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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. – Holy Communion Said service

9:15 a.m. – Traditional/Choral Holy Communion. Kids are invited to join the God Squad for children’s worship, crafts and games. Nursery care also available.

11:00 a.m. – Praise Music Holy Communion. Kids are invited to join the God Squad for children’s worship, crafts and games. Nursery care also available.

Other Services

10:00 a.m Wednesday – Bible Study and Eucharist

2:00 p.m. Thursday – “Seniors’ Afternoon Out” Service and Social

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- **Messages from Father John and Father Craig**
 - **E100 upcoming events**
 - **GIFT update**
 - **SchoolBOX info session**
 - **God Squad Party Feb 22**
- ...and more!**

February edition deadline:
Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Please send submissions to:
cornerstone@stpaulshk.org



A message from Father John

Looking back and looking forward

St. Paul's has had another good year. We finished 2014 with a positive balance sheet (we covered all of our expenses) and we made a few financial milestones. By the end of 2014 we had brought in over \$300,000 dollars of our GIFT campaign. That means that our mortgage was reduced to under \$600,000. We have come a long way since we opened the doors to the new church in 2004.

We marked our tenth anniversary with a number of celebrations that gave us pause for reflection and thanksgiving. A new history of the parish was produced by Matthias Joost and has been warmly and enthusiastically received. Our common story is full of faithfulness and dedication. Parish Events such as the Garden Party and Tour, The Community BBQ, and the Anniversary Service were all causes of rejoicing.

We took some time to consult with the parish and the community in 2014 to see where the needs of our

community were, so that we can begin to make plans on how to address some issues in Kanata.

Because of the success of the GIFT campaign, we have some resources to help us address the concerns of our community. I encourage everyone to get their reports in for Vestry and lets begin set some new priorities for St. Paul's. In addition we will be looking at a new Parish Council system for St. Paul's.

I encourage everyone to ask this question: How can we as a church become more effective as a parish community?

May God continue to bless us in 2015 with faithfulness and growth, and may we proclaim His Hope by our actions.

May God Bless you and your family in 2015,



From the desk of Father Craig

The Prince of Peace

Happy New Year!

It is a joy to celebrate the mystery and wonder of our God in this new year of 2015!

That is in part why I am getting ready for the joy of continuing the E100 Challenge (Essential 100 verses of scripture).

On Christmas Eve, Fr. John and I looked at how God would make himself known in the person of Jesus as it is written in the Book of Isaiah 9:6, "For to us a child is born, to us a **son** is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**"

As I was thinking of these "names," I was thinking of the promises of God and how they are found in the

prophetic words of Isaiah. Knowing what God promises is important. The promises He gives tells us a lot about him and us.

When I think of Peace, the Prince of Peace, I am reminded of his words to us that his "yoke is easy and his burden is light." That is a promise he gives to us. There have been times when I have felt my burdens were way too heavy. Since God is true to his word, I have needed to think that maybe I wasn't being as close to Christ as I needed to be! That doesn't mean we don't go through great trials. Jesus even said we were to expect them. What it does mean is that if in those trials if we stay close to Christ, and hence one another, his peace will be with us.

There is an amazing woman who tells a story of being in anguish over a child and struggling and weeping, and turning to Christ and laying her heart open at his feet

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in prayer. She was absolutely blessed by a peace “that passes all understanding.” No miraculous turnaround for the child for many years, and she will say she didn’t get any sense there would be, but there was peace, great peace!

Scripture gives us similar examples. Examples of God’s promises and how they are lived out in the lives of his people. Examples that teach us that God’s word is still active and alive.

I pray that, as 2015 unfolds, we will continue to deepen our relationship with God and one another through his word. May it ever be so!

Peace,
Fr. Craig +



Who is yours?

Sunday February 22 at 9:15 & 11

Are you
4 to 12 years old
looking for
adventure, fun
and games?



Come
and
join the quest
in
Rutter Hall

Let the games begin!

A smile in honour of Robbie Burns Day (January 25)



Submitted by April Forsberg

Do you know your hymns?

Dentist's Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Weatherman's Hymn

There Shall Be Showers of Blessings

Contractor's Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

The Tailor's Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Golfer's Hymn

There is a Green Hill Far Away

The Politician's Hymn

Standing on the Promises!

Optometrist's Hymn

Open My Eyes That I Might See

The IRS Agent's Hymn

I Surrender All

The Gossip's Hymn

Pass It On

The Electrician's Hymn

Send The Light

The Shopper's Hymn

Sweet Bye and Bye

The Realtor's Hymn

I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop

The Therapists Hymn

He Touched Me

The Doctor's Hymn

The Great Physician

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph: *God Will Take Care of You*

75 mph: *Nearer My God To Thee*

85 mph: *This World Is Not My Home*

95 mph: *Lord, I'm Coming Home*

100 mph: *Precious Memories*

Submitted by Lorna Brule

E100 information

Won't you take the challenge?

E100 Readings for January:

January 4 - 10: Genesis 15:1-21, Matthew 6:5-7:29

January 11 - 17: Genesis 21:1-22:19, Matthew 13:1-58

January 18- 24: Genesis 27:1 - 28:22, Luke 10:25-37

January 25 - 31: Genesis 32:1 - 33:20, Luke 15:1-32

Sunday, January 25

GUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Robinson, from St. Paul's Anglican Church in Brockville, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, January 25th. Please welcome Rev. Barbara as she shares with us how the E100 Bible reading challenge has blessed her parish.

Tuesday, January 27

EPIPHANY EDUCATION NIGHT

7:00 snacks and coffee, 7:30 study

All are welcome!

Please sign up in the Narthex so we know you are coming and so we can notify you of a delay in case of bad weather.

Bad weather delay date: February 3.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP:

If you've been reading along, or would like to start in the New Year, it is not too late to sign-up. Just add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

WHY READ THE BIBLE?

- Psalm 119:105, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."
- Matthew 4:4, "We do not live on bread alone, but on every Word that comes from the mouth of God."
- 2 Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is God breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

WHY READ THE BIBLE AS A COMMUNITY?

- To increase fellowship and strengthen community
- God's Word transforms lives; God's Word transforms churches



Reading the Bible

by Johan de Jong

My habit is never to read the prescribed sections for Bible class or any other planned Bible session until I actually meet with others for the occasion. The reason for doing so, is in order to receive the text unadulterated by earlier reflections. I admit that this has become increasingly difficult when familiar sections of the Bible have been assigned which often are framed by a cocoon of previous thoughts and discussions. Nevertheless, my experience has been that each reading is always different and is strongly influenced by the situation, the group and the circumstances within which the text is read and discussed. This discovery has strengthened my conviction that the Bible only becomes 'holy' when we have a personal encounter with the text which informs our understanding and guides our action.

The origin of this habit probably goes back to my teens in Holland when my mother gave me a book on the Tales of the Chasidim by Martin Buber. The book included several chapters on his Dialogical Philosophy in which he describes two ways of understanding ourselves and dealing with our lives and the world. The self centered I-It relationship, in which an intended, closed, static self is built, based on dominating others and the world for personal advantage. An image well reflected in the tale of the Tower of Babel. And, the I-You relationship, where an open, enquiring mind discovers an unexpected self after each new encounter with others and the world.

For Buber reading the Bible is an I-You encounter, a direct communication with God, and in that encounter we cannot avoid being changed each time we read the Book and genuinely encounter the text and wrestle with its meaning. Like Jacob, when he wrestled until daybreak at the ford of Jabbok, we cannot walk away unscathed by such an experience. In later life I discovered that the idea of reciprocal development due to responsive interaction can be seen in all fields of understanding. In my own thinking I fruitfully applied the concept to the evolution of the world, life, humanity, language and individual consciousness. And in respect to reading the Bible I try to follow Buber's advice each time I open the Book in the way expressed here by Everett Fox:

“ ... read the Bible as though it were something entirely unfamiliar, as though it had not been set before you ready-made ... Face the book with a new attitude as something new ... Let what ever may happen occur between yourself and it. You do not know which of its sayings and images will overwhelm and mould you ... But hold yourself open. Do not believe anything a priori, do not disbelieve anything a priori. Read aloud the words written in the book in front of you; hear the word you utter and let it reach you.”¹

These words are adapted by Everett Fox from a lecture given by Martin Buber in 1926. Fox himself compiled the Schocken Bible (1983) in order to do for English readers what Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig had done for German readers by translating the Bible in a manner that best reflected the power and richness of the original Hebrew (1925-1962). According to Everett Fox they did so, in order to confront readers with a new text, that would challenge many of their preconceived notions, have them rethink the meaning of the book and hopefully become active readers rather than passive listeners.

¹*Part of a Translator's Preface by Everett Fox in the book, The Five books of Moses, Volume I of the Schocken Bible Series, translated and annotated by Everett Fox, Schocken Books, New York, 1995, p ix*



SchoolBOX: “Making Education Possible”

Information session January 14 at 7:00 p.m.

by Lorna Brule

A notebook and pencil can make all the difference in the world.

“Desperate to make a difference,” is how SchoolBOX founder Tom Affleck describes his life in 2006. Overwhelmed with personal challenges Tom remembers feeling as though he had little to offer anyone or anything. Yet, as life seemed to collapse around him Tom found hope and strength in his Christian faith and his desire to serve those in need. “I returned to Central America in 2006 with one desire: to try and help someone. I tried a lot of things, but it was the notebook and the pencil that changed everything.”

A notebook and pencil. While in a tiny village in Northern Nicaragua, Tom gave two young girls a notebook and a pencil. One of their fathers, seeing this simple gift, smiled broadly and said, “Now that you have a notebook and a pencil you can go to school this year.” This simple statement profoundly impacted Tom and eventually led to the creation of SchoolBOX.

The power of community. Many individuals gave generously of their time and resources to make SchoolBOX a reality. Ronald Chavarria Arauz, a small entrepreneur in Nicaragua, gave the only room in his house with a proper floor to be SchoolBOX’s office, and offered his personal truck as our vehicle to deliver school supplies and build our first schools. But it was the support of a small community called Almonte that became the incubator in which SchoolBOX would strengthen and eventually prosper.

Making Education Possible. A handful of years later, SchoolBOX is ‘Making Education Possible’ by helping thousands and thousands of kids go to school. What began with one man’s quest to find healing and meaning has grown into a movement involving individuals, families and organizations across North America, Europe, and Central America. Dubbed the “little organization that could,” SchoolBOX is a wonderful testimony to what can be achieved through love, perseverance and community.

Ray and I met Tom and Sarah at Bethesda and we were both intrigued by his story. We’ve watched on Facebook as many of our local churches put teams together and help to build schools, build libraries and bring school supplies to Nicaragua.

Jon Tam is the local representative for SchoolBOX and he will be coming to St. Paul’s on **January 14, at 7 pm**. We are considering a MAY 2016 visit.

If encouraging youngsters to stay in school or helping to build a school sounds like a mission trip you’d enjoy, please circle the 14th of January on your calendar and come to Rutter Hall for more information.

High School age children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Parent. The children in Nicaragua love to spend time with the “younger” visitors. This trip is about building relationships **FIRST** and building the schools **SECOND**.

<http://schoolbox.ca/> This link will give you lots of information.

Optimum number for a visit is 16-18.

Other questions, please contact Lorna in the Church Office.



GIFT update

Mortgage reduction mission accomplished

by Alison Stortz and Francis Christensen

Congratulations! As of December 31, 2014, we have now met the first major goal of our GIFT Campaign with the receipt of \$300,000 for our mortgage reduction. Our mortgage now stands at less than \$600K.

And the good news doesn't stop there. We are inching ever closer to the \$1/2-million mark for the overall campaign. A big thank you to all who have helped meet this significant accomplishment!

We are now embarking on the next portion of our

campaign, with the next \$100K being divided equally between the Diocese for their GIFT goals and St. Paul's (roof replacement).

If you are new to the parish and want more information, or want to participate (or adjust your current pledge) in this vital financial initiative, please contact one of the GIFT Campaign Co-Chairs listed below.

Alison Stortz 613-599-7176

Francis Christensen 613-831-0874

e-mail: gift@stpaulshk.org



An Anniversary

by Johan de Jong

Reflections on the Baptism of One Adult and Six Babies at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, on January 12, 2003.

On the day of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, in 2003, I was baptized at the ripe old age of 70 by Dean William J. Bellamy, at the 9:00 a.m. service of the Cathedral, using the liturgy of the Book of Alternative Services, together with six new-born babies. Father Bellamy chose to baptize the adult *catechumen* first, then followed by the six newborns: Lauren Blackwood, Brendan Frampton, Emma Wareham, Samantha Nightingale, Alysha Flynn and Nathan Hayward.

Unlike the beaming parents in the front rows, my wife Sandra, who had been reluctant to come, did in the end and was sitting in the very back of the church, while my two sponsors Dr. Frank Cluett, former provost of Queen's College at Memorial University, and Rhodie Mercer, a local lawyer and legal council for the Cathedral, joined me in one of the front pews. At that time,

William Bellamy was Rector of the Cathedral and Dean of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, while Frank Cluett was a lecturer at Queen's College where I got to know him taking courses in theology during the two preceding years. Rhodie Mercer was a friend of the family. His wife Wendy and my wife Sandra were skating instructors at the St. John's Figure Skating Club, where they had taken turns during the past years teaching their children the art of figure skating and ice dancing. Both were born in nominally Protestant households, but neither one belonged to a church, nor did they attend church services.

After taking some courses at Queen's College, an Anglican Seminary at Memorial University in St. John's,

since 2000, I chose to be baptized in the Anglican Cathedral and become a member of that parish.

Not having had a history in any church I did not call myself an "Anglican", but a person who had chosen the Anglican Church as a means to walk the Christian path. Neither did I call myself "a Christian" after baptism, as in my view one never is "a Christian," but always walks in repentance, a process of "becoming Christian."

For me personally, the event was a significant and happy occasion on which I began a new journey. To mark the significance of that day, I began using the



first of my two given names, Johan, rather than the second, Anton (Ton, Tony), by which I had been known for more than 70 years. There are many reasons for the choice of the Hebrew name *Johanan*: I do believe *God is gracious*; it was the name of my maternal great-grandfather, the Rev. Johannes Wiersma, who played a central role in the lives of his descendants; it was the third name of my

paternal grandfather, the tea planter Karel Henri Johan; it is the name of the apostle whose Gospel has always fascinated me; and it is the name of the patron saint of the church and the city where I was baptised.

Anticipating the twelfth anniversary of the memorable event, I am very thankful for the lessons learned at several stations on the road, the many saints that crossed my path, and I hope that my six young companions received the right rigging from their respective communities and are currently sailing the Seven Seas driven forward by the Holy Spirit under billowing sails.

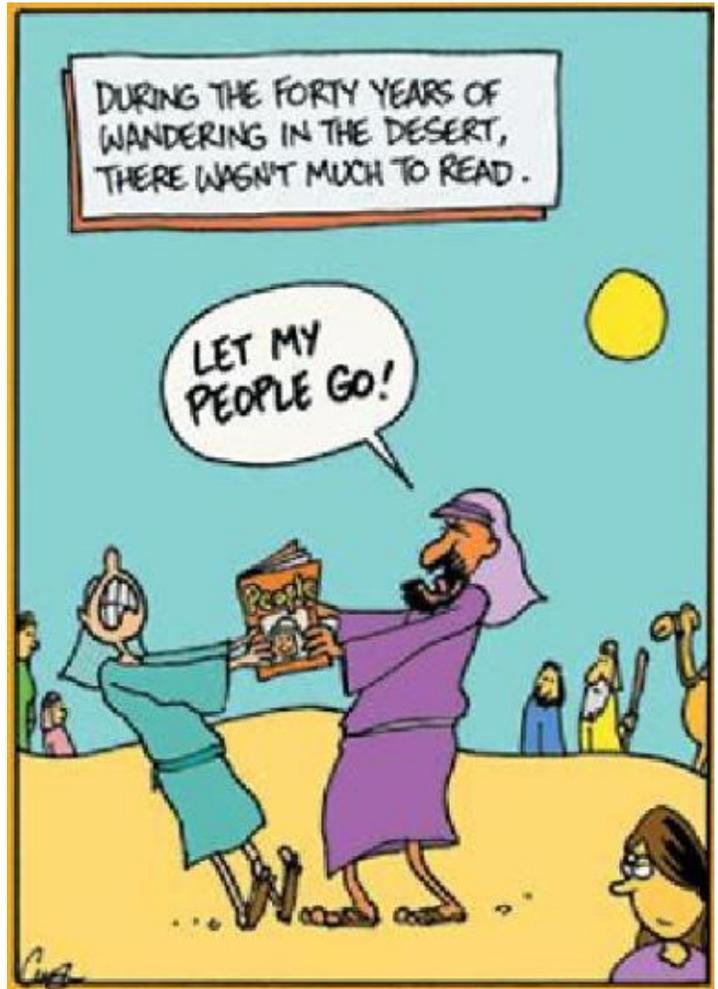
On the lighter side...

The Perfect Pastor

A recent survey has compiled all the qualities that people expect from the perfect pastor:

The perfect pastor preaches exactly 12 minutes; frequently condemns sin but never upsets anyone; works from 8 a.m. until midnight and is also a janitor; makes \$60 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car, and gives about \$80 a week to the poor; is 28 years of age, but has been preaching for 30 years; gives him- or herself completely but never gets too close to anyone to avoid criticism; speaks boldly on social issues, but must never become politically involved; has a burning desire to work with teenagers, but spends all his or her time with senior citizens; makes 15 daily calls to parish families, visits shut-ins and the hospitalized, is always in the community evangelizing the unchurched, and is always in the office when needed.

Submitted by Carol Spencer (from Pastor Tim Burt's website: <http://todaysfreshmanna.wordpress.com/>)



Cartoon by Cuyler Black, submitted by Darell Small



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