



ST. PAUL
ANGLICAN CHURCH

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CLARA'S CORNER

I love Fall leaves!

Even though they lead to winter and barren branches waiting for spring to arrive – you cannot help but marvel at the colours and beauty of Fall leaves as they release themselves from the branches of the trees.

Looking out the window of my home I can see the piles of bright yellow and orange leaves at the base of various trees, just waiting for the wind to scoop up and swirl the leaves in all directions.

I could have sworn that it wasn't that long ago they were young bright green buds appearing on the trees and now they are dying and returning to the earth. Creation teaches us something important about God's ways. The rhythm of dying, rising and new growth reminding us that there is a season for everything.

Ecclesiastes 3 speaks of that rhythm:

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted..." (Eccl 3:1-2)*

Knowing that there is a time for all things, we find solace as we face the prospect of a long winter not knowing what this next season will bring. Maybe the trees can teach us something about letting go, slowing down and taking time to rejuvenate our roots in readiness for future new growth. Even in the letting go and release of a tree's splendour, the tree continues to thrive and prepare for a new season not knowing what the winter will bring. It simply trusts the season or time that it is in and allows itself to just "be".

The Fall leaves remind us that there is an impermanence to all things – everything is constantly changing whether we notice and or want it to

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change. Every change reminds us of the promise of Christ to transform and make all things new. In order to facilitate that kind of transformation – we are to let go. What we discover as we slowly let go, is that we experience God's grace, new growth and new opportunities to become more and more who God has called us to be. So let's celebrate the letting go of the leaves and to marvel at how the natural rhythm of creation show us God's ways.

In Christ's Service,
Clara+

WORSHIP

Effective immediately we will not require a reservation to attend services, but occupancy limits are still in effect. **It will mean taking an extra moment at the door to give your contact info to the Greeter.**

We are happy to confirm that live streaming of the 10:30 Sunday service is now fully operational. The link to the livestream is:

www.stpaulsnanaimo.ca/live

You can join us from the comfort of your home at 10:30 am on Sundays. The recorded version of the service will continue to be sent out by email after the service and is available to watch at any time.

In-Person Worship Services

Holy Communion —BCP
8:00 AM Sunday

Holy Eucharist—BAS
Also Livestreamed
10:30 AM Sunday

Once Monthly Wednesday —BCP
Also Livestreamed
Next Service: Dec 2nd 2020
11:00 AM

Online Worship Services

Morning Prayer:
Monday-Friday 8:30 AM — *Zoom*

Contemplative Prayer:
Monday nights 7:00 PM — *Zoom*

Zoom Coffee Hour:
2PM on Sundays — *Zoom*

WARDEN'S REPORT

The wardens would like to express their deep and heart-felt thanks to those who have, by one means or another, maintained their pre-COVID level of giving. Your commitment and generosity are very greatly appreciated.

However, with the church building closed for a number of months earlier in the year, and only open now to a very limited extent, it will come as no surprise that open offerings, and envelope offerings, have greatly diminished over time. There is a year to date current shortfall in the order of \$27 700 in expected levels projected in our budget for open and envelope offerings.

Regarding expenses, we are under budget in a good majority of areas. However, a significant number of expenses are fixed. Through the good efforts of the diocese, we were able to qualify for a Federal wage subsidy in some earlier months this year, but not so in recent months. Typically, our monthly deficits have been in the region of \$5000, although there was a very generous response to the Thanksgiving appeal, and thank you very much. Our current operating deficit is a little over \$17 000.

We would ask, please, that you continue to support the church, if you are able, even if not able to attend, or attend as regularly as we would like or expect. If you have not considered it already, the electronic collection plate is an easy way of ensuring this support. We can forward sign up forms for any who would like to give in this way. Alternatively, giving by mail or drop-off (through

the vestry mail-slot) is encouraged and received with grateful thanks.

In many ways we are trying to 'return to normal', and we would ask you to give prayerful consideration to bringing your level of giving up to date if you haven't already done so, and if you are able to do so. Perhaps you may consider making a 'special' donation of what you might have spent at the Marketplace, had there been one, on all those things you had no idea you needed?

There is no doubt that eventually COVID will be a thing of the past. Our hope is that when this happens, we will have emerged in good health physically, spiritually, and financially.

Thank you very much.

Tony Browning
People's Warden

A LITTLE LAUGH



ACW REPORT

The ACW has met since September using zoom meetings. This has proven to be quite successful and fun for those with computers to see their parish friends. Sadly, long time members Elsie Porter (on Sept. 6th, aged 100), and Lorraine Patricia Trim (on September 30th) passed away. Although we were unable to provide a reception, in order to honour their service to others as ACW members, we have requested their names to be added to the book of remembrance in Victoria.

All throughout the spring, summer and fall faithful members and their friends were busy sewing, knitting and crocheting beautiful mittens, hats, scarves, sweaters and pj's for the Dorcas ministry. Lynn Affleck, Audrey Moxon, Yvonne Oliver, Joyce Langhelt, Isabel Murray, Edith Erb, Donna-Lee Criss, Carol Christopher, Sandra Robinson, Sandra MacKinnon and Carol Shaw spent many hours in this endeavour. Altogether, after organizing a 3 person Joy bag stuffing session, 9 large Rubbermaid bins, three large shopping bags and an enormous plastic vacuum seal bag were collected this year as our parish's contribution. Norma Humphreys and Diane Scott drove to Duncan on Oct.27th (only two allowed to keep numbers small) and helped package the boxes to ship to 6 northern parishes. Many thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of St Paul's for their monetary gifts that enabled us to help with the cost of shipping and extra items that had to be purchased for the Joy toiletry bags. 72 hand sewn bags (thanks to sewers Rhonda Lehman

and Sandra MacKinnon, and material donated by Mary Jackson) were sent to Duncan and 35 more will be given along with Country Grocer gift Certificates in December to Nanaimo's downtown needy. We welcomed Andrea Biener to our November meeting and were delighted that she knows how to run a zoom meeting. Mary Jackson is continuing her Sunshine card ministry. We all know the importance of keeping in touch at a distance at this time.

A big thank you goes to Lynn Affleck who represented the ACW at the All Saints service as a greeter on Nov. 3rd. Norma Humphreys reminds us we can purchase Remembrance Day masks from the legion to help with the war amps fundraising this year. On November 5th long time member and past president Isobel Murray turned 98! We were thrilled to wish her the best. I have included a photo of Isabel with her birthday balloons, card and Christmas cactus. Isobel is also very excited to share the news that her grandson Jamie is to be married this November.

The next ACW zoom meeting will take place on Wednesday Dec.2 at 1 pm. When we will vote in the new executive for 2021. The link will be sent closer to the time.

All women in the parish are welcome to come join the ACW membership. Please contact Marilyn Browning if you are interested in joining this group of dynamic Christian women. Be a saint and keep being kind to each other.



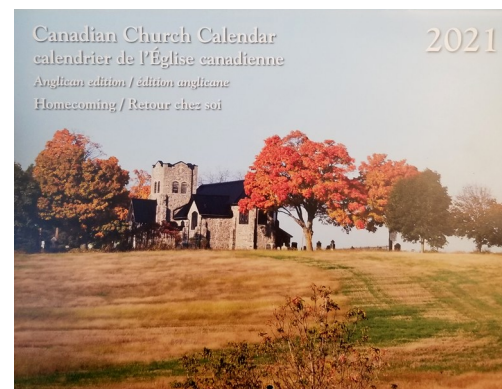
Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Browning
ACW President

2021 CALENDARS

The 2021 Canadian Church Calendars are here! Minimum donation is \$5.

Calendars can be picked up when attending an in-person service or mailed from the office.





Marketplace News!

*Here comes the
St. Paul's Merry Virtual Marketplace 2020!*

DRIVE-BY PICK UP SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 10:00AM TO 2:00PM

CHURCH PARKING LOT PAYMENT BY EXACT CASH OR CHEQUE

SILENT AUCTION Contact: Marilyn Browning 250-585-6857

- * **online video** showcasing all items (with a surprise guest!) first viewing **Monday, November 23**
- * three days of **bidding via e-mail or phone**

Monday, November 23	9:00am to 5:00pm
Tuesday, November 24	9:00am to 5:00pm
Wednesday, November 25	9:00am to 5:00pm

e-mail: stpaulsmerryvirtualmarketplace@gmail.com

Phone: 250-585-6857

- * **donations** must be **new or unused in original packaging** with a minimum value of \$20
- * **donations drop off at 4602 Lost Lake Road until November 12th**
OR Drop off at church: Friday, November 13 and Monday, November 16 10am to 3pm
- * **Items cannot be accepted after November 16.**

SHOPPING BY ORDER November 16 to 25

RANDY'S FAMOUS TRADITIONAL SHORTBREAD **\$10**
Contact: Randy or Barb Milligan at 250-754-2753 e-mail: barbdidit@gmail.com

CAROLINE'S FAMOUS CHRISTMAS CAKE 4'' **\$15**
Contact: Elaine Collison-Baker at 250-729-7871 e-mail: bmarian869@gmail.com

FESTIVE FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS AND DOOR SWAGS BY KATHY
Contact: Kathy McRae at 778-268-3784 e-mail: mcraekathy74@gmail.com

**50% of the proceeds from Kathy's orders will be donated to Marketplace
Order until December 19**

TREASURER'S REPORT

The last Financial Statement available is to the end of September 2020.

Total Income for 9 months
\$ 181,488.84

Total Outgo for 9 months
\$ 196,526.03

\$ (15,037.19)

Balance fwd.

Jan. 1/20 \$ (3,394.23)

Balance (deficit) \$ (18,431.42)

1. Under **Income**, we are under budget for Open & Envelope offerings by \$26,310.34, a further drop of about \$4000.00 from last month.

2. Under **Expenses**, almost all items are under budget. While Office Expenses are over budget, we were helped a little this month by the fact that there were no office expenses, other than the photocopier, and someone kindly donated \$100 to help with postage.

3. We paid only \$750.00 on the Capital loan this month.

4. We ended the month of September with a deficit of \$5,401.89. A pattern seems to be developing that we are between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000 short **each month**. Added to our accumulated deficit for 2019, we are now at a **deficit balance** at the end of September of **\$18,431.42**. We continue to see the true effects of the COVID situation on our finances. We had no wage subsidy, no rentals (these are suspended until January of 2021) and no recorded

parking revenue. Thanks to all who have kept their offerings up to date, either by dropping them off at the church (in person or by mail), or using the Electronic Collection plate. You can see how vital it is that we not let our support of the church drop, even if we are not able to attend.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at home. Keep safe!

Sue Gueulette,
Treasurer

PWRDF HOLIDAY CARDS

PWRDF'S 2020 Christmas cards are available now! it is a beautiful way to support the work of PWRDF. '

Minimum donation of \$25 per pack of 12 cards suggested.

Order online at::

pwrdf.org/Christmas_cards2020

Or

Contact Mike Ziemerink at

mziemerink@pwrdf.org

1-416-822-9083.

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$25 and higher.



PWRDF—COMING SOON!

Coming soon...

An At-Home Advent with PWRDF

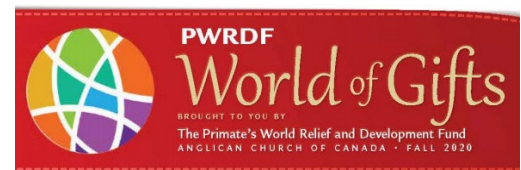
Join us during Advent for daily e-blasts including video reflections from your friendly PWRDF staffers and volunteers, scripture readings and prayers.

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PWRDF WORLD OF GIFTS



The PWRDF World of Gifts catalogue is a great way to shop for Christmas gifts that keep on giving.

The PWRDF online guide allows you to support our partners by funding items of need for their programs.

Your donations go directly to their stated use unless an item is over-funded, in which case funds will be allocated to an area of similar need.

You can also download the PDF and order by mail or telephone by calling 1 (877) 936-9199 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST).

<https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/shop-pwrdfs-world-of-gifts/>

NEWS



FROM OUR REGION

A Prayer for Autumn Season

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.
We sense its passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.

Creator God, who brings forth
both green shoot and hoar frost,
sunrise and sunset,
we bring our thanks
for seeds that have grown,
harvests gathered,
storehouses filled,
mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests
through winter's cold embrace,
we look forward to its re-awakening
when kissed by Spring's first touch.

~John Birch, 2016

(Source: https://www.faithandworship.com/Prayers_Autumn.htm#gsc.tab=0)

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to receive our weekly Friday File!



WHAT'S UP IN THE DIOCESE

CONSECRATION & INSTALLATION OF 14TH BISHOP

January 30, 2021, 11 AM, livestreamed

I WILL WITH GOD'S HELP— 3 PART WEBINAR

First part: Friday, November 20th—2:30 PM

**preregistration required*

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