

## BEYOND THE PARISH

### Saint John Men's Chorus Christmas Concert

The Saint John Men's Chorus will present their Annual Christmas Concert on **Tues, Dec 8** at Portland United Church at **7:30 p.m.** Tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$15. Again this year the Salvation Army Auxiliary is pleased to partner with the Men's Chorus for an evening of beautiful music.

### Songs of the Festive Season

A "Songs of the Festive Season" concert will be held at St. Luke's Anglican Church, corner of Main Street and Lansdowne Avenue, Saint John on **Wed, Dec 9, at 7 p.m.** The evening will feature the Saint John Rotary Boys Choir, the Saint John Rotary Young Men's Ensemble, the Rothesay-Kings Rotary Girls Choirs and the Rothesay-Kings Elementary Honour Choir. Special guests will be St. Luke's Senior Choir and soprano Deantha Edmunds who will sing carols in Inuktitut. Adults: \$10 / Ages 6 to 12 \$5 / Ages 5 and under free. Proceeds to St. Luke's ministries and the Rotary Boys Choir.

### Christmas Carol Service

The Faculty and Students of Rothesay Netherwood School extend a warm invitation to the local community to share in the Spirit of the Season by joining us at our 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Carol Service on **Sat, Dec 12** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Gondola Point Road in Rothesay at **7:30pm**. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact the RNS School Office at 847-8224.

### Christmas Tea

The Anglican Parish of Kingston is having its Annual Christmas Tea on **Sat, Dec 12** from **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** The Tea is being held in the Kingston Parish Hall. Cost is \$8 per person. Everyone is Welcome.

### Sundays in December at 10 a.m.

<b>Dec 6</b>	Advent 2	Rev. Robyn Cuming preaching
<b>Dec 13</b>	Advent 3	White Gift Sunday Sunday School Presentation <i>Finding the Perfect Gift</i>
<b>Dec 20</b>	Advent 4	The Service of Lessons & Carols
<b>Dec 27</b>	Christmas 1	Holy Baptism

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... it has been a fall of many new grandchildren in the Parish. The latest wonderful announcement comes from California, where **Judy Streeter** has been visiting and awaiting the arrival of Lila Jane Comrie-Picard, who was born November 22, to Happy and Andrew. A little sister for Rosemary ... our best wishes to **Jean Starr** as she makes the move to a new apartment at Loch Lomond Villa ... it has been a life-changing week for **Wendy Wang**. Last Sunday she was confirmed by the Bishop, and then on Monday she became a Canadian citizen. We are very blessed to have someone as positive and kind as Wendy in the church and as a citizen. Welcome Wendy! ... before we leave the Confirmation service, a word about the confirmation supper we held on the Saturday evening. **Bishop Edwards** was most generous in joining us for a dinner of Chinese food. It was a great evening when the Bishop had the opportunity to meet the candidates and to offer some wisdom and encouragement to them. We must thank **Dan & Amanda Fowlie** who made the desserts and worked in the kitchen ... it has been a busy week in the parish hall, with people coming and going with their boxes of treasures and goodies for the ACW Bazaar. We hope to have a more detailed report for next week. Thank you all for your wonderful support of the Bazaar ... *that's all the news from our pews this week! ALS.*

## PARISH NOTES AND EVENTS

### The Rev. Eileen and Peter Irish

We are truly pleased that Rev. Eileen and Peter have decided to make St. Paul's their parish home. Rev. Eileen retired from St. Luke's Church in the City, earlier in the year. She then went to the Parish of Sussex as interim after Rev. Wandlyn went to Fredericton. With the arrival of Rev. Tom Stradwick as Rector of Sussex, she is once again, retired. The Irishes live in K-Park, handy for Peter to keep an eye on his beloved boat. They have three adult sons. In addition to sharing in the liturgy, Rev. Eileen will be doing some parish visiting for us, especially to the super seniors of St. Paul's. We are delighted to welcome her as the celebrant at the Eucharist this morning. We are blessed to have them and extend to them a warm Rothesay welcome.

### ACW Sunday

Members of the Anglican Church Women (ACW) are participating in the service this morning. The ACW make a wonderful contribution to the life of St. Paul's. They meet monthly for friendship, education and service to the Parish and community. Jean MacDonald is the President, and she would be delighted to welcome anyone who is curious about joining the ACW.

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### Come to the Table – Family Supper for Advent

Tonight we will be meeting at 5 p.m. for a pot-luck supper, followed by a discussion of Advent, and the making of an advent wreath. Do not worry if you have not been able to sign up. You are welcome to join us.

### Dr. Connie Robinson

It is with tears that we pass along the news that Connie is in St. Joseph's Hospital for the purpose of a cognitive assessment. Her three sons, Matthew, Joshua and Christian have expressed how grateful they are to the Parish and community for their concern and support. It is certainly a most difficult time for them. They watched their dear father Michael die of Lou Gehrig's disease, and now these wonderful young men face another challenge in their lives. Matthew and Christian are both medical students in Newfoundland, and Joshua is a cardiac nurse at the SJRH. The boys have asked that friends continue to remember their mother. Christian would like to prepare a "memory book" for his mother for Christmas and is asking for photos, stories and greetings that he can include. You can drop these off to the Parish Office. We pray for grace and strength for the Mackin/Robinson family.

### Christmas Giving Opportunities

**Hestia House** is the women's and families emergency shelter in the Saint John area. They have a request for lounging style pyjamas and slippers for women and children, children's DVD's and children's VHS tapes. **Romero House** is looking for used clean warm winter clothing Long winter coats, boots, gloves, scarves,, socks , blankets, sleeping bags etc. are all appreciated. There are baskets in the parish lobby and we will be collecting items up until **Sunday, Dec 20** . Thank you for your support

### Two items on the lobby table

**PWRDF Christmas Cards.** There are two new designs for 2015, and we have a few boxes of cards from previous years. They are available for a donation to PWRDF.

**Advent Meditations & Prayers** by Henri Nouwen. Daily readings and prayers for the season of Advent. Please help yourself.

### Directories

The parish photo directories have arrived. They are very attractive. If you had your pictures taken, there is a directory for you, free of charge. Others have ordered directories and they are available. Drop by the office to pick up your copy. There a few extras for purchase for \$25.

### ACW Meeting

The ACW will be meeting on **Thurs. Dec 3 at 2pm** in the Crosby Room. Please bring gifts unwrapped for Farralline House. All are welcome.

## Caring for Colin



### Caring for Colin – Appeal for the Ranson family

Many of you will know the Rev. Paul Ranson and Kim Ranson. Paul is now in his third year as the Chaplain at RNS and Kim is an accountant in the city. Their two-year old son, Colin, has been diagnosed with a very rare condition known as *Pallister-Hall Syndrome*. The little fellow has many gelastic seizures every day and behavioral outburst that he cannot control. Colin is scheduled to go to *Texas Children's Hospital* in Houston, next March for surgery that should cure these seizures. As you can imagine this is very expensive, around \$200,000. Fund-raising around the Diocese is taking place. Parishioners and friends of St. Paul's are invited to make a donation to the *Caring for Colin Fund*. You can make your donation through the parish or they may be sent to the Diocese. *Canada Revenue Agency* has ruled that this donations are not eligible for income tax receipts. Thank for rallying around this young family in this time of great need.

### Sunday School Christmas Pageant



The Sunday School Christmas pageant will held be on **Sun, Dec 13**, during the 10am service. Pageant Rehearsals continue during Sunday School **today and Dec. 6**, with a dress rehearsal on Saturday morning **Dec. 12 at 9:30 am** Please contact Daniella Haggerty for more information at 306 631-5402.