

# The Servant

*St. Paul's Anglican Church - Celebrating 131 Years: 1885– 2016*  
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## Rector's Message

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.*

– Psalm 100 verses 1-2a

It is with joy and gladness that I greet you. As I write this, it has been just over six weeks since I arrived at St Paul's. In these six weeks I have witnessed generosity, kindness, enthusiasm, good humour, prayerfulness, playfulness, and meaningful spiritual connection.

There are many outstanding programs undertaken by St Paul's parishioners, but there is one in particular that, for me, currently stands as a symbol for them all. It is a simple ministry, and one in which anyone can participate. It happens so quietly that you may not know about it. Every week, there are people making a little extra soup, or a bit more chili or stew, and bringing it in small containers for the freezer at the church. Then, anyone who knows someone who is sick or struggling can take this as a gift from the church.

I was at a meeting where this was discussed, and someone raised the very reasonable question about whether or not there should be some kind of control on this, maybe some limits on who could take the soup and/or who they could give it to. After some discussion, it was decided, unanimously, that this is a free and open gift for any parishioner to give to anyone who needs it.

This simple program has become for me a symbol for everything else that happens at St Paul's. All are invited to share in this ministry – to give from their abundance and to receive according to their need. No one needs to record it, or control it, or measure the worthiness of the recipient. No one needs big credit for what they have done. This free flowing abundance reminds me a lot of the love of God.

So, if you stop by the freezer and notice it is a little low, maybe you will want to share something from your home. Just label and date it and put your name on it. With this simple act of kindness you will be helping your fellow parishioners to show the love of God to our neighbours in the most tangible of ways.

May this Thanksgiving be a blessed time for you. May God fill you with peace and surround you with love.

Blessings,

Lynn+



Rev. Lynn Dillabough

Submitted photo

## Milestones and Memories at St. Paul's

Since the Easter Edition of the Servant, St. Paul's has welcomed, **through Baptism**, four new members of the Anglican Church Family:

Parker Clarke Joseph Devlin - May 1, 2016	Justin Ryan LaRock – May 8, 2016
Cassie Evangeline LaRock- May 8, 2016	Paidyn Ann Arch – June 12, 2016

### We celebrated the Marriages of:

Matthew Hamilton-Smith & Emily Jordon, June 18, 2016  
 Marshal Eamon & Lee Ann Dawson, August 6, 2016

We rejoiced as two of our young people were **Confirmed** by Bishop Olton on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2016

Elizabeth Anne Groenewoud and Rhea Ara Joseph

### We have also mourned the loss and celebrated the lives of:

John (Jack) Campbell, May 10, 2016    Alan Bruce Drew, May 28, 2016  
 Derek Wood, September 9, 2016

### **We are on FACEBOOK!**

**[www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauls-Anglican-Church-Brockville](http://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](http://www.stpaulsbrockville.ca) Select: Events – Weekly Bulletin to view the electronic version



## Warden's Message

Each of us sees Thanksgiving from a unique viewpoint. We give 'thanks' for our individual circumstances, many of which are relevant only to our private lives and which we keep that way. We also give 'thanks' for our collective circumstances as they relate to the varied and many activities we are engaged in that are of a more public nature.

This year, as the congregation of St. Paul's, we have much to give 'thanks' for. Looking back, we give thanks for the time that Archdeacon Bob Hales gave to us as the Interim Priest-in-Charge. Bob was a strong presence in our midst as we continued to worship while awaiting the arrival of our new Rector.

We give thanks that we were able to secure the services of Reverend Lynn Dillabough who is returning to this area of Ontario and who was filled by the inspiration to join us. Lynn's vibrant and enthusiastic presence is a wonder to behold and enjoy. We give thanks to the people who were involved in procuring the assets that enabled us to see the completion of the interior renovation of the church, and to those who guided that project through to its completion. We give thanks for the gifts that have been received that enhance the worship within the church – the new stained-glass window and the new electronic piano in particular. We give thanks for the safe arrival and continued integration of the refugees that came to Brockville with the support of our congregation and that of St. Lawrence and St. Francis Xavier. We give thanks to those individuals within the parish, who without any desire for recognition and without any need for persuasion, minister to the community in countless ways that many of us cannot imagine.

As the Wardens who are vested with the corporate interests of the parish, we give thanks for your continued support to the parish (financially and spiritually), the operations of the parish, the activities of the parish, and the continued support to Rev. Lynn. But, most of all, as individuals, we give thanks for the opportunity to serve this parish.

May you have a blessed time with family (some of whom might be friends) and friends (some of whom might be relatives) over this wonderful period of Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Wardens,

*Rod Slack - People's Warden*

*John Francis – Rector's Warden*



Rod Slack, People's Warden

Photo Credit: Linda Eckert



## Best Wishes to Father Bob



Photo Credit: John R. Flegg (above)

Photo Credit: Donna Matheson (below)

The Bishop really blessed the St. Paul's Church family when he sent Archdeacon Bob Hales to be the Interim Priest-in-Charge in July of 2015. Little did any of us know then that Bob would still be with us a year later. He both celebrated and grieved with us during that year as new members were baptized and older members passed away. We were proud to join with Bob, his wife Faye, his children and grandchildren in marking Bob's Fortieth Anniversary of his Ordination during this time.

Faye has assured us that Bob is really retiring this time and what better way to give him a proper send off than to don hockey sweaters and cheer him on!

Linda L. Eckert



## Confirmation Ceremony

It is always a joyful time when we reaffirm our Baptismal Vows in the company of those who have chosen to confirm those vows for the first time.

Bishop Michael Oulton joined us for his annual parish visit on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> and welcomed Elizabeth Anne Groenewoud and Rhea Ara Joseph as adult members of the St. Paul's Church family. The two young women had attended a retreat with their Confirmation Class Instructor, Julie Case and Reverend Lynn as final preparation for this special day.

A sumptuous lunch followed the service with sandwiches, cake and goodies organized by Pat Alexander and her Hospitality Committee. The "leftovers" (once care packages had been sent home with those who asked) were carefully wrapped, refrigerated and marked as a gift to the Comforting Arts group who meet on Tuesdays in the church hall. It was reported that this special treat was greatly enjoyed!

*Linda L. Eckert*



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## The Challenge of Counting the Offertory

**H**ave you ever wondered how your church offering is recorded? Well, it is thanks to ten faithful volunteer Counters plus the Envelope Secretary that your annual receipt for tax purposes is accurate and timely.

St. Paul's is blessed with a core of committed parishioners who give their time and talent to keep the parish healthy, and solvent. Our dedicated Wardens, Property Committee, Choir members, Greeters and Ushers, and the Hospitality Team, all help to make sure that the Gospel of Good News can be shared with our community. In addition, every Sunday, individual members of the parish make their offerings which collectively support the operations of the parish, the diocese, and the mission of the church. It is the responsibility of the offertory Counters to tally these donations, and to record them accurately. Our Envelope Secretary keeps the records so that the receipts can be issued each year.

As a Counter, I have observed the ways in which members of our parish make our task either easier or more laborious, and here's a list scored in order of helpfulness.

**5 Stars - PAG cards:** The little blue card in the plate tells us the gift is already recorded

**4 Stars - Envelope, annotated:** We check that what is inside matches the amount on the envelope.

**3 Stars - Envelope, cash, not annotated:** We must count the contents and write the amount on the envelope

**2 Stars - Cheque, no envelope:** We must write the details of name, address, and amount on a separate sheet

**1 Star - Cash in a pew envelope, unidentified: without a name and address:** When the Donor can not be identified, the gift is added to the loose cash on the plate.

As a PAG (Pre -Authorized Gift) donor myself, I have to say that it provides an excellent structure for my offering. I have set a baseline for my annual giving which goes into the church treasury in twelve monthly installments. The special gift envelopes (available at the back of the church) give me an opportunity to make an extra thanksgiving offering should I choose. I do not have to remember an envelope each week, and my offering continues even when I am away. The Diocese processes the system without charge to St. Paul's. I can change or stop the automatic transfers at any time. Why not pick up a brochure about Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) next time you are in church?

*Virginia Glover*

Photo Credit: Virginia Glover



## Celebration of Lynn's New Ministry

On Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2016, the Congregation of the Parish of St Paul's made the commitment "to share with Lynn in the ministry of this parish," during the afternoon service presided over by the Right Reverend Michael Oulton, Bishop of Ontario.

The service was attended by members of Reverend Lynn's family and friends, the clergy of the Deanery (who are now her colleagues), as well as leaders from other local churches. The music was beautiful. Several members of the congregation participated in the ceremony that included the presentation of the symbols of Lynn's new ministry to her.

A wine and cheese reception in the church hall provided the opportunity to wish Lynn well as she embarks on her journey with the Parish of St. Paul's.

*Linda L. Eckert*



Photos Credit: Linda L. Eckert

## Visit of La Chorale de Bon Choeurs

Over the Victoria Day weekend, La Chorale de Bons Choeurs, under director Ombelline Collin, made a hugely successful visit to Brockville from St. Barthélemy, a little island in the French West Indies at the invitation of Patricia and Lloyd Younger.

Lloyd and Patricia, who are active members of St. Paul's, have been spending their winters in St. Barts (as the island is often called) for many years. Lloyd has been a chorale member since 2006.

La Chorale came all this way for only two performances for what the Brockville Recorder and Times called, "a rare musical visit".

The Saturday evening concert at Wall Street Church featured La Chorale singing alone, as well as in concert with the Brockville Concert Band, the Brockville Community Choir, the St. John's United Church Choir and our own St. Paul's Choir. It is hard to name a single highlight of the evening. La Chorale's rendition of "L'hymne à St. Barth" was moving, and the massed choirs' and orchestra's debut performance of "A Celebration of Wisdom", by Canadian composer James McDonald Gayfer was beautifully done. For the participants, the most memorable part of the evening was perhaps, the spirited, spontaneous jam session that broke out later that night at conductor Lance Besharah's home. The personal letter of welcome from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that was read at the concert, has since been presented by La Chorale to the President of S. Barts, at a ceremony marking "St. Bartholomew's Day", and will be proudly displayed at the "Hôtel de la Collectivité" (the seat of government on the island).



Photo Credit: John. R. Flegg

The following day, La Chorale joined with our St. Paul's Choir during our morning service, and finished off with a mini concert in the church hall that literally had people dancing **cont on page 9**



## Visit of La Chorale de Bon Choeurs cont...

in the aisles!

Archdeacon Bob Hales thanked Ombeline and the Chorale, in a subsequent email, for all they had given not only "to us, but to the broader community...We were truly blessed, a sentiment shared by everyone to whom I have spoken", he wrote.

In addition to the music, the chorale members shared some incredible social times (and late nights) with our St. Paul's choir members as well as other Brockville singers and musicians. All participants really bonded with each other with no worries about any language barriers. There were more than a few tears at the end of this fantastic weekend and many Brockville singers were already dreaming of a return visit to the Island. Special thanks is owed to Donna Matheson, Pat Alexander, Malcolm Robinson, and Band conductor Lance Besharah -to name only a few on the " Brockville end" who made the weekend such a fantastic success!

*Lloyd Younger*

## McClure Memorial Window

**A** new stained glass, boxed window was received and dedicated at St. Paul's, Brockville on Sunday, May 1st., 2016 The window is the generous gift of Ian McClure now of Peterborough. The window was given to the glory of God and in memory of Ian's parents, William John McClure and Mae Frances McClure.

As a youngster, Ian attended St. Paul's and sang in the choir. Even though he has moved several times in his successful career in finance, he told the congregation that the values that he learned from the ministries of St. Paul's had stayed with him throughout his career. The gift of the window is a small way of saying thanks to God and St. Paul's for what was given to him and for his parents.

*Linda L. Eckert*



Photo Credit: Lind L. Eckert

## Putting Our Best Food Forward

Following the Church Picnic on June 19<sup>th</sup>, a swarm of volunteers descended on the church to unscrew and stack pews and kneelers and to move and/or cover fixtures in preparation for a major face-lift to the interior of the church.

Yanni Kolidis and his team from Innovative Interiors painted the walls and the floor, cleaned and varnished the woodwork with careful attention and speed. The Wardens publicly thanked Yanni with a Certificate of Appreciation for the work and especially for the “extras” that his firm did at his own cost.

Services at St. Paul’s moved into the Church Hall for three weeks while the work was going on and then the volunteers returned to re-install the furniture and fixtures and to polish the eagle and brass so it would be gleaming for Archdeacon Bob Hale’s last and Reverend Lynn Dillabough’s first service.

*Linda L. Eckert*



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## Calendar of Special Services and Events

### OCTOBER

Sunday October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving (8:30 & 10:00 am)
Tuesday October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Taize Service (7:00 pm)
Sunday October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Baptism (10:00 am)

### NOVEMBER

Saturday November 5 <sup>th</sup>	ACW Bazaar and Tea
Sunday November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Services (8:30 & 10:00 am)
Tuesday November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Taize Service (7:00 pm)
Friday November 25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Paul's Reads 7:00pm to 9:00 pm)

### NOTE :

#### **Regular Services are held on Sundays:**

8:30 a.m. Non Choral Communion

10:00 a.m. Church Family Communion Service with Music.

A Service of Healing Prayer and Communion held at 12:00 noon each week.

A Contemplative Service is held every Tuesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

Taize on the Second Tuesday of each month and

Lectio Divina Services on all other Tuesdays .

**St. Paul's Welcomes all !**

## Lectio Divina Service

Lectio Divina is a service based on an ancient prayer practice of contemplation on the Living Word. The service is mostly conducted in silence. This service will be conducted by Reverend Lynn on Tuesday evenings (except for the second Tuesday of each month) beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.



## Lynn's Garden

**As you walk up the steps to the Church Hall from Pine Street, you will see on the west side, a lovely little garden with a bronze plaque proclaiming it to be "Lynn's Garden presented by the Sunday School in loving memory of Lynn Paul (1966-2005)". This is Lynn's story:**

Lynn Paul was an active Anglican throughout her life. Lynn Paterson was a Kingston girl that was active in her church and was a camp counselor at Camp Hyanto.

She married my cousin Geoff Paul, and became very active as a member of St. Paul's Church. Lynn was very creative; she made quilts, knitted socks and made wonderful treats for the ACW bazaars.

Once Lynn was settled into St. Paul's life, I pounced on her to help me with Sunday School. Lynn jumped in with both feet. We were a team, we taught Sunday School together and had lots of Sunday School parties, outings and put on big pageants for our church family.

Lynn was always eager to help even though she had three wonderful busy boys. She was taking them here and there to all their programs. Lynn still had time for our busy St. Paul's.

Lynn was diagnosed with leukemia, and even when she got very sick she still wanted to look after everyone else and stayed in good spirits. Her faith got her through the tough times.

Because of her dedication to the Sunday School the children and teachers decided to create the memorial garden in her honor.

*Cynthia Groenewoud*



Photo Credit: Linda L. Eckert

## Elephant Soup

*1 medium to small elephant*

*500 pounds of potatoes*

*3 sacks of carrots*

*1 onion*

*Cut elephant into bite size pieces. Place in stock pot and cover with water and some vegetable broth.*

*Set giblets, etc. aside. They can be fried later.*

*Bring to a boil and add remaining ingredients.*

*Skim off fat and keep in a jar for frying giblets, etc.*

*Simmer till meat is tender.*

*Let sit in the fridge overnight.*

*Reheat and serve with fresh baked bread.*

*Serves: 12,800 people - ENJOY!!!!!!!!!!*

*Submitted by Norma Riley*

## What Is Taizé?

**T**aizé, now a large ecumenical community of brothers, was founded by Brother Roger in the village of Taizé in the Burgundy region of eastern France. Starting in 1940, Brother Roger offered shelter to war refugees, but in 1942 he had to flee returning only after the liberation of France. In 1949, Brother Roger established a small community following the monastic tradition of prayer, work and hospitality.

Over 100,000 people make pilgrimages to Taizé each year for prayer, bible study and communal work. Through the community's ecumenical outlook, visitors are encouraged to live in the spirit of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation.

***At St. Paul's, our Taizé service is held on the second Tuesday every month from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend,***



## Renew Wedding Vows

### Allan and Ann Renew their Wedding Vows

Ann and Allan McDowell were one of several couples from St Paul's who celebrated milestone Anniversaries this past year. On August 28<sup>th</sup> they marked their Fifty years together by renewing their Wedding Vows. There were few dry eyes in the church as Reverend Lynn conducted the ceremony!

Linda L. Eckert



Photo Credit: Carean Nash

## Weekly E-News

**Rev.** Lynn will be sending out a short weekly e-news to anyone in the congregation who is interested in receiving this. Rev. Lynn envisions a brief spiritual reflection followed by notices about events.

This would be an opportunity to connect spiritually and to be more aware of what is going on in the parish, especially for those you might miss attending on a Sunday.

If you have not yet done so, please email [lynndillabough@gmail.com](mailto:lynndillabough@gmail.com) to sign up to receive a weekly e-news from St. Paul's.



## Primates World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF)

### All Mothers and Children Count

For the past two years, the Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) has focused attention on the Fred Says food security campaign, to support projects that ensure people have enough good food to eat all the time. PWRDF is now working with the Government of Canada and partners in four East African states on a \$20 million, 5-year project called All Mothers and Children Count. The project aims to ensure that good nutrition is delivered where most needed: pregnant women, nursing mothers, and young children.

Burundi faces the worst problems of the four countries in the region with regard to malnutrition and stunted growth in children. Pre-natal vitamins for mothers, nutrition education, kitchen gardening, and community health workers will all help to alleviate this situation. A cultural pecking order around food has been identified as one of the contributing factors to malnutrition. First the husband eats, then the wife, then the children. If there isn't enough food then the children go hungry. PWRDF supports a local project set up by the local Diocese. Community workers visit the villages and set up temporary shelters where women can learn about good nutrition, and use ingredients from their gardens to prepare food which can be fed to the children separately from the rest of the family.

PWRDF asks us to join it in its work, with prayers, gifts and acts to support the millions of people who benefit from its programs in nutrition, food security, and the health of mothers, newborns, and young children.

*Virginia Glover*

## Message from the Editor

I would like to say thank you to all who made my job so much easier by sending articles and photos. A very very special thanks to Kerey Bolton, our talented layout designer and Webmaster, who has pulled it all together in record time.

Linda Eckert





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