

St. Andrew's Anglican Church



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Reports of Parish Ministries 2014

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ABBAYFIELD HOUSE – St. Andrew’s



In 1956, a unique concept for retirement living originated in England to foster safe housing for independent older persons who are seeking companionship within a caring affordable environment. Currently there are over 700 Abbeyfield houses located in 14 countries around the world.

In 1987, St. Andrew's Abbeyfield was the first house established in Canada. Like all Abbeyfield houses it is a nonprofit organization, managed by a volunteer Board of Directors. It is truly a home within a home.

We have been fortunate this year to see our rooms fully occupied. There has been some change of residents as some became less able to look after themselves but their places were taken fairly quickly as there has been a short waiting list. When visiting one notes the residents seem happy and comfortable enjoying the company of fellow residents and visitors and one often sees them about the town or in the attractive garden.

Sister Mary Joseph after many years of devoted service as House Mother will be retiring in the Spring and the search is on for a replacement. She has been instrumental in preparation of meals, shopping, planning festivities and generally caring for the residents. We wish her well in her retirement in her native England. If any Parishoners know of people who might be interested in becoming staff, residents or in sitting on the Board please let us know so we can continue to provide this valuable service to our community.

Respectfully submitted
Terry Melville



ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY PROGRAM 2014



We have had 16 active volunteers to deliver the altar flowers each week to sick or shut in parishioners. Sometimes it might be a happy occasion such as a special birthday or anniversary. The flowers are usually delivered after the Sunday 11:00 a.m. service. These flowers are always appreciated by the recipients.

Susan Cook and Susan Anderson resigned from this ministry at the end of the year. We thank them both for their dedication to this ministry for the years that they were active.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Brand

ALTAR GUILD

ST. ANDREW'S ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014

Altar Guild membership for 2014 totalled 24, with 3 members on leave; one death; one member for flower arranging only. Average attendance for the year was 12 members.

Meetings were held in January, March, May, September and November, under Ruth Moffoot's continuing leadership as President. Hella Irvine agreed to take over the duties of Secretary in May. Our thanks to Freda Voysey for being our "Acting Secretary" for so long. A Memorial Service was held on May 21st for Jean Myerscough, who died on April 14, 2014. Jean had been Guild President and was Secretary for several years before her death.

The Altar Guild is grateful to the members for carrying out the various duties that make for the smooth running of worship services at St. Andrew's, and to all who donate flowers and vegetables for our special services.



Respectfully submitted,

Hella Irvine
Secretary

ANDY'S ANGELS

The group has not been called on during 2014 to assist our congregation.

During 2014 we assisted the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints church in Sidney in their Annual Food Drive. This is a two day affair. On the first day we leave empty food bags at a few hundred homes. Then two days later, we pick up the food and deliver it to the Sidney Lion's Food Bank. This is an annual program.

Respectfully submitted,
Vern Stables

BANNER MINISTRY

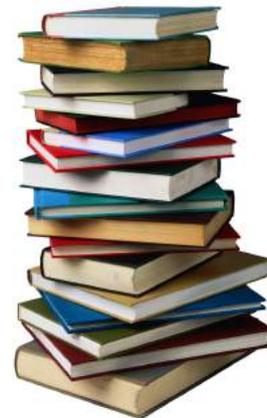
The Banner Ministry is responsible for changing the banners hanging in the church every couple of months and there is always a seasonal banner hanging to the right of the door in the middle of the church. We have a cupboard next to the men's washroom in which to store the banners. We have acquired the banners from different sources, which included a request a few years ago for the different ministries to make a banner.



Respectfully submitted,
Judith Bradshaw and Bev Conkin

BOOK ROOM

We have been busy receiving some very good books in the book room. We really appreciate this, as it is important to have a good selection. We keep changing the books for sale from those in the book room to those in the hall, and vice versa. Most people look for them in the hall. It has been very helpful to have a good supply of popular novels, and we hope that this will continue. The money raised assists in some transportation costs, and for the beautiful cards that are sent out to our various members who are having health problems, or are celebrating special occasions.



Respectfully submitted,
Jean Scott and Betty Holland

CARE HOME MINISTRY

The Rev. Suzanne Crerar leads each of the Care Home services bringing the Reserved Sacrament to those who, for the most part, cannot go outside their 'home' to worship with a parish family. A precious group of dedicated St. Andrew's parishioners join with her in fellowship to pray, to sing, and to come together at the Lord's Table. In total, attendance at these services is approximately 85 each month.

Rest Haven Lodge – Holy Communion is offered the 3rd Monday of the month. An average of 25 to 30 attend. On Remembrance Day a very meaningful service was held, starting at 10.45 am. Seventy-five residents and family and staff were in attendance.

Sidney Care Home – A service of Prayer and Praise is offered the last Thursday of the month. As the residents are much further into their medical needs, we use children's stories, old familiar hymns as well as some Sunday School songs. At various stages of dementia, the residents recall these much loved hymns of their childhood and joyfully raise their voices ... a wonderful experience and a gift to all who are there. 45 - 50 attend this fun service.

St. Andrew's Abbeyfield – Holy Communion is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. the last Monday of the month. The gathering is small, more often than not it is attended by one dear lady. It is a precious time of Bible study, prayer and sharing in the supper of the Lamb. This year, 2015, we look forward to our numbers growing.

Beechwood – Holy Communion and Bible study is offered the 3rd Sunday of every month. The setting is very informal. One woman told me that being away from the church for 40+ years she didn't think she believed in God anymore until she started coming to the service. Her words to Suzanne were, '**Because St. Andrew's brings church to my home I do not doubt anymore ... I believe.**' This statement underscores the importance of Care Home ministry.



Without volunteers, we would not be able to offer this ministry. A huge thanks to all, for without them the services would not exist.

Donna Godwin brings her guitar to Sidney Care Home. She and Sylvia Hinks, Bev Pell and Elizabeth Logan help to lead us all in song. They also hand out the song sheets and visit with many of the residents. Patricia MacLeod and Michael Denton joined us in November and December. Many parishioners throughout the year have dropped in to lend their voices and more importantly their hearts to this ministry.

At Rest Haven Lodge, Irene Souter, a resident, is our pianist. It is a true blessing to have one of the residents be a very important part of the worship team. Biddy Morrey-Jones, Hella Irvine, Bea Richmond and Anne Norquay provide guiding hands for the residents. They welcome the residents as they come into worship, hand out books, later serve tea and cookies and visit with the residents.

Gerry Gregg assists Suzanne in the setting of the Lord's Table and the readings at Beechwood. Her contribution to the wee Bible study we have during the service is much appreciated.

I give thanks to God for the volunteers' presence among us and for the gift of love, friendship, joy and praise that they so freely share and I know how grateful the residents are when they see new faces.

Do you feel called? We certainly could use you. One hour a month – be a friend to someone who really needs you. You could serve tea, sit and hold someone's hand, provide a listening ear, turn a page in the hymn book, sing or just be there. Some of these residents do not have family; you could be the only other person they see, other than the staff. **Is God whispering in your heart?** If so, please speak with Suzanne.

Rev. Suzanne Crerar
February 2015

COFFEE WITH CHRIST YOUTH

Many of our "Kids" are now young adults and are busy with jobs and university, and so they have moved on from our [Sunday](#) morning gatherings. With only a couple of high schoolers left in the parish, and busy schedules, we have had fewer and smaller gatherings this year than in the past. I see in our youth a continued commitment to living out their faith each and every day, and it has been a joy to get to know them and to share bible study time together. I would like to thank the parish for its continued support for our youth. It has been a real privilege to be part of Coffee with Christ since we began in September 2006.

Yours in Christ
Tim Cribdon



COMFORT MINISTRY

The Comfort Ministry provided refreshments on nine occasions following Memorial or Funeral services, allowing family and friends time to meet and comfort each other.

The team is very grateful for the help and donations of food, and have tried to involve as many people as possible to ease the load on those willing helpers.

If anyone would like to help by volunteering their services to the Comfort Ministry, the team would be delighted to hear from you.



Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Waugh

Ruth Moffoot

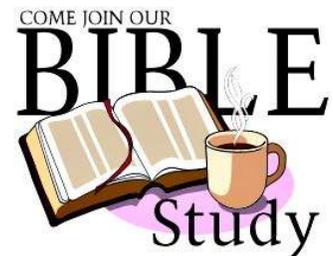
DIAKONOI CHRISTOU

‘Servants of Christ’

The **Thursday morning Bible Study group** began the new year (2014) with the DVD **‘Everything is Spiritual’** featuring Rob Bell. We followed that with a Youtube presentation by Max Lucado, a very gifted author and speaker then started a study of 1st Timothy and 2nd Timothy.

At each meeting we do a somewhat academic review of the passages from Holy Scripture. This review is invariably followed by in-depth discussion of issues or related events by all participants. We have very diverse backgrounds and life experience so these times of discussion are lively and thought provoking.

The group meets every Thursday morning following the Service of Holy Communion. More often than not, a lively discussion re Osita’s homily continues over coffee and becomes a very important part of our study time. It is surprising how often the thoughts Osita and the congregation shared during the service naturally flow into Paul’s very personal and heartfelt teachings to Timothy.



Every time we gather together group members put money in the 'kitty' for coffee. This money is then given for Mission and Outreach.

Mission/Outreach donations 2014

March	\$ 20.00	'KAIROS' prison ministry
June	111.88	10 school back packs for Nigerian children
July	55.55	5 school back packs for Nigerian children
September	60.42	6 school back packs for Nigerian children
December	<u>75.00</u>	Sonshine Lady Card Ministry
Total	\$322.85	

A few times during the year funds were also used to send fruit baskets to those who are ill or who mourn the loss of a loved one.

Our meetings are held in the board room every Thursday at 10:45 a.m. which allows those of us who so desire to attend the Thursday Eucharist from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. prior to the Bible Study.

Altogether, a wonderful one and a half hours of study, stimulating discussion and enjoyment of each other's company, over a cup of coffee and more often than not ... delicious goodies!! **You are invited to join us.**

PRAYER CIRCLE

The Prayer Circle consists of members of both Diakonoi Christou and the Pastoral Care Team. This very dedicated group of 'prayer warriors' meet together on the last Thursday of the month. They pray daily for all parishioners and others who have need for, and have requested spiritual support. They pray also for our diocesan family and for our community. All things discussed are kept in highest confidence. If you would like to be a 'prayer warrior' and share in this very special ministry of prayer please contact Rev. Suzanne at the church office – 250 655 5322.



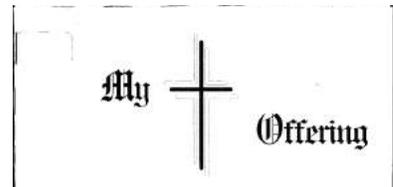
ENVELOPE SECRETARY

I have issued 6 new envelope numbers and we have lost 12 regular contributors over the last year. The numbering system for the envelopes has been reorganized. All envelope numbers above 200 have been reassigned and 50 fewer boxes were ordered for 2015.

As the church membership shrinks our envelope giving also decreases. I would like to thank all of those parishioners who have increased their giving to help maintain our contribution levels. If you are a new parishioner and wish envelopes, please ask for a new member pamphlet from a sidesperson.

I encourage members to think about monthly direct deposits. The steady flow of giving helps Parish Council to budget our resources. If you wish to sign on for direct deposits, there are forms in the narthex or you can contact the office or me.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth Howland
Envelope Secretary



GRANDMOTHERS TO GRANDMOTHERS

St. Andrew's Grandmother's to Grandmother's

**Annual
Report**

Chair: Elsie Widdowson	Treasurer: Ruth Howland	Recorder: Elsie Widdowson
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2014 Activities	
1. Annual General Meeting	The Annual General Meeting of the St. Andrew's Grandmother's group was held in January.
2. Spring Bonnet Tea	The Spring Bonnet Tea and fashion show was held again this year. Once again Suzanne's provided the ladies clothing for the Fashion Show and the models were from the Grandmothers group. The addition of men's clothing from Bremner and male models from St. Andrew's was very well received. Approximately 90 people attended the tea wearing their amazing hat creations. Prizes were given in a number of categories and a very good time was had by all.
3. Bridge Afternoon	A bridge afternoon was held in October. The function was well attended; there were 20 tables of bridge players.
4. Muffin Sale	A muffin sale was held in November in the Church hall.
5. Bike Ride	The Victoria Grandmothers group held their bike ride from Campbell River to Victoria again this year. The St. Andrews Grandmothers provided help and food for the rider's lunch at Centennial Park and attended the rally to welcome the riders at the legislature.
6. Chair	Elsie has taken on the role of Regional Liaison for the Grandmother's Campaign for the Island. This is a two year commitment.
7. Thank You	Many thanks from the Grandmother's to the parish of St. Andrew's for their continued support.

HOME GROUPS

New Beginnings Home Group

It has been a very difficult year for our Home Group with the recent deaths of Gerry and Florence. These deaths were preceded by the passing of Jennifer Williams in 2010.

We are continuing to carry on the friendship and studies as before with some changes in the format.



Respectfully submitted,
Lynn and Vern Stables

Third Mile Home Group

We have been meeting regularly on a Wednesday morning throughout the year. We read and discuss the next Sunday's readings at each meeting. Afterwards we end with a very pleasant social time.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Scott

MORNING GROUP

January – December 2014

The Morning Group has had another successful year. We have been able to make financial contributions to The Sidney Lion's Food Bank, Mt. Newton Centre and the Stephen Lewis Foundation, as well as support our own church. We have had speakers that taught us about foot care, driving safely and how the Sidney Food Bank operates. Our own members shared treasures of the past, life journeys, and a talk and communion with Osita. Our Christmas luncheon and Grannies Stephen Lewis coffee hour celebrated with the Sidney Serenaders choir was, as usual, a huge success. The summer picnic at Ruth Moffoot's house was lovely as usual and we will always have fond memories of all the picnics enjoyed in that beautiful location.

New members are always welcome and may join at any time.

Respectfully,

MUSIC MINISTRY

This has been a challenging year for the music ministry. We have had to deal with illness and deaths of our members. With the continued leadership and encouragement by Cameron, we have continued to provide leadership at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.

With the help of wonderful people who join us for Christmas and Easter, we continue to do the special music for these occasions. Our members of the choir are small in number and we would love to invite new members.



Our special thanks to our gifted leader Cameron Ashton for his leadership and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty-Rose Harrington
Choir President

NEIGHBOUR'S LUNCH

67,000 bowls of soup served since we started this Ministry. This was a tough row to hoe this past year as we were short four of our regular volunteers for a quarter of the year. Allison, Donna, Sylvia, Gerry (all their duties had to be taken over.) What a wonderful world and wonderful family we have at St. Andrew's Anglican. People stepped up and kept the pace and no days were missed, except for Christmas and New Year's, because of the dedicated, wonderful volunteers that were on duty each week, taking care of their neighbours.

The Blood Pressure clinic has been coming every three months on the same Wednesday as Neighbours so people are able to get two services on the same day. The donations were great and we were able to keep things up to standard and even better asking for money from the church budget has yet to happen. The Peninsula Coop kept the buns and other foods donated to our pantry. Breadstuffs in Brentwood were also great in giving us breads and buns...

The Christmas Dinner participation brought that total to 1,550 since our start-up. It went smoothly. Thank you Allison for supporting this date. Everyone got a gift of chocolate and ladies that attend the regular lunch on Wednesdays made enough butter tarts for everyone. There was a great write up in the Review. Thrifty's deboned, (not donated) the turkeys again this year and that helps a lot when it comes to preparing and cooking the birds.

There is still some call for take-out for those at home and we are happy to help.

Allison and I are still hoping for someone to take over Coordinating this Ministry as we aren't able to give the time that we used to. Sylvia



is also back but on light duties as well. We are grateful and thankful for all the help that came forward and took over when we were gone and we are only partially back part of the time. Bev, Ruth, Bill, Jan and Maurice have been initiating the soups along with Mary in charge of the buns at the early shift some of the Wednesdays. The other 12 volunteers have been so loyal and reliable that it makes it impossible to fail. Please, if anyone is interested to give some time to this, please come in on any Wednesday and chat about it. Let's keep this outreach; it is important to our community neighbours.

Thanks and Blessing to all of our helpers and all of you who come and enjoy the fellowship at this luncheon, as it needs you in order to succeed.

Donna Godwin and Allison Humphreys
Coordinators

PARISH LIFE

After Easter, we started the planning for the 'Grad Dinner' – a celebration of the students in our parish, as they graduate from studies and prepare for the next stage of their lives, be it more study or employment. The dinner is held in June, but the planning and preparation starts much earlier.

Prior to that we held a Pot Luck dinner to welcome the Surrey Children's Choir, who entertained us after dinner, with a concert that was truly enjoyed by all.



The end of June was our Outdoor Service and BBQ ~ a yearly event.



In November we celebrated the retirement of our 3 Honorary Assistants: Rev. Graham Bradshaw, Rev. Bruce Cowley, and Rev. Canon Lorry Harrison. A Pot Luck dinner followed by several board games.

The Choir and the youth of our parish entertained us at Christmas with a musical pagent, which began shortly after a pot luck. A true family event.

I would like to thank: Susan Doyle, Suzanne Gaby, Marguerite Gunning, Patricia Hatt, Glenda Lightbody, Julie Little, Bev Pell, Gail Roger, Marilyn Shade, Irene Shaw, Thirell Trottier for all their hard work and assistance this past year.

And most of all, I would like to thank Lois Ainey for being my co-chair and keeping me on task.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Varga

PASTORAL CARE

“Sick visiting is an honest openness to and complete acceptance of one’s neighbour in sickness. It is a sharing in Christ’s care for people. ‘I was sick and you visited me.’” (Canon Norman Autton)



The **St. Andrew’s Pastoral Care Team** is a group of incredibly dedicated, caring and compassionate people who feel a deep calling to this sometimes difficult but most often rewarding ministry. On the second Monday of every month we come together to update, report, encourage and sustain one another.

What is our ‘mandate’? We are to be Christ’s presence in our community, especially to those members of our parish family, and to those who for whatever reason, are no longer able to attend worship services. Many of these people, our brothers and sisters in Christ, were at one time, active members of this parish. They enjoyed the friendship, the inspiration, the love and comfort that filled their hearts **‘whenever two or more were gathered together, in His Name.’** When they were able to, they came to church ... Now unable to **we ‘The Church’ come to them.** For some, we are the only visitors they have. Sometimes, especially in Care Homes, we have the opportunity to meet and visit with others, not on our parish list +/-or with those who have never been to church...a wonderful opportunity to share our Lord’s love. *‘One woman told Suzanne that being away from the church for 40+ years she didn’t think she believed in God anymore until she started coming to the service. Her words were, **“Because St. Andrew’s brings church to my home I do not doubt anymore ... I believe.”** ... This statement underscores the importance of Care Home ministry’* (From the Care Home AGM report)

Pastoral Team members are: Rev. Suzanne Crerar, Betty Rose Harrington, Bidy Morrey-Jones, Marge Nelson, Fran Sterne, Janice Varga and Audrey Waugh. St. Andrew’s **Sonshine Lady** makes beautiful cards and in discussion with Osita, Lois or Suzanne sends them out to those who are ill and to those celebrating milestones in their lives. She also creates beautiful Christmas and Easter cards which we deliver with blessings and love from St. Andrew’s parish family.

Fran continues with a monthly card ministry, each month with a focus, i.e. Epiphany, St. Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, Easter, etc.. She, often with her grandson at her side, delivers the cards to those who are unable to come to church. This year several members of the team delivered precious packages of home baking at Christmas time.

The cards, the baking and so much more send messages of love and prayers and are greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

The Parish of St. Andrew’s is truly blessed to have such a dedicated and deeply faithful team who are the hands, voice and **listening heart of our Lord.** With the aging demographics of Sidney and the needs of our parish family increasing **we are in great need of volunteers, especially men, who will bring the presence of Christ**

into the lives of 'one of these.' The skill needed ... a loving and compassionate heart.

If you have any questions or if you feel God pulling at your 'heart strings' and calling you to this ministry you may contact Rev. Suzanne at the church office: 656 - 5322.

“Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or naked and clothe thee, sick or in prison and visit thee?” And the King answered them, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of these, my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.” (Mt 25.39,40)

Rev. Suzanne
February 2015

PRECIOUS JEWELS MINISTRY

Precious Jewels Ministry Highlights 2014 St. Andrew's, Sidney Annual Report

We pray that you have had a blessed Christmas and are looking forward to the year ahead, full of expectation in all that God will do in your midst. We thank God for evidences of His love, grace and sustaining strength through all that He has enabled Precious Jewels Ministry to do and be in the Philippines as well as in Uganda during 2014. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

OUR CHILDREN

God has done great and amazing things on behalf of the PJM children living with us! They are healthy and growing up, asking questions about life in general that cause us to ponder the God-given wisdom and insight of children! This is keeping all of us on our toes and on our knees! We are waiting with hope that they will all be placed into 'forever families' who will grow with them into adulthood.

The younger children are watching and learning from their big brothers and sisters, former youth leaders who played with them when they were little, now young adults and leaders. Yes truly, these young leaders are standing on our shoulders! We believe they are set apart by God, and will be used mightily for His Kingdom in far greater ways than we could ever ask or imagine!

TYPHOON YOLANDA/HAYAIN

Last May, a team from PJM travelled to Iloilo, in central Philippines for a two week outreach, ministering to children whose families lost everything in November 2013 when the super typhoon swept through their fishing villages. The team experienced a wonderful time with the children, discovering together, the goodness of the Lord and His hope in the darkness. Some of the PJM youth leaders joined the team and their energy and enthusiasm brought an extra measure of "life" to the activities.

"ANG TULAY is a learning journey"

Lorrie and the PJM team experienced God's faithfulness in Uganda from June until October! Our four months were rich in relationships, amazing in training and deep in dependence on the Lord. It is a joy to grow together with the most amazing group of leaders ministering to children and families who have been deeply wounded from decades of war, disease and poverty. We are so blessed by the commitment of the men and women whom PJM is training to become facilitators to train other Ang Tulay leaders. Our Ugandan family is asking us to help them reach out to their neighbors with Ang Tulay; nations troubled and in need of God's healing touch.

We also trained 50 youth leaders who have overcome great challenges and give testimony to God's goodness in their lives. Many of these youth are living with HIV and have a passion to reach out to other youth in their nation using the skills they developed through AngTulay. We chose as our theme 'SHINE' taken from Phil. 2 "You shall shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the message of light to all!" The youth assisted us during the Children's Festival for 120 kids as well as with other Ang Tulay activities – from one generation to another the light of Christ is passed on! What a privilege to be their mentors!

We travelled far on terrible roads to northern Uganda, a mere 45 minutes from the borders of Congo and Southern Sudan. We worked with young leaders who are ministering in the huge refugee camp of over 80,000 people displaced by the civil war in Southern Sudan. In the mornings we led workshops on trauma and grief and then in the afternoons we joined them in the community for 'Hands-On' application and experiential learning.

EXTENDED CHILD CARE CENTER - SAN LAZARO HOSPITAL

Precious Jewels Ministry has been providing programs and services to children and families in the Extended Child Care Center since 2002. Our regular Family Days on Saturdays at ECCC continue to bring comfort to parents and grandparents living with the challenges caused by AIDS. We had a wonderful Youth Leaders training and Family Camp during the summer. Our families are growing together; instead of AIDS destroying them, they are becoming stronger and more dependent on the Lord!

In August, PJM received a letter from the administration office of the hospital informing us to vacate the building within one month and that our Memorandum of Agreement would not be renewed. We were in shock! The hospital requested us to vacate the building to make room for the expansion of services for the AIDS department. Sadly, the Philippines is one of 7 countries with increasing HIV infections – 16 newly diagnosed, documented cases per day.

The head doctor of the AIDS ward has invited PJM to share the facility with the AIDS ward. In September PJM moved all of the furnishings out of the building, as instructed by the hospital. Some items were given away while other items are in storage, awaiting all the final approval from the hospital to share the facility. We are praying that this will become a reality in the very near future.

In the meantime, PJM continues to minister to the families and children. We are also working very closely now with the staff of the HIV/AIDS Out-Patient Department which is now housed in the ECCC building.

The Amazing Hope Scarves Project women are growing in the Lord! They held their 1st overnight retreat at the farm of our pediatrician and friend. They were all deeply touched by God's love and forgiveness for them. They came away hungry to learn more, and now they eagerly participate in a bi-monthly Bible study led by PJM. Their lives reflect what they do in the project, creating beauty out of simple threads, drawing out their inner beauty in the Lord.

LOOKING AHEAD – LOOKING TO JESUS

We are grateful that God encourages our hearts to stay focused on Him in the midst of the unexpected. As a staff team we have been meditating on Jesus and the disciples in the boat during a terrible storm....Jesus fell asleep.....the disciples were terrified! One word from our Lord calmed the storm. "Peace"

Jesus is with us in the midst of the challenges and trials we face. We keep our eyes on Him – in the boat – with Him. He leads us and we are secure in His presence.

As we look back over this past year, we thank God for your faithful prayers and financial gifts. Thank you for standing with us and praying with and for us. What a comfort to know that in the midst of change, God Himself does not change.

With joy in serving the Lord,
Joke Bergink
Director, Precious Jewels Ministry

PROPERTY & GROUNDS 2014

Do you ever wonder how some items get put in a place where they are found? Such a puzzling thing happened a few weeks ago while I was defrosting one of the freezers. There was this odd metal knob that I did not recognize right off. I set it aside to think about what appliance it might be from. Some minutes later I discovered the other mating part. So I ask. Why is there a washroom cubical door knob in the freezer? I was asked several months ago to replace a washroom cubical door latch and at the time wondered where the old parts had gone. Now I know. So when you lose something, just look in the freezer.



In the past year only routine maintenance was needed. As in past years I will say it again. We occupy our facilities kind of on borrowed time. If you look closely at the building exterior and interior, you should notice the need for painting and cleaning. It is apparent to me that our collective abilities, as volunteers, won't get the maintenance done that is needed.

If you see anything needing maintenance, please let me or the office staff know about it.

Respectfully submitted,
Len Howland

SERVER'S GUILD

This past year has been a challenging one for the Servers Guild. Despite our best efforts, we simply no longer have enough servers to handle all the services. Once again this year we would like to make a plea to the congregation for new members to join the Servers Guild, in particular at the 9:00 a.m. service. We are most in need of adults, though we of course will welcome younger members as well! Even if you are only interested in serving once every 2-3 months or only in the summer months, please consider stepping forward. The Servers Guild is very much in need of the congregation's support in this area. If you are able to help please contact me: 250-588-7052, j.nielsen76@gmail.com or speak with Revs. Osita or Suzanne.



This past June the younger members of the Servers Guild were able to attend “How to Train Your Dragon 2” at SilverCity Tillicum as a thank you for their hard work in the previous year. It was a great evening and wonderful to spend time together. A big thank you to the members of the congregation who dropped off cans and bottles at the Sidney Bottle Depot, without your generosity we would not be able to do such activities.

In closing I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the current members of the Servers Guild for their hard work and dedication to St. Andrew’s: Stephen Hives and David Smethhurst at the 7:45am service, and Carezza Stevens and Chizu Oluigbo at the 9:00am service. We are incredibly lucky to have such committed servers. As well, on behalf of the Servers Guild I would like to thank Rev. Suzanne very much for stepping in to serve when we were unable to provide servers for services.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Servers Guild of St. Andrew’s
Jennifer Nielsen

SIDESPERSIONS & 9:00 a.m. GREETERS

I would like to thank all the parishioners who have volunteered for this ministry.



Their friendly faces can be counted on once a month to greet the congregation and provide help where it is needed during the services. During the holiday season it is difficult to cover all the services and I thank all those that have come forward to help me provide sidespersons and greeters for special services. The schedule for sidespersons and greeters is made up once a year. If anyone is interested in joining this ministry please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Shaw
Coordinator

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School started in September with a welcome party for the children. We had around 12 children attend the party. We had very good feedback from the parents and the children enjoyed the party.

We have a regular attendance of about 7/10 children every sunday. The program includes story time, crafts and games. We are focusing on the New Testament and then move on to the Old testament.

The children each received Bibles from the church . The children bring their bibles regularly to church.

We had the children and their parents participate during the advent season with the advent readings. The children also



participated in the Lessons and Carols service. The Nativity story was read by the children while the very young children got into costumes as angels and shepherds.

We hope to expand the Sunday School program in 2015. We would like to encourage the children to participate more in the Sunday Services.

A one-day retreat is in the planning . It will be an outreach program for the children in the community. The program will be in a Vacation Bible School style.

Our children are the future of the church, therefore it is very important to encourage and nurture the children with a great christian spirit. We look forward to the congregation being a big part of the children's ministry.

We are always looking for volunteers in various areas in the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Sunder Raj

WARM CLOTHING FOR THE HOMELESS

2014 was a very generous year. Many warm coats blankets, and sundry other items of clothing, were donated by parishioners for the Mustard Seed Outreach Program. We made 5 trips to the Mustard Seed to drop off the loads of clothing and bedding.

When we arrive, usually on a Sunday afternoon, the Mustard Seed Street Church is just getting started. It is wonderful to see and hear people from all walks of life joined together in praise and worship of Our Lord. There are many willing hands to help us unload the car and pack the goods into the Outreach office. They are so appreciative of all you give! Two days a week the clothing is arranged on tables inside and those in need, people who live on the streets or with low income, are invited to choose items that they need.



(Matthew 25:34-36 “... Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”)

May God bless you abundantly and replenish all that you have so generously given.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Ainey