

Armistice Day

Rory Grant submitted this reflection by Mrs. Geraldine Mackay of Rothesay. "Gerry" is the mother of Fran Simson. The piece is undated. It is not hard to imagine that she is standing at the Rothesay Common with her neighbors on November 11. As we prepare to do the same this week, we listen to her thoughts.

I stood in front of the simple stone war memorial on a tiny patch of green, and at the appointed time – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month – according to my book of memories, I stood with head bowed and silently thought about all those millions of unknown men, women and children who had experienced the many dreadful years of this century's wars. Not just the gallant chaps who had died in or as a result of battle, but all those who had survived and are still alive to-day. Yet for some unknown reason I found myself thinking mainly of those brave, smiling girls who had rolled up their sleeves, and done their bit by joining the women's section of the forces or essential civilian services; the gentle nurses in those crisp neat uniforms, the husky land army ladies in their bulging jodhpurs, the mature matronly ladies of the WWS who manned many local canteens; the rosy cheeked woman in the Salvation Army bonnets who banged tambourines, sang rousing hymns and served us cups of tea with a radiant smile, so lifting our spirits. Lovely girls, everyone.

Then I thought of the millions of ordinary wives and mothers who dried their tears, gritted their teeth, and got on with the difficult job of bringing up a brood of youngsters alone, with no daddy at their side to help, with all the hell of nightly bombing raids to contend with and the constant fear of that little OHMS buff envelope arriving in the mail the next morning, carrying the tense letter with the very news they dreaded to hear.

The wind picked up sharply and roused me from my two minute reverie. As I walked slowly back, I couldn't help thinking that some of today's people don't realize how lucky they are. Those bright lads, those lovely lassies, gave everything that they had so we could inherit the fruits of peace in what we all hoped would be a saner world. Everything we now have we owe to them. Can't we all stop what we're doing just once a year – when the clock strikes eleven o'clock on the morning of the 11th day of the 11th month and spare a thought for those who did so much for us? I realize it's a little inconvenient, but so were the two world wars. The sacrifice they made was their entire future.

Ours will last only two minutes.



Remembrance Day Observance

10:45 a.m.

At the Cenotaph on The Rothesay Common

Please join us in the parish hall for coffee, tea, sweets and conversation after the 10:00 a.m service.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... not sure how we missed this, but better late than never. **Shirley Clarkson** celebrated her 90th birthday in October. She is always the very first person at church on Sunday mornings for the 8 am service. We want to extend to her our congratulations and affection ... it is the passing of an era. With the closing of the blue recycling bins in the community, we are left in a bit of a dilemma as to what to do with our recycling materials at the church. (We are not eligible to leave curbside recycling boxes.) As we explore our options, we want to acknowledge **the Wennberg family** for their faithfulness for many years to the church recycling program. First Grat and then Michael came weekly to the church to collect our recyclables and take them away. We thank them for making us a more environmentally responsible church, and we look forward to solving our need ... *a bit of news, from our pews. ALS*

PARISH NOTES

Baptisms This Morning

We are thrilled to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism today, and welcome into the life of the church 3 children. **Caleb Gregory Davis** is the son of Paul McNutt and Heather Davis. His Godparents are Evan & Betty King. **Nora Jane** is the daughter of James & Jill DeWare. Her Godparents are Mitchell & Crystal Hartley and Laura Rodger. **Ellie Louise** is the daughter of Rob & Buffy MacNeil. Her Godparents are Vanessa Kolyvas and William MacNeil. We welcome all their families, grandparents and friends. Several have travelled a good distance to be here and why not: the children are all adorable. And they are obviously part of devoted and loving families. We like to think, that it is not only their home families who love these little ones, but also their Parish family. You really cannot have too many people to be interested in you, pray for you and love you!

The American Elections on November 8

Most people have been following the process of the American elections with great interest and concern. America is our neighbor. We all can recognize the importance of the office of the President of the USA in world affairs. Although we do not have a vote, we can all pray. May God bless America, and make her a blessing to the world community.

Loving God, creator of this world, source of wisdom and understanding, watch over the people of the United States of America in this time of election. Guide them in their decisions, that they may elect people who will work to build a nation that loves justice and mercy; that serves the poor, the weak and vulnerable; that works to break down walls that divide, promoting reconciliation, unity and truth. May they be blessed in their decision with leadership that builds their nation and contributes to peace throughout all the world. We pray in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen.

PARISH NOTES Continued

Sounds for Sigowet Concert

Our annual concert in support of Sigowet Secondary School is two weeks away. This is such an important cause. The school has grown so much and is now well-integrated into the life of the community. Enrollment for 2017 is estimated to exceed 300 students. We are so grateful to God for the progress. Our Parish continues to offer valued encouragement and financial assistance. Our financial focus is now largely on student bursaries. We hope to raise sufficient funds to assist 30 – 35 young people, who otherwise might not receive a high school education. How can you help?

1. Pray for the students, staff and the board of the school
2. Come to the concert, reception and auction on Nov 20. Tickets are \$20.
3. Tell neighbors, friends and families about the school and encourage them to come out to the concert
4. Make a financial gift to the School, through your offering. The fees for a boarding student are \$500/yr. You can contribute any amount.
5. Join in the blessing of joy, that this modest school is making a difference in the world.

Sigowet Silent Auction Items

If you have something that you would like to donate to the Sounds for Sigowet Silent Auction, please bring it to St. Paul's lobby and leave it on the auction table.

Volunteers Needed for Sounds for Sigowet Concert

The Mission Beyond the Parish is looking for volunteers to help set up **Fri, Nov 18** and to help clean up on **Sat, Nov 19**. There is a signup sheet in the lobby if you are willing to help out.

St. Paul's Tea at Shannex Complex

Do you know that there are 14 members of St. Paul's living at the Shannex complex? We are delighted that several of them are able to worship with us on a regular basis, either at St. Paul's, or at the monthly Anglican Communion services at Shannex. We thought it would be a great idea to have a gathering with them, and assure them of our continued friendship. On **Wed, Nov 9** at 3 pm in Jubilee Hall, we shall meet together for tea and sweets and the chance to catch up on news. Many thanks to Katherine Grant and the Mission Within Committee for supporting this initiative. And who are our super seniors living in Shannex?

Joan Buckland	Marie Jenkins	Hazen "Stitter" Inches
Jackie Blaggrave	Christie Willis	Pamela Brown
Helen Petchey	Shirley Jobe	Doris Scovil
Rita Hale	Mary Wannamaker	Louise Black
Hazel MacLean	Millie Sheldrick (we adopted her from Kingston)	

ACW Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar is on **Sat, Nov 26** from 9 AM - NOON (drop-off donations starting Monday, Nov 21). As before we will be looking for baking, pickles, etc., books, puzzles, games, art, jewelry, household goods, sports equipment, Christmas decorations, hand-goods & crafts, children's toys, etc. It is a Bazaar, not a yard sale, and so no large items such as TV's, etc. This is your annual parish Bazaar...The ACW appreciates everyone's support by donating, working and enjoying the Bazaar morning together.

Sunday School Christmas Pageants at St. Paul's

Advent and Christmas are just around the corner, which means it's time to get ready for our annual Christmas Pageants!

-On **Dec 11** at the 10am service, the young people will be presenting the Christmas skit "*Welcome to the Neighbourhood*", inspired by the first chapter of the Gospel of John.

-At our **4:30pm Christmas Eve** service, we will be presenting "*The Birth of Jesus*", a simple but wonderful narration of the nativity story, and a bit of a holiday tradition here at St. Paul's.

-Role selections and rehearsals will begin Nov 13 during Sunday School.

-For more information, or if you would like to help out (for instance, with costume/set design, stage assistance, rehearsal support, etc.) please contact Rob Montgomery.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. PAUL'S

Activity Bags are available for children remaining in Church
Sunday School welcomes kids ages 3+ during our 10 am service
Our **Nursery Room** is always ready for parents to use if they wish

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP

Ages 12+ **7-9pm** at the Church Everyone Welcome

NOTES FROM BEYOND THE PARISH

Rothesay Yule Christmas Market

There will be a Christmas Market held at Rothesay Netherwood School on **Nov 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** For more information, go to www.rothesayyule.com.

Turkey Dinner at St. David's, Rothesay

Saint David's United Church (7 Gondola Point Road, Rothesay) will be holding their annual Early-Christmas Turkey Dinner on **Sat, Nov 19** at 5:30PM. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under) and available from the Church Office by calling 847-7137. Take-outs will also be available. Call now! Tickets are going fast!