

St. Augustine's Annual Report

*Year Ending
December 31, 2008*



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**Parish of St. Augustine's
Minutes of Annual Meeting
February 24, 2008**

In attendance: Members of Vestry: Rev'd David Pilling, Jim Igloliorte, Kevin Kane, David Martin, Matthew Pilling, Neil Smith, Peter Stevenson, Shirley Wells, Ed White, and Joanne Layman, **Regrets:** Nancy Mercer; as well as 31 parishioners (signature sheet attached).

1. **Opening Prayers and Devotion** – The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. and opening prayers were led by Rev'd Pilling. He read from John 21:1 – 20, reflecting on our desires to return to a past that will never exist again and realizing that we are not only called to feed the Lord's flock, but we are also asked to follow Him.

2. **Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting** – The minutes of the March 4, 2007, meeting were not available for adoption. Rev'd Pilling apologized that he could not find the copy provided by Gladys Crane following last year's meeting and indicated he would continue to look for them.

The addendum to the Annual Report 2007 was circulated to those who picked up the report last week. Henry Somerton's name was omitted in error from the Rector's Report noting deaths during 2007. He also mentioned that he was informed this morning that Augustus Knee was also omitted and apologized for this oversight.

3. **Reports:**

3.1 – Rector's Report: Rev'd Pilling read his report in its entirety. On page 6, he was pleased to announce that David Morgan is not "acting" CO of the CLB as he has accepted this position and will serve a three-year term. On page 7 in the third last paragraph, two additional names were noted: Henry Somerton and Augustus Knee. Jim Igloliorte moved to adopt the Rector's Report as amended, Kevin Kane seconded. Carried.

3.2 – Rector's Warden's Report: Jim Igloliorte reviewed his report and added that two of the suggestions at last year's meeting were action. This year the Vestry had a lay chair which Kevin Kane and he shared this role, and the Annual Report was distributed prior to the Annual Meeting. Jim Igloliorte moved to adopt the Rector's Warden's Report, Fred Churchill seconded. Carried.

3.3 – People's Warden's Report: Kevin Kane reviewed his report and noted it was his first year serving as People's Warden. Kevin Kane moved to adopt the People's Warden's Report, Jim Igloliorte seconded. Carried.

3.4 – Archives Committee's Report: Judy Foote was not in attendance. David Ralph moved to adopt the Archives Committee's Report, Ed White seconded. Carried. Rev'd Pilling mentioned that new members have been recruited and regular meetings

are expected to start early March. He thanked Ella Bailey for her donation of a computer for the Archives in memory of her husband Alf Bailey.

3.5 – Children’s Church Report: Jennifer Bradbury was not in attendance. Wendy Pilling moved to adopt the Children’s Church Report, Eileen Marsh seconded. Carried. Rev’d Pilling added that Jennifer has asked him for permission to speak to St. Andrew’s School and Rabbittown Community Centre in an attempt to increase the number of children involved in our program.

3.6 – CLB’s Report: The CLB submitted their Statement of Receipts and Disbursements. Fred Churchill moved to adopt the Financial Statements of the CLB, Jim Igloliorte seconded. Carried. Rev’d Pilling added that the CLB is looking to increase their numbers through a recruitment drive in the fall. Currently there are about 35 – 40 in the program.

3.7 – Fall Fair Committee’s Report: Ethel Frampton moved to adopt the Fall Fair Committee’s Report, Jessie Roberts seconded. Carried. Ethel confirmed that the Morgan Brothers are the entertainment following the buffet supper.

3.8 – Memorial Book Fund’s Report: Yvonne Brown moved to adopt the Memorial Book Fund’s Report, Rita Rowe seconded. Carried. Yvonne suggested that the small amount of funds for Major Maintenance that are within the Memorial Book Fund be transferred to the Major Maintenance Fund. She also requested that the Treasurer provide her with receipts for the donations when received.

3.9 – Music Director’s Report: Robert Earle was not in attendance. Wayne Andrews moved to adopt the Music Director’s Report, Shirley Wells seconded. Carried. Rev’d Pilling added that the Choir has been asked to consider doing a road trip, and the Choir room will be getting a much needed painting.

3.10 – Outreach Committee’s Report: June Titford moved to accept the Outreach Committee’s Report, Wayne Andrews seconded. Carried. Wayne provided additional information on expenditures of the Outreach Committee. Eileen Marsh asked for this information to be included in the minutes. (Outreach Expenditures 2007 attached). It was also noted that Mudgi Smith should read Madgi Smith.

3.11 – Parish Office’s Report: Joanne Layman highlighted the hours she works in the Parish Office and the opportunity she has had to get to know more parishioners, particularly those that serve on the various committees. Joanne Layman moved to adopt the Parish Office’s Report, Jim Igloliorte seconded. Carried.

3.12 – Property & Maintenance Committee’s Report: David Ralph moved to adopt the Property & Maintenance Committee’s Report, David Martin seconded. Carried. Ben Gardner noted that the church needs a new roof and suggested that parishioners buy shingles to donate to the church.

3.13 – Worship Committee’s Report: Shirley Wells moved to adopt the Worship Committee’s Report, Jessie Roberts seconded. Carried.

3.14 – Youth Group’s Report: Judy Batten was not in attendance. June Titford moved to adopt the Youth Group’s Report, Kevin Kane seconded. Carried.

3.15 – Auditor’s Report: Fred Churchill moved to adopt the Auditor’s Report, David Ralph seconded. Carried.

3.16 – Treasurer’s Report: David Martin read his report and thanked Fred Churchill for the thorough job he did on auditing the financial records. David answered questions raised in the meeting and highlighted the pre-authorized givings, which has been in place for several years.

3.17 – Financial Report / Budget 2008: David Martin reviewed the financial statements and answered questions raised. Harold Laite asked for clarification on what is included in the account Givings and how many parishioners are contributing to this amount. Rev’d Pilling responded to the second question that we have distributed approximately 360 boxes of envelopes, which represents approximately 1,000 individuals who call St. Augustine’s their parish. Harold Laite also asked whether or not we felt the amount of the Synod Assessment was fair. Rev’d Pilling responded that the current assessment is quite fair and he is extremely happy with the assessment. Several years ago the Synod Assessment was approximately \$10,000 higher than it is currently and was unfair but through negotiations was rectified.

David Martin moved to adopt the Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statements, David Ralph seconded. Carried.

Budget 2008: David Martin outlined that our Budget usually is balanced but we are projecting a deficit, which he explained is a result of the expected electrical expenses. Depending on the actual revenues generated and expenses incurred, this expense may have to be covered through a withdrawal from the investment fund. David Martin moved to adopt the Budget 2008, Harold Laite seconded. Carried.

4. Nominating Committee Report - The members of the Nominating Committee were Kevin Kane, Ed White, and David Martin. (Report attached)

4.1 – Vestry: The following members of St. Augustine’s Parish have been nominated for election to the Vestry and have been contacted and have indicated their willingness to stand for election: Lisa Simms and Tom Manuel. There were no other nominations from those present at today’s meeting. Rev’d Pilling welcomed Lisa Simms and introduced her. Unfortunately, Tom Manuel had a prior commitment and was not in attendance.

4.2 – Cemetery Committee: The following members of St. Augustine’s Parish have been nominated for election to represent St. Augustine’s Parish on the Cemetery

Committee and have indicated their willingness to stand for election: Jim Igloliorte and Harold Laite. There were no other nominations from those present at today's meeting. Rev'd Pilling thanked Jim and Harold for agreeing to serve on this committee.

Rev'd Pilling announced that he has asked Peter Stevenson to serve as Rector's Warden.

5. Acknowledgement of Other Reports – The following three groups have already had their Annual Meetings and adopted their reports.

5.1 - Anglican Church Women (ACW): Katie Haws noted one correction to page 12, under Social Concerns. It should read Shirley Kean and not Shirley Wells. Katie Haws moved to accept the ACW's Report as amended, Shirley Wells seconded. Carried.

5.2 – Men's Service Club (MSC): Peter Stevenson moved to accept the MSC's Report as presented, Jim Igloliorte seconded. Carried.

5.3 – Altar Guild: Katie Haws moved to accept the Altar Guild's Report as presented, Yvonne Brown seconded. Carried. Katie added that Beverly Lee is the new Secretary and Cynthia Schwartz is the new Treasurer.

6. Business from Vestry – Rev'd Pilling indicated there was no business to present.

7. Other Business:

7.1 – Harold Laite inquired about the average attendance for the three Sunday services. Rev'd Pilling responded that for the 8:00 am service it averages 10 people—today (despite the storm yesterday) there were five. For the 9:00 am service, it averages 35-50 people—today there were 25. For the 11:00 am service, it averages 120-150. For our Christmas services at 6:30 pm, 9:00 pm, and 10:00 am, it averages 600 with the 6:30 pm service having the highest attendance. He indicated he also averages 20 home communions every two months.

7.2 – Wayne Andrews reported that he adds to the website weekly. Rev'd Pilling mentioned that many parishioners use the website for keeping in touch with the Parish, particularly when they cannot attend the service.

7.3 – Harold Laite asked for more information on the proposed condominium development on Lambe's Lane. Rev'd Pilling elaborated on correspondence he received from Maritime Realty and meetings he and the Wardens have held with Maritime Realty and Memorial University. A Task Force has also been established. The Rector stressed that we will take our time to fully assess the situation; and that if we are to proceed, it will be to our benefit and not just the benefit of the developers. A general meeting will be called to vote on the recommendation of Vestry. Concerns were also

raised about the increased traffic and noise levels on Lambe's Lane if the condominium development goes ahead.

7.4 – Rev'd Pilling acknowledged and thanked the three members of Vestry that have completed their three-year terms. He presented Jim Igloliorte with a certificate of appreciation and two books—Late Nights on Air, and Facing Your Giants, and thanked him for his faithful service as Rector's Warden. David Martin and Peter Stevenson also received certificates of appreciation. Jim and David then stepped down, and Rev'd Pilling invited the new members to Vestry to step forward—Lisa Simms, and Peter Stevenson, as the new Rector's Warden.

8. **Closing** - There being no further business Ben Gardner moved to adjourn the meeting, Fred Churchill seconded. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm with concluding prayer led by Rev'd Pilling and the Grace.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev'd David Pilling
Rector

Joanne Layman
Secretary

Rector's Report for the year of 2008

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you for this opportunity to speak with you this afternoon and to report on the spiritual welfare of our Parish and the ministry that emerges from this spiritual well being. 2008 has been a year of growth – attempting new ministries, and continuing to develop new and exciting outreach opportunities. It has also been a busy year – with many opportunities to worship and serve our Lord.

We are blessed as a parish to have the Rev'd Dr. Dana Mellis as our Honourary Assistant. Her genuineness, her spiritual depth and her deep thought are very much appreciated by myself and by many others within our parish. Dana has significantly contributed to the worship life of the parish and is a joy to work with. Not only that, Dana is also one of the Dancing Priests – thank you Dana!

I was very happy that we, as a Parish, were able to celebrate Canon Jim Coffin's 50th Anniversary of his ordination as Priest. This is a significant milestone in any Priest's life – and was a pleasure for us to share in, especially as Canon Jim has spent half of his ordained life worshipping and ministering with our church family. Our thanks to the organizers for this event – it was very well received. The tribute we offered through the creation of an annual award for a Queen's student in homiletics is a lasting tribute to one who continues to be a blessing to our parish.

I am extremely satisfied with the tone of the parish. Time after time, I receive e-mails, phone calls or letters thanking us for the warm and welcoming atmosphere that we help create within our Church. Whether it be within the worship life of our people or the friendliness of our groups, the warmth that is essential for any church to possess is deeply valued. In Acts of the Apostles, the Apostle Luke would speak of the need for this worship and friendliness, when he talked of how the church grew – simply based on the attitude of its people.

On the front of our Palliums, our mission statement reads, "To build a Christ centered, open-minded, caring, sharing family; alert to changing needs, and committed to involvement in worship, education, outreach and communications." I believe that this statement is most clearly seen in the ministry of our groups; Every Thursday morning our Craft Group meets. Their laughter, mutual caring and support, and strong sense of outreach – what they collectively offer I see as being at the very heart of our parish. The ACW, meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Their visitations, sense of caring and incredible hospitality are a pleasure to behold. The MSC continue to develop a very responsive ministry – from the visitation to the hospitality in our worship at Kelly's Brook Apts., to our meetings and variety of guest speakers – it is a pleasure to belong. The Altar Guild, which meets 6 times a year yet operates each and every week in helping to prepare for worship – is one of the most dedicated group of volunteers we have in our parish. We join with them this year in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their ministry within our parish. Well Done Ladies.

Our CLB continues to develop, as it should. I am extremely pleased that we have recruited new leadership within our Company. Lt. David Morgan provides an excellent program to our youth – and we are getting excellent attendance. I am also pleased that he has made a concerted effort to recruit new officers and officer candidates. Well done David!

I believe the Lay Presidency of our Vestry continues to provide blessings to our parish. At present Kevin Kane, our People's Warden with the assistance of Peter Stevenson, my Rector's Warden, chairs our meetings. It has helped set a tone of increased responsibility of all Vestry members. I wish at this time, to thank our two wardens, both of whom are blessed with a great deal of wisdom and insight – and are able to provide sound judgement to the many decisions we face. Both Kevin and Peter have been proactive in dealing with property and building issues, offering sound advice and judgement in some of the decisions we face. I also wish to thank the Vestry members who are stepping down this year after serving their terms of office: Matthew Pilling, Nancy Mercer and David Martin. At this time I offer our thanks to all three of you for your service, your insights and your ministry.

Our Parish hosted two meetings in November – both of which I am extremely involved in. It was a pleasure for me, and for those with whom I work, to see the vibrancy of our parish. I was also pleased that our parish was able to experience areas of the wider church which occupy some of my time. The South American Missionary Society, of which I am vice chair, met at our parish for some 5 days. The other event was our Diocese hosting Bishop Philip Wright as our Diocese and the Diocese of Belize discuss forming a Companion relationship. Both events, by design, came together at the same time. I am grateful for all the support our parish offered through our billets, the meals, the worship opportunities and the sightseeing. My special thanks go to Holly and Wayne Andrews, for all of their helpful coordination of these events.

This June and July the Diocesan CLB will be embarking on a brave adventure that we trust will help develop our Senior Corp. On an idea, inspired by Gail Dick, we have about 45 CLB members and officers going down to Belize. While they are there – this group, which will include two of our youth, will build a Medical Centre for the school as well as run a Vacation Bible Study for the children of the Island. Our members have been greatly supported in this endeavour by this parish through a variety of events. I am a firm believer, that once we begin to focus beyond ourselves, it becomes both easier and all the more necessary to focus also on the needs within our own province.

We have also launched our new Youth Choir, led by Teri Slade. We only see this choir growing in size in the months to come. I want to single Teri out for thanks and praise – for she came to me, asking to help within the parish and offering to start and run a youth choir. Way to go Teri!

This year has seen extensive work done on the maintenance of our church building. New windows in the basement, new doors, electrical and plumbing work were all

essential for us keeping an excellently maintained church building. In this regard, I wish to single out Mr. David Ralph for all of his hard work, oversight and determination in ensuring that these tasks were accomplished in a timely fashion. David has also provided excellent work as our Sexton – I am very pleased with his efforts. I believe the care we show with our building and property reflects our feelings towards our church – and through our collective efforts our church’s appearance continues to shine.

One of the great blessings within our parish has been having Joanne continue as our secretary. Having Joanne work on weeknights has provided for an adjustment for each of us, however, Joanne has been extremely dedicated, checking messages throughout the day as well as attempting to respond to the wide variety of needs expressed to her through the course of a year. It continues to be a joy to work with you Joanne, and I pray that God will continue to bless you in your ministry.

We have been blessed with some very dedicated musicians within our parish – perhaps the most dedicated being our choir. Bob Earle has provided excellent leadership, and I am pleased that our choir continues to flourish and grow. Bob’s leadership extends to our band – Jacob’s Passage. He and the boys are excellent ambassadors of our parish – in great demand – and are a tribute to stepping out in faith.

One of our musicians is also our envelope secretary – taking over from David Ralph about 3 years ago. Wayne offers tireless dedication to this task. He brings a natural exuberance to our ministry – truly brightening up the office.

Our Bishop has invited us to enter into a Mission Plan for the whole Diocese. Our Diocesan Mission Statement calls us to reach out to all people everywhere and proclaim the good news. In the next three to five years, our new Ministry Plan will focus on the following seven priority areas: areas of Mission;

- Spiritual Development
 - Evangelism
 - Parish Life
 - Social Justice, Outreach, Service and Advocacy
- these will be enabled by;
- Inspirational Leadership
 - Stewardship of all our Resources
 - Sound Administrative Practices

It is my intention, as Rector to have our parish participate in this mission plan. As part of this participation, last year I announced the beginning of a stewardship review. However, due to a wide variety of reasons, this review never got launched. It is my desire for this review to begin during March and to be reported at our next Annual Meeting.

As always, there are hundreds of people who help in the ministry and administration of our parish – and for this to happen I would like to acknowledge those who take a leadership role within our church:

- Peter Stevenson, Kevin Kane, David Martin, Nancy Mercer, Neil Smith, Matthew Pilling, Shirley Wells, Tom Manuel, Ed White, Lisa Simms and Joanne Layman – **Vestry Members**
- Bob Earle – **Organist, Choir Director**
- Teri Slade – **Youth Choir Director**
- Lorraine Neil and Ethel Frampton – **Co-Chairpersons of the Fall Fair**
- Gladys Crane, Ida Squires and Gloria Downer–**Volunteers in the Parish Office**
- Wayne Andrews – **Envelope Secretary and Web Master**
- Joanne Layman – **Parish and Vestry Secretary**
- Jason Higgins, Paul Bradbury, Craig Luscombe, Wayne Andrews, and Bob Earle – **Jacob’s Passage**
- Tasha Villeneuve, Mackenzie Villeneuve, Melissa Villeneuve, Meagan Simms, Elena Trenholm and Matthew Pilling – **Servers**
- Anne Benson, Wayne Andrews, Owen Brown, Betty Newhook, Harold Laite, Rosemary Parsons, Gail Dick, Bob Earle, Shirley Wells, Jamie Pilling – **The Eucharistic Assistants**
- Jennifer Bradbury – **Children’s Church Superintendent**
- Christina Pilling, Caitlin Caines, Amy Thorne, Abigail Maunder-Collier, Elena Trenholm, Meagan Simms, Melissa Villeneuve, Tasha Villeneuve, and Jenny Batten – **Children’s Church**
- David Martin – **Treasurer**
- Peter Stevenson – **Rector’s Warden**
- Kevin Kane – **People’s Warden**
- Hilda Piercey – **President of the ACW**
- Katie Haws – **President of the Altar Guild**
- Yvonne Brown – **Administrator of the Memorial Book Fund**
- Peter Stevenson – **President of the MSC**
- David Ralph – **Sexton and Chairperson of the Property Committee**
- Rose Anderson, Ethel Frampton, and Lorraine Neil – **Coordinators of the Craft Group**
- Joanne Layman – **Coordinator, Library Committee and Readers Schedule**
- Judy Foote – **Archivist**
- Ron Coles – **Coordinator of the Counters schedule**
- Fred Churchill – **Auditor, Treasurer of the Fall Fair and many other groups**
- Shirley Wells and Elaine Brown – **Coordinator of the Greeters**
- David Morgan – **CO of the CLB**
- Nancy Mercer, Michelle Hollahan, David Miller, Greg Read, Matthew Doyle, Heather Read, Danielle – **Officers and Civilian Instructors with our CLB**
- Wayne Andrews, Holly Andrews, Bob Earle, Shirley Wells, Mary Parsons, June Titford, Judy Foote, and Madgi Smith– **Members of the Outreach Committee**
- Rev’d Dana Mellis, Shirley Wells, Betty Newhook, Winnie Field, Elaine Brown, Jim Roberts, Jessie Roberts, and Mary Parsons – **Members of the Worship Committee**
- Jim Coffin, Clayton Menchions, John Mellis and Dana Mellis – **Ordained members of our Parish**

During this past year we celebrated the baptisms of 16 babies: Jadyne Engram Barnes, Coale Fitzgerald, Madison Oxford, Nicholas Verge, Joel Marsh, Ava Fowler, Avery Porter, Leah Martin-Maharaj, Jesse Snow, Caleigh Payne-Samson, Vanessa Short, Maggie Harris, Samantha Lawlor, Alexa Minnett, Lydia Moss, and Reese Jenkins. ***Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Amen***

We had 7 of our youth confirm their faith in our Lord: Lesley Kendell, Zac Batten, Tasha Villeneuve, Mackenzie Villeneuve, Michael Bugden, Johnny Bugden, and Glenys Strang. ***May the Lord bless them and keep them, may the Lord make his face to shine upon them in all of life. Amen.***

The following couples were married within our church: David Lynch and Angela White, Blair Clare and Tracy Sheppard, Gregory Rogers and Nicole Gosse, Craig Penney and Alicia Sutton, William Burry and Rhonda Turner, Glendon Pardy and Cara Piercey, Kevin Buchanan and Natasha Miller, Philip Snow and Patricia Croke, Michael Fudge and Jaime Hogan, Jody Boutcher and Amanda Coles. ***May their lives together be a sacrament of your love to this broken world that their love may enrich our common life and become a sign of your faithfulness. Amen.***

This year, the following members of our parish have passed into God's greater Kingdom: Sadie Rees, Connie Schwartz, Dorothy Ash, Clarence Peddle, Jim Laing, Laura Baggs, Boyd Underhay, Margaret Panting, Robert Butler, Betty Ivany, Norma Piercey, Herb Evans, and Ruth White. ***Rest eternal grant unto them, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.***

I thank you for the opportunity you have given me to share my thoughts on our collective ministry at St. Augustine's. It is a pleasure sharing this ministry with you, and Wendy and I are deeply appreciative for both your prayers and your support as we serve our Lord.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord look upon you with favour and grant you peace. Amen.

The Rev'd David Pilling, Rector

Rector's Warden's Report

This is my first contribution to the Annual Report as Rector's Warden. When I first accepted the invitation to be Rector's Warden, I wondered what the position entailed, while I had a fair idea of the responsibilities. To say I have learned a lot about the activities carried out by our Rector in the course of his duties would be an understatement.

Our Rector has a full calendar from the start of the day to the end of the day with his responsibilities within our Parish; from pastoral activities to the business decisions that are required. His desire to seek counsel when issues arise is another trait of the strong leadership we are fortunate to have at St. Augustine's.

We shared the joys and sorrows of our Rector and his family this year. We helped Rev. David and Wendy celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Then suddenly, in May, we shared the sorrow of the sudden passing of Rev. David's father. While the operation of the Parish fell to those on the ground in St. John's, Rev. David continued to provide direction during his time away when he was also addressing family matters in Calgary. We are pleased to see that Mrs. Pilling, Rev. David's mother, was able to make a visit to Newfoundland late in the year.

As Rector's Warden, I view myself as a means of communication between the members of the congregation and the Rector. From time to time, there were various issues brought to my attention and I hope I represented them well to the Rector and to Vestry.

I think that it is the role of all members of our Parish to help to make our parish the best that it can be. I invite all members to become participants in the many ministries within our Parish, if they are not already participants. These ministries, both within the Parish and as our outreach to the communities near and abroad, speak volumes about the Parish and its pastoral leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Stevenson
Rector's Warden

Report of People's Warden March 2008 to February 2009

The Rector and Wardens are responsible for ensuring that the building is in good condition, the property is maintained, and that our finances are in order. The Finance Committee and the Property Committee aid in the care of our church.

Some of the improvements to our church accomplished during the year include:

- Early in the year a decision was made to replace the doors at the eastern end of the building as well as the main entrance doors. These projects have now been completed except that the main entrance doors will be painted when the weather is suitable.
- After discovering that the basement windows were seriously deteriorated a decision was made to replace these. This was completed late in the fall. Together with the new window at the stair landing, we now have replaced all but one of the basement windows. One window in the kitchen has a duct going through it and it was decided to leave the old window.
- A group of volunteers from the Men's Service Club painted the outside pillars as well as pressure washed and sprayed water repellent on the wheelchair ramp. It was intended to paint the side windows also, but this was deferred.
- Both the choir room and the nursery were cleaned up and painted.
- New toilets and lavatory fixtures were installed in the men's washroom. New lighting was installed in the ladies' washroom. Water pressure to the dishwasher was increased.

The Treasurer and Finance Committee were surprised at year-end to discover that our givings were considerably less than expected. This necessitated having to withdraw from our savings, an action which was taken only after considerable thought.

Following the sudden death of his father, our Rector was absent for a month in the spring. The two Wardens along with the Secretary undertook to keep things running as near normal as possible in this absence. The Rev'd William Rice was appointed to look after Sunday services as well as funerals. The dinner and special church service in honour of the 50th Anniversary of Canon Jim Coffin's Ordination went ahead as scheduled.

Again this year I recognize the tremendous efforts put in by many members of our congregation in organizing events and making things happen. Countless volunteer hours are devoted to these endeavours, and it would not be possible to carry on with these events without this support.

Kevin Kane

St. Augustine's A.C.W. Annual Report For Year 2008

What a great year we have had as an ACW. We've been strengthened during devotions, saddened by the deaths of members, challenged by the work we've accomplished, encouraged by the funds we've raised and fattened up during the Social part of each meeting.

We managed to hold 7 regular meetings – even during stormy weather but also came together for communion breakfasts, diocesan activities, fund-raising events, Rev'd and Mrs. Pilling's 25th Wedding Anniversary celebration, Canon Coffin's 50th Year of Ordination service and dinner, a luncheon to say "farewell and Godspeed" to Rev'd Menchions when he moved to Bonavista, a closing dinner and card game as well as to witness and indulge ourselves at Santa's annual visit.

On average 20.57 ladies attended our regular meetings - I guess those who thought they were only half there – really were! Each meeting was followed by a time of fellowship whereby we ate, drank and were merry. Always celebrating the Birthday milestones in our members lives with a beautiful cake (thanks Shirley Wells) and a lovely card (thanks to the craft group). The tea was always hot, the fellowship always warm and the comradery worth the time spent together.

From all reports, visiting continues to remain a strong ministry that we provide. Shut-ins and visitors alike are blessed through the many visits. The prayer shawls have been warmly received by each recipient and we will never truly know how many blessings have been given because of this ministry. Our collective "thank you" goes to the Craft Group for the development and creation of these beautiful shawls.

On a sad note we said a final good-bye to Margaret Panting, Laura Baggs and Sadie Rees. May these good and faithful servants rest in eternal peace.

Highlights from 2008 included:

- Our **Ham & Bean Supper** took place on Shrove Tuesday – what better way to end the meal then with dessert pancakes?! Our hats go off once again to the Men's Service Club whose help we couldn't be without. We took advantage of the day too and snuck in one last card game before Lent began.
- To continue with the theme of eating – we hosted several **Lenten Suppers** which were very well attended.
- In March we participated in the **World Day of Prayer** another beautiful service but St. Augustine's was not well represented!

- We began our Easter preparation by making **Hot Cross Buns** on March 15th and finished them off by almost killing ourselves with over indulgence at the “**Death By Chocolate**” dessert and card game.
- April 16th we held a very successful **Spring Luncheon**. The numbers were good and the bake stall did well.
- It was our turn to be served in style by our handsome and faithful Men’s Service Club on April 20th at a **Communion Breakfast**. After munching on cereal and crunching on toast, we were entertained and challenged by Anne Abraham as she spoke about her various ministries.
- We were honored on May 4th to be able to help with **Queen’s College Graduation and Church Service**. We had more than enough food for everyone and all reports were very positive.
- May 20th saw us gathering in Portugal Cove for the **Annual Spring Fellowship**. It’s always great to get together with the ACW groups from the various churches.
- The long nights of May were overshadowed by fog and rain but it didn’t stop us from thoroughly enjoying our annual **Closing Dinner**. Once again we chose Bally Haly for this fun-filled event. The food was good, the fellowship even better!
- Rest and relaxation took us through the summer months and then September saw us starting up with a **potluck supper**. How good it was to be together again!
- October is always a busy month in the life of the ACW. We took part in this year’s **Fall Fair Cold Plate Dinner** but then had the delight of listening to the Morgan Brothers at their Gospel Concert. Some of us attended the **Deanery Fellowship Meeting** while most of us got ready for the **Soup and Sandwich Luncheon** which took place the following day.
- We had **SAMS Canada** visiting the Parish and we treated these mainlanders to some good Newfoundland wares – Fish and Brewis, topped off with partridgeberry and bakeapple tarts. We never knew CFA’s liked fish so much!
- As food seems to play a dominant role in our ACW activities, we did take part in the **Dessert and Card Party** on November 12th. Although not wholly an ACW function, most members were present and accounted for. Once again we did ourselves proud as we filled goodie and sandwich plates for the **Fall Fair – Christmas Tea**. The hall was beautifully decorated and the tables were filled to overflowing. We treated our Men’s Service Club once again to a **Communion Breakfast**. It was great to be able to do this for such a deserving group. The hecticness of fall came to an end as we gathered together for an **Advent Retreat**. Although our numbers were small, the talks were perfect for setting aside our busyness and taking time to

be quiet and still. It was a wonderfully spiritual event and a great way to end November and usher in another Christmas Season.

- We had the pleasure of having our **Parish Intern**, Nancy March with us throughout the fall and we were saddened to see her leave our group. Her bible readings and devotions at each meeting were appropriate and gratefully received.
- We looked forward to the **Senior's/Parish Christmas Party**. Although we were the hosts, we were able to sit and enjoy the food and entertainment, with very little work on our parts. The tables were decorated courtesy of our Craft Group and there were heaps of gifts to go around. Santa's visit, accompanied by his most treasured elf is always a sure delight. 2008 ended with laughter, smiles and singing, a perfect end to a great year.

As an Executive we wish to express our sincere gratitude to Reverend Pilling for all your support and guidance. Our ministry has flourished under your wing and we are truly grateful.

To our Men's Service Club – how can we thank you enough? You have always been there for us and we wouldn't have accomplished all we did without your help. Many, many thanks.

Last but not least, we must thank our ACW members. You have given your opinions and support during the meetings, been there to help serve during events, visited those who needed us most and through it all you provided strength in your numbers and willing hearts. Thank you for stepping up when called upon. It has been a pleasure to be your executive.

Respectively submitted,

Wendy Pilling
Secretary

Annual Report
St. Augustine's Altar Guild
Year ending December 31, 2008

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of St. Augustine's Altar Guild for the year 2008.

During the year the Guild held five meetings in addition to the annual meeting with an average of 12 members in attendance. Although we have a membership of 29, many are not able to attend the meetings but are usually available to help with cleaning of the sanctuary, arranging flowers and helping at the various luncheons and fundraisers.

As in previous years the members have maintained and cared for the sanctuary; arranged the flowers weekly and on special occasions, and decorated the sanctuary with vegetables for Thanksgiving.

The members have been involved as well with many social activities and fundraisers. In the Spring, the ladies of the Altar Guild and ACW were invited to a fellowship evening at St. Lawrence Church in Portugal Cove. Two members of our Altar Guild, Katie Haws and Rose Anderson spent a 'Fun and Fellowship' weekend at Lavrock with other ladies from the Eastern Diocese. As well, many of the ladies attended the closing dinner at Bally Haly Golf and Curling Club. In the Fall the ladies helped with the Fall Fair, the Christmas Afternoon Tea, the Seniors' Christmas party and the sale of church calendars.

On behalf of the members of the Altar Guild, I would like to thank Rev'd David Pilling for his continued advice and spiritual guidance during the year. A special thank you is extended to members of the parish who continue to support the flower fund and the members in their fundraising efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Lee
Secretary

**St. Augustine's Altar Guild
Financial Report 2008**

FLOWERS ACCOUNT

January 04, 2008 Balance Forward \$3,979.36

Received 2008

Christmas	\$ 1,015.00	
Father's Day	\$ 20.00	
Mother's Day	\$ 300.00	
Easter	\$ 545.00	
GIC Int.	\$ 74.20	
GST Rebate for 2007	\$ 89.70	
Basket Rebate	\$ 10.50	
Bank Interest	\$ 1.27	<u>\$2,055.67</u>

Disbursements

Flowers	\$2,670.13	
Balance Dec. 31.08		<u>\$3,364.90</u>
		<u>\$6,035.03</u>

Other Account

Jan. 04, 2008 Balance	\$ 911.05
Sale of Calendars 07	\$ 25.00
Sale of Calendars 08	<u>\$ 470.00</u>

Disbursements

Repair to Vacuum	\$ 55.35
Paper towels	\$ 15.91
Augusburg Fortress Co. (Calendars)	\$ 349.65
Polish	<u>\$ 17.49</u>
	\$ 438.40
Balance Dec. 31.08	<u>\$ 967.65</u>

\$1,406.05

\$1,406.05

Funds Available

Flower Account	\$3,364.90
Other Account	<u>\$ 967.65</u>
	<u>\$4,332.55</u>

Chequing Account	\$2,332.55
GIC	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	<u>\$4,332.55</u>

Respectfully Submitted

Audited by

Cynthia Schwartz
Treasurer

Harold Haynes

Report of the Anglican Cemetery Committee of St. John's and Mount Pearl ~ 2008 Activities

The Anglican Cemetery Committee is responsible for providing and maintaining dignified burial places in our Forest Road and Kenmount Road cemeteries. Interments of cremated remains have increased significantly over the past ten years and in 2008 formed 50.3% of all 193 burials in our cemeteries. In order to meet changing burial needs, a new columbarium will be installed at Forest Road in Spring 2009, and a new cremation section is planned for Kenmount Road.

Our operating expenses currently amount to about \$300,000 annually. Revenues are mainly from plot and columbarium niche sales, and opening and closing fees. Other sources of funds include collections at Memorial Services, donations, bequests, Perpetual Care investment income, and Parish Assessments.

At Forest Road Cemetery, \$12,000 was spent on paving of a large parking area at the Clancy Drive entrance, and the walkway to our Columbaria. The appearance of this fine old cemetery, dating back to 1849, was improved by lawn and tree care, as well as restoration of 145 tilted monuments and subsided graves.

In Kenmount Road Cemetery, graveyard maintenance is a continuing major project. Approximately 11,000 square feet of sod, 12 tandem loads of topsoil, 60 tons of crushed stone, and 8 tons of sand were used on new burials and in upgrading gravesites. About \$20,000 was spent on restoration of 160 tilted monuments and associated subsided graves. B & B Contractors applied a protective sealant to paved parking lots and painted parking lines.

Memorial Services were conducted in Kenmount Road on July 9, by the Church of the Good Shepherd, and in Forest Road on July 16, by St. Mark's. Harold Laite organized service activities and Tim Madden of Music Shop provided a new sound system. Our heartfelt gratitude to all who participated.

Special thanks to Clarence Best (Cemetery Supervisor), Alton Newell & Dave Stanley (staff) and 14 student assistants. Harvey Young assisted in the preparation of financial and property reports. Please consult our Cemetery Supervisor or your parish representatives if you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur King

Committee Executive: John Reid, Chair; Arthur King, Vice-chair; Douglas French, Treasurer; Don Barter, Executive Secretary; Ron Piercey, Accountant; Elspeth Drinkell, Recording Secretary.

Children's Church Report – 2008

With thanksgiving for all the blessings given to us by God, we submit this report to the Parish of St. Augustine's.

This year has seen the number of teachers and helpers increase dramatically. We are so pleased that Amy, Abigail, Elena, Melissa, Meaghan, Jenny and Tasha have volunteered to help. Their enthusiasm, energy and creativity have helped accentuate the positive atmosphere that exists within our Children's Church.

In addition we have been able to recruit two additional adult leaders, so that Jennifer Bradbury, Wendy Read and Cynthia Strickland are able to provide balanced instruction and inspiration.

Children's Church begins with a basic question and short discussion to help the children start thinking about the day's Bible story. The story is then told with questions asked to ensure it is understood. Collection is taken for those who brought change and a volunteer will pray for the group. A craft based on the story's theme is then completed. Last year different age groups would set up in different rooms and each age group would complete different activities. Last year, the curriculum changed to "The One Room Sunday School" where all children participate in the same craft together. Crafts are chosen that can remain simple for the younger ones and more detailed for the older ones.

Since January, 2008 we continue to use "The One Room Classroom" as our curriculum. We have had an Easter party with games, treats and special crafts, an end of year party where they received certificates and gifts, and our special Christmas Pageant which included special craft weekends and some group drama upstairs in the church on the weeks leading up to Christmas as well as the Pageant itself downstairs.

We hope this gives an insight as to what St. Augustine's Children's Church is doing this year. We feel the children have fun as well as learn something new every week about how God wants us to live, and how to be the best people that we can be.

Children's Church

**The C.L.B.
St. Augustine's Co. #4548**

Greetings on behalf of St. Augustine's Company! As a CLB Company, we have been very fortunate to have so much support from within the parish. There have been many members of the parish who have readily helped out whenever we need it, in particular the Men's Service Club, who have catered to our annual Christmas dinners, annual awards banquets, and many other functions too numerous to count. We are truly grateful for all of the support that we have received and thank you for all that you do.

This year has brought a few new faces to St. Augustine's Company, particularly within the officer ranks. I have recently been appointed as Commanding Officer, preceded by Captain Gail Dick who continues to work hard within the company, currently fulfilling the position of Company Quartermaster. The execution of a good CLB program could not exist without the tireless dedication of the officers who volunteer their time and talents to our youth. We currently have a staff of eight officers, officer candidates, and civilian instructors, three being new to the CLB, and one officer, Second Lieutenant Krista Pelley, who has transferred from Paradise Company 1010 and is currently the second in command of the company. Although recruitment efforts did not take place this year, we are hoping to have an opportunity to do so before the training year concludes as well as early in the fall. In the meantime, Company Strength is as follows:

Company Chaplain (Rev. Pilling)	1
Officers	4
Officer Candidates	2 (1 in progress)
Civilian Instructors	2 (1 in progress)
Warrant Officers	1
Senior Corps	3
Junior Training Corps	7
Young Training Corps	5
Little Training Corps	3
TOTAL STRENGTH	28

Throughout the year, our members have been busily completing their respective badgework programs, as well as practicing hard for their Training & Efficiency exams which take place in the spring of each training year. These exams consist of drill, physical training, rifle drill, and pyramids. There have been many members who have shown interest in lending their musical talent to a company drum and bugle band, which I hope to see put into action next training year. The company has had two major fundraisers this year - the CLB Pewter ornament sale and a vegetable hamper sale. In addition to all of the hard work, our members have attended swimming at the Aquarena as well as sports tournaments and parades within the Battalion. We hope to have another special event for our members before the training year concludes.

I am very pleased to have four members of our Company preparing for the much talked about CLB Mission to Belize 2009. Rev. David Pilling, Captain Gail Dick, Pte. Thomas Lane, and Pte. Melissa Villeneuve will be joining approximately 40 others on a trip to Belize this summer to assist children who are in great need of a school and a medical station. It will be exciting to watch them prepare for it, and even more exciting to hear how this journey will allow this group to touch the lives of those who are less fortunate.

Thank you once again from all ranks of St. Augustine's CLB Company. It is because of the support of this great parish that our members are able to experience the CLB and what it stands for.

God Bless and Keep The CLB Flag Flying.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant David Morgan
Commanding Officer

**St. Augustine's Company C.L.B.
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For Year Ended August 31, 2008**

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Vegetable sales	\$1615.00	\$2150.00
Camp Fees	1855.00	1305.00
Donations - POSA Envelope Collections	246.00	544.50
- POSA Men's Service Club	400.00	300.00
Pewter Ornament Sales	396.00	748.00
Soup & Sandwich Luncheon	----	397.00
Mens' Service Club, soup supper	187.25	---
Lenten Supper	220.00	---
Closing Dinner	115.00	186.00
Fast Pitch Ball Game	893.60	58.78
HST Rebate	----	193.38
Interest	.33	.53
Miscellaneous	20.00	---
Uniform Sales	----	<u>264.00</u>
	<u>5948.18</u>	<u>6147.19</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Vegetable Purchases	\$1002.00	\$1332.00
Camp Fees	1815.00	1305.00
NSF Camp Fees	----	165.00
QM Stores	684.00	2167.15
Canteen Supplies	109.38	129.75
Swimming	58.75	93.25
Assessment	260.00	310.00
Christmas Dinner	227.73	187.61
Closing Banquet	691.49	575.71
Lenten Supper	82.62	---
Easter Treats	34.31	55.46
Bell Island Trip	294.22	---
Anniversary Dinner	180.00	---
Challenge Camp	40.00	---
Special Events	132.14	381.56
Badgework Supplies	----	56.14
Office Supplies	----	37.62
Miscellaneous	----	<u>158.39</u>
	<u>\$5611.64</u>	<u>\$6954.64</u>
Excess Receipts over Disbursements	<u>\$ 336.54</u>	<u>\$(807.45)</u>

**St. Augustine's Company C.L.B.
Bank Account
August 31, 2008**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Opening Balance September 1	\$ 286.24	\$1093.69
Add Receipts over Disbursements	<u>336.54</u>	<u>(807.45)</u>
Balance August 31	\$ 622.78	\$ 286.24

Annual Report St. Augustine's Craft Group

We have a very vibrant, happy and productive Craft Group here at St. Augustine's. We meet every Thursday morning, starting with Morning Prayers lead by Rose Anderson. The fun and fellowship we all share along with the things we produce is remarkable.

Most of the Craft items which are sold at our different Fall Fair Events and our Spring Luncheon are crafted here. We also have ladies, namely Shirley Wells, Dorothy Haynes, Mary Parsons, Dora Yetman and others who do not come to Crafts on Thursday mornings, but sew for us in their homes, making placemats, runners, and casserole carriers. They do knitting too. Also Hilda Piercey has a friend in Port Union who usually does some sewing for us each fall. We really appreciate all the help and support these ladies provide..

We would like to send out a Thank You to Mrs. Fannie Janes for all her donations, especially the beautiful knitted things for our Craft Table at our various Events.

As part of our Craft Group we have our Prayer Shawl Ministry which is very well received by our church also by the people to which we have given Prayer Shawls. We also knit Lap Rugs We all work both at Craft Group meetings and in our homes to produce these Shawls, and Lap Rugs. A large amount of the wool is donated.

Since we have started this Ministry we have given out Thirty Eight Shawls, to our sick and shut ins. We have also given Fourteen Shawls and Five Lap Rugs to the Canadian Cancer Society for use at the Bliss Murphy Center. We will continue to knit our Shawls and Lap Rugs as we plan to donate to Daffodil Place when it opens as well as continue this Ministry here at the church.

We welcome any lady of our parish to come join our Craft Group, or if you would like to sew or knit for us from your own home we would love to have you onboard. Just let one of us know.

Come join us in our Fun and Fellowship.

Ethel Frampton: for St Augustine's Craft Group.

**St. Augustine's Parish
Fall Fair Committee Report
January 22nd, 2009**

The Fall Fair for 2008, as in the past two years, consisted of **Four Events**:

1. **Saturday, October 18th:** **Buffet Turkey Supper, followed by a Gospel Concert in the church. 150 Takeout Turkey Suppers were also available.**
2. **Wednesday, October 29th:** **Soup and Sandwich Luncheon.**
3. **Wednesday, November 12th:** **Dessert & Card Party/Silent Auction.**
4. **Saturday, November 22nd:** **Christmas Afternoon Tea.**

There were the usual **stalls with Crafts and Baked Goods** at all Events. As well, tickets were available on various items.

All Events were well attended, making our Fall Fair successful once again both from a financial and a social point of view. Total Revenues in 2008 were \$14,173.26 compared to \$13,385.32 for 2007. Expenses in 2008 were \$2,443.24 compared to \$2,070.63 for 2007. Our Expenses were slightly higher this year compared to last year due to the fact that we paid the Morgan Brothers a percentage of the door for their performance.

Our Buffet Supper was sold out. This Event was quite successful and ran very smoothly partly, we believe, due to the fact we had just one sitting of 150 people rather than the usual two sittings. As well, our **Turkey Tea Takeouts** were all sold out.

We received glowing reports on these **Takeouts**. We say "Thank You" to Granville Gosse for taking a large number of orders, collecting the monies, and, with the help of Harold Squires, making the deliveries at Masonic Park. Also, we say "Thank You" to Frank Lee for taking the orders, collecting the monies, and doing the deliveries to St. Luke's Home. Also, "Thank You" to Shirley Wells for making and donating all the cookies for the Takeouts.

Another "Thank You" to Eileen Marsh for recruiting the people, who were not serving at our Buffet Supper, to come in and help with the cleanup. This also took much of the workload from our regular servers, making everyone's job easier.

To all our people who helped (a) setting up the hall, (b) carving the turkeys, (c) our men who worked in the kitchen making tea and coffee (and getting our Coffee and Tea carafes to work on the tables as we knew they could), (d) our ladies who worked in the kitchen too and kept our Buffet Table well supplied, (e) our people who came in to clean up and to everyone no matter what part you played, we say a great big "Thank You". We appreciated your dedication and help. **Great job everyone!!!!**

Gospel Concert:

Our Gospel Concert was very well received, and well attended. The Morgan Brothers and our church Band, Jacob's Passage, provided us with a great evening of Gospel Music.

The Sunday Lunch:

Following our Buffet Supper on Saturday, the Sunday lunch served after the 11:00 am. service was also well received. While it was a "freewill offering" for this lunch, the fellowship we all enjoyed at that time was well worth the effort. We recommend that it continue.

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon:

This year we also decided to cut back to 125 persons per sitting for our Soup and Sandwich Luncheon. This worked very well and made it easier on our people doing the serving. As a result, our Luncheon ran more smoothly and was still quite successful.

Dessert & Card Party/Silent Auction:

It was well received and successful. However, we feel the Silent Auction does not seem to work very well and we recommended at our Final Committee Meeting that consideration should be given to canceling the Silent Auction part of the evening.

Our Afternoon Christmas Tea:

It was also well attended and ran smoothly. It was a beautiful afternoon of Fun and Fellowship! While we do well financially at this Event, the **Fellowship** far outweighs the financial aspect.

At our Final Meeting on January 20th, 2009 your Committee made the following Recommendations for our Fall Fair in 2009

1. Buffet Supper and Sale of Turkey Takeouts on Saturday, Oct. 17th, 2009, followed by a Gospel Concert in the Church.
2. Fall Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 28th, 2009
3. Dessert & Card Party on Thursday, November 12th, 2009
4. Afternoon Christmas Tea on Saturday, November 28th, 2009

Recommendations for each Event are as follows:

Buffet Supper:

Remain the same. However, it is recommended that we set up a Rector's Table at the Buffet to accommodate persons with complimentary tickets. These tickets will be used at the Rector's discretion.

Turkey Takeouts:

Remain the same, using the same container with no dividing sections, but making sure we get it in the large size. Sell tickets only to Masonic Park Complex and St. Luke's Home.

Gospel Concert:

All committee members agreed this Event should continue.

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon:

Remain the same. Also, we recommend that we also set up a Rector's Table at this Event for complimentary tickets, again to be used at the Rector's discretion.

Dessert & Card Party/Silent Auction.

Continue to run this Event. However, we recommend the **Silent Auction** part of the evening be discontinued.

Lottery Tickets:

It is recommended that, in addition to selling tickets on items as before, tickets be sold on **ONE** large item **at all Events** with the draw to take place at our Afternoon Christmas Tea.

Event Tickets:

The Church Office, one additional person, and possibly the Chairperson should handle the selling of all tickets. The additional person should be available for taking requests for tickets during the day. **The Committee** also recommended that the Luncheon, Dinner and Afternoon Tea Tickets be numbered to correspond with numbers on tables.

Miscellaneous Help Required:

Once again we recommend that individuals be recruited for the clean up after the Buffet Supper. This worked very well this past year, lightening the workload and the stress on our regular workers.

Purchase of an additional Coffee Maker for the kitchen:

It was noted that a parishioner has offered to donate this item to our church.

It was also recommended to the Vestry the amount budgeted for Fall Fair 2009 be reduced to \$12,000.00 from the \$16,000.00 as budgeted for 2008. The Committee felt the \$16,000.00 is unattainable and daunting.

A new Committee will be formed when our Rector, Rev'd Pilling appoints a new Chairperson in the New Year. With the same co-operation and willingness from all our people as in the past three years, there is no reason why our goals cannot be achieved in the years to come.

Lorraine Neil and Ethel Frampton wish to say "**Thank You**" to all the Committee members and everyone in our parish for their support and help during their three years as Co-Chairs of our Fall Fair.

Ethel Frampton

Lorraine Neil
Co-Chairs

St. Augustine's Memorial Book Fund
Report for the Year 2008

During the year there were 14 donations to the fund, and a cheque was received from the Parish Treasurer covering several donations for 2007 and 2008, which had inadvertently been deposited to the Parish account. All monies received for the Memorial Book Fund have been deposited in the Bank account and the necessary entries have been made in the Memorial Book.

There was one presentation to the Church from the Memorial Book Fund this year and this took place on Sunday, February 10, 2008, at the 9:00 am service.

A Candle Lighter, Snuffer, and Stand was given for use in the sanctuary, and dedicated by Reverend Pilling to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur Wilfred Brown. 'Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.'

We are now into the 39th year of this Memorial Book Fund, which was put into use in 1970, and, under the direction of the several Rectors of this Parish, many useful and necessary items have been provided from the memorial donations for loved ones.

I look forward with interest to the continued use of our Memorial Book Fund and extend my gratitude to the Reverend Pilling for the interest he has shown and the guidance he has given us.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Brown

**St. Augustine's Memorial Book Fund
Financial Statement 2008**

Balance in Bank Account December 2007		\$5,191.63
Receipts: Memorial Donations	\$1,935.00	
Parish reimbursement for donations deposited in error, 2007-08	<u>527.60</u>	
	\$2,462.60	
Bank Interest	<u>5.67</u>	<u>2,468.27</u>
		\$7,659.90
Disbursements:		
Memorial Purchase:		
Candle Lighter, Snuffer and Stand	\$ 415.45	<u>415.45</u>
Balance in Bank Account January 19/09		<u>\$7,244.45</u>

N.B. Included in this Bank Balance is some other Memorial Funds accumulated over several years, and which were directed to the following specific purposes:

Major Maintenance	\$215.00
Organ Fund	<u>112.50</u>
	<u>\$327.50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Brown

St. Augustine's Men's Service Club

St. Augustine's Men's Service Club had another busy and successful year in 2008. The year began with the annual general meeting in January and there were seven monthly meetings, including a dinner meeting in March. Our after dinner speaker was Ron Piercey who spoke to us about his experiences and the benefits of being a member of an investment club, which we found to be entertaining and informative.

The Club participated in many Parish functions and events. We worked with the ACW on a number of events including a Ham and Bean Supper, the Spring Luncheon, the various Fall Fair events, and shared the cost of the Seniors' Christmas Party. Also, the Club was well represented at Diocesan Anglican Men's Association general meetings.

Prior to our March meeting, the men participated in the Holy Week service. Also in March we hosted an evening of worship and fellowship for the members of the Diocesan Anglican Men's Association; an evening that was enjoyed by all. The collection from the evening assisted in our sponsorship of our CLB Company. In May, we held our annual flea market as our fundraiser. This was very successful financially and, as always, was a successful venture socially. In June, we started our summer recess with a barbeque for members and spouses, which once again proved to be a very enjoyable event. We also contributed to the Canon James A. Coffin Bursary at Queen's College to mark the 50th anniversary of Canon Jim's ordination to the priesthood.

The Club took its turn in catering to three fellowship hours following the 11:00 a.m. service, including the farewell coffee hour for Rev. Clayton Menchions. The members decorated the Church for Harvest Festival and delivered the vegetables and other foods donated to Emmaus House. At Christmas, Club members prepared and delivered hampers. As part of our outreach program, we made donations to the Rabbittown Community Centre, Emmaus House and VOWR, on which we advertise our various events free of charge.

We continued our sponsorship of St. Augustine's CLB Company. We assisted with their Soup and Sandwich Luncheon in March and members and their spouses prepared and served Christmas dinner to the Company and their guests in December. In May, the Company invited us to attend their year-end banquet. We also supported the Company financially.

We assisted in a new ministry for the Parish, to provide a monthly communion service to the residents of Kelly's Brook Apartments. In addition to assisting Rev. Pilling with the service, we also provide a cup of tea and a snack following the service. We were well received by the residents, who looked forward to our visits, and treated us to tea at Christmas to show their appreciation.

We held our annual Communion Breakfast in November. Bishop Cyrus Pitman, our Bishop, was our guest speaker. The ACW catered our breakfast. We had catered theirs

earlier in the year. Also in November we participated in the South American Missionary Society's annual meeting by providing Jiggs Dinner for lunch during their meetings. This was truly well received and well appreciated by our visitors from all across Canada and from Belize.

This year one of our Team Captains, Owen Brown, resigned his positions with the Club. In addition to Team Captain, Owen had been Vice-President for a number of years and served as the Club's Transportation Committee. I take this opportunity to once again thank Owen for his many contributions to the Club and wish him well. As a result of Owen's departure, we decided to redistribute his Sidesperson's Team to strengthen other teams as numbers are dwindling. I issue an open invitation to any member of the Parish, male or female, to serve as a Sidesperson, whose duties at various church services are coordinated through the Club. The Club's Transportation Committee, now under the direction of Tom Manuel, continues to provide a valuable service to the Parish at Sunday services as well as special events. Over the past year, Dorm Anderson has worked to bring some structure to our visitor programme. It continues to work well with many members visiting other men of the Parish who were in hospital or were otherwise confined to their homes. Those visiting found it rewarding and those visited were grateful for the visits. As in past years, we operated our Social Committee on an assignment basis with many members participating and overseeing various events.

We thank the Clergy, the Executive, Team Captains and the general membership for their support, guidance and cooperation, which were major contributions to the success of the Club during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Stevenson
President

**Parish of St. Augustine's
Mens' Service Club
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
Year Ended December 31, 2008**

Receipts

Ham & Bean Supper	\$1019.39
Flea Market	\$ 826.57
Donations	\$ 225.00
Soup Supper (D.A.M.A.)	\$ 187.25
Dinner Meeting	\$ 130.00
Communion Breakfast	\$ 85.00
Interest	<u>\$.27</u>
Total Receipts	\$2473.48

Disbursements

A.C.W. Share - Ham & Bean Supper	\$ 509.70
Soup Supper Supplies	\$ 182.34
Soup Supper Donation to C.L.B.	\$ 187.25
Donations: P.O.S.A. co C.L.B.	\$ 500.00
Emmaus House	\$ 150.00
Rabbittown Com. Assoc.	\$ 150.00
VOWR	\$ 50.00
Canon Coffin Bursary	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Communion Breakfast - supplies	\$ 70.09
- speaker	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
D.A.M.A. Dues	\$ 50.00
D.A.M.A. Meeting Fees	\$ 60.00
Donation to D.A.M.A. Audio System	\$ 100.00
Contribution to A.C.W. re: Xmas Dinner	\$ 147.50
Supplies - Meetings & Morning Coffee	\$ 168.48
Bank charges	\$ 12.41
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 5.19</u>
Total Disbursements	\$2422.96

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements **\$ 50.52**

Bank Account

Balance Jan. 1, 2008	\$ 929.28
Add excess of Receipts over Disbursements	<u>\$ 50.52</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2008	\$ 979.80

Outreach Annual Report 2008

The Outreach Committee endeavours to initiate new and to maintain existing P.O.S.A. outreach programmes and to help administer P.O.S.A. outreach funds with the hope of creating positive change in our local, national and international communities.

The Community Kitchen

For four Mondays in April and May in co-operation with Rabbittown Community Centre (RCC) our kitchen was opened up to four to six women from the neighbourhood, who in each session cooked three meals for their family. Ingredients were donated by parishioners and each week the participating women paid \$2 per family member per Monday. Approximately 300 nutritious meals (including occasional meals to shut-in parishioners) were prepared. All the women enjoyed themselves and were appreciative of the church's generosity. All expressed a wish to return next year. Between donated food and the women's contributions the project broke even. Talks continued with RCC on plans for a Community Kitchen in 2009.

Rabbittown Community Centre

The RCC has been exploring the possibilities of funding for the Community Kitchen for 2009. In October the Outreach Committee co-hosted the RCC's well attended Multicultural Festival held in the parish hall. In early December the Committee helped to host in the parish hall RCC's Christmas Cookie Bake for families of Rabbittown. In 2008 the Pennies for Rabbittown bottle at the back of the nave garnered \$300 for the RCC. A member of the Outreach Committee sat on the RCC's board of director's throughout 2008.

Operation Christmas Child

A popular programme, which allows people to fill a "shoe box" with small gifts for a Third World child for Christmas. St Augustine's surpassed its last year's shoe box number by 50 for a total of 130.

Marriage Preparation

Wendy and Rev'd David continued with their program. In the past six years they have seen 400 couples pass through their course.

Blue Christmas Service

The Outreach Committee organized a Blue Christmas service (complete with a tree decorated in blue) in December for those parishioners whose Christmas is also a sad reminder of loss.

South American Missionary Society (Canada)

The Outreach Committee organized the hosting of SAMS Canada annual meetings in October. This four day event which drew SAMS members from across Canada was achieved by the much appreciated help of church organizations and parishioners who created meals and provided billets.

Habitat for Humanity

As part of the church’s commitment, members of the Outreach Committee baked and delivered a day’s worth of muffins and tea buns for the Memorial University student volunteer construction workers.

Wine Before Breakfast

Rev’d Pilling continued his weekly Wednesday 8:00 am communion service directed towards students and staff of M.U.N.

Visit of Bishop Wright of Belize

Members met with the Bishop to explore the possibilities of companioning the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador with the Diocese of Belize. Two members of our committee were appointed to a diocesan level committee to continue the dialogue.

C.L.B. 2009 Trip to Belize

The Outreach Committee helped organize our praise band, Jacob’s Passage’s, concert in November which raised about \$750 in donations to the C.L.B.’s cause.

The Outreach Committee met throughout the year to discuss Rev’d Pilling’s distribution of his discretionary fund for parochial support for parishioners and also the continuing uses of St. Augustine’s portion of the Anglican Charitable Fund for Children. Magdi Smith was appointed to visit families in need.

Notwithstanding any above monies, the Outreach Committee distributed the following amounts.

- Iris Kirby House \$200
- Daffodil House \$200
- School Lunch Programme \$200
- Continuing support for S.A.M.S \$500
- Continuing support for Meals on Wheels \$640
- Wine Before Breakfast ministry to MUN \$40
- CLB Camp \$300
- Rabbittown \$300
- Rabbittown Pennies \$300
- C.L.B. Belize mission \$500
- Dancing with the Priests – Vibrant Communities \$300
- Parochial \$1,000
- CLB \$85

Thank you so much for your unfailing support throughout this year.

Respectively submitted,

Wayne Andrews for:

Holly Andrews, Robert Earle, Mary Parsons, David Pilling, Magdi Smith, June Titford
Judy Foote, and Shirley Wells

Parish Office Report Year Ending December 31, 2008

The Parish Office continued to be staffed on a part-time basis during 2008--January through the third week of June; and resumed again in September through December.

The following is a list of some of the activities I performed on a regular basis:

- Pallium - preparation and printing of Pallium each week in addition to any special services during the year.
- Calendar - preparation and printing of monthly calendar.
- Certificates – preparation of certificates of baptism for candidate and godparents; certificate of confirmation; completion of marriage preparation course; and special certificates of recognition as requested.
- Marriage Preparation Classes – responded to inquiries; registered course participants; copied handout materials; and assisted with set up of room.

Committee Involvement and Special Projects:

- Second year serving on Vestry, and Finance Committee of Vestry.
- Second year serving on Fall Fair Committee.
- Home Visits – as requested, arranged appointments for Rev'd Pilling to visit parishioners for home communions and/or visits.
- Parish List – during the year updated this list to keep it as accurate as possible; finalized an updated list for 2009; Anglican Life subscription mailing list was also updated and returned to this organization with changes.
- Ticket Sales – responsible for the selling of tickets to church events, in particular Fall Fair events, as well as church dinners (Canon Coffin 50th Anniversary).
- Envelopes – statements for 2007 for income tax purposes were printed and available the first week of February; third quarter statements were printed and available to parishioners late September; 2009 Envelopes were labeled, organized and available to parishioners the first week of November.

This year during the Ministry Fair, I took on something new—I offered to assist with the web site. With instructions from Wayne Andrews, I now update the web site on a regular basis--weekly posting of the Pallium; monthly posting of the calendar; and recently updated the marriage preparation and confirmation information for 2009.

I would like to thank Rev'd Pilling for his guidance and support in my work within the Parish.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Layman

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
DAVID N. RALPH
2008 ACTUAL AND 2009 PENDING**

TO REV'D PILLING WARDENS & PARISHIONERS

COMPLETED 2008 YEAR

1.0 KITCHEN EQUIPMENT:

- 1.1 The cooler in the choir room was out of order twice during the year once due to a clogged breathing tube and the second time due to a short circuit in the small motor. All repairs were of a routine nature with service call required.
- 1.2 Hot Water system now working as well as can be expected after Norman Harris & Fred Churchill adjusted the equipment.
- 1.3 Dishwasher was giving trouble and had two service men look at it. Determined that the water pressure on the church was not adequate which was increased. Also a new pressure gauge was installed on the dishwasher.

2.0 MEN'S WASHROOM:

- 2.1 During checking out the dishwasher in February, we increased the water pressure on the Church building and installed a new water pressure gauge on the system.
- 2.2 Two new toilets were installed in the men's washroom replacing forty year old equipment, which was not working property.
- 2.3 A water tap was installed on the outside of the Church for the washing of windows and other uses.
- 2.4 Plumber with helper installation and supply equipment one day's work \$1,800.00, including the work on the dishwasher.
- 2.5 In December purchased two sets of taps from Chester Dawe Ltd. at \$75.00 each and installed them in men's washroom.

3.0 CHURCH EXTERIOR DOORS:

- 3.1 Replaced the two exterior emergency doors at east end of Church with new steel doors using the same panic hardware from the old oak doors. Installed July 08, 2008.
- 3.2 Vestry approved the main steel doors for the Church in May month after considering several options such as wood and aluminum; however, the cost was the overriding factor. Main doors are completely new, and were installed during the first week of December. All doors supplied and installed by Babb

Security Ltd., \$4,908.16 including HST. Doors to be painted in the spring, weather permitting.

- 3.3 Main door & elevator door have new locks with new keys been issued by Rev'd Pilling & Secretary to people requiring church entry. Strict control of all keys now will be enforced. All people using church entry keys should have security codes for our security system to avoid any false alarms, if using during odd hours.

4.0 CHURCH AUDITORIUM (BASEMENT WINDOWS):

- 4.1 Nine windows installed in December with the exception of the kitchen due to the exhaust fans from the kitchen and dishwasher been vented through the window. However, this will be approved at a later date in 2009 weather permitting in the spring.
- 4.2 Windows supplied by tender from ABC Windows Ltd and installed complete including taxes \$ 4,675.00 incl. HST. THERE IS A TEN YEAR WARRANTY ON WORKMANSHIP
- 4.3 During the month of February 2008 installed two windows in front of auditorium, supplies and installed by Chester Dawe Ltd. Price \$1,600.00. I painted trim and adjusted fireplace.

5.0 CHURCH EXTERIOR PAINTING:

- 5.1 Purchased paint and took part with volunteers in the painting of the pillars and the beams which extent to the outside of the Church.

6.0 INTERIOR OF CHURCH:

- 6.1 Painted Choir room ceiling, removed old book case, plastered wall and built in shelving in closet and painted same.
- 6.2 Placed molding around top of Nursery room walls and assisted with plaster and painting.

7.0 EXTERIOR LIGHTING:

- 7.1 Purchased and installed new security light over elevator door; cost of light approximately \$50.00.

COMMENTS

I would like to thank Rev'd Pilling and the executive members of the Vestry for their attention to details and their hard work in bring the many proposals and estimates from various suppliers on the items outlined in this report, presenting them to the Vestry members for their consideration, and approval in a very business like manner.

I would like to thank the members of the Property Committee for their support. I apologize for the lack of committee meetings; however, it was a matter of obtaining estimates from three suppliers for the various items to be replaced in the Church. This was more an individual task rather than a committee matter given the fact the final decision was to be made at the Vestry level of our administration. I would suggest that in future the Property and Fixed assets of the Church be administered by a totally Vestry committee and that the maintenance element of the operation be a Church committee of volunteers for small maintenance projects or hands on approach.

Sincerely & Respectfully Submitted,

David. N. Ralph
Chairman

Senior Choir/Band Report 2008

2008 was yet another busy year for the Senior Choir. With Easter being very early, we had very little time to put together anthems for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Still, the choir did an admirable job on very difficult pieces for both occasions. With just over two months remaining before we took our Summer break, we also managed to learn a new anthem for communion. In June, we were fortunate to be invited to sing at a service on Bell Island, which proved to be a nice trip. Things didn't go as planned, however, as the organ broke down just before the service started, making it impossible for us to sing our anthems and difficult to sing hymns. Still, it was nice to get out as a group and, if nothing else, we will always remember the trip!

We resumed rehearsing in September and, as usual, it took a while before everyone returned from their Summer break. We got to work right away on two new anthems for Christmas Eve, which again turned out very well. I was extremely pleased with the turnout from the choir for both the 6:30 pm and 9 pm service. It makes for a long evening, but we decided that it was important for us to be at both services.

By the end of the year, we had 18 people in the choir. We were very fortunate that we had picked up three new members in 2008: Gail Dick, Robert Billard, and Allison Boone. We give thanks to God that they have felt a call to this ministry, and we are grateful for their contribution to our work. Unfortunately, we also lost one long-time member, Shirley Wells, due to her heavy involvement in other areas of our parish. We are thankful for the time that Shirley was with us, and for the contribution she continues to make in so many areas of our parish. If anyone is interested in joining our choir, at any time of the year, please feel free to come and see me, or just show up to practice at 7:30 on Wednesday nights.

Our band, Jacob's Passage, performed 19 times in 2008, mostly leading in the music for 11 am Sunday services. We also played for a number of evening services, concerts, and visited three other parishes. In May, we held a concert in the church hall, for which the choir also sang three pieces. We were thrilled to be asked by the Fall Fair committee to perform with the Morgan Brothers in October. We held another concert in November to help raise funds for the CLB's mission to Belize. In June, our drummer, Paul Bradbury moved to Alberta for work with the intention of getting a transfer back to Newfoundland as soon as possible. In the meantime, Craig Luscombe has been filling in on drums. We ask that everyone keep Paul in their prayers, and we are extremely grateful to Craig for helping us with our ministry. I would also like to thank Wayne Andrews and Jason Higgins for the time and effort they put into the band.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Earle
Choir Director/Organist

Worship Committee Report - 2008

This year has been an active and fulfilling year with our committee. Our mandate is to assist and advise the Rector regarding the worship life at St. Augustine's.

In 2008, at our initiative, we assisted in the following services and events:

- The Renewal of Baptismal Vows in January
- Ash Wednesday services at noon and 7 pm on Ash Wednesday
- Coordinated and ran a Lenten Retreat
- Chose and ran the Lenten services on Wednesday night
- Chose the guest speakers for the Lenten Suppers on Wednesday night
- Planned and facilitated the Holy Week services
- Coordinated the Greeters list
- Provided training for new greeters
- Ran a Quiet Day for the Associated of SSJD
- Ran an Advent Quiet Day
- Planned the Blue Christmas Service
- Helped Host the Blue Christmas Service
- Helped plan the Christmas Candlelight Carol Service
- Planned an Advent Theme for services based on the Great Commandments
- Hosted Terry Penney for a service in December
- Cleaned up the north front of the Church

It has been a pleasure serving our Lord through this ministry, and we look forward to finding and pursuing new and exciting ways to assist in the worship life of our church in the year to come.

The Worship Committee: Elaine Brown, Shirley Wells, Mary Parsons, Jim Roberts, Jessie Roberts, Betty Newhook, Winnie Field, Rev'd Dr. Dana Mellis, and Rev'd David Pilling.

Respectfully submitted,

Worship Committee

Youth Choir Report 2008

The St. Augustine's Youth Choir is still a new and growing group within the church. The first practice took place on September 21st with the initial time of 2pm on Sunday afternoons. We later discovered that this time did not work for everyone, and it soon got changed to Monday evenings at 6pm. The first practice consisted of just two singers, but soon grew to approximately six. Members were: Tasha, Amy, Melissa, Abigail, Zach and Michael. We worked towards our first service on December 14th, using all Christmas songs. Unfortunately not every member could be present for that service, but we still did what we could, and the reception from the congregation was overall very supportive.

There are three university students who help hold these rehearsals, and they would be myself, Teri Slade (director and keyboard) in second year of music school (piano), Tara O'Brien (keyboard) in her first year of MUN's languages program (Spanish/German/French), and David Jensen (guitar) in second year French honours. Dave has been given a fantastic opportunity to study in France for the next semester, which had left us without a guitarist. We are very thankful to welcome Matthew Stryde (first year MUN) to our group, who has been doing his best to fill in when he can. We are all very thankful to be blessed with this opportunity of ministry in the church, and hope that it will grow with time and the support of the congregation.

In 2009, we hope to continue this ministry and grow in numbers, as well as introduce the congregation to lots of new and different Christian music that goes beyond the blue book.

Teri Slade
Youth Choir Director