

The Servant

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Interim Priest's Message

I am pleased to be given the opportunity to send this brief greeting to you and, in particular, to be writing on a Thanksgiving theme.

Even though the Thanksgiving holiday is a far bigger celebration in the United States, we, in Canada, can claim that the first such celebrations were on Canadian soil. The first of them were recorded in 1578 when Martin Frobisher, with a fleet of fifteen ships searching for the Northwest Passage, landed on the shore of Frobisher Bay. There the fleet's clergy, conducted a service of Thanksgiving.

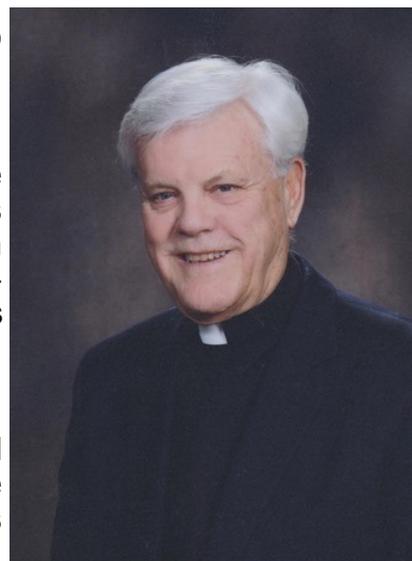
Twenty five years later, Champlain also held a service of thanks and held a huge feast of thanksgiving. He formed, in conjunction with these celebrations, the Order of Good Cheer. It is obvious with these events in our past, that we have a long history of being a 'thankful' people.

I have been asked how I am enjoying St Paul's. The short answer is very much with thanks to all who have been so welcoming.

As I wrote this, and checked with Wikipedia I had another occasion for thanks. There is a photo in a Thanksgiving (Canada) site showing Canadian troops attending a Thanksgiving service in Cambria (France) on Oct 1918. It was in that month of that year in that area that my father was wounded. He likely was not a part of that group at the service but certainly would have known some of the troops there. Obviously, that was long before I was born but it provided another link to a father who died in September 1940 before I was a year old. I am always truly thankful for any links I have to him.

Each of us has many reasons and opportunities, both personal and corporate, to give thanks to God for the many gifts we have received. As we do so, my prayer is for all of us to take the Psalmist's directive, "Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, go into God's court with praise. Give thanks and praise to God."

Bob



Archdeacon Bob Hales

Submitted photo

Milestones and Memories at St. Paul's

Since the last edition (Easter 2015) of the Servant:

We mourned the loss and celebrated the lives of the following members (or associates) of St. Paul's church family:

Genesta Patricia Webster

Joan Barrance

Joan M. Drew

Madennie Myrna Anne Bouker

Edwin George Hudson

Patricia Margaret Warren

Frederick Easton

Parish Auction

The Parish Auction that was advertised in the last edition of The Servant was a huge success. Under the leadership of Rod and Bea Slack, who organized the event and coordinated the collection of items for the live and silent auctions and the Jewelry Table, a grand total of \$5,366.32 was raised. This money has been set aside to help fund the much-needed painting of the church.

In addition to the thirty-two volunteers who were involved in the set-up and running of the auction itself, the Youth Group of St Paul's operated a canteen during the auction. The Members of the Comforting Arts Group, who meet at St. Paul's each Wednesday, made delicious cookies that were sold at the canteen as well.

All of the ninety-seven items for the live auction and for the five tables of silent auction were generously donated by members of the congregation. Thanks to them and to those that attended and bid on the treasures.

With thanks to Rod and Bea Slack



Warden's Message

"There is nothing in life as permanent as change". I don't know who said this, but it reflects what is happening at our Church.

In July, Reverend Barbara retired after being our priest for almost seven years. With her leaving, St. Paul's is also missing Malcolm, who was a member of the choir, secretary for Parish Council and the Church contact for National Church Development (NCD). We still have not replaced Malcolm in the Choir, we are still looking for a secretary, and Father Ted is now looking after NCD. Replacing Rev. Barbara is a little more complicated.

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Archdeacon Bob Hales who will serve as our Interim Priest until we can find a new priest. This task started right after Barbara left. The Parish Advisory Committee (PAC) was formed which consists of the Wardens and the Lay Delegates to Synod plus the deputy wardens and Chair of the Parish Council.

Since meeting with the Bishop and Archdeacon Nancy MacLeod, we have been working on a Church survey and a Church Profile. The results of the survey will be compiled by the end of September, reviewed by PAC, and then a Parish Profile will be completed and forwarded to the Bishop.

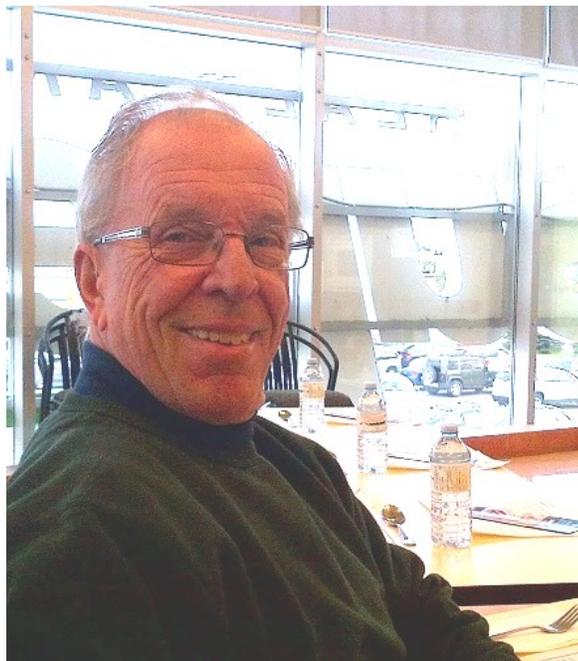
On Sunday October 18th we will dedicate a new Memorial window. This will be a newly commissioned stained glass window in the style of our existing windows, mounted on a back-lit box, hung on the west wall behind the choir. It is a memorial to Ian McClure's parents who were long time members of St. Paul's congregation.

The next change is going to take our Church out of our comfort zone; St Paul's is working in partnership with the Anglican Parish of St. Lawrence and the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Francis to bring refugee families to Brockville. As far as I am aware, St. Paul's has never been involved in something like this. Both John and I would like to thank Julia Case for all the hard work she has put into this cause.

This Thanksgiving, we who have so much now have an opportunity to help some who have so little.

Rod Slack - People's Warden

John Francis – Rector's Warden



Rod Slack, People's Warden

Photo Credit: Linda Eckert

Agape Brockville: 3 Churches 3 Families

Agape is a Greek word for selfless or sacrificial love. Agape Brockville is the name that has been chosen to represent the spirit and intent of an exciting joint Christian initiative in Brockville.

St. Paul's, in partnership with St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, and St. Lawrence Anglican Church, have made a commitment to sponsor three refugee families who will be arriving in Brockville within the next few weeks. This partnership has been made possible through the Diocese of Ontario Refugee Support (DOORS) program which facilitates the resettlement of refugees who cannot return to their home countries because of war or persecution. Refugees who come to Canada through the DOORS program have undergone an extensive screening process through the UN in their current place of refuge. Although the plight of the Syrian Refugees has been at the forefront in the headlines in recent weeks, many more desperate people who have also lost their lives trying to escape across the Mediterranean Sea over the past several years come from other war-torn countries.

Eritrea, a country located in the Horn of Africa, was at war with neighboring Ethiopia for over thirty years before becoming independent. It has since then been a one-party state with, reportedly, the second worst human rights record in the world (North Korea takes the top spot). If these refugees were to return to their home country they would either be immediately imprisoned for leaving Eritrea illegally or be conscripted into an indefinite period of forced military service. According to the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) this year, there are approximately 120,000 Eritrean refugees and asylum seekers in Sudan, many of whom have lived in camps there for many years. More arrive every month.

Two of the families coming to Brockville are from Eritreans coming from Sudan.

The first family consists of a 55 year-old mother and her two daughters aged 26 and 21. Both of the young women have some English and Secondary education – they could not leave their mother on her own and it was determined that they should be resettled as a family unit.

The second family consists of a 45 year old mother and three teen-aged daughters: 19, 17 and 14 as well as the mother's 31 year old brother. The girls have had between five and ten years of formal education and the brother has work experience as a farmer and handyman. They have no English.

These families will be arriving before the end of the month. Currently two unfurnished apartments have been made available for them through the generosity of a St. Francis parishioner.

The third family is from Syria. The family consists of a 38 year old former manager of a small business who was forced to leave Syria with his young family due to violence and insecurity. His wife is 30 years old and they have two girls aged 10 and 7 and a 6 year old son. The father had polio as a child and has restricted mobility as a result. We are looking to rent an affordable ground floor or accessible apartment in case you may know of one that is available. The family speaks only Arabic.

As of the time of writing, we are waiting to learn when the Syrian family will be arriving.

The commitment to these families is legally for one year with the federal government assisting us with six months support. St. Paul's has set up a separate refugee fund ***continue on page 5***



Agape Brockville: 3 Churches 3 Families cont...

account and tax receipts will be issued for monetary donations. A generous parishioner will match donations to a total of \$5,000.00. Much more than financial support will be needed to welcome these families and help them settle into their new world.

Contact members of the Justice Committee: Julie Case, Linda Eckert, John Flegg, Virginia Glover, Bob Panter or Patricia Younger if you can help or have any questions.

In Christ – Justice Committee

Gift Cards for Christmas Giving

We see the notice regarding the FundScript™ Order schedule in the Bulletin each week but some folks who are new to the parish may not know what this program involves.

Basically, if you buy groceries, eat at local restaurants, purchase items from local retailers or give gift cards for some of the larger retail chains to children or grandchildren in other cities, this program can benefit both you and the church. A percentage of the face value of each gift card purchased through this program (this varies by retailer), is paid to St. Paul's. Last year, over \$1,000.00 was raised.

Order dates before Christmas this year are: October 4th and 25th, November 15th and December 6th.

Cards are received and distributed the following week. Order forms that list participating retailers are at the back of the church. Cheques in the amount of the total order are to be made payable to St. Paul's.

With thanks to John Francis



Farewell to Rev. Barbara

The Youth Group, the Anglican Church Women (ACW) and the Congregation held celebrations to express heartfelt thanks and to bid farewell to Barbara and Malcolm for a time. There was laughter, fond memories shared and tears shed during these events.



Photo Credit:
Kerey Bolton

Farewell to Rev. Barbara



Photo Credit::

Ann Delaney

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www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauls-Anglican-Church-Brockville

Keep up to date with coming events and breaking news by “Liking” US!

Did you ever happen to miss a service and wanted to find out what is going on and coming up at St. Paul’s ? Then check the Weekly Bulletin on-line.

Go to the St. Paul’s Web Page www.stpaulsbrockville.ca Select: Events – Weekly Bulletin to view the electronic version

Meet Cannon Bob

I was asked by the Editor to share a little information about myself and my family for this edition of the Servant, so here goes:

I attended the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, graduating in 1967. It was, incidentally the same year that Bishop Peter Mason graduated. Following graduation, we moved to the Diocese of Saskatchewan where I was ordained Deacon in 1967 and Priest in 1968.

For a time in 1970s, I left parish ministry and worked as a Social Worker with a specialty of working with clients with drug (mainly alcohol) related issues.

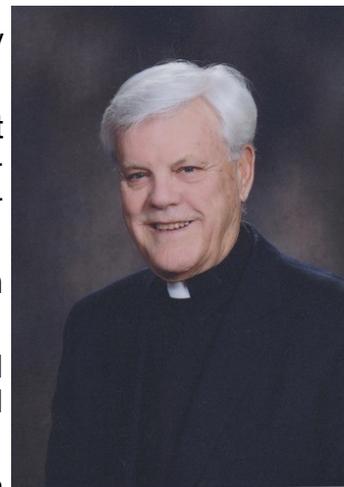
We came to the Diocese of Ontario in 1976 (Adolphustown etc), and moved to Kingston in 1979. There, I served as Rector of St. Thomas, Kingston and St. James, Kingston.

I was awarded two degrees through part-time study; a Doctor of Ministry in 1982 from the Theological College, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey and a Master Of Theology through Queens Theological College, Queens University, Kingston in 1990. I served as Regional Dean of Frontenac on at least two different occasions and as Archdeacon of Kingston for seven years. About 24 years ago, I was named a Canon of St. George`s Cathedral (my most prized title and honour) and four years ago, Archdeacon Emeritus.

Since my “retirement”, I have had a number of Interim appointments within the diocese. I have been married to Faye for 54 years and we have two sons, Mark, a Project Manager with the Provincial Government in Toronto, and Brian, a Proctor and Gamble employee In Belleville. We also have three grandchildren (two men and one woman).

That is about it and far more than is likely necessary!

Cannon Bob



Forsythe Memorial
Blessing of the memorial plaque for Roy Forsythe, Transport Chair donated by Greg Weeds and Communion set.

Submitted Photo



St. Paul's Lenten Rag Doll Project

Fifty five Rag Dolls were welcomed into the homes of the people of St. Paul's during Lent. They were used as a focus for prayer and to remind us all victims of Human Trafficking around the world. The dolls returned in triumph on Easter Sunday where they were blessed and have since been sent to Kenya. The dolls are being distributed through Bethany Kids to young victims of injury and disease. The smile on the face of two year old Purity tells the story of how the dolls were received!

Submitted Photo



From the Editor

The spring and summer have just flown by and it is hard to believe that the many St. Paul's Snowbirds will soon be wending their ways south.

Sincere thanks to Kerey Bolton – Designer, Publisher, and Webmaster extraordinaire who had to “borrow” some pictures to complement the text in this issue since I was not able to gather very many this time. Soon, however, the Christmas edition will be due so please remember to send me a few choice pictures from the events taking place between now and then. Stories and articles always welcome. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Linda Eckert

Calendar of Special Services and Events

OCTOBER

Sunday October 11th – Thanksgiving services 8:30 and 10:00

Tuesday October 13th – Taize Service – 7:00 pm

Saturday October 17 – Baps, Bevies and the Beatles 5:00 pm

Sunday October 18th – Guest speaker Major Malcolm Robinson, Dedication of Memorial Window

NOVEMBER

Saturday November 7th – A.C.W. Christmas Bazaar and Tea

Sunday November 8th - Remembrance Day Services 8:30 and 10:00

Tuesday November 10th – Taize Service 7:00 pm

Sunday November 22nd - Justice Sunday Guest Speaker (10:00am) Lawrence Scanlon

DECEMBER

Tuesday December 8th – Taize Service 7:00 pm

Note that Regular Services are held each Sunday at 8:30 and 10:00 am and that the Prayer and Healing Service is held every Wednesday at noon.

All Welcome

Forsythe Memorial

Shirley Forsythe speaks to Erin Preston on the occasion of the blessing of the memorial plaque for her father, Roy. Patricia Birtch-Guirandou behind. Note: Shirley passed away shortly after this photo was taken.

Photo Credit: Linda Eckert



Baps Bevies & The Beatles

This year's version of the popular St. Paul's Festival of the Arts will take place on Saturday October 17th. Dinner will be at 5:00 pm and feature Shepherd's Pie (guaranteed to be good since the cooks are competing for the prize as the very best Shepherds Pie in the world). There will also be buns, beverages and deserts. Starting at 7:00 pm folks will be treated to an evening of Beatles favorites performed by some very talented musicians from St. Paul's and elsewhere.

Tickets are required for the meal (only so that organizers know how many meals to plan).

A free-will offering in support of PWRDF will be collected at the door. For tickets or more information please contact the Church Office at 613 – 342-5865 or Donna at 613- 498-6588

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH PRESENTS

BAPS, BEVVIES & THE BEATLES

HELP US SUPPORT THE PRIMATES WORLD RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND

SAMPLE THE ENTRIES IN OUR SHEPHERDS PIE CONTEST THEN ENJOY
OUR BEATLES TRIBUTE CONCERT



WHERE: ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH: CORNER OF PINE AND VICTORIA
DATE: SAT. OCT. 17, 2015
TIME: DINNER 5:00PM
 CONCERT 7:00PM
COST: FREEWILL OFFERING
TICKETS: CALL CHURCH 613-342-5865
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