

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Christmas Eve Children's Pageant at St. Paul's

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.

If your children would like to participate, or if you would like to help out (for instance, with costume/set design, stage assistance, rehearsal support, etc.) please connect with Rob Montgomery (see contact info below).

Youth Group Christmas Party

On **Friday December 23rd**, starting at 7pm, St. Paul's Youth Group will be having a Christmas Party here at the Church. Mark your calendars, break out your Christmas sweaters, and see you there (even if it'll be your first time). Connect with Rob Montgomery for more information.

A Word from Rob, our Family & Youth Minister

Do you have a heart for young people? Are you looking for ways use your talents and passions in the Church? Can you see the need for nurturing faith in all sorts of contexts?

If so, I would like to speak with you. We are currently exploring ways to build up the ministries to Families, Children & Youth here at St. Paul's, and it may just be that *you* are part of the answer to our prayers.

While I do have some ideas in mind, what I would really like is to hear from you, and to encourage us as a Parish to think about how we can all bless young people together. We can connect through email, the phone, or we can even chat over coffee or tea. Just let me know you are interested, and we can see where it goes from there.

It's All Fun & Games... Literally!

Looking for something fun to do with others this Christmas Break? Come and join us at **7pm on Friday January 6**, right here at St. Paul's, to play some board games together. Bring yourselves, a board/group-game or two (if you have them), and perhaps some snacks to share. Absolutely everybody is welcome.

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

Contact Info

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

.... funeral services were held this past Thursday at St. Paul's for **Douglas Campbell**. Doug was a long-time friend of **Fr. Jim**. We remember his family, his wife Jane and their two sons Andrew and David and their families in our prayers, during this time of sorrow ... it was the greatest sound to have so many children playing in the parish hall during coffee time last Sunday after the SS Presentation. And we thoroughly enjoyed the presentation during the service. Special thanks to **Rob Montgomery** for working faithfully and gently with our children. Things are going in the right direction ... our very best wishes to **Senator John Wallace** who announced his retirement this past week from Parliament. We are all very proud of his wise and faithful service to New Brunswick and to Canada over the past eight years. And we wish him, Gill and family lots of happy and productive times ahead ... it has been a week of gatherings (and not too little food and refreshment). The Vestry had a social hour at the home of **Pam Iype** on Tuesday; the Mission Beyond gathered at the home of **Jane Smith** on Wednesday; the quilters also enjoyed a lunch together on Wednesday at the home of **Jill Fanjoy** ... and then on Wednesday afternoon the MW hosted a tea at the Shannex complex, which was enjoyed by St. Paul's residents and outside guests. Thank you **Charles Willett** for adding your musical gifts at our afternoon gathering ... it is great to know that **George & Mary Soper** are moving back to the KV. They have decided to move to the Shannex Complex during the last week of the year. Great to have them closer by ... for well over ten years, **Claude Dixon** has faithfully provided the wine for the sacrament at all of our services. There is no measuring how many gallons of wine he has produced and given to the church. Claude is no longer in the wine making business. As he retires from this ministry, we want to thank him for this quiet steady gift he gave to us all. We should all raise a glass to toast Claude ... **Bishop Edwards** has announced the appointment of new Canons of Christ Church Cathedral, including the **Rev. Alan Tapley** of Sussex Corner and the Regional Dean of our area; our (Wandlyn & Albert's) brother-in-law the **Rev. Greg McMullin** of St. Mary's & St. Bartholomew's in Saint John; the **Rev. Deacon Fran Bedell** of Edmonston; and the **Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove** who will be made Canon and be appointed the Archdeacon of Fredericton on January 1. (It is important to know she is the Archdeacon of Fredericton and has **no** jurisdiction over Rothesay or **any** of Rothesay clergy!) The official service of installation will take place Sunday, February 5 at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral in Fredericton ... thank you **June & Wayne Bennett** for putting up the lovely wreaths on our doors and thank you to the ACW (**Geraldine Grieve, Jean MacDonald, Sylvia Loomis & Marge Seely**) for decorating the Christmas tree in the lobby...*that's the news from our pews! ALS.*

PARISH NOTES

Sunday School Today

The children will be meeting in the SS hall during the Lessons & Carols service for an extended Christmas program today. After today the SS will be taking a bit of a break. Classes will resume on **Sunday, Jan 15.**

The Service of Lessons & Carols

Welcome to our annual service of Lessons & Carols, as we prepare together to celebrate the Nativity of the Christ Child. Thank you to the choir and all our guest musicians: Rob Dutton, Danielle Sametz, John Buckley, Deantha Edmunds and for the first Christmas with us, Adrienne Buckley with her harp. Thank you also to Olga Grant, Pippa Wennberg, Jenn Briggs, John Trivett & Christopher Clark for joining our Christmas choir. We appreciate you sharing your musical gifts with us in this glorious service.

A word of thanks to *St. Paul's Endowment Fund* for their financial support of our service today.

It's Time to Decorate the Church for Christmas!

Following the 10 a.m. service, the Altar Guild will be decorating the church and hanging the greens. Help is greatly appreciated, especially some tall men who don't mind ladders.

KV Fire Fighters

A car load of lovely toys, puzzles, books and games was delivered this week to the fire hall. The KV Fire Fighters prepare the baskets for deserving families in our area. We were also pleased to deliver cheques from the Mission Beyond Committee and parishioners totalling \$1000.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Anyone who wishes to make a donation towards Christmas flowers in the church in memory of a loved one is asked to please call the church office at 847-1812 by Wednesday Dec 21.

Donations for 2016 Income Tax Receipts

Donations for which a 2016 tax receipt is required should be received in the office by noon on **Wed, Dec 28.** This will allow time for a final bank deposit to be made for the end of 2016. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at 847-1812.

Parish Bible Study

Our Wednesday study group will be taking a break for the Christmas season. We will resume our meetings on Wednesday, **Jan 11 at 10 am** in the Parish library. We are always delighted to welcome new members.

Might you have some spare tires?

A deserving member of our community is in need of winter tires. The vehicle is a Dodge Grand Caravan and the tire size is 225/65 R16. If you can help out, contact Canon Albert.

Mission Beyond end of the Year Donations

The MB met to disburse funds at the end of the calendar year. They receive funds from various sources including the Harvest Dinner and Pancake Supper; the *Sounds for Sigowet Concert*; the Parish Budget and from individual donations. The following awards were made:

The Elizabeth Fry Society	\$1000
KV Food Basket	\$1000
Romero House	\$1000
St. Luke's Church North end outreach	\$1000
KV Fire-Fighter for Christmas baskets	\$1000 (\$500 from MB and \$500 from parishioners)
PWRDF	\$2000
Safe Harbour	\$3000
Hospice Saint John	\$500

The Sigowet School in Kenya will receive assistance for 31 students in 2017. 20 students are boarding at the school and 11 are day students. The total gift to Sigowet for 2017 is \$13,600.

Thank you all for your prayers, financial support and encouragement of our Mission Beyond the Parish.

***Everyone is invited to St Paul's Hall
following the 10:00 am service for coffee , tea & sweets***



Christmas Services at St. Paul's

December 24, Christmas Eve
4:30 p.m. Children's Eucharist
6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist

December 25, Christmas Day
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist