

Rector's Report to Parish Council  
October 28, 2014

1. Worship
  - (a) Children's stories:
    - i. based on feedback from churches I have avoided duplicating the OT lesson
    - ii. has been helpful to have them prepared – children have been present at least once in all three churches since the last PC meeting
    - iii. will discontinue in Advent as we'll have the Advent Wreath
    - iv. will re-consider for Epiphany season and Lent
  - (b) Messy Church: October cancelled as people were away; if November 22 has the same problem, will look at mid-week
  - (c) Advent and Christmas:
    - i. Lessons and Carols: dates confirmed (all evenings)
      - St. Mary's – Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> - unable to have brass quintet but may have pianist
      - Holy Trinity – Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>
      - St. Paul's – Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Will be selecting Advent Wreath liturgy soon – any feedback from previous years?
2. Parish situation
  - (a) St. Paul's: Lectio Divina has been withdrawn
  - (b) Holy Trinity: deferring work on Healthy Churches until SafeR Church is done!
  - (c) St. Mary's: “steady as she goes”
3. Pastoral Visits
  - (a) only eight people visited since last meeting, including telephone visits and hospital visits, more scheduled this week
4. Hospital & RK Ministry
  - (a) continuing to visit hospital most weeks
  - (b) RK and Hospital worship services next month
  - (c) still have to get over to RK to meet with Rev. Deacon Art Ryan who is now working there, and get a list of the Anglicans in residence
5. St. F/X Ministry
  - (a) attended Installation of President
  - (b) cancelled Lectio Divina
  - (c) will provide input to Chaplaincy Program official response to Presidential Task Force (which recommended revision)
  - (d) Coady Institute: participate in Coady Neighbours program; Gail from Antigua has been attending at St. Paul's
  - (e) tutoring Organic Chemistry through Tramble Rooms
6. Diocesan/Ecumenical work
  - (a) Regional Dean
    - i. primarily focused on Canso at the moment as they plan for ministry without a rector
    - ii. previous reference to working with the Bishop on ministry for the Eastern Shore was my misunderstanding – refers to Eastern Shore in a diocesan sense

- iii.** workshop on Change Management, touching on Conflict Management was a useful review – lots of materials provided
- iv.** Next Regional Dean meeting will be next week November 5/6
- (b)** Regional Council
  - i.** workshop was good – mainly people new to the process
  - ii.** preparing for next meeting – November 15
- (c)** will attend Remembrance Day service in Country Harbour Mines this year
- (d)** made a connection with Chief Prosper for Bayfield 2015 Blessing of Boats

Should we post these reports on the website?