

Parish of St Paul

the soul of the West End ~

the spirit of Yaletown

The Parish of St Paul is the community that worships in St Paul's church and uses it for its ministries to the West End and Yaletown.

Our community comprises some two hundred parishioners who worship together and endeavour to serve each other and the wider community where they live and work.



We are as diverse as the world around us: young and old, men and women, straight and gay, of varied social class and of different ethnic origins and languages.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3:28

The Parish of St Paul refers to the locality as well as the community. As a locality, the parish has geographical boundaries, namely Nelson Street and False Creek.

We work together under the leadership of our parish priest (also known as the Rector or Incumbent) and three lay leaders (known as the wardens).

The parish priest and wardens are responsible for maintaining the parish property and its furnishings, arranging worship services and other parish programs, and raising revenues to fund these activities.

They appoint other officers, such as the treasurer, as well as other persons to assist them in managing various parish ministries and activities. Some of these persons are salaried staff while others are voluntary workers. In this way many people assist in maintaining parish life.



Dale Pleven, property manager, discusses a tricky point with Barry Goheen, parish administrator

In addition to the parish priest, the salaried staff includes the Advocacy Office director, music director, outreach worker, parish administrator, and property manager.

The Parish spends close to \$400,000 yearly to pay its staff and to maintain its facilities and operations. Expenses are met primarily by donations from parishioners. All donations, from both parishioners and non-parishioners, are eligible for tax-receipts.

Early in each year, the Annual Vestry Meeting is held to review the activities of the previous year and to set policies and budgets for the current year.

The Vestry consists of all baptized persons over fifteen years of age who worship at St Paul's and who contribute in some way to its ministries or are recipients of its ministrations.

The regulations relating to parish administration are known as the Diocesan Canons. The Canons can be consulted in the parish office.

The Vestry elects two of the wardens and the parish priest appoints the third. The three wardens (who all hold equal authority) serve for terms of one year. The parish priest serves until such time as he or she may resign the incumbency.



Rose Desrochers, Steve Shannon and Richard Van Delft, wardens, discuss a tricky point with Wade Richards, parish treasurer

The Vestry also elects a representative Church Committee to advise the parish priest and wardens in administering the Parish.

We invite and urge all members of our community to participate fully not only in parish worship but also in electing parish officers and setting parish policies.



**Diocese of
New Westminster**
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

The Parish of St Paul is one of seventy or more Anglican communities that together comprise the Diocese of New Westminster located in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland. The Diocese is, in turn, one of thirty dioceses comprising the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Parish is represented at diocesan level by its delegates to the Diocesan Synod that manages the affairs of the Diocese. These delegates are elected by the Vestry.

As one of the constituent parishes of the diocese, St Paul's is required to contribute to diocesan costs. This is one of our operational expenditures, met by donations from parishioners.

The chief pastor of the Diocese is the Bishop of New Westminster. The Bishop appoints the parish priest, in consultation with a representative committee elected by the parishioners.

Bishop of New Westminster
The Right Reverend Michael Ingham
Rector of the Parish of St Paul
The Reverend Markus Dünzkofer
Peoples Wardens
Rose Desrochers and Steve Shannon
Rectors Warden
Richard Van Delft

The Diocese of New Westminster was founded in 1879 and the Parish of St Paul in 1891.

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