



# The Anglican Regional Ministry of Saugeen Shores, Tara and Chatsworth

## Canon Carrie writes ...

Dear Siblings in Christ,

*“From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.” (Psalm 113.3)*

This verse caught my attention while I was reading earlier, and I thought, how appropriate a verse it was for today, as we enter into our summer season, a season of long days, warm breezes, and endless opportunity for fun and adventure. All around me, I see and hear the delights of summer: Children racing around the labyrinth on their scooters, and bikes; people sitting under the shade of the trees on our benches and chairs; or simply stopping to say hello.

On Tuesday as I dropped into St John’s before a meeting, a couple who were sitting on the bench started chatting with me and commented on how lovely the garden was looking, and how they enjoyed having a spot to stop for a moment to simply sit and enjoy the day.

Simply having time to sit and enjoy the day! In our ever-so busy world, how often do we take the time to simply sit and enjoy the day? How much time do we take to simply sit and offer a word of praise and thanksgiving?

We started the year running with Vestry preparation, Lent and Easter, then moved to the work of Synod, where your elected lay delegates gathered with clergy from all around the Diocese to bring your voice to the governing body of our collective church. Thank you to our lay

delegates this year, Heather Stirling, Scott Saunders and Marilyn Stewart! We are indeed blessed with attentive and passionately committed lay delegates.

I was delighted and so thankful to the members of our congregations who travelled to London to take part in the Synod Service on Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>. I love the Synod services, where all the pageantry and splendour of our faith tradition are on full display, and this year was no exception, but what made this Synod Service so special for me was the presence of my extended family and



many of our congregational members being present as I was appointed a Canon of the Cathedral. It is quite an honour, and one that I am deeply grateful to all of you for, as it is only through your faithful response to the leading of the Holy Spirit that created the opportunities for this recognition. As a Canon

Catechist, I will have a particular role in striving to share the joy of learning and faith formation with everyone I encounter. You provided the fruitful ground in which this began, and together we will continue in this joyful work.

But even in the midst of that joyful work, we must all find time to simply sit and enjoy the day, to offer a word of praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings we enjoy. May your summer be filled with moments to sit and ponder, to sit and dream, to sit and immerse yourself in the glory of God’s creation and God’s grace.

God bless,

*Canon Carrie*

## 2023 Councils—Your Hard-working Leadership Teams:

St. Paul's Council: (Did someone say we were looking for a "head and shoulder's shot (Bill), or two heads and shoulders, (Annie)?



Top Row (L-R): Doug Goar, (W) Cathy Janveau, (W) Cathy Woodley, Elspeth Irwin, Bill Bowden Bottom Row (L-R): Bryan Mombourquette, Diana Stevens, Scott Saunders, Rev. Annie, Canon Carrie

St. John's Council:



Lots of Prep for Antique and Collectibles Show!

(L-R) Cathy Seaton, Rose Blackwell, Carol Purbrick, Marilyn Stewart, Canon Carrie, Rob Campbell, Debbie Campbell, Hope Alvarez, Rev. Annie, Absent Cathy O'Hagan (W), Chuck Stuckey (W)

## Worldwide Knit in

### Public Day:

St. Paul's labyrinth welcomed more than 20 people to Worldwide Knit in Public Day on Saturday, June 10. There were a variety of projects being worked on with everyone enjoying the company of others. Some newcomers from this event have now started to attend our Yarn Lovers group on Thursdays from 1-3. We hope to continue to meet on the labyrinth during the warmer weather. All are welcome.



## News from Tara / Chatsworth:

Outdoor Services at Tara on Sundays are a common occurrence. Weather



permitting, services will be held outside for the summer months. Please join us!



Jane Godin, organist at Christ Church, Tara, was given a Life Member Honour by the Chesley Kinette Club. A very enjoyable dinner and evening was held in Chesley, where the honour was bestowed.

## Introducing St. Paul's New Custodian Dave Wenn:

Dave began his duties at St. Paul's as of June 1. He and his wife Carolyn have been permanent retired residents of Southampton for the past 15 years. Throughout that time Dave has been an active volunteer member of a number of community activities and associations including Marine Heritage Society, Rotary and Community Living, to name a few. Dave also provides Custodial support to Southampton United Church. Please welcome Dave to our team!

We also wish Ted Rivest a Happy Retirement, and thank him for his excellent service to St. Paul's over the last number of years.



**45th Annual Antiques, Vintage and Collectibles Show—  
hosted by St. John's:  
Friday, July 14th and Saturday, July 15th, 2023**



**STEP BACK  
IN TIME**

45TH PORT ELGIN ANTIQUES, VINTAGE  
& COLLECTIBLES SHOW & SALE

**JULY 14TH AND 15TH 2023**

FRIDAY 10 AM – 5:00 PM  
SATURDAY 10 AM – 4:00 PM

The Plex, 600 Tomlinson Dr, Port Elgin  
Admission: \$8 adults, kids & students free  
*Ticket good for both days*

COME REMINISCE AND FIND A TREASURE  
30+ DEALERS

SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
HOMEMADE LUNCH, PIES & FAMOUS RHUBARB PUNCH IN CAFÉ, ATM AVAILABLE

See you at the 45th show,  
July 14th & 15th at the  
Port Elgin Plex, at 600  
Tomlinson Drive.

Please stop by the show  
and see all the treasures  
our Dealers have to offer.

Bring a friend or two and  
stop by our cafe for  
homemade lunch, pies &  
our famous rhubarb  
punch.

If you would like to help  
please give Deb Campbell  
a call at 519-832-9306.



**9th Annual  
FESTIVAL of TREASURES**

**Friday, August 4, 6-8 PM  
Saturday, Aug 5, 9 AM–1 PM  
(bake Sale on Saturday)**

St. Paul's Anglican Church,  
248 High Street, Southampton



**“Treasures” Sale Baked Goods  
“Jewellery and Jackets” Boutique  
And MUCH More!!!**

**All proceeds to  
Community Outreach!**

Sponsored by St. Paul's Anglican Church  
“Called to Serve in This Place for 164 Years!”



Last year, our Festival of Treasures raised over \$5700 for local  
food banks and P.R.A.N.C.E.!

**What can you do to make this year's Festival even more successful?**

Donate your no-longer-needed treasures (gently used, in good working order) ... Encourage others to do the same...Bring in some baking for the bake table on Saturday...Help us to do baking in the church kitchen...Make a donation towards the cost of baking we

will do at the church...volunteer to help out with the set up of the Treasures Sale, taking place the whole week prior to the event... offer to help at the Festival—we need volunteers to help in the treasures area, bake sale area, jewelry and jackets boutique, etc... TELL THE WORLD!!!!

## Synod Report

Our 183<sup>rd</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Huron was an auspicious one for the Regional Ministry of Saugeen Shores, Tara & Chatsworth! Our Rector, Carrie was installed as The Reverend Canon Carrie Irwin! **“You have been appointed by the Bishop of Huron as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral of St. Paul in the Diocese of Huron. Your role, when called upon, is to assist the Bishop with counsel; to be a member of the Cathedral Chapter; to study and demonstrate a discipline of ministry which is of interest; and to be an influence in word and deed toward the health and welfare of the diocese.”** It was a proud moment for Canon Carrie, her family and all of us.

The 4:30pm service at St. Paul’s Cathedral was wonderful (all the voices singing, all the pomp & colour) and the weather was perfect! Following the opening service, we enjoyed a beautiful banquet at the convention centre and our evening of fellowship began.

On Monday morning the business part began in earnest following registration of lay & clergy delegates. Scott Saunders was in charge of that this year due to his new role as Honorary Secretary of Synod! Bishop Todd reflected on “Where We Are” right now and the theme of this Synod, “Singing the Lord’s Song in A New Land”! He divided the last few years into parts. Phase 1 was dominated by the pandemic with openings, closings & the resulting loss of people and places. Phase 2 was recovery, realizing that we were still standing but NOT how it was before. He noted that as new gifts from God become available, there may be some that are lost. “We recover until we don’t, and then God steps in and recovers for us.” Phase 3 will have us focus on our Diocesan strategy for using the resources we have. He said we will need to have a real desire to shift our focus from maintaining current operations to what he called a **spiritual renewal of focus**.

Our Finance Report was given by the Rev. Dr. Stephen McClatchie who indicated that new processes are still in the works as all are being stream-lined. The Apportionment Formula is one area being reviewed. Just a reminder that apportionment is a “fair share payment to the Diocese to support the wider mission of the church”. Our investments have done a bit better and budget talks are already beginning in hope that information will be out earlier so parishes can work on their own new year budgets especially in the area of insurance. INSURANCE seemed to be a big topic in people’s minds and rightfully so! Just 5 years ago the total premium amount for the Diocese was just under \$600,000.00! This past year the cost was 1.7 million dollars! We have moved our Diocese account to AON Toronto in hope of more assistance. Synod meetings are very open to questions and there were queries about why we didn’t start up our own insurance coverage. There was also a challenge to a motion aimed at churches who had not paid up their insurance bill and the motion was amended. Synod meetings are really interesting and provide a snapshot of what is going on beyond our little corner of Canada. A report from the Anglican Foundation indicated that this past year had seen a very high rate of Grants and overall the highest year ever of disbursements. This included monies going out to CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth).

The Bishop’s Charge is key every year. This year, he pointed out that the early followers of Jesus were really starting up in a whole new way after the **Resurrection**. What facts did they know? He’s dead. He’s gone. They started to go home and make their way back to the boats...but then he came alongside of them **alive**. The facts changed. Perhaps we too are listening to and seeing facts about the future direction of the church. Should we listen to the message of Jesus? “Go and I will meet you there.” In the words of Bishop Todd, we are all part of this strange new world that began in Creation’s First Garden and we all know that gardens need to be tended and tilled, looked after & cultivated. We are charged to become a **Learning Church**, a **Just Church** and a **Diverse Church**. Our Bishop believes that if you want to future-proof your church, make it intercultural & intergenerational. Our Diocese is already seeing lots of things happening in the areas of Indigenous Ministry, the Huron Farmworkers ministry and in Youth Ministry. He asks us to think about what things do we want to “tend” and “till”? What things would we like to see in our future plans?

**Attending Synod is a joyful experience. There is no strangeness, there is nothing to prevent a “newcomer” from feeling at home. Be brave next year - experience Synod!**



## National Indigenous Day of Prayer and Summer Solstice Service on June 21.



A wonderful group assembled on the longest day of the year for this service of prayer, psalms and hymns on the Labyrinth at St. Paul's. The service was designed to celebrate the gift of light, and creation and to honour and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people.



### Doctorate of Ministry:

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." Psalm 32.8*

This is a verse that I was given back in 2008 when I first started my journey to ordained ministry. A member of our home parish wrote it in a card she gave me the Sunday before I started my Master of Divinity program. I have it written on a label on my computer, and in the front of my planner. I have never been without this verse since I first received it, and I have held fast to its promise: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go". I recently printed up a new label, and it will be put on my lovely new notebook, as I begin a Doctorate of Ministry program in September. The decision to pursue another degree has not been taken lightly, and I spent six months in prayer over the decision. I was delighted to receive the support of our church leadership and from Bishop Todd. The degree will take three years to complete, and I will pursue this while I continue in full time ministry here in our Regional Ministry. Most of my course work will be done online, with three or four trips to the Saskatoon Theological Union, at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, for some intense, five day, in-person course work.

The study I will be engaged in will centre around increasing the capacity of lay leadership in the church at a community level. How do we draw the circle wider and look beyond the diminishing and increasingly burdened leadership teams we have in the church now, while upholding and recognizing the gifts they bring? What do we have to offer that would invite people in, where their skills and gifts are acknowledged, nurtured and given new life? How do we engage in meaningful ways in the community to grow the mission of the church, and how will that look?

The pandemic and its aftermath, like any life altering crisis, has given us a chance to both individually and in community look deeply at the way we live, the way we worship, the way we engage with one another and with the divine, and to ask, "Where do we go from here?" I believe, in part, that it means re-engaging with the community, finding new opportunity to partner with and explore new models, developing a vision that invites people into something where their skills, and talents can find new life and meaning and find a place of spiritual health and growth.

Education is the process of drawing something out, of exposing new learnings, of giving stability to creativity. At a clergy day I recently attended, Bishop Todd Townshend spoke of how creative thinking is like water on the dry earth. Water spilled onto the dry earth creates clay, which God breathes life into, and forms. Pursuing a DMin program at this time for me is the water that keeps me from being dry and lifeless. I believe that God is breathing life into this desire and will form it into something that will contribute in a tiny but meaningful way to bring life and health to our unfolding church, both at our local level and beyond. Thank you for your support and prayers as we navigate this new adventure together. Please feel free to reach out and ask me about this program if you have any questions or concerns.

God bless,

*Canon Carrie*

## Upcoming Services and Events within our Regional Ministry:

The following list shows just how busy life is within our Regional Ministry. Mark all of these dates in your calendar!

**Sunday, June 25: Service in the style of Taize**—St. Paul's at 7 PM. Musicians (instrumental and vocal) will rehearse at 6:15. If you have never attended a Taize service, this is the day to see what it is all about.

**Tuesday, July 11: Seasonal Workers' Dinner at St Paul's, on the Labyrinth, at 7PM**

You are certainly welcome to attend this BBQ and salad dinner, as a host to the farm workers attending the dinner. If interested, please call (519-797-2984) or email the church secretary, Ann at [anglicansecretary@bmts.com](mailto:anglicansecretary@bmts.com))

**Sunday, July 9 at 4 PM: 4th Annual Lakeside Baptism:** Come out and support the baptismal candidates and their families

**Friday, July 14 (10-5)/ Saturday, July 15(10-4): 45th Antiques, Vintage and Collectibles Show**—hosted by St. John's

Volunteers from the Regional Ministry are invited to assist at this huge event. Please contact Debbie Campbell (519-832-9306) to offer your assistance.

**Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23: Marine Heritage Weekend at Southampton's Pioneer Park and Waterfront:**

**Saturday, July 22 from 10-4: St. Paul's is offering Stone and Driftwood Painting at "Fun in the Park"**

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in supervising the children while they paint - a VERY EASY JOB! If you could sign up for an hour (or more), please call the church at 519-797-2984.

**Sunday, July 23 at 10:30 AM, The Regional Ministry, with other local churches, will lead a Community Ecumenical Church service.** (Please note: This will be the ONLY Regional Ministry service on this day)

**Friday, August 4 (6-8 PM) and Saturday, August 5 (9-1): Festival of Treasures, sponsored by St. Paul's.**

This is an

annual event to raise funds for Community Outreach. See elsewhere in this newsletter how you can assist. Watch for the signup sheets in Bevan Hall, or call the church to assist.

**Sunday, September 10: Tara Fall Fair Ecumenical service.**

Those of you that attended this in the past know how much fun it is. Plan to attend.

**Thursday, October 5—Bishop's Friends North Event to be held at St. Paul's:** Watch for more details about this wonderful evening, and a chance to interact with Bishop Todd!



### From the Priest Assistant's Pew:

It's early morning (I mean really early) and I'm in my outdoor reflection place with breakfast done, second cup of coffee in hand, two Sudokos and a crossword puzzle done, a candle lit and I have beautiful spot to just (try) to slow down the world for just a little while.

There is a neighbourhood cat, who we all call "Blue", that seems to only come around when I am sitting on my porch taking a time out. How does he know that I need to have this creature around me to show that it's okay to stop and just spend time scratching him behind the ears? If he decides I need more time with him he flops down in the chair beside me and purrs. He asks for nothing other than some companionship (on his terms of course) and a comfy place to rest. I have done nothing that I know of to welcome and offer a safe place for him, perhaps he senses that the place I have I'm willing to share with no questions asked.

Do you have a place that you can simply be present with yourself? Let nature do its thing around you?



Let you welcome who ever and whatever comes your way? And what is "welcome" anyway? In many instances it's considered hospitality; food, beverages, conversation, enjoyment. But what if welcome is just a non-anxious place where there is no judgement, no challenge, no noise other than the ambient din around that space?

So often we need to fill our time with appointments, visits, paperwork, ZOOM meetings, planning time and worry that we forget that there is need for just being present to oneself. To spend time identifying the bird sounds around you (yes, there's an app for that but try to put the phone down for a while) or just watch a flame flicker on a candle. No, you're not wasting time, you are finding time to be one with our Creator, dwell in their beauty and be grateful. This Sunday, where ever you worship, in church,

outside, on line, solo or with others, take some time to reflect where your welcome place is. Pray on it, pray in it, pray with it and be thankful.

Shalom,

*Annie+*

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