



## An Urgent Appeal for Prayer from our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz.

"I am praying, in fact I am screaming at God to send his holy angels to protect the city. I rail at Him to please intervene". So read an urgent appeal for prayer for the people of Aleppo, which I received yesterday. How timely as the Church keeps the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels this day. Accordingly, I am calling our Church to prayer for this ancient and once beautiful city, now besieged and lying in ruins. Hundreds of people have been killed in the relentless bombing of public buildings including hospitals and entire neighbourhoods. Hundreds lie buried in the rubble and many will likely die there. In their efforts to tend those hauled from the rubble medical teams are hampered by the instability of the very buildings in which they are working. Emergency aid teams are frustrated in their efforts to deliver urgently needed food, water, and medical supplies. Tragically some aid convoys have been the targets of mercenary attacks in recent weeks by those bent on obliterating this city and its peoples. For many the atrocities in Aleppo are but another chapter in the horrible war that has ravaged Syria for the last five years. For many others, especially those with family ties in the area, this is a very frightening time. Is it any wonder that they are "screaming to God to send his holy angels to protect the city"?

On this day when we think of all those angels of whom we read in the Scriptures- all those who bow down before God in everlasting praise of his glory and then at his bidding come to the aid of those who call upon his mercy and justice, let us pray for the people of Aleppo.

Pray that legions of angels come to their protection and aid.

Pray for those struggling to provide relief- for they themselves are angels working in the midst of great danger.

Pray for those responsible for the horrific crimes against humanity for which this awful war is known and condemned by the United Nations. Pray that by a visitation of angels their hearts be turned.

Pray for those who struggle to negotiate peace for this land and its innocent peoples so traumatized by the horrors they have witnessed.

Pray for that day when, as the prophet says,

*"Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, devastation within your borders. You shall call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise".* (Isaiah 60:18)

Archbishop Fred Hiltz  
September 29th, 2016  
St Michael and All Angels.

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... **Harry Ripley** (son of David & Lynn) and **Tanya Dallon** were married yesterday at St. Paul's. We wish the new couple all happiness and joy ... **Rev. Ann Fairweather** will be officially inducted as Rector of the Parish of Restigouche next Sunday, October 16 at 4 p.m. ... birthday greetings are extended to our sexton **Louise Steele** who turned 65 this past week. She enjoyed a birthday cake with the quilters on Wednesday ... **Rev. Eileen & Peter** left on Friday for the USA to visit their son and family. We trust Hurricane Matthew did not interfere with their plans to meet up in Florida ... it is always a pleasure to welcome **Rob Dutton** to our parish. His musical talents enrich our worship and we appreciate him very much. Please extend to Cindy our greetings ... a word of appreciation to the Altar Guild for decorating our church for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services this weekend. All the produce will be given to the local food bank ... to let you know that Tuesdays through Fridays, Rob and Canon Albert say Morning Prayer together at 8:30 a.m. You are invited to join us any day, and if you have particular prayer requests please let them know. Every day we pray for the world, the church and our parish and remember those who are sick ... **Pam Iype, Donna Schroeder, Wandlyn** and myself had a fabulous time in Israel. We are full of stories. Please cut us off if we talk too long about them. We hope to find a time to make a presentation to the congregation. Thank you all for your interest and encouragement. The trip exceeded our expectations and we are feeling very blessed by it all. Nevertheless it is great to be home ... *that's a little news from our pews. ALS.*

## PARISH NOTES

### Bible Study

Are you interested in discussing and growing in your faith? Are you available on Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11 a.m.? If you are, we would be thrilled to welcome you to our weekly study group. Each week Canon Albert leads us in a reflection on the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. The scripture readings for the coming week are listed on the back of the Sunday bulletin. There are no experts, we are all there to learn together. Newcomers and seasoned veterans are both welcome. We meet in the Parish library.

### Saturday 5 pm Services of Holy Eucharist

This weekend we resume our Saturday services. These simple services of the Holy Eucharist include two scripture readings, two hymns and a short homily. The liturgy follows *The Book of Alternative Services*. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year that we have offered this service. Last year 2015-16, we offered 31 Saturday services, with an average attendance of 16 worshippers. We offer this service to God's Glory and as another opportunity to worship God and to receive his grace. Perhaps this timeslot works for you some weeks and perhaps the simplicity and atmosphere of the service also speaks to you. Why not give it a try?

## PARISH NOTES (Continued)

### Coffee Hour Next Sunday

St. Paul's enjoys its coffee time after church. It is a great time to connect with each other and catch up on news. The only problem is, that the 8 a.m. service does not connect with 10 a.m. service. **Next Sunday, Oct 16**, Mission Within is sponsoring the second coffee hour between the 8 and 10 a.m. service. We invite members of the 8 a.m. service to come to the hall for coffee and refreshments and members of the 10 a.m. service to come early for church. There will not be coffee served after the 10 a.m. service next week.

### Hospital Visits

Due to changes in policies regarding privacy of information at the Regional Hospital, it is possible that those unable to ask for a visitor from their church may not appear on the usual list of Anglicans requesting pastoral care at the hospital. If you or someone you know is in the hospital, or is scheduled to be there and would like to be on our visitor's list, please let the church office know (847-1812) and we will pass along the request to our parish visitors.

### Attention Students & Seniors:

On **Thu, Nov. 3** at 7:30pm, the Imperial Theatre in Saint John is extending the invitation to come together across the ages and enjoy a night of music and comedy with the *NB Symfunny Orchestra*. Four seats are being held for members of St. Paul's (two for seniors and two for students), and transportation assistance is available as well. For more information or to save your seats, please contact our Family & Youth Minister Rob Montgomery by **Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>**.

### Harvest Dinner Supplies and Volunteers Needed.

This year our Harvest Dinner will be held on **Sun, Oct 23** with two sittings, one at **4:30** and one at **6:00** p.m. Neighbourhood 7 is hosting and are looking for some help with supplies and volunteers. There is a large sign up poster on the table in the lobby. Please sign up.

If you will be bringing cooked vegetables or stuffing, please take the aluminum containers provided and bring the food back in them no later than noon, Sunday Oct 23.

Recipes for stuffing are available on the table with the sign up poster.

### For the Young and the Young at Heart:

**Sunday School** is now in session here at St. Paul's. Every week, children ages 3-12 are invited midway through the 10am Eucharist Service to a time of faith, fellowship, and fun as we learn about God together.

**St. Paul's Youth Group** will be starting up again this fall, meeting **Friday Nights at 7pm**, here at the Church (for young people ages 12 and up).

If you are interested in ways you can support or help out with these important ministries, or would simply like to have some more information, please contact Rob Montgomery either through St. Paul's Church, or through email at [rob.montgomery@anglican.nb.ca](mailto:rob.montgomery@anglican.nb.ca)

## Notice to Congregation from Rector, Wardens & Vestry

Vestry has requested that the congregation be informed of financial developments.

We have taken on a commitment to the position of Family, Child & Youth Ministry with Mr. Rob Montgomery for the next two years. The Diocese will accept 25% of the costs with the parish taking up the remaining 75%. Vestry will divide the 75% equally between the Child and Youth Account (which has available income from the After School program) and from the parish operating fund. This will be a challenge to the operating fund, especially should Rob become ordained in 2017. We do feel this is an important need in our parish life and are confident the Parish will support this initiative.

\$38,000 will be taken from the *Building Forward Fund* for property improvements in 2016. These improvements include:

- replacing the roof that connects the church and the parish hall (this work is complete);
- renovating the washroom at the Cortland Place property (these expenses are in the form of a loan to Cortland Place and this work has been completed);
- upgrading the narthex area and adding insulation to the attic of the church (still to be addressed).

Vestry feels these are significant and necessary improvements and within the guidelines of the *Building Forward Fund*. The 2017 parish budget will include the impact of this change. We wish to keep parishioners up to date on these property improvements.

Parishioners with questions or concerns are invited to speak with the wardens, Lea Lord or Pam Iype, or with Canon Albert.



## BEYOND THE PARISH

### Alzheimer's Memory Cafe

For this month only, we will be meeting on the 3rd Sunday, **Oct 16** at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall, 4 Church Ave, Rothesay. There will be a presentation on Home Health/Safety Equipment by Lilli Ju Lin, OT and Kennebecasis Drugs, as well as entertainment and refreshments. For more information, contact Melanie Saulnier at 634-8722 or [saintjohn@alzheimernb.ca](mailto:saintjohn@alzheimernb.ca).

### A Note From the Diocese

Stewardship Workshop - **Sat. Oct. 22**, St John the Evangelist, Fredericton. Registration at 9:30, workshop starts at 10 a.m.