

St Paul's Anglican Church

Senior Warden's

End of Year Report

January 26<sup>th</sup> 2017

As the year draws to an end I must report there were some extremely demanding months in an otherwise tranquil year which the Vestry and Parish Secretary Miguel Rangel, worked magnificently as a team in areas they might not have expected.

The Junior Warden, Bud and I supported the Bishop and the Parish secretary in legal issues remaining after the Sexton was terminated. We attended meetings with the attorney and witnessed the paperwork that was necessary. The Sexton was paid the exact legally required termination as stated in the Mexican Labor Law.

We are so pleased that the new Sexton, Pepe Bastamente has settled into the family of St Paul's and is a great addition.

After the previously employed La Amor de Llaves staff member resigned, the legal paperwork was again prepared by the attorney according to the Mexican Labor Law and payment made. Nancy has taken over this position and has again settled into her job happily and continues to care for the Parish.

Unfortunately we did have a burglary in April and the safe was opened and emptied of the Parish religious silver and precious items and Parish documents. Thanks to Miguel Rangel, the culprits were found and contacted and the stolen items were returned with the addition of all the expenses for the replacement documents. The Junior Warden and I supported the Bishop by witnessing the returns and the inventory, which was photographed for our files.

Replacement locks have been fitted to all the doors and padlocks and there is discussion by the Vestry as to whether a security system might be installed. Unfortunately the Church itself may have to be locked in the future each day if it is felt that items on the altar might be in threat of theft. It is a sad thought but a perhaps camera system might help to monitor movement within the Church itself.

The Vestry had discussed through the year the need for more children's and educational programs. This is an area that needs attention in 2017.

I have continued to plan the calendar for the Ushers for the 10.30 Liturgy and am pleased to report that we have a fine group of congregation members who enjoy being ushers. I have also been part of a three person team of Altar Flower Guild and we have enjoyed adding to the beauty of the altar each week and for Christmas and Easter celebrations.

I step down today as Senior Warden after serving for 2 years and want to thank the Bishop for his faith in me and for appointing me to the position of his aide de camp and sincerely thank the Vestry for their support not only during the years activities but particularly after Arthur's illness in March and now after his death. The warmth and caring you have all showed me and continue to do so, has been so generous and so very supportive. As a member of the Vestry and the family of St Paul's I have felt your true Christian spirit around me.

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