



### Family-Friendly Potluck

If you are looking for a way to share some good food and fellowship with other young families in the parish, now is your chance.

On **Sun Nov 27** at 4:30pm, we will be having a Family-Friendly Potluck Dinner here at St. Paul's, followed by a great way to enter the holiday season by crafting Advent wreaths.

If you are thinking of joining us (for the meal, the wreath-building, or both), please connect with Rob Montgomery before **Thu Nov 24**, and he will be happy to answer your questions.

### 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.

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### 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

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### ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP

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

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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... the sympathies and prayers of the Parish are offered to **Barbara Fraser** upon the death of her youngest brother, **Jeffrey Saunders**, of Hamilton, Ontario last weekend. We pray for God's presence with his family, to bring peace, comfort and hope in this time of sadness and sorrow ... about 10 years ago **Rory Grant** was inspired to hold a simple service at the Cenotaph on the Rothesay Common to mark Remembrance Day. The "official" community gathering with the members of the Legion, political leaders and members of the military, is at the Q-plex. Rory felt that it looked strange to not have anything taking place at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day, where the names of those who died in war are engraved. News of this service spread, and now several hundred people gather at the appointed hour to pay respect and honour. Rory continues to be the "straw that stirs the drink" and we appreciated his leadership once again this past week ... a reminder to the members of the Mission Within the Parish that we shall be meeting for a shared supper on Wed, Nov 16 at 6:00 pm at the Rectory ... on Wednesday past we enjoyed a great afternoon Tea at Jubilee Hall in Shannex. Almost 30 people attended the event. It was wonderful to bring friends together ... the Anglican Parish of Kingston is hosting a reception in honour of the Rev. **Peter Gillies and Ms. Greer Stackhouse** on the occasion of Peter's retirement on January 1, 2017. The reception is Sat, Nov 19 from 2 – 5 pm at the Kingston Parish Hall. Rev. Gillies served most of his ministry in our area. For many years he was Rector of the Parish of Hammond River ... a word of thanks to **Ted Sayre** who has come up with a plan to do our recycling. We thank him for volunteering to take on this task and make our contribution to responsible recycling ... we are preparing to order the PWRDF Christmas Cards. They should be arriving shortly. If you would like to order cards please contact the parish office ... *that's our news from our pews.* ALS.

## PARISH NOTES

### Time to Begin Rehearsing Music for Christmas

The choir will begin their preparation of music for our Annual Lessons & Carols service, as well as the Christmas Eve Eucharist. Some folk cannot commit to the choir on a regular basis. We welcome them to join us for these glorious Christmas services. Rehearsals begin on **Thu, Nov 17** at 7:30 in the church. Why not join us this year? It is piles of fun.

### Presentation on the Palestine of Jesus

On **Sun, Dec 4** our recent holy land pilgrims will be giving a presentation on their travels. We will begin with Evensong at 7:00 pm and follow with the presentation at 7:30. Everyone is welcome.

### **Sounds for Sigowet Concert – Next Sunday**

Our partnership with St. John's Secondary School in Sigowet, Kenya is an important ministry. We are their only outside assistance. It is certainly true that the school is now more of a fixture within the rural community, but they continue to depend on us for financial assistance to orphaned and poor children for whom a high school education is not a possibility on their own. We all value the importance of education. Our goal is to assist 30 – 35 students. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of wonderful music, scrumptious treats at the reception, and bid on an item or two at our silent auction. We would also encourage you to consider sponsoring a student for a year, or making a financial contribution to the bursaries. \$500 will provide an education to a boarding student for the year. But any amount is appreciated and joined with other gifts, makes an important impact. You can make donations through the parish office.

**Also** Can you help us set up for the concert and/or clean up after it is over? We need some help. We will be setting up the hall Friday at 1:30. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby. Thank you.

### **Breaking News on Safe Harbour**

After many months of negotiations, the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton is pleased to announce that Safe Harbour, the Saint John emergency youth shelter, will re-open. Partners for Youth, which will operate the shelter, hopes to have the 10-bed facility in operation by March, with the financial commitment of the Province of New Brunswick. The shelter opened in March 2015 but closed due to financial issues last January. The impasse had always been the lien on the property, which amounted to about a half-million dollars. The Diocese of Fredericton, using income from a bequest from George Bartlett, decided that satisfying the lien so the shelter could reopen would be the best use of this unexpected financial gift. The shelter is built on the site of St. James Anglican Church on Broad Street in the city's south end.

### **Diocesan Synod**

**Bruce Cook, Peter Irish** and **Robert Taylor** represented our Parish at the recent meeting of Diocesan Synod, held at the Parish of Fredericton (Rev. Wandlyn's church) on Nov 5. **Rev. Eileen Irish** and **Canon Albert** were also in attendance, as well as **Rob Montgomery** as an observer, so St. Paul's was well represented. The delegates will be preparing a report to the congregation. You can read the Synod Journal Report on-line, complete with updates of Diocesan organizations and missions, as well as financial statements, at [anglican.nb.ca](http://anglican.nb.ca) and follow the links to 135<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod. We do have one paper copy if you would prefer, and it is available through the parish office. Congratulations to **Peter Irish** who was elected to General Synod; to **Robert Taylor** who was elected to Provincial Synod; and to **Rev. Eileen Irish** who was elected an alternate clergy delegate to Provincial Synod.

### **ACW Christmas Bazaar**

Our Christmas Bazaar is on **Sat, Nov 26** from 9 a.m. - noon. 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. **Please drop off your contributions for the Bazaar at the church hall starting Mon, Nov 21** (except for baking, of course). All proceeds from this fundraiser support our many charitable causes at home and away. This is your annual parish Bazaar. The ACW appreciates everyone's support by donating, working and enjoying the Bazaar morning together. A signup sheet for sorters & pricers during the week and workers on Saturday is on the table in the lobby.

## **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](http://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!

### **A Christmas Carol**

A Fundraiser for CBC Harbour Lights Campaign in support of food banks in southern NB.....**Dec 2**, 7pm...St. Augustine's Church. Mark your calendar to attend this wonderful evening - a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' tale of Scrooge, much as it would have been staged in his time. Award winning singer and songwriter Stehannie Mainville will provide musical entertainment. Reception and silent auction will follow. All proceeds go to Harbour Lights. Tickets can be purchased by calling 849-8464 or 849-6268 or emailing [priestpoq@nb.aibn.com](mailto:priestpoq@nb.aibn.com).

### **Christmas Tea in Kingston**

The Anglican Parish of Kingston is having its Annual Christmas Tea on **Sat, Dec 3** 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. There is to be a Baked Goods Table. Everyone is Welcome.