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It's an extraordinary honor — and one which I do not take lightly — to be giving this Annual Report in this our 150th anniversary year. ... Understanding where we come from positions us to face the future with optimism, as we contemplate the next 150 years of Anglo Catholic witness, mission, and ministry.

Last year I said that Annual Reports cannot crumble into litanies of thanks — the danger of thanking is that somebody is always forgotten. So let me simply say that we have so much for which to be thankful. And I am grateful for you, for each one of you. I am grateful for your presence, enthusiasm, and good spirit. Jesus told us to care for sheep and feed sheep and love sheep — not count them. And so I am grateful too for the quality of relationships that I see in this place, for people who not only love this temple, but also love each other. The work of loving is not always easy. Christian community is one of the greatest blessings and greatest challenges. Yet this is, to me, one of our greatest strengths.

Now let me immediately contradict myself by thanking two groups of people. First, our honorary assistant clergy. Fathers Lewis, McQuin, Pham and Anderson are the very best I have ever had the privilege to serve alongside. They are very different, and in very complementary ways. What we



THE REV'D RICHARD WALL

offer here day-by-day could not happen without them. I also add to this list our seminarians — Deacon Paul, David, and, very shortly, Eric.

My second group of people: our staff, paid and unpaid. Again, they are the very best I have ever worked with, both lay and ordained. Their gifts are different, and their gifts are extraordinary. We are lucky and we are blessed. Each works well beyond their contracted hours. Each sacrifices vacation leave. Each could be making far more money for far less effort someplace else. What I see in our staff is a sense of vocation, evidence that they are here and doing what they are doing for this is how God has directed and led them.....

Now let me say a few words about challenges we face that are, at heart, the challenges every other par-

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ish faces, typically boiling down to the passing away of a particular generation who were rock solid in their Sunday morning resolve, and gave time, talent, and treasure.... Some of our challenges are financial. We have a very significant budget shortfall in 2017 — projected expenses exceed projected income by \$158k. And the Vestry for very good and wise reasons chose to plug the gap using unrestricted legacies. But that cannot become the norm. I'm aware that in years gone by more money was available, and it is disturbing and disquieting for that money to have gone.

Perhaps partly the key is our own expectations about certain programs — a certain quality of program — a certain rhythm to our week. None of these expectations are bad or wrong, but we must be self-aware, aware that of course we could run this place on less money but that there would be have to be changes. ...

My point is this: even with less, still we have more than most. We are blessed, and we must be grateful. And we need to be aware that our challenges are wider and more interesting than simply dollars and perhaps even full of opportunity and potential, that we have a purpose and a reason and a mission that are more important — more significant — than ever.

A few months back I encountered research ... into the scarcity mindset and behaviors which generally follow.... The point of the research is this: people need to see how not having enough — or suddenly having less — can make us so focused on short term solutions, that we lose sight of long term priorities.

And the answer begins with recognizing that we are suddenly stuck inside a tunnel — or that we see a big black hole all around, rather than a vision of God's Kingdom, the New Jerusalem, shining brightly ahead, illumining our path....

Perhaps the future begins with examining our perspective, our corpo-

Anglo-Catholicism does not begin and end in the glory of Solemn Mass, or big choirs, or feast days. It began in the Word made Flesh. It continues in that same Word being made flesh in our own hearts and souls, in our own Eucharistic devotions, in making our confessions regularly, in our stewardship, and in our own offerings of time and talent and treasure.

rate emotional mindset, reframing questions, and keeping our eyes open for the blessings of serendipity. Being thankful for all that we have and asking how God calls us to use all that He has given.

...The question that we face is about our identity, and what it means to be an Anglo-Catholic parish. There is a gap between words and actions, and so we hear over and over again of the value of the daily Mass or the corporate pride we have in our Grate Patrol ministry.

And yet these are the ministries we support the least, outside a small group of dedicated souls. I recently heard this described as “the ministry of representation” but it is no longer enough to simply like an idea: we need to walk the walk. We need to make a commitment. And this connects with the resources question as we fund programs, services, ministries that are not then supported.

The bottom line is this: Anglo-Catholicism is not just about what your church does at certain times of the day. It is not just about filling out a pledge card. It is not just about knowing that somebody else is attending early Mass or buttering bread or handing sandwiches to the poor in the name of your parish. It is about you and your own soul. It is about your own spiritual practices and disciplines — your own surrender of self, your own sacrifice. Anglo-Catholicism does not begin and end in the glory of Solemn Mass, or big choirs, or feast days. It began in the Word made Flesh. It continues in that same Word being made flesh in our own hearts and souls, in our own Eucharistic devo-

tions, in making our confessions regularly, in our stewardship, and in our own offerings of time and talent and treasure. It begins in our own participation in feeding the hungry and bringing relief to the poor. And, dare I say, it begins in our discipline, our sacrifice, our stewardship, our fasting. Someone said to me recently: if we want to grow up first we must grow down — we must grow deeper — we must find our own spiritual renewal and transformation.

I believe that we have something here that is not only necessary and essential for each one of us, not only something close to our hearts and souls. We have something that can transform lives, something that this world needs — an oasis of holiness in the midst of a city with so much stress and despair. We have a tradition that neither condemns nor banishes, but affirms our humanity, rejoices in the presence of goodness and takes our souls and lifts them to the gates of heaven to a place where we find peace, understanding, and a vision of what this world could be. This is where I want our eyes to turn to, to the energy and evangelism that burn at the heart of Anglo-Catholicism, turning our eyes, lifting our eyes to the Vision Glorious.

We have all that we need. Look around you. Think back to your own experiences here, to the first time you entered this shrine, to the moments you felt yourself change, felt yourself experience Christ, know Christ in ways you never asked or imagined. So now we must turn our eyes. We must shift our perspectives. We must steer our gaze away from ourselves, and outside

towards the world, to people who do not know the light of Christ. ...

Setting our eyes to the future, setting our eyes to transformation, requires honesty and sacrifice. Looking to the future honestly and sacrificially means that if we want to consider change, development, transformation, then we also need to ask what we are willing to leave behind. We have to be willing to accept that we cannot be all things to all people — that’s not the vocation of this place, or any church. We need to fix our gaze to the two, three, four things that we do well, that show life and growth and vibrancy and put our energy there. What are we willing to surrender if we desire newness? ...

Let me suggest some key themes and possible steps for this next stage of our journey.

First, we fully embrace our Anglo-Catholic identity. We have something here that cannot easily be found elsewhere. I am referring to our liturgy, to Elizabethan English sacred music, to a rhythm of worship, to high and holy feasts that we keep on their proper day, to a place where I can call August 15th “The Assumption” and December 8th “The Immaculate Conception”, and to a church that finds its method and meaning in a small golden box in a Tabernacle, to a church that knows that here in our midst is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. A presence that brings us to our knees, that fills our hearts with joy and gladness but then pushes us out into the streets to find that same Real Presence in those who struggle — in the poor, the hungry, those in desperate need — and there sends us once

again to our knees in joyful service.

The whole point of this holy rhythm is to shape our days and disturb our lives. God demands our very best each and every day and not only occasionally or twice a month. And so — even through our hot and sleepy summer months — our rhythm will continue — daily Mass, Sundays 7:45am, 9am, 11:15am, 6pm. This is our witness to the world.

A number of you have asked about service times. I have no immediate plans to change Sunday Mass times, although I recognize that there is value and inevitability in that conversation. ...I can make similar points about our weekday Mass schedule. With 1.6 priests on staff plus honorary assistants we can maintain a daily 7am mass. However, if we were ever to move to 1 priest only on staff the Monday through Saturday schedule would have to reduce and/or change. ...It may be that as circumstances evolve we at least contemplate a variety of times for daily Mass, that could even complement weekday Mass times at our sister parishes. It is important to me that as many of you as possible have some kind of weekday Eucharistic devotion — the grace we receive from the Sacrament is something that we should deeply desire; something that will change you within; something which I want to ensure is accessible and present for as many of you as possible.

Part of our Anglo-Catholic identity is a particular program of sacred music... This music is one part of our offering to Jesus Christ, and a part of the tradition in which we stand. The great composers wrote Masses to the glory of God and for particular liturgical contexts. Music to lift our souls out of life's weariness and despair, and gives us a foretaste of heaven. This is, if you like, the special vocation of church musicians.

And so it is that we operate a program to teach children the beauty and

power of sacred music — choral music. This is no mere parish affiliate — nothing separate to our life and witness. It is part of our mission and our commitment to forming young people in the knowledge and love of God. It is part of our responsibility in our own day to keep a tradition alive. ...And this program is flourishing.

I'm pleased to report that Dr. Smith has made connections with the music program and choir at BWS, and devising ways to make these connections meaningful and helpful to BWS students. And 20% of the proceeds of September's Music Gala will go to BWS and will, in part, help fund music scholarships for musically gifted boys who could not otherwise afford music lessons. I believe that we could make a tremendous difference in some young lives, by providing such opportunities.

This leads to my next theme: mission.. Our belief in the Incarnation demands that we work for the dignity of each and every human being. And the litmus test to the efficacy of our liturgy and music is our missionary zeal — do we leave here, and do we find Jesus?

You've heard me say before. The primary two purposes of any church are to proclaim the Gospel and to serve the poor. When you serve the poor or feed the hungry your life will change in unimaginable ways. Without a shadow of a doubt, you will be doing the work of God. ...

One of the jobs of parish leadership is to give you the chance to serve. All of us should be involved in some way in a ministry that looks beyond ourselves and beyond this place. I understand that Grate Patrol timing makes participation very difficult for some people. So I want us to think with passion and focus on what we can be doing additionally.... If you have a passion for the poor — let's talk. As with any other ministry we need people to step forward from the

pews and make a commitment to this church being a place where the hungry are fed and where Jesus can be found.

Let me say a word about formation — growing into the image or likeness of God, putting on Jesus Christ, as a lifelong quest and thirst. In addition to CGS and adult programs we now have a Thursday morning Atrium program for toddlers, started by Alison Winter. I want us to support that program in any way we can. Looking ahead, I hope we can see the return of some sort of Monday thru Friday day care or pre-school or Montessori program. ... What I would need is a group of parishioners dedicated to making this happen, to work with me and the vestry.

In terms of adult formation — looking ahead to the Fall, Fr Shawn is planning a series revolving around what is being called the “new” Oxford Movement. This would begin with some historical recapping, but then will look ahead to consider the value and difference Anglo Catholicism can and should be having today. This is about the present moment, the present day, and how all of *this* can change lives.

Several of you have talked with us about a study program focusing more on personal and individual formation. We are considering following our bishop's lead and using the Alpha Course in Lent of next year, especially as a version is available catering to more catholic tastes. This is not primarily a teaching-learning experience, but an opportunity to grow in the faith through small groups over a number of consecutive weeks. I'd be interested to hear any thoughts you may have about this possibility and, as always, to make this happen we will need a dedicated group of lay people who will work to make this a success, and be willing to take leadership roles.

One of the most important steps we need to take is a greater emphasis and strategic focus on evangelism...

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Evangelism is one of our primary responsibilities, and it must become one of our primary intentions. I've heard it called Sacramental Evangelism — our call to lead our sisters and brothers to salvation in Jesus Christ through the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar; our call to proclaim the Catholic faith boldly our call; our privilege, our joy. It is an invitation to dive beneath the minutiae, move beyond our own wants and needs and interests and egos, move beyond party politics and division and rediscover the apostolic faith. To return to the teachings of our fathers in the faith and prioritize worship and liturgy, spirituality, the quality of our individual lives of prayer and social justice based firmly on our faith in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, perfectly God and perfectly man. It means teaching and modeling a discipleship that is disciplined and built on this apostolic faith but remains open minded, fair, imaginative, and generous. And it asks that we neither be defensive nor combative nor suspicious of our sister and brother Episcopalians, but rejoice in the diversity of this worldwide church we love dearly, and be at all times a people of peace.

This kind of evangelism asks that we make our identity explicit — our catholic identity. It asks that we look back to our roots — both our own 150 years of witness, and also our roots in the Oxford Movement, as we understand where our identity and history now lead.

Anglo-Catholic identity, music, mission, formation, evangelism — do you see how often these topics intersect and collide? In a primary sense, each is just one aspect of the collective whole. We cannot speak of one with-

out also speaking of the other four. Perhaps this work of unifying ministry, of seeing the big, complete picture of our life and work in its many dimensions and angles and nuances — is one of our biggest tasks as we move ahead. Nothing here can be separate - nothing can be competitive - nothing can be detached — as this is all together simply our work of following Jesus.

And all, in a sense, help to answer the question of space. We have lots of it and lots of it spends lots of time completely empty... Much of what I have talked about has implications for the ways in which we use our space, and the possibilities and potential within our reach. Right now the clergy work out of sight - unless you are in the know, we are impossible to reach. The parish office is out of sight. I would like to bring us back down to the same level as everybody else so we would be somewhere out there. And then free up Carwithen for goodness knows what and what an exciting and optimistic discussion that could be. There is potential for new ministries or supporting other good work going on in this city. There is potential for new streams of income to support the overall mission and purpose of this place. Moreover, there is potential to bring this place to life Monday-Saturday. I do not believe that this quiet emptiness was the goal of your capital campaign or enormous building project. But that campaign gave us the most incredible gift and asset for ministry. It gave us a “real estate endowment”, if you like and we need to use it. This is a conversation and exploration that I will be asking the vestry to engage with.

The wider question here, of

course, is how we open this temple to countless souls who hurry past outside. Right now they see the exterior of a church and doors that are always locked, outside of set mass times. Unlocking those doors would not only be a practical step forwards, it would, I think, be an important psychological, emotional, spiritual leap for this place. We believe that here Jesus lives and reigns. And we believe that the deepest desire of the human heart is finding Jesus. And we believe that Christ called his Church to life to do exactly that. Maybe some of you heard Canon Cooper talking about unlocking his church in Pontefract, opening it to his parish. It may be that some people wander in who disturb us. It may be that something gets taken. But this is surely what incarnational faith means, surely the most compelling, consistent witness of our tradition, that insistence on seeing the image and likeness of God in all his children, that insistence of being alongside the poor, that insistence on ministry in all the beauty and mess....

I believe this is an exciting time for our parish. There are challenges, yes, but also the most incredible spirit-filled opportunities. I do not see the big black hole. I see, and I hope you do too, a future beyond all that we could ask or imagine, rooted in our faith, the call of God, and the real presence here among us of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. At the end of the mass we hear that challenge over and over again *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord*: and all of this — vestries, annual meetings, property discussions, formation, mission — all that is just part of our answer to what is not just a call but also a question. How will we answer?

Sesquicentennial Finale!



Parishioners gathered on Sunday, June 25 on the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul to celebrate the close of St. Paul's sesquicentennial year. For the occasion, the 9:00 and 11:15 services were combined into a single Solemn Mass at 10:30. Almost 150 parishioners and visitors joined to mark 150 years of mission, worship, education and charity by the people of St. Paul's.

In his sermon, Fr. Richard noted that "perhaps the greatest lesson our Patron and his companion can teach is this: the grace of Jesus Christ is strong enough to lay aside our differences, dissolve enmity, forgive the bruises of the past and the wounds of history, and to work together in his name." They remind us that "the church can only be led by flawed humans. The church can only be led by the sometimes faithless, for they – like us — leave room for God to be God." Fr. Richard concluded by giving thanks "for a church built on and named after and dedicated to human weakness! Not a church built on perfection, not a church built on prudishness – but a church built on failure and error. A church that will never be a showcase for saints but, thank God, a hospital for sinners. A church that values perseverance and encouragement and courage. A church that real-

ly can speak a word of hope and grace and transformation to somebody like me."

After the service, the 150th Committee organized a festive luncheon reception in the atrium. Parishioners provided wonderful delicacies of all kinds. C.B. Wooldridge's team gloriously decorated the reception area throughout with balloons, banners, and garlands in the parish's colors of purple, red and gold.

To add to the festivities, the 150th Committee also included special activities for the children. Children blew bubbles and drew with chalk outside, played pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey, and delighted in a pinata. The pinata was the shape of a dog, and one 6-year-old pointed out that dogs can help take care of sheep, like the Good Shepherd. They also completed a scavenger hunt around the parish hall, looking for hidden bells and old photos, counting steps, and passing the peace with neighbors.

The event brings to a close the work of the 150th Committee. The committee members were Ann Korky, who served as chair, Susan Granum, Paul McKee, John Stowe, Linda Wilkinson, CB Wooldridge and Nancy Work. For the many sesquicentennial events, the Committee was also assisted by a host of volunteers – serving, bar tending, bringing food, clean-up, decorating.

At the reception, the Rector, on behalf of the whole parish, thanked the committee members for their work in recalling the parish's rich heritage as part of its ongoing ministry of restoring all people to God and to each other and in launching the parish on its second 150 years.



Come Holy Spirit!

Allison Winter

The children of St. Paul's closed out the program year with a special liturgy on Pentecost Sunday. We processed into the angel chapel between services and lit seven candles for the gifts of the Holy Spirit: awe and wonder, piety, wisdom, counsel, knowledge, strength, and understanding. Children chose one gift they would pray for a lit a candle from that gift.

We are so grateful for the gifts the children have shared with us all year in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, our children's formation program. They are so filled with awe and wonder, and it is a joy to read and contemplate scripture together, learn about

the church, sing, and create art. Thank you to everyone who supported us this year and the adult volunteers for Christian formation: Josef Simpson, Preston

Winter, Janet Wamsley, Megan Murton, Lindsay Raffetto, and Allison Winter.



Welcome Jonathan Gregoire, 2017-18 Organ Scholar

Jeffrey Smith, Director of Music

We are delighted to welcome Jonathan Gregoire as Organ Scholar, effective August 1 and extending for a period of twelve months. Jonathan comes to us from serving as (full-time) Organist and Associate Director of Music at St. Andrew UMC in Plano, Texas. He is a graduate of the Interlochen Arts Academy, Saint John's University and the University of Kansas and He holds a doctorate from Arizona State University. Most recently, Dr. Gregoire was awarded the Artist's Diploma from Southern Methodist University. Beyond his extraordinary musicianship, Jonathan brings to us an engaging personality and a strongly-expressed desire to become fully involved in the Saint Paul's community.

Our organ scholars are active in myriad ways, though their primary tasks involve accompanying the

choirs and playing solo literature to a very high standard. We offer young professionals an opportunity to observe and interact daily with parishioners, staff and clergy. An organ scholar is not a staff post, rather, an apprentice to the Director of Music.

I feel strongly that parishes like ours need to 'give back' to the next generation of church musicians. Within the Episcopal Church, music programs like ours risk isolation, even extinction. We therefore need to reach out in concrete ways to share the vitality of an ongoing tradition--particularly as we among only a handful of Anglo-Catholic parishes that continue to train young choristers.

Past organ scholars have come to us from Yale, Oberlin, and Indiana Universities as well as from Eton College; they have progressed elsewhere expressing gratitude to Saint Paul's their experience here. When Dr. Jona-

than Gregoire joins us this August, I am confident you will offer him your warmest welcome.



Dr. Jonathan Gregoire

Commission on Mission (CoM)

Annual Meeting Grate Patrol Report

Ann Korky

Grate Patrol is far and away the parish's single largest commitment to mission and outreach.

Annually, we fund, prepare and distribute over 20,000 nutritious breakfasts to people in need on the streets of downtown Washington. But the reality is that Grate Patrol is at a crossroads, and the parish as a whole will have to determine whether our community today has the will and capacity to sustain the program as it currently exists.

There are two sets of factors at play. The less critical is financial. As the written report notes, at an annual cost of \$25,000, Grate Patrol costs slightly more than the \$23,000 typically provided for mission in the parish's operating budget. Over the past decade, we have received varying amounts of outside funding, principally from the IMF. Those funds helped to cover the gap for Grate Patrol and also freed up some monies to supplement donations from individuals for the parish's other mission activities, both here in the city and abroad. The IMF has now decided that organizations that received grants

in 2016 cannot reapply for funding for three calendar years. The CoM planned for this contingency, and we have sufficient reserves to cover the cost of Grate Patrol both this year and next.

The more serious challenge is the human one. We looked in detail at what it takes to have everything in place each week to produce 400 brown bag breakfasts boxed and ready for delivery on Saturday and Sunday morning, and were staggered by the complexity of the process. We also realized that over time, the pool of people committed to active participation in Grate Patrol has shrunk. We are overly dependent on a handful of people, and the situation is no longer sustainable. We have identified some ways to simplify the buying process for the food and paper goods needed for Grate Patrol, but implementing those steps will depend on the willingness of additional volunteers to commit their time and talent.

Resolving these questions is something we will have to return to in the weeks ahead; our purpose today is simply to get them on the table.



CoM Allocations

As of June 2017

Ann Korky

As of June 2017, the Commission on Mission has approved the following donations to our standing ministry commitments other than **Grate Patrol** (which will be funded this year primarily from the mission allocation in the parish operating budget and gifts to the parish designated for "hunger/homeless") and the **Bishop Walker School** (which will receive 20% of the proceeds from the music gala).

Georgetown Ministry Center

\$1500, including the proceeds from the May hymn sing

St. Savior's School Zarka, Jordan

\$3000, including proceeds from the Good Friday collection

al-Ahli Hospital Gaza

\$1500, including the 10% tithe from the 150 Fund

St. Mary's Convent Luwingu, Malawi -

\$3000, entirely from an individual donation designated for foreign missions

At this point, it is unclear whether we will be able to make any additional donations to any of these ministries in 2017. The lack of IMF funding for Grate Patrol this year has impacted our ability to support these additional ministries. Though the amounts we were able to approve were significantly less than in recent years, we are pleased to have been able to direct meaningful donations to each of these long standing commitments. Thanks to all who made this possible.



He Brought Us Joy

Jeffrey Smith, Director of Music

Among the first faces I encountered at Saint Paul's was a smiling David Parker. David died on May 26, aged 85. In recent weeks I've often considered (and hummed to myself) one of David's favorite hymns, a poem of J.G. Whittier, set to the tune *Wiltshire*:

*I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
God's mercy underlies.*

*And if my heart and flesh are weak
To bear an untried pain,
The bruised reed he will not break,
But strengthen and sustain.*

*No offering of my own I have,
Nor works my faith to prove;
I can but give the gifts he gave,
And plead his love for love.*

*And so beside the silent sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.*

*I know not where his islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond his love and care*

[Hymnal 1940, no. 441]

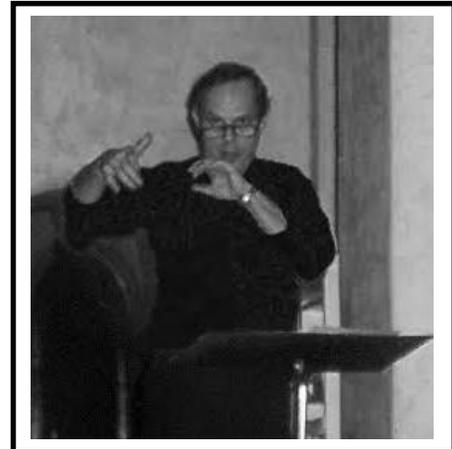
It's impossible for me to quantify in these pages the influence of David Parker within our community. A debt is owed. Like John Buchan, I hold that 'we can only pay our debt to the past by putting the future in debt to ourselves.' Newer parishioners will not have known David nor experienced his active involvement here over some thirty years. He was a pillar, yes, but hardly made of stone. So, let me share three aspects of his character to which I am indebted.

David Parker was particularly hospitable to the young and to those new to our tradition

He recognized that, for some visitors, our peculiar rituals and tastes were not mystical, merely mystifying. He piloted many over what might otherwise have been a bridge too far. Welcoming the uninitiated, David undertook his own brand of catechesis (sometimes eccentrically, it must be said). I saw him reach out in warmth to hesitant newcomers, to bewildered organ scholars, to wavering Methodists. David was so genuinely eager to share the delights of his church, he had no time for condescension. David had retired when we first met, and I mistakenly assumed he would resist or dismiss Radical Changes by the Young Turk. Hardly. He welcomed new repertoire. He advocated strongly for the Schoenstein organ. He was prime mover in re-establishing the men and boys choir and creating a girls choir. And he delighted in their progress, too. I would often overhear David sharing a quiet word with a chorister or parent, offering quantifiable praise (so much more useful than polite flattery). At their legendary choir parties, Dave and Betty made certain to honor the gifts and commitment of every singer, not just the stars.

David Parker walked the walk

For decades David volunteered to sing three choral services weekly, despite vagaries of health or tempting travel opportunities. In truth—and I imply no dishonor here—David didn't always keep calm while he was carrying on. Who could? There were matters which bothered him deeply about his Episcopal Church, about his parish, and yes, about his choirmaster. Particularly in the mid-nineties, David



nonetheless 'hung in' with those he disagreed with; his attendance and commitment never slackened. While not given to emotional self-revelation, David's measure and compass could be discerned, over time. He would ruminate, often expansively, about his beloved Saint Paul's: What makes it work, against all odds? Why are its musicians integrated within the larger picture of the parish? Why does it maintain these unfashionable, inconvenient disciplines? What hath Grate Patrol to do with Palestrina? "You see," David would grin, and then with a penetrating glance, "it all begins at the altar; and everything else we do here flows from there."

David Parker engaged in duty as a delight

For a liturgical singer at a place like ours, there are bound to be dry spells, desserts, even drudgeries. If David experienced these, he kept them to himself. He focused instead on the sheer enjoyment of sharing music. And sharing it as prayer. Resuming my work among you, I am indebted to David Parker's joyful example, and so too, recall R. L. Stevenson's admonition: *To miss the joy is to miss all.*



May and June Vestry Reports



Preston Winter

The Vestry held monthly meetings on May 23rd and June 19th. A summary of each can be found below:

May Vestry Meeting, May 23, 2017

At our May meeting, Fr. Richard began with the Rector's report, which included reference of his recent visit to England and Scotland. He also discussed upcoming visiting clergy and Bread for the Journey, which ended on May 24th. A combined mass for the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul will be held on June 25th, concluding the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Parish. Preparations were also being made for the Annual Meeting on June 17th.

The executive committee discussed the installation of the new parish bell, to be installed in late June, as well as a Music Gala, which is planned for September 29th. The vestry also discussed a mini-retreat on June 10th, to focus on the fundamentals of the strategic plan & vision/mission.

The Treasurer introduced her report, which included the receipt of some new pledges, and the Finance and Investment committee introduced a motion to approve the transfer of special endowment funds to the Diocesan Investment Fund. The Building and Grounds committee discussed repair of the Piscina.

Stephen Chlapecka then discussed the efforts made by the team to increase social media (Facebook & Twitter) activities. They have also reached out to a number of web developers to determine feasibility & cost of a revised website, to include changing the programming foundation of the website to make it easier to update and add content.

Ann Korkey discussed a report on the Grate Patrol, which is in a pivotal

moment and requires a renewed and expanded volunteer base to continue this core ministry. The purchase of food & supplies to be consolidated with a restaurant delivery service, but volunteers will be needed for this as well.

Finally, the Vestry discussed how the parish depends heavily on volunteer engagement and that we need to do more to recruit new people into various ministries (part of newcomers class / orientation?) and also thank those volunteers who give so much to the parish.

June Vestry Meeting – June 19, 2017

This month's meeting began with a discussion of the minutes and then moved to the election of Officers (Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Warden, Senior Warden). Remington Greg and Katherine Britton were nominated and confirmed to serve as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Jeanne Smith was confirmed as Junior Warden and Laurel Malson to continue as Senior Warden.

The Rector then reported on upcoming Vestry meetings as well as the Requiem Mass for David Parker, which will be held on Saturday, September 16th.

The Executive Committee then discussed the Parish Music Gala planning, which will begin on Thursday, June 22nd. Plans were also set for a July continuing discussion of the strategic vision and plans for the year(s) ahead. A proposal for an Organ Scholar was also introduced and approved, contingent on clarifications and approval of the letter of agreement. Following brief reports from the Treasurer, Finance and Investment Committee, and Buildings and Grounds, Gwyneth Zakaib introduced the Website Task Force Report, with a

recommendation to move forward to sign a contract for a website makeover. Benefits of a new and updated website would include improved editing abilities for a variety of ministry leads and staff, mobile device friendly browsing, and a more attractive and relevant home page.



Celebrating Our Young Graduates

Laura Schnorrenberg

Graduated from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School. Going to Champlain College this fall where she will study Game Programming.



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Alistair Coleman

Graduated from Walt Whitman High School, Bethesda. Going to The Juilliard School this fall to study Composition.



July/August ON K STREET

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AT ST. PAUL'S PARISH

JULY

1 Robert Slough	5 Mary Beth Bakke Richard Giarusso
3 Joseph Hobson	7 Michael Barrientos Michael Davis John O'Dowd
4 Christopher Ring	8 Marjorie Tweed
6 W. Page Dame	9 Roy Byrd
9 Sara Mixer	10 Oghenekevwe Ajueyitsi Marcia Stanford
10 William Glass Laura Schnorrenberg	11 Ernest Latham
11 Kathryn Killeen	13 Bernard Anderson John Evans Hardwick Johnson
13 Gillian Britton	14 Clay O'Dell
15 Anne Windle Christopher Wright	15 Alice Hord deMichaelis
16 Lucas Graves	16 Dennis Hensley Allison Mondel
17 Mattie Murnick	18 Anna Margaret Hanson Louise Oliver Rugel Chiriboga
18 Bill Gettys	19 William de Michaelis
19 Michael Vreeland Pamela Wright	22 Antoinette MacAlulay
22 David Boulet Hugh Gouldman	24 Percival Quintyne
23 Trevor Fortenberry	25 Edie Davis
24 Robin Meigel	26 Charles Fleming Michael Houdek
26 Kyle Babin George Eatman	30 Frances Eikel
28 Barbara Williams	31 Grant Hildebrand Elizabeth Locher

AUGUST

1 Matthew Britton
2 George Keeler
3 Hilary Malson



SPECIAL SERVICES/ MAJOR FEAST DAYS

The Assumption

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

6:45 a.m.: Morning Prayer

7:00 a.m.: Low Mass

5:45 p.m.: Evening Prayer

6:45 p.m.: Procession & Solemn Mass



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The Assumption, Tuesday, August 15

6:45 p.m. Procession and Solemn Mass



Francesco Botticini (1475-6) *The Assumption of the Virgin*