

I Vow to Thee My Country

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.



NOTES FROM THE BEYOND PARISH

"Nearly New" Clothing Sale

There will be a sale of "Nearly New" spring and summer clothing at St David's United Church, 7 Gondola Point Road, on **Fri, Apr 29** from 4-8pm and on **Sat, Apr 30** from 9am -12 noon.

RNS Art Show

The 28th Annual Rothesay Netherwood School Art Show and Sale will be held on **Fri evening, May 6 from 6-9pm and on Sat, May 7 from 9am-4pm** in the school's Irving Gymnasium. Over 300 pieces of original artwork from up-and-coming and professional artists from Atlantic Canada and beyond will be displayed for sale. Proceeds from this year's show will be used to construct a new Fitness and Wellness Centre on campus as well as support the school's vibrant arts programs. For more information, please call the School Office at 847-8224 or email artshow@rns.cc. To preview artwork, please visit www.rns/cc/artshow.cc

Melodies in May

A "Melodies in May" Concert with St. Mary's Band, will be held at St. Luke's Anglican Church, corner of Main St. and Lansdowne Ave. on **Sun, May 1 at 2 pm**. Adults \$10 and children 10 and under \$5. Proceeds to St. Luke's ministries and St. Mary's Band. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music by this legendary group!

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... Tuesday will be the final day of the annual Tax Clinic offered for lower income citizens of the community. Around 300 people have participated this year. They often have been lined up waiting. Many thanks to **Robert Taylor** and **Beth Sayre** for giving their full Tuesdays through March and April, as well as **Matthew Snelgrove** who has provided assistance in the evenings ... this past Thursday there was a reception at *Shadow Lawn* to express the community's appreciation to our retiring Mayor, **Bill Bishop** (father of Andrew of our Parish). We all want to express to Bill our gratitude for his leadership and dedication and wish him the very best in the years to come. Bill has always been very supportive of the place of St. Paul's in the life of the Town, and especially during the 2002 renovation of the church and hall, and with the *Abbeyfield* project ... there have been a few comments about the condition of the front doors to the church. We are hoping that they will be refinished (under warranty) within the next few days. **Scott Laskey** who keeps an eye on the doors is mystified as to why the stain is fading so quickly ... we have a number of parishioners in hospital at the moment. We want each of them to know that we are praying for them, and sending them our love and friendship. **Canon George Akerley, Connie Robinson, Marie Jenkins, Tom Jarrett, Keith Miller, Hazen Inches, Jennifer Sancton, "Kit" Harriot** ... thank you all for your interest and support about our week in Toronto. We were able to see my two siblings and Wandlyn's brother and his family. And of course, we got to see **Patrick**. We avoided the air mattress as he gave up his bed for us. He has a small basement apartment in the High Park area of Toronto. He seems to have mastered the TTC and commuting to Pearson Airport where he works for *Air Canada*. He is quite happy and connects with his NB friends **Jon Dykeman** (son of Bruce & Cathy) and **Dan MacMullin** (son of Rev. Chris MacMullin of the *Church of the Good Shepherd*). Always good to return home to our lovely community of St. Paul's ... we send our sympathies to **Bruce & Cathy Dykeman** upon the death of Bruce's brother, Peter, of Saint John. Funeral arrangements have yet to be announced. We pray for God's comfort and presence to be with their family ... **Bishop Stephen Andrews** (married to Wandlyn's sister Fawna and Bishop of Algoma Diocese in Ontario) has been appointed Principal of Wycliffe College, University of Toronto, effective August 1. Bishop Andrews was the preacher at Wandlyn's ordination to the priesthood, here at St. Paul's in 2014 ...

... *that's the news from the pews. ALS.*

PARISH NOTES

Choir Tour Presentation

You will not want to miss the presentation by **Charles Willett** and **Marilyn Duplacey** on their 2015 choir tour of Europe in connection with the 100th anniversary of the beginning of *The Great War*. Come along for an afternoon of photos, stories and singing together, **Thu, Apr 28** at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Our ACW will hold their
Spring Dessert & Bridge Fundraiser
on **Thurs, May 19**, at 1:00pm

Call the church office at 847-1812 to reserve a table.

\$12/person, \$48/ table

All proceeds go to support sending youth to summer camp.

A Good Story - Do You Remember Billy Wright?

The proceeds from the *ACW Card & Dessert Spring Fundraiser* go towards sending those in need to summer camp.

One of our annual contributions has been sending Bill Wright, a 63 year old Down Syndrome friend of St. Paul's, to a week long camp for special needs adults. According to our financial records, which only go back to 1977, we have been sending Billy to camp every summer (except one when he could not go due to health reasons) for at least 38 years....but probably even more than that.

Bill is the son of Doug Wright, who, as many of you remember, was the sexton at St. Paul's for many, many years. Some of our parishioners remember Billy at our Sunday services, loving to sing the hymns and also following his father as he did his work around our church.

Bill is currently living at Great Oaks Special Care Home, in Wickham, NB, and is doing well. His brother, sister-in-law and sister all appreciate and thank us for our continued and long support, as they see how much Bill enjoys and looks forward to his week at camp every year!

Parish Yard Sale is coming SOON!

The week of **May 8 – 15** is the annual Yard Sale. This is an important week because all the proceeds go to support our Mission Beyond the Parish. We like items to be dropped off Monday to Wednesday. This gives us time to organize and prepare the tables. The sale itself is Friday evening and Saturday morning. We always need help, sorting, cleaning, picking things up. If you can give us a hand, it is greatly appreciated. There will be sign up sheets, but come along any morning or afternoon when you can. There will be lots to do!

St. Paul's Endowment Fund

The St. Paul's Endowment Committee is accepting applications for funding to the following four categories:

1. In support of spiritual enhancement of the members of the Parish family.
2. In support of building renovations, restoration or repairs at St. Paul's, Rothesay.
3. In support of assistance or aid to families in need or to support worthy undertakings and projects in the Rothesay area.
4. In support of national or international relief efforts.

The Committee will distribute approximately \$2,000 to each category. We encourage members of the Parish and others to submit applications for funding within the guidelines.

Applications are available at the Church office and will be accepted **until May 31, 2016**.



A Springtime Prayer

Loving Father, as we approach the springtime of the year, when the face of the earth is renewed and life emerges out of death; we pray that this season may be a springtime for our souls, so that our lives, quickened by the breath of the Spirit and warmed with the sunshine of your love, may bear abundant fruit and be made radiant with the beauty of holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Frank Colquhoun