

### Upcoming Services

There will be an All Parish Harvest service in St. James Wakeham on October 7th. This will be Rev Wendy Telfer's first service as our new incumbent.

The schedule for upcoming services will be determined after Rev. Wendy arrives. The schedules will be distributed in the usual manner.

## The Greater Parish of Gaspé Has a New Incumbent

The Greater Parish of Gaspé has hired the Rev Wendy Telfer as its new Incumbent. She starts the job on October 1st and her first service will be Sunday, October 7th at the All Parish Harvest Service in St. James Wakeham.

Rev. Wendy Telfer is coming to Gaspé from Toronto. She was ordained as deacon on Sept 25th in Toronto and will be ordained to the priesthood on Nov. 4th in Quebec City.

Reverend Wendy is trained as a Certified General Accountant and worked in commercial real estate consultancy and was the Controller of the Ontario Medical Association.

We welcome Rev Wendy to our community and hope she enjoys her time here.

## Twenty Years later - a Community Hall to Open in York

It has been twenty years since the original York Hall was lost to fire, but at the end of November a new York Hall will be completed. The hall is being built by the Town of Gaspé and while it is situated in York, it is intended to be used by all members of the Gaspé community.

A new 11 member committee has been formed to manage the hall and it is comprised of 3 members from the York Youth Center (Danny Jean, Danny Sams and Lorilee Jean), 3 members from the York River Seniors Group (Tony C. Patterson, Andrew Patterson and Ron Mundle), 1 member from the York ACW (Rhonda Stewart), 1 member from the Wakeham ACW (Ivy Miller), 1 member from the York WI (Trudy Patterson), and 2 members from the general public (Mary Ellen Jean and Tony Patterson). The 2 representatives from the public were elected at a public meeting held on Sept 13th. This committee then elected a President (Danny Sams), Vice-President (Tony C. Patterson), Secretary (Trudy Patterson), Treasurer (Rhonda Stewart) and 2 Reservation Agents (Lorilee Jean and Mary Ellen Jean).

News concerning when the hall will open, how to make reservations, etc will be announced once they have been finalized. The York Hall Committee hopes that the community will take advantage of this new facility and use it often as a place to gather and bring the community together.



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## Annual Shoeboxes for Seamen Campaign

Once again this year, the Anglican Churches in our area will be participating in the Shoeboxes for Seaman campaign. The shoeboxes are sent to Quebec City and distributed to the crew of ships that dock at the port during the Christmas season. Items that can be put into the shoeboxes are hats, mitts, playing cards, candy, toiletries, writing supplies, etc. All items should be non-perishable. Completed shoeboxes, or donations of items for the shoeboxes, can be brought to Ada Coffin's before October 18th.

## Update Submitted by Cemetery Committee

Repairs and Modifications done May 2011 to June 15th 2012:

Many graves that had fallen several inches during the past few years were filled with topsoil and seeded. For this work, lawn grass seed and many truckloads of topsoil were required. Any posts that were not in good condition were either straightened or replaced.

Tombstones which had fallen or were beginning to fall were repaired, with one or two exceptions, where the stones and bases were too heavy to do by hand. Descendants were notified that those stones were in need of repairs.

In May 2012 many trees and alders that had grown over the years on the North and East side of the graveyard were cut, piled and Brian Jean's shovel made short work of getting them cleared.

Craig Quiriple, who did the above work with some volunteer help with the tombstones by Garry Clark, was hired as caretaker of the graveyard in the spring of 211 after our recent caretaker, Francis Parent, was unable to continue due to health reasons. Both these men

did an excellent job. Our caretakers are hired on a year by year basis to mow the grass and to look after the upkeep of the cemetery.

A garbage can will be purchased and placed behind the Church to collect any flowers, etc that are not wanted after funerals are held, and when clean up is being done on the graves by the family.

We want to thank all those who have family and relatives buried in the cemetery, or have plots reserved, for their regular yearly donations.

Thanks also to those who sent in special donations last year after our appeal for financial aid. Because of your donations, we were able to accomplish the above work. Please be advised that any surplus which may be left at the end of each year is placed in a special account in order that work can continue in the future.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can send it to St. Andrews Cemetery Committee in care of Garry Clark, 1010 York Blvd West, Gaspé, Qc, G4X 2M6. Note: a receipt for tax purposes will be sent out to you at the end of the year.

Bruce Patterson - President

Garry Clark - Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer

## Advent Angels - Share the Christmas Spirit With Your Neighbours

Due to last year's success, we will once again be having Advent Angels this year. The way this project works is that each participant will receive a name of an individual or household in the community, you are the Advent Angel for this person/family. During the Advent season (Dec 2nd - Dec 24th) you do a good deed or purchase a small gift for your person/family. The good deeds/small gifts should be anonymous, as this is part of the fun of the tradition.

If you are interested in participating this year, please contact Holly Hackett (418-368-3180). There will also be a sign-up sheet available in the church. The deadline to register to November 17th. Please pass the word along to your friends and neighbours and register early! Many people missed out on the fun last year, as they forgot to sign-up. We are hoping to have an even larger number participate this year than last.

## St. Andrew's Has Received a Facelift

The repairs and painting have been completed at St. Andrew's and the results are beautiful. A special thank you to the Scott family, the Miller family, Mr. Patterson and the York ACW for their contributions to the painting and repairs to the church.

A new digital piano has also been purchased for the church from the Memorial Fund. A special thank you to everyone who has donated to the Memorial Fund for making this addition to our Church possible.



## The Harvest Season at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's held its annual Harvest Service on Sunday, September 9th. The church was decorated with the colors of the season. There were more than 60 people in attendance who came together to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives and to share the harvest with those less fortunate in our community. Members of the congregation brought fresh vegetables, preserves and baked goods to adorn the front of the church during service. After service the food was delivered to Acueil Blanche Goulet for its food bank and soup kitchen. They were extremely grateful and wanted to thank the community for its generous donations.



## *Other Important Information*

### **Contact Information for St. Andrew's:**

**Wardens:** Clarence Coffin (361-3917) and Tony C. Patterson (368-3276)

**Weddings/Funerals:** Rev. Wendy Telfer

**Cemetery:** Garry Clark (368-5190) or Bruce Patterson (368-3047)

**Decorating for the Christmas Season:** We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on Saturday, Decembers 1st at 1pm. Everyone is welcome to come and help out, many hands make light work.

**Down Home Cookin':** There are still copies available of York ACW's fundraising cookbook - Down Home Cookin', but they are going fast. There are over 400 recipes for hometown favorites and new items that are waiting to become favorites. If you want to get a copy, please contact Rhonda Stewart (368-7238) or Ada Coffin (368-3844).

**Little Helpers:** The Little Helpers children group is open to all children ages 0-6. If you would like to register a child or get more information please contact [littlehelpers@hotmail.ca](mailto:littlehelpers@hotmail.ca) or Rhonda Stewart (368-7238)

**Newsletter Mailing List:** If there is anyone you know who would be interested in receiving the newsletter, please contact [standrewsyork@hotmail.com](mailto:standrewsyork@hotmail.com) or Rhonda Stewart (368-7238) to add them. We would to have as many people as possible receiving the newsletter!

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### **Not to be Missed! - Upcoming Events in the Community**

**OCTOBER 8th** - Harvest Supper, Hosted by Greater Parish of Gaspé, St. Paul's Church, Take Outs 4:30pm, Sit Down 5pm; \$10 Adults, \$5 Children and Under

**OCTOBER 13th** - Harvest Supper, Hosted by Malbay ACW, Malbay Hall, Take Outs 4:30pm, Sit Down 5pm; \$10 Adults, \$5 Children and Under

**OCTOBER 28th** - Harvest Supper, Hosted by York River Seniors Group, 5pm, St. Paul's Church, \$10 Adults, \$5 Children and Under

**NOVEMBER 10th** - York ACW Christmas Sale and Tea, 2pm St. Paul's Church, \$5

**NOVEMBER 17th** - Peninsula Guild Christmas Sale and Tea, 2pm St. Paul's Church, \$5

**NOVEMBER 19th** - Advisory Council Meeting, Senior's Room in Wakeham, 7pm

**NOVEMBER 24th** - Wakeham ACW Christams Sale and Tea, 2pm St. Paul's Church, \$5

**DECEMBER 8th** - York Guild Handicraft Sale, Carrefour, 10am - noon, Proceeds go to York ACW

**Please note:** The York River Senior's Group has numerous activities scheduled such as Moonlight walks, Kurling, and card parties. The complete schedule can be found on [GoGaspé.com](http://GoGaspé.com). You can also contact Tony Patterson at 368-3276 about upcoming events or joining this group.