

Here at St. Paul's Church
**When We Say
Everyone**
we mean
Everyone
St. Paul's is YOUR Church

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet
with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands,
with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

A Message from our Rector

There has been an Anglican presence in Charlottetown for almost 250 years, a presence that evolved from the Parish of Charlottes' Town to St. Paul's Church. For much of our history we have been dedicated to creating a community of faithful people deeply aware of God's love and call to justice and peace.

We believe that we are called to be firmly rooted in Holy Scripture and respectful of the fine traditions of theology and worship that we have received. We believe that we are called to be hopeful in the face of life's ebb and flow. We believe that God calls us to act in the world for love, peace and justice.

We are a people who welcome all others to come and celebrate Creation, Salvation and the Spirit. We celebrate the One who created us and all things; the One who wins for us our salvation and the salvation of the whole world; the One who continues to be with us and all people as we journey together in faith.

Together we endeavour to recognize life's transitions and change (from birth to death) in a faithful community of support and encouragement.

If you are new to our Church family, or visiting, or returning we are glad that you are here. Be assured that our gladness is rooted in the belief that your presence here pleases the One, the God and creator of us all.

May God's peace be yours,



The Ven. John Clarke
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It's About The World



a transforming community of love and justice

Welcome to St Paul's Parish

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WELCOME

Everyone is welcome at St. Paul's whatever your age or stage of life. Whether you are just curious about living a life of faith or you are a Christian seeking a nurturing community. St. Paul's Parish is a vibrant, diverse community ministering in downtown Charlottetown.

We have a ministry, activity, or worship format to meet your spiritual needs. And we are always seeking people who want to join us in ministry, as we spread the Good News of God's love and grace for all people.

St Paul's Church gathers for worship in a historic stone church in downtown Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The Parish is a part of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

We are a welcoming and inclusive community of Christian people who are receptive to change and open to exploring new ways of living out our faith in our daily lives. We celebrate the diverse range of backgrounds, stages on the journey of faith, and a range of training, skills and professions in our community. We value and celebrate this diversity.

We respond to God's great love by welcoming and celebrating that love, and by reflecting this same care and value to one another, and to all creation. In the spirit of mutual ministry, members of St Paul's are encouraged to use their gifts in ministry, both within the congregation and in the wider community, to ensure a sustainable future for all creation. All are welcome and all may find a place here.

Both the website: www.stpaulschurch.ca and our Facebook page try and show what we are up to in our faith community. Members of our community can be informed about upcoming activities and visitors may be enticed to visit us in person.

VISION & MISSION

The Vision of St. Paul's Church is: To show the Transforming Love and Justice of God in Action. Our Mission is to be a Christ-Centered Community living out our Baptismal Covenant with Joy and Thanksgiving.

St. Paul's Church is organized with four principle ministries:

- 1. Outreach & Social Justice** - We have had a long term commitment to improving the well-being of those in need in the city and around the world.
- 2. Belonging** - We want it to be easy for people to join and make a faith-based home with us. We offer pastoral care, baptismal preparation, weddings and other ways to recognize life's transitions.
- 3. Children/Youth/Families** - We have a deep desire to minister with children and young people and we recognize this ministry affects the whole family so we try and develop ministries with this in mind.
- 4. Worship** - Our worship is lively and inclusive. We extend the hospitality of the Lord's Table to all people. Everyone is welcome to receive communion with us.

We believe that every visit to our parish for any reason, but perhaps especially for worship, can be an opportunity to change a life. Our ongoing renewal as a faith community is reliant on addressing these four ministries.

OUR PLEDGE

If you are new to St. Paul's or returning, be assured that you are welcome here. In Matthew's Gospel it is reported that Jesus commissioned his disciples to go "*and make disciples of all nation,*" to baptize and teach. This is known as the Great Commission.

However, it is one of those things that can be easily misunderstood. It doesn't mean to baptize and teach at all cost. It doesn't mean forcing, tricking or lying to people to get them to join. But, it does mean presenting the Gospel in all of its truth and glory, in word and action.

The Anglican Church offers a particular expression of the Christian faith. We do not claim to be in possession of the whole truth, only that we do our best to represent the Gospel. The parish of St. Paul's Church is one of four Anglican churches in the greater Charlottetown area and if we are not suitable, perhaps one of the others will be. We can put you in touch with one of the other parishes. Perhaps the Anglican Church is not the style of Christian faith you are looking for either. We are friends with our sister churches and there are at least six other parishes within an easy walk of St. Paul's, and we would be happy to put you in touch with one of them too.

Our goal for whenever someone checks us out is not to force, trick or lie to people to get them to join us, but to bring people into an awareness of their relationship with the Creator. It is not about people's money or joining parish committees, it is simply about creating opportunities for people to give praise and thanks to God for all the blessings of life. The Great Commission is not about increasing the churches membership list, it is about making disciples. If you are new to St. Paul's or returning please come again or let us help you find a Church that suits you.