

St. Andrew's Anglican Church



*Parish of Sidney
Annual General Meeting
February 2, 2014
9:00 a.m.*

Reports of Parish Ministries 2013

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ABBIEFIELD HOUSE

2013 was a year of peace and contentment for those living at Abbeyfield.

The staff have enjoyed a beautifully renovated kitchen, completed early in the year enabling a continuous supply of delicious home-style meals.

Residents and staff alike continue to enjoy the activities and entertainment occurring throughout the year – Thanks to the staff and volunteers providing extra comforts and assistance.

Thanks to Rev. Suzanne Crerar for continuing to provide spiritual comfort.

Kudos to the dedicated and hard working board members who put in many hours to ensure the smooth running of this house. Here special mention must be made of Len Howland who, though not officially on the board, has devoted countless hours in supporting the operation of Abbeyfield House. Many thanks to each and every one.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Prouse
Abbeyfield Society Chair

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. Andrews 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.

The house looks well cared for, the most recent improvement being the acquisition of new window blinds in the living and dining room. New laundry appliances purchased to reduce Hydro costs have been less successful.

Sister Mary Joseph and her staff continue to give stellar service and loving care to the residents.

If any Parishioners know of people who might be interested in becoming 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
Board Member

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY PROGRAM 2013

Again in 2013, we 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 always deeply appreciated by the recipients.

Ann Spencer was the only one to resign from this ministry this year. We miss her and thank her for her years of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Brand

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild membership in 2013 totaled 25, with 3 members on leave for health or other reasons, and 1 member having moved away. We were very pleased to add 2 new members during the year, and as always, would be delighted to welcome further new members, especially from among younger members of the congregation. We work in four teams, so duties are not too demanding and come round only about once a month, with special church decorating being done for the Festivals of Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Meetings were held in January, March, May, September and November, under Ruth Moffoot's continuing leadership as President. The January meeting opened with the Eucharist in the church, celebrated by the Rev. Osita, assisted by the Rev. Suzanne. The Executive, comprising the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Team Leaders meets the day before the regular meetings to discuss any business or concerns to be raised at the meeting.

The Guild is most grateful to Sally Brand, who organizes the Flower Delivery Ministry, and to the volunteers who help deliver the altar flowers to sick and shut-in parishioners after the Sunday services. Elsie Widdowson kindly volunteered to take over the laundering of the altar linens from Anne Spencer, who carried out this job faithfully for some years but who stepped down after her husband's retirement; Anne Norquay lends her able assistance with laundering whenever needed. Anne Norquay lends her able assistance with laundering whenever needed. George and Marina Emmond look after the purchasing of wafers, and Stephen Hives takes care of supplies of wine, and oil for the candles. Bev Conkin and Judith Bradshaw change the banners periodically in the church according to the seasons.

Altar Guild members are proud to cooperate with the Clergy and Church Council in facilitating the smooth running of worship services at St. Andrew's.

Respectfully submitted,

Freda Voysey
Acting Secretary



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 received a number of good books during the year. It is a great help when they are well known authors. The money we receive goes to travelling expenses which are not covered otherwise. We are very grateful for donations of used books by good authors.

1 or 2 new volunteers are needed for approximately ½ - 1 hour on Saturdays, or during the week, to sort books etc. Please contact the office if you would like to help.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Scott

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 100 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 a.m. Seventy-nine 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 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 they come awake and join in, a wonderful experience and a gift to all who are there. 50+ attend this fun service.

Shoal Centre – In the late spring of 2013 it was decided that the monthly service would be discontinued. Over the last several years the numbers have dwindled with members moving to extended care facilities, moving closer to family or journeying home to heaven. The few who do attend come to the St. Andrew's 11 a.m. service. It is important to note that because the service was held on a Sunday many residents who live in the 'independent living' side of the facility attend their own parishes.

St. Andrew's Abbeyfield – Holy Communion is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. the last Monday of the month. It is a wonderful and intimate gathering as we come together in Bible Study, prayer and share in the supper of the Lamb.

Beechwood – Holy Communion is offered the 3rd Sunday of every month. We meet with a number of members of St. Andrew's and other residents who wish to join us at The Lord's Table. This year we again received a Christmas card from one resident who had been away from the church for 40+ years. She wrote, '**Thank you for bringing the church to my home.**' *This one little sentence underscores the importance of Care Home ministry.*

Without volunteers, we would not be able to offer this ministry. A huge thanks to all our volunteers, for without them the services would not exist. This past year at Sidney Care Home we all enjoyed the visits of Tilly, her brother Timmy and 'mom' Florence McDowell.

The residents absolutely loved their message and spent many moments in discussion with these two very verbal puppet children. Tom Chard and Suzanne also did a 'skit' on the Lord's Prayer. Tom, did a fine job in the role of God. Irene Souter, a resident at Rest Haven Lodge plays for us every 3rd Monday. It is a true blessing to have one of the residents as a very important part of the worship team. Louise White, of Peace Lutheran, provides the music for the Remembrance Day service at Rest Haven Lodge. Her husband Charles helps out and lifts up his fine voice in song. After several years of music ministry at Abbeyfield, they, in consultation with Suzanne, have 'retired'. We give thanks to God for their presence among us and for the gift of love, friendship, joy and praise that they so freely shared.

Our steady group of volunteers who hand out hymn books, sing and talk to the residents are just as valuable. Ann Spencer brought her lovely voice to Sidney Care and Abbeyfield – she is a gifted intercessor and helped with the setting up of the altar, gathered the residents together and distributed worship sheets and hymn books. This summer Anne retired from her volunteer position. We do indeed miss her gentle smile and loving heart. Biddy Morrey-Jones, Hella Irvine, Bea Richmond and Anne Norquay provide guiding hands for the residents coming into the service at Rest Haven. They welcome the residents as they come in to worship, hand out books and 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. Donna Godwin, guitar in hand, and Mary Schaefer, Sylvia Hinks and Bev Pell lift their voices in song at Sidney Care Home. They also hand out the song sheets and visit with many of the residents.

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.

February 2014

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
for January 2013 to Dec 2013

It is once again time to express my delight teaching the children of Saint Andrews. From January to June we studied the entire life of Moses, from his arrival in a basket to his argument with Pharaoh to Let My People Go! It finished with memorizing the ten commandments. Before the summer break we had the yearend party - again going offsite to McDonalds for pancakes and play land. In the autumn, we studied the life of David. A highlight included playing with a new puppet theatre to 'perform'. As always we completed the year with advent crafts. Advent lessons included memorizing the church calendar as well as learning the details of the Christmas story. The children are avid learners and would often ask challenging questions that led to more in depth discussions of the material.

Four children regularly attended and the largest class was seven. Music is still part of the curriculum and we learned a number of songs this year. In the autumn, a wall of gratitude was created and each week we discuss what we are thankful for. Hopefully, it teaches an attitude of gratitude. It also leads into a discussion about the week making God real every day, not just on Sunday mornings. The year has been filled with laughter and learning. The classroom is full throttle - yes we are loud and often boisterous - and yet there are moments of greatness in each child, where love shines through. The children are an incredible blessing for Saint Andrews.



Respectfully submitted In Christ,
Gail Rodger

COFFEE MINISTRY

A little known fact: COFFEE is mentioned in the Bible!!!

In fact, there is an entire book dedicated to it: "HE BREWS"!

And, at St. Andrew's, you can add "SHE BREWS", too!

In fact, twenty-eight males and females brew your coffee (and tend your Tetley) throughout the year! Those "robust" baristas make certain that you are able to enjoy a hot beverage and a cookie or two following the 9:00 a.m. service. Children receive a cup of cold juice and a cookie or two or three...!



In fact, this time of fun and fellowship in the hall allows us to relax and to get to know each other...and visitors...just a little bit better!

In fact, if YOU would like to take on the responsibility of running this ministry, please speak to...

Sharon Chard (Respectfully submitted)

COFFEE WITH CHRIST YOUTH

Once again I have the pleasure of reporting on our little group. The amazing young people of our Parish continue to meet on a Sunday morning during the 9 am service to share fellowship and bible study, and I am lucky enough to be included. We are most grateful for the continued support and prayers of the parish family. I would encourage you all to take the time to say hello and get to know our members. You will find many of our youth supporting parish events, often working in the background to help anyway they can. Thanks again.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Cribdon

COMFORT MINISTRY

The Comfort Ministry served tea after six Memorial services for members of our Parish family, during the first six months of 2013, and many thanks to those who helped by providing food, pouring tea, worked in the kitchen, and acted as sidespersons.

The second half of the year was very quiet.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Moffoot



DIAKONOI CHRISTOU *'Servants of Christ'*

The **Thursday morning Bible Study group** completed its 3 year study of the Book of Isaiah in December. As we read and discussed the 66 chapters we were all amazed how the struggles of faith and commitment and the setting of priorities of a worship community 2700+/- years ago mirror the struggles we face in our faith journey today.

This year we will begin the study of 1st and 2nd Timothy as well as Titus and in the very near future, watch the DVD 'Everything is Spiritual' featuring Rob Bell.

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 the teachings of Isaiah.

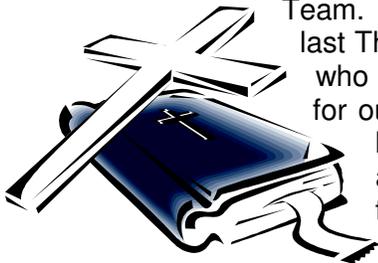
Every time we gather together group members put money in the 'kitty' for coffee. Last spring we purchased a gently used vacuum for a parishioner, purchased a few supplies for the Children's" Prayer Garden, bought some IKEA napkins for the kitchen and purchased a Thrifty's gift card for a family in need.

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 and become part of the team please contact Rev. Suzanne at the church office – 250 655 5322.



EDUCATION BURSARY MINISTRY

The Bursary Committee was provided with a number of excellent applications from the candidates. The candidates included Matthew Cribdon for the Keith Tucker Memorial Bursary. The John and Margaret Twining Memorial Bursary candidates were Bryce Gunning, Anne Parry, Georgina Stevens and Michael Varga.

The families of each of these people should be proud of their accomplishments and their future endeavors. It was with great pleasure that the committee presented the bursaries to these deserving individuals.

Good luck with your future plans and invite Christ to walk along side of you on your journey.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Hatt

ENVELOPE SECRETARY

Parishioners at St Andrew's giving through the envelope system have the option of giving during the service or using the automatic withdrawal system called Electronic Collection Plate. Collection Plate is managed through the Diocesan Office. Automatic withdrawals are made on the 15th and, or the end of the month. Parishioners can choose how their deposits are split between general giving and missions. It is good to review your giving yearly to update where your deposits are being distributed.

The actual number of envelopes issued has gone down slightly, but individual giving has increased. I have issued 8 new envelope boxes this year, which is great to see.

If you wish to have envelopes issued, please complete the new member form in the entrance way and place it on the collection plate or contact the office. And, if you wish to sign on to automatic withdrawal, there are forms on the bulletin board at the back of the church or in the office.

Thank you to all who give,
Ruth Howland



GRANDMOTHERS TO GRANDMOTHERS

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

Annual
Report

Chair: Margaret Rothe

Treasurer: Ruth Howland

Recorder: Elsie Widdowson

Item	
2013 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. Suzanne's provided the clothing for the Fashion Show; models were from the Grandmothers group. 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 and bake sale was held in February. 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 all.
5. Island Gathering	A number of the St. Andrew's group attended the Island Grandmothers Gathering in Victoria. Representatives from the Stephen Lewis Foundation were in attendance and there were a number of workshops related to the various group activities.
6. 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.
7. Chair	Unfortunately Margaret resigned the Chairmanship for personal reasons. The group would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication, we will miss her!

11:00 a.m. GREETERS

We 11:00 a.m. friends have a nice roster of greeters to welcome those who come to church at this time.

Unfortunately our people are retiring due to illness or moving nearer to their families, and we seem to be on duty almost every week instead of every four to six weeks. If you could help out please phone me at home or speak to me before or after church. We usually start greeting at 10:40 a.m. and finish when the service starts at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cribdon

HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY BOARD YEAR 2013

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL
Starting Balance (Dec 31 2012)	2740.37												
REVENUE													
Diocese (on deposit 100,335)	10,000.00												10,000.00
Investment Income	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.00
Savings Interest			300.00		400.00		900.00		1,200.00	-400.00	900.00	300.00	3,600.00
Sale of Plots							220.00						220.00
Donations													
Total Revenue	10,000.12	0.10	300.11	0.11	400.11	0.09	1,120.10	0.10	1,200.09	-399.93	900.07	300.08	13,821.15
EXPENSES													
Maintenance Labour													
Equipment						2,380.00	300.00		1,810.00	560.00			5,050.00
Open & Close Plots									109.74				109.74
Sexton	350.00									1,200.00		400.00	1,950.00
Miscellaneous													0.00
Total Expenses	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,380.00	300.00	0.00	1,919.74	1,760.00	0.00	400.00	7,109.74
Monthly Balance	9,650.12	0.10	300.11	0.11	400.11	-2,379.91	820.10	0.10	-719.65	-2,159.93	900.07	-99.92	5,713.41
Bank Balance YTD	12,390.49	12,390.59	12,690.70	12,690.81	13,090.92	10,711.01	11,531.11	11,531.21	10,811.56	8,651.63	9,551.70	9,451.78	

HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY BOARD

21/01/2014 Holy Trinity Cemetery Board 2013

HOME GROUPS

New Beginnings Home Group

New Beginnings Home Group continues to be an active Bible Study/Friendship Group. Our number remains intentionally at eight as the venues in which we gather cannot comfortably seat more. We rotate meeting places through three homes and find that to be not only functional, but a warm and pleasant sharing with each other without putting the onus on one household every week.

Our basic format for the evening is to begin with a gathering prayer. We have, in this past year, followed the prayer by watching a lecture of a New Testament Course led by Professor B.D. Ehrman of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After the video we discussed the content of the lecture viewed. We then read and discussed the lectionary for the following Sunday. Ending with a closing prayer, we share tea, coffee and some 'goodies'. Each person puts some change in a jar which is given to the general collection throughout the year.

This year we will not be studying the New Testament Course but will continue to "*Hear, Read, Mark, Learn, and Inwardly Digest*" the readings laid out in our lectionary.

(NB: these five glorious verbs, deepening as they follow one another in intensity of engagement, come altogether in one of the most justly famous collects in The Book of Common Prayer; the collect for the second in Advent.)

Our Home Group fosters open discussion and fellowship. We each attend our Wednesday gathering laden with several Bible versions, a book or two of scriptural information, and sharing hearts.

If you aren't already in a group we recommend you seek one out or start one with some of your brothers and sisters-in-Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Florence McDowell

Third Mile Home Group

We have been meeting every Wednesday morning throughout the year. We discuss the readings for the following Sunday. Then we have a very pleasant social time. We have had one new member join us.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Scott

MORNING GROUP

Morning Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, September through June, at 9:45 a.m. in the church hall.

We have a variety of guest speakers and other programs. Our program is announced in the church bulletin the Sunday preceding our Tuesday meeting.

This past year we enjoyed hearing a talk on health issues by a pharmacist, a life journey talk by a member and also a talk on history at the Empress Hotel by a family member and tour guide at the Hotel. We always enjoy having the Sidney Serenaders Choir at our Christmas luncheon and African Grannies Tea. Osita kindly does a communion service for us each February.

We welcome guests and new members. Please come and joy us.

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Waugh, Chairperson

St. Andrew's Anglican Church - Morning Group Statement of Revenue and Expenditure For the year ended December 31, 2013

Revenue

Memberships	70.00	
Speakers' Fund	100.95	
Extra Coin	43.61	
Donations from Windup	<u>202.15</u>	
Total revenue		416.71

Expenditures

Candles for Altar	100.15	
Grandmothers to Grandmothers	102.00	
Mount Newton Society	50.00	
Tanners Books	<u>70.00</u>	
Total expenditures		322.15

Net of Revenues and Expenditures	<u>94.56</u>
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Opening Bank Balance	140.40
Plus Net Balance (above)	<u>94.56</u>
Closing Balance	<u>234.96</u>

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Choir continues to provide music leadership for the 11:00 a.m. service. This past year we again presented a new Easter Cantata over the Easter week Celebrations. We are so thankful for the singers who come to join us for these special occasions. We certainly welcome anyone to join us as choir members.

This past Christmas we presented an evening service of Traditional Lessons and Carols which turned out to be a wonderful parish event. The Altar Guild did an extra special job of decorating the church and it was a wonderful evening of music and candle light. A special thanks to the parish council, and their helpers, who took care of the Potluck Supper and arranged rides so that people who don't drive could attend.

Cameron continues to provide our parish with wonderful music and leadership. We are so lucky to have such a gifted person to head up our music.

The Praise team are the music leaders at the 9:00 a.m. service. We continue to introduce new songs at this service.

Our special thanks to Cameron Ashton.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty-Rose Harrington
Choir President

NEIGHBOUR'S LUNCH

What has happened at "Neighbours" over the past 10 years and 10 months? Service to our community in our church hall on Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.– 12:45 p.m. each week - 130-150 bowls of soup and buns - jobs taken care of by 15 plus dedicated volunteers who shop, keep track of accounts, cook, serve, clean and visit in our outreach. All volunteers, on duty each week, taking care of their neighbours and having fun!! You have to enjoy your work a lot to be giving of your time and talents "for free."

We still are receiving sufficient donations to purchase supplies and reach out to others in our Ministry. Many new people have been attending this past year.

The Blood Pressure clinic has been coming every three months on the same Wednesday as Neighbours. These girls are so friendly and it is a great service.

The Christmas turkey and trimmings lunch was a great hit again. Central Saanich Thrifty's are so accommodating at deboning and rolling our turkeys and the bones are used for soup for the remaining weeks of the year. Special thanks to the ladies at the back table who make and bring all the deserts for everyone to enjoy.

Thanks to the Peninsula Co-op fresh baked buns are enjoyed as well as bread and baking from Breadstuffs in Brentwood. Thanks go also to the ladies who make all the tarts and delicious goodies at Christmas time.

If someone is sick the servers have been happy to give a take-out to help them mend.

We need help Coordinating and are looking for a Coordinator or two who can work together, as Allison and Donna are not going to be available full time this coming year.

This is a Ministry that should not fail for lack of a Coordinator. We are all volunteers, so there is no remuneration in dollars. We just have the fun in creating soups, some new and never to be seen again, by us or our customers. Please give it a try. Guaranteed satisfaction!!

Don't let this Ministry fail, come and lend a hand.

It is very evident to see the folks who attend enjoying each other's company. Communication is great and weather never seems to be a deterrent.

To all the gals and guys who are so dedicated in showing up and helping make it the success it is, we are very grateful and it just wouldn't happen without you.

Cheers and Blessings,
Donna Godwin and Allison Humphreys
Coordinators

OUTREACH AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION

I feel privileged to have been appointed to this role by Rev. Oluigbo. I have spoken to a number of you about bringing our church [you and me] to the wider community. I have highlighted below some of the activities this ministry have focused on during the past year.

YOU LOST ME

This was a seven (7) week program where individuals sat around in a circle at Serious Coffee on Beacon Avenue to openly discuss various topics. It is a program originated by David Kinnaman to be used as a vehicle for starting conversations between generations on faith, doubt, sex, science, culture and church. We had about ten individuals ranging in age from teens to 80's. It was a wonderful experience.

YOUTH ALPHA

This has been a dream of mine for many years. This is a vehicle to invite the youth of our wider community to discover who Jesus Christ is and the importance of inviting Him into their lives. There have been some serious discussions during the late summer about starting this program in February 2014. I am hoping this will become a reality.

HOME GROUPS

Home Groups or Bible Study Groups are the backbone of socializing for our sisters and brothers. There are a number of groups meeting weekly through our parish. It is my hope that there is a group for each and every one of us to meet and discuss the gospels of Jesus and our role in bringing His word to the community through various means. If you are not a member and would like to become a member or you would like to host a group, please contact the parish office.

SCREENING IN FAITH

Lois Ainey and I have been working closely with the Diocese of British Columbia to fulfill the requirements of becoming a Safe Church.

There are ten (10) steps to creating safe environments:

- Understanding the Problem
- Recognize People's Vulnerability and Resilience
- Define Protection Instruments
- Create a Prevention Team
- Complete a Risk Assessment
- Develop Policies and Procedures
- Educate Adults, Youth and Children

- Respond to Disclosures of Violence
- Meet the Challenges
- Maintain Safe Environments

Lois and I walked the entire church facilities and we have identified areas that could be potential "RISK AREAS". You will notice the 'REDUCE THE RISK' signs placed adjacent to these identified areas of risk. These are areas where it could be where something inappropriate could happen; i.e., no visibility into the designated space, where incidences could go undetected where only two individuals are present (one with authority over another). Therefore, we have posted signs in these areas for all of us to be more aware of our surroundings.

CANADIAN RED CROSS – RespectED: Violence & Abuse Prevention

I took a four (4) day course of study to become: "*Preventing Violence & Abuse Against Children and Youth Trainer*". This training also included: Creating Safe Environments Education for Elders. St. Andrew's is leading the way in our community and in our Diocese as a safe church and demonstrating our commitment to provide a safe environment for our family and for the community.

CONCLUSION

I would invite discussion concerning any of the topics that I have mentioned in this report. I would also solicit your help to expand this ministry in order to invite more of our community to join us on a journey with Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Hatt

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 ye 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. At each meeting there is some element of training and discussion about the work and ministry of a pastoral care volunteer.

What is our 'mandate'? We are to be Christ's presence in our community, especially to those members of our parish family, who for whatever reason, are no longer able to attend worship services at St. Andrew's. 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 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. We also visit with active members of the parish who are ill.

Each meeting began with prayer followed, usually by a reflection from the booklet titled, 'Visiting the Sick. A guide for the Laity.' It was very interesting and informative and gave us much insight into our calling as pastoral care givers to those who are struggling with illness, including terminal illness and how to journey alongside of them and their families. A quote

from author Canon Norman Autton – ‘When priest and people work together in visiting the sick, not duplicating but sharing differing gifts, dividing respective labours, and functioning as one harmonious whole, the community itself has its responsibility quickened and its conscience stirred.’

Pastoral Team members are: Rev. Suzanne Crerar, Betty Rose Harrington, Bidy Morrey-Jones, Marge Nelson, Fran Sterne and Janice Varga. In the new year we welcomed to our team Audrey Waugh. She and Janice continue to share their pastoral gifts at Saanich Peninsula Hospital. Jean Scott, after many years as a pastoral volunteer retired from the team. Marguerite Hine, because of health reasons, has stepped down. Both of these deeply faithful women continue very much as prayer warriors for the team and the people they are called to minister to. 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. Fran has started 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. The Pastoral Team also sends out Christmas and Easter cards.

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 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)

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PRECIOUS JEWELS MINISTRY **“Highlights” 2013**

Precious Jewels Ministry is part of an amazing story! The overall life within the ministry and the individual lives who are involved bear witness to the power of God to bring forth new life. Like precious stones, they reflect the beauty of God’s grace and love.

As we look back over this past year, we thank God for enabling us to do infinitely more than we could ever ask or even begin to imagine – IN Christ Jesus.

EXTENDED CHILD CARE CENTER, SAN LAZARO HOSPITAL

THE WARDS

Each new day provides an opportunity to reach out to sick children, anxious parents and overworked Medical Staff, sharing a cup of water or coffee, listening to their stories of pain and frustration, caring for babies while parents have check-up. Small acts of kindness that bring hope when offered in Christ’s name.

AIDS and other diseases devastate nations but it can’t destroy the love of God!

THE FAMILIES

Our Family Days and Summer Family Camp provided times for parents and grandparents to enjoy their children. Living with chronic illness is challenging and at times exhausting. Family Camp was a time of “Recharging” and renewing body, mind and spirit for campers – all ages and stages!

THE YOUTH

This past year we trained ten of our Youth Leaders as Peer Facilitators for our Summer Youth Camp for PJM children who are now teenagers.

We continued to train these young people from July to November, using creative arts to help them discover God’s presence in their lives and how they can reach out to other youth in their communities.

In December, they presented a powerful artistic showcase of all they had learned together.

ADVOCACY WITH CARE + SUPPORT

In response to the alarming increase of AIDS in the Philippines, PJM has been teaching about HIV with local churches, youth groups and community health workers. We are enjoying the deepening partnerships with organizations and churches who want to be actively involved in AIDS awareness, education and support.

ANG TULAY, A JOURNEY WITH CHILDREN IN GRIEF (Uganda, Africa)

From May to October, Lorrie, and other members of PJM continued the training of leaders working with traumatized children. Joke joined them in August, for the intensive nationwide training of Preschool Teachers, Christian Education teachers as well as community workers.

The journey is long as we walk with adults who have lived through generations of disease, poverty, death and war. As one teacher declared “the beatings must stop now!”

Our year ended with the terrible devastation caused by Typhoon Yolanda! The scope of loss is mind-boggling yet equally, is the resilience of Filipinos to rise out of the ashes – with hope.

Surely God alone can bring such new life! We are reaching out to the families of our staff team providing assistance as they rebuild their homes.

Healing of this massive traumatic event will take time and many hands to love and hold and lift up in prayer.

Looking back this past year, we declare “To God be the glory for the great things He has done!”

Looking forward to the year ahead, we trust that God will accomplish even greater things, by His grace and in His name!

We are so thankful to St. Andrews for your faithful support both financially and through your prayers and encouragement over the years. We are blessed to have you as friends in ministry!

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

PROPERTY & GROUNDS 2013

2013 was generally a quiet year, with no major weather events. The usual bi-annual and annual inspections of fire alarms, fire suppression systems and gas appliances. But, there are always surprises, like batteries in smoke detectors that fail prematurely and gas pipe that is corroded and needed replacing. Oh, did I mention the church lighting that went off and on at unexpected times. A couple of visits from the electrician only to find it was a BC Hydro problem.

Yes the parking lot line will be painted soon and will be done by volunteers plus the price of paint, a saving of about \$800.

I probably don't need to remind you of our aging buildings. It is becoming a considerable maintenance undertaking to rely on volunteer labour and skills. We all are getting older, all moving slower and we don't climb ladders any more. I foresee an increased need to contract out the basic repairs and maintenance now done by volunteers.

The budget implications are obvious. This past year, due to budget reasons, we chose not to do the annual floor and carpet cleaning. My plan is to do this kind work with volunteer labour. We are on borrowed time by pushing needed maintenance into the future or holding off repairs because we can't afford it.

Anyone wanting a job please let me know!

Len Howland,
Property and Grounds Committee

SERVER'S GUILD

We welcome Chizu Oluigbo, who is in training to serve at the 9:00 a.m. service.

I would like to acknowledge the current members of the Servers Guild for their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication: Stephen Hives, David Smethurst, Katy Holland, Carena Stevens and Chizu Oluigbo. Jacqueline Gaby is taking some time off from serving. We could not ask for a better group of servers!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Servers Guild of St. Andrew's,
Jen 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

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Some two years ago we realized that our 11:00 a.m. service friends really did need some help getting to and from church. The 7:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. friends were managing very well looking after each other! If you feel that you could be a member of this very much appreciated team, perhaps you would phone me at 250-656-9876 or speak to me before or after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cribdon

WARM CLOTHING FOR THE HOMELESS

2013 was the 4th year that we have been collecting warm blankets, coats, and gloves for those living on the streets in Victoria, and in fact we have also have been able to help a few people in Sidney who are homeless with warm clothing. St. Andrew's parishioners have been very generous in sharing what they have with those who have not, and also helped with collecting furniture and household goods for a single mom and her son. The clothing is delivered to the Mustard Seed in Victoria, with many willing hands available there to help us unload the vehicle. The Mustard Seed is a community of people seeking Christ and serving the poor in Greater Victoria. In addition to the Food Bank, they run a Clothing Bank which can be accessed by those looking for clothing Monday to Friday each week. Thanks to all who have donated goods.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Ainey

WEBPAGE & TECHNOLOGIES

It seems that the tech world is awash in mobile technologies. Everyone is connected. Information needs to be formatted for large and small screens and available at any time. How do we meet this challenge?

I view a church technology publication that comes to me weekly online. The latest techniques and technologies in audio mixing, video production, stage lighting and internet media streaming are reported. Some very large congregations can spend the equivalent of St. Andrew's annual budget on one Easter production and require a dozen or more technical people just for a Sunday service.

Here at St. Andrew's we have a very modest technology deployment but sometimes expectations, driven by the society around us, can exceed our abilities. I am sure every parish in the Diocese is faced with similar technology dilemmas. Almost everyone is familiar with today's technologies but it seems fewer and fewer have the skills to implement and maintain systems. Their complexities have moved it from the hobbyist to the professional realm.

I have done the church website for 15 years and the 9 a.m. projected service for more that 3 years. I often think about how we discern what are appropriate technologies for our needs and then how to implement and support it. At the end of the day it requires a people to make it all work. Do we keep up or not? Your thoughts on the subject are appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Len Howland

