

# St Paul's Anglican Weekly Newsletter

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A growing body of research, as well as the personal experience of a great many Christian leaders, indicates that vital and healthy parishes tend to be parishes with a clear sense of mission. A recent study by the Church Growth Research Program of the Church of England, which studied factors associated with growth in over 4000 parishes, found that there was a strong association between church growth and a clear sense of mission ([www.churchgrowthresearch.org.uk](http://www.churchgrowthresearch.org.uk)).

*Of those who report a clear sense of mission and purpose, 64% have grown compared to 25% that had declined. For those that stated that they did not have a sense of clear mission and purpose, 26% had grown and 52% had declined. For those who were unsure 41% had grown and 35% had declined.*

If a clear sense of mission is this important for the health and vitality of a parish, it would stand to reason that the same holds true for individual followers of Jesus as well. The personal and spiritual growth of individual Christians might also depend on their having a strong personal sense of mission.

This Sunday we'll be looking at a passage from the gospel of Luke that is all about the mission of Jesus' followers (Lk 9:51-62). It highlights some of the distractions (both negative distractions and positive distractions) that can tempt the focus of Jesus' followers away from the mission that he has given them, and which can undermine the growth that comes from pursuing this mission.

I hope you're able to join us at **10 am** this Sunday as we explore these and other aspects of our mission together.

The Rev. David Turner +

Sept. 29-Oct. 1 - Lay and clergy leaders from all denominations are invited to Vital Church Maritimes 2016 - EMBODY: Experience. Pray. Learn., based on Wycliffe College's "Vital Church Planting" annual conference in Toronto. VCM takes place in Western Shore, 45 minutes from Halifax. Keynote speaker is Lutheran professor and minister the Rev. Dr. Cameron Harder.

Parishes are encouraged to send a team and to spend time focusing on their particular church's opportunities. Discuss, dream and design ways to create vital congregations and reach out to newcomers. The conference registration cost includes refreshments, some meals and materials:

\$140 Early Bird registration (before Aug. 29)

\$150 Entire conference

\$125 Entire conference for students

\$50 One day

Registration is open at: [www.nspeidiocese.ca](http://www.nspeidiocese.ca)

Check out the Vital Church Maritimes 2016 Facebook page

## Summer Hours

Weekly Service at 10:00 am

Office Hours: Thursdays 9:00-12:00

These hours are in effect until Sept 11

Please remember the following in your prayers this week.

Raymond B  
Don B  
Bobbi-Jo C  
Loretta D  
Barb G  
Rick H  
Dawn L  
Paul R  
Lloyd R  
Sue S  
Erika W

On June 29th, at 6:30pm Hampton Middle School is looking for some help to finish construction of their very own school garden. More specifically, they are looking for help to finish the fence. All helpers are welcome!

## Wondering how to keep abreast of General Synod news (July 7-13)?

Here's your link, via the Anglican Journal:

[www.anglicanjournal.com/g2016](http://www.anglicanjournal.com/g2016)

## Student summer job posting

Resource Centre Officer - Saint John

The Anglican Diocese of Fredericton is seeking a summer student to work at its Diocesan Resource Centre to prepare it for a re-opening for public use. The centre contains a number of educational materials such as books and video resources that are available for loan to individuals and churches. The student will work normal weekday hours onsite at the new location within the Threshold Ministries library, 105 Mountain View Drive, Saint John.

This is an 8-week position with a proposed start date of July 4. Please apply by June 28; Interviews tentatively planned for June 30. Please apply with a cover letter and resume by emailing application at [anglican.nb.ca](mailto:anglican.nb.ca) with subject of "Resource Centre Officer."

**Upcoming Events**

Mission of the Month - Toonie Tin  
Farraline Place

**June 26 - 10:00 am service**

**Summer Sunday**

- June 26 – 3:00 pm Mothers’ Union Closing (Cheryl Murray’s home)
- June 29 - 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal
- June 30 – 5:30 pm Vestry BBQ at Turners’
- July 2 – 8:30 am Holy Joes

**July 3 - 10:00 am service - Holy Communion**

**Bishop visit**

Alpha: Intro – Is there more to Life than This?

- July 3 - Potluck Brunch after the service
- July 6 - 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal

**July 10 - 10:00 am service - Holy Communion**

Alpha: Who is Jesus?

**July 17 - 10:00 am service - Holy Communion**

Alpha: Why did Jesus Die?

**July 24 - 10:00 am service - Morning Prayer**

Alpha: How Can I have Faith?

- July 27 - 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal

**July 31 - 10:00 am service - Morning Prayer**

Alpha: Why and How do I pray?

- August 3 - 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal

**Aug 7 - 10:00 am service – Holy Communion**

Alpha: Why & How should I read the Bible?

- August 10 - 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal

**Aug 14 - 10:00 am service – Morning Prayer**

Alpha: How does God guide us?

- August 17 - 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal
- August 20 – Alpha TBA

**Aug 21 - 10:00 am service – Holy Communion**

Alpha: How can I make the most of my life?

- August 24 - 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal

**Aug 28 - 10:00 am service – Holy Communion**

Alpha: How can I resist evil?

- August 31 - 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sept 4 - 10:00 am service – Morning Prayer**

Alpha: Why & How should I tell others?

- Sept 7 - 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- Sept 10 – 8:30 am Holy Joes
- Sept 10 – 7:30 pm Alpha evening

**Sept 11 - 10:00 am service – Holy Communion**

Alpha: What about church?

- Sept 14 - 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal
- Sept 15 – 7:00 pm Alpha 1

**ST. ANTHONY’S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

Sunday, July 10th

3 – 6 pm

Central Kings Rec. Centre, Upham.

Ham, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and delicious strawberry shortcake for dessert! Craft & Bake Table. Adults \$12; Children under 12 \$5; Family Rate (2 adults/2children) \$30

Thank you to everyone who stayed for the meeting after church this past Sunday. From that meeting volunteers were able to see how simple the summer curriculum really is. I would like to encourage those people who were at the meeting to tell others of the simplicity of it. Since last week I have had a few more people say they would help out in the month of July with Sunday school. I cannot express how thankful I am of all my volunteers. It is so very encouraging to me. You have no idea how big of a help you are. I am so appreciative. Thank you!

**REMINDERS:**

This Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> - I have Tim W and Lori S on for nursery Sunday School for July 3<sup>rd</sup> - I have Jean B and Donna L

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

If you can help on one of these weeks, please let me know. Thank you.

Aug. 7/16 Betty K and ?

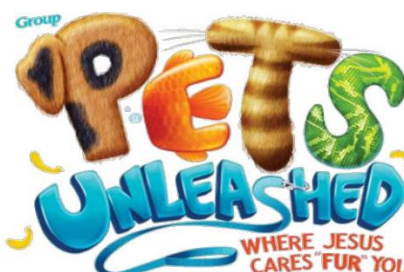
Aug.21/16 Karla L and ?

Sept.4/16 Betty K and ?

Sept. 11/16

Sept. 18/16

Jessie Gowan



**Aug.22-25 @ St. Paul's Anglican Church Hampton (for kids ages 4-11)**



The 59th annual Choir School of the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton will be held at Rothesay Netherwood School from July 3rd to 10th. The junior choristers and staff will offer Choral Evensong at St. Paul's Church in Rothesay on Thursday July 7th at 7 pm. They, along with the weekend adult choristers -- total nearly 100 singers, will sing the closing Evensong at Trinity Church in Saint John on Sunday July 10th at 3:30 pm. Watch for announcements during the coming year as we plan for our 60th anniversary.

<b>July 3</b>	10:00 am Holy Communion Alpha – Is there more to life than this?
Music Leader	Glenna Geer / Christian Gowan
Layreader	Rod Langis
Reader	Blanche Roberts Isaiah 12: 2-6
Sidespersons	R & C Kelly
Chancel Guild	Pat Richards / Barb Goucher
Counters	/ Joyce Logan
Summer Sunday School	Jean Bates / Donna Leonard

<b>July 10</b>	10:00 am Holy Communion Alpha – Who is Jesus?
Music Leader	David & Kate Turner
Layreader	Debbie Cochran
Reader	Glenna Geer Colossians 1: 15-20
Sidespersons	Keenan Family
Chancel Guild	Estelle Fowler
Counters	Roy Fletcher / Elaine Robichaud
Summer Sunday School	Diana Bastarache / Debbie