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Church of St John the Evangelist

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Trinity 2017

Message from Interim Priest-in-Charge

Dear Friends & Parishioners;

The all too brief Canadian summer is such a wonderful time of the year for many to travel, visit friends and relatives, and relax. I wish to take this opportunity to wish you many blessings during the summer months.

Although some activities take a break, or at least slow down, St. John's continues to be a busy place during July and August. Of course, there is the Elora Festival, one of the high points in the parish calendar. I'm certain many of you will be taking part in this wonderful community event. There are also the pastoral and administration ministries which are

"unceasing". Our thanks and prayers to all those people whose care and love keep this parish working like a well oiled machine, (mostly unseen), throughout the year.

As you will know by now, my time at St. John's will be coming to end on June 30. I am grateful for the time that I have had here. It has been a blessing to take part in the worship and work of this place. I have been deeply humbled by the devotion and faithfulness of so many wonderful people. I will continue to remember you in my prayers as you transition to a new chapter in the parish's life.

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Sykes will be continuing the interim ministry at the beginning of July. Please uphold her in your prayers as she assumes pastoral responsibility for the coming months.

Wishing you all Blessings in our Lord,

Fr. Gordon Walls.
(Interim Pastor)

Church Office Summer Hours

Office hours for the summer months (July and August) are Tuesday - Thursday, 9 to 11 am.

Regular office hours resume Tuesday, September 5.

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday will be observed this year at 11 o'clock with a special service of scripture readings and music. The readings will proclaim the love and mercy of God, the Holy Trinity, and the music will reflect the Glory of the "Creator and Preserver of all things."

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord."



Columbarium Update

You are invited to visit which is looking so fresh flowers and paint! and Gordon Bristowe, Lorna Kearns for their ful efforts. If you visit at tice that the area is ed by spotlights! This is



the Columbarium site beautiful with all the Thank you to Dinah Walter Langford and ambitious and success- nighttime you will no- wonderfully illuminat- truely "holy ground".

Parish Council Meeting May 24

The Parish Council opened with a prayer led by Father Gordon Walls.

The Mandate of the Parish Council was described, a financial report was presented by Lorna Kearns and, a written report was provided by Walter Langford on behalf of the Building Committee.

The Search Committee reported as to the committee's status to date and it was mentioned that the Diocese personnel have been helpful and supportive.

Other items discussed were:

The name of the interim priest will be announced at the May 28th services;

There is a need for a Coffee Hour coordinator for the 11 o'clock service. A job description should be developed to encourage volunteers;

A special coffee hour will be held after the 11 o'clock service on June 25th to acknowledge the end of Father Walls term with the parish and the hard work of all of

the church volunteers.

Other business included:

Sunday School volunteers needed;

there is a new volunteer for Portage acolytes;

the need for a computer in the church office and back up people for Linda Coultres and Sue Adams;

the need for a better calendar in the church office for booking space and posting meetings.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Full minutes of the Parish Council Meeting will be posted on the bulletin board in the West foyer and the bulletin board in Thompson Hall.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Parish Council by Susan Edwards

Patronal Festival and Luncheon

Every year on the first Sunday in May we celebrate our patron St John the Evangelist.

So many people worked so hard to make our Patronal Festival Sunday such a wonderful day. Our choirs and their directors, and the team who put together such a lovely luncheon, those who helped set up, serve and clean up are just some of those who deserve our warmest gratitude.

Thank you to everybody who helped make it a success.

St. John's in History

Normally this chapter would be a continuation of the last which dealt with the events leading up to the building of the current St. John's Church. But a parishioner, who shall remain anonymous, directed my attention to a 4-drawer filing cabinet that holds a treasure trove of archival documents pertaining to many aspects of the life of St. John's. Not sure if I should thank or throttle Walter (oops that slipped out), for leading me to these documents. It will be a huge job to sort and catalogue it all but I'm anxious to begin.

I retrieved the contents of the front 4" of the top drawer. It consisted of 5 of the minute books of the '44 Club dating from October 11th, 1944 to December 3rd, 1975. I knew there were other minute books somewhere because I also came across the Members Roll book 1956 to 1977. And then I discovered an album with minutes up to 1985.

The original name of this group was Club '44 but the minutes indicate a change at the May 3rd, 1950 meeting, to the '44 Club. Clare Johnston who was a member of the '44 Club tells me that the group stopped meeting sometime in the mid 1990's.

The first entry reads as follows: On Wednesday evening Oct. 11th, a number of the young women of St. John's Church, met in the Parish hall and organized a club. The following officers were elected.

President – Mrs. J. Watt

Vice-President – Mrs. W. Arthur

Sect.-Treasurer – Mrs. W. Mock

You will notice that these women were not identified by their first names but by the initial of their husband. This was the custom of the day, to identify a married woman by her husband's name or initial.

At their second meeting it was determined that the objective of the club would be to work for the Sunday School and a fee of 10¢¹ would be collected from each member per meeting.

Remember, this was a time when war was raging all over Europe and the Far East. A number of husbands were possibly absent and sorely missed at home. An opportunity to attend organizations such as Club '44 was probably a way for young women to feel that they were contributing both to their church, their community and their family life.

The constitution for the Club was drawn up by Reverend Loat in 1946. Reverend Loat also authored the '44 Club Prayer which was recited at the beginning of every meeting.

“Almighty and most loving Father, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy blessing upon this our club. We pray Thee to give faith and wisdom to all who plan its work so that nothing may be undertaken except with firm confidence in Thy help with a whole hearted desire for Thy honour and glory. And to all its members, grant an unfailing spirit of love and fellowship, that with unity of mind and purpose we may serve Thee in the advancement of this parish and of Thy kingdom here on earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

More about the '44 Club to follow – much more.

1. That would be \$1.43 in 2017.

Submitted by Susan Edwards



Summer Report - Building and Property Committee

This year's committee, consisting of Goran Bengtsson, Gordon Bristowe, Graham Dunsmore, Walter Langford (Chair), Guy Mommaerts, Gord Martin, Jake Neely, Edward Thomas and Dave Watkins, met on April 20, 2017. As an advisory body, the committee makes recommendations concerning building maintenance to the Corporation, which determines which projects we will undertake.

1) Stained Glass Window Repair and Restoration: After receiving Hanscomb's report on the cost of finishing all work on this project begun in 2009, approval was given to complete the work on the bell tower (north ventilator, 2 quatrefoils, treatment of inside of louvres) and restore the (last!) pair of nave stained glass windows in the corner by the organ pipes at a cost of \$7,450 plus HST. While this work is scheduled for June, the current wet and cold weather may cause a delay. Thanks to Goran Bengtsson for working closely with Hanscomb Glass to obtain estimates and set out schedules.

It is hoped that the remaining work (2 narthex/porch quatrefoils, 2 chancel side windows, vestry window and west narthex windows) can be done over the next 2 years at a cost of approximately \$12,650.

2) Window Wells into Church Kitchen: The current configuration has led to moisture seepage into the wooden window frames, causing rot and allowing the possible entry of termites. Repair requires the removal of a concrete slab, removal of damaged sills, pouring of concrete sills and window wells and scraping and painting the windows. The final wells will be covered with a translucent material similar to the window wells along the south wall. As this work (already un-

der way) is being done "in house" with help from Dave Watkins and Ian Hornsby, the cost will be minimal.

3) Columbarium: Columbarium Chair Pat Ellis asked for some upgrades to the area to improve the aesthetics. Thanks to Gordon and Dinah Bristowe and Lorna Kearns, the wooden lattice fence at the east end has been scraped and painted. Dave Watkins arranged for 3 flood lights (each 8 watt LED) on a timer to be installed to illuminate the area during the early evening. Again, due to volunteer efforts, the cost is minimal.

4) Parish Centre Gas-fired Hot Water Furnace in the Original Section: This heating system was one of the only items not upgraded in the PC renovation/addition project. But at 19 ½ years of age, further repair was not recommended, and the amount of \$10,000 was budgeted this year for a replacement. Two of the 3 quotes obtained were quite similar and well under the budgeted amount. Savard Mechanical, our current maintenance provider, was chosen and while final details are being discussed, the cost will be about \$8,285 plus HST. Additionally, we should also qualify for a rebate of \$1,000 from Union Gas.

5) Church and Parish Centre Gardens: The garden work party on Saturday, April 29, was well attended. Much raking, weeding, edging and cleaning was

completed. Many thanks to Nancy, Dave, Goran, Judy, Kathy, Gordon, Dinah, Dawn, Mardy and Craig and his daughters for their efforts! It appears that all gardens have been "adopted". Special thanks to Dawn McClure for arranging for a delivery of triple mix to add to the soil, and working over the following weeks to apply it.

6) Looking Ahead: It is obvious that the concrete driveway between parish centre and Church is deteriorating quickly. Replacement with concrete, as at present, or with a concrete grid (allowing water to be absorbed and grass to grow through) is being researched by Jake Neely. Work on the bell tower has highlighted that more masonry work around the Church will be needed in the near future. The remaining portion of the old brick chimney along the north wall of the Church is also showing signs of deterioration and may be dealt with as part of a future accessibility project.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Langford

Wardens' Report

One year of transition is almost over and it has been filled with innumerable blessings. (We won't count the challenges, they come along as part of change and moving forward.) We have been blessed with the Rev. Gordon Walls' ministry, his warmth and quiet sense of humor, his willingness to accept our sometimes quirky ways of doing things at St. John's, and his pastoral sermons. Thank you, Gordon, and may God richly bless you in your next commitments at St. George's, Guelph.

*Please join us for a
Special Coffee Hour
at 12.15 pm on Sunday, June 25
in honor of and with thanksgiving
for
The Rev. Gordon Walls*

As we are writing this, we have just come from a meeting with the **Rev. Dr. Barbara Sykes** who will pick up the reins from July 1 to at least September 15. We are very much looking forward to having her in our midst. Please welcome her warmly. Barbara plans to be in the office on Thursdays and is available on Fridays by appointment. She lives in Guelph and can be reached at 519-837-3640.

The Search Committee continues to work steadfastly on your behalf as we meet candidates at their home church and here at St. John's for interviews. Please keep us all in your prayers, the candidates, Bishop Michael and us members of the Search Committee.

We are most grateful to **Donna Keating** who has coordinated the coffee hour after the 11 am service this past year. Our parish survey has shown, and we all know, how important this opportunity is for connecting with one another and for welcoming guests and newcomers. Thank you, Donna, for your faithful and caring service. We were sorry to learn that Donna is not able to continue this service due to other commitments. So, we are searching for another faithful volunteer!

In a nutshell, this is what the job entails:

- 1) Recruiting and scheduling parishioners for making and serving refreshments following the 11 am service from September to June;
- 2) Circulating a list of assignments (electronically and/or by mail) with dates, names and telephone numbers by mid-August, building on previous schedules and also incorporating new hosts;
- 3) Amending the initial list as needed;
- 4) Ensuring that hosts are phoned and reminded of their assignment in the week prior to their Sunday;
- 5) If necessary, finding replacement hosts.

As you read this, **will you please consider picking up the role of the Coffee Hour Coordinator?** Donna has promised to help orient her successor, and the office volunteers are always willing to help with phoning and reminding! Please get in touch with one of the wardens (see below).

Finally, the Corporation developed and adopted the following policy (please see page 6).

Charlotte Logan, Warden (846-2763)

Doris M'Timkulu, Warden (669-1485)

Lorna Kearns, Deputy Warden

Marcus Kramer, Deputy Warden

Wardens' Report Cont'd

Policy and Procedures for the Adoption of Outreach Projects or Programs

Policy

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Elora may from time to time support special out reach projects (time-limited) or ongoing programs in accordance with its mission and social ministry. Such outreach is in response to God's love; it encourages parishioners' actions in specific ways to local, national or international needs. These projects or programs (henceforth referred to as 'projects') will fall within the general charitable mandate of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.



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Procedures

- A) Proposals for projects may be initiated by parishioners, be recommended by established groups (committees, Parish Council, working groups etc.) or brought to our attention by outside groups.
- B) Any such project shall be approved by the Corporation and duly recorded in its minutes. St. John's will not process donations and issue income tax receipts for private arrangements between two or more parties.
- C) Projects which commit St. John's to a set amount of funds or to human resources over a length of time may need the approval of the parish at a Special Vestry Meeting after consideration by Parish Council. Vestry approval is required for financial commitments of \$5,000 annually and up for a single project.
- D) Appeals for donations shall be presented to parishioners for such designated projects; receipts for income tax purposes will be issued for all such donations.
- E) An internal trust fund will be set up for each project and will be reported in annual financial statements, presented to the Annual Vestry Meeting.
- F) Such designated funds will be applied to the stated purpose under the supervision of the Corporation. Detailed oversight and use of funds may be delegated to a committee.
- G) St. John's will follow Canada Revenue Agency regulations and guidelines in all instances.

Harvest Tea

Wednesday, September 20, at the Butterfly Garden

*to raise funds for PWRDF supported famine relief
in East Africa*

*If you can contribute baked goodies,
contact Nancy Scott at 846-0517*

*If you can serve refreshments,
contact Helen Kusserow at 843-1846*



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Regular Sunday Services at St. John's are:

8 a.m. BCP Holy Eucharist (said)

9 a.m. BAS Contemporary Eucharist

11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist (1st and 3rd Sundays)

BCP Choral Mattins (2nd and 4th Sundays)

Regular mid-week Eucharist on Wednesday at 10:30 am

8:45 - 9:15 am Daily Mattins (Monday-Friday)

Service of Healing and Reconciliation - 4 p.m., 3rd Sunday each month

Trinity at St. John's



The Rev'd Gordon Walls
Interim Priest-in-Charge

The Rev'd Canon Robert Hulse
Rector Emeritus

Father David Mulholland
Assistant Priest

Noel Edison
Organist and Choirmaster

Emily Petrenko
Youth Choir Director

Jurgen Petrenko
Titular Organist
Volunteer Choir Director

June	11	Sunday	11:00	Lessons and Anthems for Trinity Sunday
July	16	Sunday	11:00 am	Florence Nightingale Memorial Sunday Preacher The Rev'd Dr. Peter Holmes Yorkminster Baptist Church, Toronto
July	23	Sunday	11:00 am	Preacher Dr. Jesse Billet Faculty of Divinity, Trinity College University of Toronto
July	30	Sunday	11:00 am	Special Service to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Canada Preacher The Rt Rev'd D. Ralph Spence
Sep	17	Sunday	11 am	Parish Choir returns