



## ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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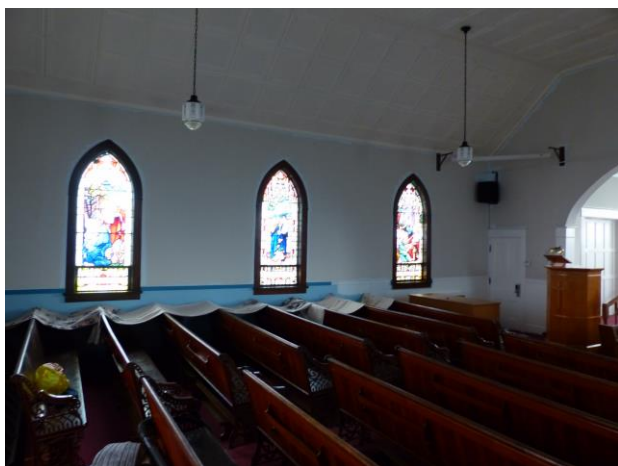
### OUR MISSION:

***TO BE A CHRISTIAN CENTRE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD, BRINGING MEMBERS CLOSER TO CHRIST, PROCLAIMING THE WORD AND MAKING HIS LOVE KNOWN TO ALL.***

*WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT: WELCOMING EVERYONE, HELPING THOSE IN NEED AND SUPPORTING THE ENDEAVOURS OF OTHERS.*

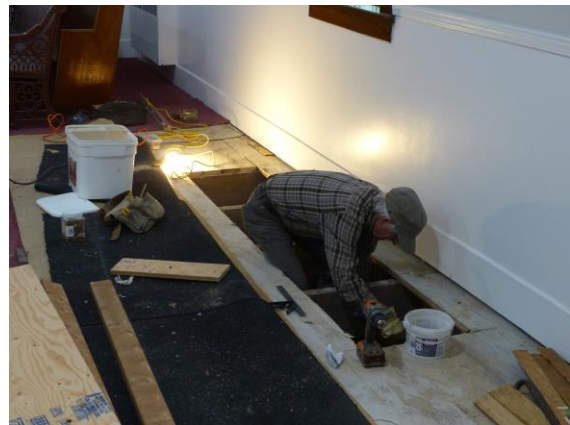
### EVENTS - IN PICTURES: BEAUTIFYING THE CHURCH

#### 1. PAINTING





## 2. REPAIRING FLOORS





### 3. CARPET CLEANING





#### 4. PUTTING THINGS BACK – AND IN



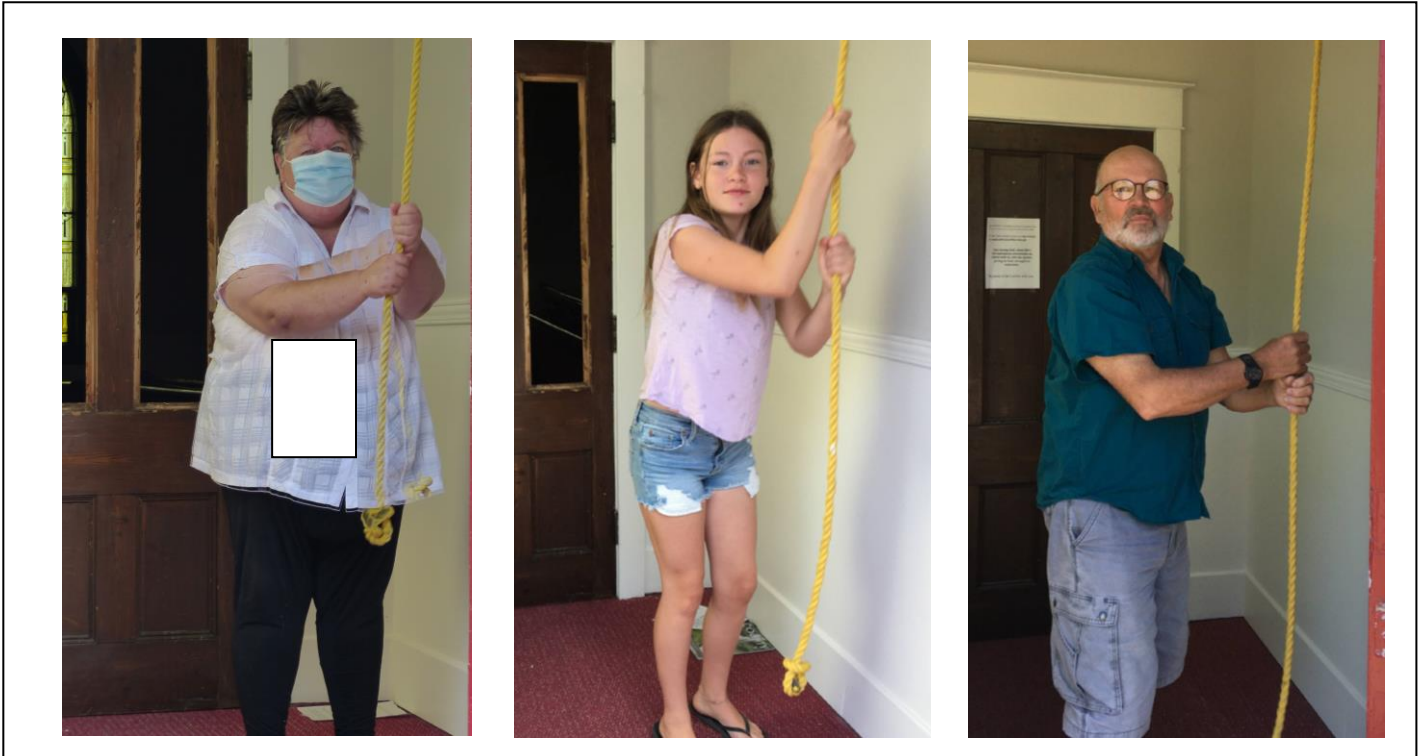




## 5. KEEPING THE CHURCH ALIVE







### RECTOR'S MESSAGE:

Dear friends,

We never could have imagined the summer that was and has been. Some things have reopened and some things have remained closed. I never thought I would want to go to a pool so badly, but with the heat of this summer, I find myself missing them!

Back in February, we thought the Coronavirus was something that affected people halfway across the world. By mid-March, it was a global pandemic affecting us all.



On March 13, our Bishop, Michael Oulton advised us that all churches in the Diocese of Ontario would physically close. Since that time St Philip's has started and is continuing with forms of online ministry, and it has been a bright spot that we have been able to have worship with our shared-ministry partner, St Andrew's in Wellington.

As I write this, the diocese has released the draft Amber guidelines to reopen our churches, and things are moving quickly, soon they will soon no longer be in draft

form, and your faithful and valuable Wardens and Leadership team will be working at developing the St Philip's reopening plan. And if conditions permit, we hope for a reopening of in-person ministry in the second-half of September.

This is wonderfully exciting news! Please join with me in prayer to our amazing God in thanksgiving of our health and in prayer for our re-opening.

*Rev. Ada*  
Rev. Ada Clifton  
Incumbent  
Anglican Churches of Wellington, Milford and Waupoos, PEC

## REPORTS:

### *Wardens*

As the Covid-19 pandemic safety guidelines continue to limit our face to face events, it has not dampened our spirit nor diminished our caring for each other. Telephone conversations, email messages and back yard visits have kept us together and allowed us to move forward in our own safe ways.

We enjoyed an outdoor get together at the invitation of Art and Judy Cole. Morning Prayer and a social time under the shade of their trees was a wonderful reunion and appropriate follow-up to Art's drive-by birthday event! The work of the three Anniversary committees continues and Memory Book contributions have allowed us to be in touch with former members and priests. St Philip's has been the site of recording of several You Tube services with great support from Lloyd and Rev Ada, our readers and several choir members.

Your Wardens and Treasurers have been asked to join Zoom meetings with the Diocese during June, July and August. Bishop Oulton, Alex Pierson and Rev Wayne Varley have led the discussions on financial matters relating to the Federal Government's CEWS program and management of pastoral care needs during church closures. Parishes in our Diocese have received some payroll support through this program based on our monthly reporting. At present, we are preparing a written "Reopening Plan" for St Philip's following Diocesan guidelines and requiring the approval of the Diocese before we can resume worship within our church. We will share the plan with you at the appropriate time so we can be prepared for the "new normal" management of our space.

We owe a very special thank you to the members of the Present Committee who have worked almost daily on the beautification of our church. It has been a great way to be active and productive when so many opportunities for events and travel are not possible. Bill has made several interesting "discoveries" in his research for the History Committee and the work of the Future Committee is just ramping up with the Picton Gazette article about our November celebration that has just come out.

Special thanks are also due to 'bell ringers' who volunteered to ring the church bell at 11:00 every Sunday without fail, thus maintaining a part of our regular services; and to Paula who held a Morning Prayer – usually at her house – at the same time. The bell ringers included Kate, Elizabeth, Maryjane, Rev. Fran, Gord, Bill, Bruce, as well as us.

Thank you to everyone for the generous financial support of our Anniversary Fund, the food bank, the PWRDF, and for continuing regular envelope giving. We look forward to meeting at St Philip's in the very near future.

Wardens  
Sally Cowan and Josef Cihlar



## ACW

2020 has become a year of not doing normal everyday things, a year of hurry-up-and-wait for the precautions being taken during this darn pandemic to finish, and a year of contemplation and hopeful prayer for most of us.

Although our ladies have not gathered as a group to plan and execute the previously scheduled events, we have been in contact with each other and we are all looking forward to the planned 100 year Anniversary celebrations, God willing, together at last!

I do hope you have all had a visit to St. Philip's to see our new stained-glass window and the wonderful clean-up and paint job inside the church! Pictures of the new window do not do it justice – it really tells a story of past, present and our future hopes!

And speaking of hopes, I'd like to encourage each of you to send in a written contribution for the **Memory Book** that I have the pleasure editing. All of us have memories, good and not-so-good, to share -- do you remember at a St. Patrick's potluck and party, where we shared some interesting and sometimes funny stories about ourselves and that is just how easy sharing a memory is! The deadline for the submissions is September 15th which will give us time to edit, assemble and print our book.

When I think of our ancestors living through a pandemic 100 years ago, and yes, rebuilding our church at that time, I count my blessings. While I get frustrated and annoyed at times with this electronic age, I am still grateful that these electronics are keeping me in touch with my loved ones, my friends and my church family.

God bless!

Alfie Deyo, Chair

## Outreach

In this time of closure we are grateful to our congregation for continuing to make generous financial donations to our local food bank to help with their increased demand.

We continue to support the work of our Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. This has included a recent donation of \$1,245.00 from St. Philip's for relief for Beirut, which will be matched by the Canadian government. Please keep the PWRDF's worthy efforts in your prayers.

When church services resume we can begin to plan for movie nights and eventually for events including a showing of "Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts". We will consider ways to support the work of the ROC (Recreation Outreach Centre) and our involvement with the reading program in the local public school will be discussed.

We continue to plan for our anniversary celebration in November. Sally and I recently spoke to Jason Parks at The Picton Gazette which covered the fire at St. Philip's in 1920. It was good to see Jason's resulting article telling of our ongoing presence in Milford in the August 20th edition of this local newspaper. All being well Jason intends to cover our anniversary service on November 15! We will soon set a date for our committee to meet to further our plans.

We look forward to soon being back at St. Philip's for worship and fellowship. Stay safe and keep well and thank you for all your support.

Blessings,

Paula Walker, Chair

## *Building Committee report*

A lot has happened in the last few months in changing the church building and getting it ready for November celebrations. In addition to the work illustrated in the photographs above it is worth mentioning that the louvres in the tower have been covered by screening to keep birds from getting in and to let the bell sound reach out, the door into the church was 'opened' by inserting three glass panels for improved visibility, the door lock was moved from the Vestry door, and a memorial plaque is being produced to hang in the vestibule. Some work still remains, including the installation of a protective carpet cover near the entrance.

Thanks to Leigh for looking after the grass over the summer, and to all who watered the little maple tree.

Ted Foy, Chair

## *Budget update*

### **Financial Update to 2020-08-25**

#### **Operating Account**

Income \$34,283.15

Expenses \$34,617.60

**Balance \$7,297.88**

#### **Memorial Account Balance \$4,255.07.**

We have paid the central treasurer \$25,000.00. We owe the central treasurer \$13,784.00, to be paid over the remainder of this year. PWRDF has taken in \$5,470.00. The roofing contractor has been paid. A first half report is posted in the Hall.

Bruce Walker, Treasurer

#### **Editor's note:**

This is the second newsletter produced during COVID-19, an event that has severely limited activities in Anglican churches. St Philipians have shown remarkable resilience, togetherness, and mutual support, again demonstrating we are "the little church that could". The preparations for November have been very helpful in keeping us looking forward with anticipation, in addition to the beautification (and some needed maintenance) of the church premises. Hopefully this edition captured some of that, and also provided a record of this rather unique time in the church's long history. Thank you to all newsletter contributors for their inputs.

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P.S. Sally Cowan, Elizabeth Hill and I provided the pictures.