

***Welcome to St. Paul's Church  
The Anglican Parish of Rothesay***



*"Whoever becomes humble like this child is the  
greatest in the kingdom of heaven.  
Whoever welcomes one such child in my name  
welcomes me."*

Jesus, from Matthew 18:4-5

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**8 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

***The Book of Common Prayer***

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The Collect, Epistle & Gospel, page 237

**10 a.m. Choral Eucharist & Blessing of the School Bags**  
***The Book of Alternative Services***

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Organ Prelude: “*Children of the Heavenly Father*”  
Sarah Douglas (1952 -) Trad. Swedish Melody

**Opening Hymn: 415 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

**Children’s Song: “*Jesus Loves Me*”** (*Words printed below*)

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong

**Refrain:** Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me, He who died heaven’s gate to open wide  
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in

**Refrain:**

Jesus loves me, He will stay close beside me all the way  
He’s prepared a home for me, and someday His face I’ll see

**Refrain:**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the Love of God  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**A Reading from Philippians 4:4-9**, page 198 of the Pew Bible

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading from Luke 15:1-10**, page 78 of the Pew Bible

**Children's Talk** - *All children & students, including those attending college or university, are invited to bring their school bags and come to the front of the church.*

### **The Blessing of School Bags**

**Voice 1:** We have come to church today with our school bags to ask our loving God to bless them. Our school bags are important to us. Every day we carry our lunches and books from home to school and back again.

**Voice 2:** We also use our school bags to carry other things as well: We use them to carry our sports equipment, music and books, as well as clothes and things for going to our friends' houses.

**Voice 1:** When we ask God to bless our school bags, we are really asking God to bless us kids and the many things that we do.

**Voice 2:** We know from the Bible that kids are valuable to God.

**Minister:** As a church, we want young people to know how important they are and how much God loves them. I would invite everyone to stand with me as you are able. As members of St. Paul's, will you do all that you can to support and encourage the children and young people of this church, through active love and continuous prayer?

**Congregation:** We will!

**Minister:** There is a saying that it takes a village to raise a child. Each of us has a part - whether big or small - in raising the children of this parish. This is indeed a high calling for the whole people of God, for *us* to pursue together. Will you, in the days to come, help to teach and guide them in the faith and continue to be faithful examples to them so that together, we can be salt and light to the world?

**Congregation:** We will!

**Minister:** As they daily face new challenges, experiences and opportunities, do you give your love, encouragement and blessing to these children and to all their teachers, parents and guardians?

**Congregation:** We do!

**Priest:** Let us be silent for a moment as we pray God's blessing upon all children, the children present before us today, and the children of our lives wherever they may be.

Lord, bless these backpacks and the children and youth who carry them as they begin a new year of school and activities. Give them peace when they feel nervous, focus when they feel distracted, energy when they feel tired. Open their minds to the lessons they will learn both in and outside the classroom. Help them to make friends that build one another up, and to be friends to those who need them. Guide them in making good choices as they grow. Be ever-present with them in the classroom, on the school bus, on the playground, and at home, and may they feel your loving care in all they do. **Amen.**  
*Congregation is seated as children each receive a special prayer of blessing.*

**Prayers and Confession** led Laine Carpenter & Tara Sooley

**Voice 1:** As we stand, let us pray.

Dear God, thank you for all the wonderful things you do for us. Thank you for summer breaks and for time with our families. Thank you for school and sports, for friends and teachers, and for all that we have to look forward to this coming year.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Voice 2:** Please be with us in all of the things that we do. Help us to stay safe, to learn all we can, and to be good friends to everyone around us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Voice 1:** We pray for all people who are in need. For the poor, the sick, those in prison, for refugees, for those far away from home, and especially for young people everywhere. Lord, watch over and bless each one.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Voice 2:** We pray for the world and all the areas that are in trouble. We pray for peace in countries that are at war, and for all who have been hurt by the hurricanes and storms around the world. We pray that each person will have what they need to be well.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** We bring all that we are to God, even the parts of us that are not so great. Let us confess our sins to God, knowing how much he loves and cares for us.

**All: Dear God, we know that we do not always do the things that we know are right. There are times when we lie. Times when we think bad thoughts. Times when we do or say mean things to other people. There are also times when we do not do the good things that we should. We are sorry and we ask your forgiveness.**

**Priest:** Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you**

**Offertory Hymn “*This is My Father’s World*”**  
(Words printed below)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done.  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

**Eucharistic Prayer -  
Prayer of Thanksgiving for our life in Christ**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus your Son to us, you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children. Father, you call us to be your servants. Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread:**

**Priest:** "I am the bread of life" says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.**

**Priest:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Songs During Communion: "*Jesus Loves the Little Children*"**

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world  
Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in His sight  
Jesus loves the little children of the world

Jesus died for all the children...

We must pray for all the children...

We must help the little children...

### ***"Kumbaya, my Lord"* - African-American Spiritual**

Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya (X3)

O Lord, Kumbaya

Someone's reading Lord, Kumbaya...

Someone's praying Lord, Kumbaya...

Someone's crying Lord, Kumbaya...

Someone's singing Lord, Kumbaya...

**Presentation of Gift from the Rev. Canon George Akerley  
to Sigowet School in Eldoret, Kenya**

**Leader:** Glory to God

**All:** Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

**Recessional Hymn #532 “*What a Friend We Have In Jesus*”**

Organ Postlude: “*Allegro in G Minor*”

Thomas Roseingrave (1690 - 1766)

The flowers on the Altar are given today to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of

***The Rev. Canon George & Audrey Akerley,***  
and their sons ***Bruce & John***  
by their family.

The flowers at the Chancel Steps  
are given today to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of

***Beverley, Geoff, & Paul Sayre***  
by their family.

## **INSERT**

Today, besides blessing the bookbags of our school children, we are honoured and delighted to receive a gift from the family of the Rev. Canon George Akerley and Audrey Akerley. This gift of \$16,000 will be presented by their daughter Margaret, to be given to Sigowet School in Eldoret, Kenya, who are planning to build a library with it. We believe that Canon Akerley would be pleased to see this gift presented on the same day that our children are receiving a special blessing in the worship service.

We praise God for this day when children, here and in Eldoret, are being celebrated and ministered to.

*“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”* Matthew 5:16



## **A Beautiful Letter from Rev. Sam Githinji Responding to the Gift from Canon George Akerley, in memory of George and Audrey's son, Bruce:**

*Dear All,*

*I am not sure what the feeling in my heart is for this news. It is kind of ethereal. Too good to be true. Yet I know it is true. Unbelievable but why not? This is birthed by the working of St. Paul's Rothesay for Sigowet school in Kenya. That to me is the context that has made this possible. It made it possible for a school to begin and to flourish, for a Dormitory to be built and a dining hall. It moved Bishop Dr. Claude Miller to make a sizeable donation for the dining hall. And now this! I feel like we are witnessing Jesus multiplying our two fishes and five loaves to feed so many. I feel like I understand a little, how somebody can be dead but not dead. I thank God who has allowed each of us to be part of this, His doing. I sense that much treasure of St. Paul Rothesay has been deposited in Sigowet to the glory of God. There must be much joy in heaven over this act of Christian charity. When people tell of the story of the founding of this school, may what St. Paul Rothesay has done be told to generations to come. May what Canon Akerley has done for the love of his Son Bruce and other children like him be told again and again. May we all be moved with the knowledge that God is real and life will eventually conquer death. These words are true for me of Canon Akerley, "And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead." (Hebrews 11:4) May his family know the blessings that are theirs through their lineage to such a loving man. Our prayers are with them and with all who knew and loved Canon Akerley. And many more blessings and love from people in Kenya: People he never knew or met, but will know and meet in heaven. Peace! – The Rev. Sam Githinji, founding Priest of Sigowet School.*

## **PARISH NOTES & EVENTS**

### **School Bag Sunday**

September is a time of new beginnings, and especially so for our children and young people. We set aside our service this morning to offer special prayers and blessings upon our children. We invite them to wear their school bags to church. School bags are indispensable to our children. In them, they carry their books, gym equipment, musical instruments and more. By blessing the school bags we are really blessing our young people and all of their activities in the upcoming year. May they know that God is with them in all that they do, with His love and care upholding them.

There will be a **Mission Within** meeting Tuesday evening (Sept 12) at 7:30pm at the Church.

**Diocesan Youth Ministry Conference** is happening at Sackville, NB on September 30th from 10am - 4pm. This year's theme is Connecting...Family, Youth and Community. We will have guest speakers, workshops and a chance to mingle with other youth leaders in the Diocese. The cost is \$10 to cover lunch. This is a great opportunity for anyone to learn more about ministry with youth. Please speak with Rob Montgomery if you are interested in attending.

### **Update on our New Rector**

Everything is going smoothly to receive our new rector, Rev. Paul Rideout. His things have arrived and are stored at the rectory. He will be arriving on the 19th of this month and will start working on the first of October. Throughout the summer work has been going on at the rectory under the supervision of Harry Crossley and the wardens and has been spruced up well. We are looking forward to Fr. Paul's arrival.

### **St. Paul's Sunday School - Beginning Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and more are all a part of our time downstairs during our 10 am services, starting next week. Children younger than three are welcome to come along with an adult, either joining the class, or spending some time playing in our Nursery Room (which now has speakers connecting parents to what is happening upstairs).

**Friday Night Youth Group (7-9 pm, Ages 12+) resumes Sept. 15**

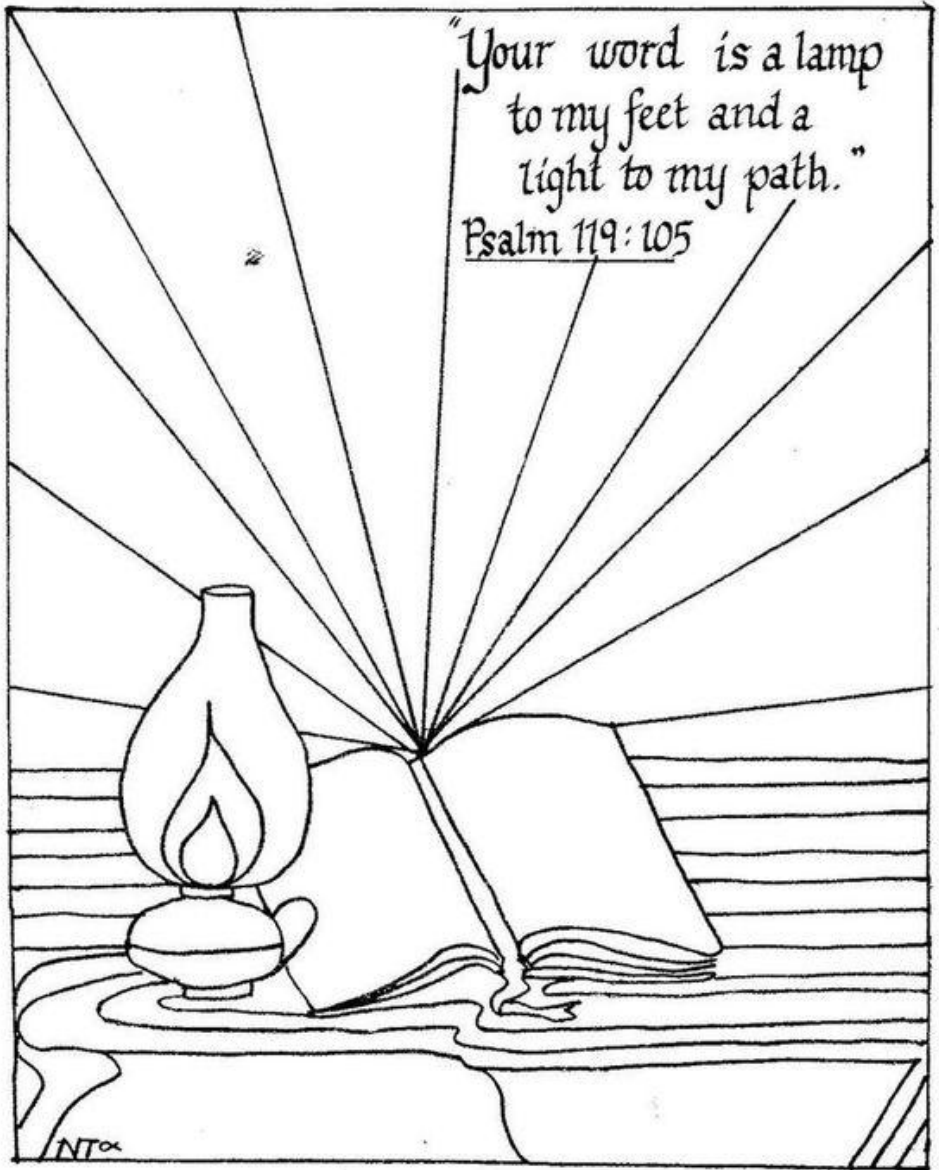
### **Everybody is Welcome at St. Paul's**

Whether you are young, "not-so-young",  
or somewhere in between...

Whether you attend services often,  
or just once in a while...

Whether Church is something familiar,  
or something completely new...

*Everybody is welcome, and always will be.*



*May God guide each of us this year,  
though we travel different paths.  
And in His light, may we find strength,  
and hope, and love that lasts.*

## Leading In Worship Today

### **8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Eileen Irish  
**Layreader:** Rob Montgomery  
**Sidesperson:** Robert Taylor

### **10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Eileen Irish  
**Priest Asst:** Canon James Golding  
**Preacher:** Rob Montgomery  
**Layreader:** Rory Grant  
**Ministers of Communion:**

Lew Hounsell  
Jean MacDonald

**Lector:** Jane Stewart  
**Oblations:** Richard & Sandy Thorne  
**Sidespeople:** Tim Place & Paul Taylor

### **Altar Guild:**

**Sept 8:** Amy McCracken, Pam Iype,  
Marg Chiarella, Trudy Walker

**Sept 15:** Penny McConaghy, Sharon Long,  
Judy Stiver, Amanda Fowlie

## Daily Bible Readings

### for the Week of Sep 11

**Monday** Exodus 12:15-28  
**Tuesday** Exodus 12:29-51  
**Wednesday** Exodus 13:1-22  
**Thursday** John 12:27-41  
**Friday** Psalm 113:1 - 114:8  
**Saturday** Romans 14:1-23

## Next Sunday – Sept 17

### **Trinity 14**

Exodus 14:19-31  
Psalm 114  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew: 18:21-35

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## This Week at St. Paul's

### **Sun, Sept 10 Trinity 13**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist  
& Blessing of the School Bags  
2:00 p.m. Memory Café

### **Tue, Sep 12**

7:30 p.m. MWTP Meeting

### **Wed, Sep 13**

10:00 a.m. Quilting  
11:30 a.m. MBTP Meeting

### **Thu, Sep 14**

10:30 a.m. Chiming Cherubim  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### **Fri, Sep 15**

10:00 a.m. Quilting  
7:00 pm Youth Group

### **Sun, Sept 17 Trinity 14**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist  
11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting

## Parish Directory

### **Bishop**

The Right Rev. David Edwards

### **Interim Rector**

The Rev. Eileen Irish

### **Assistant Priests**

The Rev. Robyn Cuming  
The Rev. Canon James Golding

### **Organist & Choir Director**

Mr. Charles Willett

### **Family & Youth Minister**

Mr. Rob Montgomery

### **Secretary/Treasurer**

June Bennett & Katherine Grant

### **Lay Pastoral Assistant**

Mrs. Elizabeth Reid

### **Parish Visitor**

Mrs. Judy Streeter

### **Parish Wardens**

Pam Iype  
Peter Irish

## The Parish Prayer Chain

welcomes people to call with specific prayer requests. This month's contact is **Penny McConaghy at 849-2701**

### **Parish Office Hours**

Mon & Tue: 8:30-4:30  
Wed: 8:30-12 noon  
Thu & Fri: 8:30-4:30