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Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3: 14-15

Message from Rev. Pat

Many years ago, the young people from the Challenge movement gave me a wall hanging that says, *In friendship we've made memories. In fellowship we've moved mountains.*

I have so many wonderful memories of our time together at St. Paul's and it all came together beautifully on our last day of celebration. What an incredible gift to see all our musicians singing and playing together on that final song. Thank you for your love and caring, your generosity and support, and the joy, laughter and chocolate we have shared.

Working together in faith and fellowship we have moved a mountain or two. I know that both Karen, your interim, and your next rector will be blessed by this community and you will do great things together for the glory of God and the good of the wider community.

God bless you in the days and years ahead. It has been an honour and pleasure to have journeyed with you in this beautiful place.

Blessings, pat +



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At the April 2018 meeting, Parish Council gave the go-ahead for this project, previously mentioned in the Spring issue of the *St. Paul's Post*.



Our beehive will be delivered to the cemetery soon by Matthew of Gees Bees. There was a delay as it was a hard winter and a lot of bees did not survive the winter. On delivery day, Matthew will work with Ron Ayling to pick out a great spot for the beehive and set it up in the cemetery.

That day the bees will orient themselves to their new surroundings then will quickly get to work pollinating the whole area. Matthew and Marianne from Gees Bees will visit the hive throughout the summer and fall to care for the beehive.

Drop by sometime and see our bees at work!! There will be signage around the area. If you don't bother them, they won't bother you.

*Karen Masson
The Bee Queen*

Hello from the Rev. Karen

A brief biography, by Karen herself...

Born of Finnish/ British extraction, a fairly long time ago in Nipigon Ontario, the Rev. Karen has spent a lifetime of learning, praying and reaching out to others in the numerous communities she has lived, across Canada.

For the last 33 years she has affiliated with the Anglican Church in Canada and has been a continuous member of the Anglican communion.

She has travelled broadly to Great Britain on numerous occasions, to the Holy Land and to Turkey, as well as throughout Canada.

She has lived in Ottawa for 10 years and recently retired as a priest of the Diocese of Ottawa, serving as the incumbent of the Anglican Parish of March for 9 years. Before that she served in the Anglican Parish of Penetanguishene, providing chaplaincy support at the Centre for the Criminally Insane and the Central North Correctional Centre.

In addition to holding a theology degree from Trinity College, she graduated from the University of Alberta and has practiced as a physiotherapist for many years.

She is married to Mike Coxon now for forty years as of September 2018, has three children and five grandchildren.

In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, curling, reading and travelling.

She looks forward to supporting the community of St. Paul's Almonte during this time of transition, as you seek God's will in finding a new incumbent.

**WELCOME
Rev. Karen!**



“Ah Ha” Moments from our Book Study on Prayer

A group of 8- 15 folks from our parish met through the fall and winter on Tuesday evenings for an hour to discuss Phillip Yancey's book Prayer-Does It Make Any Difference? As the facilitator of this study, I found it an

incredible blessing to lead this group, as we searched the issue of prayer with the sincere hope of deepening our understanding of this wonderful gift we have with our God!

There were innumerable insights gained from this amazing book - we want to share some of the most significant “ah-ha” moments in our newsletter so all can benefit. Here we go!

- * Prayer changes our perspective.
- * Our image of God influences how we pray
- * Prayer is “keeping company” with God (we came back to this one over and over)
- * Prayer is making the most of moments of perception
- * Prayer can be expressed in many forms/ways
- * Our expectations and assumptions matter when we pray
- * Prayer is an instrument for peace and for good
- * Prayer changes the mind and the heart of the prayer
- * Prayer without action is incomplete!
- * The prayer of Jesus in John 17 (have a read) – Jesus prayed in dire circumstances – BUT looked outside of his situation and prayed for others.
- * If you want to pray better, pray more!
- * Keep prayer honest. Keep it simple and Keep it up!
- * JUST DO IT! If you are praying, you are doing it right!

Sometimes a song would come to mind as I prepared for the study and we would sing together. One of these that meant the most to me is the famous hymn - *Just As I Am*.

Jesus invites us to come to Him, just as we are – the specific words aren't important. In fact listening for His voice is probably the greatest gift. Just come to Him in prayer. God loves us and is waiting for us to keep company with Him.

Vicki Bassett

Farewell to Rev. Pat



On Sunday June 10, we bade a fond farewell to the Rev. Canon Pat Martin—our Pat—with a day full of celebrations of her ministry with us. At 8:30, Pat celebrated Holy Communion with our early-bird parishioners. At the 10:30 service, the rafters rang with the joyful sounds of music, as we sang many of Pat’s favourite hymns and songs. See [the bulletin](#) for details.

Following the service, Michael Mavis invited us to “commemorate” Pat’s ministry with us, to much laughter. Presentations were made and songs were sung. After Grace, everyone adjourned for an al fresco lunch on the church lawn.

And in the evening, we enjoyed [Choral Evensong](#), in honour of Pat’s retirement from full-time ministry. And finished the day with sherry and shortbread in the Hall.

A wonderful send-off, overflowing with our gratitude and love Pat and for her ministry here.

Here is a small taste of the festivities. For more pictures, see our web site

www.stpaulsalmonte.ca/st-pauls-in-action/

Sincere thanks to Alex Hughes for all the photos!



News from Parish Council

- ♦ In April, Council noted that we have almost caught up with our arrears in apportionment payments to the Diocese for 2017 and expressed thanks to Treasurer Sandra Cain for managing this so well.
- ♦ Council has decided to have the tree encroaching on Parish House porch roof and foundation removed for an estimated cost of \$500 plus tax, using money from the Parish House renovation fund.
- ♦ Refinishing of the hardwood floors in the church will begin Monday July 9. Furniture removal will take place after the service on July 8. Council is awaiting a detailed quote to replace the carpeting.
- ♦ In order to use the remaining Mission portion of the 150th Anniversary Campaign Funds, Council approved donations of \$1200 each to be made to the following five charities: Akany Famanjeno orphanage (Madagascar); Ottawa Inner City Ministries; Lanark County Interval House; PWRDF – Pikangikum water project (northern Ontario); and, Lanark County Food Bank / Community Gardens.
- ♦ The Property and Finance Committee has prepared a running list of capital projects that will be updated as required to ensure it remains current.
- ♦ Council decided that the Gerges family may continue to stay in the Parish House until November 2019 at the current rent.
- ♦ Given that our St. Paul's road sign was seriously damaged in a windstorm in May 2018, Council approved the purchase a new road sign from Augsburg Fortress at an estimated cost \$300.

*Michael Mavis
Chair, Parish Council*

not-OFFICE HOURS

Under new management

Wednesdays: 9:30 - noon

Deane Zeeman on duty

Thursdays: 1 - 4 p.m

Cathy Gallagher on duty

Fridays: 1:30 – 4:30 p.m

The Dynamic Duo on duty



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The Great Church Floors Refinishing Project

Phase II Timetable

Tuesday July 3: clear out of some items in the Hall in preparation for the floor refinishing. The Hall will be emptied of all furniture with the exception of the bookcases.

Friday July 6: existing carpets in the church will be professionally removed.

Sunday July 8: final services in the church before floor refinishing begins services.

After the conclusion of the 10:30 am. service, the church will be totally stripped of all chairs and pews, all hangings, all brass, everything!

Monday, July 9: Hardwood sanding/ buffing and refinishing of both church and hall will begin.

****Church and Hall will both be “out of bounds” for the entire week****

Sunday July 15 and Sunday July 22: Regular 8:30 a.m. service will be held **in the Hall** (basement) and the 10:30 service will be held **outdoors** or in the Hall if wet.

****WARNING – A smell of drying varathane is very likely in the Hall on the 15th****

Monday July 23: carpeting installation begins in the church for 2-3 days. After completion of the carpeting, the church will be “put back together”.

NOTE: It could take a few weeks before all things are fully back into place and all of the dust dealt with.

****Help from all who are able will be required throughout the process.** We will also try to refresh some paint as we conclude this work. If you are able to assist at any point please let one of the wardens know as soon as possible.

To make a financial contribution to this work, please indicate “Church Maintenance” on your memo line or envelope. Thank you!

*Bob Bassett
People's Warden*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please carefully consider participating as you can—many hands make light work!



Why Don't They Come to Church?

And What Can We Do About It?

A Personal Reflection

A motley crew of St. Paul's members supplemented by participants from St. George's Clayton and Almonte United Church took part in a course with the strangest name EVER. For four consecutive Tuesdays, beginning April 10, we gathered in the Parish Hall to consider the following agenda over tea and dessert (yum!):

- ♦ What Happened to the World? Changes in our culture that lead to this decline.
- ♦ What are our Options? How have we responded so far?
- ♦ What Should We Do? What does our faith teach about this?
- ♦ What Might a New Church Look Like?

The Rev. Jonathan Martin (Rev. Pat's son, and Rector, Parish of South Dundas) and Leslie Giddings (diocesan Child, Youth and Adult Learning Facilitator) challenged us to take a serious look at social change, our current culture and the many exciting possibilities that are opening up for church communities to be God's hands and feet in the world through acts of radical hospitality.

They defined **sacred hospitality** as consisting of four components: Invitation, Rootedness, Respect and Openness. Our group added a fifth: Patience, acknowledging that it takes time for people to accommodate the idea of celebrating their spirituality in a church context in our post-Christian society.

Jonathan and Leslie used a combination of teaching about social history and how the church responded to societal changes, sharing of real-life stories from people who have stopped coming to church, and study of scripture showing how we are called to be open to change, diversity and difference.

We watched a video from TV2 Denmark, *What Happens When We Stop Putting People in Boxes* (www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wh-xdZzyjVI) about the blessing of diversity in community.

And were encouraged to take turns sharing one-on-one some little part of ourselves that we would otherwise have had no way of knowing and experienced the power of active listening as a tool to care for one another.

We received a handout about listening – really listening. This was excerpted from a book that is now a resource in our parish library: Transcending Generations, A Field Guide to Collaboration in Church by Meredith Gould. Also in our library now, Autopsy of a Deceased Church, by Thom Rainer, taking a look at why churches fail and offering possible approaches.

With lots of discussion and much humour (especially as we watched clips from the BBC TV series, *The Vicar of Dibley*!), by the end of the course we had a much firmer grasp of what God is calling God's church to do and be in the 21st century, including ideas for how to be faithful to our call to love our neighbour in our local church.

Deane Zeeman and Irene Emig

The Quest

How does one replace the irreplaceable? While it may be difficult, we have to try!



A dedicated group from St Paul's has been tasked with this responsibility. The group includes two wardens and two synod delegates. We have met with the Bishop's representatives to initiate the process. A parish profile has been produced, so that the Bishop has a better idea who we are as a community.

We understand that there are a number of vacancies across the diocese that will have to be filled. It is our hope that the process will be expeditious, but we do not control the timing of the process. In the meantime, we will enjoy our interim priest Rev. Karen Coxon and pray that the new minister will be everything that we all hope he or she will be.

*Inez McCreery
Synod Delegate*



George Eccles An Unsung Hero

In 1909, George Eccles, a native of Almonte, became the first radio telegrapher to die at sea.

On Sunday June 3, a stone to mark the grave of George Eccles was dedicated in the St.

Paul's Community Cemetery.

On August 26, 1909, the ship on which Eccles served as a telegraph operator struck an uncharted rock off the coast of British Columbia. Eccles stayed at his post, transmitting S.O.S. signals to summon passing ships to rescue the crew of 213 souls. All but 5 members of the crew were saved.

Eccles drowned at his post. He was buried in the Eccles family plot at St. Paul's Community Cemetery, but his grave was unmarked.

Dignitaries present at the dedication included Mayor Shaun McLaughlin, Reg Gamble of C.R. Gamble Funeral Home and John Bowes of Kinkaid & Loney Monuments, and as well as speakers who explained the historical significance of this forgotten hero.

Michael Mavis presented the dedication:

"We dedicate this monument in recognition of the heroism and sacrifice of George Eccles, who paid the ultimate price for his friends and co-workers, and as a memorial, so that no longer will his resting place be unknown, and his sacrifice unremembered. And we also dedicate this monument as a reminder of the heroism that rests latent in every human heart. That, if circumstances should ever require it of us, we may respond with the selfless bravery shown by George Eccles."

Services Schedule for June and July

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service time</i>	<i>Service Type</i>	<i>Liturgical season</i>	<i>Notes</i>
June 24	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	BCP Indigenous Peoples' Day service	John the Baptist	Speaker: Irene Barbeau
July 1	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	BCP Iona Healing Eucharist	Pentecost 6	Canada Day Music: Wendy Shaw and friends
July 8	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	BCP BAS p. 185	Pentecost 7	A slightly more traditional feel
July 15	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	BCP BSS p 7	Pentecost 8	A slightly more contemporary feel
July 22	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	BCP BAS p. 185	Pentecost 9	A slightly more traditional feel
July 29	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	BCP TBD	Pentecost 10	