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The Newsletter of the Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

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## St. Mary's Church

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## St. Stephen's Church

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December 2015 to  
February 2016

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**Deacon:** The Reverend Gil Shoesmith

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### Worship Services

#### Sundays

9:00 am, Choral Eucharist & Sunday School  
1st Sunday, Service of the Word

#### Third Sunday

7:00 pm Evening Prayer in the style of Taizé

#### Wednesdays

10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Friendship Coffee  
11:00 am Bible Study

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### Worship Services

#### Sundays

11:00 am Holy Eucharist  
and Church (Sunday) School  
4th Sunday, Praise & Worship in the Hall

#### Mondays

7:00 pm Bible Study

#### Tuesdays

11:00 am Prayer Group

#### Thursdays

Praise and Worship every fourth Thursday

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# Dates to Note

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Our Parish website – [ParishCS.ca](http://ParishCS.ca) – is the best place to keep in touch with what is going on, but here are significant dates to note for the next three months that we know of as of now.

## Christmas Events

- The **Saanichton Community Christmas** starts at St. Mary's on Dec. 5 at 9 am with a Pancake Breakfast and pictures with Santa.
  - **Soundings Vocal Ensemble** sings at St. Mary's on Dec. 6 at 2:30 pm.
  - **Cookeilidh Celtic Band** and the **O'Connor O'Brien Irish Dancers** will be at St. Mary's on Dec. 13 at 2:30 pm for a Sunday Serenade Celtic Yuletide concert.
  - **Crafts and Carols for Christmas** is at St. Mary's on Dec. 19 at 2 pm.
  - A joint service of **Lessons and Carols of Christmas** will be at St. Mary's on Dec. 20 at 10 am
  - **Vox Humana performs A Child's Christmas in Wales** at St. Mary's on Dec. 23 at 7:30 pm.
  - **Christmas Story & Communion** for the whole family will be at St. Mary's on Dec. 24 at 4 pm.
  - **Christmas Eve Holy Communion** will be at 8 pm at St. Mary's and at 10 pm at St. Stephen's.
  - **Christmas Day Holy Communion** will be at St. Mary's at 10 am.
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- The current Bible Study course ends at St. Stephen's on Nov. 30 and at St. Mary's on Dec. 2. But do not despair – on Wednesday Jan. 6 from 6 – 8:30 pm and for the following nine Wednesdays "**Dinner and Alpha**" will be presented at St. Mary's. Details on the Website.
  - **Taize** will be at St. Mary's at 7 pm on Jan. 17 and Feb. 21. (There will be no Taize in December.)
  - St. Mary's will have a **Thrift Sale** on Jan. 30, starting at 9:30 am.
  - On Feb. 6 and again on Feb. 20 **CPR courses** will be given at St. Mary's from noon to 3:00 pm.
  - The **Sunday Serenade Concert** on Feb. 7 at 2:30 pm at St. Mary's will feature Brad Prevedoros and his group Three Worlds.
  - There will be a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** at St. Mary's on Feb. 9 at 5 pm, and on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, Eucharist will be at St. Mary's at 10 am and at St. Stephen's at 7 pm.
  - A **Valentine's Day Dance** is planned for Saturday, Feb. 13 at St. Stephen's – check the website for further information.
  - The **Parish Vestry Meeting** (AGM) will follow a joint service at St. Mary's on Feb. 21 at 10 am.
  - **Vox Humana** is booked to give a concert at St. Mary's on Feb. 27 – check the website for further information.

# From the Rector's Desk

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**Y**ou may have noticed these three points in the bulletin each week, usually on the back page:

- Committed Learners – We nurture our faith and display the joy Christ gives us (Discipleship)
- Friendly Inviters – We invite our ‘neighbour’ to experience our parish family (Evangelism)
- Sacrificial Givers – We reach out to others (Outreach)

These three simple points came out of our parish vision process, and are meant to give us something to work towards as followers of Jesus Christ. With time, commitment and prayer, we will experience more growth in each of the areas and I’m happy to say that I’ve seen much growth already.

As ‘committed learners’ many of you have been taking part in weekly Bible study, either Monday nights at St. Stephen’s or Wednesday mornings at St. Mary’s. Some of you have asked about buying a study Bible for yourself; others have been pre-reading the lessons for Sunday and coming to the worship service prepared to go deeper into God’s word. You’ve been asking questions about how to live your faith and how best to show love for your neighbour.

As ‘friendly inviters’ many of you have been actively inviting friends and family members to join you at one of our parish events. At a recent community supper put on by the Saanichton Village Association, printed cards were given out with our Christmas season events and the

upcoming Alpha course.

As ‘sacrificial givers’ many of you have been involved in our efforts to help refugees immigrate to Canada. This parish has been instrumental in bringing together both individuals and Peninsula churches, all with the goal of helping to re-settle suffering people. We also continue to see many volunteer hours given to worthwhile causes, all to the glory of God.

It’s encouraging to see the people of St. Mary’s and St. Stephen’s growing in the areas of discipleship, evangelism and outreach. A church that’s committed to these areas is a church that’s committed to serving Christ joyfully, faithfully and sacrificially. Such a church serves God, not itself. It does what needs to be done to reach those who haven’t yet responded to the love of God in Jesus Christ. Such a church wants to grow in these three areas because it wants to serve Jesus and wants to see others come to know him too. This kind of church is ‘gospel shaped’ in what it believes and what it does. It’s a privilege to serve with you in this ‘gospel shaped’ mission.

Keep up the good work!

In Christ,



***Rev. Rob Szo***  
***Rector, Parish of Central Saanich***

## Highlights of projects within our Parish and as Outreach

### ***This is a refugee story***

*Rob's neighbour Liza, and her cousins are on our prayer chain, and this is taken from what she has told Rob.*

**M**y Cousin Hagop and his wife Anni have been living in Damascus through the war for five years. They have two children aged 7 and 6. Although they continue with their daily routine as much as they can, there is no safe place as rockets are dropped randomly at different times and places. The country has been ruined by ISIL/ISIS, leaving abandoned demolished homes and lives of the Syrian people. The President is still in his palace surrounded by his soldiers while the rockets still come where my family lives. I speak with them on Skype as often as I can. The electricity is very random. They need generators to operate the water pumps for drinking, washing and laundry. They often have sandstorms, which means they have to stay inside in the dark and heat. There is limited food and gasoline, the price of everything has escalated, and the value of the Syrian Dollar has dropped so low it is impossible to buy everyday basic things like bread, vegetables and eggs. They have powdered milk, rice, lentils, noodles, dry pasta, etc. Hagop will sometimes go into Damascus to find fresh vegetables farmers might have brought in.



When I was speaking with them I heard a strange noise – a rocket had fallen two buildings away from their home. The children have started school, so Anni stays with her Mom as it is closer to school for the kids, and not spending too much time outside. When they hear the bombs everyone stays inside, sometimes for days until it is safe. Even though you think you are in a safe place, there are tiny bullet rockets that enter your home. My cousin showed me on Skype the hole in their window where a rocket had come in when they were out. They put an “Angry Bird” sticker over the hole. And we complain when it rains here!

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I am trying to start their sponsorship papers to bring them to Canada. But it is very involved, as they need Syrian Passports. The President of Syria wants to provide Syrian passports to those with Lebanese passports in the hope they will vote for him.

Please pray for their safety and health while they continue trying to go to school, work, and get groceries, fuel and water. Every time they leave home they have faith God will protect them. God willing, they might be able to come here and make a new life with me here in Brentwood Bay.

## **The Pastoral Care Project**

Scripture explains that by bearing and sharing each other's burdens we fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal 6: 2) This is the supreme imitation of Jesus, the ultimate bearer of all burdens of mankind. Sharing another's life struggles is the way Christians are called to live. We (the "strong") have a responsibility to strengthen those who need our assistance and support instead of living to satisfy our own desires. (Rom 15: 1 – 2)

Hence, our formation of small groups of Prayer & Care for each other. From the original explanatory letter of this Project accompanying the annual Thanksgiving communication, it was followed by the volunteering of group leaders and the formation of the groups, leading to the Advent action of commencing the goals of praying for each other and being the individual eyes and ears of the Parish for possible pastoral care needs. We become living expressions of the affections of Christ Himself, to help others through life's challenges and ensure that no one is ever isolated in any suffering or pending need.

By sharing in the struggles of others, we model the Love of Christ. "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." (Isaiah 53: 4) No matter how pressing the need one faces, we pray that no one ever has to face it alone. We can endure so much more together than we can endure alone. To the Glory of God.

***Rev. Gil D. Shoesmith, Deacon***

***Pastoral Care Committee: Sue Smith, Shirley Rainey,  
Eva Townsend, Marjorie Lord, Jenny Jenner, Mike Dyer***



# Parishioner Profile: Roy and Susan Pullan

by John Smith

Although now a long way from Yorkshire, Roy and Susan have that comfortable self-sufficient way about them that one associates with folk from there. Roy was born in Shipley, north of Bradford, while Susan came from “the birthplace of the Brontes”, Thornton, a farming community west of Bradford. As a small boy during the war, Roy was briefly evacuated to St. Andrews, Scotland, as the Bradford railway was a target (“they missed and hit the department store instead”). Susan, born during the war, didn’t evacuate anywhere – she vaguely remembers hiding under the kitchen table during some bombing.

After Grammar School, a brief time at a Technical College and a look at being a police cadet, Roy enrolled as an apprentice mechanic and found what he wanted to do. While Roy’s family was not churchgoing, Roy’s friends had got him to go to the Church Youth Group, where there were games, sports, dances and bus trips. It’s a good thing they did, because, when he was



17, this 15 year old girl from Thornton Village Church School came to a church do, and although it took them eight years to get around to it, they got married at the church in Thornton in 1964.

During some of those eight years, Roy did his National Service, spending time at Air Traffic Control in Preston where he had three days on and four days off, “enjoying himself in Blackpool”, says Susan, while she was training to be a hairdresser. The Pullans then moved to Doncaster where Roy got a job at a Dodge truck dealership working on trucks for Lincolnshire potato farmers, and Susan worked as a hairdresser in Leeds until their daughter Vicky was born in 1966. The main cultural difference they noticed was that, while in Shipley everyone was called “Love”, in Doncaster everyone was called “Duck”.

One day in 1968 Roy “had a bad day at work” and they decided to move to Canada. They had been thinking about New Zealand, but they had (still have) a friend who told them that in Vancouver “the streets are

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paved with gold and it never snows.” The immigration office said there were all kinds of jobs for skilled people. It turned out to be way more difficult. Roy found that to get a job you had to be in the union, and to get in the union you had to have a job. His qualifications were not recognized, and the lingo in the automotive business was different, so he had to take exams. After six weeks of pounding the streets, Roy got a job rebuilding Chrysler engines, which was not what he was trained to do. And to top things off, there was record snow in the winter of 1968-69!

Then Roy moved to GM Kerrisdale, which was fine until the dealership folded. That evening Roy told Susan he had lost his job, and she told him she was pregnant! They say that if they had had the money they probably would have headed back to England.

Then things got better. They moved to the Island when a job became available at the Victoria dealership which ultimately became Wheaton's. Roy spent a happy 34 years there – very happy as long as he wasn't part of management. The Pullans rented a house in Langford where Craig was born in 1971, and then started looking to buy a house. Roy had three cars he was working on, so he sold two of them to make the \$1,000 down payment on a house on Martha Crescent. Susan was a stay at home mum,

doing volunteer work at the Pearkes Clinic for handicapped children. When Craig was 12, Susan requalified as a hairdresser and acquired and happily ran a hairdressing business for five years in Oak Bay, where the clientele were “older and not trendy”. Susan worked at another hairdresser's for a further 5 years before she retired.

In 1972, Roy took a Camosun course which included sailing dinghies on Elk Lake and became hooked on sailing. He soon was crewing in races at weekends, including the Swiftsure. Susan was happy he was doing this, and he looked forward to his roast beef and Yorkshire pudding upon getting back home. They bought the 24 ft. “Flying High” and won the Saltspring Island Race, then moved up to the 28 ft. Raggles, (named after their favourite English pub). Roy was evidently very competitive when sailing, and there was a small mutiny by Susan when ordered to “leap off and get those lines”.

In 1977, Roy and Susan bought a house on Cedar Hill Road with acreage and took out a big mortgage. Suddenly mortgage rates hit 20%, and they were struggling. Roy taught night school at Camosun to make ends meet. However everything worked out when they teamed up with the neighbours and the extra land was subdivided and sold, providing them with a bit of a nest egg. They lived there for 17 years, and after

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a time on Hollyhill Place in the Arbutus area, Roy finally officially retired, and they “downsized”, moving to Jedora Drive near Butchart gardens to be nearer the boat, which was in Sidney.

But boating was not to be, as Roy had a heart problem which was unexpectedly discovered while doing a treadmill test, which left him in the hospital with a truck full of garden refuse in the parking lot! Although Roy has no boat, he does have five stents! Earlier on, Susan had had a brush with cancer, but they both remain in good health.

There was to be one final move, to their lovely home just across from the Marigold Nursery, where they have lived for two years now. They weren't really thinking of moving, but Susan, on a whim, saw an Open House sign, and loved what she saw. Roy reluctantly went along with this, and was putting a for sale sign up at the Jedora Drive house when a couple drove by, came to look at the house and bought it that day! The Ferguson Road house needed work, so Susan became an expert at drywalling!

Another passion in Roy's life is old English cars, particularly the Morris. Roy gave Susan one as a Christmas present before they were married, and the one he has now (which you may have seen at the Wine Festival) was salvaged from a field where it was being used as a compost

box! They had a Jaguar, which just about bankrupted them, and there is also a Rover which they have used to go round B.C. on the Old English Car Club biennial trip.

To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Roy and Susan went to visit the villages they grew up in. For Susan it was a pleasure to see her family home and church were still there, but for Roy it was a bit of a shock to find Shipley has a Pakistani community, with lots of pink and blue houses, and the church now an Islamic mosque.

For many years the Pullans went to St. Peter's and then St. Luke's. When they moved to Brentwood Bay, after a bit of shopping they chose St. Mary's because everyone was so friendly. It wasn't long before Maureen Cooper persuaded Susan to join the Altar Guild, and now of course Susan and Roy are to be found helping out wherever needed, including crafts, coffee hosts, greeting and special events. In addition to all that, Susan bowls, swims and walks, and is in a book club with some other St. Mary's folk. And Roy curls, not very well, he says. One of their favourite activities is “Granddog sitting”! We are blessed to have this couple, always available to give a hand, and quietly enriching our church family.



## From our Primate Archbishop Fred Hiltz

*Archbishop  
Hiltz focused  
on a feeling  
of “great  
hopefulness”*

Centred on the theme “You Are My Witnesses,” General Synod 2016 will include a host of resolutions from CoGS and church committees, not least among them the proposed change to the marriage canon that would allow the blessing of same-sex marriages. Noting that the draft resolution would also contain a conscience clause for bishops, dioceses and priests who choose not to participate in or authorize the marriage of same sex couples, the Primate said that the whole Anglican Communion, not just the Canadian church, would be following developments closely.

Archbishop Hiltz singled out the church’s response to the Indigenous call as a major element of the next General Synod, which would evaluate where the ACoC is more than two decades after the 1994 Covenant as well as its position coming out of the 2015 Sacred Circle, which called for the creation of a fifth ecclesiastical province.

Reflecting on the current state of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Hiltz focused on a feeling of “great hopefulness” that he saw manifesting itself in many different ways. Among the biggest sources of hope were the closing ceremonies for Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which took place in Ottawa in June.

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### **A Message from the Wardens and Treasurers:**

Eight St. Mary’s people and several at St. Stephen’s have arranged to make their regular donations by way of the Electronic Collection Plate. We encourage you to consider this. For information on this, speak to Leslie or Jen.

# 2015 Wine Fest

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Photos by John Beresford and Don Wilson



# 2015 Wine Fest



**Below:** What are they saying?



# Stories From St. Stephen's Cemetery

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## A Fatal Accident at South Saanich....

By David Scarth & Ruth MacKay

Not long ago an elderly gentleman visiting the cemetery stumbled on a raised gravestone and nearly fell to the sidewalk nearby...it could easily have been a serious accident. The grave marker is one of twelve identical cement markers in our cemetery which were installed in the late 1800s. They were intended as a temporary means of identification and inscribed only with the occupant's first and last name and the designation, PIONEER. That these twelve markers are still in our cemetery would suggest that the person was either single when he or she passed away or died leaving a spouse without means. Of the twelve Pioneers, our burial records show that three were accidentally killed and four died of tuberculosis, or consumption as they called it in those days. One old bachelor was murdered and his farmhouse in North Saanich burned to the ground....but that's a story for another time.



The troublesome marker as shown here belongs to JOHN VENN, PIONEER. He was born in Dulverton, Somerset, England in 1829. The 1841 England Census lists John Venn and Benjamin Cundie, both age 12, as agricultural labourers living in a workhouse. As there is no mention of John's parents in the '41 census it would suggest that he was an orphan. In 1841 Benjamin's father Joseph was a shoemaker without work in industrialized England and living in poverty. The England census for 1851 and '61 show the pair as workhouse inmates but by the mid '60s both John and his friend

Ben had struck out for Canada in search of a better life in the West. Ben found a job with William Turgoose who owned 500 acres in South Saanich, north of Victoria, where he raised purebred horses

and bred Durham or Shorthorn cattle. John was hired on as a farm hand by Henry Simpson, a neighbour of William Turgoose.

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Simpson was one of the earliest pioneers to establish a homestead in South Saanich. He was also a founding member of St. Stephen's Church and is buried in our cemetery. He was from Kent and following employment as a baker with the HBC at Fort Victoria in the late 1850s he and his wife Adelaide bought land at the intersection of Mount Newton Crossroad and East Saanich Road, in the village of Saanichton today. In 1859 the Old East Road, as it was called, connected the road from Victoria to Elk Lake with the hamlet of Deep Cove, now in North Saanich. In 1860 Simpson mortgaged his land, one of the first businessmen in BC to do that, and built the Prairie Tavern at the 'crossroads', which catered to "travellers and wayfarers or anyone else who wished for a drink or a good meal". By 1870 Henry owned and operated a stage coach service to Victoria and also carried the mail, some of which was delivered by his daughter Emma after school.

About this time, two pioneer farmers in Deep Cove, William Towner and Isaac Cloake were growing hops for the Victoria breweries. Henry Simpson and his son-in-law, Jim McIlmoyle who farmed on what is the Victoria Airport's land today, were taking a

chance on barley — the three Victoria-based breweries would take all they could produce. With his years of experience in agriculture John was now in charge of Henry's farming operations. He was a bachelor and a bit of a loner and took a room at the Tavern where he could be found most evenings enjoying a pint of strong draft cyder, usually in the company of his close friend Ben Cundie.

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### **Fatal Accident at South Saanich.**

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PRAIRIE TAVERN, SOUTH SAANICH  
[Oct. 29, 1873.]

EDITOR COLONIST:—Dear Sir, I have to inform you of a lamentable accident which occurred yesterday forenoon. They were removing the threshing machine from my rented farm in South Saanich to Mr. Jas. McIlmoy's, when the horses ran away with my hired man, Mr. John Venn, who was unable to hold them; they ran for about 150 yards and then upset the wagon, with a weight of about half a ton over his body. He spoke a few words after the accident, stating at first that he was not much injured; but afterwards said that his ribs were broken. He died about 17 minutes afterwards. Yours, etc.

HENRY SIMPSON.

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# Stories From St. Stephen's Cemetery *continued*

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On a cold day in late October of '73 John and his crew had harvested the barley crop on Henry's rented farm on the East Road and faced the tough job of taking the threshing machine, which was on a wagon, to Jim McIlmoyle's place. Henry had hitched up four of his horses to handle the heavily-loaded wagon that morning and John knew there could be trouble as they had never pulled together before as a team. He would have to treat that first sharp bend in the road heading down into the valley with care, or there could be a fatal accident...this letter to the editor appeared in the Thursday Morning, October 30, 1873 edition of the British Daily Colonist.

Frank Barrow Gribbell was the vicar at St. Stephen's in 1873 and took the funeral

service for John Venn who was laid to rest beside the church on Saturday, October 31st. Most of the local farmers, including Thomson, Lidgate, McPhail and Simpson were there with their families; the harvest was over, the crop home and dry and this was a rare opportunity to socialize, despite the sombre circumstances.

Father Frank stood by as John's workhouse mate Benjamin Cundie filled in his friend's grave. Gribbell had traced his family back to the Vikings who had settled in Yorkshire in the 10th century and assured Ben that John had indeed been his true friend; the meaning of the Norse word 'venn' is friend.



## Soundings

*26 voices Directed by Denis Donnelly  
Pentatonic to The Pentatonix –  
Six Centuries of Vocal Music for The Season*

This year Soundings sings songs that capture the mystery and potency of this magical, dark time. We have songs from the Renaissance, from traditional roots in England and Scotland, Spain, and France, as well as contemporary settings by Morten Lauridsen, Benjamin Britten, and ... Pentatonix! And the usual Soundings surprises and much more! Be there!

**Sunday Dec. 6, 2:30 pm, St Mary's Anglican Church**  
Admission \$20; \$15 seniors and students

Tickets available at St. Mary's or from Sue and John at 250-652-5392

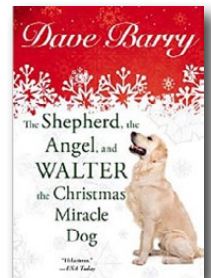
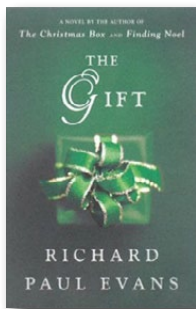
*'Tis the Christmas Season and I have a few books I think you will enjoy. Christmas stories are a "quick read" but are lovely when you have a few quiet moments.*

**The Handmaid and the Carpenter** by Elizabeth Berg is the story of Mary and Joseph. In the beginning we are introduced to Mary and her life in the village with her friends. Mary meets Joseph and they are betrothed. He is a skilled carpenter and he begins to build them a house. We know the next part of the story. The chapter on Mary's visit to Elizabeth brings to life the two pregnant women and their close relationship. After the birth of Jesus the story is about Mary and Joseph, their difficulties bringing up Jesus, their love for each other and their years of marriage. The story ends with the death of Joseph. I think the author did an admirable job of bringing these two Special People to life. I feel as if I have met them.



mother and her two children, Colin and Elizabeth. Colin has just had a treatment for cancer, he also has a heart problem, and they have no accommodation. Nathan has a suite and offers to share it with them. Colin advises his mother to accept, and there the real story begins. Nathan has a severe cold and during a severe bout of coughing Colin touches his shoulder. Nathan feels a surge of energy and later realizes he is cured of the cold and the Tourette's. The mother has been careful to keep Colin's "gift" a secret, and Nathan tells no-one how he has been cured. Unfortunately it is discovered and they are besieged in their house. This is a love story and also the story of this beautiful little boy, how he received his gift from heaven and how he sacrificed himself to help others.

Dave Barry has written a fun book about church Christmas pageants called **The Shepherd, the Angel and Walter the Christmas Miracle Dog**. If you have ever been involved in Christmas pageants, this will be a nostalgic read for you.



A chronicle of some of the recent events at St. Mary's and St. Stephen's

**A** Farewell Tea was held on Saturday, October 24 for **Joanne Walker**, the popular and talented pianist for St Stephen's. An enjoyable time was spent by members of the Parish as the ladies in the kitchen at St Stephen's made tea and ensured everyone was well fed, including a special cake to mark the occasion. Parishioners had a chance to not only visit but also share memories of the years Joanne has spent as part of the parish family. Our parting gift to Joanne was a purse the contents of which were not disclosed (!). We all wish her joy and God speed as she makes her home in Vancouver with family.



**Top:** John Beresford's Commer truck and below, Roy Pullan's Morris

Antique car buffs will be interested to know that two of our parishioners won prestigious awards on August 16 at the annual Vancouver Island Motor Gathering. **Roy Pullan** won the Best Prewar car for his 1939 Morris 8 and **John Beresford** won the Best Truck for his 1949 Commer Superpoise. These awards were made all the more significant because one of the judges was Rudi Konieczek, one of the world's foremost restorers of the Mercedes Benz 300SL Gullwing cars. Check out the web site: <http://www.motorgathering.com/> It's worth a look!

Another successful St. Mary's Thrift Sale was held on Saturday, September 26, of which 10% of the proceeds are committed to Outreach. These sales draw buyers from all over the Peninsula.

We are always interested in places our parishioners travel to, and this summer was no exception. **Lynn** and **Len Fallan** (St Mary's) spent several "memorable" weeks travelling in Hungary, the Czech Republic, Paris, Belgium and Holland. As for the "memorable" part, you'll have to ask them. And **Nancy Choat** (St Mary's) spent September travelling in England, staying with a friend in London and driving in Yorkshire (the Moors and Dales). A visit to Buckingham Palace on the day the Queen surpassed Victoria as the longest reigning monarch (September 9th) was a highlight of this very personalized trip.

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**Above:** Scenes from the Community Spaghetti Dinner

On Wednesday November 18, a Community Spaghetti dinner was held at St Mary's, a collaboration between St Mary's and the Saanichton Village Association, with all proceeds going to St. Mary's for outreach – all we did was provide the Hall and help with supper. With volunteers from the SVA, Brentwood Community Association, the local Girl Guides and the fantastic Knacker's Yard Celtic Band, the event was a sellout, with 80 tickets sold, and with 75% first time visitors to St. Mary's – a fun Community Event!

On October 3 our Anglican Parish of Central Saanich held the 3rd Great and Glorious Gargantuan Gastronomic Garlic Gala and ExtravaGanza aka G.G.G.G.G.G & EG at St. Stephen's. This is a potluck dinner where participants are provided with 1/2 lb of the 20 varieties of garlic grown in St. Stephen's garlic garden. They prepare their favorite garlic dish to bring and share at the dinner. Admission is a garlic dish to share plus \$10.00. All proceeds support Hilda Shilliday's "Mission to Mengo" where she helps in the hospital and orphanage in Kampala, Uganda. This year participants shared about 60 different garlic dishes and through the dinner and garlic sales, we raised over \$1500.00 for Hilda's mission. Congratulations **Don Wilson** and all who participated!

On Sunday November 1st, we said goodbye to a well known parishioner, the Reverend **Dr J Russell (Rusty) Brown**. Close to 300 parishioners and clergy filled St Mary's church for the service and Eucharist. Having served as rector in churches in Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and latterly St Michael and All Angels in Royal Oak, he also served as Chaplain in the Naval Reserves. Rusty was Principal of The College of St. Emmanuel & St. Chad in Saskatoon from 1982 – 1992. His later years were spent as a parishioner at St Mary's. Those participating in the service included members of his own family, Canon O'Driscoll from Christ Church Cathedral, clergy

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from St Michael and All Angels and the joint choir of St Mary's and St Michael and All Angels. A reception following the service was held in Cooper Hall, St Mary's with assistance from the St Michael and All Angels guild.



Brooke, a black Newfoundland puppy, now shares **John and Sue Smith's** home. Brooke will be one large 4 footer when she's full grown! For now, she's requiring a lot of attention, also known as training! As if John and Sue don't have enough to do!

The **Fallans** are proud grandparents for the second time! **Oliver William Fallan**, weighing in at over 9 pounds, is a brother for Kailey. Congratulations to all three generations of the Fallan family.

Our **Rector Rob Szo** has been appointed Haro Regional Dean, replacing Osito Olubigo, rector of St Andrews, who is moving to the United States. Our Diocese has five regions: Cowichan/Malaspina, Haro, Nimpkish, Selkirk and Tolmie. Each has a regional dean. The Haro Region is complex because it includes the Southern Gulf Islands. We wish Rob all the best in his new (additional) role and send our blessings and prayers as he carries out all that this position entails.

St. Mary's welcomes **Rainy Macleod** and her brother **Ian** as new parishioners as well as **Rev. Dr. Brett Cane**, a friend of Rob's who finally saw the light and came to the Peninsula!



And we conclude with a couple of photos of the November 21st Holly Fair, a very successful event once again, due to the efforts of parishioners from both St. Mary's and St. Stephen's.



## Around the Parish *continued*

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More from the Holly Fair.  
Photos by Len Fallan



## Recipe Page

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### Cranberry Banana Bread

From Eva Townsend

#### Preparation:

- 1 cup (250ml) sugar
- ½ cup (125 ml) softened butter
- 1 cup (250 ml) mashed very ripe banana (about 2 medium)
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups (500 ml) all purpose flour
- 1 tsp (or “a dash”, says Eva) vanilla
- 2 tsp (10m) baking powder
- 1 pkg (170g) Ocean Spray Craisins – sweetened dried cranberries (1 ½ cup)
- ¼ cup (50ml) chopped toasted walnuts (optional)

#### Method:

Preheat oven to 350F (180C). Grease 9x5x2-inch (2L) loaf pan. Mix sugar and butter together in a medium mixing bowl until completely blended. Add banana, milk and eggs, mixing well. Add flour, baking powder and vanilla, mixing just until moist. Stir in Craisins and walnuts. Spread batter evenly in prepared pan. Bake 1 hour and 10 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre of the bread comes out clean. Remove from pan and cool on wire rack. Makes 1 loaf.



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St. Stephen's **Sandra Scarth, Don Wilson** (Margery Lord, alternate)

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**Leslie Pedlow** is at the St. Mary's office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 12:30

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**Tracy Stubbs** is at the St. Stephen's office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 1:00 and Wednesdays from 10:30 - 2:30

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## ***A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES***

A Vox Humana tradition. Dylan Thomas' quintessential Christmastime story read by Welshman Melville Jones and accompanied by carols. Enjoyed best with friends and family an appropriate for all ages!



**Wednesday, December 23, 2015**

**7:30pm** (doors open at 7pm)

**St. Mary's Church**

**Admission by donation**