

Brief History of St. Paul's Church, Zealand, New Brunswick

The story of Anglican worship in the Upper Keswick Valley stretches back to the period of Loyalist settlement and the formation of York County in 1786. At that time, the present Parish of Bright was part of the parish of Queensbury. The Rev. John Beardsley may have been the first missionary to travel to the remote portions of these districts, when in 1789 he baptized 112 people between Fredericton and Woodstock. In these early years, services were infrequent and held in the neighbouring areas of Prince William, Dumfries, Queensbury, Douglas and the Keswick Valley in barns or in shaded groves in the summer and in settlers' log cabins in the winter. The first church building in the Zealand dates from the early 1840s, when the Rev. John Dunn, the first rector of Douglas, reported in 1843 to the Church of England Society that there was an unfinished church in the Upper Keswick Settlement. Later, in the mid-1850s, and under the rectorship of Rev. G. Goodridge Roberts, there is a record that over one hundred people on average were attending Sunday worship in Zealand. By 1866, the original St. Paul's Zealand, sometimes known as "the Upper Church", was not meeting the needs of the local people and the decision was made to construct a new church next to the original building. The second St. Paul's Church was dedicated in 1867, consecrated by Bishop John Medley on January 2, 1868. The parish of Bright was formed the following year. It included the lands west of the Keswick River that had once been part of the parish of Queensbury, In the midst of the political debates surrounding Canadian Confederation, the new parish was named in honour of one of the greatest English orators of the time, a spokesman for Parliamentary reform, and member of the British Parliament, John Bright, (1811-1889). St. Paul's Church, Zealand, built in the Neo-Gothic style, serves as a landmark in the Keswick Valley, a building that reflects the rich heritage of the parish and of Keswick Valley itself. The church has been lovingly maintained over the years, with repairs and renovations made to the facade and interior fabric of the church by local parishioners.

Gregg Finley



ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, ZEALAND, NEW BRUNSWICK

Celebrating 150 Years

1867 – 2017

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF BRIGHT

St. Paul's, Zealand, All Saints, Keswick Ridge

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
1867 - 2017

Celebrant: The Rt. Reverend David Edwards
Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton

Assisting: The Ven. John Sharpe, Priest

Lay Readers: Frank Morehouse, Mary Lou Price

ORDER OF SERVICE - BAS

*"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into
the house of the Lord." Ps. 122:1*

Prelude

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Hymn **525** The Church's One Foundation

The Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-9 Read by Paul Jewett

Psalm 29 Frank Morehouse

Acts 10:34-43 Read by Dolores Brewer

Hymn **565** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

The Holy Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

The Sermon: Bishop David Edwards

The Prayers of the People Mary Lou Price Page 671

The Peace

Offertory Hymn **302** They Did Not Build in Vain

The Celebration of the Eucharist Page 193

The Lord's Prayer Sharla Hoyt

The Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

Musical selection Lance Jones

Prayer after Communion

The Blessing

The Queen

Dismissal

Hymn **371** To God Be the Glory



The Flowers on the Altar

*Given to the Glory of God, and in Thanksgiving for
150 years of Faithful Service of St. Paul's Church,
Zealand, NB., and in loving memory of all the
faithful departed who have served and laboured in
this place for the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord." Amen +

PRAYER OF HOPE

God of our present and our future, as we gather here today to thank you
for 150 years of faithful service of St. Paul's Church, we look for hope.
The future is uncertain, we wonder what it will bring. Fill us with a vision
for what we could be.

Give us hope for our congregation and our community.

Help us find the choices that lead to life in abundance.

God of hope, in a time of uncertainty we so often fall into fear and worry.

Show us the opportunities in our chaotic world,
remind us to consider seriously where our priorities and loyalties lie,
push us to see how our choices matter, and then fill us with hope in a
new heaven and a new earth.

God of our future, may we walk boldly into what may come, as people,
not only of faith, but of hope. May we share your hope and promise
with the world in which we live. Amen.

Welcome

We are pleased that our Bishop, David Edwards is our celebrant and preacher today marking this special time of 150 years of St. Paul's Church. Welcome Bishop David, and thank you for being here.

Thank you also to all others who are joining us to mark this significant occasion in the life of our Church. We extend a special welcome to members of the Clergy - those who may have been Rectors in the Parish at one time and to other clergy from the community. We are also happy to see former parishioners who are here - welcome home!!

It is good to have you with us!

Presentation of Certificates

Certificates recognizing long and faithful service to the Church and especially to the choir are presented to

*Zula Morehouse (80 years)
and Kathryn Morehouse (50 years).*

Congratulations to you both.

Services next Sunday: All Saints' 9:30; St. Paul's 11:00

Service January 29: Combined service at St. Paul's at 10:00 followed by the Annual Meeting and a shared meal.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

