

Rector: The Venerable Clara Plamondon

Clara's Corner +

With the turning back of the clocks last weekend, we were reminded that Fall has truly arrived and the shortening of each day points us towards the season of Advent. One would think that with the onset of winter we would be inclined to hunker down until spring. Instead there is a flurry of activity happening behind the scenes on all fronts. Of course, I'm thinking of the preparations for the 40th Anniversary edition of our Christmas Marketplace happening on November 30th. If you haven't experienced our Christmas Marketplace – you are in for a treat!

While the hard work and contributions of many of you are deeply appreciated, I am also excited for what these kinds of events represent. Yes, the Marketplace and the recent Black and White Dinner are important ways of raising much needed funds, they are also important opportunities for connecting with each other and the community of Nanaimo. Every single time we come together, whether that is formally in worship, at various functions, community lunches, or at parish pot lucks: they are a time for us to build relationships. And isn't that what we are all about? A community where strangers become friends.

I think of the hundreds upon hundreds of people who come through the doors of St. Paul's for all kinds of reasons. Every single one of these moments is an opportunity to befriend and grow our relationships with others. It means that we need to see ourselves as ambassadors for Christ; ambassadors for what this parish is all about. The vision of creating a wonderful space that would allow us to grow our ministry and service while partnering with other service groups is already being realized. I'm excited to see how God will use us as a parish family to share the love of Christ to those we encounter. I hope you will invite friends and neighbours to any or all events that happen at St. Paul's! It is one of the best ways of introducing people to our incredible community!

Blessings to each of you! Know that I am humbled and amazed at your incredible commitment to our life together in Christ. You are in my prayers always!

- Rev. Clara

Where strangers become friends

THE WARDENS' CORNER

We have experienced our fair share of joys and challenges over the past few weeks and months. High on the list of joys was the elegant and successful Black and White dinner held on the 4th of October. Mayor, Leonard Krog, attended the event and spoke eloquently of the deep respect and value in which the city holds St. Paul's Church in the manner and scope in which it reaches out to those in need around us. The event itself was primarily to raise funds to offset the amount owing on our new building, and in this regard the evening was a huge success raising over \$10,000 after expenses. Very many people were involved in making this event such a memorable and enjoyable evening, and a profound vote of thanks to all involved.

However, this event, and our recent extra-ordinary vestry meeting, underscores the financial challenges that we face. It needs to be said that our new building represents an astonishing achievement in vision, planning, and fund-raising to bring it about. However, we are left with a last, and not insignificant, hurdle to clear, as well as addressing the reality of affording the additional expenses that the new building places upon us.

We are delighted that a new Music Team has been hired (see article elsewhere in this issue). We thank Kyle McLaughlin and Bonnie Culp for so ably filling in during the hiring process.

Sadly, our Office Administrator, Michele Hayes, has had to be away from work for a number of weeks. This has placed an obvious stress on the day-to-day administrative functioning of the parish. Your patience and understanding are deeply appreciated, especially when things do not quite function as expected, or as they have in the past. We owe Sue Gueulette (yet again), Alicia, and Clara much and deep-felt thanks for filling the gaps, and keeping us administratively afloat.

A number of weekends ago the trees were pruned on the property, the cost of which was covered by a generous donation from two parishioners. A key to the pantry is now hidden away in the kitchen to allow those who need it easy access in an attempt to keep supplies stored in the pantry under greater control. The computer tower in the main office has been on electronic life support for far longer than any reasonable expectancy, and with some reluctance on the basis of the necessary expense, it will be replaced in the near future.

- Tony Browning, People's Warden

A NOTE FROM STEWARDSHIP.....

Under the *better late than never* column, I would like to thank all those who gave of their time during the months of July and August to keep our church open for visitors and those in need of quiet time, between the hours of Noon and 3 pm. Out of a possible 43 days, we had volunteers for 37 of them and welcomed close to 50 visitors. Thank you all for your help. And remember, stewardship is what we do, when we say that we believe.

- Marjorie I. Adams.

Have you always wanted to put MEMORIAL FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR, but not been able to get a date?

Here is your opportunity! The following dates are available for 2020:

January 12 February 16 February 23 April 12 April 26 May 3 August 30 October 25 November 15

Call Colleen Johnston at 250-753-2528.

ECP

And what is ECP, you may ask. It stands for Electronic Collection Plate, and is an alternate way of making your offering. The advantage is that, even if you are away, the church will still receive your offering - it helps to *smooth out* our income. The Diocese provides the service free of charge, so if you are interested, please contact the office.

News from The Prayer Shawl Ministry

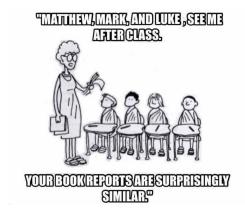
On behalf of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, I would like to thank all of you for your heart-warming cards and letters. Here is a thank you note from one of our recipients:

Dear Ladies in the Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Thank you for your thoughtful prayerful gift of a
shawl on the occasion of my graduation from EFM
(Education for Ministry) in May. It was most
appropriate to receive your prayerful intentions as I
stepped forward, seeking to ascertain what my
ministry in the world should be. For the next year,
part of it at least, is to co-mentor another class of
EFM. I will need the comfort of the shawl, as I do
not feel ready. Thank you.

- Catherine Whitley
I would like to give special thanks to Carol Shaw,
Sandra Robinson, Donna Lee Criss, Blanche Gates,
Shirley Strong, Christine Appleton, Patricia Sheen,
Wendy Banta and Maggie Stone. These women take
their time and talent to make our ministry continue
to be creative. Without them, this ministry would
not exist.

Even if you have never knitted or crocheted before, and would like to learn, here is your opportunity. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets to pray, share, knit or crochet on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 1 - 3 pm in the St. Luke Room. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact me at 250-754-8614.

- Yvonne Oliver



The Global Village Nanaimo seasonal Fair Trade Store is now open at #512 - 6581 Aulds Road.

This is in North Nanaimo, in the same shopping Centre as Home Depot, Staples and BCAA. This store is a not-for-profit social enterprise that sells only fair trade goods, including soaps, spices, coffee/tea, housewares, gift items, accessories and Christmas items. The store is only open until December 24.

For more information, send an email to gvnanaimo@gmail.com or go to globalvillagenanaimo.com or connect with us on Instagram or Facebook.

How about joining Faith, Family & Fellowship?

Our team, along with members of the ACW and others were the 'behind the scenes' people for the two day We Together Conference in late September. This was a regional Diocesan conference that was located at St. Paul's this year. Many thanks to all the volunteers for assisting with this successful event, and in particular, Marilyn Browning, who lent her imaginative and creative ideas to this Anglican island-wide event.

Instead of an October harvest potluck, this year our committee served yummy pies to members of both Sunday services at coffee time. We were also joined by our dog and cat friends who had been blessed at the services, in honour of St. Francis.

On Remembrance Day, we will be helped by some church and community members in serving hot dogs and hot chocolate to the many young people participating in the parade and memorial service.

Watch for notices about the Christmas potluck to be held on Sunday, December 15th prior to the evening's Lessons and Carols service.

New members are always welcome. The spirit of friendship is alive and well through our St. Paul's

- Sue McDonald, chairperson

family!

Christmas Marketplace

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

10:30 AM TO 2:00 PM

Luscious Lunch

Menu

Festive Baked Ham,

Cheesy Potatoes, & Salad

or

Vegetarian Quiche & Salad

Dessert included

Tickets are \$10

Service starts at 11:00 am

Please wait to be seated for lunch, and served by our fabulous waiters.

Convener: Marilyn Browning (250-585-6857)

Location: Main Hall

The Deli Stall

Featuring: Those famous turkey pies!

Sausage Rolls * Soups
Cabbage Rolls * Relishes * Apple Sauce
Dried soup mixes with recipes +++

Please list your ingredients, & price your item

Convener: Sue McDonald (250-755-1995)

Location: St Matthew Room

JAMS, JELLIES AND PRESERVES (Located in the Library)

This stall is often the first one to sell out! We hope you have made lots of extra jars of marmalade, jam, and fruit preserves. Sugar free jams would be welcome.

Hilda Andrews (250-758-8800) and her crew will welcome your donations.

Christmas Treasure Trove

West Coast & Canadiana

This stall will be located in the St. Mark Room.

Special Christmas ornaments (homemade or new) Christmas home decor items (not too large, please, as space is limited).

Special surprise for the children!

For more information,

Call Randy & Barbara Milligan at 250-754-2753

Location: The St. Mark Room

Fashion Accessories His and Hers

We are seeking new (or near new) accessory items.

Scarves (both inner & outer wear), belts, purses, gloves and hats. Good Jewellery.

Our convener is

Yvonne Olíver (250-754-8614)

Location: The St. Matthew Room

POSTERS

We will soon receive the posters from the printer. Posters are only effective if lots of people put them up in places where many can see them! Please help us advertize the Marketplace by picking up a poster (or more) from the Narthex and posting it in a prominent place(s).

Thanks for your help!!

THE Artisans' Gallery

The Gallery combines former Crafts and Quilting.

This stall needs donations of new, hand crafted sewing, knitting, crocheted items, cross stitch, dressed dolls, wooden toys, etc.

Popular quilting items include table runners, place mats, bags, lap quilts, mug rugs & wall hangings.

Please price your items.

Come and visit us for that special gift.

Conveners: Sandra Leigh at 250-618-0269 Mary Jane McLaughlin at 250-753-8191 **Location: The St. Luke Room**

THE HOME BAKING TABLE (LOCATED IN THE ST. MATTHEW ROOM)

Tasty treats from you r kitchen, please!

Bread & Buns * Cinnamon Rolls Scones * Small Pancakes Tarts * Shortbread* Christmas Cake Loaves * Squares * Your own specialty

We would welcome sugar reduced baking, jams, preserves etc.

Please wrap your baking in either boxes or festive tins

Please list your ingredients.

Pricing will be done by the conveners.

All donations greatly appreciated!

Call Rhonda Lehman

(250-754-3291)

THE SILENT AUCTION (Located in the Main Hall)

This is one of the largest money makers in the Marketplace. It will be open for bids from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Please bring us NEW items (in their original wrapping), special crafts, dinners, teas, services (such as yard work, babysitting) and we will put them up for bids. We hope to be able to publish a list of items on Sunday, November 24th so you can decide what to bid on. Items should be here at the church by the 22nd. If you are bidding, and can't stay to the end, let one of us know your maximum bid, and we will keep an eye on your item for you.

Deadline to give items is November 24.

Convener is Sue Gueulette (250-758-6674)
Assisted by Sandra MacKinnon

Greeting you at the door will be
Kathie Day & Heather Lester
You must enter the building from the door off
the parking lot. The main hall doors
will be for exit only!

Our "treasurers" for the day will be John Collison-Baker & Colin Sheen. **Set up** will be on Friday, November 29th, with the building open between 9 am and 5 pm. Please bring your items then, unless otherwise stated. Let's all support this event - our goal, besides having fun, is to raise \$10,000.00. WE CAN DO IT!!!

Conveners: Patricia Sheen, Heather Lester
Marilyn Browning, Sue Gueulette



The last Financial Statement available is to the end of September 2019.

Total Income for 9 months	\$ 203,522.06
Total Outgo for 9 months	224,090.09
	\$ (20,568.03)
Balance fwd. Jan. 1/19	(36,103.61)
Balance (deficit)	\$ (56,671.64)

We passed the budget for 2019 in February. Our Open and Envelope offerings are actually over budget at the end of September by \$9,950.50. We ended the month with a 'profit' of \$2,611.90 before bringing forward the accumulated deficit of \$59,283.54. Part of that deficit is accumulated (\$36, 103.61) from the last 3 years. We passed a balanced budget for 2019. Our deficit for the year is \$20,000.00 at this point. I would be ecstatic if we could balance the books for 2019 and worry about the old deficit later!

Full copies of the Financial Statements may be found on the bulletin boards in the Narthex and hall. If you have any questions, I will do my best to answer them. I can be reached by calling the Church Office (250-753-2523).

Sue Gueulette, Treasurer

UPDATE FROM REACHING OUT

Our Community Neighbours Lunch will be Friday, November 15th. Our October 18th was a great success with 71 attending. There will not be one in December. You are more than welcome to come down and see what we do and stay for meal.

We continue to work with Christ Community Churchserving a Brunch on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:30 am until closing at 12 Noon, out of the 7-10 Club. Volunteers are always welcome. The address is 285 Prideaux Street. Teams work on early or late shift. If you or a friemnd can help us,

please call Diane Scott who is St. Paul's Brunch Team Leader, at 250-758-8155.

We are also making home made apple and meat pies in small and large sizes as a fund raiser for community projects. See info in the weekly bulletins. They can be ordered ahead of time, and come frozen, ready to bake. Speak to Norma Humphreys or Dianne Scott. (Apple Pies are \$5 for small, \$10 for full sized; Meat pies are \$? For small and \$12 for full sized.)

Thank you for your support by bringing in the Country Grocer receipts.

For more information, contact Norma Humphreys at 250-754-7543.

FROM OUR PWRDF REP

Janice Valecourt

WORLD OF GIFTS

PWRDF The online guide allows you to support PWRDF partners by purchasing items of need for their programs. The World of Gifts appears in the October and December issues of the Anglican Journal and as a separate supplement in the November Anglican Journal. You can also download the PDF and order by mail or telephone by calling 1-866-294-6899 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST).

Browse our gift items online, then click Add to Cart for each item that you would like to purchase. Indicate quantity as well. A box will appear on the right side of your screen listing the items in your cart.

- · Please indicate if you would like to receive a removable PWRDF window sticker for each item ordered. Watch this video for a fun way to turn your sticker into a Christmas ornament!
- · CRA allows us to send tax receipts only to individual donors.

PWRDF AMONG 100 BEST CANADIAN CHARITIES: Maclean's

By Janice Biehn, (communications director-PWRDF)
PWRDF has been chosen by Maclean's magazine as one of the 100 best Canadian charities for 2020. To be considered for the Maclean's list, charities must be listed in the Charity Intelligence report and must have at least \$2 million in annual revenue.

"PWRDF staff work extremely hard with our 35 implementing partners around the world to ensure transparency and financial accountability, and to share results with Anglicans and other donors in a meaningful way. We are grateful to our network of dedicated volunteers who further spread the word," says Will Postma, Executive Director of PWRDF. PWRDF scored a final grade of 92.5%. This is derived from scoring 100% in the financials grade (weighted at 60%) plus 81% in the transparency grade (weighted at 40%). There are 10 charities listed in the International sector. PWRDF received full marks for being transparent in publishing our audited financial statements and annual report on our website and making them easy to find.

OUR GARDENERS ARE HARD AT WORK!

The Gardens are ending the year on an "up" note because of the additional rainfall experienced this summer. The drought was not as persistent as it was in 2018 and 2017. We added irrigation containers around the most vulnerable shrubs and moved shrubs to different locations with more access to regular watering. You may have noticed a transition away from "seasonal plantings" to perennial plants that are drought resistant and less maintenance. Even with the plant changes, the gardens require regular care and grooming to pick up garbage and containers that are part of life in an inner city. Over the year, "found" returnable containers are rinsed and donated at Return It, with the proceeds being credited to the St. Paul's Account. Organic yard waste is largely commercially composted (at no cost to St. Paul's).

The professional pruning of the large trees (oak, hawthorn and dogwood) took place on October 12th. The parking lot was closed for safety because pruning these trees requires a work-crew of five arborists and a bucket truck. The cost of the extensive pruning was paid by two parishioners. The smaller pruning (shrubs, holly and roses) takes place throughout the fall and winter seasons and is nearly complete.

If anyone would like to spare a few hours for some light work in the Gardens, please give me (Lee) a call at 250-714-2969. I (Lee) will be reducing the hours that I volunteer in the Gardens gradually over the winter and spring. The low season would be a

good time to become familiar with the plants and their cultivation. Drop-ins are welcome at any time!

- Lee Grimmer

MUSIC TEAM HIRED!!!

Please join us in welcoming our new Music Director and our new Organist/Accompanist to St. Paul's. They will start their contract positions on November 14th.

We are delighted to welcome **Charles Harman** as our Music Director who will be in the primary role of overseeing our Music Ministry and Choir. Charles is well-known in our parish as he is a member of our parish and has been actively involved in our Choir/Music ministry. Charles is a trained Choral/Vocal Specialist and Conductor. He received his B.Mus.Ed at Lewis Clark College in Portland, Oregon and competed an Orchestral Conducting Instructor course at The Juilliard School in New York City. He has taught drama, vocal and music at secondary schools, and has conducted and led various choirs. He is also actively involved in the theatre world both on stage and behind the scenes.

We also welcome organist **Freeman Dryden** who is currently hailing from Ladysmith. Most recently he was part of a music ministry team at Ladysmith First United Church. He has served as both organist and choir director in numerous places across Canada including various Anglican parishes, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist and United Churches in Nova Scotia, Montreal and Vancouver. He has a passion for beautiful organs and was involved in an organ rescue project in Nova Scotia. He is delighted to be returning to an Anglican choral worship environment.



Remembrance Day Reflection

In a passage in Luke, Jesus has been cornered again by a group of the Sadducees, the Pharisees. The Sadducees did not believe that there would in the end be a resurrection of the faithful departed. So they particularly liked questions that would prove their opinions. They come to Jesus in this reading, so they give him a real brain teaser about one woman, seven husbands, and just whose wife she will be in the resurrection. The woman in the story was passed through an entire family of brothers! But as is typical for Jesus, He sets them straight, so skilfully that we are told our God is the God of the living as Jesus said, "Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

For many, the scars left by war were too deep, their spirits too wounded ever to fully recover. Even if soldiers survived the battlefront, a war in their souls still raged on the home front. Getting their lives back together and facing the future with hope and confidence was and is often difficult and painful. For many they gave up on life, because life came with too much pain attached to it.

Life can do that sometimes, can't it, come with a serving of pain that is often hard to bear... There are just some things that we cannot explain, some things that simply do not make any sense. In another well-known passage we hear the story of Jesus at the graveside of his good friend Lazarus. Lazarus' family was struggling in the grief and despair of the moment as they mourned Lazarus' passing. As Jesus comes to this family, he is so deeply moved by the sadness of the situation that he could only have one response: Jesus wept. Those tears said it all as in Christ we see a God who weeps with us in our darkest hours.

Today, as we gather, we remember. We remember God's favour to us in our time of need. We remember the courage, devotion to duty, and the self-sacrifice of the men and women in our Armed Forces. We remember those who were wounded in the fight; those who perished in the field of battle, and are buried at sea or in some corner of a foreign land; and especially we remember those who we have known and loved, whose place is forever in

our hearts. We remember also those whose lives still bear the scars of war; those who lost sight or limbs, reason, or heart as well as those who lost faith in God and hope in humanity.

- Gordon Youngman

Christmas at St. Paul's

Christmas Pot-Luck Supper

Sunday, December 15th 5:00 pm

Come and share a simple meal with your Parish Family. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 15th

7:00 pm

Come and listen to the familiar story and sing some of your favourite Christmas Carols.

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22nd

8:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 pm Holy Eucharist with

Children's Story

10:00 pm Candlelight Service

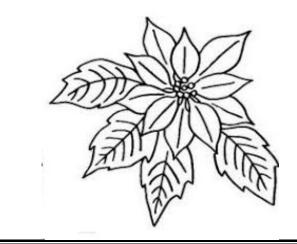
Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th

10:00 am Holy Communion with

Carols, followed by a pot-

luck brunch





A very BIG THANK YOU to the Campaign to Reduce the Debt Committee for all their hard work in putting together the very successful Black & White Dinner on October 4. It was such an elegant evening, enjoyed by all. A little over \$10,000.00 was raised to reduce the Capital Debt. Special thanks to Heather Lester for coming up with the concept, and carrying it through, with lots of help.

Thank you to the parish for the hospitality you showed to the Diocese at We Together 2019. We have been strengthened for the journey.

- We Together Planning Team

To Reverend Clara and my Church Family, With sincere thanks and appreciation for your support.

- Vivien Scott & Family

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of St. Paul's Altar Guild will be held in the St. Matthew Room on Saturday, November 23 at 11:00 am. There will

be a review of the past year, and Election of Officers for 2020. The meeting will be followed by a pot-luck lunch. All members are urged to attend, and if you wondered what being in the Guild involves, please feel free to come along.



SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2019

Fifty-seven members of St. Paul's Parish gathered in the main hall to discuss our current financial situation after the 10:30 service.

Treasurer Sue Gueulette began by going over the September Financial Statement, which showed a closing deficit of \$56, 671.64. Sue pointed out that a large portion of that deficit has accumulated over the last 3 years. For the current year, the deficit is \$20,000.00. This is a manageable amount. (Last year at this time, our deficit was \$32,000.00.) We passed a balanced budget for 2019. Our offering income is over budget by almost \$10,000.00, so the problem at this point is the expense portion of the budget. Highlighted were utilities, repairs and maintenance (which are already twice the budget for the year), and assisting clergy.

Already underway is an increase in parking fees, and a review of hall use rates

People were invited to ask questions and offer suggestions. Some of the suggestions were:

- have another loose change campaign
- go back to a one page bulletin (This was noted 4 times)
- no special envelopes other than seasonal
- artificial flowers for the altar
- stop paying the loan and assessment if there is no improvement by the AGM
- research our use of Hydro
- go back to using books for the services, plus an announcement sheet
- make sure we keep newcomers by making them welcome.

Warden Tony Browning made a suggestion regarding MSP Premiums. The Government is ceasing to charge Medical Health premiums after November. It was suggested that we could all increase our giving by whatever monthly amount we have been paying in MSP premiums. This was heartily endorsed as a great idea, as it has the potential to bring in a goodly extra sum each month. One parishioner also offered to make a donation of \$10,000.00, which will cut the deficit for this year in half! - A very successful meeting!

TWO MESSAGES FROM OUR FRIENDS AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

- 1. Syrian dinner on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 5:50 pm at Hope Lutheran. There will be a fundraising dinner for the Aldeek family to bring their mother and sister to Nanimo. The dinner will be prepared by women of the Syrian community in Nanaimo. There will be only 60 tickets sold at \$25 each and must be ordered in advance. Please call Susan Collett at 250-729-0198 or email sncollett@gmail.com. Thanks for your support!
- 2. **Poinsettia Sale for Syrian Family Reunification:** The Aldeek Sponsorship group is selling poinsettias for \$15.00. They will be available December 6. Call Pat Hyslop at 250-585-7899 or email pjhyslop@shaw.ca to place your order.

ABOUT BIRTHDAYS ...

If you have not been receiving a card from the Parish on your birthday, it is likely because we do not have your special day on our list. If you would like to be remembered with a card and in the birthday blessing in the bulletin, please call the office (250-753-2523) and give us your date (not the year!) so we can include you. Similarly, if you get a card and do not want one, let us know that too!



Parish Happenings

Baptisms

Aleksandr David Jensen-Vanin September 15, 2019

In Memoriam

John Addison
Gwynne Russell
F. Joan Dyson
Jean Elizabeth Wootton
Neville Scott
David Affleck
September-October 2019



BREAKING NEWS

The 2020 Canadian Church Calendars have *just* arrived. They are lovely and make great gifts. The pruice is still a bargain at \$5. Available from Sue at the 8 am service, and the ACW table in the hall after the 10:30 service.

