

CORNERSTONE

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St Paul's
ANGELICAN CHURCH



A growing community called to know Jesus Christ and make him known in the world by our presence.

Sunday Services

7:45 a.m. – Said Service and Eucharist.

9:00 a.m. – Traditional/Choral Holy Communion. Nursery available. Children's Ministry meets downstairs for lessons and crafts.

11:00 a.m. – Praise Music Holy Communion. Nursery available. Children's Ministry meets downstairs for lessons and crafts.

All services are available online through the church website. The Book of Alternative Services is also available online:

<https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/BAS.pdf>

Other Services

Wednesday 10 a.m. Bible Study In-person on the first week of each month and via Zoom other weeks. See inside for details.

Memorial Prayers First Sunday of September, November, January, March and May, following the 11am service.

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December edition deadline:
Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Please send submissions to:
cornerstone@stpaulshk.org



A message from Father Stephen

Living the In-Between

Christmas is getting close, and it's a blessing to have children to celebrate it with. My children are now older, but one of the most cherished memories I have is of enjoying their sense of anticipation for what's coming. We have a long-standing tradition of enjoying an Advent calendar. Each day, we opened a new window in the calendar and counted off how many days remain until Christmas. By the time Christmas Eve arrived, their eagerness was almost too much to bear.

However, with that eagerness also came a risk. It was the risk of disappointment when the thing they were waiting for finally arrived. What gift under the Christmas tree could be as good as the one they had been imagining in their heads? Part of a parent's challenge on Christmas is to help them balance what they hoped for with what they have. The season of Advent presents Christians with the same challenge. How do we look back with joy at the birth of our Saviour, while owning the fact that his coming to earth didn't bring everything we had hoped?

Consider the ways we talk about Jesus' birth. Through Advent, we celebrate Sundays of Love, Hope, Joy and Peace. Each of these celebrate what Jesus came to bring us. We look forward to singing our favourite Christmas carols about the peaceful

town of Bethlehem and the joy of the world. Yet, we know that even as we sing these songs and celebrate these special Sundays, the world seems to know little peace. There will be little joy among the Christians of Syria this Christmas, since most have either died or fled their homes to escape the violence there. This doesn't seem like peace on earth, good will to men. How can we celebrate with all this going on?

Our age may seem especially troubled, but it has always been like this. We remember how at the first Christmas, the angels sang and the magi brought gifts, but we also can't forget how Herod slaughtered Bethlehem's little boys in his rage at the Christ-child's birth. This is also part of the story of Jesus' coming to earth. We hold on to both, because these both tell us something about what God's coming to us really meant: it meant coming to a world full of many sorrows, to show it what great things God has in store.

Jesus' birth showed us what God's kingdom is like. It showed us that children, humble carpenters, scruffy shepherds and wise men all are instruments of God's glory. God took on our human nature and showed us how valuable our frail little lives really are. They were made for glory, and made to live lives of peace, love, joy and hope. At Christmas, God pulled back the curtain to let us see what He sees when He looks at us. But then, He let the curtain fall back in place — leaving us to wait for the day when what we saw in the Bethlehem stable becomes fully realized.



This is the reality which lies behind the church's celebration of Advent. The four weeks leading up to Christmas aren't full of joyful songs and Christmas cheer. They aren't even primarily about looking forward to the celebration of Jesus' birth. Instead, these weeks are an invitation to remember we live in the "in between" times. It encourages us to look to Jesus' birth, but to acknowledge that what we see there won't be fully lived out until

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Christ comes again. But he will come again.

This glimpse we are given is a hope to hold on to through the journey of our lives. When tragedy visits us, we remember what Christmas has shown us: we are destined for more. When we hear of Christ's second coming, we remember that our Lord is coming to make this hope a reality. So, as we journey through the Advent season, let it teach you what it should. Let it teach you what it is like to live in the "in between", where we know what will come but sometimes struggle while we wait.

Stephen+

Wednesday Bible Study

10am, In-person or Zoom

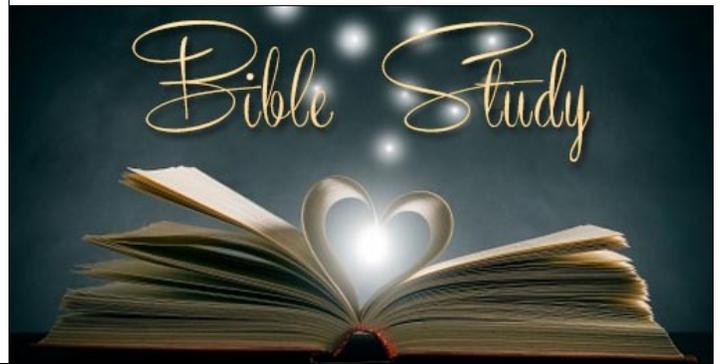
Each week we discuss the Bible passages for the coming Sunday and consider how they apply to our lives. Everyone is welcome!

On the first Wednesday of each month, the study will be held in person only in the church and will be combined with the Eucharist. On the other Wednesdays, it will be held only on Zoom.

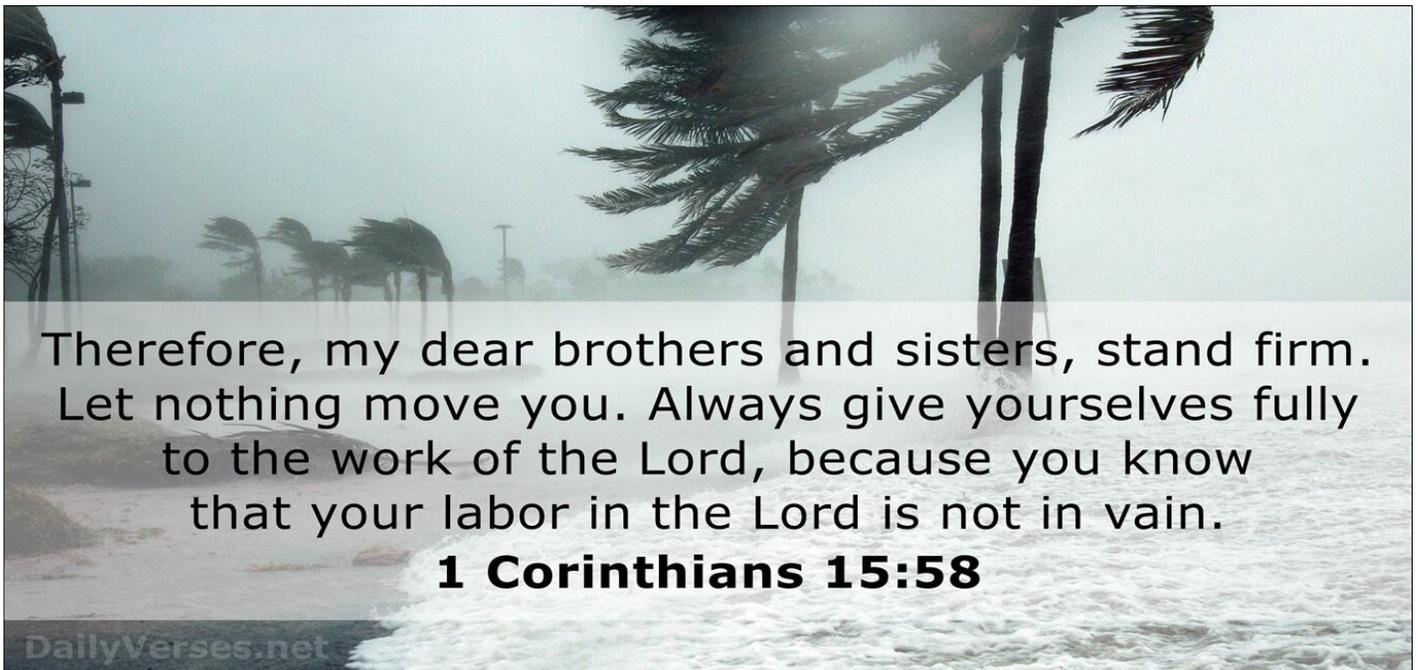
Link to join our Zoom study: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83161909398?pwd=1JHZuIAUvWkbvYHJYvoE2vPPYwjUwN.1>

Meeting ID: 831 6190 9398

Passcode: 281739



Vestry Theme for this year



Christmas Bazaar

Nov 28 and 29. Help needed!

Mark your calendars and invite your friends!

St. Paul's Annual Christmas Bazaar

Friday, November 28, 4pm to 8pm with Chili Supper
Saturday, November 29, 9am to 1pm with Luncheon

Volunteers needed! This is an important fundraiser for the church. Please consider offering your time and talents – there are opportunities to help before, during and after the event. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

Donations needed of new and gently-used items: Baked goods, jams and jellies, Christmas decorations, Silent Auction items, toys, books and CDs, gently-used household items, artwork, jewellery, handbags and scarves, knitted and crocheted items, etc.

Drop off times for donations (in the narthex):

Wednesday Nov 26, 9am to 1pm
Wednesday Nov 26, 4pm to 8pm
Thursday Nov 27, 9am to 1pm

NOTE: Jewellery donations can be put in the basket on the Welcome Desk – please don't wait until the week before the bazaar to donate jewellery.

Calling on all St. Paul's Soup Makers: If you are interested in contributing soup (recipes and containers can be provided), please contact Laura Pummell at (416) 931-3235 or (647) 740-3354, or email laura.pummell@rogers.com. Thank you!

For more info please contact me,
Moir Green
613-592-3376
mmgreen@live.com



Calling all Knitters!

For the Kanata Food Cupboard

We are looking for people to knit or crochet hats and mittens to be distributed by the Kanata Food Cupboard. Yarn will be provided. If you are able to help, please contact Ann Piche at pkatolson@hotmail.com.



Financial “Fun Fact”

Did you know....?

On average, we track donations from approximately 200 identifiable parishioners each month. While this does not capture all financial gifts (some donors prefer anonymity, some are one-time visitors passing through), it is interesting to note that the number of new parishioners (identifiable and recurring), has increased 7% in 2025. This is very encouraging!

If you are new to St. Paul's, thank you for joining us. We hope you have been warmly welcomed and are finding connection and belonging in the St. Paul's congregation.

Julie Landgraff



Thanksgiving Dinner Story Correction

The story, “Aunt Susanna’s Thanksgiving Dinner,” was originally published in 1907. In the October issue, I mistakenly put 1856 as the publication date, which is impossible since L. M. Montgomery was born in 1874!

Autumn Reflections

Poems for November

To Autumn

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
 Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
 Conspiring with him how to load and bless
 With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
 To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
 And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
 To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
 With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
 And still more, later flowers for the bees,
 Until they think warm days will never cease,
 For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
 Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
 Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
 Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
 Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
 Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
 Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:
 And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
 Steady thy laden head across a brook;
 Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,
 Thou watchest the last oozy hours by hours.

Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they?
 Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
 While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
 And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
 Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
 Among the river sallows, borne aloft
 Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
 And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
 Hedge-cricket sing; and now with treble soft
 The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
 And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

John Keats

Song for Autumn

In the deep fall
 don't you imagine
 the leaves think how
 comfortable it will
 be to touch
 the earth instead of
 the
 nothingness of air
 and the endless
 freshets of wind?
 And don't you think
 the trees themselves,
 especially those with
 mossy,
 warm caves, begin to think
 of the birds that will come – six, a dozen – to sleep
 inside their bodies? And don't you hear
 the goldenrod whispering goodbye,
 the everlasting being crowned with the first
 tufts of snow? The pond
 vanishes, and the white field over which
 the fox runs so quickly brings out
 its blue shadows. And the wind pumps its
 bellows. And at evening especially,
 the piled firewood shifts a little,
 longing to be on its way.

Mary Oliver

Fall, Leaves, Fall

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
 Lengthen night and shorten day;
 Every leaf speaks bliss to me
 Fluttering from the autumn tree.
 I shall smile when wreaths of snow
 Blossom where the rose should grow;
 I shall sing when night's decay
 Ushers in a drearier day.

Emily Bronte





St. Paul's Agora

Do you have something you would like to sell, trade, or give away?

There may be someone in our parish looking for that very thing!

Simply send your ad to: cornerstone@stpaulshk.org

'Quilts for Kids'

The Tuesday morning Quilters have beautiful hand-quilted items for sale. Prices range from as low as \$20 up to \$55. This is a fundraiser for the church. Please support us. If you wish to purchase a quilt, please contact Joan Ferrier at 613-270-1104.



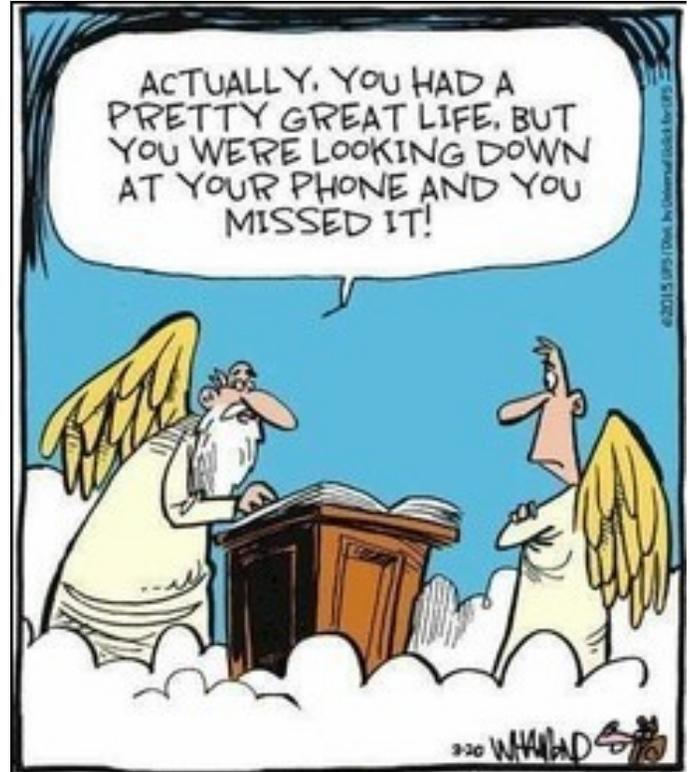
FREE Desk

Three piece corner unit desk (34" x 24") with two side extensions (24" x 36" each). Excellent condition. Please contact Susan Harrington at sm.harrington@sympatico.ca.



FOR SALE

Philips TV Model 32PFL3505D/F7 with original manual and remote. 30.5 inches wide and 22.5 inches high (including the pedestal). Without the pedestal, the TV is 20 inches high. Does not have a dedicated head-phone jack. \$20. Contact Cheryl at 613-795-7391.





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