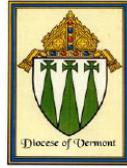


St. Paul's Epistle



JULY 2019

For the month of August St. Paul's will have only one service which will be at 9:00 o'clock. More information on page 3.



The Hanson sisters:Maureen, Marlaine, Marsha, Bonnie and Mary



Sunday school "building trust". Maddie and Henry



Madelaine back for the summer.



Tea in Granville with Lenore and Sue

Austin Michael, grandson of Kim Hatgen and Keith Carrig, was baptized on Pentecost, June 9, 2019. Welcome to our family Austin!



Thanks to the hard work of our SISP committee we have a great looking wall and lawn...and a sidewalk you won't trip on.



Congratulations to Francis and Judy Woods' son Andrew, who is graduating from Vergennes Union High School in June. He has enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

Their son, Brett, has joined the U.S. Air Force and is currently working at the Vermont National Guard in South Burlington.



U.S. AIR FORCE



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Solon Coburn | 20 Anna White |
| 5 Alex Woods | 20 Francis Woods |
| 5 Henry Thomas Stroup | 23 Margaret Lowe |
| 8 Halle Huizenga | 26 Nicholas Earle |
| 11 Jamison Huizenga | 28 Reed Brown |
| 14 Casey Huizenga | 28 David Price |
| 14 Helen Vrooman | 30 Adrianna Earle |
| 15 Gordon Sevee | |

Stained Glass Restoration begins end of June!

The stained glass restoration on the three west-side facing windows begins June 24! The SiSP team selected, and the Vestry approved, *Lawrence Ribbecke Studios Architectural Stained Glass* to do the restoration work. Based in Burlington, Lawrence (Larry) Ribbecke has worked in stained glass restoration for many years in the area and is well known to the State of Vermont, Division for Historic Preservation. His name had been provided to us early on in our selection process. The grant required us to submit three procurement bids, and everyone involved in the process felt that Ribbecke Studios best met our needs.

Right now, Larry is scheduled to do one window a month and will tentatively complete the project by September 27th. He will use scaffolding inside the church to take out the glass from the windows. While the restoration work is completed at his studio in Burlington, the windows will be boarded up with plywood so that no birds, rain, or individuals (!) can enter through the windows.

In addition to the actual stained glass restoration work, we also need to contract with someone to paint and do potential woodwork repair on the exterior part of the windows. This work will also be partially covered by grant funds. We are in the preliminary stages of securing three procurement bids for this work, as required by the Vermont Historic grant. It's not clear if this work can be completed this year, but

we will see. If it's not done this year, then hopefully we can commence next spring.

Once the exterior window work is complete, we will then be able to install new protective coverings (not covered by grant funds). Out of three bids, the SiSP team selected and the Vestry has approved using Acme Glass of Burlington for this portion of the project. The particular protective coverings they install are often used in historic preservation projects and will be sure to best display our newly restored stained glass windows! No more cloudy coverings!

One last grant application has just been submitted to the Vermont Community Foundation in an effort to secure additional funds for the project not covered by the Vermont Historic and Diocese grants. If we are not awarded the VCF grant, we project that we will need to raise a little over 14K to complete the entire stained glass windows project. In that case, we are hoping that fundraising and congregational support can see us through to the end of this exciting project!

Kudos to the SiSP team for moving this project forward and to the Vestry for its continued support.

Excerpt from Josie Chauvin's contribution to St Paul's new blog:

Our Sunday School Donates to the Episcopal Relief Fund

By Josie Chauvin

Towards the end of November 2018, our Sunday school at St. Paul's Episcopal church decided to help the [Episcopal Relief Fund](#). The Episcopal Relief fund is an organization that you can raise or give money to and the money goes to buy an animal or shares for poor families in other countries.

Every Sunday after the Sunday school class gave our report to the congregation of what we did that day, we told everyone how much money we raised so far.

On January Sixth we decided to count it all for the last time. All of the money added up to one hundred sixteen dollars and eighty-one cents. After looking at the Episcopal Relief Fund website a few times we decided to buy two goats for eighty dollars each.

Go to the blog to read the whole article.
<https://www.saintpaulsvergennes.org/blog>



Front: Maddie Back: Lou, Molly, Josie, Henry, Del, Ben, and Sam. Off to spend what they collected for the John Graham shelter.

To see the pictures in color, go to St. Paul's website: www.saintpaulsvergennes.org or look on the Parish hall door.

Important Announcement:

There will be a single 9AM service throughout the month of August. This 9AM service is a departure from the 8AM and 10AM services that we all know and love. Please mark your calendars with this important change!

There are several reasons why we made this change in August:

- 1) August is the first month that St. Paul's will be without a full-time Rector, as Alan's last day of employment at St. Paul's is July 31. We have yet to work out details of supply priests.
- 2) We will not have an organist for three Sundays in August, as Judy Woods will be on holiday August 11, 18, and 25.
- 3) It's the height of summer travel, and we may have fewer people around to help out.

Because of the above, your Vestry decided that a single service at 9AM would be the easiest solution for the month of August. It's possible there may be some alternate music on Sundays when we don't have an organist, but, as of this writing, we do not have anything planned. It's also possible we just have a "said service" for all of August, but, as of this writing, that decision has not been made either. One positive is that perhaps the 8AM and 10AM parishioners can share some time together.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate our transition at St. Paul's.

The Vestry

A note from our Senior Warden

Your Vestry continues to discuss the various duties Fr. Alan has assumed as our priest and how we will continue life at St. Paul's as we go through our transition. First and foremost, we need to assure all parishioners that services will continue and that we are gathering lists of ministries, activities and administrative tasks that we have taken for granted because Fr. Alan has just done them. You will read another entry from Bo Price about Sundays in August. The Vestry voted to only hold one service on Sundays in August at 9:00 AM. This is not a permanent change, so please read future Epistles and Bulletins for future schedules.

So what does Fr. Alan do that we may take for granted? Well, many things. He prepares the weekly bulletins, which provide the guide we all rely upon to keep up with the service: psalms, hymns,

readings.... He also retrieves the mail, answers the phone, and even meets with fire protection services to make sure our fire extinguishers are up to code. Did you know he turns on (and off) the heat, he often shovels our walkway, weeds our gardens and even mows our lawn? Who will do these tasks while we are in transition? It will take “a village” and we would love to hear from you if you have a particular talent, a few free moments or a desire and energy to see that our grounds are well-kempt.

Regarding the journey to find a new priest, we are beginning weekly phone meetings with Canon Lynn Bates to assist us with initial discussions and to guide us as we hone in on our needs, wants and desires for new priestly leadership. I hope to provide more details on our journey in future Epistles. Vestry members Nan Guilmette, John Stroup, Rebecca Chauvin and I will start these conversations but we expect to then turn this over to a small committee which will and SHOULD include other members of our parish. If this is of particular interest to you, I encourage you to reach out to any of us.

Meanwhile, please join me in expressing our sincere and deep gratitude for the service and friendship we have all enjoyed with Fr. Alan. He will forever be a part of St. Paul’s and for that, Praise the Lord!

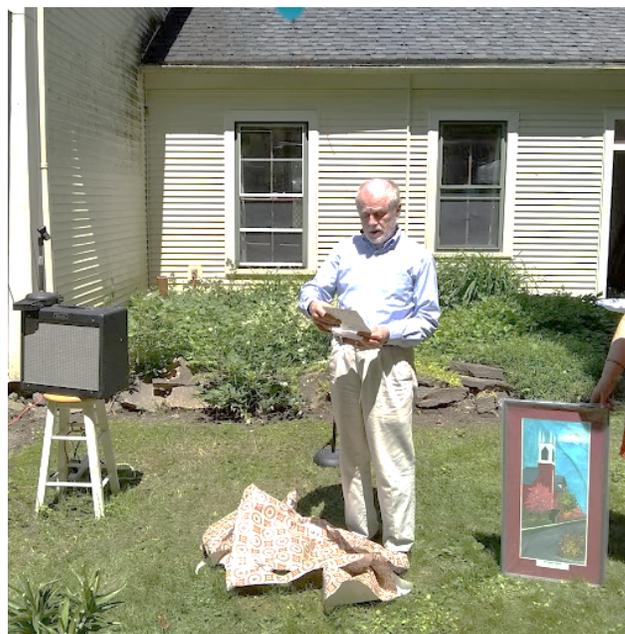
In your service,
Sarah Cowan, Senior Warden



Father Alan’s last Sunday with us will be July 28th.
June 23rd the church held a picnic pot luck, gift

giving appreciation day in honor of Alan, who has been our priest for 11 years. The Sunday school made a poster delineating some of Alan’s gifts by assigning a characteristic to each letter in his name. Well done kids.

The church presented him with a plaque to be mounted in the church and at the picnic he received a print of St. Paul’s painted by former parishioner Claire Clay, and a Vermont state flag.



July 2019 CALENDAR FOR ST. PAUL'S

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>In August there will be just one nine o'clock service</p> 	1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 	5 8pmAA	6 9am-2pm Peasant Market at St. Stephen's, Middlebury
7 4th Pentecost 8am Eucharist 9:55 Childcare/Crafts 10am Eucharist, 11:15am Coffee Hour 5-6:30 pm Community meal- St. Peter's Church 7pm Taize Evensong at Cathedral 7pm AA	8	9	10 11:30 am Clergy luncheon	11	12 8pmAA	12 5-6:30 pm Supper (cold turkey & salads) at United Methodist Church (supports outreach)
14 5th Pentecost 8am Eucharist 9:55 Childcare/Crafts 10am Eucharist, 11:15am Coffee Hour 7pm AA	15	16	17	18	19 8pmAA	20 Deadline for Aug. newsletter. Send material to Diane Merrill at dnm@gmavt.net
21 6th Pentecost 8am Eucharist 9:55 Childcare/Crafts 10am Eucharist, 11:15am Coffee Hour 7pm AA	22 <i>Feast of St. Mary Magdalene</i>	23 6:30 pm Vestry meeting	24 10:30am Morning Prayer at Residential Care Home	25 <i>Feast of St. James the Apostle</i>	26 8pmAA	27
28 7th Pentecost 8am Eucharist 9:55 Childcare/Crafts 10am Eucharist, 11:15am Coffee Hour 7pm AA	29	30	31			

St. Paul's July 2019 Sunday Chart

If you cannot serve on the day shown please arrange to switch Sundays with someone. Thank you.

MONTH July	Flower Guild	Child Care	Coffee Hour	Counters	Chalice/ Crucifer _____ Acolyte	Greeter	Lector	Readings
4th Pentecost 7	Mary Gordon	Stroups	Nan Guilmette & Sarah Stroup	Cricket Laidman Bo Price	Tim Earle _____ Maddie Stroup	Lee Martel	Tim Earle	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-8 Galatians 6:1-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
5th Pentecost 14	Anne Sevee	Guilmettes	Lenore Morse & Kim Hatgen	Stephen Lowe Nate Guilmette	Tim Earle _____ Louisa Guilmette	Steve Lowe	Bob Laidman	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-9 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10: 25-37
6th Pentecost 21	Nan & Louisa Guilmette	Manginis	Rebecca Chauvin & Bo Price	Mary Gordon Kim Hatgen	Chris Hale _____	Lee Martel	Nan Guilmette	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42
7th Pentecost 28	Mary Beth Hamilton	Hales	Chris Hale	Jeff Mangini Lenore Morse	Judy Langeway _____	Mary Gordon Lenore Morse	Steve Lowe	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-19 Luke 11:1-13

*Please remember that next month (August) there will be just one service at 9:00 o'clock.

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