



News from Mission Within the Parish

Mission Within held its final meeting before the summer break on Tuesday, in the home of Liz Reid. Liz is getting ready to move to an apartment soon, and we overlapped with the arrival of the cleaning women. We reflected together on the many ways Liz has opened her home to the people of St. Paul's and had special prayers of thanksgiving for her current home, and blessing upon her new home. Some of the business included:

- Joint coffee hour between the services on October 16
- Harvest Dinner, October 23
- Pat Himmelman and Pam Iype will be producing the 2016-17 Sunday Coffee List. If you are on the list but feel unable to continue, give them a call. Alternately, if you are not on the list, but would like to be a part of this weekly ministry of hospitality, let them know.
- There is a signup sheet in the lobby for those who can assist with the summer coffee hour during July and August

Upcoming Sunday Schedule

June 26 Trinity 5 - Holy Baptism & Eucharist

- Lily Shea will be baptized into the life of the church
- John Buckley will be playing the cello in the service

July 3 Trinity 6 – Choral Eucharist

- The Rev. Marian Lucas-Jeffries will be with us to speak on the work of the PWRDF
- Pat Vincent will be the guest Organist as Charles Willett will be on a choir tour in Newfoundland
- Choir School staff will be worshipping with us
- Canon Albert will be the Celebrant

July 10 Trinity 7 – Holy Baptism & Eucharist

- Henri Wood and Clara Harding will be baptized
- Pat Vincent guest Organist
- Rev. Eileen and Canon Albert leading the service

July 17 Trinity 8 – Choral Eucharist

- The Rev. Stephen Scribner guest Celebrant and Preacher
- Charles Willett, Organist

July 24 Trinity 9 – Choral Eucharist

- Canon Albert, Celebrant and Preacher
- Pat Vincent, Organist

July 31 Trinity 10 – Holy Baptism & Eucharist

- Navika Mo Jones will be baptized
- Canon Albert, Celebrant and Preacher, Charles Willett, Organist

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... St. Paul's *After School Program* will wrap up for the year on Friday, June 24. They are a lively group who meet in our youth hall every school day, led by **Leslie Fraser and Leah Doiron**. All spots for the fall programme are presently filled, but we do keep a waiting list. We wish all students, families and our staff a happy summer ... **the Rev. Ann Fairweather** is excited for her ordination, next Sunday, June 26 at 4 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton. We have purchased a gift for Ann from the Parish. There is a card on the lobby table which we invite everyone to sign ... there was a large gathering of 600 people in the *Heritage Hall* at RNS on Saturday, to honour **Paul & Elizabeth Kitchen** as they enter retirement. **Canon Albert** was invited to offer the grace. We wish the Kitchens much happiness and health in their retirement years ... there is a lovely new quilt hanging in the Crosby Room. The pattern is called *Country Rose*. The quilt was pieced by **Phyllis Johnston** and quilted by **Lucy Lisson**. We thank Phyllis for sharing her artistic skills with us ... **Sylvia Loomis** is visiting her daughter Christine and her husband Josh in British Columbia. On June 13th they welcomed **Isabelle Marguerite** into their family. She is Sylvia's third grandchild ... **Canon Albert** will be in Fredericton Wednesday – Friday, attending the annual Clergy College meetings, which are held at the Forestry Complex. Rev. Wandlyn said he could stay with her, for a modest fee! ... *and that's some news from our pews...ALS*

PARISH NOTES

God's Blessings to Wendy Wang

These past few years, St. Paul's has been richly blessed to have Wendy Wang, as a member of our parish. A native of China, Wendy arrived in Canada with a spiritual thirst. She found her thirst refreshed in the Christian faith, and has been baptized and confirmed in our Church. With her son, Jeffrey, graduating from RNS this weekend, the family is on the move to Saskatchewan, where the family has business interests. Jeffrey has been accepted into the Business Administration programme at McGill, and will be attending university in Montreal in September. We are going to miss Wendy. She has been a bright and friendly member of St. Paul's, attending Bible study and also helping with the funeral reception committee. It is a large move for her and we want to pray for her as she makes her way to a new community and life. Thank you Wendy for your friendship to us in Rothesay. We will remember you fondly. May God be with you always.

Looking for Summer Camping Experiences?

It is not too late to register for summer youth activities. Camp Medley offers a great outdoors programme. The Choir School provides excellent opportunities to develop musical talents. UNBSJ is offering camps, right here at St. Paul's, in creative arts. Call the church for more information. Financial assistance is available.



A Statement from our Primate On the Orlando Mass Shooting

As I have been travelling over the last number of days, I have watched – horrified – as once again the people of the United States of America are plunged into national mourning in the wake of yet another mass shooting. This time, in the early morning hours of Sunday the 12th of June, a lone gunman opened fire in a nightclub in Orlando, Florida. A hailstorm of gunfire has left 49 people dead, 53 seriously wounded, their families in shock and grief, the LGBTQ+ community traumatized, Muslim communities shaken, and all people of good will horror-struck.

Our hearts have gone out first to parents who lost their children, siblings who lost brothers and sisters, partners who lost their beloved and all bereft of friendships they cherished. Let us hold them gently in our prayers...

Our hearts go out to the LGBTQ+ communities across the world, particularly in the United States and Canada. We acknowledge the discrimination with which these communities have lived for so long in our societies and in our churches. We note with great sadness the horrendous persecution of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex people in many countries around the world. We condemn laws that criminalize them. Let us hold them gently in our prayers...

Our hearts have gone out to the first-responders to this tragedy, the police and emergency healthcare workers and all who have stood in long lines to give blood in the hope of saving lives. We hold them gently in our prayers...

Our hearts go out to all ethnic and racialized minorities who are so often victims of racism – institutional, societal, blatant and subtle. Let us hold them gently in our prayers and all who work so hard to rid the world of this evil.

Our hearts go out to all who in civil society and within the churches have long advocated for the dignity, inclusion and fair treatment of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people including an acknowledgement of the integrity and sanctity of their relationships in covenanted love. Let us hold them gently in our prayers...

Our hearts go out at this time to President Barack Obama. This is the 15th time in his term as President that he has had to address the nation in the aftermath of mass shootings in schools, theatres, nightclubs and places of

worship and this is the worst one with respect to the number of casualties. In his plea for controls in a culture that defends, "the right to bear arms" he has been unrelenting. Time and again we have heard him ask how many more people must die, how many more families must mourn through this "right" that tragically enables domestic, sexual, and ethnic hatred to so easily and quickly turn deadly. Let us hold the President gently in our prayers, and all who work with him to put effective gun control measures in place.

Our hearts go out to all who struggle with the haste of so many to ostracize Muslims for the terrorist activities of a few, many of whom act alone in the name of Allah. Such horrific crimes against humanity are an affront to Islam and very upsetting to devout Muslims. Let us hold them and their imams gently in our prayers...and all people who are committed to interfaith dialogue and common witness in the interest of the well-being of all people and peace among the nations...

This call to prayer is rooted in our baptismal vow to "respect the dignity of every human being". This call is grounded in public statements of our Church condemning the homophobia that drives such violence as we have seen in Orlando. It summons us to reach out to LGBTQ+ people and communities in our midst, and for a time to weep together and then, in a manner like never before, to work together for the protection and honouring of the dignity, equality, rights, and freedom for all.

Let us be gentle and then let us be bold. Nothing less will do if we are to bear a faithful witness to the Gospel of Christ.

The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz
Archbishop and Primate



News from Mission Beyond the Parish

The committee met in the home of Bruce & Cathy Dykeman for a shared lunch and meeting. The meeting came first. There was a review of goals, financial statements, and upcoming plans.

- The *Sounds for Sigowet* concert in support of our school in Africa will be November 20
- It was agreed to donate \$50 to the preparation of the supplies for *Hestia House*
- \$1500 was donated to the *Central Saint John Community Ministry* led by Rev.s Jasmine & Terence Chandra
- We will look into a Sunday in the fall to celebrate *Mission Beyond* at St. Paul's