

The

Contact

Saint Paul's

Nanaimo, B.C.

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Easter 2018

Interim Priest In Charge: The Venerable Alan Naylor

From the Rector's Niche...

A man was walking down a street one dark night when he saw another man on his knees beneath a street lamp, searching in the gutter for something. He stopped and asked what he was looking for. The man on his knees said he had dropped his wristwatch and couldn't find it. Offering to help in the search the first man asked exactly where he was when he dropped it. "Over there" said the man, pointing to the other side of the road. "Then why are you looking for it here?" asked the first man. "It's so dark over there, I can't see a thing" came the reply "I can see better here under the street lamp."

That's a silly story, but it reminds us that if we are looking for something in the wrong place, we'll never find it. You've got to look in the right place if you want to find what you're looking for. That's what an angel told some women who were grieving over the death of Jesus, not only their best friend, but the one who had changed their lives by his presence among them, by his teaching, his prayers and by his miraculous touch. Crucified on a cross by the forces of sin and evil, he had been laid to rest in a tomb and on the first Easter morning the women had come to his grave to put spices on the body and to be near him, even in death. Remembering all the things he had done and said, and all the things he had meant to them, perhaps by staying close to his dead body they thought his blessing on them would continue. But when they got there not only was the tomb open, the big rock in front of its entrance having been rolled away, there was also no body.

Instead there were some angels who said to the women "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?"

And then those sweet words, "He is not here, he is risen." Like the man searching for his watch in the wrong place, they were looking for Jesus in the wrong place - he was no longer in the grave but alive, transformed from death to a miraculous presence among his friends and followers. It was no use looking for Jesus in the grave because he was alive, as he is alive today, continuing his presence in the world, continuing his teaching through the church, offering wholeness to those who turn to him through the power of his Holy Spirit.

As we celebrate Holy Week and Easter once again, the resurrection of Jesus Christ reminds us where to look for the things we most badly need and long for. It's the risen Christ who meets us through his Holy Spirit when we turn to him in our quiet times, in our fellowship and in our ministries in his name. When we remain buried in any darkness or brokenness or fear in our own lives, wishing and hoping for better things, it's like sitting in the grave where the dead Jesus once was, looking in the wrong place.

Easter gives us the confidence that we need fear nothing, for ourselves, for our church and most of all in death, because he has gone before us to prepare a way and a place in eternity which begins in this life and continues with him into the next. May you and yours know the risen Lord in a new and fresh way this Easter.

Alan

THE WARDEN'S CORNER

Well, spring has finally arrived, and with it has arrived the announcement we have all been anticipating: that the Right Reverend Dr. L. McMenamie has appointed a new Rector for St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Rev. Clara Plamondon has accepted the appointment and will begin at St. Paul's on June 1st. The Wardens and the Consultation Team are pleased to welcome Rev. Plamondon and will offer their support as she familiarizes herself with the people, staff and work at St. Paul's.

And speaking of the 'work at St. Paul's', the Venerable Alan Naylor has been leading a Lenten Study on Wednesday afternoons based on the Gospel of St. John which will end on Wednesday, April 4th. The Study has been well-attended and provided a thought provoking opportunity to look into this Gospel's account of Jesus' words to his followers during this critical time.

In keeping with the theme of 'work at St. Paul', I would like to mention the many expressions of stewardship which are going on at St. Paul's on a continuing basis. One area that requires support at this time is that of our Sunday School program. For some ideas on ways to participate in the life of the church, you can also read the committee reports in the Annual Report for an encouraging witness to the energy, care, and compassion that flows from St. Paul's into our greater community. It is a matter for thankfulness and praise that we are able to carry forward the work of Our Lord in all of these ways.

Janice Valecourt,
People's Warden

OPERATING BUDGET

During the Annual Vestry Meeting there was some concern raised over the budgeted figures for the operating cost of the Centre for Ministry and Community Service.

We must remind ourselves the new Centre has four meeting rooms, a commercial grade kitchen, and a hall comparable in size to the old hall but with a lower ceiling.

We can all do our part in keeping the utility costs down by observing the following:

1. Each meeting room has its own temperature control:
 - Keep the door closed when you are using the room and close it when you leave.
 - Turn the temperature down to the minimum temperature when you are finished using the room.
2. The lighting in each of the four rooms will automatically come on when you enter.
 - When you are finished using the room turn the lights "off".
The lights do turn off automatically after 15 minutes, but if they are left on four times a day that is 1 hour of electrical consumption, multiply that by how ever many the number of days a year the rooms are used.
3. When using the Hall:
After the function is over and the clean-up completed:
 - Turn the temperature down to the minimum temperature.
 - Turn all lights "off"
 - Check that the emergency exits are locked from the outside.
 - Remove all garbage & place it in the Blue Dumpster in the parking lot.

Boyd Shaw
Bishop's Warden

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER



The last Financial Statement available is to the end of February 2018.

Total Income for 2 months	\$ 35,002.64
Total Outgo for 2 months	<u>46,528.77</u>
	\$ (11,526.13)
Balance fwd. Jan. 1/17	<u>(24,761.97)</u>
Balance (deficit)	<u>\$ (36,288.10)</u>

Typically, we have started off the year with an increased deficit. Over the two months, we have added \$11,256.13 to the 2017 year end deficit of \$24,761.97. Our Open and Envelope offerings are under the budget we passed last month by \$9,140.90

In Income, we have around \$500.00 of Lenten offerings, but we won't get a true picture of how we compare with last year until all the Easter/ Lent offerings are in, which will not be until the April statement. In the meantime, please continue to prayerfully consider your weekly giving, and support, wherever you can, the various fund raising efforts of the Stewardship Committee.

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 phone at 250-758-6674.

Sue Gueulette,
Treasurer

REPORT OF ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Forty four parishioners gathered in the hall after lunch for St. Paul's Annual Vestry Meeting.

After a welcome from the Rector and an Opening prayer, the group settled down to business.

The Financial Statements for 2017 were reviewed and showed that the parish ended the year with a deficit of \$36,309.31.

The Proposed Operating Budget for 2018 of \$295,384.00 was accepted.

The Rector made the following appointments for 2018:

RECTOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Rector's Warden

TBA (Bishop's Warden - Boyd Shaw)

Honorary Assistant

The Reverend Robert Calderwood

Liturgical Assistants

Les Annesley, Don Gillett, Edward Gueulette, Mary Jane McLaughlin, Janice Valecourt, Alison Walsh

Administrants

Lynn Affleck, Joanne Bevis, Ron Downey, Sue Gueulette, Rhonda Lehman, Heather Lester, Colleen Johnston, Sandra MacKinnon, Kyle McLaughlin, Mary Jane McLaughlin, Marilynne Mark, Carol Shaw, Alison Walsh, Bill Walsh

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Marjorie Adams, Marilynne Mark, Bob Swain, Jane Barnes, Bill Poppy, Bill & Alison Walsh.

PARISH APPOINTMENTS

Altar Guild President

Sue Gueulette

Assistant Musicians

Bonnie Culp, John White

Director of Music

Amy Stephen

Envelope Secretary

Allen Cunningham

Healing Team Coordinator

Colleen Johnston

Hymn Sings & Music at Care Homes

Marilynne Mark & Bonnie Culp

Investments Manager

Manly Price

Parish Administrator

Tony Foote

Parish Council Secretary

Sue Gueulette

Parish Receptionists

Rod Brown, Joy Adams Bauer, Caroline
Grimmer, Sandra MacKinnon, David Gidlow,
Don Gillett, Bob Swain, Alison Walsh

Pastoral Care Coordinator

Kathie Day

Prayer Shawl Coordinator

Yvonne Oliver

Prayer Wheel Coordinator

Marilynne Mark

Property Manager

Brian Humber

Reviewer

Grace-Ellen Capier

Sunday School Coordinator

TBA

Treasurer

Sue Gueulette

Assistant Treasurer

Allen Cunningham

Verger

Heather Lester

The Report of the Nominating Committee was
presented.

The following people were elected:

People's Warden

Janice Valecourt

Delegates to Synod

Sandra Leigh,
Ted Barnett,
Syd Langhelt

Alternate Delegates

Les Annesley,
Kathie Day,
Carol Shaw

Parish Council

Rod Brown,
Bill Capier,
Donna Lee Criss,
Don Gillett,
Charles Harman,
Micheal Jensen,
Sue McDonald
[*indicates newly elected]

Regional Conference Delegates

Charles Harman,
Carol Shaw,
Don Gillett,
Les Annesley

St. Paul's Easter Vigil 2018

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved even to death; remain here and stay awake with me".

Matthew 26.v36

The Easter Vigil, as usual, begins at 9:00pm immediately after the Maundy Thursday Service, and continues through the weekend, finishing at 6:00pm on Holy Saturday. We have been called. We must answer, each in his/her way.

Staying awake with Him is a wonderful and humbling experience. A gift of time.

Time –

to be quiet

to be still

to listen

to nurture deep thoughts

to enter with compassion &

love into His Passion

Your participation is welcome. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Times assigned are between 2 – 3 hrs. For security reasons we advise that there be two watchers for each session.

Joanne Bevis

Flowers for Easter ..

The Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday, March 31 at 9:30am.

If you would like to contribute to the beauty of the church for the Queen of Festivals, there are two ways to do so. There is a box in the Narthex marked *Easter Lilies*, in which you can place a donation so that we can purchase lilies. You can also bring cut flowers to the Good Friday service to place around the cross. These, too, will be used as part of the decorations. Thanks for your help!

- Sue Gueulette,
Altar Guild President

PWRDF REPORT

Altho' Lent is now ended, the story & prayer go on PWRDF is grateful to Allie Colp, former Youth Council member, for writing this Lenten resource.

PWRDF Good News Story

Teresa Coc Cajbon is from Guatemala but her mother tongue is Q'eqchi, not Spanish. As a child, she was ashamed of speaking out in public because she could not speak the language, but not any longer. Teresa joined the Asociacion Nacional de Mujeres Guatemaltecas (IXMUCANE), a women's association that runs Women's Rights and Health Program for women in Petén, the northern most region in Guatemala. It has 528 members and was set up by women who fled to Mexico during the civil war in the '80s, then returned in the '90s. Since 1993, IXMUCANE has empowered women by improving their knowledge about sexual and reproductive health, educating them on their rights, preventing discrimination, exclusion and violence against women. PWRDF funds have supported IXMUCANE with many training and capacity building projects over the years. For Teresa, Ixmucane helped her become literate and she no longer fears speaking out in public. Programs teaching women about sexual and reproductive health have empowered mothers to educate their daughters and now early age pregnancies are on the decline. She also notes IXMUCANE informs women how to protect themselves about the law; programs have helped decrease violence against women.

Pray

Holy One, we are reminded on this Ash Wednesday that we must not hold our lives, and all we have and enjoy, too tightly. Grant us a generosity of spirit through these Lenten days and beyond, that we might open ourselves more fully to the needs of others. Make us mindful of how we can use the reality of our lives to impact the reality of others'. May we be aware of your love for the whole human family, and the desire you have for all to be fed well, with a place at the table. Amen.

Janice Valecourt,
PWRDF Representative

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

The ladies are busy with planning the Springtime Tea from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on April 14th. There will be indoor and outdoor plants and patio items, delicious home baking, creative home made crafts, and a great selection of items to bid for on the Silent Auction Table. You will be served a light sandwich lunch and angel food cake garnished with fresh strawberries and whipped cream. You can then indulge in a chocolate dipped strawberry or two to finish off your lunch. Mark the date, invite your friends and buy your tickets early. It will be a fun afternoon at a very good price of \$10.00.

Please do not bring Campbell's soup labels to the Church Office any longer. The program has been discontinued by Campbell's.

Anyone who has items for DORCAS please bring them to the next meeting or give them to Carol Shaw on any Sunday.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 4, 12:30 in the St Matthew Room. Bring a bag lunch. Everyone is welcome!

Carol Shaw,
ACW President

ACW SPRINGTIME TEA

Saturday, April 14

1:00 - 3:00

Cost : \$10.00

For your pleasure a light lunch featuring:

A slice of Four Layered Sandwich Loaf
Sweet mixed pickles & olives
A slice of Angel Food Cake
with Fresh Strawberries & Whipped Cream
Chocolate Dipped Strawberries
Coffee & Assorted Teas.

Browse & shop at the
Plants & Patio table,
Craft table, Bake table &
Silent Auction.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe

This year the members of the Stewardship committee decided to concentrate on the Treasure of the three T's of Stewardship, (Time, Talent and Treasure), as we had a rather significant deficit in our annual budget. To that end, we decided to have at least three fundraising events:

- The Ladies Valentine's Lunch (which netted about \$1,000)
- The St. Paddy's Day Celebration (figures not in at time of writing)
- The Mad Hatter's Tea Party (Saturday, May 19).

Although we are concentrating on **Treasure**, these events are not possible without the **Time and Talent** contributed by all those who help out (setting up and taking down tables, not for the faint-hearted; staging and decorating for the event; preparing the food, etc. which can include peeling potatoes and slaving over a hot dishwasher, not the most glamorous of jobs!) A big thank you to all of you, (you know who you are), who helped out with these last two events. What we lacked in numbers you made up for with cheerfulness and willingness.

Our deficit is shrinking. "*Well done thou good and faithful servants.*" **THANK YOU.**

Marjorie I. Adams,
Chair, Stewardship Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

This is the last time I will be submitting a Sunday School report for the Contact. My last Sunday of teaching will be April 8.

This now means we are in **DESPERATE** need of volunteers. Alicia has offered to take the reigns until the long weekend in May, **BUT SHE NEEDS HELP.** As part of Safe Church we are expected to have two people in the classroom.

You may think you don't have the qualifications, or the energy. What is needed is a love of children, they supply the energy. The curriculum is set, what is needed is an extra pair of hands to help the leader. When the children come into the classroom, they sit

around the table and we talk about their week. As the leader has previously chosen an object lesson and Bible verse, we invite one of the older children to read the Bible verse from the Children's Bible. Following this we then have a short discussion about the meaning of the verse.

The curriculum we have used in the past has come from the internet. In the fall we had topics from the Old Testament and at Christmas we changed to the New Testament and the life of Jesus. There are numerous websites available that provide great lessons and activities. One I particularly like is sermons4kids.com.

Next Sunday we will be celebrating Palm Sunday and then Easter Sunday we will have an Easter Egg hunt.

I hope you will seriously consider giving Alicia help for the months of April and May; otherwise there will not be a Sunday School and the young families we currently have will go elsewhere. You can give me a call on 250-668-5347 or email me at dianekw@shaw.ca

Sincerely,
Diane Wade

HP 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.



**NOTES OF
THANKS**

Community Breakfast (7-10 Club)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers that help out with the community breakfast and lunch. We are always in need of more volunteers.

If you are able to help us out either of these days please let me know. The community breakfast is always the second Saturday of the month at the 7-10 club across from the Police station. We serve sausages, pancakes, scrambled eggs, coffee and ice tea.

The community lunch is at St Paul's on the third Friday of the month. We are serving a variety of hot lunches. We would like it very much to have more volunteers to help out. That way it is an easier job for all involved. Please contact me if you can volunteer with either of these function.

*Diane Scott
j-dscott@shaw.ca or 520-758-8155*

St. Valentine's Fashion Show and Lunch

Kudos to the ladies and gentlemen who made the St. Valentine's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show such a success! The well-planned menu served by the attentive "waiters" looked after everyone sitting very well! The fashion show was not just about fashions for sale, but an engaging model show by our own church ladies who made us all smile as they quite professionally strutted their stuff! Thanks to all those who not only worked on and helped with decor, on the lunch, and on the serving, and those modelling who brought so many smiles to everyone there.

Janice Byerley

Thank you to my St Paul's family for your love and continuing prayers after my accident.

To our Sunday School children who gave me so much joy with their gift of a Valentine & chocolate - I ate the chocolate!

*Blessings all.
Maureen Risley*

To our St Paul's Family,

Thank you to all for the flowers, cards, visits and calls when I was recovering from knee surgery.

Your care and concern was appreciated very much and its nice to be back with you again.

Carol Shaw

Parish Happenings

Baptisms

Mackenzie Charlotte Carreck
1 April 2018

In Memorium

Des Bevis
24 March 2018

Newcomers

Hugh Whistler

FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Our next major activity is hosting the Maundy Thursday simple pot luck dinner on March 29th at 5 pm, before the evening service.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex where people can tick whether they're bringing a main, salad, or dessert.

This will be another 'true' potluck dinner where people do not have to indicate what specific dish they will bring. The wonderful Shriners will again serve and clean up. We will have donation containers at each table for the Shriners as thanks.

Marilyn is kindly working on a small pamphlet of church information for visitors.

We welcome anyone who wishes to join our committee, and thank those who have offered to be occasional helpers at events hosted by Fun, Food & Fellowship.

Kathie Day & Sue McDonald
Coordinators

A poem ...

In the Aisle of St. Paul's

In the aisle of St. Paul's
we have
diversion,
seated alongside
as night
differs from day
the
many faces
some in
contemplation,
some
worried
by hell's pools
of sulphur,
in the choir
some
sharp voices,
but in the aisle
is all the fun,
reading from the Book
is not easy,
some
words are hazy
unclear
crazy,
walking
to the Altar
is
a long way
the gifts
in the basket
heavy,
men are sweet,
but in the aisle
we stop
for fun,
there we smile and greet,
meet,
spill the wine,
flirt
hug
with wishful thinking,
yes
in the aisle
of St Paul's
we have all the fun.

Jean Parkin

FRIDAY FILE

As you know, when Father Brian retired he asked Joy Adams Bauer to take over the Friday File (the weekly email with parish events and news). If you have not been receiving the Friday File each Friday, please contact Joy at joyab@telus.net or 250.740.1162 and she will add you to the distribution list.

ACW SPRINGTIME TEA

April 14th from 1pm to 3pm | Tickets \$10.00
There will be a Silent Auction, Craft Table, Bake Table and a Plants & Patio Table.

BARBARA BOWLES

Barbara Bowles a long time member of St Paul's has moved to Lakeside Gardens on Wellesley Ave. Room 413. She is 99, mostly blind and deaf, and quite lonely. She would love to have some visitors.

Tony's footnotes ...

Advance Notice

The next Worship Schedule will run from June - September, so I would appreciate it if you could let me know of any dates when you're planning to be away over the Summer holiday.

Until next time ...