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# Contact

**Saint Paul's**

Nanaimo, B.C.

**June 2018**

*Keeping your home  
in contact with your parish*

**Rector: The Reverend Clara Plamondon**

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## From the Rector's Niche ...

*Sing a new song unto the Lord!  
Let your song be sung from mountain high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing Alleluia! (Dan Schutte, CP# 312)*

June is finally upon us and I am singing this song of praise as I prepare to join you as your next Rector. I'm singing because I can't help but feel profoundly grateful to God for each and every one of you, for this parish and for the community of Nanaimo that I now call home! I have to admit it has been a whirlwind spring as I began the process of saying goodbye to another parish, searched for a new home, moved and now prepare for a new chapter of ministry and opportunity with you! But through all of the transition, the one thing that has remained steadfast throughout – is the constant reminder and awareness of God's hand guiding and leading us on.

I am grateful for the dedication and commitment of our wardens Boyd and Janice and for the leadership of Parish Council and staff who have maintained the work and ministry of this parish since last Fall. I am also grateful for the incredible leadership of our interim minister, the Ven. Alan Naylor whose wise, generous and quiet leadership has laid a solid foundation for me to take up the reins where the former Incumbent left off. What has emerged in my mind is a healthy, strong, growing community filled with eagerness to continue the work and mission that is before us. The words: "*Where strangers*

*become friends*" continues to resonate for me and these were the words that drew me to this community. I look forward to seeing where God will lead us as we live into our mission and vision.

Speaking of feeling like strangers, my hope is to set up several "Coffee with Clara" events throughout the summer months so that we can get to know each other. We will try to set up various dates and times in hopes of having smaller gatherings of folks that will allow us to connect informally. There will be sign-up sheets with the dates and times available in the next couple of weeks. I do hope you will be able to join us for one of these coffee (or tea!) chats.

In the meantime, let us continue to sing a new song! Singing alleluia!

*Rev. Clara*

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## THE WARDEN'S CORNER

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It certainly feels like summer this last little while and although it hasn't officially arrived, the heat feels pretty good after winter. All indications are we are going to have a hot dry summer which is both a blessing and a curse. A blessing in all the variety colours in the gardens and hanging baskets, and a curse because of the danger of forest fires.

Our time with Reverend Alan is rapidly winding down, the past nine months have gone by so

quickly. It was a pleasure having Alan amongst us and to get to know Diana and Coco. We wish Alan and Diana all the very best and hope that our paths will cross many times in the future.

Janice and I have met with Reverend Clara and not only are we looking to her joining us. She is also looking toward a new chapter in her life and in the life of St. Paul's.

The Stewardship Committee has been working very hard to reduce the budget debt under the leadership of Marjorie. Up to May the Stewardship Committee has raised approximately \$2400.00 which has been used to reduce the budget deficit. They have since convened a lunch and The Mad Hatter's Tea Party. The proceeds from each will also go to reducing the budget deficit.

On July 15th, the Stewardship Committee is co-operating with the Capital Committee to retire the deficit, these two committees are organizing an afternoon concert with soprano, Eve Daniell. Let's all get out and support these two committees. For more information regarding the concert, please refer to the Capital Campaign article on page 3.

We have had a few incidents over the last month that have made it necessary to keep the Vestry door locked if there is no one in the vestry. If the door is locked, to get in you will have to walk around and through the church to get to the vestry. I realize this is an inconvenience but a necessary one for the security of the vestry and the safety of those coming into the vestry to carry out their ministry.

Sunday, June 3rd is Reverend Clara's first service, let's have a full house to welcome her and to give her the opportunity to meet each of you.

*Success in life is a function of your willingness to accept change.*

David Williams

Boyd Shaw,  
Rector's Warden

## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER



The last Financial Statement available is to the end of April 2018.

Total Income for 4 months	\$ 84,039.96
Total Outgo for 3 months	<u>92,348.20</u>
	\$ ( 8,308.24)
Balance fwd. Jan. 1/17	<u>(24,761.97)</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ (33,070.21)</u></b>

In our Open and Envelope amounts, we have slipped a little since last month. While we are still comparing 18 Sundays in 2017 with 17 in 2018, the fact that we are \$6,566.00 under last year reflects much more than one Sunday's worth of offerings. More to the point, we are \$13,093.00 under budget for 2018, an increase of \$2,000.00 over March.

The good news is that our Easter/Lent offerings brought in a further \$3,000.00 this month, and with the noted boost in hall donations and parking fees, we ended the month with a surplus of \$4,245.72, bringing our year to date deficit down to \$33,070.00. As I mentioned last month, after June 1, we are facing a \$4,000.00 monthly increase in our payroll expenses, plus the usual "summer slump" in offerings for July and August. We must continue to be vigilant about our expenses and encourage everyone to keep their offerings up to date. It sure would help if we could get more people to sign up for Direct Deposit.

Full copies of the Financial Statements may be found on the bulletin boards in the narthex and hall. If you have any questions, I will do my best to answer them. I can be reached by email at [sue\\_gue@telus.net](mailto:sue_gue@telus.net), or by telephone at 250-758-6674.

Sue Gueulette,  
Treasurer

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## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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Well with the advent of spring and the summer-like weather we have been experiencing, there are always many things to do in and around St. Paul's.

A big thanks to Lee, Caroline, Jane and of course Wayne for their ongoing work and commitment to the gardens and grounds of St. Paul's.

The garden is certainly beautiful and is a nice oasis within the city for a visit and a little contemplation. I encourage you to take a few minutes and have a walk through.

We recently had the carpets cleaned by Classic Carpet Cleaning which is the usual vender we use for this project. The cleaning went well but unfortunately there are a few stains that have proven resistant and have become something of a permanent feature of St. Paul's. Overall though a nice improvement.

The gate installation in the back alcove facing Chapel Street has hit a snag with some revised city regulation and so the project is on hold for a bit. Boyd has been working on this along with the million or so other things he does and we are all hopeful to have the gate installed soon. In the meantime we will continue to have homeless folks sleeping in that area periodically. The two potlights in the alcove have been recently vandalised and are not working at this time. I have made them as secure as I can and will leave them as is for now until the gate is installed.

Going forward in the next couple of weeks I hope to refurbish one of our garden benches which is in need of a bit of sanding and staining and I hope to give the walkways around St Paul's a good power wash to clean them up.

As always if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions you can contact me via the office and just leave a message.

*Brian Humber,*  
Property Manager

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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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Capital Campaign Report:  
"Retire the Debt by December 2019"

Background:

In January 2017, we had an outstanding loan through the Diocese of \$900,000 for the completion of the "Centre for Ministry & Community Service".

By April 30, 2018, we had paid: \$425,500.

Cash held in project account: \$ 34,457.

Balance of Pledges 2018: \$ 73,675.

Pledges 2019: \$ 76,000.

Amount yet to be raised: \$290,368.

The achievement of this position has been, to a great extent, a result of donations or pledges by our parish family.

***"Thanks be to God for what was, for what is now, and for what is to come. Amen"***

The thermometer graph that hangs in the hallway, off the parking lot, will be updated in mid-June for you to check for our continued progress.

I would be most pleased to chat with anyone who might have suggestions, wish further information, or might like to talk about involvement in this work. I may be reached at 250-758-2080.

Our next fundraising event is Sunday, July 15th at 2:00 pm with a "Classical Concert for a Summer Afternoon" featuring Eve Daniell, Soprano and Rykie Avenant, Pianist.

Tickets: \$25 adult, \$15 student.

[www.evedaniell.com](http://www.evedaniell.com)

Members of the "Retire the Debt Campaign" Committee are:

Les Annesley (Chair), Joy Adams Bauer (Recorder), Lyle Hogaboam, Mary Jane McLaughlin, Sue Gueulette; (Parish Treasurer), Allen Cunningham (Assistant Treasurer), Boyd Shaw and Janice Valecourt (Wardens).

*Les Annesley,*  
Chair

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## FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

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### July 1 Canada Day Celebrations

Our Parish Council has approved St. Paul's participation in the July 1st Canada Day celebrations at Swy-a-lana Park on the waterfront.

This will be the second year we've had a booth. Fun, Food, and Fellowship will be responsible for the organizing of same. Carol Shaw is co-ordinating with the help of Boyd and volunteers from F, F & F. We will also require volunteers from the congregation. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex during the month of June.

Donations of bottled water or contributions to buy bottled water would be very welcome. We will be distributing the water to the public from our booth on the waterfront as we did last Canada Day.

### Parking Lot Party for the whole family

Plans for our annual parking lot party are being considered. We are thinking it might be an idea to hold it in September rather than August when more people may be able to attend. Watch for further news about the fun event with games and food to come in the future.

*Kathie Day, Sue McDonald,*  
Co-chairs

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

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The ACW will be having their annual summer lunch at the Beefeater Bar and Grill at Departure Bay on Wednesday, June 6 at 12:00 noon. If anyone has not received a call and would like to join us please let Carol Shaw or Norma Humphreys know and we will put you on the list.

We will be having a Summer outing in August to the sandcastles at Parksville then an ice-cream treat at Coombs Market. Arrangements will be made by telephone and car pooling will be available. This is a fun event as the sand sculptures are different every year.

*Carol Shaw, President*  
*Norma Humphreys, Vice-President*  
*Diane Scott, Secretary*

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## MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

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The above was a great success despite my forebodings of slow ticket sales. \$675.00 went towards the budget deficit, so all the hard work was worthwhile. Speaking of hard work I want to give my thanks to my committee of Heather and Kathie Day and my happy band of sisters and 2 or 3 brothers, who ranged from kitchen workers, sandwich makers, setting up and decorating, photographers, cleaning crew and so much more, which included a visit from the Red Queen, a.k.a. Sue Gueulette, who moved around threatening to chop off various heads! No heads were lost and many wonderful hats were worn. A big THANK YOU to all who participated, giving of your time and talent, you are too numerous to name.

*Marjorie I. Adams*

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## PWRDF NEWS

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### Cuban Churches Ideal Development Partners

Excerpt by Will Postma

Odette Naranja said it best. "We have so many programs in the church to reach out to the community, to let them know we are here, to let them know we have good things to offer. It's what we do."

Another program of the church – and of many churches in Cuba – is a program called 'laundry services.' That was the translation that came back to me. As first I assumed that this referred to a washing machine that the church kindly makes available to the neighbourhood, but I was quickly corrected. The church organizes a day for the community to wash their clothes, yes, it's a social time, a functional time (getting the clothes clean), a community time where the church makes available cleaning products, space for washing and drying and, importantly, water. Laundry services is something that many churches offer, a diaconal project at its best as it meets community needs.

Not all homes have access to water and not all water is safe. Luyanó and churches across Cuba make safe water points available in their nearby community. Indeed, a goal of the Episcopal Church's

Development Program, in partnership with PWRDF and others, is to ensure safe water is always available to everyone in the community. "It's what we do and what we want to do more of," says Pepe Bringas, manager of Cuba's Episcopal Church Development Program. "It's our dream that all churches are able to offer treated, purified water to all in the community... We dream together and when we do so, the dreams become bigger."

Small investments in water – upgraded piping and better filters — can have big impact. Some of the churches have even installed safe water points in local community centres to facilitate access for more people and contribute to overall well-being and health. It's a small way, said Bishop Griselda Delgado del Carpio, of "being a light in our communities."

Cuban Council church members in Placenta, some eight hours away from Havana, used a PWRDF grant to establish a bakery to help poorer residents buy cake or other sweets, at reduced prices, for birthdays or other special occasions. Another project was set up to raise and sell pork at 25% below market prices to those with little income. The entrepreneurial groups we met, such as those in Jantibonico, tithe 10% of earnings back to the church and a further 10% goes to a social fund, like a lunch program for poorer schoolchildren to help them stay attentive in class and not have to walk long distances back and forth from home for lunch. Roberto, community member and lay pastor in Jantibonico, echoed Odette in Luyanó. "We can't just grow sugarcane – we need many different supports and activities to stay viable and healthy. But our goal is the same: we want to be a church of good deeds."

*Janice Valecourt,*  
PWRDF Representative

### **VACATION TIME**

Over the summer a number of us will be taking vacation time. It is our intention to keep the office open as much as possible. If your call to the office is not answered please leave a message and we will return your call as quickly as possible. The messages will be listened to and responded to accordingly.

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

*Give and it will be given to you.*

Luke 6:3

On behalf of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, I would like to thank Fred and Irene Glynn from Kelowna B.C. for their monetary donations to the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry has provided three prayer shawls to the EFM graduates first, to Kathy Miller and Dawn Ragan on Wednesday, May 10, 2018, in St Ann's St. Edmund's Church in Parksville. Second to Cindy Corrigan at St. Mary's in Nanoose Bay on Sunday, May 27, 2018. Congratulations to Kathy, Dawn Ragan and Cindy. We accept monetary donations to purchase yarn. Donations of yarn in any colour soft and washable approximate 1000 yards of worsted weight yarn.

Even if you have never knitted or crocheted before and would like to learn, here is your opportunity to learn. Teaching to knit or crochet is available. Once you have learned to make a shawl, you can then work on your shawl at your leisure.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets to pray, share, knit or crochet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from one to three o'clock in the St. Matthew room. All are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Oliver at 250-754-8614

### **CANADA DAY SUNDAY JULY 1ST**

St Paul's is having an information booth at Maffeo Sutton Park on Canada Day. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex every Sunday until the end of June for enthusiastic volunteers to talk up St Paul's to the Community at the booth.

Volunteers will be needed for setting up the tent, table and display in the morning. Four people will be required for one or two hour shifts each until 3:00pm. The last shift will be required to pack up and dismantle the display and tent and return everything to St. Paul's.

# Marketplace News!

It seems a little early to be thinking of Christmas, but our single biggest fundraiser for the year is scheduled for **Saturday, November 24 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm**. As you know, the proceeds from this event go to the General Operating Budget, and if you read Sue's report elsewhere in this newsletter, you will know that we really need to make this a financial success, as well as a time of great community.

## How can you help?

If you are a "crafty" person, those warm summer evenings are a great time to be working on items for the Craft Stall. We need seasonal items, baby sets, small afghans, etc. We are going to combine the quilting items with the Crafts this year - placemats are good sellers. (The little crocheted dish cloths do not seem to sell, and neither do the solid doilies.) We will also have the Mystery Gifts as they proved very popular last year. Again, please remember that we charge \$5 for them, so any items you donate should be worth at least that. Small souvenirs from your travels would be great!

So, as you go about the coming summer months' activities, keep that Christmas spirit alive in a corner of your mind, and remember the Marketplace.

This will be our 39th consecutive one!



## NOTES OF THANKS

*Thank you all so much for the lovely presents and luncheon last Sunday to send us on our way. We know we now have a church home whenever we are near Nanaimo thanks to the wonderful friends we have made at St. Paul's.*

*The Lord bless you and keep you, now and always.  
Ven. Alan & Diana Naylor*

*To all my St. Paul's friends,*

*Thank you for all the cards and messages. My birthday celebration was a great and wonderful surprise for me, made all the better by your kindness and thoughts.*

*100 was better than I thought it could be!*

*Sincerely,  
Blanche Gates*

## Parish Happenings

### In Memoriam

Lillian Deborah Stright  
26 May 2018

## Tony's footnotes ...

My favourite time of year has arrived!

The wonderfully nourishing mixture of sunshine and rain that we've been having during the past few weeks has ensured that once again the gardens of Nanaimo (my own included) are resplendent in a variety of colours.

And like everyone else at this time of year, I look forward to the Summer and the many possibilities that it brings.

Now to business ...

The new Worship Schedule is now out. Everyone on the schedule should have their copy by now, but if you think you need one or if you have already mis-placed your copy, please let me know as I do have a few spares.

This is the final issue of the Contact until the start of the Fall season. The deadline for the September contact is Monday August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Have a wonderful Summer!

Until next time ...