

The

# Contact

Saint Paul's

Nanaimo, B.C.

*Keeping your home  
in contact with your parish*

**February 2018**

**Interim Priest In Charge: The Venerable Alan Naylor**

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## From the Rector's Niche ...

Happy Valentine's day! That's a greeting many will hear and give in two weeks time - especially those for whom romance is either a novelty or at the centre of a long lasting relationship. For others it's a day that will bring sweet memories of love from the past, while for some it may go by without being noticed. Our televisions will show reruns of well worn romantic movies, and chocolate and flower businesses will enjoy one of their busiest times of the year. It is a celebration of love we are told, rooted vaguely in one version or another of a legend involving a Roman priest known as St. Valentine who was martyred for continuing to marry those who were in love in spite of the emperor's prohibition.

No doubt, romantic passion is a beautiful thing and I, for one, am all for chocolates and flowers! However, in short order flowers begin to droop, chocolates go stale and the ribbons on the box fade. It is then that the stark difference becomes clear between true love and "fleeting passion" to quote the Welsh poet W. H. Davies when he was disappointed in love.

When we speak of true love we mean different things and those who have experienced real, authentic love, know that it goes well beyond chocolates and flowers - indeed love is a lot more than what two moonstruck lovers feel, it is about mutual self giving - in any relationship.

In St. Paul's beautiful love poem (1st Corinthians 13) the "better way" which we are shown says "*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or*

*arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*"

This year, unusually, Valentine's Day falls on a much more important day for us as Christians. It is also Ash Wednesday, the day on which we begin our season of Lent. A time when we will revisit the model for a perfect love relationship which is the one between Christ and the world. As we come to know and be a part of that, we see that at the core of that relationship, or oneness between Christ and the world, is a deep and most profound sacrificial love. It is the mutual self giving of one to the other - from Jesus the giving of his life in his death and resurrection; from us our commitment to live as an embodiment of his love to the world.

A similar kind of self giving, sacrificial love is what is at the core of every healthy relationship - between lovers, friends, family and neighbours; also fellow citizens, political constituencies, different faith communities and even between nations. In that passage from 1st Corinthians, St. Paul does not talk of Cupid's arrows in red hearts, or chocolates, or flowers, or holding hands - rather he speaks of patience, kindness, tolerance, forgiveness.

To one & all, single or attached - Happy Valentine's Day! May we look at all our relationships, and pray that they more nearly emulate the perfect, self giving love that we see in Christ for the world. And may that prepare us for a holy Lent.

*Alan*

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## THE WARDEN'S CORNER

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December was a busy month with Lessons and Carols, Christmas eve services and Christmas Day service along with the regular Wednesday and Sunday services. Carol and I were in Kelowna for Christmas and attended the Family Service at St. Andrew's. It was a wonderful service (standing room only) along with the adults there were 24 young people from barely walking to about 12 years old participating in the service. After the service Rev. Anne asked that we pass on her best wishes to the members of St. Paul.

As we look forward to 2018 we can continue to build on what we as a parish have accomplished in the past. Janice and I would like to thank everyone for their help and assistance in all the functions that were carried out at St. Paul this past year. We have been in the new facilities for the first full year and are still learning the operation and idiosyncrasies of the equipment in the kitchen, the heating system, and the security system. The cooling pack for the cooler required replacing, which for all intents and purposes gave us a new cooler. With the number of bookings and the number of enquiries the facility is becoming wider known. Our best and cheapest way of advertising is by word of mouth, so don't hesitate to talk it up with your friends and the organizations you belong to.

The final inspection of the new facilities has been carried out and there was a number of discrepancies listed. The discrepancies have been dealt with and the Fire Department has now signed off on the inspection. When you are in the new facilities and notice something broken, loose, or missing let Heather, me or the office know what it is, so that it can be replaced or fixed. The railing at the bottom of the wheel chair ramp in the parking lot has been backed into on a few occasions causing damage to the back of the cars involved. A metal post will be installed at that location so when a vehicle is backed into the post the bumper of the car will hit it causing less damage.

*Resources make things possible:  
People make things happen.*

Boyd Shaw  
Rector's Warden

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## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER



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

Total Income for 12 months	\$ 282,179.51
Total Outgo for 12 months	<u>290,431.50</u>
	\$ ( 8,251.99)
Balance fwd. Jan. 1/17	<u>(16,509.98)</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ (24,761.97)</u></b>

Considering that at one point during the year, our deficit was around \$52,000.00, we did extremely well to end the year owing only \$24,761.97, and 2/3 of that was the deficit from 2016. Our offerings were up over \$20,000 from the same period last year. Thank you to everyone for stepping up to the plate, so to speak! Our Open and Envelope offerings combined were less than \$10,000.00 short of our 2017 budget. The budget, by the way, had predicted a deficit of \$36,000.00, so we beat that by a healthy margin. Praise the Lord!!!

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](mailto:sue_gue@telus.net), or by telephone at 250-758-6674.

*Sue Gueulette,*  
Treasurer

PS. Enclosed is a LENT OFFERING ENVELOPE to use if you would like to make a special Lent thank offering. If you receive Contact electronically, more envelopes will be available in the Narthex.

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Snow drops, cyclamen and the Lenten Rose (Hellebore) are in bloom along with some primulas from last year now. There is an Easter lily in the garden which should bloom very soon too.

JANE FULCHER has come on board to help LEE GRIMMER with the gardening. They spent Monday weeding and tidying the gardens. Thank you to both plus to Wayne who has been raking leaves and picking up refuse around the property plus helping Heather inside. He washed the front steps Friday making the front door of the Church look more presentable and inviting.

The wind/rain storm last weekend caused one of the shackles securing the Anglican Church sign to come undone. The signing received some damage, a bent corner and paint scraped off. It will soon be remounted on the pole.

### BRIAN HUMBER IS NOW IN CHARGE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS MINISTRY.

I have resigned the position but I will still assist in whatever way I can with both gardening and with minor problems in the building. I have enjoyed the 16 years of looking after this ministry.

I sincerely thank Father Brian, Manly Price, Michael Priestly, Garry Pearse for their advice and help with projects through the years along with Tony, Les, Heather, Sue, Boyd, Marilynne and Ross and all others who changed light bulbs and helped with many jobs.

Please give Brian, Lee and Jane support caring for our Church home.

I give thanks to God that I was allowed to care for St. Paul's property for so long and that excellent people have come forth to carry on,

*Caroline Grimmer,*  
Building and Grounds

## THE NEW PERSON IN CHARGE

As this is my first article for the Contact, I would like to begin by offering a huge thank you to Caroline who has held this position for the last 15 plus years. She is certainly one of the many who has continually worked behind the scenes at St. Paul's to make it the parish that it is.

My submission this month is merely a bit of an introduction and I can say that so far it has been interesting getting to know not only the physical aspects of the parish but also meeting more of the parishioners. Everyone has been helpful as I slowly find my way around and I'm excited by the prospect of spending more time here at St. Paul's.

In closing, I would like to stay in contact with anyone who is interested and has any questions or concerns. You can reach me by either leaving a message at the reception desk for me to pick up or you can contact me by e-mail at [bhumber@live.com](mailto:bhumber@live.com)

*Brian Humber,*  
Building and Grounds

## NANAIMO PRIDE FESTIVAL

We love the diversity of our community and our parish shows this by proclaiming welcome and acceptance for all people. In many ways and with many expressions this is what informs and fuels our passion for ministries that reach out, being a peaceful and peacemaking presence in our community. Another way of saying this is that we want to be like those in the early church of whom it was said "look at those Christians, how much they love each other!" To this end, at its January meeting, the Parish Council approved the participation in the Nanaimo Pride Festival on June 9th, of those who wish to carry a St. Paul's banner in the parade. More information will follow for any who wish to take part. If you have questions or concerns please speak to me or one of the Wardens.

*Ven. Alan Naylor*

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## 2018 BUDGET NARRATIVE

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*In this CONTACT is the proposed budget for 2018. Please read it carefully in preparation for the Annual Vestry Meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> (be sure to bring it with you for reference). For your information, some items are commented on in advance of the meeting.*

### INCOME

1. *Envelopes* - For 2017 we had proposed that offerings would be \$200,000, a marginal increase over 2016. We were unable to achieve this in 2017, missing the mark by \$21,000.00, even though people gave over \$20,000 more in 2017. We have therefore set our goal at \$190,000 for 2018.
2. *Hall donations* - In 2017, we brought in \$12,770 in hall use donations. We are planning a more aggressive approach to marketing the hall and kitchen in 2018, so in anticipation have set our budget at \$16,000.
3. *Fund Raising* - Although we missed our 2017 fund raising goal by about \$3,500.00, we have a number of events planned for 2018 that we hope will help us achieve our \$14,000 goal.
4. *Parking Lot Rental* - with the new Centre in place, we now have only 19 parking spaces available for rent, at \$60.00 per month, for an annual total of \$13,680.00.

### EXPENSES

1. *Assessment* - this is our Diocesan Assessment which is currently set at 16.5% of our assessable income, based on 2016.
2. *Payroll/ Housing/ Benefits* - this is the total cost for the Parish Administrator, Organist and Choir Director, and Verger. It reflects a 1.8% increase in stipend/salary ranges plus benefits. It also includes an estimate for the cost of a Rector, based on having the Venerable Alan Naylor for a further 6 months, and a new full time Rector for 6 months, with the stipend based on someone with 10 years' experience.
3. *Assisting Clergy* - this reflects our possible costs for times when our Rector is away - vacations, Diocesan Conferences, sickness, etc.
4. *Licenses & Fees* - this includes the Business License for the parking lot, our Music License and other membership fees we have. It is up \$50 from 2017.
5. *Supplies*
  - a) *Liturgical* - this covers wafers, candles, special bulletins for Festivals etc.
  - b) *Office* - this reflects supplies of paper, envelopes, and other office expenses including internet and postage. Because of Tony's excellent frugality, we have reduced the budget by \$500.00
  - c) *Photocopier* - this figure is based on the

actual per copy cost of our photocopying.  
d) *Janitorial* - costs of the supplies for the maintenance of a clean building, including paper products and soap. Now that we have a full year's operation of the new facility, we have reduced the 2017 budget by \$750.00.  
e) *Christian Education* - this reflects the costs associated with our Sunday School and any other costs incurred by educational programs. Based on usage in 2017, we have reduced the budget by \$250.00.

6. *Advertising* - expense related to advertising in local papers with respect to our Services and also special Festivals.

7. *Utilities*

- a) *Hydro* - now that we have a full year in the new facility, we are able to qualify for the Hydro Monthly Budget Plan. Our payments will be \$1756.00 per month.
- b) *Telephone - Church* - represents our basic costs of the telephone and FAX lines and their use.
- c) *Rector's* - this relates to the costs undertaken by the Parish with respect to phone costs for the Rector's Home phone, as required by the Canons. This represents only a 6 month period.
- e) *Heat* - Fortis Gas. As with Hydro, we now qualify for the monthly payment plan. Our payments will be \$316.00 per month.

8. *Repairs & Maintenance*

- *General* - the ongoing maintenance within and around the building, including carpet cleaning, painting, etc., but generally not the garden because of individual parishioners support. We have increased this budget by \$2000.00 to reflect actual costs last year.
- *Snow removal contingency* - in case some snow/ice clearance is required.
- *Piano & Organ* - the separated cost for maintaining the organ and our 3 pianos.

8a. *Maintenance Contracts* (HVAC, Elevator) A new line item to separate the necessary Maintenance Contracts from general Repairs & Maintenance.

9. *Insurance* - as to be expected, our insurance on the church and hall have more than doubled with the completion of the Centre for Ministry. Our cost will be approximately \$11,000.00 this year.

10. *Clergy Conferences* - we are required to provide for the costs associated with our clergy attending various clergy gatherings called by the Bishop of the Diocese and other related expenses. If there is a Synod, we are also responsible for our delegates' expenses.

12. *Miscellaneous* - those items which do not fit into any of the other mentioned categories. Based on our 2017 actual, we have raised this budget by \$1000.00.

13. *Rector's Moving Expense* - as a parish, we are responsible for the moving expenses of our new Rector. As we have no idea yet where he/she will come from,

this is a token figure.

15. *Loan Interest* - as we still owe the Diocese a loan for the completion of the building, it is felt we should at least try to keep the interest paid up to date. At present, the monthly interest exceeds \$1000.00, but we feel that is all we can budget at present.

The end result is that the Budget for the Operating year of 2018 shows a possible deficit of \$3,704.00. However, with the deficit of \$ 24,762.00 brought forward from 2017, it increases the balance to a possible deficit of \$ 28,466.00. We must still keep our eye on the open and envelope offering figure as our goal for 2018. Thank you to everyone for their past response by giving generously and keeping our expenses under control as much as possible. With the new Centre for Ministry, our operating expenses are naturally much higher, as we are dealing with twice the space. Please prayerfully consider how we might work together to overcome this large operating deficit.

As an addendum to this Budget Report we would like to comment on the generosity of our parishioners which is not fully reflected by our Operations Budget. If you will refer to the item entitled "Received/Disbursed for Others" that is part of the Annual Financial Statement you will see that generosity reflected in amounts given to PWRDF, Loaves & Fishes, the St. Paul's Fund For Those In Need, etc., the donations made by the ACW to help others, also the gifts given to the Trust Funds, and the work of our Reaching Out Committee. It is your willingness to give and support the work of St. Paul's that makes this church such a vibrant factor in Nanaimo as it does that work in the name of the Lord.

*Sue Gueulette*, Treasurer  
*Allen Cunningham*, Assistant Treasurer

**PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET 2018**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>2017 Actual</b>	<b>2018 Budget</b>
Open Offering	25,000	38,950.70	35,000
Envelopes	200,000	178,964.75	190,000
Church Festivals	20,000	18,786.35	20,000
Other Income	0	6,064.44	1,000
Hall Donations	14,400	12,770.00	16,000
Weddings/Funerals	1,000	1,915.07	2,000
Fund Raising Events	14,000	10,561.53	14,000
Parking Lot	13,680	13,500.00	13,680
Diocesan Curate Support	<u>667</u>	<u>666.67</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>288,746</u></b>	<b><u>282,179.51</u></b>	<b><u>291,680</u></b>

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 291,680</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>295,384</u></b>
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$ ( 3,704 )</b>
<b>2017 DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>( 24,762 )</u></b>
<b>NET DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>\$ ( 28,466 )</u></b>

**PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET 2018**

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>2017 Actual</b>	<b>2018 Budget</b>
Assessment	43,139	43,139.00	44,565
Payroll/Housing/Benefits	188,412	168,686.90	163,645
Assisting Clergy	1,000	1,350.00	1,500
Licenses & Fees	850	926.29	900
Supplies - Liturgical	1,500	1,540.83	1,500
Office	3,500	2,696.96	3,000
Photocopier	1,680	1,698.62	1,680
Social (net)	0	( 960.41)	0
Janitorial	2,750	1,963.02	2,000
Christian Education	1,000	219.07	750
Advertising	2,800	2,845.78	2,800
Utilities Hydro	18,000	20,703.90	21,072
Phone - Church	3,000	2,579.09	2,750
- Rectory	565	285.00	180
Water/Sewer	1,500	1,424.68	1,500
Heat (Fortis Gas)	1,200	3,374.18	3,792
Repairs & Maintenance - General	3,000	5,953.28	5,000
- Snow removal	500	307.50	500
- Piano/Organ	1,250	0.00	1,250
Maintenance Contracts (HVAC/ Elevator)	3,000	4,069.21	5,500
Insurance	9,000	9,000.00	11,000
Taxes	0	0.00	0
Clergy Conferences	750	750.00	500
Miscellaneous	1,500	4,058.77	2,500
Capital Projects Reserve	0	0.00	0
Choir	550	214.00	500
Curate	6,100	5,605.83	0
Rector's Moving Expense			5,000
Loan Interest	<u>12,000</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>12,000</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>308,546</u></b>	<b><u>290,431.50</u></b>	<b><u>295,384</u></b>

# ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

As the St Paul's Anglican Church Women begin another year we welcome Marilyn Browning as Vice President. Norma Humphreys has served many years as VP and will be assisting Marilyn and me as the year unfolds. A busy few months lay before us as we start planning for a Spring tea which will be announced in the March Contact. Creative juices are flowing as members and friends begin making items for the home crafts table. We will be featuring a decadent dessert, a Silent Auction Table, Baking, Plants and the ever popular Mystery Bag Table.

We are acknowledging a significant anniversary this month as Chris Appleton celebrates her 25th year as St Paul's Dorcas Chair. Under Chris' direction we have kept busy knitting, crocheting and sewing items along with providing items for the much-needed Joy Bags.

Any ladies interested in becoming an active member of our busy and productive ministry and have time on the first Wednesday of the month you are welcome.

Bring a bag lunch and meet with us at 12:30 in the St Matthew Room.

*Carol Shaw,*  
ACW President

## FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Fun, Food, and Fellowship finished 2017 with the Christmas Potluck Dinner, followed by the service of Lessons and Carols.

We welcomed 88 people and we all sat down together to enjoy the food and fellowship. This time we made the Christmas meal a true pot luck. It was very successful with plenty variety of foods. Following the meal the Shriners served us tea/coffee and did the entire clean-up. This left the FFF committee members free to sit down for the meal with our guests. We fully appreciate the Shriners assistance and all who donated to the Shriners. The money goes to the charities they sponsor.

Thanks to all who attended and offered their potluck dishes. Thanks to Carol who co-ordinated with most of our members participating in the preparations for the meal. The 5 pm start worked well, avoiding a rush to the service.

Our first meeting of 2018 had us looking into the next few months and making plans. Our next big event will be the Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Dinner on March 29th. Further news and announcements will be forthcoming at a later date.

We are working on acquiring a few more 'occasional' helpers to assist from time to time with our events. We have some but we'd like a few more. If you're interested please mention it to one of the committee members. It would not involve attending meetings, but helping out at events from time to time. As of this time I have had three more 'helpers' willing to assist us. Thank you all.

FFF committee members: Kathie Day, Sue McDonald, Mary Jackson, Heather Lester, Alison Lowrie, Kathy McRae, Carol Shaw, Marilyn Browning, Jan Monkman.

*Kathie Day, Sue McDonald*  
Coordinators for Fun, Food, and Fellowship

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The Stewardship Committee are meeting once a month. Our most recent focus has been fund raising to reduce the parish deficit. We have a number of fundraising events on the horizon -- the Valentine's Lunch and Fashion Show, the St. Paddy's Day Event and the Mad Hatters Tea Party (more on the last two closer to the time).

Our recent "No Frills" Lunch on January 14 is another small fund raiser which gives everyone the opportunity to be involved in the 3T's of stewardship. You can be involved by either hosting a lunch and not claiming expenses; hosting and claiming expenses, donating the lunch but someone else hosts; or sharing hosting and expenses with a friend! There are many ways to be involved.

Because there are so many activities in February we have decided to cancel the "No Frills Lunch" slated for Sunday February 11. We will resume on Sunday March 11 when the menu will be chili and a bun and your host will be Marjorie I. Adams.

Stewardship Committee: Marjorie I. Adams, Alicia Vanin, Don Gillett, Heather Lester, Kathie Day, the Wardens and Rector.

*Marjorie I. Adams,*  
Stewardship Committee

# Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Do everything in love.*

1 Corinthians 16:14

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is pleased to have crocheted Quinn and Isabella Baptismal Prayer Blankets, both presented by Reverent Alan Naylor.

On behalf of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, I would like to thank Claude and Roseleagh Lalande for their monetary donation. Thanks to Kathie Day for the yarn donation. Thanks to Diane Bestwick and Sandra Leigh for their donation of two knitted prayer shawls.

I would like to thank all the amazing women that make up our Prayer Shawl Ministry and thank them for their devotion to this ministry. Here are the names of women who make this Prayer Shawl Ministry successful: Shirley Strong, Sandra Robinson, Kathy McRae, Donna Lee Criss, Diane Wade, Chris Appleton, Carol Shaw, Catherine Kung, Patricia Sheen and Blanche Gates.

We accept donations of completed prayer shawls or monetary donations so we can purchase yarn ourselves. Yarn of any colour, soft and washable, approximately 1000 yards of worsted weight yarn.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets to pray, share, knit or crochet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from one to three o'clock in St. Matthew's room. All are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Oliver at 250-754-8614

Everyone is invited to attend the Reaching Out committee's



**SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE SUPPER  
ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN  
CHURCH HALL  
FEBRUARY 13TH 5-6:30PM**

Tickets are \$10 each & children under 12 years of age are free.

Tickets are available at the church office or from committee members during coffee hour.

All proceeds go to support Reaching Out projects.

# PWRDF REPORT

## **PWRDF leads \$375K food distribution project in South Sudan**

Nateba Lokorio, a single mother who cares for her two daughters, her mother, and her two elderly aunts in the rural county of Kapoeta North in South Sudan, says she has received a "wonderful" gift: "My household is now guaranteed a meal each day of the week." This was made possible by a food distribution project led by the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) in the state of Eastern Equatoria that is benefitting 1,799 South Sudanese households—8,960 individuals.

Two co-ordinators of the National Women's Program of the South Sudan Council of Churches are asking the Canadian government to help end gender-based violence and support peace in South Sudan through political and financial initiatives... The two women, along with KAIROS representatives, urged Canada to increase overseas development assistance from 0.26% of gross national income to the UN target of 0.7%, as well as to deliver on the federal government's recently announced Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP), which earmarks 95% of its foreign aid to women's rights and equality.

The United Nations Development Programme estimates that more than half of young South Sudanese women aged 15-24 have experienced some form of physical or sexual violence...

Widespread displacement and discriminatory cultural practices have also deeply affected women in South Sudan... Access to resources and opportunities for education and literacy have been identified by KAIROS as areas of significant gender disparity...

"We have [had] a long period of not experiencing peace, because peace, to us, is not only silence of guns," said Petia. "It is about freedom of expression, freedom of mobility."

KAIROS Canada has 10 member groups, including the Anglican Church of Canada and its relief and development agency, Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). The National Women's Program of the South Sudan Council of Churches is a KAIROS-funded partner, and was recently granted \$20,000 by PWRDF for peacemaking training for women in the war-torn region of Bahr-el-Ghazel.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### International Development Week - February 4 to 10, 2018 - Partners for a Better World

From February 4 to 10, 2018, Global Affairs Canada, individuals and organizations across the country take part in International Development Week (IDW) and celebrate Canadian contributions to poverty reduction and international humanitarian assistance in the developing world. IDW is also a chance to engage others in learning about—and contributing to—those efforts.

Established in 1991, International Development Week is a uniquely Canadian tradition. The theme for IDW 2018, 'Partners for a Better World', encourages all Canadians to be partners in building a better, more inclusive, peaceful and prosperous world. The efforts of Canadians, whether collectively or as individuals, play an important role in achieving sustainable development at home and around the globe.

To find out more about IDW, e-mail the IDW team or call 613-944-400 in the National Capital Region or toll-free at 1-800-267-8376.

*Janice Valecourt,*  
PWRDF Representative

### *Parish Happenings*

#### **Baptisms**

Isabella Gillian Ann McKay  
7 January 2018

#### **Newcomers**

Murray McClung  
Patricia McClung

#### **In Memorium**

Irene Thompson  
21 January 2018

We had our Christmas party on December 17th and the children were delighted that St. Nick came to visit. While this year we were smaller in number, we all enjoyed ourselves. We had crafts and Tammy and Merron led the children quietly through the building during the scavenger hunt.

Then came the New Year and we haven't been teaching due to various illnesses. Thankfully, Alicia took over and we are hoping to be back February 4. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy McRae. Wishing her a speedy recovery.

I also wish to thank everyone who donated to the orphanage in Peru. Our items were gratefully accepted and our friend was able to present the gifts at the Christmas dinner held at the orphanage. Thank you very much for your generosity.

This coming season we will be study the Old Testament and learning about the Prophets.

Blessings,  
*Diane Wade*



Here's a nice photo showing one of the Sunday School teachers, Kathie, together with St. Nicholas and our Sunday School children at the Christmas Party on December 17th.



## NOTES OF THANKS

*My family and I want to sincerely thank all members of the St. Paul's congregation who sent us cards and expressions of sympathy on the death of my dear wife Irene.*

*We wish to also thank all those who joined us in the beautiful Celebration of Life service held in our church Sunday 21st January.*

*God bless you all.  
Alan Thompson*

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*Thank you to my St. Paul's family, for the visits, cards and flowers during my recent hospital stay. God's face is easily seen and His voice is easily heard in the kindness of others.*

*Your prayers are much appreciated  
Kathy McRae*

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*I would like to thank the Altar Guild for the card of thanks they sent me. It was very kind & a lovely surprise.*

*Ann Watkins*

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*A big THANK YOU for all the cards, gifts and good wishes I received on my recent "milestone" birthday. I even had a singing telephone call! With all those positive thoughts buoying me up, it can't help but be a good year coming! God bless!!*

*Sue Gueulette*

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### JANUARY 14 FUND-RAISING LUNCH

*Many thanks to those who made the January 14th lunch which was so delicious and ample! Not only shepherd's pie with a tasty green salad but, as well, a delicious ice-cream dessert! Those who cooked, served, and cleaned up deserve gold medals for kicking off this fund-raiser in such a delightful, pleasant way.*

*THANK YOU! (What will be offered next month?)*

*Janice Byerley*

## COMPUTER SYSTEMS FOR SALE

HP DC5850 Computer System  
Windows 7  
2 GB Memory, 160 GB Hard Drive  
AMD Dual-Core processor

The systems are priced at \$100 which includes a keyboard, mouse and a choice of monitor.



These refurbished computer systems are ideal for young children to learn computer skills. Please contact the Church Office for more information. Tel: (250) 753-2523.

### Tony's footnotes ...

Busy, busy, busy!! Time flies, doesn't it? I can't believe another year is over & done.

It's a busy time for us in the office as we prepare to produce the Annual Reports.

The Annual Vestry Meeting is coming up on Sunday February 25th starting at 12:30pm - bring a bag lunch.

Also, please remember to bring your copy of the Contact, so you can refer to the Budget for 2018, contained within.

Onto business ..

The Worship Schedule for February to May is now available. If you can't be here on your designated Sunday, please trade with someone else in your ministry and let us know of the change so that we can ensure the bulletin is correct.

Until next time ...