

# *St Paul's Anglican Church*

Brighton, Ontario

**Durham-Northumberland Deanery  
Trent – Durham Episcopal Area  
Diocese of Toronto**



*“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind,  
and love your neighbour as yourself.”*

Luke 10:25-29 [CEB]

**ANNUAL REPORTS OF 2020**

**MINUTES OF 2020 VESTRY MEETING**

**AGENDA  
for the  
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

**11:00 a.m.**

**via Zoom**

## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Appointment of the Vestry Clerk
4. Reading, correcting, confirming of the minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting – February 23, 2020, as circulated
5. Comments by the Incumbent
6. Presenting summation of 2020 finances
7. Adopting the 2021 budget
8. Appointments and Elections
  - a. Churchwardens
  - b. Lay members of Synod
  - c. Advisory board members
  - d. Auditor
  - e. Envelope Secretary
9. Receiving of reports of all parochial organizations
10. Business arising
  - a.
11. General business
  - a. Financial Signing authority update 2021
12. Diocesan Social Justice & Advocacy Motion
13. Greetings from Vestry
14. Adjournment
15. Closing prayer

**St. Paul's Anglican Church**  
Brighton, Ontario  
**ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**  
February 23, 2020  
10:45 am  
Parish Hall

## MINUTES

**Parishioners Present:** see sign in sheet.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** at 11:01 am by the Chair, Fr Keith Joyce, and who then welcomed everyone.
2. **Opening Prayer** Fr Joyce offered the opening prayer.
3. **Appointment of the Vestry Clerk**  
Moved by June Armstrong, seconded by James Thomas, that Susan Brose be appointed Vestry Clerk. **Carried.**
4. **Reading, correcting, confirming of the minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting – February 24, 2019, as circulated**  
Moved by Jennifer Stacey, seconded by Aubrey Elliott, that the minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of February 24, 2019 meeting be accepted as circulated. **Carried.**
5. **Reading, correcting, confirming of the minutes of the Special Vestry Meeting – May 13, 2019, as circulated**  
Moved by Lois Elliott, seconded by Barb Gunter, that the minutes of the Special Vestry Meeting of May 13, 2019 meeting be accepted as circulated. **Carried**
6. **Comments by the Incumbent**  
Fr Joyce indicated that his sermon today was his comments for today's meeting.
7. **Presenting summation of 2019 finances**  
Treasurer Gary Bradley presented the summation of the finances for 2019.  
A discussion took place on the finances and the tower fund.  
Moved by Steve Gunter seconded by Lois Harwood, that the Treasurer's Report of the 2019 finances be approved. **Carried**
8. **Adopting the 2020 budget**  
The budget had been duly presented, reviewed, and discussed at the recent Advisory Board Meeting. A discussion took place about the 2020 budget, noting the new addition for Missionary Support.  
Moved by Mary Turner, seconded by Steve Gunter, that the budget for 2020 as presented by the treasurer be accepted. **Carried.**
9. **Appointments and Elections**
  - a. **Churchwardens** – Vestry and the Incumbent rotate each year for the appointment of Deputy Churchwarden. This year it is Vestry's turn to appoint. Therefore, Donna Doucette is nominated as Deputy Churchwarden. Three times

the chair asked for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Donna Doucette was elected by acclamation.

- b. Lay members of Synod** – Lorne Turner was willing to continue as Lay Delegate to Synod and so was nominated for that position. Three times the chair asked for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Lorne Turner was elected by acclamation. Donna Doucette was nominated as Alternate Lay Delegate to Synod. Three times the chair asked for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Donna Doucette was elected by acclamation.
- c. Advisory board members** – Three people are stepping down, Otto Heilingbrunner, Susan Snelgrove and Nancy Sutton. Lois Elliott, Penny-Jane Cooper, and Joanne McMaster will come on as new Members-at-Large. Three times the chair asked for further nominations. There being no further nominations, the above three were elected by acclamation. Steven Gunter as Member-at-Large was appointed by Fr Joyce.
- d. Auditor** – Moved by Lois Harwood, seconded by Barb Gunter, that Jamie Wood, C.M.A., be appointed as Auditor for 2020. A discussion took place. **Carried.**
- e. Envelope Secretary** – Stephen Cooper will continue as envelope secretary.

#### **10. Receiving of reports of all parochial organizations**

Val Whalley spoke about the Giving Envelopes. June Armstrong spoke about the Parish Care Team. It was noted that use of the dishwasher has been simplified, and that all used dishes are to be washed in the dishwasher and no longer are they to be washed by hand in the sinks.

Moved by Jennifer Stacey, seconded by Elinor Joyce, that the parochial reports be received as circulated. **Carried.**

#### **11. Business arising**

- a. Repayment of loan for tower – floor cost – Discussed during the budget and expanded on the loan. The leadership had a conference call with diocesan Treasurer this month about the tower loan. Three dollars per week in the Envelope Givings would guarantee that we have the amount. Quarterly payments will be paid. The Diocese is incredibly supportive of the Parish.

#### **12. General business**

- a. Financial Signing authority update 2020  
Signing authority for 2020 are Churchwardens Mary Turner, Lois Harwood, Treasurer Gary Bradley, and Deputy Churchwarden Donna Doucette.

Moved by Val Whalley, seconded by June Armstrong, to approve the signing authority for 2020. **Carried.**

#### **13. Diocesan Social Justice & Advocacy Motion:**

##### *Vestry Motion 2020 – Taking Action on Climate Change*

We, the Vestry of the **Parish of St Paul's, Brighton**, in the Diocese of Toronto, recognize that there is a global climate emergency. We acknowledge that all sectors of

society, including government, business, churches and other non-profit organizations, and private individuals, have an obligation to do what they can to minimize their contribution to climate change.

We call on [the government of Canada to commit to the following.] *the Government of Canada to take action with all due urgency regarding their commitments to the following:*

- End public financing of the fossil fuel industry
- Bring Canada’s climate and energy policy into alignment with the Paris Accord emissions targets to do our part to limit the rise in global average temperatures. below 1.5 degrees Celsius.
- Support a just transition to a low-carbon economy through investment in renewable energy sources and infrastructure, energy-efficient technologies, and skills development and retraining for high-quality, sustainable jobs in the renewable energy sector.
- Assist Indigenous, northern, and coastal communities, and other vulnerable populations, to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change on their local environments.

As Christians, we have a particular obligation to care for the earth as God’s beloved creation (Genesis 1 26-28, 2:15), as well as for the most vulnerable among the human family (Matthew 25). Accordingly, we also commit our parish to the following goal(s):

*We commit to our greater stewardship and sustainability as a parish over the coming year by maintaining the Creation Care Committee which will forward various initiatives over the year*

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Some examples of possible parish goals:

- Reducing our parish energy use by \_\_\_ %
- Encouraging use of active and public transportation by parishioners, and Carpooling where these options are not practicable.
- Eliminating (or reducing by \_\_\_%) our use of single-use plastic products
- Divesting from investments in oil, gas, and coal and/or investing in renewable Energy projects
- Planting [x number of trees] this year [on church or private property, or participating in community tree-planting projects]
- Other: *We commit to our greater stewardship and sustainability as a parish over the coming year by maintaining the Creation Care Committee which will forward various initiatives over the year.*

Discussion took place about the motion and the time frame. Strengthen the wording of the motion. Motion to say, “The Government of Canada to take action with all due urgency regarding their commitments to the following.” The second part of the motion under other “We commit to our greater stewardship and sustain ability as a Parish over the coming year by maintaining in Creation Care Committee that will forward various initiatives over the year.”

Last year the Social Justice motion was to green our church buildings, so a committee was created called the Creation Care Committee with Barb Gunter, Elizabeth Stacey, Val Whalley, Jeff Wheeldon, and Mary Lou Workman. They did a green survey of our buildings resulting in a score of 79 out of a 100.

Moved by Nadia Stogryn Morier, seconded by Penny-Jane Cooper that the motion, as adjusted with the text in italics, be approved. **Carried.**

#### **14. Greetings from Vestry**

The letters from the Bishop and Archbishop are available.

Fr Keith would like to thank the following: Stephen Cooper, Gary Bradley as Treasurer and Saxton, Mary Lou Workman as Social Convener and for Barb Gunter for taking over. Steve Gunter for three years of Leadership, to Otto Heilingbrunner, Susan Snelgrove and Nancy Sutton for two years on the Advisory Board. Fr Keith referred to page ten in the reports and asked for a moment of silence for those listed who had died. Also, thanks to Ted Stacey for his work. Val Whalley spoke on the Natural Church Development survey to assess the character and health of the church.

**15. Adjournment** Moved by Gary Bradley, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.

**16. Closing prayer** Fr Joyce

## **REPORTS**

### **Incumbent**

In the unique year of 2020 my deep appreciation goes to our Churchwardens, Mary Turner and Lois Harwood, and Deputy Churchwarden, Donna Doucette. As we worked together as a leadership team, it was encouraging to know that their faith in Christ was uppermost in their lives, and which then undergirded their work as Churchwardens. It was a challenging year due to the Covid-19 pandemic and so all the more, “thank you very much”, for their time, care, and willingness to rise to the ever-changing requirements in their roles of service.

My heartfelt thanks go to Nadia Stogryn Morier, our Music Director, as she adapted willingly and well to our Covid-affected year. The highlight was her great work in planning and coordinating our virtual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas which effectively became our ‘Christmas Worship’. Essential to that service was the work of James Thomas as our videographer, and the help of Daryl Stogryn in work with the sound side of making the videos. Naturally it couldn’t have been done without all those who read lessons,

sang, and accompanied the singing. To avoid double (or even triple billing) here they are in order of appearance: Elliot Stacey, Daryl Stogryn, Bob Hoekstra, Stogryn family (yes, there was a lot of 'Stogryns' in the service but the family provided a readily present unit/bubble to represent the congregational carols in the service), David King, Ernie Alkenbrack, Elinor Joyce, Jennifer Stacey, Dominique Morier, and Diane Fortier. While I officiated and helped musically, I do want to say thank you very much to all for very fine efforts.

Adapting to Covid times was also ably and willingly done by Gary Bradley, as Sexton and Treasurer; Stephen Cooper, Envelope Secretary; Susan Brose, Office Administrator. Thank you very much to each one. Due to so little happening in the usual sense, Susan only worked one morning a week instead of three most of the year. Thank you very much to each as adjustments had to be made in handling our finances and enabling our being able to receive *Interac* e-Transfers, to name a few. As Barb Gunter stepped down as Historian in 2020, thanks to her for her service in that role. I also want to say "many thanks" to Jennifer Stacey for her leadership with our Youth Group as she stepped down from that involvement this year. Thanks, too, to Elaine Andrew for her time on the Altar Guild and a warm welcome to Leslie Amesse who joined the Guild in 2020.

In facing the challenges of 2020, I do want to express, on the behalf of all of us, a sincere "thank you" to the Diocese, the Bishops and Diocesan Council for the significant financial support in the early months of the impact of the pandemic, and for assistance in our getting set up to record our videos.

Very little happened in the 'normal' sense before virtually everything was shut down early in the year due to Covid-19 protocol restrictions, including our in-person worship. I'll let the various reports speak for this new reality, all of which was a big adjustment. What to do now for Sunday 'worship'? My main operating principle was that whatever was done be available to the largest number of the congregation. Streaming and even recording a service for later uploading online would not enable that. Streaming also was not attractive because of its inconsistencies, the costs of special equipment and the need for trained personnel to operate it.

As a result, I simply recorded a sermon and uploaded it to Vimeo. I then, on Sunday, emailed to the congregation the link to the upload. Later in the week I delivered a printout of the email and sermon to those who did not have email. Those living in Applefest Lodge and Maplewood Care Home received a printout of the same hard copy material through the kind help of the directors of both establishments. This all provided virtually 100% coverage of the congregation. Many thanks to James Thomas who was a huge help in recording and editing the videos, and to Barb Gunter who occasionally took a turn as the delivery person.

Preparing and keeping the church building in shape for worship was a significant work. A hearty thank you goes to our Churchwardens and Deputy, and Val Whalley, Reopening Protocol Volunteer, and Lorne Turner, for all their efforts in working out how to follow the safety protocols, including how to arrange the seating for the services. Many thanks for the teams of sanitizers, sidespeople and counters, and to the coordinators Donna Doucette (sanitizers), the Gerrys (sidespeople) and Linda Alkenbrack (counters) for keeping things in order.

Reflecting for a moment beyond 2020 to my time here since 2014, as this is my last Vestry report, it's been a privilege to celebrate the sacraments and minister the word of God with you. It has been a gift and an honour to grapple with important matters such as:

- ✠ the centrality of our relationship with God in Christ and that our true identity is found in Christ;
- ✠ the crucial importance of listening to God and getting to know God through the scriptures as the word of God;
- ✠ that church is not a matter of 'going to church' but it is *being the church* 24/7 in the world;
- ✠ that mission and outreach, for souls, in social concern and with care for the planet, are to be at the forefront of intent and purpose;
- ✠ the vital importance of being filled and empowered by God the Holy Spirit and, amongst everything He does, remembering the Holy Spirit enables us to receive the gift of God's grace in the sacrament;
- ✠ that when we worship, we come *to give to God* rather than it being focused on *getting*.

Through it all, and including my many mistakes, it's been a learning and growing time for me, but more importantly it's been encouraging to see growth in faith and the increase in the Holy Spirit's work in hearts and souls take place in the parish. Thank you.

My prayer is that we all continue to grow in faith, remembering, from Ephesians 4:4-6: “<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Then may “...we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” [Ephesians 4:13]

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith R Joyce (The Rev'd)

### **Churchwardens**

The year 2020 has certainly been one of change and challenge. We added new words and phrases to our everyday vocabulary. Things like Coronavirus. Covid19. Social distancing. Lock-down. Flatten the curve. Certain products have taken on great value and importance. Everyday items like toilet paper, hand sanitizer and yeast have been scarce at times.

As a church we have had to find new ways to worship together while apart. We have tried Zoom, recorded sermons, and finally whole services. We are in the midst of our second lock-down as we write this, hoping to be able to re-open our building again soon.

We have done our best to carry on in this challenging time, doing all that the Diocese and our church family require of churchwardens. The Diocese has been very supportive as we find new ways to do things. And you, the church of St. Paul's has been patient.

Our two biggest projects this year were the installation of a sump pump in the basement, and a much-needed tune-up for the organ. We hired a gardener this year who did a great job with both spring and fall clean-up, as well as a general tidying of the landscaping. Other small jobs were carried out on the church building and the rectory as needed.

As we go forward into this year 2021, may we be open and aware of God’s plan for His Church. Let us remember to be patient and kind with one another, and to pray for each other.

**John 14:27** “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

**Isaiah 41:13** “For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.”

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mary Turner and Lois Harwood, Churchwardens  
 Donna Doucette, Deputy Churchwarden

**Holy Baptism – 0**  
**Confirmation – 0**  
**Interments – 2**

**Holy Matrimony – 0**  
**Faithful Departed – 3**

**Envelope Secretary**

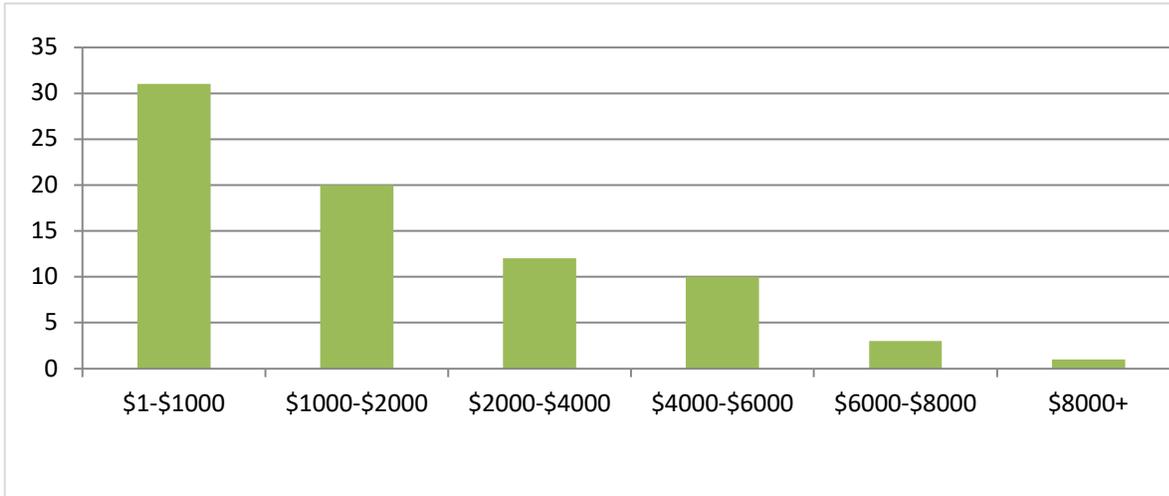
In 2020 -60 sets of envelopes were ordered for use, and 3 additional blank sets (purchased in earlier years) were needed to fulfill the requirements for the year. 48 families used envelopes exclusively, 28 used a combination of envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) and electronic bank transfers, & 1 family donated strictly using cheques and electronic transfers. Total number of regular giving families was 77. (There were 75 regular giving families in 2019)

Breakdown of Givings:

	2020	2019	2018	2017		2020	2019	2018	2017
To \$250.	10	5	7	12	\$3001 - \$4000.	3	4	5	3
\$251. - \$500.	5	12	12	10	\$4001. - \$5000.	7	4	4	5
\$501. - \$750.	11	8	5	8	\$5001. - \$6000.	3	0	0	1
\$751. - \$1000.	5	4	2	7	\$6001. - \$7000.	2	2	3	3
\$1001. - \$1500.	14	11	13	10	\$7001. - \$8000.	1	2	2	1
\$1501. - \$2000.	6	12	9	13	\$8001. -	1	1	0	0
\$2001. - \$3000.	9	10	12	8	Totals =	77	75	74	81

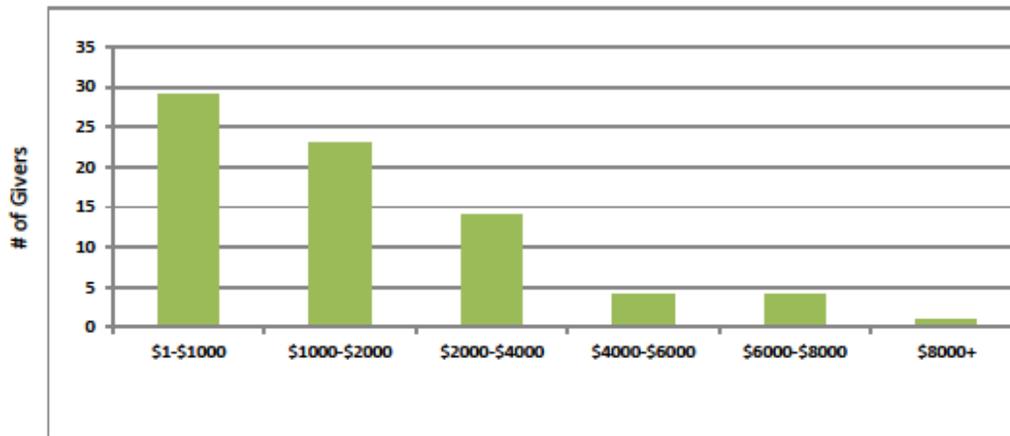
**2020 Givings** Total Givers = 77

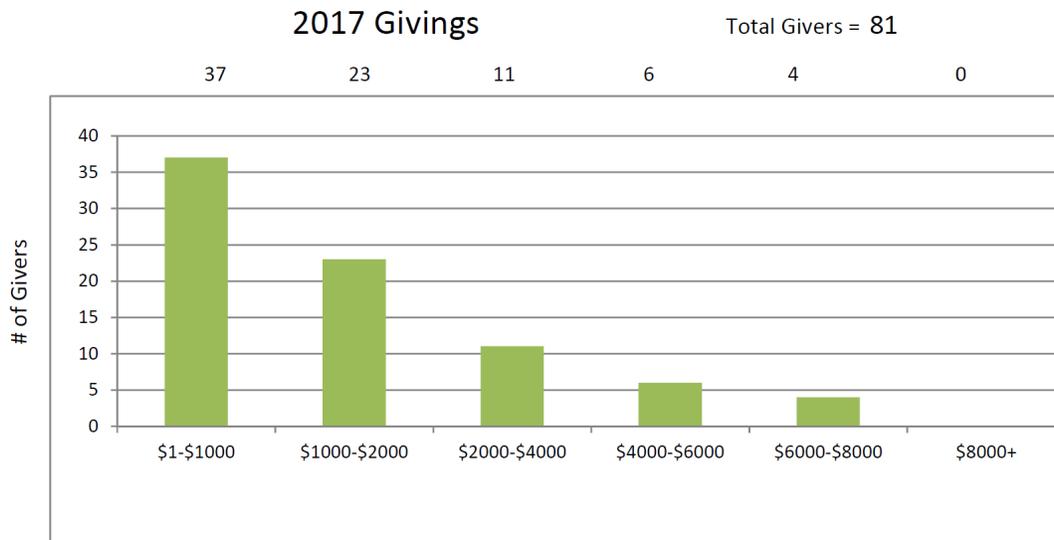
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**2019 Givings** Total Givers = 75

29      23      14      4      4      1





Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Cooper, Envelope Secretary

**Property Management Team**  
No Report.

Property Management Team

## **Altar Guild**

This has been the strangest year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Altar Guild members for their hard work, dedication, and support in making sure that everything is set up and ready for the Sunday and Thursday services, as well as the extra preparation, work and time put into the decoration of the church for all the special occasions and services. The church looked beautiful for Thanksgiving and Christmas as usual.

The members of the Altar Guild are as follows: Barb Gunter, Susan Snelgrove, Irene and Doug Bellamy, Ingrid Gerry, Donna Doucette, Leslie Amesse and myself. Leslie has agreed to join us and started in November as my new partner. I thank Elaine Andrews very much for her help and support during the year and wish her well during these troubling times.

We have four teams and would greatly welcome new members at any time. If you would be interested in getting more involved in church activities, this might be a good place to start. Anyone who would like to join us, please contact Anne Palmer after the 10:30 am service or at 613-475-2083.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Palmer, Altar Guild Coordinator

## **Music Director**

2020 was an unexpected year for Music Ministry at St. Paul's, as we all worked to navigate life during a pandemic. At the beginning of the year, the Music Ministry Team, in concert with Keith, continued to work for a healthy balance between hymnbook-based music and music from other sources. The choir confidently contributed a few anthems early in the year before it was necessary to cease rehearsals for the health and safety of all. We continued to enjoy the talents of Daryl Stogryn as a pianist for regular services and extend a special thanks as well to Bob Hoekstra for lending his talents on the organ. For a brief time between September and Christmastime, services resumed with reduced musical contributions, in accordance with safety measures which had to be in place. We were able to construct a virtual Lessons and Carols service with excellent Audio-Visual assistance from James Thomas. We are looking forward with hope to the possibility of more musical offerings as things change in 2021!

Contributors to our 2020 Music Ministry include: The Choir – Director: Nadia Stogryn Morier. Sopranos: Cathie Moulton, Melanie Gunter, Gwen Phalen, Elinor Joyce, Elizabeth Stacey. Altos: Mary Turner, Anne Palmer, Hope Stogryn, Carol Lord, Joanne McMaster, Andrea Wheeldon. Tenors: Jennifer Stacey, Dominique Morier, Penny Kingyens. Basses: Daryl Stogryn, Ernie Alkenbrack, David King, Bob Hoekstra. Music Ministry Team: Ingrid Gerry, Daryl Stogryn, Jennifer Stacey, Nadia Stogryn Morier. Accompanists: Daryl Stogryn, Nadia Stogryn Morier, and Bob Hoekstra. Brass/Winds: Keith Joyce (trumpet), Dominique Morier (tenor sax/clarinet/flute), Nadia Stogryn Morier (trombone)

Respectfully submitted,  
Nadia Stogryn Morier, Music Director

**Library**

No report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Midge Trauzzi

**Creation Care Committee**

The Creation Care Committee did not meet, either in person or virtually, in 2020. We had planned to meet in spring to set an agenda for the year, but our end of year discussion in 2019 had included talk of moving from improvements/adjustments to church facilities on to more education and advocacy, which would have been primarily about in-person gatherings. I put off calling the meeting until there was more clarity on the state of the pandemic, and eventually sought the guidance of Fr Keith, who agreed that there was not much point in the committee meeting. As such, I did not call any meetings of the committee in 2020. I expect that by Fall 2021 we will be vaccinated, and in-person gatherings will be occurring regularly again; I intend to reach out to the committee in January 2021 to discuss possibilities for the year by email.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Wheeldon, Chair

**Sunday School and Nursery**

In January and February, we had five volunteers who took turns providing Sunday School and/or nursery care on an “as needed” basis. We were using the “Living the Good News” curriculum for our K to Grade 5 children and were pleased with it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elinor Joyce

**Youth Group**

As we all know, 2020 turned out to be a difficult year for everyone, and the Youth Group was no exception.

While the group was able to meet from mid-January and through February, due to the pandemic restrictions, which started at March Break in 2020, the Youth Group decided not to meet again until restrictions were lifted.

Unfortunately, the restrictions did not lift enough to ease the minds of the leaders, and so we did not meet again during 2020.

Thank you to Lorne Turner, who assisted with youth group throughout the past few years, and to each of the youth group members who always brought their enthusiasm and

energy to each of our meetings; Abigail Gunter, Katelyn Gunter, Chivonne Turcotte, and Elizabeth Stacey.

As of June 2020, I decided to step down as Leader of the Youth Group. Hopefully, when the pandemic is over and we can meet and worship in person normally again, someone will be motivated to step forward and take on the fun job of leading this group of incredible young people.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Stacey

### **Parish Care Team**

With such an unusual year we tended to care for each other remotely. Many phone calls, note writing and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
June Armstrong, Parish Care Team co-ordinator

### **Outreach**

2020 has been a slow year for Outreach at St. Paul's.

Due to Covid we were unable to hold our annual Christmas Bazaar and lunch. We continue to support our foster child in Ghana, Safiyanu Osman. In addition to a set monthly amount, we also send small monetary gifts at Easter, Christmas, and for his birthday. Locally we support Community Care, The Beacon, School Breakfast Clubs, Sunny Days, The New Life Girl's Home, The Pregnancy and Family Centre, The Bridge Hospice, and the Brighton Fare Share Food Bank.

Nationally we support Youth for Christ Global Engagement, Council of The North (specifically the Diocese of The Arctic), and Pikangikum Water Project. Our international support goes to Sleeping Children Around the World, Madagascar Orphanage, and Samaritan's Purse Water Project.

In total this year St. Paul's has donated \$9042 through Outreach. We thank our parish family for their ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Turner, Chair

### **Social Convenor**

2020 February 14<sup>th</sup>, we had our first Valentine Supper. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. We had a Quiet Day February 22 with a guest speaker and a light lunch was served. And on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February we had our annual Pancake Supper. We were to have a food handling course on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, but in the second week of March Covid-19 canceled that, and everything else up to now.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Gunter, Co-ordinator

**Church History**

No Report. As of this year I have stepped down as Historian.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Gunter

**Synod**

Due to Covid no Synod in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorne Turner, Lay Delegate to Synod

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