



News From The Pews

St. George's Anglican Church, Guelph, Ontario

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

We all know that old Canadian adage about the two seasons for our roadways – winter and construction! Well, the last few years have felt somewhat that way in terms of our parish buildings with all the projects we have had to undertake to keep them cared for and operational. It takes a lot of our resources to mind the legacy of our building, not only money – and it is costly – but in terms of staff time, paid and volunteer, and disruption to our ministry. We are very blessed to have a great Building and Grounds Committee, able staff, and the management guidance of Mike Blythe to assist in these projects. My thanks to all of them.

However, albeit necessary, engaging in building projects is not our principal reason for existing as a faith community. Our ministry to each other and the world, promoting the love of God in Christ, is our primary purpose. We see much of this in our many and varied “official” ministry groups, but even more so in the unofficial “people to people” ministry I witness amongst you on a daily basis. Much of this goes on

seemingly unnoticed, but without it we would be a greatly impoverished outpost of Christian witness.

Now, as we turn our attention back to the regular rhythms and seasons of ministry following our summer cycle, we are conscious of the “restart” of many of our regular groups and ministries. There are also some new ventures like the Jazz Vespers held recently. You can read about many of these in this edition of the newsletter, or on our webpage and in our weekly “e-letters”, not to mention the weekly bulletin and worship announcements.

There are many wonderful things and people to be grateful for within our parish family as we move forward together.

Blessings and Peace,

The Reverend Canon Ralph T. Blackman
Rector

Wardens' Report: From Summer into Fall

Right about now we're all saying 'Where did the summer go?' The weather certainly always affects outdoor projects and inside ones indirectly. This is indeed the case at the church too. (The flat roof repairs are no exception.)

The washroom project continues and is scheduled to be finished in time for Jazz Vespers we understand and, hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter. We're grateful for the good grace that you have shown for the inconvenience of using the downstairs facilities.

The East Window inspection is to determine the water ingress and plan repairs. We can look for outside scaffolding on that wall. You may see brown stains on some roofing tiles. This is normal for slate and is due to rust inclusion. It has no impact on performance.

Over the summer a new sexton was hired. Toni Atieh will be working with Ron Leonard and Brendan Irving. We welcome him to our staff.

As usual, many activities are scheduled for the fall. This started with our first Church Picnic in Rockwood on September 1. The next big event was Jazz Vespers on September 15.

We look forward to seeing you as we move from summer's end into fall.

Warmly
Nancy and Rani
Wardens of the Day

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to everyone who managed to keep up with their giving over the summer. We would not be able to maintain or grow the essential life-giving ministries at St George's without your ongoing support. As expected, we have come out of the summer with a small deficit, but we are confident that the people of St. George's will bridge that gap before the year is out. Many people asked for ongoing updates on our financial health. We hope you have seen the graphs and numbers posted on the notice boards. These will continue to be updated throughout the fall.

You will recall that we chose to approve an aspirational budget, to push ourselves outside our comfort zone and try new things. In addition to new staff positions, we have enjoyed Jazz services, wine and cheese celebrations, youth services, and our well attended Lenten series "Talking about death won't kill you" to name a few. Each of these ministries were made possible by the time, talent, and treasure of many of our own parishioners. Thank you! By thinking beyond the here-and-now, or "we've always done it this way", we have discovered new and exciting ways to be in community. We hope to continue in ThanksLiving in 2020 and beyond through other programs, events, and services, and we know that with the ongoing support from a strong parishioner base we can do that.

This year's Stewardship campaign will run from mid October through mid November this year. We will be expanding on our theme of ThanksLiving in how that is represented through an outward expression of giving: ours to enjoy, ours to share. If you need a reminder of what ThanksLiving is, we invite you to re-read Ralph's sermons from last year's Stewardship campaign which can be found on the website (or contact the church office for a copy). We hope you will enjoy the upcoming campaign.

There are a number of ways to give, the most popular being Pre Authorized Giving (PAG) which allows for level

gifts throughout the year, even if you are away. Gifting of securities or shares is another excellent way to give. By gifting shares, you avoid capital gains on your shares and obtain a tax receipt for the full amount. Speak with anyone in the office about these options or read more in the "Ways to Give" brochure available through the church office or on our website.

Ellen Luccock

St. George's youth attend Niagara Youth Conference



Avery Sukhdeo, far left, and Paige Keller, second from right, at The Niagara Youth Conference (NYC).

NYC is held each year for youth in the diocese during the final week of summer holidays at Canterbury Hills Camp in Ancaster.

Our MISSION at St. George's:

- to make Jesus Christ known

Our GOAL is to make St. George's a place of:

- prayer and seeking after God
- faith where Christ and the Gospel are proclaimed
- outreach to those in need
- engagement in the issues that confront us today
- love where all find a warm welcome



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Fun and Fellowship

Our joint parish potluck picnic with St. John's Church Rockwood on September 1

was a great success with games, fellowship and fun, as well as a delicious potluck lunch.



Soup News

Heartfelt thanks to all that participate in the Soup and Buns Lunch. Our team works hard behind the scenes to make it a comfortable, enjoyable few hours over a cup 'o' soup. Mark your calendar, the fall lunch is November 3. The last couple of lunch events have had less sign-ups for soups donated. I'm hoping that our soup makers aren't losing interest in this Outreach event. The luncheon supports the Saturday Night Suppers that St George's participates in at Royal City Mission. The event also brings us together as a community to share in fellowship whether it's welcoming newcomers or sharing your week with regular parishioners or bringing other family and friends along to visit with. If you are a consistent contributor I thank you so much and hope you continue doing so. If its been awhile since you donated soup or you have never made a soup for the lunch, I encourage you to start this year by putting your name on the sign-up sheet in the cloister when it appears on the bulletin board in October.

Hope you've enjoyed your summer and looking forward to the changing of the season with the fall colours. If you have questions or suggestions please contact Elaine Hadaway at 519-836-4823 or ehadaway@rogers.com

Women's Fellowship Group

All women are most welcome to attend our Women's Fellowship Group. We meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month in the chapel. Our fall meetings promise to be fun and informative.

Our initial gathering is on September 23 and our guest will be Vanessa Woodburn of Heartspark Wellness speaking about her long journey to recovery from a severe concussion. We will also enjoy a wine and cheese.

Then on October 28, Eleanor Haywood from the Green Party will speak on the topic of how one voice makes a difference. Eleanor is a candidate in the upcoming election for the Green Party in Milton.

November 25, we will be enjoying meeting some of our choral scholars with Gerry Manning. We will also be doing our annual collection for Women in Crisis. Consider coming to one or all. Friends are welcome!

Your help is needed for our Saturday Night Suppers

St. George's hosted the Saturday Night Supper on June 8 in Mitchell Hall. Usually held at the Royal City Mission on Quebec Street, the supper needed to be moved due to



renovations to the kitchen at the Royal City Mission. We welcomed more than 60 guests and had many volunteers.

St. George's along with other faith communities in Guelph host dinner at The Royal City Mission each week to help

feed the hungry in our community. The Royal City Mission is a downtown mission in Guelph, Ontario. Its goal is to provide a safe and loving environment for anyone who is in need. Each week the Royal City Mission



provides up to 600 meals, and a variety of programs at no charge.



The next two Saturday Night Suppers hosted by St. George's will be on October 5 and December 6. Volunteers are needed to prepare food, serve and clean-up. All are welcome to join in this outreach ministry.

Look for the sign up sheets in the cloister or contact Jon Fage at 2fages@rogers.com



It's almost here! ...Sleighbell Fantasy

As parishioners, we have weathered through the hot and hazy months of summer, and are now heading into fall to tackle our "tidy up the garden" days. Hopefully, some preparation dates for our St. George's Sleighbell Fantasy have been circled on your calendar. Saturday, November 16 is our big day!

What are your plans for contributing to this wonderful and fun day? Remember, you and your talents are needed. Please donate one or two jars of any preserves – pickles, jams and jellies or even a jar of peaches. Or, in the next couple of weeks, please make one or two dozen cookies, a pie or loaf, and pop them into your freezer for delivery to Palmer Hall, Friday, November 15, the day prior to the Bazaar (these are for our Bake and Preserves Table.)

Our Craft Centre is waiting for the sewers and knitters to donate quilts, aprons, pot holders, hats, mitts and scarves. The holiday season will be represented by our Christmas Corner again this year. Special Christmas gifts are welcomed here, special preserves, a wreath, a set of napkins or candles, one-of-a-kind ornaments, or children's gifts.



Next our Penny Table! We are collecting only NEW items suitable for auction from now to the Festival date. Plan to come early on November 16 to get your bids in on these fabulous items brought in by our generous parishioners. Don't forget the Chi Rho Attic Treasures, located in the choir room at the east end Palmer Hall: you will be amazed at what gems appear from your home as well as your neighbours. **Please note: NO books, electronics or electrical items.**

Contact people for further information:

Craft Corner Thelma Smeltzer 780-1149 – deadline for donations is Oct. 30

Deliver all other items to the following areas in Palmer Hall all day Friday, November 15 between 9 and 5 p.m:

Penny Table	Susan Pulleyblank	824-2232
Christmas Corner	Anne McGee	836-8026
Baking/Preserves	Brenda Roelofsen	856-9923
Attic Treasures	Mary Jewell	822-9644

As we approach Festival day, please consider baking cookies or sweets for our Tea Room. Baked goods should come in a 'non-returnable (if possible) or well-labelled container to the kitchen on Friday, November 15. You may still be called to assist either in the kitchen or tea room by one of the following:

Kitchen	Debbie Marchment	823-5432
Tea Room	Donna Cousineau	648-2981
	Brenda King	822-7988

Please note: the Church will be closed at 7 p.m. sharp on Friday night.

Remember, St. George's is known for serving the BEST Christmas Bazaar luncheon in Guelph! Don't miss it! Tea Room tickets for the luncheon are \$8 and may be purchased from Sleighbell Committee members, Chi Rho members or Chancel Guild members, or on Sunday between services in the Narthex.

Your efforts are welcomed and so appreciated – it's work, but also it's fun and friendship. See you there!

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Music Notes & Tips

*Singing in a choir is
cheaper than therapy,
healthier than drinking,
and more fun than working out!*

“Without music, life would be a mistake.”
– Friedrich Nietzsche

“The only thing better than singing is more singing.”
– Ella Fitzgerald

“The greatest respect an artist can pay to music is to give it life.” – Pablo Casals

“As long as we live, there is never enough singing.”
– Martin Luther

“Singing is a way of escaping. It’s another world. I’m no longer on earth.” – Edith Piaf

“Singing is just a feeling set to music.” -- Carrie Underwood

“S/He who sings prays twice.” -- St. Augustine

“Singing evokes the temple of the soul.” -- unknown

“I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.”
Psalm 104:33

A choir [and congregation!] is made up of many voices, including yours and mine. If one by one all go silent than all that will be left are the soloists.

A joint Yale and Harvard study showed that for some people living in New Haven, Connecticut, choral singing promoted healthy minds and hearts, which increased life expectancy.

When you sing, you naturally sit or stand up straighter to get a better sound. Singing also improves your lung capacity and helps you to breathe a little easier.

Singing in a choir or singing in any sort of group environment with other people can be a fun, bonding activity. It gives you an opportunity to share an experience with a group of people.

Music can help us to feel connected to all of humanity, even across cultural divides. Singing songs that originated from other cultures can give us a new appreciation for those cultures and help us empathize with others.

....want to join the choir???

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Music Director

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- OCT 8** **Keenan Reimer-Watts, Solo Piano**
"Rivers" by Ann Southam
- OCT 15** **Elmwood String Trio**
Playing Dvorak Serenade and
Mozart Divertimento in E flat
- OCT 22** **Warren Nicholson, Classical Guitar**
Works by Ardevol, Barrios, Brouwer,
Pritsker and Villa Lobos
- OCT 29** **Laurel Swinden, Flute**
Stephanie Mara, Piano
Works by Chaminade, Mower, Harberg,
Coleman and Larson
- NOV 5** **Cathy Anderson, Cello**
Catherine Robertson, Piano
Playing Richard Strauss cello sonata
- NOV 12** **Laura Chambers, Flute**
Sybil Shanahan, Cello
Works by Villa-Lobos, Britten,
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