## Welcome to St. Paul's



**Children's** activity bags can be found in the narthex. There is a **nursery** space available downstairs during our services. **Sunday School** will resume in the new year.



**Washroom Facilities** are located in the lobby, through the large wooden doors on your left.



**Assisted Listening Devices** are available from the sidespeople at the entrance.



**New to St. Paul's?** We invite you to fill out a welcome card in the pew so we can stay in touch.



**Learn more** about St. Paul's and join our email list by visiting our website: stpaulsonthecommon.com



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## **Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

**8 a.m.** *Celebrant*: Fr. Paul Rideout *Preacher*: Fr. Paul Rideout

**10 a.m.** *Celebrant:* Fr. Paul Rideout *Preacher:* Fr. Paul Rideout

**Sidesperson:** 8 a.m. - Jane Stewart 10 a.m. - Mary Stokes-Rees

**Lector:** 10 a.m. - Valerie Grant

**Lay Readers:** 8 a.m. Liz Reid 10 a.m. - Pam lype

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#### This Week at a Glance

#### Today

@12:15 p.m. - Mission Church

#### Wednesday

@ 10 a.m. - Bible Study @ 7 p.m. - Discovery Bible Study

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

I Sam. 3:3b-10,19; Psalm 40 I Cor. 6:13c-15a,17-20; John 1:35-42

### **Parish Directory**

4 Church Ave., Rothesay, NB, E2E 5G4 847-1812 (office) stpaulsrothesay@nb.aibn.com

#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

# The Most Rev'd David Edwards

Bishop of Fredericton

#### **Father Paul Rideout**

Rector

paul.rideout@anglican.nb.ca 607-0749 (call/text)

#### Pastor Jeremy McNally

Youth & Families Minister globehobo@neomailbox.net 663-9893 (call/text)

#### **Charles Willett**

Organist & Choir Director

#### **Honorary Assistants**

Rev'd Stuart Allan Rev'd Jim Golding Rev'd Eileen Irish

#### **Church Wardens**

Ann Bishop & Pam lype (interim)

Secretary & Sexton - Spring Lake Bookkeeper - Peter Irish Treasurer - Robert Taylor Lay Pastoral Assistant - Elizabeth Reid Parish Visitor - Judy Streeter





The Baptism of the Lord
10 January 2021
The Anglican Parish of Rothesay

## The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus humbles himself to receive John's baptism of repentance not to be purified himself, but to purify us. As Saint Gregory Nazianzen wrote, "Christ was baptised that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water." Because of Christ's baptism, we can be confident that at our own baptism the Lord takes us "by the hand" and heals us from the devil's oppression. We give the Lord glory and praise on this feast for having made us his beloved sons and daughters, well-pleasing to him.

## Sign up for Worship

In order to attend worship at St. Paul's, you need to sign up ahead of time. Simply log on to our website: <a href="stpaulsonthecommon.com/praywithus">stpaulsonthecommon.com/praywithus</a> to reserve a space. As always, if you have difficulty with the website or do not have access to a computer, you can call the office (847-1812) and we would be happy to help you.

### Thank you!

"Erin and I would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to the people of St. Paul's for your generosity. We greatly appreciated the cards, gifts and best wishes we received over the Christmas season. Prayers for a blessed 2021." - Fr. Paul & Erin

### The Conversion of Saint Paul

We will be celebrating our Patronal Feast - the Conversion of St. Paul - on 24 January. Archbishop David will be our celebrant and preacher at our 10 a.m. Eucharist on that day, provided we have moved out of the orange phase.

#### The Christmas Crèche

Following an ancient custom in the church, the nativity scene will be displayed until 2 February - the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (or Candlemas). Candlemas brings to a close the Christmas season, when we take one final look at the baby in the manger and turn to face the Cross and Passion. As we gaze at the nativity scene, we are reminded of the need to show forth Christ in our daily lives in the world.

# **Stewardship Reflection**

"And a voice came from the heavens, You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11) Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

### **Lectionary Bible Study**

Fr. Paul's weekly Bible study based on the Sunday readings continues each Wednesday, 10 a.m., on Zoom. Please reach out to Fr. Paul if you're interested in joining.

### **Discovery Bible Study**

Pastor Jeremy's weekly Discovery Bible Series will resume on 6 January, 7 p.m. via Zoom. Reach out to him if you're interested in joining.

#### **Parish Email List**

If you are not currently receiving weekly emails from our parish and would like to be added to our contact list, please send us an email at stpaulsrothesay@nb.aibn.com with the subject line "Email List."

## Thank you

The church looked beautiful at Christmas. Our thanks go out to the Altar Guild members who came out to help with decorating the church. Thanks to James Sayre, Andrew Lake and Emily Lake for climbing the ladders to put the garlands up. A lot of the cut greenery for decorations was donated, thank you. The prices of flowers, poinsettias, wreaths and garlands went up from last year, thanks to all those who made monetary donations towards the expenses. Jon LeHeup, Fr. Paul and Spring looked after purchasing and setting up the Christmas tree which looked wonderful. The decorations along with the nativity scenes ensured that the spirit of Christmas was alive at St. Paul's this year, thanks to all of you.

### **Pastoral Visitation & Home Communions**

In the orange phase, pastoral visitations (at home or in hospital) take place on request in urgent situations. If you would like to be placed on the visitation/home communion list for when we go back to the yellow phase, please reach out to the office and we can happily do that.

### **Donations and offertory envelopes**

Donations received after Dec 31 will appear on the 2021 tax receipt. Envelopes are available for pick up in the lobby. If you find you no longer need envelopes please let the office know so they are not ordered again.

## **Orange Phase Regulations**

Since we have moved back to the orange phase of the province's recovery plan, there are two main changes in the way we meet at St. Paul's. In this phase we are limited to 50-person gatherings and we are not permitted to sing. Copies of our full operational plan can be found on our website, displayed in the lobby, or you can request a copy from the office.