

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



"And remember, I am with you always..."
Jesus, from Matthew 28:20

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Blessing of the Backpacks

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8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Book of Common Prayer

The Collect, Epistle & Gospel, page 240

10 a.m. Choral Eucharist & Blessing of the School Bags

The Book of Alternative Services

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

Opening Hymn 306 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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 Deuteronomy 11:18-22, page 168 of the Pew Bible

Alleluia. Alleluia

"I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading from Matthew 28:16-20, page 34 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 backpacks to ask our loving God to bless them. Our backpacks 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 backpacks 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 backpacks, 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 all 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.

Priest: Let us now take a moment to ask for God's blessings on those entrusted with the ministry to teach children and all students this year. Lord, give them wisdom and insight, patience and grace, courage and endurance, mindful of the importance of their task, and of the empowering presence of your Spirit. May they love truth, and truly love their students. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, **Amen.**

Prayers and Confession

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 lonely, 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 fires 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 for 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,
thy kingdom come, thy 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 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

"Guide My Feet"

1. Guide my feet... while I run this race
Guide my feet... while I run this race
Guide my feet... while I run this race
For I don't want to run this race in vain
2. Hold my hand...
3. Stand by me...
4. Teach my heart...
5. Guide my feet...

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

Dismissal Hymn 430 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

Organ Postlude: “*Allegro*”...John Stanley

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

Isabella Turnbull

by her family.

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

Beverley, Geoff and Paul Sayre

by their family.



***Please join us in the Church Hall
following the 10:00 service
for coffee, tea, sweets & conversation.***

PARISH NOTES

Congratulations & Thank You!

We extend a hearty thanks to Mr. Rory Grant for his more than 40 years of service to this parish as a layreader. Such a record of service inspires us all as we strive to put our gifts to use to build up God's Kingdom. In recent months Rory has 'retired' from active service as a lay reader, but we look forward to Rory & Olga's continued presence and participation in the life and work of our church.

Social Media Coordinator

Our Communications Committee is currently searching for an individual who is skilled in the area of social media. This ministry would involve making regular updates to our parish Facebook page as well as engaging with and developing new forms of social communication. At the heart of this endeavour would be a desire to communicate the Good News by promoting and telling the story of St. Paul's Church. An honorarium will be offered. If you are interested in this ministry, please speak with Fr. Paul.

NEW DATE FOR PARISH VISIONING DAY

Our Parish Visioning Day has been rescheduled. The new date is **Oct 27, approx. 9am - 3 pm**. It's important to state that the purpose of this day is not to make sweeping changes to our parish or the way we operate. It's simply a good thing, on a regular basis, to step back and assess where we are and where God wants us to be. This will be a day of listening - to God and one another. Please make plans to come along.

Blessing of the Animals

A Blessing of the Animals Service will take place at St. Paul's on **Saturday, September 29th at 2 p.m.** Everyone is invited to come along with their animals on that day to receive a blessing. We will be gathering outside in the space between the church and hall, weather permitting. Following the example of St. Francis, we will praise God for creation and ask God to bless our animal companions. Even if you don't have an animal to bring, you're still very welcome to attend this service. All creatures - great and small - will be blessed.

Choir and Chimes Rehearsals Resume

The first rehearsal for both choir and chimes will be on **Thu, Sep 13**. Chimes will be from 10 to 11:30am and Choir will be from 7:30 to 9pm.

Confirmation

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Christian's relationship with God is made stronger. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are strengthened: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. We are equipped to become better witnesses to Christ in the world. It is also a means for us to affirm for ourselves the promises often made on our behalf at baptism. The Sacrament of Confirmation is due to be celebrated again in this parish in Spring 2019. Classes, therefore, will begin later this Fall. We welcome individuals interested in being confirmed (both youth and adult) to express their interest to Fr. Paul.

Parish Pilgrimage 2020

We are presently in the planning stages of a Parish Pilgrimage to see the world-renowned Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. During this 10-day pilgrimage we will also be making stops in Rome, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck, and Munich. Information sheets are available in the lobby. Spaces are limited and we need to act quickly to secure tickets for this once-in-a-lifetime event!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Blessing of the Backpacks Service: TODAY!

School started this past week, and many of us (students *and* parents) are busy with all the excitement and activity that come along with it. Here at St. Paul's, we love to share in the spirit of this season too. Today at 10:00 we will be having our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks Service**: A time for us to celebrate and pray with Students & Teachers as a new school year begins. But we all know that Students & Teachers need prayer and support all throughout the year. With this in mind, please consider intentionally praying for our schools and for all who work and study in them this year, and perhaps be open to ways we can be a hands-on blessing to them as well.

A Prayer for Educational Institutions

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- From the Book of Alternative Services

Rothesay Elementary School Breakfast Program

Last year Fr. Paul and Rev. Rob volunteered once a month with the breakfast program at Rothesay Elementary School, and found it to be a wonderful way to bless hungry young people in our community. They are looking for more volunteers this year, and so if you would be interested in helping out, please contact Fr. Paul and he will be happy to get you connected.

Youth Group Leadership Team

We have had some responses from a few brave volunteers, but there is still more room to be a part of our Friday Night Youth Group leadership team (resuming Sept. 14). Our program runs from 7-10 PM weekly here at St. Paul's Church, and we are in need of a few additional caring adults (of **either** the young, **or** not-so-young variety) who can help this program run safely and successfully by being present with us. If you (or someone you know) would be interested in assisting with this program, please contact the Rev'd (Deacon) Rob Montgomery in person, or online at: rob.montgomery@anglican.nb.ca.

It's All Food & Games...



We would love for you to join us September 16 at 3PM for a simple **Potluck & Games Night**. Bring your favorite games, your family & friends, and if you can some food to share. We'll gather downstairs in the Christian Education Centre and eat an early supper around 4PM. Everyone is

welcome, and if you have any questions please contact Rev'd Rob.



St. Paul's Sunday School

Resumes September 16

Come join in the fun, & grow in your faith

Sundays at 9:50 AM ~ Ages 3+

(Nursery Room Also Available)

There will be a **Sunday School Registration Table** with some forms and information available in the Hall during Coffee Time after the service today. Please feel free to stop by and speak to some of our Sunday School team.

Leading In Worship Today

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Rideout
Preacher: Fr. Paul Rideout
Layreader: Robert Taylor
Sidesperson: Marg Chiarella

10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Rideout
Preacher: Rev. Rob Montgomery
Priest Asst: Rev. Eileen Irish
Layreader: Pam Iype
Ministers of Communion:
Elizabeth Reid
David Reevey
Lector: Jane Stewart
Oblations: Geraldine Grieve
Marjorie Seely
Sidespeople: Paul Taylor
Mary Stokes-Rees

Altar Guild:

Sep 7: Ann Bishop, Sheila McFarlane
Joycelyn Lord, June Bennett
Sep 14: Jill Wallace, Doreen Hounsell

Daily Bible Readings

for the Week of Sep 10

Monday Mark 8:1-21
Tuesday James 2:1-17
Wednesday James 2:18 - 3:12
Thursday Proverbs 22:1-23
Friday John 19:17-30

Next Sunday – Sep 16

Trinity 16

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-8
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

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Parish Office Hours

Mon - Tue 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Wed 8:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m.
Thu - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sun, Sep 9 Trinity 15
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist
& Blessing of the Backpacks

Tue, Sep 11

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Prayer Chain Mtg.
2 Olympic Court
Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Wed, Sep 12

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Quilting
11:30 a.m. Mission Beyond Mtg.

Thu, Sep 13

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Chimes Practice
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Fri, Sep 14

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Quilting
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Sun, Sep 16 Trinity 16

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist
& Sunday School
3:00 p.m. Potluck & Games

Parish Directory

Bishop

The Right Rev. David Edwards

Rector

Father Paul Rideout

Assistant Priests

The Rev. Robyn Cuming
The Rev. Canon James Golding
The Rev. Eileen Irish

Organist & Choir Director

Mr. Charles Willett

Family & Youth Minister

The Rev. Rob Montgomery (Deacon)

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 **Jane Smith at 847-3538.**