

The

Contact

Saint Paul's

Nanaimo, B.C.

May 2017

*Keeping your home
in contact with your parish*

Rector: The Venerable Brian Evans

From the Rector's Niche...

Greetings to all in this Eastertide Season. We were blessed to have Bishop Logan with us in the Cowichan/Malaspina Region for Holy Week. Here at St. Paul's we hosted the Regional Easter Vigil. It was exciting to have six Paschal Candles adorning the sanctuary for this service. Then Bishop Logan was with us here at St. Paul's for Easter Sunday along with members of his family. Thank you to all who contributed to the Easter celebrations.

From preparations for Palm Sunday through to the Celebration of the Resurrection, of particular note are the Choir and the Altar Guild. These two ministries in our parish spend many hours behind the scenes to create the special spiritual setting to our worship. Without their work our worship would not have the excellence in quality we have come to enjoy at St. Paul's. THANK YOU.

SECOND, to all who contributed to our Speaker Series for Lent on Reconciliation. Each speaker presented a contrasting view to the topic of reconciliation. To our soup and bun providers, thank you. In total your efforts realized over \$700.00 towards our capital debt. Like the speakers, each soup presented was a contrast to the others!!

This month I want to highlight two of the ministries at St. Paul's - the Greeting Card ministry and the Contact. As Anglicans, a portion of scripture familiar to many of us comes from Romans Chapter 8: "I am sure that neither death,

nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Over many years in ministry there are a variety of ministries one encounters. These two ministries reach people in our parish and beyond and we often do not recognize the impact. As I engage in the work of "Pastoral Care" in the parish these two ministries continue to be highlighted by parishioners. These are some of the real work of Pastoral Care in the life of the parish.

Although it may not be a personal hand shake, or a phone call, or a visit over a cup of tea, these are regular and are understood in the capacity of the parish not forgetting them. This is a real illustration of Paul reminding us; nothing can separate us from the love of God. Only recently I was reminded of this when a member of St. Paul's shared with me how, even though they had not been able to attend church, they were not forgotten.

For these two ministries, let us give thanks to Sandra MacKinnon (Card Ministry) and Tony Foote (Contact). As a parish we are fortunate for their dedication to these two ministries. Thank you Sandra and Tony.

Blessings for Eastertide,

Fr. Brian

THE WARDEN'S CORNER

Spring is here, a little cooler and wetter than last year, but there is color showing in the flower beds around the city, our homes, and St. Paul's.

April has been a busy month at St. Paul's, with the Lenten speakers series presented each Wednesday up to April 12, the Easter vigil, Easter services and the Bishop's visit Easter Sunday. The Lenten speakers gave presentations in their areas of expertise following the Wednesday services and each was very informative. You had to have been in attendance for all of them to get an overall view of the reconciliation process. I now have a better understanding of the intention of this process.

On April 20th Fr. Brian and our architect David Poiron attended the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) Awards night. The St. Paul's Centre for Ministry received two awards:

- 2017 Commercial Building Award of Excellence for Institutional Renovation.
- 2017 Judges' Choice Award.

The Judges Choice Award covers the area from the Malahat north.

These awards started with you, the parishioners of St. Paul's, for having faith in the decisions that had to be made by Fr. Brian, the Building Committee, chaired by Colin Sheen and Bob Brandle, who represented the Diocese. It was their expertise that guided us through the process of the design and construction of our new facility. David Poiron spoke on receiving the awards and said that 75% of the use of the facilities are by the greater community and 25% by St. Paul's. We can be proud that our Centre has been well received by the greater community.

With the increasing use of the facilities, it is important that all the Ministries and groups within St. Paul's develop a calendar planning at least a year ahead.

Resources make things possible: People make things happen.

Unknown

Boyd Shaw,
Rector's Warden

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER



The last Financial Statement available is to the end of March 2017.

Total Income for 3 months	\$ 62,218.13
Total Outgo for 3 months	<u>82,652.77</u>
	\$ (20,434.64)
Balance fwd. Jan. 1/17	<u>(16,509.98)</u>
Balance	<u>\$ (36,944.62)</u>

In March, our operating deficit increased by about \$5,000.00. Open and Offering Envelopes were \$8,355.55 under the new budget.

Full copies of the Financial Statements may be found on the bulletin boards in the Narthex and hall. If you have any questions, I will do my best to answer them. I can be reached by email at sue_gue@telus.net, or by telephone at 250-758-6674.

Sue Gueulette, Treasurer

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

In August we will probably be wishing for a good rain but at the moment it would be nice to have some more sun. The lawn is growing giving Wayne the job of mowing each week now. Thanks, Wayne, the lawn always looks neat and tidy when you mow it.

The lawn received an application of fertilizer in April and I have spread grass seed in areas that grass is sparse in.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

UPDATE ON ST PAUL'S REFUGEE FAMILY

Tony Davis, who is the Assistant Coordinator, Refugee Sponsorship, for the Diocese of British Columbia, and I, met in early April with representatives of the family chosen to be privately co-supported by St. Paul's parish. The status and location of the family of three persons was updated for us by Marah Adulmajeed.

Marah, who we all met last year when she came with her husband and infant to a Sunday service, and who is the sister of the father of the family, told us that they are still located in Latakia, Syria. Their application to be allowed to come to Canada has been filed and is being processed. However, they have not yet been requested to come to Amman in Jordan to be interviewed for approval for emigration. They must stay in Syria, rather than going to Jordan and are spending months living in a very expensive city, waiting for their interviews. The father has been unable to work in Syria as he is a citizen of Iraq and does not have a Syrian passport. Financial support comes from various family members abroad and here in Nanaimo. It is not an option for them to return to their home country Iraq and they cannot leave Latakia until they get the call for an interview. The whole family will need Visas from Damascus to enter Jordan for their interviews and the father will need to go to Damascus to apply to the Jordanian Embassy for Visas for the family.

Tony Davis agreed to make direct contact with the Canadian Embassy Visa Office in Amman, Jordan, to determine the state of the application of the Adulmajeed family. Once an application has been approved it can take up to six to eight weeks before emigrants leave for Canada.

Grace-Ellen Capier
Committee Member

Lee Grimmer has been weeding, moving plants to better locations and is beginning to spread bark mulch. The grounds are showing Lee's care and expertise. Thanks, Lee.

Nanaimo Sheet Metal are still working on replacing the downspouts. They are going to replace the lower pieces that were removed with pre-painted stainless steel. They will be less expensive than copper as well as stronger. The colour will be as close as possible to the original as they can get. They will also attach the two metals with a material that prevents electrolysis between the copper and stainless.

Blanche Gates made a banner titled "Trees of Paradise, The Trees of Peace" to commemorate the opening of the Centre for Ministry. It is hanging in the St. Luke room.

Thanks, Blanche for the beautifully done hanging and thanks to Father Brian for installing the hardware to hang it on.

Archie Johnstone Plumbing paid a couple of visits in April, one to tighten the sink faucet assembly in the St. Matthew Room (covered by the New Building Warranty) and the second to unplug a toilet in the Men's Washroom on the second floor.

A few more words about the Parking Lot – Please drive in the direction indicated by the arrows painted on the asphalt. When folks are backing out of a slot, they do not expect to have a car coming the wrong way - as witnessed on Sunday.

Also, please respect the Handicap Parking in front of the wooden fence on Sundays. These are the slots that are marked with the blue signs saying "SUNDAY ONLY" and have the handicap symbol on them. During the week these stalls are available for anyone who needs to park while at the Church.

If a stall has "RESERVED" painted on the asphalt please do not park in it during the work week as it is rented.

Caroline Grimmer,
Building and Grounds

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

On Saturday, April 22 about 80 people attended and enjoyed the ACW Strawberry Shortcake Tea and by all the smiling faces, a good time was had by all. There was a lot of activity around the chocolate fountain as people dipped strawberries in chocolate, trying hard not to drip warm gooey chocolate down their chins. We were entertained with a selection of show tunes by Mary Jackson and Chuck Harman. The shoppers got some good bargains from the Craft, Plant and Bake tables and tried their luck at the Mystery Gift table. The Silent Auction was loaded with lovely items and meals and produced some healthy competition with people trying to secure a coveted item with a last minute bid. This event would not be possible without the parishioners who generously contributed to the tables and heartfelt thanks to the many willing hands who worked hard to make the tea success. We regret to report that the Diocesan ACW Gathering scheduled for May 7 and 8 here at St. Paul's has been cancelled. This will be rescheduled at a later date this year. For those involved that have prepaid, the Registration fee will be refunded to you by the Diocesan ACW Treasurer.

IMPORTANT: MEETING DATE CHANGE

The next St Paul's ACW meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday May 11th 12:30 bag lunch, meeting at 1:00 so please make note of the date change. We will be reporting on the Strawberry Shortcake Tea and planning the June luncheon.

Carol Shaw, President
Norma Humphreys, Vice President
Diane Scott, Secretary/ Treasurer

FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Our most recent undertaking was the Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper, held on April 13. We had a good turnout of approximately 80 people. Thanks to Carol Shaw, Jan Monkman, and Marilyn Browning, our co-ordinators for the meal.

We had the assistance of the Shriners to look after

getting the food out and clean-up. Thank you to all for the donations for the Shriners which go to the burn hospitals they support.

Thanks to Yvonne Oliver for the table centres. And a very big thank you to all who attended and provided such tasty and generous donations to the potluck.

Kathie Day,
Co-chair

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Did you know that our first Capital Campaign launched in 2014 raised \$2.6 million for the building of the new centre through donations and pledges over a 3 year period?

Now in March 2017, the parish launched our "*Campaign to Retire the Debt*" which is the loan held by the Diocese for the completion of our new Centre for Ministry and Community Service.

The **circle graph** that hangs in the hall off the parking lot will provide you with a visual of our progress to date.

As I write this report the graph shows that \$85,000 has been paid to the dioceses during the first 3 months of 2017. You will also see that another \$84,000 is in hand, in trust.

The Capital Campaign Committee has now launched Phase 1 with the goal to raise \$370,000 through pledges by specific donors. Phase 2 will see the campaign focussed on parish membership working together to match the amount achieved in Phase I. This campaign will run for the period of 3 years achieving its goal by December 2019.

Members of the Capital Campaign Committee are:

Les Annesley; Chair; Tom Harris, Honorary Chair; Fr. Brian Evans, Boyd Shaw; Warden, Joy Adams Bauer, Claude Lalonde, Lyle Hogaboam, Mary Jane McLaughlin.

Advisors: Sue Gueulette; Treasurer, Allen

Cunningham; Assistant Treasurer, Janice Valecourt; Warden.

I encourage you to look forward in anticipation to hearing more about this exciting campaign as we all, together, press forward to achieving this endeavour.

Les Annesley
Chair

NEW WEBSITE FOR ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's is launching a new website with the help of a Vancouver company that specializes in designing websites for churches. The Diocese has agreed to pay the onetime set up fee which includes automatic integration of announcements with our St. Paul's Facebook page. Joy Adams Bauer will be our parish webmaster.

Joy has begun work with ChurchOS and the site is scheduled to launch in mid to late May 2017.

The content of the site will not change, just the look and feel. The new interface means the site is 100% mobile friendly. This is important because the majority of people surfing the web these days are using mobile devices, rather than desktop computers. Our new web address will be www.stpaulsnanaimo.ca

To get a sense of what the new site will look like, visit St. Philip Lantzville at:

www.stphilipslantzville.org or the new Diocesan website at www.bc.anglican.ca

Joy Adams Bauer,
Parish Webmaster

Advance Notice for Canada Day

St Paul's will be having an Information Booth on Canada Day at Maffeo Sutton Park 10:30 to 3:00 pm (Setup will be at 9:00 am). There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex 3 Sundays prior to Canada Day. Enthusiastic Volunteers are asked to sign up for 2 hour shifts.

More to follow in the next CONTACT.

Carol Shaw

SITUATIONS VACANT

VACANCY IN THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE!!

This Committee is tasked with the responsibility of finding ways and means to encourage the best use of the Time, Talent and Treasure of the Parish Family. Not an enviable task nor an easy one, but like "they" say, someone has to do it! Now, wouldn't you like that someone to be you? This group is perhaps not the "funnest" committee to be on but neither is it the most exhausting one, being more cerebral than physical. So what do you say? Join our Rector and his Warden, myself and Alicia Vanin about once a month to brainstorm, dream, entertain ideas, encourage one another in how we might fulfil our ministry. Please consider this request prayerfully and contact myself or Father Brian if you have any questions.

All those who filled in the Questionnaire last October/November and indicated an interest in any of the ministries listed have had their name forwarded to the pertinent Committee Chair.

Marjorie I. Adams
250-754-2171

EfM Graduation

The EfM graduation for the Parksville group will be held on 10 May at 1pm at St. Edmund's church Parksville. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bishop Logan will be presiding.

Early Bird Garage & Book Sale

Saturday June 10th 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Breakfast served in the "Early Bird Café" \$5.00

Absolutely NO T.V.'s or Electronics, Clothing or Bedding. No Text books. Items may be brought to the hall the last week in May.

Contact Alison Walsh for more information.

Tel: (250) 754-2096

Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 18th at the Departure Bay Kin Hut beginning with the service at 10:30 am.

Parish Happenings

Baptisms

Jeremy Bernard Morris
15 April 2017

Confirmations

Jeremy Bernard Morris
Jérémie Wesley Versfelt
15 April 2017

In Memoriam

Albert Arthur Sommerfeld
21 January 2017

Margaret Alice Laskosky
4 March 2017

Lyndon Hugh Davies
11 March 2017

Margaret Louise Matthews
14 March 2017

Newcomers

Lynn Affleck
Maevae Baccari
Lori Hargreaves
Don Paquette
Bonnie Williams-Paquette

Thanks to the choir who were always on his mind, to the beautiful solo by Janice Byerley. He would have loved that Janice, as I and my family did.

To the Old Crocks who wore their veterans medals in Lyndon's honour, we are forever grateful.

To Michael & Alan who for many times escorted Lyndon to Doctors Appointments, etc. and for that he was grateful.

The service was also beautiful. Thank you to Fr. Brian & Flo who assisted so much; our grand-daughter, Grace with her rendition of the eulogy and for including the congregation in the singing of "My favourite things" from The Sound of Music, and last but not least, many thanks to Joanne & Des who have helped continually for the past few years.

The reception, as Lyndon would say, was the best ever.

*Thank you
Doris Davies & family*

ST. PAUL'S CENTRE FOR MINISTRY WINS TWO AWARDS

St. Paul's Centre for Ministry was nominated for the 2017 Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) Commercial Building awards. These awards recognize and honour the best in commercial buildings to the north of the Malahat on Vancouver Island.



They take into consideration compliment of surrounding buildings, aesthetics, unique architectural features, environmentally friendly, and green elements.

St. Paul's was awarded the Award of Excellence in the Institutional Renovation Category and the Judges Choice overall Award of Excellence in all categories. Congratulations to our parish, the diocese, our Architect David Poiron and Heatherbrae Construction.



NOTES OF THANKS

To my St. Paul's friends.

Thank you for the birthday card and remembering me at Christmas. I am doing quite well with the help of family and friends here at Origin.

You are all included in my daily prayers.

Elsie Porter

My grandchildren, son & I are so grateful to so many people who participated in the funeral of our beloved Lyndon, from beginning to end that is what he would have wished.

Thank you for all the flowers & cards.