



# Annual Report

## 2022-2023

*Welcoming and Inviting  
a Growing Number of our Neighbours  
into a Growing Relationship with God*

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# Annual Meeting Agenda

**February 28, 2023**

**Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85847892283>

**1. Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**2. Approval of Minutes of Feb. 22, 2022**

**3. Incumbent's Report & Discussion**

*Recent public health studies have shown that church decline has not been good for people. And yet, church decline has become harder and harder for churches to resist, especially in the wake of the pandemic. The Incumbent's Report points to some of our reasons for hope in these challenging times, discusses the rhythms that we need to rebuild in the wake of the pandemic, points to the kind of leadership we need to rebuild those rhythms, and raises some of the questions we need to be asking in the year ahead about our relationship with our building.*

*The Incumbent welcomes the insights, questions, and observations of those present on each of the issues raised in his report.*

**4. Executive Report from the Wardens and Treasurer**

**5. Reception of all Distributed Reports**

**6. Presentation and Approval of Proposed Budget for 2023**

**7. Election of Parish Officers**

**Warden:** Lorraine Brown has agreed to continue to serve as parish warden.

Laura Myers has allowed her name to stand and to succeed Elaine Robichaud as parish warden.

**Vestry:** No new names have been put forward for those willing to serve on Vestry.

The following members of Vestry have agreed to serve again this year: Debbie O'Bryant, Paula Bawn, Donna Leonard, Justin Stanley, Karen Stanley, Alice Kennedy, Glenna Geer

There is room for 5 more members of vestry.

**Delegates to Synod:**

**Alternates to Synod:**

**10. Adjournment** *Following the annual meeting, the members of Vestry are asked to remain to appoint a Treasurer, Vestry Clerk, and Parish Advisory Committee.*

# Incumbent's Report 2022

A new public health study published in January of this year ([https://www.nber.org/system/files/working\\_papers/w30840/w30840.pdf](https://www.nber.org/system/files/working_papers/w30840/w30840.pdf)), has made a direct link between the ongoing decline in church attendance and the rise of so-called “deaths of despair,” that is deaths by drug and alcohol abuse and suicide. These findings echo similar research published in 2020 by the Harvard School of Public Health (<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/press-releases/regularly-attending-religious-services-associated-with-lower-risk-of-deaths-of-despair/>) which shows that “people who attended religious services at least once a week were significantly less likely to die from ‘deaths of despair’”.

Based on the findings above, church decline has not been good for people, but it has also been getting harder and harder to resist, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. More and more churches are having to close, and the future of even relatively healthy churches is unclear.

As I was thinking about all of this and preparing this report, I was reminded of a story in the Gospel of Luke that I think might shed some light on our struggles and provide us with some hope. According to Luke, the day on which Jesus called his first four disciples (all of whom were fishermen) came after these same four people had spent an entire night fishing and catching nothing. That day, Jesus used one of their boats to speak to the crowds that had gathered on the beach to hear him. Then, after he was finished speaking, Jesus said to Simon Peter, the owner of the boat,

**“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’... Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ ” (Luke 5:5-8,10 NRSV)**

Here, I think, is how this story may apply to us:

The past few years have been dark and difficult, and the results of our efforts to further the life and mission of our parish have at times felt underwhelming. We’ve done a lot to try and stay connected as a parish and to help people grow in their relationship with God

through this period, and yet we've still not been able to consistently connect with the same numbers of people as before the pandemic. Furthermore, there are people and families that were very involved in the parish before the pandemic that have not come back, and that has been discouraging as well.

Many of us may feel like those disciples after their unsuccessful night of fishing. They worked hard through that long dark night, but when the sun came up they had very little to show for their efforts. Like them, it's easy for us to feel discouraged and to wonder how and maybe even why we should carry on.

But this story from Luke shows us that, with Jesus, we have every reason in the world to carry on. As long as we are willing to listen to Jesus, pull together, and go where he sends us, we can be certain that our efforts will never be in vain.

Furthermore, with so many of our neighbours still struggling to find hope and in need of a caring and supportive community, our neighbors need us to press on. Our neighbours need us to be persistent in following Jesus and making the reality, goodness and love of God known in the world.

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## **PUT TO WORK BY JESUS IN 2022**

In the story from Luke 5, Jesus put Simon Peter to work well before he directed him to that miraculous catch of fish. As Simon Peter was likely still regretting how fruitless his previous night's fishing trip had been, Jesus got into his boat and told him to put out a little way from the shore so that the crowd on the beach could hear Jesus speak (Luke 5:3).

Peter had no way of knowing it at the time, but just by letting Jesus borrow his boat, Peter was beginning a journey that would ultimately lead Peter himself to powerfully share God's message with thousands and thousands of people and in doing so change the world, and it all started with Peter simply lending Jesus his boat.

While Peter's role in Jesus' mission on that first day may have seemed small and insignificant, the truth is that Peter was actively helping Jesus change the lives of the people who were gathered there to hear the good news of God's kingdom. In a similar

way, I believe that Jesus has continued to put us to good use in sharing the good news of God's kingdom. Though we may still be feeling that our efforts have not been as successful, and though our part in this work may seem small and unassuming, Jesus has been putting us to work to bless people in deep and wonderful ways.

For example, we have welcomed some wonderful new people and new families into the life of St. Paul's since the pandemic and we've seen members of our congregation step into new leadership roles over the past year. These are important signs that Jesus is still putting us to use in sharing the good news of his kingdom, and helping people grow in their relationship with God.

**Here are just a few other signs that Jesus is still using us to bless our members and the people around us with the good news of the kingdom:**

- **CONFIRMATION AT ST. PAUL'S**

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, eight Middle and High School aged members of St. Paul's along with one adult member of St. Paul's publicly confirmed the faith of their baptism in the presence of Bishop Claude Miller and alongside several other young people from the parishes of Upham, Central Kings and Sussex.

- **ST.PAUL'S FIRST EVER ONLINE INTER-PARISH CONFIRMATION CLASS**

The above confirmation ceremony was preceded by a ten-week confirmation class jointly organized by clergy from across the deanery which took place largely online over Zoom, as at that point larger in-person gatherings were still being actively discouraged.

- **SECOND ANNUAL HAMPTON CHURCHES BASKETBALL CAMP**

Working with leaders from Hampton Baptist Church (HBC) and Embertide Church (EC), St. Paul's organized a weeklong basketball camp for the second time this past June. Over 40 kids between the ages of 6 and 12 participated in the free camp. Volunteers from St. Paul's, HBC, and EC provided snacks for the campers, who, in addition to having a great time developing their basketball skills, took part in a daily devotion and prayer time led by each of the churches' pastoral leaders.

- **OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS**

With the easing of public health restrictions, we were able to host several special events in 2022. Through these events we were able to connect with one another, our neighbours and with God in ways we hadn't consistently been able to over the previous two years. These included our second annual Cemetery & Memorial Service, and

Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting; a Back to School Messy Church Celebration; Thanksgiving Fellowship & Crafting on Thanksgiving Sunday; a Pumpkin Carving Party just before Halloween; an Advent Messy Church Celebration; Parish Christmas Party, and the first real Family Christmas Pageant since the beginning of the pandemic.

**You will find many other examples of how Jesus has continued to put St. Paul's to work in the ministry reports that follow. The members and ministry leaders of our parish have faithfully responded to Jesus' call in so many wonderful ways this past year and have demonstrated again and again that God is eager to do great things in and through the people of this parish.**

If you take nothing else from this Annual Parish Report, at least notice this: while our efforts in 2022 may not have looked as "successful" as we might have hoped, Jesus has continued to put St. Paul's to work in sharing the good news of God's kingdom and helping people grow in their relationship with him.

### **FOLLOWING JESUS UPWARD, OUTWARD, & INWARD IN 2023**

If Peter and the others had concluded that the miraculous catch of fish to which Jesus had directed them meant they should invest even more time and effort into fishing, they would have completely missed the point of that miracle. The point of that miraculous catch of fish was that Jesus had far greater things for them to do than anything they could possibly accomplish or imagine on their own. The point of that miracle, in other words, was that it was now time for them to focus on listening to and following Jesus.

**In the Gospels we see Jesus continually leading his followers in 3 directions at the same time. Jesus is always leading his followers:**

- **Upward** in their relationship with God
- **Outward** in their relationship with their neighbours, and
- **Inward** in their relationship with the community of faith, the Church

Listening to and following Jesus in our own day means letting Jesus lead us in the exact same ways: upward in our relationship with God, outward in our relationships with our neighbours, and inward in our relationship with the Church. Of course,

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*Following Jesus in 2023 and beyond means letting Jesus lead us upward in our relationship with God, outward in our relationship with our neighbours, and inward in our relationship with other followers of Jesus.*

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following Jesus in these ways has been part of the life of our parish for many years, but now, as we seek to rebuild from the disruption caused by the pandemic, we need to be very clear about where Jesus is leading us and what following Jesus really looks like.

## **REBUILDING THE RHYTHMS THAT FOLLOW JESUS'S LEAD**

When the pandemic hit, and especially as it has dragged on, all our rhythms were disrupted. Things that we had done for years (and some of us for decades) we suddenly couldn't do anymore. Three years later, it has become very clear that the rhythms which had sustained the life of our parish and its people for generations are not going to come back all on their own.

As with any good and life-giving habit, the rhythms associated with following Jesus need to be very intentionally rebuilt into our lives and the life of our parish.

**Here are some examples of the rhythms that need to be rebuilt so that we can move Upward, Outward, and Inward with Jesus:**

- **Upward Rhythms** – Worship, Prayer, Bible Study & Discussion, Communion
- **Outward Rhythms** – Gathering as church outside the church building and outside church events; Hosting events for the wider community (e.g. family dance parties, music nights, community meals); Inviting community members to partner in parish initiatives (e.g. HHS Lunches, Hampton Community Garden); Inviting neighbors and friends to Alpha; Caring for our neighbors' practical needs and/or organizing service projects that meet a need in our community
- **Inward Rhythms** – Gathering TOGETHER for worship, prayer, and Bible study; Serving our neighbours together; Eating together regularly; Visiting community

members together; Helping with one another's practical needs; Praying for and with each other

**Rebuilding these rhythms will take real leadership. Thankfully, we have been blessed with a wealth of gifted leaders.**

The Bible teaches that each member of the Church has been gifted in unique ways so that each area of the Church's life has the leadership it needs (1 Corinthians 12:18-20). As we strive to rebuild, these are the kinds of leaders that we will most need to identify, mobilize and continue to pray for:

- **Upward Leaders** focus on Spiritual Formation by providing leadership in the areas of Worship, Prayer, Bible Study & Discussion, Communion, and Prayer Ministry. Their overall purpose is to help people grow in their relationship with God.
- **Outward Leaders** focus on Reaching Out to those who are not (yet) actively engaged in the life of the church and provide leadership in response to the needs of the wider community and the wider world. Outward Leaders help organize and oversee service projects, community outreaches and community partnerships.
- **Inward Leaders** focus on nurturing the community of faith by providing leadership in Hospitality, Facilitating Gatherings and Creating Spaces in which people can connect and grow in relationship with one another. They also direct the church in attending to the practical and spiritual needs of its members.

## **PRAYING FOR THE LEADERS WE NEED**

In Matthew 9:37-38 Jesus says to his disciples, **“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”** Jesus uses the image of the harvest as a metaphor for the work of welcoming and inviting people into a growing relationship with God in his kingdom, and he tells his followers to pray for more people to step forward and apply their gifts to this work.

As we strive to rebuild the faithful and life-giving rhythms of our parish and seek the leaders who can help us to do this, we need to “pray earnestly” for more people to hear God's call and follow God's leading in this work. I hope we all make this prayer a priority in the year ahead.

## QUESTIONING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR BUILDING

Before the pandemic, average attendance at St. Paul's was relatively strong and growing. Average attendance across all services in 2019 was 82 people, up roughly 2% from the previous year. Average attendance in 2022, however, was down more than 40% from 2019 at just 48 people. While we still hope that people who have yet to return might come back and that we'll be able to welcome and invite new people, we simply don't know how long it will take, or if it's even possible, for our attendance numbers to get back to where they were before the pandemic.

Meanwhile, the cost of maintaining and operating our building continues to rise. This means, of course, that the growing burden of maintaining and operating a large and aging building is having to be shouldered by a small and aging congregation. All of this raises a vitally important question: "When does St. Paul's building stop being an asset to the life and mission of St. Paul's and become a liability?" Or, to put it another way,

**"When do the time, effort, money, and environmental costs of maintaining and operating our building stop being a worthy offering and simply become a waste?"**

The present situation raises another important question as well. **How important is our building to the people of Hampton really?**

We know anecdotally that many people in Hampton value our building's aesthetic appeal and historical significance. But if, despite our best efforts, it simply is not a space they wish to enter regularly for spiritual community, is it really worth the growing cost of maintaining and operating our building?

Might our neighbours be better served if we provided gatherings for spiritual community in places where they felt more comfortable and where perhaps the cost of rent was more affordable than the many and growing costs of maintaining our building?

These questions aren't really new. Many of us were asking these questions well before the pandemic, but back then our attendance numbers were relatively strong and growing. Furthermore, through 2020, 2021, and 2022 hopes were still high that things might go back to normal, but when it comes to church attendance in 2023, that seems less and less likely.

**There are several things we need to determine in the year ahead about our relationship with our building, but two questions stand out to me in particular:**

**1) What price are we willing to pay to keep worshipping in our building?**

The costs of maintaining and operating our building will continue to increase.

What are we willing to pay to keep worshiping in our building? How much time, effort, and money are we willing to spend maintaining and operating our building? When does the price we pay stop being a worthy offering and become a waste, and, what does the best use of our resources really look like?

## **2) How valuable is our building to the people of Hampton and our ability to connect with them?**

As I've already mentioned, lots of people in Hampton find our building "charming", but how valuable is it to them really?

The only way we can really know this is by explicitly asking our neighbours, family members and friends about the value of St. Paul's building to them personally. How important is our building to their relationship with God or their neighbours? If the answer is "not very" then what's the use in preserving it?

If the building is important to them, is it important enough for them to come and actively contribute to its functioning as a place for spiritual community? Is it valuable enough to them that they would actively contribute to the spiritual community that has maintained St. Paul's building for all these years?

Depending on the answers we get to these kinds of questions, it may be time for us to make some difficult but necessary decisions about our building.

The Gospels of Luke and Matthew both say that when Simon Peter decided to follow Jesus, he left his boat behind. It didn't matter to Peter that he had just heard and seen Jesus powerfully proclaim the good news to the crowds from that boat, or that he had just experienced one of Jesus' first public miracles in that boat. Peter knew that in order to follow Jesus and welcome people into the kingdom he had to leave that boat behind. Jesus has put our "old boat" (that is our building) to great use over the years. But the question before us now, and that we need think about and pray about very seriously in the year ahead, is whether Jesus wants to keep using our "boat" (building), or if, in order to follow him and welcome more people into the kingdom, we may need to leave our "boat" behind.

## **THANKYOUS AND GOODBYES**

Amidst these deep and difficult things to consider, there are so many reasons for joy and celebration. The valuable work done by so many members of our church needs to be recognized!

Huge thanks to Sharon Kelly our Office Administrator, Sunday Morning Ministries Coordinator, and who is always a huge help with our Children's Ministry. Special thanks to Sharon as well for her hard work in compiling this year's Annual Report.

Thank you to each of you who made submissions to the parish report on behalf of your respected ministries and groups. Each of the Ministry Reports in this larger Parish Report points, not only to the dedication and faithfulness of our ministry leaders, but to God's continued eagerness to bless people through the life and mission of St. Paul's.

My profound thanks to Rev. Deacon Debbie Cochran for her support to the Vestry, her leadership in our worship gatherings and her faithful dedication to visiting, bringing Communion to, and praying with the many people who are not able to gather with us in person on Sunday mornings.

Thanks also to Rev. Dan McMullen for his hard work and creativity in continuing to serve the youth and those in need in our community through 2022. Dan formally concluded his ministry with us in September of 2022 and so, in addition to thanking God for the 6 wonderful years Dan spent with us, we ask God's blessing on Dan and Sarah and their growing family as they carry on with their new ministry in the parish of Sussex.

Thanks also to David Fillmore for all the work he has done these many years to maintain the parish grounds. David formally retired from this work in October of 2022 and so in addition to offering our heartfelt thanks we hope and pray that David has a rich and restful retirement.

Thanks to Clarence Miller and Stephen MacMackin for their attention to our buildings' maintenance and improvement needs. Thanks also to Mike Fillmore who joined us as our new cleaner in 2022.

Thanks to Kate, Silas, Molly, Isaac, and Ezra Turner, Laura Myers and Arlene and Alan DesRoches for their support of our music ministry.

Thanks to Luka Malatestinic, Stan Brown, Chris Rendell, Declan Bayer, Silas Turner and Katie Hoyt for their help running the video, sound and streaming technology each Sunday.

Thanks to our layreaders: Heather Miller, Myra Stites, Lorraine Brown, and Debbie O'Bryant. We also remember and give thanks for our brother Rod Langis who passed away in 2022. In addition to being a great friend and faithful member of St. Paul's for many years, Rod was also a dedicated layreader at St. Paul's and several other parishes in the diocese.

Thanks to our many readers and greeters and again to Sharon Kelly for her work recruiting and coordinating our various Sunday morning volunteers.

Thanks to Heather Miller and the Fellowship Team for all they did to make eating together part of the life of our parish again this year.

Thanks also to our Vestry members: Paula Bawn, Donna Leonard, Justin Stanley, Karen Stanley, Alice Kennedy, Laura Myers, Debbie O'Bryant, and in particular to two members of Vestry whose terms will be concluding as of our Annual Meeting on Feb. 28th; Glenna Geer, and Heather Miller.

I cannot express enough thanks to our Wardens Lorraine Brown and Elaine Robichaud for their diligent leadership and service to our parish, and to our Treasurer Stephen MacMackin for so ably overseeing our finances.

We are especially grateful for Elaine's contributions to the parish as Warden over the past three years as her term will be concluding as of our Annual Meeting on Feb. 28th.

Rod Langis was not the only beloved member of this parish to pass away this year. We also said goodbye to Shirley Stanley who led and served on several different ministry teams in the parish over the years including the Fellowship Committee and the Chancel Guild; George Goucher who helped to lead and literally helped grow the Hampton Community Garden; Charles Parker who served on the Vestry and helped with our annual Vacation Bible School for many years, and Ian Tytler who along with his beloved Dianne spent many years cleaning and maintaining St. Paul's church building.

We give thanks and praise to God in memory of all the members and friends of St. Paul's who passed away this year.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.

Humbly Submitted,

The Rev. David Turner +

Incumbent of the Anglican Parish of Hampton, February 9, 2023

## IN MEMORIAM

We give thanks and praise to God in memory of the members and friends of St. Paul's who passed away in 2021

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
and my light perpetual shine upon them.

**Rod Langis**

**Shirley Stanley**

**George Goucher**

**Charles Parker**

**Ian Tytler**

# Warden's Report 2022

The warden's report for this year's annual meeting demonstrates some glimmers of a new normal as we transition from the effects of the covid pandemic. Our hope and prayer that our efforts to reach UP to God, reaching IN to our community of Faith and reaching OUT to our neighbours, will provide renewed vigor, participation, and a place of faith that touches many in 2023.

As the world has evolved and restrictions lifted, we have continued with a covid-safe service at 9 am for those who wish to attend.

We have enjoyed of the last number of years the energy of Rev. Dan McMullen. This year big things happened for him and his wife Sarah. They welcomed 4 sisters into their family and Dan was called to minister in Sussex. We have appreciated his vigor, candor and the odd story or joke along with his message. We wish him well.

We are in the second winter with two new furnaces. With a switch to propane for fuel and a much higher efficiency furnace we are still challenged to stay warm and keep our energy costs as low as possible. We try to find the balance between the right time to turn them up and the temperature that will create a comfortable space. We hope to continue to look for ways to make our building more efficient energy wise as all costs escalate.

Rev. David has continued to embrace technology with the knowledge and help that Luka Malatestinic (hired as our summer student) and others had, keeping the congregation informed and connected to one another as well as providing virtual church services and meetings. We also had our website re-born which will allow for streaming of our services thru the website as well as easier navigation. It is in its infancy so needs help from all groups to provide content for their ministries to provide great information to our friends and neighbours near and far about our life at St. Paul's

Our church organizations having been sidelined as the pandemic evolved, are showing some renewal. The Holy Joes have continued their monthly Saturday Breakfast gatherings and have taken on the odd project around the church. They challenge each other and have some dynamic discussions. All men of the church are welcome.

The Mother's Union has also been active with their projects as well including a modified program for meals at the middle school along with online prayer and gatherings and encouraging the collection of socks and soap for various outreaches in our community.

The Coffee and Conversation group continued meeting in a hybrid manner with zoom and in person gathering more recently locating at DeMille Place common room. It is a time of connection, checking in, and some meaningful discussions that arise from the scriptures studied.

The Fellowship committee has re-started under the leadership of Heather Miller. Our first big event was the appreciation Souper Lunch in October to honour David and his work among us. We had a

Parish Christmas party which included lunch decorating and games to kick off the Christmas season.( with some interesting elves)

Sunday school has started up again in a smaller format. Families are welcomed at a family table set up with colouring pages, small toys, and play dough to keep the younger members occupied during the service. They retreat for a Godly play session and story time during the sermon. The Christmas Eve family pageant was a great way to celebrate the Birth of Jesus with our families.

Our noon-hour High School weekly lunches continued this past fall as a take away Grilled Cheese lunch. With participation from other churches in the community it has become a weekly event with over 100 students arriving each week for a bag lunch take away.

We think that we speak for everyone saying that our church family certainly looks forward to; the opportunity to gather freely for a potluck or lunch, the ability to work closely with groups for community events, singing with jubilation our favourite old hymn or more contemporary praise song, meeting with friends and having a coffee and a cookie before worshipping our Lord on a Sunday morning, along with the activities of the groups. We all look forward to joining together in a “new” normal to help a growing number of our neighbours to experience a growing relationship with God, here in “Beautiful Hampton New Brunswick”.

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Robichaud and Lorraine Brown

# Deacon's Report 2022

As we begin 2023, I thank God for His direction, guidance and presence over this past year at St. Paul's. I am finding that as we age, time seems to, unfortunately, pandemic or not, go by more quickly. That being said, ministry always seems to have more for us to learn and new ideas to challenge us on the horizon. Unfortunately, the pandemic has its own criteria. I am excited to see where God will take our church over the next year and I am hopeful that the pandemic will be behind us somewhat, so that we may move in the direction He will send us on, as we continue as servants for Him.

This past January, I continued on with Module III and IV of my Spiritual Direction program which has been both fulfilling physically and spiritually, growing in a more intimate relationship with Christ. This program is one which I hope to eventually be able to share with others as I move forward.

I continue to participate as the clerk (typing minutes) in our Vestry meetings, attend Deanery meetings, head up our Prayer Chain, participate in Alpha and attend occasional meetings with Rev. David as they arise, along with involvement in our weekly worship services.

I visit the nursing/senior care homes offering home communion on a monthly basis at Daeka Care Facility, Living Hope Senior Care Home (formally Riverdale Manor), Birch Grove Apartments, Dr. V.A Snow Center, Ossekeag Manor and the DeMille Apartments. I presently have 32 residents that I visit. They enjoy a visit, participating in home communion and spending time in prayer for a loved one, friend or whomever, as the need arises. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, I have not always been able to visit the residents in the nursing/senior homes because of restrictions due to Covid or other illness.

On July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>, I led and preached at both services while Rev. David and his family took a well-deserved vacation. In last year's report, I mentioned being invited by and honored by Bishop David Edwards, to participate in the 12-12-12 Program which stands for 12 clergy over 12 months, participating in 12 sessions. This one year program finished on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This has been most informative and I have found it to be a real learning basis towards my ministry and in meeting new clerics. Moving forward, as a 12-12-12 group, we now plan to meet on a quarterly basis with myself and one other cleric co-moderating this program. We plan to have our first meeting together on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Sussex. Now retired 2 years, I don't know how I ever worked full-time. I have been doing some casual work within the different schools, keeping in touch with co-workers and become more involved in other ministry avenues.

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, I completed the three-year Spiritual Direction program and I am anticipating our closing, which takes place on June 16, 2023. I have been meeting on a monthly basis with my Spiritual Mentor to review each month's exercises and to discuss how I have been encouraged and how I have received the Holy Spirit's guidance through this program. My Spiritual Mentor has put my name forward to participate in the CLC (Christian Life Community) Program, which I am excited to participate in soon. As mentioned earlier, it is my hope that in the future, I may eventually offer all I continue to learn from these programs, to parish members who may find them of interest.

I also have put my name forward to be a representative for AED (Association for Episcopal Deacons) for the Diocese of Fredericton.

Although this year has been both challenging and rewarding – working casually, preaching, home communions, vestry, meetings with David, 12-12-12, Spiritual Direction, Alpha, etc., it has also been a sad time with the passing of residents I have visited, parishioners, and others known to me. Regardless of the many “ups and downs”, challenges of Covid this past year, the time has gone by quickly, bringing us closer together as a Church family.

I would be remiss, if I didn't take this opportunity to personally thank Rev. David Turner and his family along with members of St. Paul's, Hampton, for your insight, direction, guidance and support, while sharing the gospel, participating in many church events and in helping those less fortunate. I look forward to an end to the pandemic with its many challenges, and the new direction to which God may be sending each one of us and to where it will lead us in the future, in the Parish of St. Paul's, Hampton.

Your sister in Christ,

(Rev.) Deborah Cochran

Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran

**“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”  
- Ephesians 4:32**

# Missioner's Report 2022

## Missioner's Report 2022 – Parishes of Central Kings, Upham, and Hampton

Even though I was only around for two thirds of the year, 2022 was a great and busy year for missional efforts in greater Upper Kennebecasis Valley!

Whether it was feeding hungry students grilled cheese lunches, online (and offline) family churches/youth groups/confirmation classes, or basketball VBS camps (just to name a few), it was a faithful and fruitful year.

2022 was a great and busy year for Sarah and I personally as well. After a summer of PRIDE adoption training, in April of 2022 Sarah & I were matched with a group of 4 sisters. In June we finished the lengthy disclosure readings, and on July 6 of 2022 we got to meet the sisters for the first time. This started the transition process, which lasted a couple months. On August 29 we signed some official papers. All this is a long (but nowhere close to complete) way of saying that in 2022 Sarah and I became parents.

During this time period, of transitioning into a family, I also had another significant transition. This is where you come in. Sarah and I felt a calling to minister more local, which brought us to an associate priest position in the Parishes of Waterford, St Mark, & Sussex. We started this position with great joy in September. We were, however, deeply saddened to leave a position and a community of people we love so much. A community of people who showed their great love for us so much.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for all you have done for us over the past 6 years. Yes, that is right, you put up with me for 6 years! You deserve some sort of metal 🏆

In the Fall newsletter, I wrote about how Paul often thanked the churches he was writing to, and that his gratitude was because of 6 things: their faith, love, steadfastness, spiritual gifts, partnership in the Gospel, and their history and mutual affection. As I mentioned then, I have seen all 6 in my time here in the Upper Kennebecasis Valley as well. Yet somehow even 6 big thankyou's don't seem like enough. I do not know if I could ever repay all of you for your generosity and patience with me, so I suppose these 6 thankyou's will have to do.

I'll add another, more general, thank you here:

Thanks,

+Dan

# 2022 AGM Minutes

**Tuesday, 22.02.2022**

## **Online (Zoom)**

**Attendees:** Stan Brown, Lorraine Brown, Gordon “Buzz” Payne, Paul Robichaud, Elaine Robichaud, Heather Miller, Clary Miller, Dennis Stevenson, Rev. David Turner, Rev. Deacon Debbie Cochran, Debbie O’Bryant, Justin Stanley, Donna Leonard, Dan McMullen, Laura Myers, Myra Stites, Sharon Kelly, Barb MacMackin, Stephen MacMackin, Christene Sooley, Ruby Masson, Glenna Geer, Alice Kennedy, Bruce Kennedy

**Regrets:** Paula Bawn

## **Agenda**

Opening Prayer

*Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, be present with us as we take counsel together for the mission and renewal of your church. Teach us in all things to seek first your kingdom. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## **Approval of Minutes of Feb. 23, 2021**

**Motion: That the Minutes of Feb. 23, 2021 be approved**

Moved by - Elaine Robichaud

Seconded by - Lorraine Brown

Please indicate if carried – Carried

## **Reflecting on the Past Year: Small Signs of Growth**

*The Rector would like to take this time to reflect together on the small signs of spiritual growth that have continued in our parish despite the losses and challenges that we have faced in the past year.*

**NOTES:** David said that even though attendance is still down compared to before the pandemic, engagement remains strong. Heather Miller mentioned that engagement of the family tables is a real plus to the service as well. Laura Myers mentioned that the ice breaker at the beginning of the service is a nice start before the service. Online is something to continue to challenge as an opportunity going forward.

## **Executive Report from Wardens and Treasurer**

*The Wardens and Treasurer will speak to the highlights that stood out to them over the past year.*

**NOTES:** Buzz says thanks to Sharon, David, Alice, Elaine, Stephen and others who have done such a wonderful job. David and Elaine thanked Buzz for his time as Warden. Elaine believes next year will bring new things and better things are to come.

### **Reception of all Distributed Reports**

#### **Motion: That the Reports be Received as Distributed**

Moved by - Dennis Stevenson

Seconded by - Laura Myers

Please indicate if carried - Carried

### **Presentation and Approval of Proposed Budget for 2022**

#### **Motion: That the proposed budget for 2022 be approved as presented.**

Moved by - Stephen MacMackin

Seconded by - Buzz Payne

Please indicate if carried - Carried

### **Election of Parish Officers**

**Wardens** - Elaine Robichaud has agreed to continue to serve as parish Warden.

The parish is deeply grateful for the service provided by Gordon “Buzz” Payne as Warden of this parish for the past three years. As of this meeting, Gordon completes his term as Warden which leaves the parish in need of a new Warden.

Lorraine Brown has put her name forward and is appointed as Warden.

Debbie O’Bryant has been appointed as a member of Vestry.

**Vestry** - We would like to thank Christene Sooley, Laura Myers, and Myra Stites for their service as members of Vestry these past three years. Thank you to each of you for your service to the mission of our parish.

Laura Myers has agreed to serve another term on Vestry alongside our 8 returning members.

Where the total number of those willing to serve on Vestry does not exceed the maximum number allowed by the Canons of the Diocese of Fredericton, an election of Vestry members is not required at this time.

**Delegates and Alternates to Synod** - The following members of the parish were appointed as Delegates and Alternates to Synod at the last Annual Parish Meeting, and are eligible to remain as such if they so wish.

**Delegates to Synod:**

1. Debbie O’Bryant
2. Buzz (Gordon) Payne

**Alternates to Synod:**

1. Laura Myers
2. Alice Kennedy

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at - Following the Grace we adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

**Post-Annual Meeting of Vestry**

**Attendees:** Rev. David Turner, Rev. Deacon Debbie Cochran, Heather Miller, Justin Stanley, Laura Myers, Elaine Robichaud, Stephen MacMackin, Lorraine Brown, Debbie O’Bryant, Alice Kennedy, Glenna Geer and Donna Leonard

**Motion:** I, Elaine Robichaud, motion that Lorraine Brown be given signing authority and that Gordon “Buzz” Payne be removed from signing authority. Carried.

Signing authority names will be Rev. David Turner, Lorraine Brown, Elaine Robichaud, and Stephen MacMackin

**Names of those Appointed to the Parish Advisory Committee:** Elaine Robichaud, Lorraine Brown, Laura Myers, Donna Leonard and Justin Stanley

**Name of Person Appointed to serve as Treasurer:** Stephen MacMackin

**Name of Person Appointed to serve as Vestry Clerk:** Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran

**Date, Time and Location of Next Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, March 22nd 2022, Zoom

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:22 p.m.**

# Financial Reports 2022

**St. Paul's Church**  
**Corporation of the Anglican Parish of Hampton**  
**2022 Annual Meeting**

Treasurers Report 2022

Financial Statements 2022

-Profit & Loss 2022

-Other Income & Expenses 2022

-Balance Sheet 2022

Financial Audit Canon SIX 2(1)(d)

Financial Budget 2022

## Treasurers Report 2022

January 3, 2023

To the Rector, Wardens, Vestry Members and the Parishioners of the Parish of Hampton:

The Financial Audit as required by Canon SIX 2(1)(d) was completed by Paul Robichaud and Stan Brown.

Our church finances remained stable, thank you for your ongoing support.

Income (giving) of \$150,764 was (\$1212) behind 2021 (normalizing for Mission – Outreach Flow - Through (\$6,690) & summer students (\$14,867)).

Expenses of \$155,400 were \$6825 less than 2021 (normalizing for Mission – Outreach Flow -Through (\$6,690) & summer students (\$13,830)).

The operating bank account ended the year at \$12,392. In 2022 DeMille Place Inc. repaid the loan of \$43,965.96, the Parish made for the start up costs for the seniors housing project.

As we begin our budget preparations for 2023, I raise the concern of the unknowns we face and that we need to be ready to structure our church and our finances to meet them. High winds continue to cause loss of shingles on our roof and a recent quote for replacement was \$75,000. Insurance and energy costs continue to increase.

In 2023 we are budgeting to spend \$162,175 to operate our church (normalizing for Mission – Outreach Flow -through (\$6690) & summer students (\$14,500)). Last year our giving was only \$150,869 a projected 2023 shortfall of \$11,306.

To put this in perspective it requires:

### **\$11,306 or \$217 more per Sunday to operate our church in 2023**

Thank you for your past support and you can continue it by:

- Dropping your giving off at the church or,
- Using the Diocesan weekly or monthly e-offering or,
- E-transfer to Bayview Credit Union or,
- Canada Helps

Thank you to Rev. David Turner, Sharon Kelly, and all the counters for your support during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Stephen MacMackin*

Treasurer, Parish of Hampton

The Corporation of the Anglican Parish of Hampton (St. Paul's Church)  
Profit and Loss  
January - December 2022

	Total			
	Jan - Dec. 2022	Jan - Dec. 2021 (PY)	Change	% Change
<b>INCOME</b>				
4000 Regular - Envelope Offering	59,777.60	58,680.64	1,096.96	1.87%
4010 Regular - E-Offering	81,435.00	82,440.00	(1,005.00)	-1.22%
4015 Open Offering	1,366.90	950.15	416.75	43.86%
4020 Easter	2,075.00	2,490.00	(415.00)	-16.67%
4030 Thanksgiving	1,605.00	1,562.20	42.80	2.74%
4040 Christmas	3,840.00	3,345.25	494.75	14.79%
4050 Sunday School	64.75	157.60	(92.85)	-58.91%
4080 Mission - Outreach Flow-through	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4120 Government Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4290 Other Income	600.00	2,350.77	(1,750.77)	-74.48%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 150,764.25</b>	<b>\$ 151,976.61</b>	<b>\$ (1,212.36)</b>	<b>-0.80%</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$ 150,764.25</b>	<b>\$ 151,976.61</b>	<b>\$ (1,212.36)</b>	<b>-0.80%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
5000 Rector Stipend	44,910.00	43,220.04	1,689.96	3.91%
5010 Secretary	11,700.00	11,700.00	0.00	0.00%
5020 Audio Visual	2,160.00	3,060.00	(900.00)	-29.41%
5030 Janitor	1,622.13	2,254.75	(632.62)	-28.06%
5040 Summer Student	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5052 Travel Pool Assesment	240.00	240.00	0.00	0.00%
5060 Rectors Car Replacement	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00	0.00%
5070 EI/PPP	5,613.91	5,260.17	353.74	6.72%
5080 Rectors Benefit Assessment	5,880.40	5,944.92	(64.52)	-1.09%
5090 Rectors Pension Premium	9,208.08	9,246.96	(38.88)	-0.42%
5100 Rectors Continuing Education	900.00	900.00	0.00	0.00%
5105 Deacons Cont Ed	496.09	215.84	280.25	129.84%
5110 Workers Compensation	685.99	801.10	(115.11)	-14.37%
5200 Diocesan Shared Ministry	21,801.84	22,427.16	(625.32)	-2.79%
5220 Diocesan Pension Bonus	651.00	651.00	0.00	0.00%
5300 Church - Propane	6,918.88	5,457.79	1,461.09	26.77%
5310 Church - Power	4,609.44	4,111.47	497.97	12.11%
5320 Church - Phone	2,601.86	2,450.40	151.46	6.18%
5330 Church - Repairs & Maintenance	7,796.09	16,618.11	(8,822.02)	-53.09%
5340 Rectory - Power	2,805.26	2,763.26	42.00	1.52%
5350 Rectory - Phone	2,116.78	2,012.83	103.95	5.16%
5360 Rectory - Repairs & Maintenance	236.50	250.56	(14.06)	-5.61%
5370 Rectory - Sewerage	190.00	190.00	0.00	0.00%
5380 Insurance	10,275.00	9,780.00	495.00	5.06%
5410 Mission - Outreach Expense	0.00	545.70	(545.70)	-100.00%
5420 Mission Outreach Flowthr Expens	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5430 Rectors Discretionary	256.84	1,490.00	(1,233.16)	-82.76%
5500 Office Expenses	5,158.80	3,836.89	1,321.91	34.45%
5510 Music Expenses	0.00	500.50	(500.50)	-100.00%
5520 Liturgical Expense	1,181.37	980.92	200.45	20.43%
5530 Sunday School Expense	134.63	28.22	106.41	377.07%
5540 Youth Group Expenses	389.42	75.00	314.42	419.23%
5550 Adult Education Expense	0.00	600.00	(600.00)	-100.00%
5560 Fellowship Events Expense	306.45	94.07	212.38	225.77%
5570 Bank Charges	353.47	317.72	35.75	11.25%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 155,400.23</b>	<b>\$ 162,225.38</b>	<b>\$ (6,825.15)</b>	<b>-4.21%</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ (4,635.98)</b>	<b>\$ (10,248.77)</b>	<b>\$ 5,612.79</b>	

OTHER INCOME & EXPENSES	Jan - Dec. 2022	Jan - Dec. 2021 (PY)	Change	% Change
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
4220 Cemetery Fund - Donations	9,434.25	6,422.95	3,011.30	46.88%
4230 Cemetery Fund - Interest Earned	874.30	900.89	(26.59)	-2.95%
<b>Expenses</b>				
5610 Cemetery Fund - Expense	6,517.32	12,291.12	(5,773.80)	-46.98%
Surplus	3,791.23	(4,967.28)	8,758.51	
<b>Memorial Fund</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
4240 Memorial Fund - Donations	1,290.00	1,505.00	(215.00)	-14.29%
4250 Memorial Fund - Interest Earned	2.05	2.45	(0.40)	-16.33%
<b>Expenses</b>				
5620 Memorial Fund - Expense	343.66	2,106.52	(1,762.86)	-83.69%
Surplus	948.39	(599.07)	1,547.46	
<b>Building Fund</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
6000 Building Fund - Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4210 Building Fund - Interest Earned	1.45	0.00	1.45	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Building Fund - Expense	0.00	0.00		
Surplus	1.45	0.00		

The Corporation of the Anglican Parish of Hampton (St. Paul's Church)

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalent</b>	
1000 Bank - Building Fund 24-3	43,967.41
1005 Bank - Cemetery Fund 25-3	7,452.86
1010 Bank - Operating	12,391.56
1015 Bank - Memorial Fund 23-3	5,050.75
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalent</b>	<u>\$ 68,862.58</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable (A/R)</b>	
1210 Accounts Receivable	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)</b>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
1220 AR- Housing Development Investment	0.00
1400 HST Rebate	0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>\$ 68,862.58</u>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>	
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>	
1510 Land- Church Property	47,812.00
1512 Land - Demille Property	220,550.00
1520 Building	724,263.00
1530 Paving	10,216.00
1540 Furniture & Equipment	99,213.76
<b>Total Property, plant and equipment</b>	<u>\$ 1,102,054.76</u>
1610 Building Fund Investment	0.00
1620 Cemetery Fund Investment	26,843.66
1640 Property Fund Investment	0.00
1650 Baview Credit Union Share	5.00
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<u>\$ 1,128,903.42</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 1,197,766.00</u>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
2020 New HST Recoverable	0.00
2025 Old HST Recoverable	0.00
2030 Payroll Liabilities	0.00
2510 Bank Loan	0.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b>Equity</b>	
3010 Equity	1,020,692.27
Retained Earnings	175,066.82
Profit for the year	2,006.91
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>\$ 1,197,766.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<u>\$ 1,197,766.00</u>

REVIEWER CERTIFICATION

To: The Parish of Hampton

Re: Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022

I/We, the undersigned, having been duly appointed, have reviewed the financial accounts and the statements submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Parish of

Hampton.

In addition, we have reviewed any applicable certificates of investment.

In our opinion the records maintained by the Treasurer are properly represented in the Year End Financial Statements presented to the Annual Meeting and accurately reflect the financial transactions of the Parish. The cash and investment balances properly state the financial position of the Parish.

Our review examined only the recording of the various transactions and does not purport to pass any judgement on the merit of the expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. L. Reviewer

Brown Reviewer

Date: January 4, 2023

<b>St. Paul's Church Proposed Budget 2023</b>		
In 2023 we are budgeting to spend \$162,6765 to operate our church (*normalizing for Mission – Outreach Flow -Through & Summer Students). Last year our giving was only \$150,869 so our projected shortfall for 2023 is \$11,306. To put this in perspective it will require: \$11,306 or \$217 more per Sunday to operate our church in 2023		
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2023</b>	
	<b>Budget</b>	
Envelopes	\$ 59,778	
E Offering	\$ 82,140	
Open Collections	\$ 1,367	
Easter	\$ 2,075	
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,605	
Christmas	\$ 3,840	
Sunday School	\$ 65	
Mission - Outreach Flowthru *	\$ -	\$ 6,690
Government Grants - Summer Students *	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Other Income	\$ -	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 150,869</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Rector Stipend	\$ 47,640	
Secretary	\$ 11,934	
Organist / Video Technician	\$ 2,340	
Janitor	\$ 1,600	
Summer Student *	\$ -	\$ 14,500
Travel Pool	\$ 240	
Rectors Car Replacement	\$ 4,200	
EI/CPP	\$ 5,568	
Rectors Benefit Assessment	\$ 6,211	
Rectors Pension Premium	\$ 9,720	
Rectors Continuing Education	\$ 900	
Deacon's Travel & Continuing Education	\$ 250	
Work Safe NB	\$ 700	
Diocesan Shared Ministry	\$ 20,672	
Church Oil/Propane	\$ 7,000	
Church Power	\$ 5,829	
Church Phone	\$ 2,600	
Church Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 7,000	
Rectory Power	\$ 3,181	
Rectory Phone	\$ 2,100	
Rectory Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 4,000	
Rectory Sewerage	\$ 200	
Insurance	\$ 11,690	
VBS School	\$ -	
Mission Outreach Expense	\$ -	
Mission Outreach Flowthru *	\$ -	\$ 6,690
Rectors Discretionary	\$ 750	
Office Expenses	\$ 3,500	
Music Expense	\$ 250	
Liturgical Expense	\$ 750	
Sunday School Expense	\$ 150	
Youth Group Expense	\$ 400	
Adult Education Expense	\$ 100	
Fellowship Events Expense	\$ 300	
Bank Charges	\$ 400	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 162,175</b>	
<b>Deficit 2022</b>	<b>-\$ 11,306</b>	

# Committee & Ministry Reports

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# Cemetery 2022

The committee this year held the following programs to build the profile of the cemetery and support its ongoing maintenance:

- Memorial Service October 2022
- Collection of Recyclable Bottles
- Tree Lighting December 2022

David Fillmore is retiring from his role in maintaining the cemetery. We want to thank David for his work and dedication to the cemetery.

Here is a summary report of the financial position of the cemetery.

Cemetery Fund Donations 2022	\$9,434.25
Cemetery Fund Interest Earned 2022	\$874.30
Cemetery Funds Drawn Down 2022	\$0
Cemetery Fund Expenses 2022	\$6,517.32
Cemetery Bayview Credit Union Dec 31, 2022	\$7,452.86
Cemetery Diocesan Fund Dec 31, 2022	\$26,843.66

Maintenance of monuments in the cemetery are the responsibility of the family who places them in the cemetery.

The committee will identify any monuments that pose a safety risk and ask that the family responsible have the proper repairs made.

The committee is very pleased with the results of all the work on the cemetery and how good it looks.

**Donations to the ongoing maintenance of cemetery by the congregation are needed and would be appreciated.**

In 2022 the Diocese of Fredericton has put in new guidelines for operation of cemeteries for Parishes to follow. We will begin implementing these in 2023.

Respectfully Submitted by the Cemetery Committee

David Fillmore, Janice Kelly, Alice Kennedy, Sharon Kelly, Estelle Fowler, Stephen MacMackin, and Rev. David Turner

# Chancel Guild 2022

Chancel Guild has been unable to meet during the past 3 years due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Thank you to Rev. David for looking after Communion set up and for changing the hangings.

We lost one of our faithful members Shirley Stanley on June 19, 2022.

Hopefully we will be able to get back to Chancel Guild duties this year.

As always new members are always welcomed.

Respectfully submitted

Estelle Fowler

# Coffee & Conversation 2022

The Coffee and Conversation study group continued to meet by zoom in January, February, and March. The group remained a vibrant and welcoming place for people to meet and we had members in Sussex and Calgary and Hampton all discussing scripture or chatting about what was happening in their lives. During Lent we read "Practicing Lament" by Rebekah Eklund which led to many thought-provoking discussions on the spiritual discipline of lamenting.

After a summer break we resumed C&C in person at the church as well as still providing zoom to other participants. We missed Dan as he had moved to Sussex and we had no one to pick on. In November as it became colder, we moved to DeMille Place common room for our gathering and was welcomed by Myra with coffee and treats. Many thanks. We hope to continue there in 2023.

C&C meets Tuesday at 10am and all are welcome to attend in person or on zoom. Be prepared for stories and laughter and revelations about our faith.

Submitted by Heather Miller

# Fellowship 2022

Members of the congregation continued to support fellowship efforts with coffee, tea and treats before service and later between services this last year. This began cautiously but as covid restrictions relaxed became the norm again. We also supplied refreshment after several funerals from the back of the church and catered to a reception for a funeral downstairs.

In October and November we helped supply snacks for Messy Church. In November there were refreshments for the Cemetery Memorial Service and in December the Christmas tree lighting service. In December we hosted an after church lunch of soup and apple crisp for parishioners. We plan to continue with after church lunches in the new year.

Thank you to all the people who support fellowship work. Many hands make pleasant results.

Submitted by Heather Miller

# Hampton Community Garden 2022

Our Community Garden members, and the Hampton Food Basket are both very grateful for the support of St. Paul's Anglican Church in this community out-reach project.

We now have 105 garden beds, with 25 beds are dedicated for the Hampton Food Basket. We have 49 active members, with 17 members are looking after 2 or more beds. The total number of people affected by this project would include our membership, plus over 200 people who are clients of the Hampton Food Basket who receive fresh produce from our efforts every summer and fall.

We were very pleased this year with the exceptional work done by our two summer students, Miranda and Jillian. The summer students were 100% funded by the NB SEED program. The students made significant contributions to our Food Basket program, as well as doing repairs and maintenance around the site.

In partnership with the Hampton Food Basket, we applied for and received a grant from the Community Investment Fund in the amount of \$1400. These funds were used to purchase materials for a new garage door, and lumber for fencing repairs. In both cases, the labour was provided by HCG volunteers. In 2022, the Hampton Food Basket again paid for the installation and servicing of a portable toilet at the Garden, which is much appreciated by our members and summer students.

Tasks for coming year include additional repairs to the fence surrounding the garden, and perhaps building a second set of garage doors!

All our members would like to thank the congregation of St. Paul's for their ongoing support of this project and for allowing us to use the land as a means of building a strong, caring community.

## Financial Summary

	2022	2021	2020
Opening Balance	<b>\$2,932.76</b>	\$1,900.16	\$1,418.46
Donations (direct)	<b>\$ 430.00</b>	\$1,275.00	\$1,741.05
Donations (St.Paul's)	<b>\$1,470.00</b>		
Expenses	<b>\$ 599.60</b>	\$ 242.40	\$1,259.35
Closing Balance	<b>\$4,233.16</b>	\$2,932.76	\$1,900.16



# Hampton Middle School Outreach 2022

The group gave itself a nickname this year as the “Martha’s Helpers!”

This year we continued to help with the lunch program at Hampton Middle School. From January to June of 2022, the Lunch Program coordinator, Becky Mackay, purchased the groceries so preparing the 2 meals each week was our contribution. She surveyed the students and created a biweekly menu. The menu was updated each month. We served between 25 to 30 students each week. In September 2022 it looked hopeful for the volunteers to return to the school, and the Program resumed the week after Thanksgiving for 15 students. The numbers were small but normally it increases as the time goes on and the teachers can assess students in need. There is a new Community coordinator this school season and Beth Firth has the ingredients available for us to prepare the meals for Thursday and Friday. After Christmas the numbers have increased to 20.

Eva and Alice would like to thank the volunteers for their loyalty and dedication to this outreach. The volunteers for 2022 were Lois Moore, Leslie O’Brien, Debbie Galley, Rowena Hawkey-Noble, Elaine Robichaud, Diana Brideau and Paula Cameron. Not everyone was available each week, but they were all there in spirit!

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Kennedy

# Mothers' Union 2022

2022 has been a year of ups and downs. As we move into 2023 we are hopeful that new normal will emerge.

Mothers Union at St. Paul's is a local branch with 21 active members within the Diocese of Fredericton Mothers Union, The Canadian Mothers union and ultimately The Worldwide Mothers Union. Founded in England, Mothers Union is now a movement of Christian women and men around the world in 80 countries with over 4 million members working to support individuals and families to transform their lives.

Here at St. Paul's, Mothers' Union members are busy people. We have had some regular meetings and some smaller gatherings, we had a summer gathering at Heather Millers, a special time for sharing and praying together.

Prayer requests are taken at each meeting with answers provided when they occur. We continue to have a closed group on Facebook where members can post their prayer requests. This has been an important way to connect for those that either can't get to church or are isolated.

We continued to work on the Middle School outreach again throughout the year. A number of our members, plus congregation members and friends from the community meet to prepare meals for students that may not have a food security. Meals prepared that evening at the school are served and distributed the next day for children in need.

In the fall we re-energized by having our meetings after a Sunday service. One month we made a soup lunch for all of the tenants at De Mille place, another time making soup and delivering a jar of freshly made soup to those alone, or just for someone needing a pick me up. We also continued a sock ministry and a collection for soap /detergent for the shelters; encouraging parishioners to support these collections when they come to church. Our monies are spent on supporting a child in the Bishop McAllister College (\$450), sending joy and sorrow cards and donations to the official National Mothers' Union project, NCFE, Northern Clergy Family Fund in memory of dearly departed family members.

We celebrated Mothering Sunday on the 4th Sunday of Lent and welcomed Lorraine Brown as a member to our branch. Lorraine had been an original member back in the early 80's in Gondola Point. We want to let everyone know that they are welcome to come and participate, joining in with the group to provide prayer and support to families and people near and far. We share, pray, laugh, and support each other .

We attended the Diocesan Rally in April and made special hats in honour of the Queen's 70th year on the throne. To kick off the programme in the fall we had Dawn Odell come and give a talk about Mental Health services and how mental health affects those around us. Our Group finished the year helping to organize the Parish Christmas party, including the creation of our team of special elves.

Respectively Submitted,

Elaine Robichaud

# Parish Office & Administration 2022

As office administrator I have many roles and responsibilities. I come with an open heart and mind and am ready to give it my all, with God's help leading my way. When something comes up that I'm unsure of, I'll reach out to some great role models in our parish for help.

On Mondays, Rev. David and I have our weekly office meeting to touch base with each other on how things are going in the parish or what needs our immediate attention and to discuss any further details of upcoming things happening in our parish.

Also on Mondays (or some Sundays), a volunteer from vestry comes in and counts the offerings with me. Then I enter the Sunday's offering (cash/cheques, e-Offering & Interac e-Transfers) so parishioners will receive credit for their givings at tax time. Then I do up the weekly bank deposit and go to the bank. I enter the deposit into Quick Books. I also look after writing cheques and paying bills, and post them into Quick Books.

The registration list is printed out for the greeters to use for each Sunday service so that I can enter and keep track of attendance. Sometimes I need to reach out to the parishioner who joined the service online to see if any other family members joined in on the service with them.

I keep the Vestry book updated with the required information (services in-person and online, attendance numbers, family church, funerals, weddings, cemetery service etc.) This past year there were five funeral services, eight interments and one baptism (and no weddings). We had 4 funeral receptions in the church hall.

Income tax receipts were printed, scanned and emailed out to our parishioners and to others that gave to the church. This process is very time consuming but saves on stamps and I only had to mail out approximately ten receipts.

Public health requirements concerning COVID-19 protocols required some attention again this year. Parishioners had to register to attend services and then I would send out a confirmation. This changed once the restrictions were lifted in March. Even when some restrictions were lifted, we have offered extra masks in case someone feels the need to wear one upon entering. Hand sanitizer bottles are placed throughout the church and filled regularly and sanitizing products are on hand. The COVID-19 protocols certainly had challenges but we did it and we all worked together to make it work. Slowly and gradually our parishioners are feeling safe to return back to church, but we still don't have the attendance numbers that we had before COVID- 19.

Thanks again to Stephen and Rev. David for your patience, encouragement, and support. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kelly – Office Administrator

# Property 2022

## Church

It was a quiet year for property work in 2022. The only significant item involved work to replace roof shingles blown off the church during a windstorm in late fall.

Due to limited available funds in 2022 the work to complete the underground wiring to the church\* did not happen. A probable result of this unfinished work was a freeze up and rupture of a water line in the kitchen/ pantry area on February 4/23. Excellent advice and work by the plumber rerouted the water lines inside the room. No other damages resulted. When the wiring work resumes additional insulation will be placed or sprayed into the area.

\* From 2020 Annual Report:

Installed underground conduit to carry the main power supply line and telephone lines etc. from the hydro pole to the church. The present arrangement has the main power line resting against a corner of the church and separated only by a rubber sleeve. This arrangement does not comply with fire codes or insurance requirements.

In addition to the above there is a real need to replace or repair the water faucet in the church hall kitchen and work to 'freshen up' the kitchen cabinets and walls - VOLUNTEERS?

## Rectory

No requested work in 2022. The Turner family consistently do a fantastic job of maintaining their home.

With respect,

Clarence Miller

# Sunday Morning Ministries Coordinator 2022

The major component of my job is reaching out and connecting with people daily. One focus of this position is to support the Sunday morning children's program. Ensuring that teachers are scheduled, prepared and equipped for each Sunday. Making sure that the heat is on, materials (play dough, paper) the Christ Candle and Cross and the Sunday Morning Children's Program outline is out to follow. I also keep track of attendance and keep updated contact information for families for use in supporting them and nurturing a sense of inclusion in the parish. I reach out to our Sunday school families to make sure they are aware and informed when things are happening at the church. Updated information is posted on our St. Paul's Hampton Children's Ministry page by David.

The second part of my responsibilities is with Sunday morning ministries and making sure that these (i.e., lay readers, readers, greeters, ushers, (office & online) zoom host, counters) are scheduled and prepared each week. I remind people about when they are on duty each week by email, messenger or by a telephone call, and this information is updated weekly into the worship schedule. Names are added to the Order of Service for who is taking part in the service each week (now I only print the Order of Service out for the people taking part in the service each Sunday, and for one parishioner that likes it printed to take home to share with a family member). I also print readings and the Psalm. I update the prayer list as needed and pass it along to our lay readers so that those names can be mentioned during the Prayers of the People in the service.

Some folks I reach out to by phone to let them know what's happening and going on at St. Paul's. One of our parishioners follows the 10:30am worship service weekly by telephone (office), so I make sure I have someone lined up to call her and connect her. During Advent I reached out to parishioners and families to light the advent wreath for both services. During Lent and at Christmas I reached out for several readers to help with those services.

Each Sunday we have welcoming greeters at our door. If someone new came to church we had to get a contact name, number, or email address to have on file. The greeters welcome you in with a warm and friendly smile. We also have ushers, who welcome you as you entered in the main worship area. They show people to their seats and help to usher people during communion. Each week we also have a zoom host, which sits in the office or at their home online to welcome and talk to the folks joining virtually before the service begins and track online attendance.

Our Sunday morning services in 2022 began with online morning prayer and family church (January), and returned to a single 10am COVID-careful service in February. After restrictions were lifted, we added an 11:30 simplified service where masking and proof of vaccination were optional. Starting in September, we returned to 9am and 10:30am services, the first being the COVID-careful service.

## **Notable events:**

On Good Friday we hosted a special Family church, where we heard the story of Holy Week and Easter from *Jesus Story Book Bible*, shared communion around family tables and made Easter Gardens.

We were very pleased to see the return of our Family Christmas Pageant, this time on Christmas eve. The Christmas story was taken from the *Jesus Story Book Bible* and was narrated by Rev. David and the

children taking lead roles to read the story and by telling the story using puppets (Mary and Joseph and the Magi). Children and others played the parts of Gabriel, shepherds, a cow, angels, camels and the STAR. This was beautifully done! Thank you David and Kate and ALL the helpers involved.

This year we also hosted several “messy church” events, with tables were set-up in the worship area, there was activity stations, singing, teaching, and food and dessert. In September we hosted a “back to school” messy church. In October we had fellowship and crafts for thanksgiving, and later in October we hosted a pumpkin carving event. In November we kicked off advent with a messy church event, and in December we had a Christmas decorating party with lunch, games, treats and church decorating.

Other special events include a farewell party for Rev. Dan, our Cemetery Service, and our Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting.

### **Thanks:**

Many thanks go out to David for helping me always by setting up tables weekly and to others who helped me by setting up for family church and moving table and chairs around for messy church and cleaning off family tables after each Sunday. I am forever grateful and thankful for all the Sunday morning volunteers and for all your wonderful help each week. Thank you ALL!

### **Highlights:**

- It warms my heart when I see the children participating in the worship service, either by taking part in reading scripture or playing music, lighting candles, ringing the bell, greeting or taking part in the pageant.
- It’s so lovely when families let me know that they are coming to church so I can set up a family table and get the supplies ready for them.
- I LOVE Messy church – I love seeing everyone having so much fun gathering around engaged, talking, sharing and interacting with each other with so much LOVE!
- I love reaching out and connecting with people.
- I love the warm response that I receive when I am reaching out to volunteers and hearing their kind and encouraging words.
- It feels good to see our church family coming back together in-person and the interactions between the parishioners and the joy and love they have for each other that they missed during COVID.

### **Challenges:**

- When sending out schedules there is often a lack of response, which in turn makes it difficult to confirm dates for scheduling.

Blessings+

Sharon Kelly- Sunday Morning Ministries Coordinator

*Each one should use whatever gift he received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)*

# Children's Ministry 2022

Due to the risks and restrictions associated with COVID-19 in 2022, our ministry to children and their families focused on providing them a safe space to worship together around 'Family Tables' for Sunday morning worship services (9am and 10:30am).

Family Tables included coloring and activity sheets pertaining to the readings each week, as well as a few small toys for busy little hands. Families could also request their very own Communion Kits which make it possible for them to share Communion together around their table as a family. Then when restrictions were lifted families received Communion from the front of the worship space at the chancel steps.

Families also volunteered to ring the church bell at 10:15am and light the altar candles at the beginning of the service.

Sunday Story Time was originally offered for the younger children in the parish (Grade 2 and under), and later expanded to children ages 4 to 10. The stories and the curriculum were taken from *the Jesus Story Book Bible*, the Godly Play series, and a lesson plan about the Fruits of the Spirit.

During our Sunday Morning Children's Program (Story Time), the children gather with an informal Welcome, Candle Lighting, Song, and a Gathering Prayer. They HEAR FROM GOD through a Bible story taken from "The Jesus Story Book Bible" or a Godly Play story. Each week there is an Introduction to the Story, the Story itself, some Reflection questions (What did you notice in the story? What questions do you have about the story? What might God be trying to tell us in this story?) We conclude the circle time with prayer, often including the Lord's Prayer.

The children are then free to respond to the story through modeling play dough or works of art, or to connect with each other while playing with the toys until it's time to go back upstairs with their families. We go back upstairs right after the PEACE and while the song is being played. At this stage, families received their Communion Kits or prepared to receive Communion at the front of the church together.

We thank God for all our faithful teachers and helpers: Kate Turner, Raegan Evans-Hoyt, Karla Lamb, Karen Stanley, Colleen DeVarenne, Melissa Whelan, Olivia DesRoches, Sarah Tabor and Nadine M. Without your love and dedication this would not be possible. Thank you all so much! Many thanks to Rev. David too!

## Highlights:

- During Sunday Story time when I hear the children respond to the questions it is nice to hear them feel so comfortable and open to express themselves so freely with confidence. They really seem to have an understanding of each story.

- The Christmas pageant was just so beautiful with the videos and the music and all the children's participation. It was very heart warming, welcoming and meaningful and I really was so touched to be part of it.

**Challenges:**

- Encouraging families who used to worship to return.

**The cost for 2022 children's ministry:**

Paper which is supplied by the office & some supplies for the Easter gardens and messy church events.  
Blessings+

Sharon Kelly- Children's Ministry

*Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. (Psalm 127:3)*