



St. Paul's is a family, commissioned by Christ, gathered together in faith to glorify God and nurture spiritual growth through worship and service.

Our Sunday Service begins at 10:45 AM. We are located at 319 Prescott Street at the corner of Mary.



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St. Paul's Matters

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Fall - 2011

The Pastor's Anniversary Message

This year, St. Paul's Presbyterian Congregation is celebrating its 160th year of faith and ministry. In human terms we would consider this to be more than a grand old age! And in human terms, at 160 years of age, many would think that this congregation is quite old and probably just about done.

In the Old Testament we read two stories in the book of Genesis, the first one in chapter 7 about Noah who was five hundred years old when God called him to build a big Ark to save the human race. The second story is in chapter 17 about Abraham and Sara. Abraham was one hundred years old and his wife, Sarah, was ninety, yet even at their old age God had a plan for them. They were to be the parents of a son whom God would establish His covenant with him and his descendants after him. What a wonderful promise to these old people who probably thought that they were done. In God's plan, Noah, Abraham and Sara were far from being done.

As a church established in 1851, St. Paul's Presbyterian congregation is one of the old congregations in Ontario – but we too, like Noah, Abraham and Sara, are far from being done. The faith and vision of those who established this congregation 160 years ago is the same faith which motivates us and inspires us to carry on Christ's mission in 2011 and in the coming years.

Beginning this September, I have started my fifth year serving as your pastor. One thing that I believe now even more firmly

than when I arrived here is that we have a fertile mission field in Kemptville. The new accessible facilities and church school rooms, enable us to have a wonderful opportunity to share our vibrant witness with many more people. The gospel can and does change the lives of people of all ages to the glory of God. The gospel of Jesus Christ has a transformative power that human beings cannot find anywhere else. How could we not share the joy we have

found with others? The story of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church continues to unfold in exciting and challenging new ways. I sincerely hope you find yourself thankful for the church life we share together and feel moved to invite a friend or neighbour to join us for wor-

ship or some fellowship event. My family and I are very thankful that we get to share life with you here at St. Paul's. God has blessed us richly, and for that I say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

As we celebrate our 160th year of faith and ministry, we need to pause and give praise and thanks to God for 160 years of blessings and to recommit ourselves to listen and obey God's voice as we move into the future.

May the God of peace and hope equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Happy 160th Anniversary
Rev. Samer Kandalaft**



Dates to Keep in Mind This Fall

There is lots going on at St. Paul's in October and November. Here are a few dates and activities to put in your kitchen calendar:

October 2nd - Communion Service at Bayfield Manor at 2:30PM

October 16th - Anniversary Service at Knox Presbyterian Church, Mountain. There will be no church service at St. Paul's that Sunday.

October 22nd - Gospel Singing Evening at St. Paul's, 7PM

October 23rd - Baptism of Ella Catherine Sandra Hyndman

October 28th - Movie Night at St. Paul's, "The English Bible", 7PM

November 6th - Remembrance Sunday with Guest Speaker Joey Schmitz

November 12th - St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar

This is just a taste of what will be happening on the corner of Prescott and Mary Streets. For a more detailed list of goings-on, keep an eye on the church website www.stpaulskemptville.ca. It's being updated daily.

Tacos & Tie Dye Night With St. Paul's Youth Group

St. Paul's youth and their friends are invited to get crafty and get eating!

Circle your calendar for Saturday, October 15th and plan to join us for an evening of messy, tasty fun and colourful fashion.



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Welcome to St. Paul's Newest Member!



Congratulations to Rob and Karen Schipper on the arrival of their new grandson. Kyle Christopher Schipper was born to Nicole and Chris on Sunday, September 4th. He weighed in at a healthy 8lbs, 5oz and everyone is doing well. Mason and Reid are particularly excited about their new baby brother.

Kandalaft Reinforcements Coming From Montreal

Samer's sister Huda Kandalaft Kanawati recently accepted a position at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Ottawa to serve as their Christian Educator and Assistant Minister. Huda has a Masters in Christian Education from The Near East School of Theology in Beirut and from Montréal's Presbyterian College.

Huda and her family - including husband, Saad Kanawati and their two little girls, Grace (4) and Sophie (17 months) - will be moving to Stittsville. Too bad that we couldn't convince them to move to Kemptville, but Stittsville is a lot closer than Pointe Claire in Montreal.



DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR WEBSITE AT ST. PAUL'S IS UPDATED EVERY WEEK? IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO LOOK FOR PHOTOS AND INFORMATION. YOU CAN FIND IT AT:

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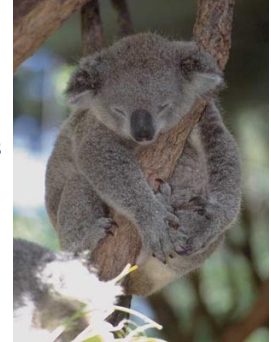
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Even More News From the Pews

News From Down Under and Way Over - Submitted by Colleen Dibb

One of the things I enjoy about the newsletter is reading about our young people, who we do not get to see or hear about as often as we would like to. In this spirit I would like to update everyone on where my two favorite young people are currently. I use this term because both my children, especially Adam, are always on the go. Just when I think they have settled, the phone call (or email) comes and plans have changed. So as of today - Trisha is married and lives in Perth, Western Australia. She is a flight attendant with Strategic Airlines which flies throughout Australia, Indonesia, Thailand and Honolulu. Her husband Dave works on an oil rig off the coast of Brazil. They enjoy travel, sports and their 4 year old beagle Ramsey. (She told me to include that.) My Adam and his girl Lyndsay have spent the last number of years working for Snowy Owl dog sledding tours, out of Canmore, Alberta. Summers found them on Vancouver Island in a small coastal town called Ucluelet. Adam is a carpenter, mountain climber, carver, surfer, musician all around outdoors guy. They are interested in having their own wilderness tour company some day. My children are very different from each other but one of the traits they share is a great sense of humour and we often talk and laugh of memories from St. Paul's - the people and events that shaped who we all are, just like any other family.



The Scott Family Brings Home the 4H Hardware

The Scott Family is in the midst of their show season. They have shown at Merrickville and Spencerville Fairs with their 4-H clubs (Spencerville was Grenville County's Achievement Day) and they also showed at the Canadian Junior Limousin Show in Orangeville, which was a 3-day event.

At their Achievement Day, they all came home (very tired) with ribbons: Laura – 1st place in Showmanship (Intermediate) and Conformation / Reserve Champion Showmanship (among all age groups) Nicole – 3rd place in Showmanship (Novice) and Conformation Joseph – 2nd place in Showmanship (Novice) and Conformation.

(It's not usually that consistent and easy to remember!!)

All three have earned the privilege of representing the Grenville County Beef Club at Metcalfe Fair's Regional competition where they will compete with 4-H members from across eastern Ontario.



What's New in the Library

Upon taking on the care of the library last year, I began reorganizing the books into new categories. As I read the titles and checked the contents, I was pleased to see how many interesting books there were from easy to read to more complex ones. The library has grown in the last year and a half and new and used books have been bought or generously donated. Please come and look over the books and see what appeals to you or take out books for your children's bedtime enjoyment. The following have been added since the beginning of the year:

Bibles & Bible References

Meeting God, 12 Studies for Individuals/Groups by J.I. Packer
Philips' New Scripture Atlas edited by Harold Fullard

Christian Living

The Christian Atheist by Craig Groeschel
Humility, True Greatness by C.J. Mahaney
Respectable Sins, Confronting the Sins We Tolerate by J. Bridges

Christian Theology

Things Hidden Since the Foundation of the World by René Girard
The Reason for God, Belief in an Age of Skepticism by Timothy Keller

Literature - Non-Fiction

One Palestine Complete, Jews and Arabs under the British Mandate by Tom Segev
We Have Written by Mary Elizabeth Raina

Youth

Betrayed, Boarding School Mysteries by Kristi Holl
Poisoned, Boarding School Mysteries by Kristi Holl
Son of Samson and the Maiden of Thunder, Graphic Novel, Vol. 3, by Gary Martin, art by Sergio Cariello
A Teen's Guide to Christian Living by Bettie B. Youngs and Jennifer Leigh Youngs
The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel

Submitted by Sharon Côté, Librarian

Book Review of Saint Ben By John Fischer

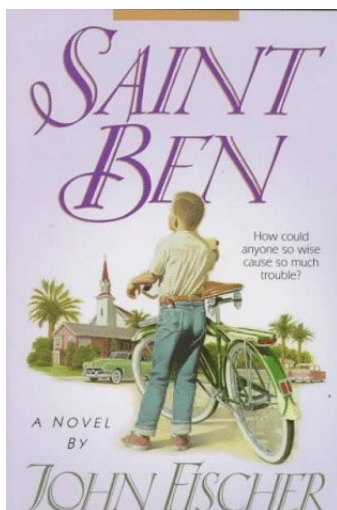
By some magic of the fictive imagination John Fischer has gotten inside the skin of a preadolescent boy and written this deft, perceptive novel from that probing perspective.

This is not, however, juvenile fiction. Saint Ben, the youthful protagonist, is a non-conformist - a preacher's kid with his own creative agenda, the kind of individualist in a conservative context with whom many of us will identify. His life is given, literally, to the search for the ultimate.

A charming and affecting novel with enormous depths and reaches. The author writes with great skill about a place and a time and a people that millions of us love.

What at first appears to be a slender story of boyhood bonding between Ben and Johnathan soon explodes like a sky-rocket with luminous insights. The friendship these boys enjoy remind one of the bond between David and Johnathan in scripture (1 Samuel 18:1-4) where we read Johnathan loved David like his own soul.

The pranks that these boys worked up are unbelievable. The funniest one for me was about the Baptistry. Ben's



father, the minister, wore heavy rubber boots during deep water baptisms obviously to keep his suit dry when he had to go back to the church service. The boys punched holes in these boots which, of course, filled up with water when the preacher got in to baptize; and after all the baptisms were complete, the poor man couldn't move. He was waterlogged and there he stood forever it seems, eyes looking straight ahead, hands folded in front of him. Suddenly the congregation saw what was happening and laughter reigned.

Saint Ben wouldn't be complete without a nod to the Edsel, a car the boys LOVED. Ben thought this was the best car ever. Back in 1956 Ford Motor Company instituted plans for an entirely new car division and an entirely new car. The design of the car was to be completely unique, distinguishable from any angle. The promotional buildup of the car would be like nothing else. The Edsel didn't take, however. Nobody liked it but today there are no less than 6000 Edsels and each one is a cherished classic!

Just before starting work on the Edsel, Roy A. Brown, Jr., completed the 1955 Lincoln "Future" show car, which went on to become the "Batmobile" in the 1966 television series, Batman.

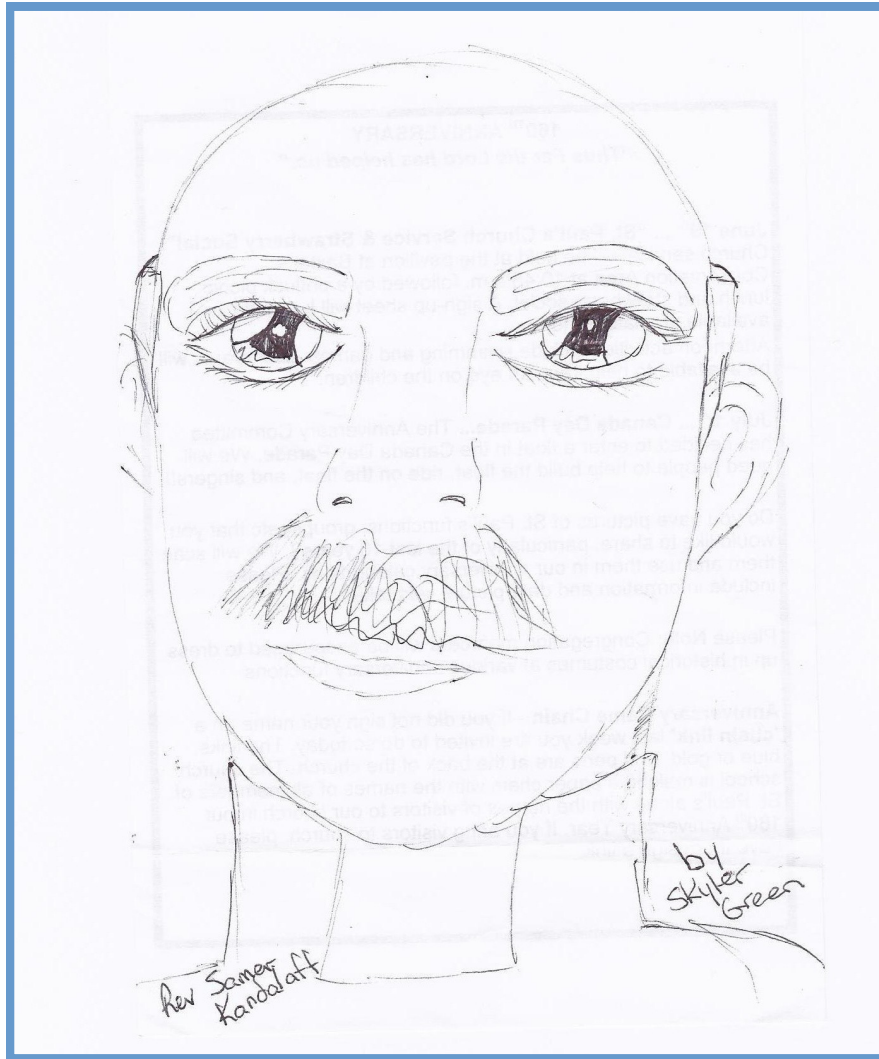
Saint Ben is about friendship, laughter and information. Did You love the Edsel?

Submitted by Joy Armour

If you would like to review a book for the next newsletter, please speak to Sharon Côté or Jim Armour.

More Than Memories

Thoughts, Stories and Songs from the Congregation of St. Paul's, Kemptville



As part of St. Paul's 160th Anniversary celebrations, the congregation was asked to submit stories, poems, pictures, letters and thoughts for a special insert in the fall newsletter. Submissions didn't have to be anniversary related or even involve the church. They just had to be something that someone wanted to share.

Anniversaries are about more than just memories. They are a time to celebrate all that we have been given and to look forward with anticipation to what is yet to come. Please enjoy this special supplement and the rest of the anniversary events planned for the fall.

St. Paul's 160th Anniversary Committee

The Poet's Corner - Submitted by Moira & Jerry Anderson

WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through.
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labourer, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

Annie Johnson Flint

THE KISS OF THE SUN

The kiss of the sun for pardon
The song of the birds for mirth
One is nearer to God's heart in the garden
Than anywhere else on earth

Dorothy Gurney

A WISE OLD OWL

A wise old owl sat in an oak,
The more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard;
Why aren't we like that wise old bird?

Edward Henry Richards



A Schissler Family Photo - Submitted by Maureen Schissler



The Reverend Phillip P. Schissler was Minister at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church from 1972 to 1976. His daughter Maureen attends church faithfully each Sunday thanks to Community Living and North Grenville Accessible Transportation.

Maureen's support worker Tammy McIntosh picked this photo because of Mr. Schissler's ministry at St. Paul's and because Maureen looks "so beautiful" in it.

In the photo left to right are: Brother-in-Law Jim, Nephew Bradley, The Rev. Mr. Schissler, Maureen, Sister Mary, Niece Heather and Maureen's Mother Alice.

Bats in the Belfry - Submitted by Janet Stark

You might expect bats in the bell tower, or the attic or even the dark damp cellar, but you wouldn't be prepared to encounter bats in church during the sermon. Rev. Paul was preaching and suddenly a bat appeared out of nowhere. He soared and swooped and suddenly the congregation were no longer engaged in the sermon, but in ducking and darting. No one seemed to quite know what to do. Suddenly the bat flew to the back (which is really the entrance) and landed.

Cheryl, our teen-aged middle



child had a great deal of experience with critters of all kinds, and she knew what to do! She got the laundry hamper and emptied the Salvation Army grocery items, and then she put it over the bat. Somehow, she and Roger flipped the basket over and carried it outside. Freedom! The bat was much happier and so were we!

Another bat encounter happened about a week later, when Cheryl was in the church kitchen. Another bat appeared, flying around and upsetting the ladies, especially Colleen! Cheryl climbed up onto the counter, and caught the bat in a tea towel. Wouldn't you know it that Cheryl had a "small animal carrier" in the car (who would be that prepared?) and so she put her bat safely in the cage and took it home. She even waited till dusk to release it so it would be happier. No loss of life, and no loss of bat.

The third bat episode that the Starks got involved in at the church was in the cellar. The bat wasn't so lucky this time. Roger and Alfie were doing something... perhaps it was cleaning out the cellar or getting the cross ready for Easter. In the dark and damp air, they felt a bat swoop overhead. It landed. Roger being the brave boy scout that he is, grabbed the nearest thing and stabbed the bat right through. It turned out to be a wooden cross. When he told me, I was horrified! I hope they said a prayer!



"My Daily Prayer"- Submitted by Corina Blondin

The following prayer was found on a memorial website for Waleed Iskander (1967-2001), one of the victims of the 9/11 hijacking tragedy. His Lebanese-American family was able to find comfort and forgiveness through their faith in God as they grieved the loss of their youngest son.

"On September 11, 2001, at 8:46 a.m. EDT, American Airlines Flight 11 out of Boston, Massachusetts was hijacked with our beloved son Waleed aboard. The hijackers crashed it into the north tower of the World Trade Center."

"My Daily Prayer"

Teach me, my Lord, to be sweet and gentle in all the events of life

*in disappointments,
in the thoughtlessness of others,
in the insincerity of those I trusted
in the unfaithfulness of those on
whom I relied.*

*Let me put myself aside,
to think of the happiness of others,
to hide my little pains and
heartaches, so that I may be the
only one to suffer from them.*

*Teach me to profit by the suffering
that comes across my path.
Let me so use it that it may mellow
me, not harden nor embitter me.
that it may make me patient, not
irritable, that it may make me broad
in my forgiveness, not narrow,
haughty and over-bearing.*

May no one be less good for having

*come within my influence.
No one less pure, less true, less
kind, less noble for having been a
fellow-traveler in our journey
toward ETERNAL LIFE.*

*As I go my rounds from one dis-
traction to another,
let me whisper from time to time,
a word of love to Thee.
May my life be lived in the super-
natural, full of power for good, and
strong in its purpose of sanctity.*





Photo Credit - Hugh McJanet (Margaret's Brother)

Celebrating a Cottage Milestone - Submitted by Margaret Armour

2011 has proven to be a year for many significant anniversaries within in the congregation of St. Paul's, Kemptville. For my family, it has been a year to celebrate 100 years at our family cottage on Sharbot Lake. I wonder if my great-grandfather ever imagined that a fifth generation of McJanets (my maiden name) would be cherishing their time at Halcyon Lodge when he first set up his fishing camp in 1911?

Much has changed in 100 years. No more arriving from Ottawa by train and taking a boat to what was initially little more than a large canvas tent (but that didn't seem to stop the men from wearing ties in some of the photos I've seen!!). These days, taking extended holidays with young children requires a few luxuries, including full laundry facilities and my brother's "vintage" (as my children see it, any way!) Nintendo 64 game system. There's no need to put in a large supply of firewood to constantly feed the wood stove in the late spring and early fall any more (but when we do, it sure makes for a very toasty home). A steady diet of "the catch of the day" has been replaced by wonderful local produce (and spectacular charcuterie, fresh eggs, honey and bread) found at the nearby farmers' market. And even though we may officially be "on holiday", we

can check in with work through a high-speed internet connection.

But what hasn't changed in 100 years is what really matters: exhaling – loudly and longly – the moment we arrive; gliding quietly through the mist on an early morning kayak journey to observe the Canadian landscape in all its beauty; whiling away an afternoon in the hammock with a good book; kicking back with friends who boldly state, "if you ever want to sell..."; reminiscing with dear cottage neighbours who have been coming from all over North America for generations; seeing our loon family thriving every year; and spending *all day long* in the gloriously clean and sparkling water with Grandma and our cousins.

My family celebrated this centenary on Canada Day weekend. We were joined by extended relations, neighbours and friends who have visited Halcyon Lodge over the years. A slide show set to music, a memorabilia display, a BBQ put on by the local volunteer firefighters and (because we are Canadian, after all) a canoe filled with ice cold drinks. It was a splendid day to recognize the vision of family members that are no longer with us and thank God for giving us such bounty and beauty. We are truly blessed.

The Gingham Dress - Submitted by Heather Stewart

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Boston, and walked timidly without an appointment in to the Harvard University President's outer office.

The secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard and probably didn't even deserve to be in Cambridge.

'We'd like to see the president,' the man said softly. 'He'll be busy all day,' the secretary snapped. 'We'll wait,' the lady replied.

For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go a way. They didn't, and the secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the president, even though it was a chore she always regretted.

'Maybe if you see them for a few minutes, they'll leave,' she said to him!

He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn't have the time to spend with them, and he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office.

The president, stern faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple.

The lady told him, 'We had a son who attended Harvard for one year.'

He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him, somewhere on campus.'

The president wasn't touched. He was shocked. 'Madam,' he said, gruffly, 'we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did,

this place would look like a cemetery.'

'Oh, no,' the lady explained quickly. 'We don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard.'

The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, 'A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the physical buildings here at Harvard.'

For a moment the lady was silent. The president was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now.

The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, 'Is that all it costs to start a university? Why don't we just start our own?'

Her husband nodded. The president's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, California where they established the university that bears their name, Stanford University, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about.

You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who they think can do nothing for them.

By Malcolm Forbes



'People will forget what you said,
People will forget what you did.
But people will never forget how you made
them feel'.

A Salute to the Coffee Ladies - Submitted by Carole Duncan



I would like to thank our coffee ladies – Bea McHale, Isabel Wilson, Louise Clark, Nancy Messenger and Kim Loo - for providing refreshments each Sunday after our church service. We all appreciate the coffee, tea, cold drinks and goodies they have ready for us each week.

Also, thanks go to the congregation for their donations to the coffee fund. It enables us to serve Fair Trade coffee which in turn provides a living wage for the workers and their families who harvest the crops. In this way we are helping others while satisfying our taste buds!

If anyone else would like to join our group, we would be most grateful for your help.

St. Paul's 160th Anniversary Hymn - Submitted by Janet Stark

To the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic

Verse 1

The church was built by pioneers in 1851
They toiled and sweat and persevered until the work
was done
Then stood back and viewed their handiwork and said,
"God's will is done!"
St. Paul's has now begun!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
St. Paul's has now begun!

Verse 3

We praise you God the Father and we praise you God
the Son
We thank you Holy Spirit for uniting us as one
We pray that you will guide us till your work on earth
is done
Our faith shall lead us home

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Our faith shall lead us home

Verse 2

The times have changed but we remain your servants
one and all
We celebrate the victories and seek you when we fall
We want to live your vision and we want to hear your
call
God help us to stand tall

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
God help us to stand tall



Great Things Happen When People Work Together - Submitted by Ray Porter

I was born at Patterson's Corners and became a member of St. Mathew's Presbyterian Church at East Oxford. In the early 1960's I moved to Kemptville and attended the morning service at St. Paul's and the afternoon service at St. Mathew's with my Mother, Olevia Porter.

As time went on, we found the congregation at St. Paul's to be very welcoming to my Mother and my family, for example the Sunday School and several activities. As our family grew to three daughters, Helen and I decided to become

members of St. Paul's.

Over my lifetime, our daughters were married at St. Paul's, grandchildren were baptized and loved ones came to their final service before being laid to rest.

I found the congregation to be always supportive and caring. Something that has continually surprised me over the years were the "behind the scenes" workers who accomplished much but expected no praises. They just wanted to make St. Paul's a better place for everyone. Today, that spirit is still very alive and with us.

I feel there is a great future for St. Paul's. I look around our church and see changes which I may not have agreed with; but on second thought these changes have given us a wonderful future. Our church still has a beautiful stone structure, lovely windows and interior, a minister who delivers fantastic services, great music and caring fellowship. Soon our church interior will be redesigned to make it accessible for everyone.

Great things happen when people work together!

Cottage by the Sea - Submitted by Dianne and Allan Jorgensen

Compared to many people who worship at St. Paul's, we are newcomers to the St. Paul's church family, having lived in Kemptville only two years. What drew us to this area was a chance to live near our beautiful family, once Allan retired from active ministry. We have 5 grandchildren - 2 in Barrhaven and 3 in North Gower, the oldest being 7 and the youngest, 3 yrs. old.

What drew us to St. Paul's was the wonderful pastoral leadership of the minister, the Reverend Samer Kandalaft and the warmth and caring of the St. Paul's family.

The photo here was taken this summer at our cottage in Malagash, Nova Scotia. We are on the shores of the Northumberland Strait, which is the background, and we can see PEI just across the water.

We built our cottage 35 years ago while Allan was pastor of two small Baptist churches in Nova Scotia, with the idea that we would have an affordable place in which to spend our summer vacations as a young family. Little did we realize then that our cottage by the sea would be the one constant spot we could call our own during all the moves and changes we experienced as a minister's family.

One of the special memories among many there is the day that our son-in-law, Scott, proposed marriage to our daughter, Karin, as they sat on the huge rock on the beach right in front of our cottage.

May God bless the family and the ministry of St. Paul's in this special 160th year and in the years to come.



Blessings! - Submitted by Isabel Wilson

Some of my happiest times are spent in the outdoors in the gardens. Please understand my gardens are not of the "Garden Tour" variety! There are simply places where I enjoy the wonders of God's creation. I have a very small vegetable garden but I am always amazed when I consider the delicious fresh produce it produces each year. Its wonderful - my part is so small - I just plant the seeds and God does the rest. My flower gardens reflect the generosity of my friends. Most of the plants have been given to me by others and I continue to enjoy the variety of colours that each season brings. You know, gardeners are a most optimistic group- if things are not quite as they were hoped for - there is always next year!

Perhaps my favourite "garden" is the most natural of all - the vast variety of plants and trees that God provides in bush areas. How I enjoy walking with my dog in the peace and quiet of these special places. There is often amazing new discoveries in areas that are quite familiar. This season I discovered a yellow lady's slipper and 3 showy orchids. All very rare wild flowers that I have never before seen growing in the wild.

God is always generous and has blessed me many times with the wonders of His creation.

Through Everything, St. Paul's People are There – Submitted by Sharon Côté

This year is a mix of sadness and happiness. God brings life to a close but he also brings it into being. The passing of my beloved husband last year has been followed by the recent marriage of my daughter Diane and her fiancé Will and the expectation of a baby this October by my son Mark and his wife Melissa. Through everything St. Paul's people are there first expressing sympathy and later sharing my happiness. The thing I noticed

about our church when I first came here is the friendliness and tolerance of everyone (note the time I walked in with my son home from university with his red mohawk - I later heard one elderly lady was a bit shocked but the rest just looked at it as youthful self-expression :). There have been ups and downs over the years but our church has remained strong and cohesive. We all want what is best which results in some disagreements over

how things are done but in the end when we look around we can be happy with our congregation, its leaders and our surroundings. God has looked after our church in the past and with his help, St. Paul's will continue into the future doing her mission in the community and the world, helping where help is needed and sharing the Gospel as we're able.



The Reverend Dr. A. Donald McLeod and Hugh Stewart pose for a photo in 1991 at the reception for St. Paul's 140th Anniversary. Dr. McLeod, a Senior Minister at the historic Newton Presbyterian Church in Boston was guest preacher for the anniversary service that year.

(Submitted by Donald Messenger)

Memories of St. Paul's - Submitted by Major Lois Latimer & Emily Field

Major Lois Latimer:

My earliest childhood knowledge of St. Paul's included a few visits with my parents for Sunday a.m. and Week of Prayer worship services. (My mother's Aunt Ada Cumming was a sister of Gideon Purcell—only recently did I learn how long he had served as an elder!)

When I retired in July '03 I joined Emily Field in worshipping at St. Paul's. Being part of the choir and Bible Study was special for me, as was the connection with the ministerial through

Rev. Paul Chambers.

The support through prayer since my cancer diagnosis has been greatly appreciated. Nothing remains the same except our Gracious, Omnipotent Lord.

May the leaders, members and associates of St. Paul's continue to follow His guidance and receive and share the blessings of God's love to His honour.

Emily Field:

When my church (the Salvation Army) closed in the fall of 2002 I

needed to find a new place of worship.

St. Paul's congregation had supported our Food Bank for a few years and I knew some of the members who had given considerable help with the Christmas assistance in our community.

I was greeted warmly and made feel welcome by several people, right from my first visit.

As I continued to worship with St. Paul's congregation I was invited into membership in '06 and find blessing in worship and fellowship to the present time.

June 5th Birthday Celebration - Submitted by Annie Blaine

Several members of the Van der Vaart family joined St. Paul's to celebrate Annie Van der Vaart's 95th Birthday as well as St. Paul's 160th Anniversary. Annie was in attendance and enjoyed her time with her family and church family. She smiled when we sang "Happy Birthday", and she smiled and clapped while her family sang two songs in her honour, accompanied by Steve Verhey. The first one was titled "Deep in our Hearts" and the second was "Precious Memories", an appropriate choice for the day.

After the service, we continued the celebration by sharing a beautiful birthday cake which Judy Messenger made for her.

George and Annie Van der Vaart first came to St. Paul's in (about) 1955. It was the Harry Carmichael Family and the Stan Hyndman Family who invited and encouraged them to come to St. Paul's. Over the years, they were both faithfully involved in their church. George spent some years with the Board of Managers. Annie was a member of the Ladies Guild as well as the Women's Missionary Society, and she is the only living member of the original Ladies Guild. Their 5 daughters attended Sunday School, taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. They have grandchildren and great grandchildren who are involved in our congregation today. It has been a long and very special association.

The Van der Vaart family congratulates St. Paul's on their 160th Anniversary.



Be Careful How You Answer - Submitted by Bea McHale



Parishioners are always encouraged to volunteer at St. Paul's. My first experience was when I received a phone call from Bill Hyndman asking me three questions:- do you type, do you own a typewriter and will you type the bulletin for Rev. Yando. Answering yes to these questions has kept me busy on Thursday afternoons for 21 years!!!

Blessed to Still be Part of the Family - Submitted by Paul & Eileen Chambers

Ten years ago when we arrived at St. Paul's the congregation was celebrating their 150th Anniversary and we were able to participate in the final few events that were taking place.

Now, 10 years later, we are still part of St. Paul's family even though Rev. Paul retired from active ministry in 2007.

We have many memories of worship services, Church School programs, picnics, many bazaars, special musical events, and the people

who have touched our lives.

St. Paul's is truly a family, and we are blessed to be part of that family.



Eileen has enjoyed being part of the choir and the fellowship and friendship that has provided for her.

Rory and Letitia spent their high school years in Kemptville and even though they have moved on to the next phases of their lives, they still consider Kemptville their 'home'.

Our prayer is for St. Paul's to continue to be a witness of God's love in our community and around the world.

A 160th Anniversary Hymn - Submitted by Cathy Verhey

To the tune of As Longs the Heart for Flowing Streams

Desire stirred the heart of men,
Their God and Christ to glorify,
A dwelling place, a church on fire
To wrest from land untouched by man.

With face upraised yet back bent down,
They worked to see the structure rise.
Through sun and rain, through wind and storm,
This church would stand, their heart's desire.

For they were warriors, strong and mighty
Called into battle for the King.
He went before them, so they went forward,

Their glory Christ the risen King.
Evil arose so black, to draw
Their men in bloom of youth to war.
Fear strong arose, would one by one,
The news return, they were no more?

By linking arms, though ranks grew thin,
God's strength to draw, unite as one.
Through fear and pain, through loss of life,
This church would stand mid battle strife.

For they were warriors, strong and mighty
Called into battle for the King.
He went before them, so they went forward,
Their glory Christ the risen King.

Does fear of God no longer call
Men on to righteousness and faith?
Do we our generations lose
To apathy and godless life?

We will survive; in fact, we'll thrive,
For God will move their hearts again.
Through great concern, through strained desire,
This church will stand, revival fire.

For we are warriors, strong and mighty
Called into battle for the King,
He goes before us, so we go forward,
Our glory Christ the risen King.



St. Paul's Church School (Early 1970s) & Donald and Judy Messenger at Bonnechere Park - Submitted by Donald Messenger

Memories from Across the Street - Submitted by Jean (Earle) Knapp

I arrived in Kemptville from Wakefield in 1920 with my parents, (luckily) as I was only ten months old. My parents, Harry and Christina Earle had purchased a dairy farm, on Hurd Street. From that location, they operated the Kemptville Dairy and later the Blue Coal business in the area until they retired.

My parents and I were members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and as a much younger person, I enjoyed the Mission Band, Sunday School and singing in the choir. Thinking back to choir days, I remember my good friend Mary Thompson and I sitting side by side trying to be so sedate and reserved. Situations seem so comical when one is not supposed to be

laughing in such a visible location.

However, one glance in the direction of our parents changed that somewhat.

I vividly recall our minister Rev. Armstrong and his family. They had been Missionaries in China before coming to Canada. Their children were my vintage in school. A daughter became a librarian and a son, Gordon became a renowned orthopaedic surgeon in Ottawa and in China.

I also have fond memories of Rev. Lloyd Henderson who had an evangelistic style of preaching. They moved to Portage la Prairie where he became an alderman, and then the Reverend Mayor of the city. He tackled the bureaucracy and slashed

unnecessary spending. As a result, he was a much disliked person but then was as well, a much liked person by many, because of his financial management skills.

Another memory is of Rev. Botting, a fond one as well because he married Don and I on Aug 17th, 1946, 65 years ago. I don't believe he knows what a long contract he had arranged for us.

I trotted across the road and joined my husband at the United Church. They are similar indeed, but I have such memories of these formative years in your church. Thus it is always a joy to return.

May God bless you in your future endeavours.

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Stories from our Summer Renovation Project

It was almost a mission impossible - make St. Paul's completely accessible in the space of thirty days.

During the month of August, volunteers and some hired trades

had to transform the sanctuary into an accessible washroom on the first level and an office on the second floor. It wasn't an easy task, but according to Steve and Cathy Verhey, it all went very

smoothly. Credit for this goes largely to the excellent architectural plans drawn up by Erin Duncan of the firm Jane Thompson and Associates.

"There were some service delays," said Steve Verhey. "But the breaking down of the stone wall wasn't as big a job as we anticipated."

Interestingly, the biggest surprise didn't come during the

renovations, but while the work crew was taking a break. A family stopped by the church looking for help. They were from British Columbia, but were heading to Brockville to be closer to medical

care and family for the wife who had MS. During their travels, they had lost all of their cash and were in dire straights. Thanks to the Verheys and Shahrzad, they received

the help they needed and were sent on their way. The renovations were a community effort so thanks to: Erin, Jim, Samer, Colin, Steve, Paul, Albert, Cathy, Kim, Jack, Tim Nicholas, Roger, Charlie, Henriette, Judy, Donald, Moira, Jerry, Paul, Elaine, Ray, Josie, Norm, Helen, Alan, Ann, Annie, Jessa, David, Virginia, Carole, Sharon, Isabel, Shahrazad, Ron, Janet and Art.



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