection: the current wooden container would offer little protection in the event of fire or flood, and the locks are of deterrent value only. The Counting Room is routinely accessed for other purposes. While a purpose-built facility that meets archival specifications may not be feasible, a separate room with some work-space, adequate security and controlled access might be considered within the context of proposed Parish Hall improvements.

Records management policies. The Archives are not currently part of a wider Parish policy on records management and retention, but more of a collection of items that have been saved or donated. (Previous Annual Reports have noted that the Archives should not be “a cast-off for unwanted family prayer books, bibles, and religious writings”, but there is no policy guidance currently in place for it to be anything else.)

Funding. Recognizing the wide range of competing priorities within the Parish, some level of support is required to ensure the conservation of the collection. Any donations in support of this would be gratefully received.

Prepared by: Taunya J. Dawson, Parish Archivist, 31 January 2015

2nd Halifax Scouts (report from September 2013-Aug 2014)

This year (2013-2014) we had 2 active sections. We decided, based on our available leadership resources, that we would focus our programming on the youngest 2 sections, as this is a population that is underserved in our parish neighbourhood.

The Beavers Scouts (ages 5-7) began the year with 6 youth, but due to conflicting parental schedules, and one of our families moving out of the area we ended the year with only 2 youth. The dedicated leadership team did run an active program that included crafts, games, and fellowship, as well as a museum visit, and a winter day outing to the Miller Park Mainland.

The Cubs Scouts (ages 8-10) ran a small but mighty program for 3 youth. These young people grew and developed in their knowledge about the outdoors, the environment, teamwork and themselves as they earned many badges. Their leaders helped the youth develop an exciting program that focused on earning their 'green star' and learning many outdoor skills. They participated in several camps (which included taking Halifax Transit to Fall River and then hiking the rest of the way to camp, carrying all their gear!) They also participated in Area events like the Cub Car Rally.

Although small, these programs represent the devotion of many leaders since re-chartering our Scouting Group back in 1983.

As the new Scouting year approached in September, we peppered the neighbourhood with fliers for Scouting Registration. We had lots of interest at the "Gottingen 250" celebration and quite a few families that said that they would see us at our meetings. Unfortunately we had only 2 children register at 2nd Halifax; one in each section. We had numerous discussions with our Group Committee and after a period of time, of trying to recruit, contacting those that had said they were interested at the event, and lots of prayer and tears, we decided to suspend our Scouting Charter this year (2014-2015), with the provision that we reconvene in the spring to re-evaluate for the following Scouting year (2015-2016). We also ensured that the 2 youth found 'new Scouting homes' at the next closest Scouting program (still in the North End).

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Welton

Sunday Fellowship

A good number of people gather in the hall following the Sunday Service. This is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet with each other and enjoy some meaningful fellowship. Setting up and providing food and serving for the fellowship is looked after by six teams that work on a rotating basis. As our numbers are growing we are looking for some extra people that might like to join a team, even if only to help out with food – the children love their cookies! Occasionally members of the fellowship groups are called upon to help at special functions or funeral receptions. It's always great when we can work together and share in Parish life.

Mary Hills, Fellowship Coordinator



Our renovated kitchen is useful for Fellowship, Soup Kitchen, and serving food at the church sales. Here Maxine and Shirley Miles are hard at work.

Christmas Outreach

Mission to Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Project

Ninety-eight shoe boxes from St. George's Church were delivered to the Missions to Seafarers on Marginal Rd. to provide Christmas cheer to the men and women of the ships visiting our port over the Christmas season. Fifty great boxes were donated by Edmonds, the remaining boxes were filled with gifts from the congregation.

Thank you to Winsbys for providing our boxes, and to Lynn Stevenson who covered most of them so beautifully.

Captain Patricia Martinson was out of commission this year, but with a great crew, Liz Pierce, Dinah Savory, and Barb Richardson, our boxes were filled and delivered.

Special among the donations were the hand knit hats, socks, and mittens, and lots of Body Shop soap. Money of course was most welcome. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's project successful.



Respectfully submitted, Anne Tilley

Christmas Outreach for Families

Christmas Outreach for Families had another busy year. This year, St. George's sponsored 19 families. Families are referred by St. George's YouthNet, contacts are made through the parish office and through the Christmas Registry at Feed Nova Scotia. All families are registered with Feed Nova Scotia's Christmas Registry program, so that other organizations are made aware that St. George's is assisting the family.

I would like to thank all parishioners who gave generously to Christmas Outreach through the collection plate and at Advent Lessons and Carols. Financial contributions are the key to the success of Christmas Outreach and due to your generosity we are able to assist many families at Christmas.

Special thank to everyone who donated a turkey this year. It never ceases to amaze me that every year we receive enough turkeys for all the families who require one. I would also like to thank an amazing donor who donated toys and RJF Healthcare who donated coats and boots for children at YouthNet.

Finally, Christmas Outreach would not be successful without the dedication of volunteers who come to help wrap, pack and deliver gifts and groceries to the families. Special thanks to Wendy Himmelman for her assistance with shopping for families and to Elizabeth Jones who contacts Sobeys every year and comes to fill up grocery carts with me.

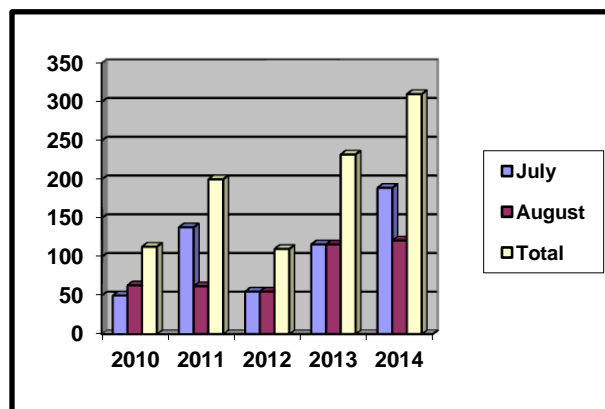
Looking forward to next year, I would encourage families to consider sponsoring a family. Encouraging your workplace to make a donation to Christmas Outreach is a positive way to make a meaningful contribution in the Christmas season. I also encourage parishioners to think about Christmas year round. I will happily accept new children's toys, clothing and Christmas wrapping supplies throughout the year and store them until next Christmas.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Lickers

Report of the 2014 Summer Student

When I received an email from Elisabeth offering me the position of St George's tour guide, I could not withhold my excitement. It was an amazing experience to learn about the rich history of St George's Round Church and its parish. It has been involved in every major historical event this city has seen and it was a tremendous opportunity to be able to share that involvement with every person to walk through our doors.

As the summer student this year, I focused on the publicity of the church. I printed and passed out flyers several times over the course of the summer to various locations. It was also our first summer advertised in the NS Travel Guide, which is located at hotels and visitor centres across the province. In addition to these advertisements, I also organized and conducted group tours. As you can see from the graph provided, there was a great leap in visitor numbers this summer.



As mentioned above, over the course of the summer, I attempted to contact student groups learning English here in Halifax for group tours. My most successful contact was with the Explore Program, where French-Canadians go to an English city or town in order to immerse themselves while attending intensive language classes. Overall, I conducted three tours of both the Little Dutch Church and St George's Round Church, averaging about 20 students each time. Everyone had a great time, with most students informing me they had never seen the inner workings of a church. Everyone

seemed very impressed with the architecture and accessibility of the copula. I hope that in future summers to come, our relationship with the Explore Program will continue to flourish.

It has brought me much pleasure to learn of such a resilient, strong parish present in the city I call home. Not only is the history of St George's just downright remarkable, it is incredibly inspiring that a congregation could stand so strong against the hardships that have come with time. This summer marked twenty years since the fire in June 1994 and while many visitors voiced their shock upon learning that the church was rebuilt, upon hearing of the congregation's history, it was soon understood that it could not have been any other way.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Day, 2014 Summer Intern

Property Matters

The Parish is the owner of four important, heavily used buildings: the Round Church itself, together with the Hall and the former Rectory on the same lot, and, the Little Dutch Church on a separate lot further along on Brunswick Street. The Round Church is, of course, an architectural gem and the focal point of our spiritual journey. It and the Little Dutch Church are National Historic Sites important in the very early days of the settlement of Halifax. The former Rectory and the Hall play critical supporting roles in our Parish life. Considerable resources and much time and energy of parishioners are needed to maintain and operate the buildings and grounds.

2014 was a very busy year regarding the program of renovating the Hall, with the other premises fortunately requiring little unusual attention. Good fortune was enjoyed in that expenses could be kept well within the annual budget allocations. The following summarizes the highlights, together with a few notes concerning the direction forward on some items:

1. The Round Church:

- It is essential as a minimum to keep up the exterior fabric and operating equipment to do with the Round Church structure, which can be done with careful use of the income from the dedicated Preservation Fund. A section of the exterior walls and trim were painted this year. As the years go by, a regular program of repainting the exterior over a three or four-year cycle would be very desirable so as to avoid large one-time expenditures for painting the whole structure at one time, should the whole be allowed to deteriorate. With the exception of addressing the heating system (see below), there should be no further large one-time calls on the Preservation Fund in the near future, so the routine of painting a section each year should be feasible in the future. However, it has become evident that at least some of the windows' wooden components are deteriorating, and in the longer run the need for renovation will become pressing.
- For the first time in several years, only small expenses were incurred in repair and maintenance of mechanical equipment and controls concerning the heating system. The mechanical equipment is now mostly eighteen years old, most having been replaced as part of the restoration following the 1994 fire. The service life of components such as pumps and controls is not much more than that time span, so items are coming up for replacement or major repair. It is appropriate to think of this point while considering the next point, concerning energy efficiency and noise issues.
- As has been recognized for some time, the heating plant's energy efficiency could be considerably improved by use of the newly available natural gas via the gas main on Cornwallis Street. Also, the existing hot air distribution system is inherently noisy and the controls are difficult to operate. These problems are finally to be addressed soon. Parish Council in 2014 approved the installation in 2015 of natural gas to replace furnace oil for heating and to include a reliable, user friendly control system and sound dampening measures.
- A number of less demanding repairs and improvements to the interior should be considered when resources permit, including sanding and refinishing of the chancel floor, and further lighting features to complement the chandelier. At the time of restoration of the Church following the 1994 fire, there were insufficient resources to devote to lighting, which hopefully can be found at some point.

2. The Little Dutch Church:

- Very little work was required to the Little Dutch Church, as a major program was carried out four years ago, in which the exterior fabric and the plaster finishes inside were repaired and painted, ventilation was improved and foundation masonry was rejuvenated. That work had been funded by a cost-sharing grant from the Government of Canada, Parks Canada.

- There is some concern about the deteriorated state of the dry stone wall around the whole perimeter of the grounds. Whether it is better just to leave the walls as they are is debatable, though current expert advice is that it is better to leave them alone, other than to restore portions where they collapse (there is one such place at this time). The wall is an integral part of the heritage value of the property, and provides a degree of security to the ancient cemetery that occupies most of the outdoor area of the lot.

3. Trinity House (formerly the Rectory):

- By the end of 2012, the rejuvenation of the exterior of the building represented a point at which it can be said that the needed work to bring most of the exterior of the building up to a good state, and to provide it with a modern heating system, had been done. In 2014, nothing major was done by way of further capital improvements. Future capital work should include improvement of doors and windows and if possible, insulation of the lower storey floor, which is positioned over an uninsulated crawl space.
- The interior of the building generally has been adequate, albeit quite basic, in terms of finishes and amenities, considering the requirements of the residents. The greatest need has been the condition of the bathrooms, whose finishes and fixtures have become quite old and worn. The downstairs bathroom was totally renovated a couple of years ago but the upstairs bathroom needs similar attention. In the future, a room by room upgrade and renovation can be considered such that over time, the whole interior is brought to a high standard.

4. The Hall:

A detailed report concerning the hall renovations project is given separately, under the “Deck the Hall” heading.

Management and Operations

In addition to the above notes, which concern work done on structures and grounds, it is appropriate to comment on the great deal of effort and attention provided by Parish staff and volunteers. Managing the property affairs of this Parish involves care of two National Historic Sites, a residence (Trinity House), a very busy hall, and extensive grounds that require significant care to maintain their high standard, all supported by complicated administrative processes to manage their use by numerous groups.

Management of ordinary operations is largely handled by our very capable Parish Administrator, and the planning and execution of capital projects are accomplished by the Wardens and Parish Council, under the watchful eye of the Rector. Parishioners have contributed much in donation of grounds-keeping, snow removal, preparing inventories of chattels, cleaning, minor repairs, and monitoring of safety and security features. Without all their good work, the Parish properties would soon become dilapidated.

Respectfully submitted,
Jens Jensen

Deck the Hall

Deck the Hall 2012-2022

A ten-year project to put new life into the parish hall and fit it to serve as the social centre of Saint George's and the home of its outreach programs for many generations to come.



This time last year, we had just completed the commercial style kitchen and work in the basement to prepare for a new heating system and multiple storage areas was completed. The year ended with a special donation to install the fire alarm system.

2014 was a busy year for Deck the Hall. On the surface, it appeared that most of the work related to Deck the Hall had stopped until a new Rector was found, but behind the scenes, the Deck the Hall Committee continued to plan the upcoming phases. They worked steadily through the year to plan and execute Phases 3 to 6. This was necessary for the actual logistics of the plan and also to set targets for fundraising.

Phase 3: New Accessible Washrooms

As with all stages of construction in our Parish Hall, this phase started with considerable demolition and mess. A building as old as this often unveils problems. No demolition to date has been easy as they all start with asbestos abatement and the many regulations to be followed. The bathroom phase was no different. After demolition there was supporting work to be completed in the space underneath. A staircase and two windows were removed and structure added to support the bathrooms. That allowed for framing, plumbing, wiring, insulation, drywall, flooring, tiling, painting, lighting, installing fixtures like the toilets, partitions, counters, sinks, grab bars etc. and finally, the finish work. A government grant of \$50,000 was received for the accessible washrooms. They were completed in the fall of 2014 and on budget.



(Hall bathrooms: Sealed window openings, Framing and Plumbing)

Phase 4: Windows

Phase 4 of Deck the Hall is to replace the four windows in the hall, two of which are substantially larger than the others and four windows in the space underneath, which will become the music room. Because the planning and design of these windows was such a challenge, we struck a windows sub-committee to make sure we got them right. There were multiple site visits, a trip to the manufacturer and dozens of emails circulated about details of every painstaking dimension and appearance of these windows. To ensure we had accurate dimensions, we removed the old trim and plaster around the large windows and opened up the walls in the music room. As always, the asbestos abatement was a significant exercise. See photo:



(Asbestos removal around the 2 large windows: left, for the much larger, original sizing: right)

Halifax (HRM) identified these windows as ‘character defining’ and required they be constructed of wood to replicate the original windows as seen in an 1890 photograph. (See below) This added many logistical layers to the project and considerably to the cost. Luckily with the help of a very dedicated and skilled parishioner, a grant application to HRM (Halifax) was successful and we received a grant of \$25,000 toward the cost of the windows.



(2014 photograph: left vs. 1890 photograph: right of the ‘character defining’ windows)

Generous parishioners and friends of the parish donated the remaining \$50,000 by sponsoring the windows as memorials. When finished, the hall will be a memorial to a number of worthy parishioners from the recent past. The windows are ordered and six will be installed early in 2015. The two north facing windows in the music room will remain in storage until further work is complete in the music room.

Phase 5: Heating Plan

Early in our conversations about the heating plan, we discovered a connection to the CBC's resident heating systems engineer, Art Irwin. He very generously designed a heating plan for the hall at very reasonable cost. Numerous quotes were sought to complete the heating plan and the contractor chosen is becoming familiar with the project and will be ready to implement the plan when the funds are available.

In the fall of 2014, we had Natural Gas extended from Cornwallis St., North on Maitland Ave and installed to the West side of the Hall in anticipation for the Heating Plan to be implemented.



(Trenching and installation of Natural Gas to the West Side of the Hall on Maitland St.)

The Heating Plan is a very important part of the Hall renovation. Converting to a more efficient Natural Gas system will provide the Parish with better, more efficient heat at a lower cost than what we currently pay with the Oil fired system we have.

Phase 6: Music Room

Phase 6 of Deck the Hall is a very complicated phase. The space that is to become the music room is an important piece of real estate. Its physical location (between the Annex and Maitland St sections) makes it an important hub for all services including, electrical, plumbing, communications and heating. The music room sits directly underneath the Hall. In order for the music room to be a bright, wide open area, significant structural work needs to be done to support the hall above. This will require two steel beams to be installed. For that to be possible, demolition of the walls and ceilings was necessary to reveal existing structure. This was done in November/December of 2014. Further demolition of the floor will be required to lay the aforementioned infrastructure for the entire building as well as lay proper footings to support the steel beams.

This is an expensive part of Deck the Hall renovation because of the extensive structural work necessary. There are thousands of details included in the music room renovation that will cost significant amounts of money and time. All of it is necessary to complete the work properly and have a beautiful and safe finished product for the future.

Phase 6 of the project: The Music Room is estimated at \$150,000. A fundraising campaign has recently been launched to raise that sum.

We would like to thank everyone who gave their time or hard earned money in 2014 to support the ongoing renovation of the Hall. We are especially grateful to the anonymous parishioner who has contributed so much to Deck the Hall and continues to do so.

John Mark Dawson, Chair of the Deck the Hall Committee

January 2015



Above: YouthNet staff Brittnee Hart and Sarah Krahn



Right: Fr Throne meets with YouthNet staff to discuss the history and mission of YouthNet.

Below: YouthNet kids at the Rotary Club brunch.



SAINT GEORGE'S YouthNet

we make friends, we discover talents, we inspire dreams

ANNUAL REPORT 2014



Dear parishioners,

This has been a year of much positive change. We have seen some faces come and go as staff, youth, and volunteers have all moved on to other stages in life, or come to join our community. Two things, however, have remained the same: the absolute determination within YouthNet to deliver the best possible opportunities to the youth in our care; and the inspiring support of our community partners, especially our unwavering foundation in the Parish of Saint George's.

The final change to announce has taken place after 2014, but fits here as another exciting chance for our organization to grow in the coming year. Ben Trenaman, a familiar face to both the Parish and the kids, will be moving into a new role as Executive Director this February. As he begins to take YouthNet towards new places, I invite you to read through this report, and see all that we have accomplished this past year. It has been a full 12 months, and with your continuing support, there will be even more waiting in 2015.

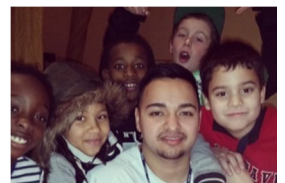
Sincere thanks,

Alex Zachernuk
Executive Director

Ben Trenaman
Incoming Executive Director

LUNCH PROGRAM
Diego Fay

The lunch program remains a fixture of life at **Joseph Howe Elementary School**, bringing hot meals to 25 students each school day. The program receives support from a great number of monthly lunch providers, including several dedicated parishioners, and the wonderful team at **McInnes Cooper** who now deliver a meal every week. The program has also been fortunate to bring on **Diego Fay** as our lunch support staff, offering his hard work and close relationship with the kids to make the lunch experience better for everyone.



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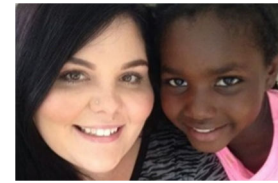
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The after school program has benefitted immensely from two changes this year. **Sarah Krahn** has taken over from Marko Simmonds as Programs Coordinator to revitalize the program, bringing immense talent and dedication. The program has also expanded to five days a week, up from three last year, thanks to help from our friends at **Edmonds Landscaping** and **McInnes Cooper**.



In this added time, we have pursued some fantastic collaborations, offering new opportunities to the kids. The tutoring program at **Cornwallis Street Baptist Church** has invited those looking for more help with their schoolwork. Our long-time volunteer **Lauren Kay** spent the spring teaching music, and the kids put their talents on display



caroling at **Gordon B. Isnor Manor** with **Garth MacPhee**. The **Dalhousie/King's College Swimming Society** ran free swimming lessons for our group through November. Our art activities have included creating the set for a short film with **Dorota Forfa**, and new projects with sketching artist **Emma Fitzgerald**

The cooking program, funded by the **United Way of Halifax**, remains a highlight of each week, especially when it includes Filipino cuisine from **Ferdi & _____ Niduaza**, or Chilean food with **Sarah's mom**. Dance lessons with **Piper Atwood** are improving talents our kids already love to share, while our theatre workshops with **Make 'Em Ups Improve Co.** and video editing lessons with **Ariella Pahlke, Ann Verrall**, and the **Centre for Art Tapes** offer new avenues for self-expression.



The teen program, made possible by support from **Capital Health** and the **Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside**, is carrying on strong. **Amber Oosthuyzen** has joined Alvero Wiggins as the program's coordinator, while **Brittnee Hart** says a warm goodbye and moves forward with her studies. We have worked with the **Youth Art Connection, Heartwood Centre for Community Youth**, and playwright **Laura Burke** to help the youth consider new ways to examine their own mental health. Of course, fun and friendship remain instrumental part of the programming.

The Junior Leader program also challenges the teens in a new way, putting them a facilitator role with the after school group. Our training days have helped to prepare a new set of leaders as interest grows. Those teens who are not involved as junior leaders still have the chance to take on more responsibility, running activities with the after school group. The teen-run Survivor Challenge and soap making workshop have both been great successes.



Our staff team has had the privilege of receiving training from some highly skilled youth workers in Halifax. **Leave Out Violence**, a well-established violence prevention youth group working throughout Nova Scotia, offered their expertise on bridging cultural, generational, and class gaps to best serve our demographic. **Derrick MacLean** of the **IWK Health Centre** ran a series of workshops on positive reinforcement, collaborative problem solving, and group management techniques to make our staff a more versatile team in the work we do.

SUMMER PROGRAM
Nathan Singer & Nayo Upshaw

This summer was a busy one, with nine different camps over seven weeks. These included two teen canoeing trips, bringing some of our older youth for six-night adventures in the beautiful **Kejimikujik National Park and Heritage Site**. The first camp was Soccer Week, with drills and games run by with the **Farias Soccer Academy**. The younger kids' wilderness experience followed, with a



two-night camping trip to **Five Islands Provincial Park**. Writing Week expanded on the group's creativity, with workshops run by the **Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia** and **Halifax Poet Laureate El Jones**, as well as time in the recording studio at the **Centre for Art Tapes**. Our much-anticipated Cooking Week worked on new skills in the kitchen, including making salad dressings with **Hope Blooms**, ice cream with **DeeDee's Ice Cream**, and Chinese food with the **Atlantic Institute for Teaching ESL and Chinese**. Our Busy Bees week, for ages five to seven, took advantage of all the fun Halifax had to offer. The last outdoor trip of the summer was the challenging five-night hiking trip to **Cape Chignecto Provincial Park**. Finally, Music and Theatre Week had improvisational theatre with **Make 'Em Ups Improv Co.**, singing with **Dana Lynn Farrell**, and dancing with **Piper Atwood** and **Donnee D'arnall** culminating in Extravajam 2014.



Extravajam, our annual summer-end event, kicked off with the kids' performances led off the day, games, a barbecue, and door prizes. It was a great chance to thank all the families who make YouthNet what it is. We sat down with them all again on Saint Nicholas' Day, hosting a full turkey supper with an appearance from Saint Nick himself! There were a number of invitations for other great events this year: a talent show during the **Gottingen 250 Street Festival**, a weekend at **Tim Hortons Children's Camp**, and the teen's trip to **We Day 2015** with **McInnes Cooper**.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BOARD
Chair **Fr. Christopher**

A new rector for the Parish this year also meant a new Chair of the Board for YouthNet. **Fr. Christopher Snook** has taken over, relieving **Dr. Sue Zinck** after her 18-month interim term. Sue remains with us as our child development consultant. **Rev'd Debra Burleson** and **James Giacomantonio** have stepped down from their seats this year, opening space for new experience and insights. We have been joined by **Nathan Singer**, following two summers as our wilderness program coordinator, and **Alex Shaw**, who brings his background in youth safety.



This year's Christmas and Summer appeals totalled more than **\$13,000!**



Bill Black

THANK YOU

Holy Baptisms

Faith Marina Munroe	January 5, 2014
Aliah Jane Blakeney	January 5, 2014
Brittany Verena Blakeney	January 5, 2014
Carol Sue Smith	February 23, 2014
Rory Christopher Saunders	March 1, 2014
John Jeffrey Granter	May 4, 2014
Lucy Elizabeth Archibald	May 24, 2014
James Christopher Archibald	May 24, 2014
Maude Isla West	May 25, 2014
Adalyn Ember Dawn Nickerson	July 6, 2014
Colton William Young	July 27, 2014
Brendan Birch Isaiah Lee	October 19, 2014
George Gareth Webber	October 26, 2014

Confirmations

None

Marriages

Jane Tamme and Blair McMullin	May 15, 2014
Meredith Morgan Briand and Bryan Michael Siefert	August 22, 2014

Funeral Rites

May Sarah Elizabeth Keeping	February 17, 2014
Carol Sue Smith	March 14, 2014
Jacqueline Harmer	May 3, 2014
Shirley Irene Goodie	June 17, 2014

Parish of St. George
Income & Expense
2014 Year End Statement (Audited)

Accrual Basis

	<u>Note #</u>	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		1				
Income		2				
Undesignated Offerings		3				
Envelope Offerings		4	144,809			
Direct Deposit		5	55,146			
Loose		6	12,214			
Undesignated Offerings - Other		7		264,500	(264,500)	
Total Undesignated Offerings		8	212,169	264,500	(52,331)	80%
Designated Offerings		9				
Altar Guild		10	667	1,000	(333)	67%
Christmas Outreach	1	11	2,941	2,700	241	109%
Deaf Ministry		12	217	250	(33)	87%
Memorials	2	13	1,954			
Missions	3	14	500	500		100%
Music		15	1,413	750	663	188%
Outreach (Family Support)		16	232	750	(518)	31%
Scouting		17		100	(100)	
Soup Kitchen		18	723	1,000	(277)	72%
Special Projects		19		1,000	(1,000)	
Trinity House		20	10,160	18,000	(7,840)	56%
YouthNet		21	873	750	123	116%
Total Designated Offerings		22	19,680	26,800	(7,120)	73%
Interest, Rental, Other		23				
RENTAL INCOME		24				
Parking		25	19,143	18,000	1,143	106%
Church Rental		26	1,088	1,500	(412)	73%
Hall Rental		27	6,438	5,000	1,438	129%

	<u>Note #</u>	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Total RENTAL INCOME		28	26,669	24,500	2,169	109%
DNS&PEI Endowment Fund Interest		29				
Youth Music ETF Interest		30	2,306	2,000	306	115%
Church Preservation Endowment		31	11,297	10,000	1,297	113%
Deaf endowment		32	1,104	975	129	113%
Total DNS&PEI Endowment Fund Interest		33	14,707	12,975	1,732	113%
Special Fund Raising Events-net	4	34	2,491	5,015	(2,524)	50%
Calendars	5	35	469	800	(331)	59%
Grant Income	6	36	4,335	3,500	835	124%
HST Income		37	7,801	7,786	15	100%
Total Interest, Rental, Other		38	56,472	54,576	1,896	103%
Total Income		39	288,321	345,876	(57,555)	83%
Gross Profit		40	288,321	345,876	(57,555)	83%
Expense		41				
600 - GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES		42				
Bank Service Charges		43	683	1,000	(317)	68%
GST/HST Expense	7	44	19,098	15,000	4,098	127%
Summer Intern/Guide	6	45	4,327	4,500	(173)	96%
Treasurer Stipend		46	4,800	4,800		100%
Office Expenses		47				
Computers & Equipment		48		500	(500)	
Office Manager	8	49	2	250	(248)	1%
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance		50	3,792	5,600	(1,808)	68%
Photocopying		51	42	200	(158)	21%
Supplies & Postage		52	1,543	2,400	(857)	64%
Telecommunication		53	2,298	2,300	(2)	100%
Total Office Expenses		54	7,677	11,250	(3,573)	68%

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Allotment		55	37,813	37,813	0	100%
Total 600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES		56	74,398	74,363	35	100%
700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY		57				
Stipend - Rector		58	5,506	20,869	(15,363)	26%
Benefits		59	4,741	9,900	(5,159)	48%
Housing Allowance		60	9,567	21,525	(11,958)	44%
Travel Reimbursement		61	1,760	3,960	(2,200)	44%
Vacation Replacement		62		600	(600)	
Telecommunications		63	206	700	(494)	29%
Diocesan Events		64		350	(350)	
Priest -Assistant Ministry		65	84	100	(16)	84%
Total 700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY	9	66	21,864	58,004	(36,140)	38%
800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY		67				
SK Coordinator/Outreach Support		68	13,622	13,600	22	100%
Christmas Outreach	1	69	2,941	2,700	241	109%
Deaf Ministry Interpreters		70	7,592	7,600	(8)	100%
Missions	3	71	500	500		100%
Outreach (family support)		72	1,000	2,000	(1,000)	50%
Scouting fees	10	73		1,000	(1,000)	
Soup Kitchen		74	1,825	2,500	(675)	73%
St George's YouthNet		75				
YouthNet Music	11	76	5,000	5,000	0	100%
St George's YouthNet - Other		77	5,000	5,000		100%
Total St George's YouthNet		78	10,000	10,000	0	100%
Total 800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY		79	37,480	39,900	(2,420)	94%
900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT		80				
B - Memorials		81	1,954			

	<u>Note #</u>	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
A - General Expenses		82				
Advertising		83	1,486	2,500	(1,014)	59%
Altar Guild		84	1,808	1,500	308	121%
Gifts		85	224	100	124	224%
Guest Speakers		86	200	1,000	(800)	20%
Liturgical Supplies		87	1,635	3,000	(1,365)	55%
Parish Library		88	30	200	(170)	15%
Special SD Events/Program Costs		89	70	500	(430)	14%
Supplies-Calendar	5	90	870	650	220	134%
Total A - General Expenses		91	6,323	9,450	(3,127)	67%
C - Music Program		92				
Musicians		93	6,815	6,000	815	114%
Stipend - Director	12	94	12,555	16,750	(4,195)	75%
Vacation Replacement		95	750	1,500	(750)	50%
Music Expenses		96	1,190	2,500	(1,310)	48%
Total C - Music Program		97	21,310	26,750	(5,440)	80%
D - Sunday School Program		98				
Youth		99	4,100	3,500	600	117%
Supplies & Materials		100	463	500	(37)	93%
Total D - Sunday School Program		101	4,563	4,000	563	114%
Total 900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT		102	34,150	40,200	(6,050)	85%
1000 - PROPERTY		103				
A - General		104				
Security		105	2,560	3,150	(590)	81%
Snow Removal	13	106	8,750	7,000	1,750	125%
Insurance		107	17,794	18,000	(206)	99%
Maintenance		108	72	600	(528)	12%
Total A - General		109	29,176	28,750	426	101%

	<u>Note #</u>	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)		110				
Janitorial Services		111	6,649	4,500	2,149	148%
Janitorial Supplies		112	1,815	3,000	(1,185)	61%
Maintenance & Repairs		113	2,816	7,000	(4,184)	40%
Utilities		114				
Electric		115	7,118	6,000	1,118	119%
Oil		116	14,596	18,000	(3,404)	81%
Propane		117	611	700	(89)	87%
Water		118	872	800	72	109%
Total Utilities		119	<u>23,197</u>	<u>25,500</u>	<u>(2,303)</u>	<u>91%</u>
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)		120	34,477	40,000	(5,523)	86%
C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis		121				
Trinity House Capital Repairs		122		6,000	(6,000)	
Internet		123	1,236	1,200	36	103%
Maintenance & Repairs		124	2,452	4,000	(1,548)	61%
Taxes & Fire Protection		125	4,077	3,900	177	105%
Telephone		126	633	600	33	106%
Utilities		127				
Electric		128	1,840	2,000	(160)	92%
Gas		129	3,530	3,500	30	101%
Water		130	1,062	1,300	(238)	82%
Total Utilities		131	<u>6,432</u>	<u>6,800</u>	<u>(368)</u>	<u>95%</u>
Total C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis		132	14,830	22,500	(7,670)	66%
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)		133				
Maintenance & Repairs		134	24	200	(176)	12%
Utilities		135				
Electric		136	303	350	(47)	87%

	<u>Note #</u>	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Water		137	20			
Total Utilities		138	323	350	(27)	92%
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)		139	347	550	(203)	63%
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)		140				
Janitorial		141	3,900	4,000	(100)	98%
Maintenance & Repairs		142	3,103	5,000	(1,897)	62%
Organ Maintenance		143	3,116	3,000	116	104%
Preservation Expense Transfer	14	144	6,347			
Preservation Expense		145	4,950	10,000	(5,050)	50%
Fire Protection		146	397	610	(213)	65%
Utilities		147				
Electric		148	1,929	2,200	(271)	88%
Oil		149	13,625	15,800	(2,175)	86%
Water		150	1,042	1,000	42	104%
Total Utilities		151	16,596	19,000	(2,404)	87%
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)		152	38,409	41,610	(3,201)	92%
Total 1000 - PROPERTY		153	117,239	133,410	(16,171)	88%
Total Expense		154	285,131	345,877	(60,746)	82%
Net Ordinary Income		155	3,190		3,190	100%
Other Income/Expense		156				
Other Income						
2000 - INCOME - Hall Development						
Campaign		157	216,357			
Grants		158	25,000			
Total 2000 - INCOME - Hall Development		159	241,357			

	<u>Note #</u>	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Total Other Income		160	241,357			
Other Expense		161				
2001 · EXPENSES - Hall Development		162				
Project Vendor Expenses		163	72,740			
2013 · Project HST Expense		164	10,275			
Project Off Mgr/SK Coordinator		165	4,536			
Total 2001 · EXPENSES - Hall Development		166	<u>87,551</u>			
Total Other Expense		167	<u>87,551</u>			
Net Other Income		168	<u>153,806</u>			
Net Income		169	<u><u>156,996</u></u>		<u><u>156,996</u></u>	<u><u>100%</u></u>

Parish of St. George
Balance Sheet
2014 Year End Statement (Audited)

Accrual Basis

31 Dec 14

ASSETS	170	
Current Assets	171	
Chequing/Savings	172	
TD/Canada Trust	173	257,433
Total Chequing/Savings	174	<u>257,433</u>
Other Current Assets	175	
Petty Cash	176	400
Diocesan Endowment Funds	177	
Committed Investments	178	
Helen Johnson Youth Music ID277	179	60,325
Altar Guild ID840	180	1,033
Helen C Johnson Ministry ID825	181	28,866
Little Dutch Church ID845	182	16,289
Memorial Fund ID850	183	4,700
Pickford Choral Scholar ID860	184	13,946
Preservation & Conserv. ID870	185	295,500
Wright Gravelot Fund [Lot 10]	186	2,203
Total Committed Investments	187	<u>422,862</u>
Uncommitted Investments	188	
Rectors & Wardens ID810	189	15,498
Rectors Fund ID830	190	10,321
Shaw James A ID820	191	3,643
Total Uncommitted Investments	192	<u>29,462</u>
Total Diocesan Endowment Funds	193	<u>452,324</u>
Total Other Current Assets	194	<u>452,724</u>
Total Current Assets	195	<u>710,157</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	196	<u><u>710,157</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	197	
Liabilities	198	
Current Liabilities	199	
Accounts Payable	200	
Accounts Payable	201	98
Total Accounts Payable	202	<u>98</u>
Other Current Liabilities	203	

		31 Dec 14
ST - Funds held for specifics	204	
Mission to Seafarers (Shoeboxes)	205	100
Archives	206	110
Altar Guild Fund	207	1,831
Bequests	208	10,088
Christmas Outreach Fund	1 209	2,052
Choir Chair Fund	210	889
Curacy Fund	211	2,160
Diocesan Times Fund	212	45
LDC	213	682
Memorials	2 214	2,041
Missions Appeal Fund	3 215	4,125
Organ Fund	216	1,362
Pickford Scholarship	217	2,414
Preservation ST Fund	14 218	13,414
Property Development	219	2,291
PWRDF Appeal Fund	220	145
Rector's Discretionary Fund	221	1,605
Soup Kitchen Fund	222	255
Special Gift Fund	223	123
Trinity House	224	300
Total ST - Funds held for specifics	225	<u>46,032</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	226	<u>46,032</u>
Total Current Liabilities	227	46,130
Long Term Liabilities	228	
Liabilites associated with ETF	229	
Helen Johnson Youth Music Trust	230	60,325
Altar Guild	231	1,033
HJ Deaf Ministry Fund	232	28,866
LDC	233	16,289
Memorial Fund	234	4,700
Pickford Choral Scholarship	235	13,946
Preservation Fund - Church	236	295,500
Gravelot Fund [Lot 10]	237	2,203
Rector & Wardens	238	15,498
Rectors Fund	239	10,321
James A Shaw Fund	240	3,643
Total Liabilites associated with ETF	241	<u>452,324</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	242	<u>452,324</u>
Total Liabilities	243	498,454

31 Dec 14

Equity		244	
Retained Earnings		245	54,711
Net Income	15	246	<u>156,993</u>
Total Equity	15	247	<u>211,704</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	15	248	<u><u>710,158</u></u>

Notes to 2014 Financial Statements

1. \$1301 transferred in from Christmas Outreach Fund Account to offset 2014 Christmas Outreach expenses. Last year \$1654 was needed. At this rate the Fund account will not last two years.
[reference lines 11, 69 & 209]
2. \$1954 transferred to ST Memorial Fund Account for future use.
[reference lines 13, 81 & 214]
3. \$435 transferred in from Mission Fund for annual contribution to Diocese of Saskatchewan Missions.
[reference lines 14, 71 & 215]
4. Proceeds from one fund raiser was redirected to Deck the Hall
[reference line 34]
5. Some of 2015 Calendar revenue was deposited in 2015 income while cost of calendars is expensed in 2014
[reference lines 35 & 90]
6. \$3500 grant for summer student; real cost to Parish = \$827
[reference lines 36 & 45]
7. 50% of HST expense is rebated and reflects in 2015 income budget
[reference line 44]
8. Position supported by FSGS
[reference line 49]
9. Rector expenses budgeted for 9 months with part support from FSGS; actual was 4 months
10. No Scouting for 2014/2015 Scouting Season
[reference line 73]
11. Part of music director's stipend
[reference line 76]
12. Music director position subsidized by FSGS
[reference line 94]
13. Snow removal billed in 4 payments, December – March. 2014 includes 2013 December progress billing.
[reference line 106]
14. Unused Church Preservation Endowment Interest income transferred to fund account for future use.
[reference lines 144 & 218]
15. Figures include 2014 Deck the Hall equity. Without DTH, figures are \$3,190, \$57,901 & \$55,6355 respectively.
[reference lines 246-248]

Revision Date - November 13/97

Committee - Diocesan Council

Source - Administration & Finance

CHECKLIST FOR AUDITORS OF CHURCH AND PARISH ACCOUNTS

Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island

Please return one copy of this form no later than March 31st, to be placed with your audited financial Parochial Returns and indicate with a "check mark" that all items have been completed and there have been no areas of concern.

EXPENDITURES:

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

REVENUES

1. The Vestry Book should have all the offerings listed and signed by two people, unrelated to each other, who have counted the collections. *Jun 8 Aug 24 Oct 12 Feb 9 one signature.*
2. The deposits from the bank statements must match the vestry book entry.
3. Verify that deposits are being made weekly, from the bank statement.
4. Total the yearly tax receipts issued to determine that they are within reason of the actual money collected.
5. Determine that any Parish investments are in the name of the Parish.

OTHER AREAS

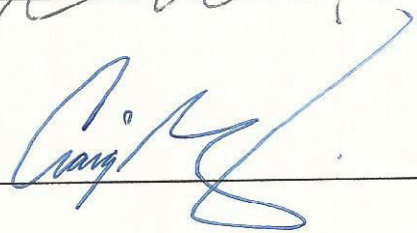
- 1. Verify that the Charitable Tax Return of the previous year has been filed with Revenue Canada.
- 2. Determine how endowments and bequests are being reported to Parish Council.
- 3. Determine how special fund raisers are being accounted for and reported to Parish Council. More than one person must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

Reviewed by:

Please Print Name, Address, Occupation

1. 

Mike Himmelman
3 Banks B2x249

2. 

CRAG SAVOURY
209 Hwy 214 Elmsdale, NS B2S 1S1

Date Completed Feb 6, 2015

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

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



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
 DECLARATION CERTIFICATE
 CERTIFICATE NO. NSPE-054

In consideration of the conditions, stipulations and declarations contained herein and the general conditions and riders attached hereto and the premium specified below, the INSURERS, do insure as follows:

CERTIFICATE HOLDER : The Parish of St. George

MAILING ADDRESS OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER : 2222 Brunswick Street
 Halifax, NS B3K 2Z3

POLICY PERIOD : From March 1, 2014, until March 1, 2015, at 12:01 a.m. standard time

TOTAL PREMIUM : \$18,203

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>LIMIT OF LIABILITY</u>	<u>DEDUCTIBLE</u>
I) PROPERTY OF EVERY DESCRIPTION	As per attached Schedule of Locations	\$5,000 each occurrence, except \$25,000 Flood; 3% / \$100,000 min. Earthquake
II) BUSINESS INTERRUPTION	\$100,000 aggregate/occurrence	\$NIL
III) COMPREHENSIVE CRIME		
- Employee Dishonesty Form A	\$50,000	\$500 each occurrence
- Inside/Outside Holdup	\$25,000	\$250 each occurrence
- Depositors Forgery	\$20,000	\$500 each occurrence
- Money Orders & Counterfeit Currency	\$20,000	\$500 each occurrence
- Credit Card Fraud	\$20,000	\$500 each occurrence
- Audit Expense	\$25,000	\$NIL
IV) COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY	\$5,000,000 each occurrence General Aggregate Limit	\$500 Property Damage only, each occurrence
POLLUTION LIABILITY	\$2,000,000	\$1,000 Third Party Property Damage only
ABUSE COVERAGE	\$10,000,000 per occurrence \$10,000,000 annual aggregate	\$NIL
V) EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN	Included	\$5,000 each occurrence

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE OFFICE plc has issued a **Master Policy No. 0105122FX01**, but this Certificate shall not be binding upon the Company unless countersigned by a duly authorized representative of the Company.

DIRECTORS' & OFFICERS' LIABILITY: \$1,000,000 per claim subject to an annual aggregate of \$1,000,000 (Including Defense Costs)

RETENTION: \$2,500 for Loss arising from claims alleging the same Wrongful Act or related Wrongful Acts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AIG Insurance Company of Canada has issued a **Master Policy No. 016196947**, but this Certificate shall not be binding upon the Company unless countersigned by a duly authorized representative of the Company.

<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>INSURERS</u>	<u>PARTICIPATION</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
Part I to V Inclusive	Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc	100%	\$18,108
Directors' & Officers' Insurance	AIG Insurance Company of Canada	100%	\$95

For purpose of the Insurance Companies Act (Canada), this document was issued in the course of Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc insurance business in Canada.

Dated: March 2, 2014 at Halifax, Nova Scotia

by, Marsh Canada Limited

THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SCHEDULE OF LOCATIONS

Named Insured: The Parish of St. George

Effective: March 1, 2014

Policy No.: NSPE-054

Loc. I.D.	Description	Rating Class	Limit per Location	Rate	Premium	Poll Prem	Sub Total
1	Building and Contents of St. George's Church, 2222 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS; wood frame, hydrant protected, sprinklered, fire alarm, intruder alarm, oil heat, rebuilt 1999.	AA	Building \$11,121,445	0.1011	\$11,247.00	2 A	
		AA	Contents \$117,305	0.1011	\$119.00	\$220	
		Total	\$11,238,750	Total	\$11,366.00		\$11,546
2	Building & Contents of St. George's Hall, 5429 Cornwallis Street, Halifax, NS; wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, fire alarm, intruder alarm, oil heat, built 1900	A	Building \$1,687,622	0.2294	\$3,872.00	2 A	
		A	Contents \$120,825	0.2294	\$277.00	\$220	
		Total	\$1,808,447	Total	\$4,149.00		\$4,329
3	Building & Contents of Little Dutch Church, 2393 Brunswick Street, Halifax, NS; wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, no heat, built 1755	A	Building \$112,509	0.2868	\$323.00		
		A	Contents \$1,208	0.2868	\$3.00		
		Total	\$113,717	Total	\$326.00		\$326
4	Building & Parish Contents of Parish Rectory, 5435 Cornwallis St., Halifax, NS; wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, natural gas heat, built 1850	A	Building \$348,776	0.2868	\$1,000.00		
		A	Contents \$2,416	0.2868	\$7.00		
		Total	\$351,192	Total	\$1,007.00		\$1,007
			Building Contents				
		Total		Total			
			Building Contents				
		Total		Total			
Total Property Limits		\$13,512,106			Commercial General Liability Premium		\$375
					Abuse Liability Premium		\$350
					Crime Premium		\$95
					TOTAL PREMIUM		\$18,108

Parish of St. George - Proposed 2015 Operating Budget

	Jan - Dec 14	Approved 2014 Budget		2015 Budget	NOTES
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income			300		
Undesignated Offerings			301		
Envelope Offerings	144,809		302		
Direct Deposit	55,146		303		
Loose	12,214		304		
Undesignated Offerings - Other		264,500.00	305		
Total Undesignated Offerings	212,169	264,500.00	306	264,500.00	3rd year with same goal; previous 2 years in transition
Designated Offerings			307		
Altar Guild	667	1,000.00	308	750.00	
Christmas Outreach	2,941	2,700.00	309	3,000.00	
Deaf Ministry	217	250.00	310	200.00	
Memorials	1,954		311		
Missions	500	500.00	312	1.00	
Music	1,413	750.00		750.00	
Outreach (Family Support)	232	750.00	313	250.00	
Scouting		100.00	314	0.00	
Soup Kitchen	723	1,000.00	315	700.00	
Special Projects		1,000.00	316	0.00	
Trinity House	10,160	18,000.00	317	4,000.00	
YouthNet	873	750.00	318	0.00	
Total Designated Offerings	19,680	26,800.00	319	9,651.00	
			320		
Interest, Rental, Other			321		
RENTAL INCOME			321		
Parking	19,143	18,000.00	322	20,800.00	proposing increase from \$75 to \$80 monthly
Church Rental	1,088	1,500.00	323	1,200.00	
Hall Rental	6,438	5,000.00	324	6,000.00	

	Jan - Dec 14	Approved 2014 Budget		2015 Budget	NOTES
Total RENTAL INCOME	26,669	24,500.00	325	28,000.00	
DNS&PEI Endowment Fund Interest			326		
Youth Music ETF Interest	2,306	2,000.00	327	2,400.00	
Church Preservation Endowment	11,297	10,000.00	328	11,800.00	
Deaf endowment	1,104	975.00	329	1,150.00	
Total DNS&PEI Endowment Fund Interest	14,707	12,975.00	330	15,350.00	
Special Fund Raising Events-net	2,491	5,015.21	331	2,500.00	
Calendars	469	800.00	332	900.00	
Grant Income	4,335	3,500.00	333	3,500.00	summer student grant
HST Income	7,801	7,786.00	334	9,450.00	
Total Interest, Rental, Other	56,472	54,576.21	335	59,700.00	
Total Income	288,321	345,876.21	336	333,851.00	
Gross Profit	288,321	345,876.21	337	333,851.00	
Expense			338		
600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES			339		
Bank Service Charges	683	1,000.00	340	1,000.00	
GST/HST Expense	19,098	15,000.00	341	19,000.00	
Summer Intern/Guide	4,327	4,500.00	342	4,500.00	
Treasurer Stipend	4,800	4,800.00	343	4,800.00	
Office Expenses			344		
Computers & Equipment		500.00	345	500.00	
Office Manager	2	250.00	346	250.00	.5% increase @ diocesan recommendation; \$13,620 assistance from FSGS
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	3,792	5,600.00	347	4,000.00	
Photocopying	42	200.00	348	200.00	
Supplies & Postage	1,543	2,400.00	349	1,500.00	
Telecommunication	2,298	2,300.00	350	2,300.00	
Total Office Expenses	7,677	11,250.00	351	8,750.00	
Allotment	37,813	37,812.71	352	22,736.24	Actual 2015 is \$15K less than last year
Total 600 · GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	74,398	74,362.71	353	60,786.24	

	Jan - Dec 14	Approved 2014 Budget		2015 Budget	NOTES
700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY			354		
Stipend - Rector	5,506	20,868.50	355	15,220.00	\$21,780 via FSGS
Benefits	4,741	9,900.00	356	13,500.00	
Housing Allowance	9,567	21,525.00	357	28,700.00	
Travel Reimbursement	1,760	3,960.00	358	5,280.00	
Vacation Replacement		600.00	359	800.00	
Telecommunications	206	700.00	360	750.00	
Diocesan Events		350.00	361	400.00	
Priest -Assistant Ministry	84	100.00	362	1.00	\$8,000 via FSGS
Total 700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY	21,864	58,003.50	363	64,651.00	
800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY			364		
SK Coordinator/Outreach Support	13,622	13,600.00	365	13,688.46	.5% increase
Christmas Outreach	2,941	2,700.00	366	3,000.00	same as income on line 309
Deaf Ministry Interpreters	7,592	7,600.00	367	7,600.00	
Missions	500	500.00	368	1.00	
Outreach (family support)	1,000	2,000.00	369	2,000.00	
Scouting fees		1,000.00	370	1,000.00	
Soup Kitchen	1,825	2,500.00	371	2,000.00	
St George's YouthNet			372		
YouthNet Music	5,000	5,000.00	373	5,000.00	part of Garth's stipend
St George's YouthNet - Other	5,000	5,000.00	374	5,000.00	
Total St George's YouthNet	10,000	10,000.00	375	10,000.00	
Total 800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY	37,480	39,900.00	376	39,289.46	
900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT			377		
A · General Expenses			378		
Advertising	1,486	2,500.00	379	2,500.00	
Altar Guild	1,808	1,500.00	380	2,000.00	
Gifts	224	100.00	381	100.00	
Guest Speakers	200	1,000.00	382	1,000.00	
Liturgical Supplies	1,635	3,000.00	383	2,000.00	

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Parish Library	30	200.00	384	100.00	
Special SD Events/Program Costs	70	500.00	385	500.00	
Supplies-Calendar	870	650.00	386	900.00	
Total A · General Expenses	6,323	9,450.00	387	9,100.00	
B - Memorials	1,954		378	0.00	
C · Music Program			388		
Musicians	6,815	6,000.00	389	6,000.00	
Stipend - Director	12,555	16,750.00	390	16,026.00	.5% increase; \$15K benefit from FSGS
Vacation Replacement	750	1,500.00	391	1,000.00	
Music Expenses	1,190	2,500.00	392	2,500.00	
Total C · Music Program	21,310	26,750.00	393	25,526.00	
D · Sunday School Program			394		
Youth	4,100	3,500.00	395	4,100.00	
Supplies & Materials	463	500.00	396	500.00	
Total D · Sunday School Program	4,563	4,000.00	397	4,600.00	
Total 900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	34,150.00	40,200.00	398	39,226.00	
			399		
			400		
1000 · PROPERTY			401		
A - General			402		
Security	2,560	3,150.00	403	2,800.00	
Snow Removal	8,750	7,000.00	404	7,000.00	
Insurance	17,794	18,000.00	405	19,198.30	Diocese advised of 6-8% increase in March
Maintenance & Repairs	72	600.00	406	200.00	
Total A - General	29,176	28,750.00	407	29,198.30	
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)			408		
Janitorial Services	6,649	4,500.00	409	10,000.00	
Janitorial Supplies	1,815	3,000.00	410	2,000.00	
Maintenance & Repairs	2,816	7,000.00	411	4,000.00	
Utilities			412		

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Electric	7,118	6,000.00	413	9,000.00	
Oil	14,596	18,000.00	414	15,000.00	
Propane	611	700.00	415	800.00	
Water	872	800.00	416	1,000.00	
Total Utilities	23,197	25,500.00	417	25,800.00	
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	34,477	40,000.00	418	41,800.00	
C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis			419		
Trinity House Capital Repairs		6,000.00	420		
Internet	1,236	1,200.00	421	1,250.00	
Maintenance & Repairs	2,452	4,000.00	422	3,000.00	
Taxes & Fire Protection	4,077	3,900.00	423	4,200.00	
Telephone	633	600.00	424	650.00	
Utilities			425		
Electric	1,840	2,000.00	426	2,300.00	
Gas	3,530	3,500.00	427	3,500.00	
Water	1,062	1,300.00	428	1,300.00	
Total Utilities	6,432	6,800.00	429	7,100.00	
Total C- TrinityHouse-5435 Cornwallis	14,830	22,500.00	430	16,200.00	
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)			431		
Maintenance & Repairs	24	200.00	432	200.00	
Utilities			433		
Electric	303	350.00	434	350.00	
Water	20		435	20.00	
Total Utilities	323	350.00	436	370.00	
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	347	550.00	437	570.00	
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)			438		
Janitorial	3,900	4,000.00	439	4,080.00	increase to \$340 per month
Maintenance & Repairs	3,103	5,000.00	440	5,000.00	
Organ Maintenance	3,116	3,000.00	441	3,300.00	
Preservation Expense Transfer	6,347		442		

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Preservation Expense	4,950	10,000.00	443	11,800.00	equals amount of interest income on line 328
Fire Protection	397	610.00	444	450.00	
Utilities			445		
Electric	1,929	2,200.00	446	2,300.00	
Oil	13,625	15,800.00	447	14,000.00	
Water	1,042	1,000.00	448	1,200.00	
Total Utilities	16,596	19,000.00	449	17,500.00	
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	38,409	41,610.00	450	42,130.00	
Total 1000 - PROPERTY	117,239	133,410.00	451	129,898.30	
Total Expense	285,131	345,876.21	452	333,851.00	with additional \$58,400 benefit from FSGS
Net Ordinary Income	3,190	0.00	453	(0.00)	

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