



The Servant

St. Paul's Anglican Church - Celebrating 133 Years: 1885– 2018
12 Pine Street, Brockville, Ontario

Rector's Message

Do not be anxious about anything , but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. - Philippians 4:6

Four times a year I retreat for a few days to a wonderful place called Stillpoint House of Prayer. "Stillpoint" is a small retreat centre on the Madawaska River, near Calabogie, Ontario. In each season, I am warmly greeted by Sister Betty and her co-worker, Pat, and I am invited to lay my worries down and rest in God's presence. On the fridge there is always this sign: "This is God. I'll be handling all of your problems today. You can leave your worries with me and relax."

This is often easier said than done. If you are like me, you are anxious about many things. We have responsibilities and commitments. We have bills to pay and homes to maintain. We have worries about our children or grandchildren. Sometimes, we are anxious about our health.

It can be hard to give these things to God, but this is exactly what we are invited to do. St Paul tells us not to be anxious about anything but, instead, by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** to bring everything to God.

When we are worried or anxious, we can stop and pray. Let's do it right now: "Heavenly Father, you know the worries on my mind. Thank you for being close to me. Thank you for loving me and helping me in every situation. Please help me to leave my worries with you. Help me to trust that everything will be all right. Please give me the strength to do the things that I need to do to help this situation, and please give me the peace to let go of the things I cannot control. Thank you for all the blessings of this life and thank you for your Son, who taught us how to pray."

"Thank You" is probably our most important prayer. "Thank You" is also the prayer that calms our anxieties. When we are full of gratitude it is impossible to be full of fear. I hope this prayer can help you to be filled with peace and joy, even in the midst of the difficulties we face.

Finally, I am filled with gratitude and thanksgiving for the great joy and privilege of serving you as your Rector, as your Pastor, and as your companion on this great journey with God. We have lots of fun here at St Paul's and we are able, with God's grace, to serve with joy the people of the community around us. Thank you, for each of your ministries and thank you for being part of our church family.

May God bless you and your families this Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in Christ,

Lynn+

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Rev. Lynn Dillabough
Submitted photo



Warden's Message

Since the conclusion of the summer service schedule, there have been a few changes that have occurred. You will also become aware in the coming months of some other changes that are in the works. Please keep the events bulletin handy and ensure that you have the latest edition so you can keep abreast of what is happening in the church.

At the Annual Meeting in February (followed by the reconvened meeting in May), a 2018 budget was accepted that proposed a significant financial deficit. While nothing has substantially changed to cause a revision of that forecast – the revenues are down, but so are some of the expenses – the fact remains there is going to be a deficit at year's end. What to do about this? The obvious answer is that we need more money to operate and to continue the good works of the parish. The even more obvious questions are: where is this revenue to come from and what can be done in support of this effort?



Peggy Bell

To that end, the current Treasurer, Rod Slack, has formed an ad hoc committee to review potential fundraising activities. Slowly, these events will unfold and we invite everyone to go out into the community to spread the word. The important thing to realize is that we can't do this all ourselves, we need to involve the community we serve. If you have other ideas – maybe even to reconsider your own offering level, as you are able – please do not hesitate to bring these ideas forward. We have discovered that all ideas have validity, although some may seem strange at the beginning.

It was also announced at Vestry that no work would be done in relation to the removal of the organ console and the area to be filled in with a continuation of the chancel floor, unless funding was in place that would not be a portion of our regular operational funds. Those non-operational funds are now available and the contract for the work for the stage element will be signed off shortly (if it hasn't been already by the time this report is published). We look forward to this work being completed in good time, this fall or early winter, without impacting on the Christmas season. But that leaves us with a bit of a dilemma. Well, two, actually:

The removal of the organ console will be completed by the members of the congregation, under the direction of Roy Clarke, our Property Chairman. The exception to this is that the electrical work will be professionally completed (to avoid electrocuting any of our parish members, the costs of which are included in the overall contract for the floor work). When this work is scheduled, the assistance of interested members of the congregation will be solicited. It is hoped that we are going to be able to salvage the woodwork surrounding the console, so anyone interested in obtaining this quality wood is asked to speak to Roy.

The second part of this situation is that the organ keys are ivory, and the sale or disposal/exchange of ivory is a no-no. So, we will have 72 ivory organ keys available when the console is dismantled. Given the strong artistic component within members of the congregation, proposals will be solicited for the incorporation of these ivory keys into some kind of artistic object that can remain within the sanctuary as a memorial to the organ. Look for this in the coming months.





Warden's Message cont...

As this is the "Thanksgiving" issue, we conclude with a note of thanks to two long serving and faithful members of the financial control team who have retired (or will retire) this year:

Earlier this year, Cindy Groenewoud retired as the Treasurer after many years in this role. We thank her for her patience in working through the financial issues, and in working out the transition to our outsourced bookkeeper. Also, Sue Farnsworth will be retiring from her role as Envelope Secretary at the end of this year. Her dedication to this role has been outstanding and very beneficial to the parish. **HOWEVER**, this leaves a hole in the financial control process, so anyone interested in this position, or who knows someone who might be interested, please contact either of the Wardens.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, and God Bless.

John Francis, Rector's Warden & Peggy Bell, People's Warden



Milestones and Memories at St. Paul's

Baptisms:

Oliver Thomas David Devlin (April 15)

Kaylee Ann Clarke (May 6)

Cole William James Clarke (May 6)

Eric Jean Visser (July 22)

Jack Samuel Riley (Sept 15)

We also mourned the loss and celebrated the lives of:

David Allen Vickery (May 31)

Sandra Bourque (August 7)

We also welcomed the following new or returning members to St. Paul's:

Margret Njootli, Shirley McMillan, Deborah Fyckes, John Jackson, Roxane Cramer, Jim & Eileen Webster





Children's Ministries

Godly Play Children's Liturgy resumed on September 9 with a small but exuberant group of children in attendance. It will be offered each Sunday at the 10:00am service from September to June with the exception of designated family services.

Messy Church has changed days to the last Friday evening of the month from 5:00pm to 7:00pm starting September 28. Supper will be served.

Our first three programs will focus on the old testament culminating with our Christmas Eve Nativity service at 4pm.

We will be sharing stories of the new testament starting in January and ending our season with the Easter Passion Play on Holy Saturday.

Registration for Messy Church is required so that we know how many places to set at the table.

If you feel called to participate in children's ministry please contact me by phone, email or see me after services.

Pat Alexander



Many thanks to
Pat Alexander
and Peggy Bell
for creating the
inviting
Childrens'
Activity Centre
at the back of
the church.

Photo Credit:
Linda Eckert





Anglican Church Women at St. Paul's

On the evening of March 26, 2018, women of St. Paul's joined in the Corporate Communion at the Parish of St. Lawrence Anglican Church. The Communion was followed by fellowship and hot cross buns in the church hall.

At our meeting in April, we were joined by Joan Johnson and Penny Price who described to us the many benefits the Special Olympics sports movement that has transformed the lives of those with intellectual disabilities in Brockville and area.

April 26, 2018 was the A.C.W. 51st Diocesan Annual Meeting held at Christ Church Parish Centre in Cataraqui. The theme for the day was ~Come and journey with a Saviour. The day began with Holy Eucharist with Bishop Michael Oulton officiating. The guest speaker was Malcolm Robinson of the Bethany Kids Project in Africa. A delicious luncheon was prepared and served by the rectors.

In May, our regular meeting was followed by a gardening presentation by Arlene Afriat from Ritchie's Garden Centre. She demonstrated container planting and each of us was gifted with our own planter.

The Big Give on June 3rd was supported again this year with our donations of lemonade, home baked cookies and children's items.

On June 21, 2018, we once again enjoyed a garden party at the home of Joan Rouse in Maitland.

Our September meeting featured a Pot-Luck Supper in the church hall followed by a presentation from the four young people from St. Paul's who traveled with Rev. Lynn to the CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth) Conference in Thunder Bay.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Mark your calendars)

October 2nd will be the Regional meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Newboro with the ladies of St. Paul's ,Westport assisting. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with a cost of \$12.00 for the day. The GUEST speaker will be a young woman from the area who has served twice with the U.N. in Kosovo.

Friday, **October 26th** (4:00-6:30 p.m.) Marlene Greenhalgh is organizing a Harvest Chicken dinner. Tickets are \$15.00 and must be purchased in advance.

The A.C.W. Bazaar and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, **November 17th**.

The A. C. W. Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, **December 13th** at 12 noon catered by Moira Taylor. There will be a \$5 gift exchange and a visit from Santa.

**ALL WOMEN OF ST.PAULS ARE WELCOME TO COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP
OF A.C.W.** *Please watch the Church bulletin or emails for information on all upcoming events

Shirley Jones, A.C.W. Recording Secretary





ACW Garden Party



Top: Joan takes Shirley and Carol on tour through her beautiful garden.

Bottom: Relaxing at the ACW Garden Party in June Photo Credit: Linda Eckert





The Big Give 2018

Many thanks to the members of the Youth group who set-out and manned the tables at our 2nd annual **Big Give** in June. Thanks to the volunteers who helped out and also thanks for the members of the ACW who provided lemonade, cookies and donated items for the event.

ONE COMMUNITY. ONE DAY. ONE STATEMENT.

Every year, we join churches across the country to bless our neighbourhoods through a unified day of giving extravagantly - **EVERYTHING IS FREE!** We would love to see this event grow and expand to join all our churches in Brockville. Please mark June 1, 2019 on your calendar for our 3rd annual. We would love to have you join us as we celebrate children and our Christian faith.



The members of the St. Paul's Youth Group (minus Sean) who helped coordinate the Big Give in June.

Photo Credit: Rev. Lynn

Participants look over the tables of free stuff

Photo Credit:
Larry
Bolton



Cookies and lemonade provided by ACW.

Photo Credit: Larry
Bolton





Justice Committee Update

Three years ago in November and December, three churches welcomed three refugee families, two from Eritrea and one from Syria. Those families are now well integrated. Two are still here living and working in Brockville. Their young people are students either in the public school system or at Fulford Academy. One hopes to graduate and go to St Lawrence College next year. The third family moved to Kitchener last summer after more than two years of successful work and study here in Brockville. One of the daughters has just started a program at Conestoga College.

This year four churches (St Luke's Lyndhurst, St Francis, St Lawrence and St Paul's) will welcome a family of 8 from Somalia. Their children range in age from 9 to 22. Their arrival has been made possible through a joint government and philanthropists' BVOR funding program. Through the BVOR program refugees who have been identified by the UN as needing resettlement are chosen to come to Canada if sponsors can be found.

Normally, Canada provides income support for 6 months and Canadian sponsors cover an additional 6 months while welcoming and assisting with integration for the year. In 2018, over a thousand of the 1500 refugees that Canada had selected for this program had not found sponsors.

The Ottawa Refugee Hub and Jewish Family Services in partnership with founding donor the Shapiro Foundation and Canadian philanthropists Jim Giustra of the Radcliffe Foundation and Jim Estill of Danby Appliances offered to cover the financial commitment of sponsors if they would bring a family before the end of the year. As a result, we have moved very quickly to reactivate our sponsorship group and will soon welcome a new family to our country. They will arrive before the end of the year and possibly as soon as November. Please keep them in your prayers and see Julie Case if you would like to volunteer to help in some way.

Julie Case

- The Commonwealth Public School Breakfast Club urgently needs two volunteers to help get the program going for this year.
 - Please contact Kerey Bolton: 613-213-2795 or kereybolton@yahoo.ca





Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering (CLAY)



SIDE: The members of the Youth group enjoy a beautiful sunset at the Lakehead University Campus in Thunder Bay during their trip to C.L.A.Y. in August

Photo Credit: Rev. Lynn

BOTTOM: The members of the St. Paul's Youth group who attended the C.L.A.Y. gathering, share their stories and experiences at the September meeting of St. Paul's ACW following a yummy Pot-Luck Dinner.

Photo Credit: Linda Eckert





Hewitt's Farewell



We bid a fond farewell and God Speed to Hewit and her daughters Salmawet and Yorsalem as they pursue their Canadian dreams in Kitchener. They are one of two Eritrian families and one Syrian family who were jointly sponsored by St. Paul's, St. Lawrence and St. Francis churches in 2015.

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We are on FACEBOOK!

www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauls-Anglican-Church-Brockville

Keep up to date with coming events and breaking news by “Liking” US!

Did you ever happen to miss a service and wanted to find out what is going on and coming up at St. Paul's ? Then check the Weekly Bulletin on-line.

Go to the St. Paul's Web Page www.stpaulsbrockville.ca Select: Events – Weekly Bulletin to view the electronic version





HARVEST 1/2 CHICKEN DINNER

Friday October 26th 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

St. Paul's Anglican Church, 12 Pine Street, Brockville

Meal includes: ½ Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with gravy,

baked beans coleslaw, rolls

Homemade Pies, Tea and Coffee

First Come - First Served – Takeout Available

Tickets are \$ 15.00 and must be purchased in advance.

Please call 613-342-4696 for more information

Messy Church is fun as
Jane and Peggy can
attest.

Contact Pat Alexander if
you can help prepare the
meal for children and par-
ents one Friday of each
month.

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