



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 **Thursday Nov. 24th**, by phone at 506-608-1772, or by email at rob.montgomery@anglican.nb.ca, and he will be happy to sign you up or 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 have begun .

-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+ **Friday 7-9pm** at the Church Everyone Welcome

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... after three years working in the oil patch of Fort MacMurray, **John Johnson**, is preparing to return home to New Brunswick. Cheryl, their two daughters and two grandsons are delighted. (And so is their Parish!) ... **Heather Dow** moved this past week to Kings Way Nursing Home in Quispamsis. This is certainly a better location for Keith and the family to visit her, and for her to visit with them. We do pray that there will be a smooth transition as Heather settles into her home and surroundings. Other members of St. Paul's at KWCC are **Meredith Lyons**, **Nancy Kirkpatrick** and one of our quilters **Beryl Jones** ... our prayers are asked once again for **Colin Ranson** (son of Rev. Paul and Kim) who is in Texas for a second round of surgery. We pray for this family and for God's blessing upon those who minister to little Colin of God's healing gifts ... we remember **the Rev. David Peer** (brother of Kim Daigle) who will be inducted this evening into the Parish of East Saint John. The service begins at 7 pm ... best of luck to **Pippa Wennberg** who has a leading role in the Saint John Theatre Company's production of *Miracle on 34th Street*, which opens this week ... the Choir has begun working on Christmas music and is hoping that singers will join them for the wonderful season. Come along on Thursday at 7:30 ... The Anglican Diocese of Fredericton has taken ownership of **Safe Harbour youth house** in Saint John, enabling it to reopen after it closed suddenly in January. It paid the \$642,000 construction lien on the building, thereby becoming its owner. A Letter of Intent says Partners For Youth Inc. will lease the building from the diocese and operate the facility for at-risk youth with the Province of New Brunswick as an operational funding partner. **JT Sharpe**, the former Youth Worker of St. Paul's, works with Partners for Youth Inc. De Stecher Appraisals Ltd. of Saint John values the facility, built on land once occupied by St. James Anglican Church on Broad Street in the city's south end, at \$1.1 million. Read the whole story, and get all the news, by clicking this link: <http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/enews/> The official re-opening is Nov 23 at 1:30 pm... *that's the news, from our pews.* ALS.

PARISH NOTES

ACW Sunday

St. Andrew, who is remembered on November 30, is the patron saint of *The Anglican Church Women*. It is the custom to celebrate the presence and ministry of the ACW close to St. Andrew's Day. Our parish is deeply blessed by the ACW. They support a long list of deserving organizations and missions in our community and beyond. They network with women in our Deanery and throughout the country, uniting women in shared goals and causes. Today we offer our prayers of gratitude for the ACW and that the Lord would guide them and bless them in their life together for Christ and His church.

Sigowet Concert – today!

Why not give yourself a treat this afternoon and enjoy an intimate beautiful concert of music provided by Christopher Buckley, John Buckley and Danielle Sametz? The concert is in the church and is followed by a great reception in the parish hall, with the silent auction in the Crosby Room. Your presence will help us to sponsor 30 – 35 teenage students for a year of high school education, in the rural district of Eldoret, Kenya. Tickets are only \$20. You will have a wonderful time. Because the hall is decorated for the concert, we will not be serving coffee after church this morning.

Next Week – Is Advent

It is time to begin a new church calendar year. The liturgical year is a beautiful drama that enters into the mysteries of our faith. We begin by waiting and praying in expectation and hope, for the coming of God into our lives. At Christmas we rejoice in God's humility of entering the human condition, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Epiphany proclaims the scattering and broadening of that light to all corners of the world. Then comes Lent. The season of reflecting on the demands of discipleship. Holy Week reveals the determination and passion of our Lord to bring reconciliation. The heart of the year is Easter, the triumph of God over everything that reduces life. Then comes the long season of Pentecost (or Trinity) when we experience and grow in the power of God's presence within and among us. We have a rich and exciting faith. Let us journey and grown together in this new year of grace.
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ACW Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar is this week **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.

Sunday, December 4

7 pm Evensong

7:30 pm Presentation on Israel by

Canon Albert, Rev. Wandlyn, Pam Iype & Donna Schroeter

Refreshment provided by the Mission Within Committee

Everyone is invited

News from the Mission Within Committee

The MW met this past week at the Rectory (forcing the Rector and his roommate to tidy up the man cave somewhat) for a wonderful shared supper. Low Hounsell chaired the meeting.

+ the combined coffee hour on October 16 drew about 50 – 60 people. The thinking is that we might do this twice a year to encourage fellowship between the 8 and 10 am congregations

+ the Harvest dinner was received with tremendous appreciation to everyone

+ the first afternoon Tea at Shannex was a great success. We are looking into our second effort, hopefully on December 14. It was wonderful for residents of Shannex to get together with friends from St. Paul's

+ Liz Reid reported that we have two groups of drivers to pick up residents from Shannex for Sunday worship. Thank you to all the volunteers

+ with Christmas and New Year's falling on a Sunday, there was discussion regarding the schedule of services. There will be 3 services Saturday, Dec 24: 4:30; 6 and 11 pm; and one service on Sunday, Christmas Day at 11 a.m. The next weekend will proceed with our regular hours of services: Saturday, Dec 31 (New Year's Eve) at 5 pm and Sunday, Jan 1 at 8 and 10 a.m. The SS pageant will take Dec 11 and the service of Lessons & Carols on Dec 18, both at 10 am

+ the parish will celebrate St. Paul's Day on Sunday, January 22

+ there will not be a meeting of the MW in the month of

December

NOTES FROM BEYOND THE PARISH

Cool Chicks and the Ugly Doclings

The Cool Chicks and the Ugly Doclings will present a Christmas Concert at St. Luke's Church, corner of Main and Lansdowne, Saint John on Saturday, **November 26 at 7 pm**. Come and enjoy sounds of the season and pick up some treats at the Christmas Bake Sale! Tickets are \$15 each and available in advance from the church office (693-4152) and at the door. Proceeds to St. Luke's ministries.

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.