

# The Servant

St. Paul's Anglican Church - Celebrating 129 Years: 1885– 2014

## Mornings with Mozart

These days, our home at 128 George Street has been reverberating with baroque music – Telemann, Vivaldi, Albinoni. One of our recently retired parishioners, in the process of 'downsizing' and moving into town has culled his CD collection and made them available at coffee hour to any interested 'takers'.

We were delighted to take several home. Baroque music has always helped me to 'lift up my heart'- that celebration called for in our weekly Communion Service. And I am not alone in this.

Many of us are strengthened, even mentally sharpened by music. I know that the Swiss theologian Karl Barth started every day by listening to Mozart. Why? Barth was living and writing in the morally challenging context of 1930s Europe. Mozart helped, the theologian claimed, because *'when I listen I am transported to the threshold of a world which in sunlight and by storm, by day and by night is a good and ordered world.'*

The final prayer in our denominational treasure, *The Book of Com-*



Rev. Barbara Robinson

*mon Prayer* asks for a similar celebratory spirit.....' *'For all that is beautiful in the creation and in the lives of men and women, we praise and magnify Thy holy name but above all we thank* continued on page 2

## St. Paul's Youth News

Carean and Rob have been working diligently with the young people of our parish for about eighteen months. Together, they have en-

couraged expression through art, ministry and lively discussions.

The ever-growing group has created a mural of the face of

Jesus and a fundraising chart for the church. Right now they are working on playing some worship music continued on page 4

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## From the Acting Editor

I was happy that I was in a position to step in and help our Editor, Virginia Glover, with this newsletter although picking up the paddle midstream has been a bit of a challenge! Thank-you to Kerey Bolton for designing the layout and to the Distribution Committee for making sure this edition reaches all of you.

The Newsletter Committee had selected the theme of **Celebra-**

**tion** for this Easter edition of the Servant. I hope that, as you read the wonderful articles submitted by members of the congregation, you will be inspired by the creativity and by the expression of faith that resonates throughout St Paul's. We are truly blessed.

Please note that this will be the first time that the Easter Offering envelopes will not be dis-

tributed with this newsletter to those members who already have envelope boxes. They will find the special envelopes at the front of their boxes. The Special Offerings go directly to the ongoing operation of St. Paul's.

Linda L. Eckert

## Mornings with Mozart cont...

*thee for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing.'*

On our parish web site we have provided links to Daily Devotions and I resonate with the *Prayer For Today* from the Episcopal site, *Forward Day by Day*. It too includes a petition for the capacity to see and celebrate the good all around us.

O God:

Give me strength to live another day;

Let me not turn coward before its difficulties or prove recreant to its duties;

Let me not lose faith in other people;

Keep me sweet and sound of

heart, in spite of ingratitude, treachery, or meanness;

Preserve me from minding little stings or giving them;

Help me to keep my heart clean, and to live so honestly and fearlessly that no outward failure can dishearten me or take away the joy of conscious integrity;

***Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things;***

Grant me this day some new vision of thy truth;

Inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness;

and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls;

in the name of the strong Deliverer, our only Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St Paul's is a gifted congregation. But it is not always easy to get to know each other, let alone celebrate the many contributions individuals make, both to the faith and broader community. As a Parish Council we are seeking for ways to rectify this.

One initiative suggested by our Natural Church Development committee, (a group which uses internationally tested tools to analyze our congregational strengths and weaknesses) is to host a Parish Arts Festival.

Within our parish family we have musicians and quilters, poets and painters, photographers and wood carvers. We have actors and florists, gardeners and knitters. We want to pay attention to all this creative

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## Warden's Message

The theme proposed for this edition of *The Servant*, I am informed, is "celebration." As I sit here writing this note on this my birthday – which may or may not be cause for celebration – I am fascinated by how this theme applies throughout our Parish in recent times. What I am most struck by are the elements of tragedy and sorrow that have occurred in relation to many of our fellow parishioners, family, friends, leaders, acquaintances or community over the past several months. And, looking in the broader sense, throughout the world. What do all these people have to celebrate?

Then I am reminded of something my mother-in-law used to say whenever she heard anyone, around this time of year, complaining about the taxes they have to pay: "Be thankful that you earn enough that you

have to pay taxes, when so many do not." When considering this point, the realization comes about that we have much to be thankful for and celebrate, no matter how insignificant the event, or activity, or person, or element may be; or, how lasting the influence of that moment in time.

I don't pretend to present any kind of theological explanation for the reasons to celebrate all of the good things we have in life, I will leave that to the Rector. However, to always look for the down-side, which many of us (myself included) are inclined to do, defeats the ability to find the sunshine in our lives. As an example, I know that looking out over the 'winter' that we have encountered this year doesn't seem like something to celebrate – but, consider what other people in this country have faced (including this past week in Atlantic Canada) and

we have reason to celebrate our good fortune not to be dealing with those conditions.

Closer to home we have been saddened by the loss of individuals very close to us, but we can celebrate the time we had with those people and how much life they brought to us; we can celebrate the many opportunities that present themselves to our daily life within this community, such as the offerings presented for the Food Bank (Harvest Thanksgiving); we can celebrate the many unknown and unrecognized time spent in visiting and helping others less fortunate than us; we can celebrate the recovery of those who have undergone various ailments over the past while; we can celebrate the safe return of those who have travelled away and come home; we can celebrate just about anything once we set ourselves on the path of **continued on page 5** right

## Mornings with Mozart cont...

initiative, and give God thanks for every way we can express our praise.

So mark the weekend of September 26-28, 2014 on your calendar and don't be shy.

Contact the event coordinator, Pat Alexander for more information and to indicate your will-

ingness to be involved.

In anticipation,

Barbara

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## Youth News cont...

together, with guitars, and may add in some other instruments along the way. The group hopes to have a chance to play together in church by the end of the Spring; perhaps even at the Church picnic!

Youth Activity Report by *Sadie Neddo*:

Emily Groenewoud and I started the youth group a year ago and it has been going great!

Emily is now off at school so I am getting help from Paul!

The youth group likes to gather at least once a month. We have done many different things: we have gone bowling, we had a Pj's and game night, and we also have done a bottle drive. The bottle drive was to raise money for "Wells In Africa", and every \$1 that you give they will double it. After a long and warm walk around Brockville, we ended up raising over \$300! It was a great day! We plan on

doing it again this year!

We also like to invite our friends to come and join us on our youth nights. We are up to ten people now!

The next Youth Night is on the 6th of April and it is going to be a Pizza and information gathering night for our up-coming events and activities.

We meet the first Sunday in the month. So please join us, bring a friend, and have fun!

## Festival of Arts and Thanksgiving

"Celebrate! Celebrate! Dance to the music!" This is the delightful chorus in a popular song of days gone by. However, since our theme for the Easter edition of The Servant is "Celebrate", I can't think of a better way to introduce our upcoming Festival of the Arts and Thanksgiving. This is the brain-child of the NCD Committee following our most recent parish review. I have been asked to co-ordinate this event set for the weekend of September 26, 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> 2014, but I need your help.

Are you blessed with a talent? Does God speak to you

through your creativity? This is your opportunity to share your gift with the rest of the congregation. I am calling upon all artists, photographers, musicians, singers, fibre artists, poets, writers...the list goes on and on.

Preliminary plans include a Friday evening Candlelight Cafe with open mic. Saturday afternoon will feature the Artisan's Tea and hopefully we'll have a dramatic presentation as part of the Sunday Service. Other ideas are most welcomed!

If you have an interior decorating flair, help with sprucing up the church hall for each event

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would also be appreciated.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to participate or help with this event, Pat Alexander: 342-8689 or email:

palexander1130@gmail.com  
I'm looking forward to hearing from you! *Pat Alexander*



## My Christian Walk

I am 81 now and I have been a Christian for a long time. I haven't always been one. There were some early influences which played a part, but I became aware of Jesus Christ as someone who was alive and wanted my allegiance in my teen years through Scripture Union and its camp ministry in Scotland. What really impressed me were the lives of the leaders and the talks that were given.

It was a slow process, taking several years, but I learned to read the Bible each day (well most!), to read the published comment from Scripture Union, and to pray. This is called a Quiet Time, and it was the heart of what we were taught for growing spiritually.

The key verse is Psalm 119:105 which reads "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

Flip forward to last night, around 1 a.m. Yesterday we had visited the house in Brockville we have bought, and I was lying in bed telling myself I did not want to move there. I would miss the wide-open views to the south and our big windows which let in so much light in our Lyn house.

Robin had left early today to attend the funeral of a friend and I would be alone. It was a good time to thrash this out with God. I read Daily Light for the Daily Path, as we always do together after breakfast.

There was a verse there that I kept coming back to, Heb. 11:16. It reads, 'Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.'

Now, you may be puzzled by why that verse meant anything

to me, but that is how God uses the Bible to guide my life; He gave me this morning the reassurance that life in the city will be OK, and there is that heavenly city to look forward to. Wow! God is so good.

Have you heard of 'emotional intelligence'? Don't worry; I hadn't either until yesterday when it was mentioned in the comment after my Scripture Union reading (yes, I am still doing that, but now it comes by email).

It said, 'Emotional intelligence attempts to recognize the role that non-cognitive elements play in intelligent behavior. It is defined as integrating emotion to facilitate thought and promote personal development.'

That is exactly what I was doing this morning in working through with God my fears about moving  
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## Warden's Message cont...

thinking. But, most of all, we can celebrate that we have the opportunity to have a place to worship together, that we do worship together, and that we have the spiritual leadership that will allow all of us to continue to celebrate in this fashion.

Bless you and have a Happy

Easter season.

*John Francis*

Rector's Warden

### IN YOUR EASTER BONNET

Last Spring the ACW of St Paul's had a garden party where were all the ladies wore beautiful hats and fascinators. Who knows, you might even be motivated to pull out your Easter hat for our Sunday morning Celebration

## Getting to Know... Rob Alexander

Hello everyone. Pat Alexander (no relation) asked me a couple of questions for The Servant as a way of introducing myself to all members of the congregation.

I moved here from Powell River B.C. about two years ago. My parents are from Brockville and, with the loss of my dog, I figured a major change was to be made since he was pretty much the only thing keeping me there. I do miss Powell River from time to time, but I have friends on Facebook who keep me up to date.

Soon after I arrived here in Brockville, I started up my busi-

ness, **deadcomputerbrockville** (all one word, lower case). If you Google it you should find it quite quickly. I can do almost anything to do with getting your computer up to speed, whether be it part replacement, vacuuming or doing a complete factory restore with Windows updates.

I can pretty much bring your computer back to the state it was in when it left the store. I also make a Clonezilla image of your windows c: drive, so, if it becomes corrupted, I can restore the Clonezilla image back to the point when I worked with it.

Along with Carean, I participate in Sunday sessions with the

Youth Group at church. We have free flowing sessions over the state and nature of God. I would like to video tape these sessions because our discussions can get quite energized.

My next topic of interest is Dumuzid the Shepherd who was the betrothed of Ishtar/Innana who shows up in the tale of Gilgamesh. This should warrant some good discussion!

*Rob Alexander*

## My Christian Walk cont...

ing to the city.

When my first wife, Nan, was dying of cancer she wrote a note and left it in her Bible and I found it today when I was looking for the Hebrews passage I just quoted.

As a comment on James 5:16 she wrote, 'God says through James:- I have given you knowledge and common sense. Do your part. Look after your health, take your medicine.

Then pray and call for others to pray. Then I will do My part.'

That surely was emotional intelligence too.

*Alan Carnie*

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## Labels Collection

### Coordinator Needed

Campbell's Labels for Education™ is a school support program whereby registered schools or institutions collect labels from Campbell products and redeem them for educational resources such as sports equipment, musical instruments, video equipment and computers.

St. Paul's Church has been collecting labels in aid of the School for the Deaf in Puerto Rico for many years and would like to continue this initiative. Once or twice a year the labels we collect need to be trimmed, bundled, and mailed to the school.

**If you feel called to take charge of this responsibility, please call Carol McCue 613-348-3900**



St. Paul's Window  
Photo Credit: Larry Bolton

## Alpha—Fall 2014

ALPHA is a dynamic, interactive course for all those exploring Christianity or seeking to deepen their faith.

Both adult and youth ALPHA programs will be run simultaneously, commencing with supper on Sunday evenings from Sep-

tember 7<sup>th</sup> to the end of October.

Our ALPHA retreat, which is an integral part of the program, is booked for Friday evening,

October 3<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> at Waddams Hall, Ogdensburg.

Be sure to make a note of the dates and watch for more information during the next few months.

## About This Newsletter

Ideas, articles, and photos for this newsletter can be sent to Virginia Glover, E-mail

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The deadline for the Thanksgiving edition is September 21, 2014.

Your comments and contributions are always welcome.

For electronic delivery, where you can see the photos and graphics in colour, please

contact Debra at [stpaulsoffice@bellnet.ca](mailto:stpaulsoffice@bellnet.ca)



Spring Blossoms  
Photo Credit: Kerey Bolton



## A Page from St. Paul's History

My family's association with St. Paul's began with my great-grandparents Louis Alexander Pergau and the former Ida Jackson. They were married here on January 12, 1895. Alex Pergau was the Sexton here at various times between 1918 and 1944. There is a brass plaque in their memory on the wall beside the organ.

My mother, Marjory Greene Marshall, was raised by her grandparents, Alex and Ida and was baptized and confirmed at St Paul's. She attended Sunday School and was an active member of the choir. She and my father were married here April 8, 1939. In her later years, Mother enjoyed being a part of the ACW and staffing the ticket table at the bazaars.



**Pergau, Alex and Ida**  
60th Anniversary with themselves  
on the wall behind Submitted Photo



**Sharpe Children: Peter, Wendy and Chris dressed for Easter Sunday 1969.**  
Submitted Photo

My brother Johnny and I were baptized and confirmed here as well. The Sunday School Primary Class was held in the room where the present office is. There was a piano that was used to accompany us when we sang children's hymns such as Jesus Loves Me and God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall. We would march around the room singing Hear the Pennies Dropping and drop our offerings into the basket. Bessie Shaw and Ruby Drew are the only two teachers that I can now recall.

The Sunday School presented a Christmas Concert each year on the stage which was removed in the 60's because it was felt more room was needed for the classes. The enter-

tainment consisted of the younger children each delivering a recitation while the older ones put on drills. At the sound of the bells jingling, we knew Santa was on his way and we each received a book and a small bag of candy.

The Junior Auxiliary held their meetings after school. We hand-sewed cloth squares to be made in to quilts. Later, in the Girl's Auxiliary we learned some handy things such as smocking, huckweaving and candle making. I also joined the Junior Choir when I was old enough.

After John and I were married and our children were older, I  
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**Sharon dressed for Easter**  
Submitted Photo

## A Page from St. Paul's History cont...

a Sunday School teacher for a few years but I was not happy with the curriculum, as it did not have anything to do with religious teaching at the time. When the Envelope Secretary resigned, I realized that I had a talent to offer to St. Paul's. I had excelled in bookkeeping in high school and worked as the office cashier at my job at Zeller's so I applied for the opening and took on that responsibility for many years. John has also been actively in-

involved in Church life both as a Warden and as a Layreader.

Our children, Wendy, Chris, and Peter were all baptized, attended Sunday School, were confirmed, and married in St. Paul's. Some of our grandchildren have also been baptized here. I am very proud of my family's six generations of association with St Paul's.

*Sharon Sharpe*



**Pergau/Jackson Memorial  
Submitted Photo**

**We are on FACEBOOK!**

**[www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauls-Anglican-Church-Brockville](http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauls-Anglican-Church-Brockville)**

## Money, values & me workshop

People of all ages and stages are invited to participate in a day and a half ecumenical, intergenerational gathering called "Money, Values & Me" in June.

This stewardship event will encourage the healthy and open conversations about money, values, debt and generosi-

ty. Nathan Dungan, President of Share Save Spend <http://www.sharesavespend.com>, is the keynote speaker.

Date: **June 6 & 7.**

Location: **Kemptville Campus, University of Guelph, 830**

**Prescott St, Kemptville.**

For more information please visit [www.moneyvaluesme.ca](http://www.moneyvaluesme.ca).

## Welcome to our New Members



Nicola Williams

On Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> a surprisingly large number of people braved the snow to attend the special service to formally welcome those individuals who have joined our church family during the past year. Nelson Clarke made the beautiful flower-bedecked cake that was the centerpiece for the delicious luncheon that followed the service.

Those who have chosen to join St. Paul's church family are:

Nicola, Robert, Isabella and Benjamin Williams; Margaret & Barry Miller; Julie Daxon; Francie Healy; Karry & Mike Gobeil; Julia Alexander; Sylvia Buker; Sharon & Saranda Boal; Barbara & Peter Morrow; Sandra Bourque; Verna Brisebois; Julie & Wendy Hutt; Patricia & Colin Kidd; Michelle, Roger & Samuel Manoll.



Rob Williams



Julie Daxon



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Virginia Glover



## St. Paul's Calendar of Upcoming Events

### April

Thursday April 17 7pm	Maundy Thursday – Stripping of the Altar
Friday April 18	Ecumenical Walk of the Cross
Sunday April 20	Celebration of the Resurrection!

### May

Pathfinder Tea:	date to be determined*
Thursday May 15	ACW Annual – Kingston

### June

Sunday June 8	Pentecost- Parish Picnic
Sunday June 29 S	Summer Schedule Commences

### September

Sunday September 7	ALPHA commences
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### October

Friday, Saturday October 3, 4	ALPHA Retreat Ogdensburgh
Sunday October 5	Feast of St. Francis: Blessing of the Pets
Sunday October 12	Thanksgiving Weekend
Thursday October 16-Saturday 18	Diocesan Synod, Kingston

### November

Saturday November 8	Christmas Bazaar
Sunday November 9	Remembrance Day Service
November 30	Advent Lessons and Carols



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