

100 Years Ago at St. Paul's

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The following are excerpts from The Parish Record, a monthly newsletter of St. Paul's:

Prayer: The Rev. Charles P. Abbott, who on Jan. 6, 1915, kept his 80th birthday, writes in his message on the subject of prayer:

"The most important matter in respect to prayer is to be perfectly persuaded that there can never be a sincere and faithful prayer offered to God in vain; it may or may not be answered in accordance with our desires, but answered at the time and in the way that will be best for us....I believe most helpful toward the enrichment of our prayers is to read or recall one or more of the beautiful and devout prayers of holy scripture both of men and women and prayers of men and women in our own day...George Herbert states, 'Who goes to bed and doth not pray, maketh two nights of every day.'"

Christmas Decorations

"The Church this Christmas tide has been most beautiful in festal trimming, with lights around the Reredos (the wood and stone framework behind and above the altar) and Chancel with the star above have given a brightness to it all that we have not had before...We have a rood-beam (the wooden beam suspended from wall to wall at the entrance to the chancel which has at its top center a cross, meaning that we must go to heaven by way of the cross) resting under the chancel arch with ropes of greenery, eight of them, hanging from the arch above and touching the chancel at eight different points about the sides."