

A Tribute to our Callers!



Hope Alvarez

I have been in the congregation since I was a little girl. I switched pews a few times for different views LOL. I am currently holding an assistant Warden position in St John's Anglican Church.



Ann Pisko

Milan and I have been parishioners at St. Paul's for 40 years, the last 14 while living in our Southampton home, and the previous while enjoying summers at our French Bay cottage, along with our four children, their spouses and our three

now adult grandchildren. Since retiring from teaching in Windsor in 1991, reading, gardening and travel have been amongst my favourite activities. It has been an experience speaking with parishioners – known and unknown, and I'll be reading nametags with interest when regular Sunday services resume.



Karen Speight

It has been a privilege to be part of the calling team. I have enjoyed talking to you every six weeks. Keeping in touch is so important during these difficult times. I so look forward to talking to you in person.



Cathy Seaton

I've been part of St John's since 1976 after emigrating from Scotland. I often think what a beautiful part of the world we live in here in Saugeen Shores. I enjoyed the chats that I had with our St John's folk during this long and worrying pandemic. I love to spend time with my grandchildren, be with family and friends and work in my garden.



Cheryl Meikle

Eight years ago we moved to Southampton from Thunder Bay. My husband had been a dentist in Nipigon and I have been both a clinical dietitian and a high school teacher. Once we were settled we decided to go to each church in the area and then decide which one to attend regularly. The first church we attended was St Paul's and there was no need to look further. We had found what we were looking for - friendly welcoming people, great minister and a vital and active congregation. It is a pleasure to keep in touch with all of you and I look forward to many phone calls in the future.



April Howlett

I have been a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Southampton for over 40 years. It was a privilege to connect with so many parishioners during this very unusual time in our church history. Thanks for sharing your time with me.

past 5 years. I had a great interest in being involved with the phoning on behalf of the church. I truly believe this is, if not the most important initiative involving our congregation, then definitely right near the top. I hope that it will continue as I certainly see the need and the resulting benefits.

number of years I have been a member of the choir and participated in a range of activities related to the musical life of the community. This opportunity to provide a friendly voice on the phone during our pandemic hiatus has been a great way to stay connected to those I know, and a fun way to meet new folks, too!



Clara Suter

My Great Grandparents built a cottage in Southampton (old 82) in 1900. My family summered here every year since then. When I retired four years ago, I bought a house here. I started attending St. Paul's. This is a wonderful place, as are the people.



Thelma Kennedy

I'm with the Altar Guild at St. John's and take care of their flower beds. Being stuck in this winter, I was glad to be of service and get to know and talk with people I'd normally just say "hello" to in church. I enjoyed our many conversations and it was good for me too, with my family in the USA and not seeing them. Hope we do it again!!



Marg Stark

I was born and raised in Bruce County. I became a registered nurse in addition to enjoying other opportunities in the retail sector while raising two children. Upon retirement, Charlie and I moved to Peterborough for 8 years. Upon returning to area for family reasons, we decided to settle in Southampton. We wanted to attend church locally. We have been very much in favour of the Anglican/Lutheran connection and have found St Paul's congregation to be a good fit over the



Joan Godden

I have been honoured to meet members of St. John's Church, Port Elgin during the telephone ministry. For a



Marilyn Stewart

Marilyn Stewart (continued)

I can't believe I've been retired in Saugeen Shores for the last 11 years or so, living in Port Elgin and a member of the welcoming St. John's Anglican. Although we were long time visitors to this area, we have been astounded at the multitude of things to be involved in. Church has been one of my passions and I love it all! I have been a Warden, Council member, Prayers of the People contributor as well as an eager bible study and Morning Prayer participant. My message would be "try it, you'll love it"! The relationships made throughout our Regional Ministry are worth more than you can imagine!



Arlene Windsor

I want to congratulate and offer gratitude to our leadership team for initiating the telephone contact plan as a means of communicating with our parish family during the Covid pandemic. I feel truly blessed to have been part of the Calling Team in the early months. It was a real privilege to hear your voices and share stories during this difficult time of isolation. Peter and I look forward to receiving our weekly "Church Call". Blessed to be part of St. Paul's loving and caring community.

Pastoral Care Visiting Team, look after the Resource Library, coordinate Taize services and help with Community Suppers. I have found each of these involvements very satisfying. My greatest joy is participating in conversations that integrate our Christian faith with our lived experience.



Sharon Fabian

Just Me! A Small Town Girl from Otterville, Ontario. I came to Southampton in 1979. I enjoy one day a week sharing stories with my Church family. I felt very welcome when I joined St. Paul's Anglican Church, Southampton only three years ago!



Cass Wallace

I have been a member of St John's for over 50 years and I love being part of our congregation. It feels like I am part of a family, so I really enjoyed being on the phoning committee because it let me connect with everyone that I was missing in the shutdown. I even missed working at the antique show and especially our Friday lunches. I am looking forward to our outdoor services, when we can worship together in person.



Becky Peters

My husband and I moved from the Elmira area to our Chesley Lake cottage home upon retirement. We discovered St. Paul's about 8 years ago and have enjoyed worshipping there ever since. I have served on the



Doug Goar

I feel like I must have been born at St. Paul's, and have never left its comforting, God-centred space. Involvement at the church has been a life-long endeavor -

Doug Goar (continued)

Little Helpers (where I met Anne), Sunday School, choir since age 8, church council, anniversary committees, building projects, pastoral care, leading services, etc. When the COVID pandemic began, we knew that we absolutely needed to do something to ensure that every congregant knew that they were missed and being cared and prayed for. These 70+ weekly phone calls have provided a lifeline to every member of the congregation. I am honoured to have been able to assist with this ministry.



Diana Tripp

Bert and I moved to Port Elgin in 2007, and have been attending St. Paul's since 2009. I have enjoyed making the calls. It has been wonderful getting to know people better. Some people said this was the only call they got during the week. I know that the parishioners appreciated the effort.



Carrie Irwin

Hello! My name is Carrie. You often see me at the altar. I am your Rector.



MaryLou Cote-Clerk

I have been a member of St. Paul's since I came to Canada in 2010 to marry David Clerk. On my first day at St. Paul's, I was greeted with love and acceptance—how could you not love a community like this? I volunteered to be on the telephone committee as a way to help my fellow parishioners, and myself, endure the dark days of the pandemic, and to help ensure that all parishioners feel the love and acceptance of St. Paul's.

Other Callers: Sharon Ribey, Shawnee Flippance, Jane Dobie

Summer In-Person OUTDOOR Holy Eucharist Services

Remember to bring your sun hat and lawn chair. If there is inclement weather, the service will be cancelled, and you can join us online. For anyone unable to join us for these

outdoor services, we will also have our on-line Morning Prayer services at our usual time of 10AM.

Aug 1 and 15: 10 AM at Christ Church, Tara, with Rev. Annie

Aug 22: 10 AM Location TBD, with Rev. Carrie

Thank You Bryan Mombourquette— AV Wizard!

The pandemic brought with it a whole new set of challenges, including streaming our services to congregations in isolation. However, the audio visual skills of Bryan helped us through that issue. He recommended hardware and software, and then installed it in our churches. He has single-handedly operated the equipment and ensured that it was streamed to Facebook, YouTube and our website. Bryan, in his humble and quiet way, simply said that he was happy that his skills could be matched to a need. Bryan will be training others to operate the equipment in the Fall. Interested? Contact the wardens.

