

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Young People Belong at St. Paul's

Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and more are all a part of our **Sunday School** for children 3 and up during our 10 am services. Kids younger than 3 are also welcome to explore *Sunday School* with an adult, either joining the class, or playing in our **Nursery Room**.

Activity Bags are available at the entrances for any young people staying upstairs in the service.

Our **Friday Night Youth Group**, for young people around 12 and up, meets every week from 7-9pm.



ST. PAUL'S ADVENT ADVENTURE - DEC 3 at 4PM

Join us in the Parish Hall for an inter-generational (all ages) *Advent Adventure*. Crafts (Christmas Ornaments), Colouring, Games, Singing, Story-time & Supper are all on the agenda as we get ready together for the coming of Christ. To register, volunteer, or for more information, please contact Rob Montgomery.



Calling All Costume Enthusiasts

It is always good to be prepared before the Christmas season comes upon us. We have many delightful costumes for the Christmas season, but they need a bit of sorting, and some are in need of repair. If you enjoy sewing, mending, costume design, and seeing lots of sheep running around on Christmas Eve, please consider helping in this way, and let Rob Montgomery know.

PARISH NOTES

Sounds for Sigowet Concert – Today at 2:00 p.m.

Be sure and join us today for our 9th annual *Sounds for Sigowet* concert featuring cello trio Sonja Adams, John Buckley and Paul Pulford. The concert is followed by scrumptious desserts and libations in the parish hall as well as a silent auction. This annual benefit concert will support student tuition and board at Sigowet Secondary School, located in a rural and poor part of western Kenya. Tickets are \$20 each and will be available during coffee hour today, and at the door on the 19th.

Celebration of New Ministry - A Note from Fr. Paul

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who attended or who helped in any way to make my installation last Sunday a tremendous success. It can be a little intimidating to uproot and move to a different and unfamiliar place, but you all have made this transition so easy for me. Even though I've only been here just over a month, I feel right at home.

This is an exciting time for me and for us as a parish family. As our Bishop said last week, times of new ministry are natural occasions for us to examine who we are, what we are doing and what we might do differently or more effectively moving forward. Likewise, our gospel this Sunday speaks of risk and investment for the sake of bearing fruit for God's kingdom. If we're honest, the status quo often seems much more appealing and comfortable than risk or change. However, God continually challenges us to grow, risk, and change so that we might better serve him and one another. I ask for your continued patience, input and most of all your prayers as we step out in faith together.

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Paul*

The Four Last Things - Study Series

November is the month in which the church invites us to contemplate the *last things* - death, judgement, heaven and hell. We're invited to ponder them not because they are especially cheery, but because they contain the ultimate truths of our existence. Fr. Paul is hosting a four-part series on the Four Last Things which began on Tue, Nov 7, **and continues this Tue Nov 21 at 7:30-8:30 p.m.** in the church. During this series we will pose some of the big questions of life and explore the answers given by our Christian faith. Come along and join the conversation!



ACW Christmas Bazaar



Please mark your calendars for our Annual Christmas Bazaar which will be held on **Sat, Nov 25 from 9 a.m. - noon**. We are looking for baking, pickles, etc., books, puzzles, games, art, jewelry, household goods, sports equipment, Christmas decorations, handmade goods & crafts, children's toys, etc. It is a Bazaar, not a yard sale, and so no large items such as TV's, etc. will be accepted. **Please drop off your contributions for the Bazaar at the church hall starting this Mon, Nov 20** (except for baking, of course). All proceeds from this fundraiser support the ACW's many charitable causes at home and away. **There is a signup sheet in the lobby for helpers** to sort and price on Tue, Nov 21 to Fri, Nov 24 and for people to help at the sale on Sat, Nov 25.

Invitation to Sing in the Choir for the Lessons and Carols Service

The choir is always grateful to anyone wishing to share their Christmas spirit with us, by participating in our Service of Nine Lessons & Carols. This year, the service will take place on **Dec 17**. Our rehearsals will be held at 7:30 p.m. on **Thu, Nov 30, Dec 7 and Dec 14**. Please let Charles know if you are interested in joining us by contacting him or the office.

Advent Quiet Day

You are invited to join Fr. Paul for an Advent Quiet Day on **Sat, Dec 2, 10am-4pm**. The season of Advent often gets crowded out in the busyness of our decorating and shopping. So why not come along and relax, breathe, and meditate on the profound and timeless themes of Advent? We begin the day with Eucharist at 10am. There will be guided meditations throughout the day punctuated by quiet time for reading, resting, or prayer. The day ends with Evening Prayer at 3:30pm. Take some much deserved time out from the Christmas preparations and simply be still. There are signup sheets in the lobby and narthex.

Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People are an important part of our services. They are written each week to reflect the needs, aspirations and hopes of the church - the people of God. If you would be interested in taking part in the ministry of writing the Prayers of the People, please speak to Fr. Paul. Guidance and resources will be provided.

The Parish Echo

We are getting ready for the Advent/Christmas edition of *The Echo*. Submissions are welcomed. Please email to the office at stpaulsrothesay@nb.aibn.com. **Deadline is Fri, Nov 24.**

Donations for Romero House and the KV Food Basket

With your bulletin today you will find a 1/2 page insert with 2 lists, one for the KV Food Basket and one for the Romero House Van.

Our collection and delivery of items for the **Food Basket** continues year round. Containers for the Food Basket are in the lobby and narthex.

Now that the cold weather is coming, we will begin to gather things for the less fortunate in the Saint John area. some of which will be distributed from the **Romero House** Van. There is a large bin for Romero House items in the lobby. Thank you for your continued support of these two much needed services.



The Parish Prayer Chain

welcomes people to call with specific prayer requests. This month's contact is **Christian Turnbull @ 847-1545**

BEYOND THE PARISH

Annual Christmas Tea Kingston Parish Hall, Kingston

Sat, Dec 2, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. We will also have a display of our parishioner's Nativity Sets and the Anglican Church Women (ACW) will be having a Bake Sale Table(s) set up.

Colla Voce & Alto Mare in Concert

Start the Advent Season with the wonderful voices of Colla Voce, under the direction of Cindy Dutton, and the strings of Alto Mare, under the direction of Robert McCausland, in a Christmas Concert at Trinity Church, 115 Charlotte St, Saint John. **Sun, Dec 3, 3:30pm**. Enjoy the *Festival of Carols* by Benjamin Britten, also works by Telemann, Mozart, Vaughan Williams, Cohen, Dietrich Buxtehude, Marc – Antoine Charpentier and George Frederic Handel. A free will offering will be taken at the door.