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# St. George's Anglican Church

## Annual Parish Vestry Meeting

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The Anglican Parish of  
St. George's, Owen Sound  
Annual Vestry Meeting  
January 28, 2018

**AGENDA**

10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
11:45 a.m.	Lunch in Parish Hall
12:00 Noon	Convene Annual Vestry
	Memorials
	Election of Vestry Clerk
	Review of Ground Rules
12:05 p.m.	Minutes of Annual Vestry February 5, 2017
12:10 p.m.	Business Arising from Minutes
12:15 p.m.	2017 Financial Report
12:25 p.m.	2018 Budget (45 minutes)
13:10 p.m.	Election of Officers and Council Members for 2018
	- Nominating Committee Report
	- Appointments
13:20 p.m.	Annual Reports (see booklet)
13:30 p.m.	Mission & Ministry Report
13:30 p.m.	Parish Council Resolutions – 2018
	Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Representative
13:40 p.m.	New Business
13:50 p.m.	Thanksgivings
14:00 p.m.	Adjournment

**~Norms & Ground Rules~**

1. One person will speak at a time (***note: we will raise our hands to be acknowledged by Chair before speaking***).
2. We will respect all opinions and trust the integrity of each other.
3. We will share a mutual responsibility to hear and be heard.
4. Individual's confidentiality will be respected at this Vestry Meeting.
5. We will communicate our own opinions, concerns and ideas and endeavor not to generalize or attempt to assume the opinion, concerns and ideas of others.
6. We will watch the length of time spent on Agenda items and there will be a mutual accountability to the Chair.
7. All members of St. George's Congregation will share the responsibility of following the Norms and Ground Rules.

## **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### **MINUTES**

Attendance: Signatures of 57 attendees. (See attached list as circulated at the meeting)

Ven. Graham Bland chaired the Annual Vestry Meeting, supported by Wardens, Robert Henderson & Jean Wilson. The meeting opened at 12:10 pm, in the Parish Hall.

1. **Opening Prayer** Graham Bland
2. **Memorials**
  - Addition of Percy Barnes was noted Graham Bland
3. **Election of Vestry Clerk:** Mary Basinger, **NOMINATED** by Jean Wilson  
**CARRIED**
4. **Review of Ground Rules** Graham Bland
  - a. Review of Canon 18 and "Norms & Ground Rules" as printed in the Report

#### **5. Minutes of the Annual Vestry meeting of January 31, 2016**

**MOTION (Resolution 1):** Accept minutes as printed – Ruth Henderson

**SECONDED** – Carol McCurdy

**CARRIED**

6. **Business arising from Minutes of 2016:** None
7. **Finance Committee Report** – reported by Bob Henderson
  - (i) Bookkeeping this year has been done by LEM Bookkeeping, owned by Lisa Myles. Jennifer Myles attended every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday for approximately 5 hours/session. Lisa Myles & Bill Sipprell have been helping. The books are in good order, financial statements have been received quickly & Parish Council is briefed regularly. Jennifer is changing careers. Mary Basinger has kindly agreed to take over, assisted by Lisa & Bill. Mary has been handling all invoices & coding them for computer input, processing payroll deductions & managing petty cash.
  - (ii) Bill Sippell, accountant & Finance Chair, has carefully reviewed the 2016 financial statements & is well satisfied that our books are in order. Bill's report is bound in the Vestry Book. Special thanks to Bill for his dedication & expertise.
  - (iii) We have used Quikbooks accounting software for several years and have found that it doesn't fully meet our needs. The decision has been made to switch to Simply Accounting Software for 2017 which is more suitable for us. The new software, which is

more user friendly and it has additional desired features, cost less than Quikbooks renewal, thanks to Lisa Myles.

Thanks to Parishioners for strong, faithful financial support during 2016. We were able to meet almost all of our operating & capital commitments, and paid \$29,766 (principal and interest) on our Mortgage & \$42,732 on Apportionment. We also did Capital work of finishing the Narthex doors, installed a new boiler condensate return tank & upgraded the Parish Hall potable water pipes.

While 2016 parishioner offerings were less than we had budgeted, they did increase by 2.51% over 2015. Many have shifted offerings from credit card to preauthorized givings which has lowered our credit card fees.

**A sincere THANK YOU to all who provided funding for St. George's in 2016. Without your support, there would be no St. George's!**

### **Balance Sheet – pages 43-45**

***This is a statement of the Assets, Liabilities Equity of our Church at the end of 2016. It also shows the balances in each account as of December 31, 2016. It is a Dec. 31 snapshot of our finances.***

#### **Assets**

Current Assets (cash, bank accounts, designated funds),

Other Current Assets (Foundation Fund – only interest can be used from this),

Fixed Assets – Buildings, land, furnishings, machinery),

Other Assets – (general investments & Accessibility Fund investments)

**Total Assets - \$2,365,044.11**

#### **Liabilities**

Current Liabilities (payables, payroll deductions owing & Line of Credit draw),

Deferred Revenue (Designated funds – funds donated & held for specified use such as OSHaRE, PWRDF, PWRDF - Water, Refugee)

Deferred Revenue Capital (funds to pay mortgage & do major repairs & Capital work ie. Accessibility)

Long Term Liabilities (mortgage/interest still owing, base amount of Foundation Fund which is \$10,260.61)

**Total Liabilities - \$393,342.10**

**Equity – Basically total Assets less total Liabilities - \$1,971,702.01**

**Our Equity Statement shows:** - Gain/Loss on investments for year - \$16,650.35

Net Income from operations which, in 2016 , is a **\$10,778.23** loss

### **Income Statement (Profit & Loss Budget Performance) – pages 46-48**

***Shows the Surplus or Deficit that our Church incurred in operating finances during 2016***

#### **Income**

Ordinary Offering Revenue (offertory plate & direct givings (PAP/CC) – as mentioned they are up 2.51% over 2016)

Other Revenues (coffee hour, hall rental, catering to name a few)

**Total Income - \$229,515.09, \$16,402.91 below budgeted income. *Of this shortfall, \$7,232 is income budgeted to cover our last year's apportionment increase, but was not realized.***

## **Expenses**

Assessable Expenditures – (expenses we incurred to operate for the year ie wages, postage, telephone, heat, hydro, maintenance, insurance, choir, communications, etc. These are the expenses that the Diocese used to calculate our apportionment for next year. They are \$5,571.14 under budget which shows we are operating efficiently.)

Non-Assessable Expenses – (mostly made up of apportionment of \$42,732. It is used to pay Diocesan expenses. A portion is sent on to the Provincial & National Anglican Church & some is used on our behalf for Children & Youth, Native Ministries, Mission & Ministries, Huron College, etc. In other words, a portion of our \$42,732 apportionment to the Diocese goes to outreach programs on behalf of St. George's

**Net Income (Total Income minus Total Expenses) Loss of \$10,778.23**

***We had a loss in 2014 of \$9712.59, in 2015 of \$5,628.85 and in 2016 of \$10,778.23 which totals \$26,119.05***

***We have carried these deficits forward each year and it requires that we carefully manage our cash flow using our \$15,000 Line of Credit. It is becoming more difficult as our shortfalls accumulate.***

**MOTION (Resolution 2):** Accept 2016 Financial Statements as presented – Beverly Morley

**SECONDED – Elaine Paton      CARRIED**

**Elaine Paton noted that we need to recognize Bob Henderson for his diligent work weekly and sometimes daily on the finances of the church.**

## **2017 DRAFT BUDGETS**

**Capital Budget – page 52** - This shows a 5 year projection, major portion of which is a monthly mortgage payment of **\$2,480.58 or \$29,766.96 per year**. The balance lists other work we want to accomplish and the year we hope to do the work ***if sufficient funds are available***. We have already spent over \$6,000 in January to replace a failed boiler pump and heat control valves which has restored proper heating to the Parish Hall.

**Operating Budget – pages 49, 50 & 51 – (Three Columns, last year's budget, last year's actual and proposed 2017)**

**Income - Total of \$237,255** – a decrease of \$8,663 from 2016 based on last years actuals

**Expenses – Total of \$247,879** – shows estimates of operating expenses we anticipate this year, based on last year – **an increase of only \$1,961 or 0.79%** over last year's budget

Note that this budget draft shows a shortfall of **\$10,624** almost identical to the 2016 actual shortfall of **\$10,778.23**

Bishop Linda's letter all parishes (Vestry Report pages 12 & 13) provided 7 guidelines for healthy, vibrant communities. She states in the first part of guide line (iv) we are to **"Approve a Balanced Budget"**. **(NOTICE – our budget is not yet balanced!)**

Your Finance Committee has been over & over this budget in an attempt to arrive at a **Balanced Budget** and we need Vestry's direction to do the final "fine-tuning"

As we see it, there are only two ways we can achieve Bishop Linda's & our wishes:

We must either **decrease our expenses** **OR** **increase our income**

In the second part of guideline (iv) Bishop Linda states **"A deficit budget is a sign that the parish is not healthy or potentially viable"**

**Your Wardens want to make it very clear – this statement does not apply to St. George's!**

**WE ARE HEALTHY!**

**WE ARE VIABLE!**

What we have achieved over the past few years is remarkable!

To list but a few:

- Restored our tower and roof
- Repairing our masonry and windows
- Close to reaching our dream of making St. George's accessible to persons with disabilities
- Helped to sponsor a Syrian refugee family
- Realizing another dream of establishing a Family Ministry
- Established a Neighbourhood Outreach program
- Our congregation is growing.....we have more children
- The list goes on.....

The issue we must address today is how best to resolve this budget deficit to arrive at a balanced budget! I truly believe that we are very close to putting our financial concerns behind us, possibly for good. Just look at what we have done, and think what we can do when our mortgage is paid off, and we have an extra \$2,500 per month.....

#### **Discussion:**

**Tim Pointon** – We could balance by a combination of cutting expenses & increasing income

**Mary Caldwell** – Wanted clarification on lines 4050 & 4055– it was explained there is a trend to transfer givings from Credit Cards to Preauthorized

**Paul Schweitzer** – Are there statistics on envelope givers – Sue Sipprell has that information

From Bishop Linda's letter, are we (St. George's) in any particular category – it was explained that the letter was a general letter to all Parishes.

**Peter Aylan-Parker** – Has Finance thought about renegotiating the mortgage to lower the payments – the mortgage payments do not come out of Operating Expenses This is a viable option, but our interest rate is very favourable, and we want to have the mortgage paid off before rates increase.

**Jean Wilson** – What I hear you saying is that we aren't looking for a band-aid solution to rectify the situation. We are looking for a long term solution. Can Promise Cards be changed at this time? - Promise cards are an important tool to help with our management of finances, and cards are available for anyone who would like to change their pledge of fill out a card.

**Donnie Nichol** – Do we have to know today? – **We must pass a balanced budget – Cut or Grow!**

Graham read the Bishop's letter which is very clear – we need to approve a Balanced Budget.

**Anne Asten** – If everyone gave \$5 extra per week, would this help? Yes!

**Ellen Robison – Has done the math!** – based on 150 givers – the weekly increase would be **\$2.16**

**Paul Schweitzer** – We need to think long term. We spend too much time on Finances. We need to spend more time on thinking outside the box to come up with ways to pay off a chunk of the mortgage.

**Lauri Nevins** – We need to establish a Capital ‘slush fund’, to not put extra stress on Operating expenses when Capital expenses are incurred. We need to free up monies for Outreach.

**Elaine Paton** – Have courage! We have the resources. It is up to us to use them. It is a personal decision. Generosity is a choice.

**Bernice Ackermann** – I have been over the expenses with a fine tooth comb and could not find where we could reduce them. Our Outreach is amazing

**David Ross** – A person shouldn’t feel guilty if they can’t give more

**Ellen Robison** – Ellen gave an impassioned testament. If we are children of God, we shouldn’t have to worry. She gave examples of scripture **Malachi 3:6 Breaking Covenant by Withholding Tithes** and **John 1:12 – Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.** Ellen then came forward and gave money she had received for jobs she had done for others, her change jar and part of her grocery money for the week!

**MOTION (Resolution 3):** To increase the budget givings by \$11,000 thereby committing ourselves to raising \$11,000 to have a balanced budget – Peter Little

**SECONDED** – John French

**CARRIED**

**Tim Pointon** – I haven’t filled out a Promise Card, but will do so today.

**Graham** – led us in prayer

**Motion:** To put the discussion of our shortfall before the congregation by all means available for as long as it takes – Anne Asten

**Seconded** – Beverly Morley

**Carried**

**Mary Caldwell** – Cautioned people that they shouldn’t be voting if they cannot increase their givings.

**John Hull** – Filling out a Promise Card was liberating! He used to give when he attended. Now he is still giving even when he isn’t here. You do get back. Give energy.

**Jean Wilson** – This response is showing how important our church is in people’s lives.

**Bob Henderson** – It is a healthier approach to increase givings rather than cutting programs.

### **Election of Officers and Council Members for 2016**

Nominating Committee Report – Nonie Little said it was a pleasure to work on this Committee, to be able to extend an invitation to people. Graham acknowledged and thanked the individuals

who are leaving Parish Council – Beverly Morley, Mary Caldwell, Ellen Robison, David Caudwell, Carol McCurdy and Andrew Pinckston.

**MOTION:** To accept the nominees as presented – Libby Rea

**SECONDED** – Peter Little

**CARRIED**

### **2017 PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **Nominated to Parish Council**

Warden – Jean Wilson

Deputy Warden – Bill Sipprell

Lay Delegates – Elaine Paton

Bill Sipprell

Alternate Lay Delegates – David Ross

Marion Little

Members – Anne Asten

Peter Aylan-Parker

Pamela Flontek

Ruth Henderson

Nikki Pointon

George Ross

Jacque Schwann

Paul Schweitzer

Recording Secretary – Mary Basinger – (not a Parish Council position)

#### **Vestry Reports**

**MOTION (Resolution 11):** Accept all 2015 Ministry Reports as printed and amended

David Asten

**SECONDED** – Ellen Robison

**CARRIED**

**Comments:** John Hull (Property Committee) – acknowledged that Wilf Murphy & Jim Ralston hadn't been mentioned. They will be added. He also requested that the names of committee members should accompany the reports. Richard Smith (Music) acknowledged that the Music Librarians, Wilf Murphy & Susan Morison hadn't been mentioned. They will be added. Nonie Little acknowledged that there was not a report for Family Ministry. There will be one next year. Jean Wilson asked if there would be a music component as part of the Family Ministry. Elaine reported that Norma Morrison will be our Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Representative.

### **Balance of Resolutions for the Annual Vestry Meeting of St. George's Anglican Church**

- 4. Resolved:** That the Wardens arrange for a review of the Financial Statements of 2016.
- 5. Resolved:** That two signatures are required on all Parish Bank Account cheques and all Investment Account transactions. These signatures shall be either the two Wardens, or one of the Wardens and either the Honourary Assistant or the Chair of the Finance Committee.
- 6. Resolved:** That Parish Council is empowered to draw on the RBC Investment Funds to cover any operating deficit in 2016.
- 7. Resolved:** That the Vestry appoints Suzanne Sipprell as Envelope Secretary for the year 2016, and authorizes her to sign all Envelope Holder tax receipts for annual offerings.
- 8. Resolved:** That the Envelope Secretary or the Parish Office Coordinator are the only two persons with the authority to assign offering envelopes or give an assigned recording number to parishioners for church offerings.
- 9. Resolved:** That the Wardens be empowered to designate Offering Counters. Two shall be present when the offering is counted. Whenever possible, the offering shall be counted and deposited on the same Sunday or service day. Confidentiality shall be maintained at all times by the offering counters.
- 10. Resolved:** That the Vestry of St. George's Church endorses an ongoing Stewardship Program as an important part of the life of our Parish Family.
- 12. Resolved:** That the Vestry of St. George's Church express sincere thanks to all members of our Parish Family specifically mentioned in the Annual Report this year and the many who have not been named, for the contributions of time, talents and financial support which have added to the vitality of the life of our Parish in 2016.

**MOTION:** Accept as printed – Jim Ralston

**SECONDED** – Raye Ralston

**CARRIED**

## **New Business**

Beverly Morley asked everyone to keep watching for more information on a retreat to Iona, Scotland slated for the end of April 2018. It would be at Bishop House, which can house 23.

Graham announced that the '**Extra Mile**' fund has been opened. A parishioner has made a donation already.

What happened to the Pancake Supper? David Caudwell reported that our propane has been taken away for safety reason. We are out of gas for now! We are on Pause!

There was a heartfelt 'Thank You' to Graham for all that he does for the congregation.

**MOTION to adjourn –**

**CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm with prayer.**

**Recorded by: Mary Basinger, Vestry Clerk**

## RECTOR'S EXHORTATION!

### Courage - A Watchword for 2018

John O'Donohue, an Irish priest who died in 2008 at the age of 57, penned a prayer poem that has become a touchstone for me, especially the last two verses. I'll share with you the whole prayer:

I bless the night that nourished my heart  
To set the ghosts of longing free  
Into the flow and figure of dream  
That went to harvest from the dark  
Bread for the hunger no one sees.

All that is eternal in me  
Welcome the wonder of this day,  
The field of brightness it creates  
Offering time for each thing  
To arise and illuminate.

I place on the altar of dawn:  
The quiet loyalty of breath,  
The tent of thought where I shelter,  
Wave of desire I am shore to  
And all beauty drawn to the eye.

May my mind come alive today  
To the invisible geography  
That invites me to new frontiers,  
To break the dead shell of yesterdays,  
To risk being disturbed and changed.

May I have the courage today  
To live the life that I would love,  
To postpone my dream no longer  
But do at last what I came here for  
And waste my heart on fear no more.

*~ John O'Donohue ~(from **To Bless the Space Between Us**)*

In the past year, we celebrated the lives of some special people who died. While they lived, they influenced our communal life for good in innumerable ways. Many of us have had this experience on an individual level, too – we have said goodbye to spouses, siblings, parents, children, and friends. In many cases, they and we have needed to summon our courage to address the challenges that their dying meant for them and for us. Then, after their deaths, we have needed to gather our strength to take the next tentative steps back into what will never feel quite the same again.

In the past year, we celebrated the ministry of the St. Thomas' parish over many decades of faithful service to this town, as that community and St. George's parish amalgamated into one new community.

It took great courage for the people of the former St. Thomas' Church and their pastor, the Rev. Claire Miller, to venture into an uncertain future in a new relationship and in the formation of a new parish community in Owen Sound. It has taken courage for the people of the former St. George's Church, too, to embrace a new reality.

Our experience of this amalgamation of our two church communities may echo many of the elements of the death of someone we love. We may still be in grief and mourning for a time and a reality that will now

never be the same again. As we take our next steps as a community, we need to gather our communal strength and resilience to carry us into the next stages of our church life.

Courage is a theme that runs through our recent experience as a parish. I want to propose it to you as a watchword for 2018.

We have been invited to new frontiers, to break the dead shell of yesterdays, to risk being disturbed and changed. We have responded and we have moved forward decisively to create a new and vibrant community. Behind our response is a dream of vitality that we do not want to postpone any longer.

For me, the call of 2018 is to live the life that we would love, to postpone our dream no longer ... to do at last what we came here for, and waste our hearts on fear no more.

My hope, as we step into this New Year as a new community, is that we will consolidate what we have accomplished, by building trust in our relationships.

There is a history of some tension between our two former communities, based on historical events and dynamics that go back long before many of us came here. I pray that we will come together more and more fully as this year unfolds, letting go of the old distinctions between the former churches and building together a new one. I pray that none of us will think of ourselves as 'winners' or 'losers' in this new relationship. When we look back at the end of this year of consolidation, I am confident we will all feel like 'winners'. Many people from both former communities already do.

What we came here for – to this community and to this moment in time – is to give glory to God ... by serving and strengthening one another so that we may offer our selves to serve the Owen Sound community and area.

We will best serve and strengthen one another by being ourselves, by being open and honest about who we are, about our joys and sorrows. This can only happen in community.

So I pray: that we will not neglect to come together ... for worship, for the many events and learning activities that are planned every year, and for the opportunities that exist for us to serve one another and the wider community.

And I pray that we will turn towards one another, take the risk of getting to know people who are new to us and who bring untold gifts to us personally and to our new church.

We are discovering that we are better together. That is not to say there are no challenges, but if we address our challenges with the Courage that runs like a seam of gold through our community, we will do well in 2018.

The dream I have for our church in 2018 is that we go to a new level of **Hospitality and Christian Fellowship**; strive to offer our very best in **Worship**; find new ways to **Reach out** to the community around; **grow in Faith and Love** for God and each other; **practice Generosity**, in gratitude for God's abundance in our lives.

In short, the new level I believe we are ready to move towards in 2018 is to truly become a church in mission. A church in mission is a church in training to serve. It has moved beyond concerns about its own survival and wants to do what it came here for ... i.e. be an agent and vehicle for God's Love in our society. This means everything we do is directed towards our core mission ... to introduce people who are struggling or floundering or feeling lost in their lives to the love we have found in God and in our community.

Some of the ways we can make this dream a reality:

- ❖ **Deepen** our walk on the Way of Jesus ... participate in faith development opportunities;
- ❖ **Worship** regularly ... the oftener we come, the better and more a part of it we'll feel ... come to worship not for ourselves, but because others need us too;
- ❖ **Welcome one another** whenever we are together, in a spirit of kindness and friendship;
- ❖ **Welcome newcomers and strangers** around us or beside us, without expecting that they will make the first move (not just say hello but take the next steps towards true relationship – invite people for a meal or a coffee);
- ❖ **Welcome children** – again not just by saying hello, but in everything we do ... make our building kid-friendly; be kid-friendly; get engaged with young families and children; bring the children in our lives to church;
- ❖ **Be hosts** in our community rather than guests, as we are in our own home;
- ❖ **Make every group mission-focused** – always ask how our group is helping to share God's Love;
- ❖ **Help out** where we can;
- ❖ **Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ,**
- ❖ **Invite** ... invite friends and neighbours to church activities;
- ❖ **Be patient** ... all good things do not happen overnight;
- ❖ **Pray every day** for one another, for the Church, the world and those in need;
- ❖ **Have fun together,**
- ❖ **Welcome difference** ... we're not all alike and that's a good thing;
- ❖ **Speak kindly** about one another;
- ❖ **Do not speak ill of anyone;**
- ❖ **Communicate** ... preferably in person;
- ❖ **Don't expect the pastor to do the ministry...** that's everyone's job and the more that ministry is shared, the stronger and more effective we will be.

The list could go on. Forgive me for saying these simple and obvious things ... but I am convinced that the secret of a strong church lies in our building strong bonds of community by doing the simple and obvious things repeatedly and well. In that way we build a strong community fabric. Was it Aristotle that said: "Genius lies in repetition"?

Courage, my friends! We have only just begun down this path together. We will accomplish great things to the extent that we stick together and stick close to God.

Courage, in the end, is a matter of the heart. And it is the human heart that Jesus invites to "Follow!" We do not need to go to the ends of the earth to follow Jesus. A lot of us may have thought we did, so we imagined we couldn't be disciples. I'm convinced, though, that when Jesus called them, the disciples left their nets and followed him, but they were likely home for dinner that night, and most nights, at least for 2 or 3 years.

Jesus calls us to follow him, not to the ends of the earth, but with all our hearts ... allowing our hearts to be transformed by the light of his Love in our lives. And then, we will have the courage we need to be a transforming presence **where we live**.

Let us not waste our hearts on fear, but allow them to be used well for Love's sake.

Your friend in Christ,

Graham

## WARDENS REPORT

2017 has been a year of many blessings and a time for thanksgiving. Our beautiful country of Canada celebrated 150 years of immigration, new beginnings, development, railroads, sent our brave young men and women off to two world wars and other conflicts and is still proud to be recognized as a peace keeping country throughout the world. Oh Canada, God keep our land... We are so blessed to live in this beautiful land of plenty and freedom.

2017 began with the parishioners of St. Thomas' Church having serious discussions about the future. At Vestry on January 29<sup>th</sup> three options were reviewed with a 55% vote to pursue 'disestablishment'. On January 31, the Committee of Options and the Wardens met with Bishop Linda to discuss the process. The Bishop encouraged the committee to give consideration to re-organization with St. George's Church. During the first week of February Bishop Linda discussed these thoughts with the Rev. Graham Bland, Archdeacon of the Saugeens. Graham met with the St. Thomas group on February 8 to discuss the possibilities and the procedures that would need to be followed by both congregations.

Both congregations held Special Vestries on February 26 with overwhelming votes to pursue negotiations with the intent of amalgamating the two parishes. February 27 a Steering Committee composed of our two parish priests Graham Bland and Claire Miller and the wardens of both congregations met to begin discussions. With no procedural guidelines to follow, the committee put their faith in God and the spiritual guidance and encouragement of Graham and Claire. Many prayers and discussions followed. This was not a simple task. The north wind blew and sometimes the white caps on the water looked fierce but, God was there to calm the waters, as always.

Transition Sunday was set for June 11 beginning at St. Thomas with prayers and a vestry meeting to approve amalgamation, the congregation joined by the choir, other members of St. George's and a lively musical group began the procession across town, heralded along the way by the Lutheran and United congregations. Following communion, the congregation of St. George's held a Vestry meeting to approve amalgamation and our new parish was born. Doing what Anglicans do best, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch together.

On June 25, Diocesan Council approved our request to sell the former St. Thomas property with the proceeds directed back to the missions, ministry and other needs of our new parish.

Bishop Linda gave an inspiring homily at our July 2<sup>nd</sup> morning service which was followed by a special vestry of our new parish to approve budget and other necessary resolutions.

During all these changes our faithful and dedicated volunteers and staff continued their services to God and their fellow parishioners.

We have been truly blessed to have had the spiritual leadership and guidance of Rev. Claire Miller at the former St. Thomas and Rev. Graham Bland here at our new parish. Their encouragement and commitment to their faith and their congregations have been a blessing throughout this year of many changes.

In June we welcomed the Rev. Ruth Knapp as our honorary assistant. Ruth's devoted service and warm personality have been a blessing to our worship services. In September, after many years of praying and planning for an expansion to our family ministry,

we welcomed John Paul Markides. His smile, enthusiasm and untiring work ethic are refreshing. Let us continue to support him with prayer. He is always seeking volunteers.

Mary Basinger, our office coordinator and bookkeeper, also known as 'Wonder Woman' has the amazing ability to always have time for questions, copies, a listening ear, answering the telephone, creating unique bulletins meanwhile, accomplishing all the office duties and b making it look easy.

Glenn Morrison, the treasurer of the former St. Thomas for many years, kept everyone up to date on financial information and continues to do daily security checks on the buildings, and many other jobs

Our special thanks to Ron Fenwick, Bob Fenwick, Betty Fellows and Gary Nuhn for taking such pride in keeping our church always ready for the next function.

And then we have, Nairne Brown, the back office volunteer and Ursula Dissmann our Monday office volunteer and former volunteer in the office at St. T's, Bob Johnston volunteer extraordinaire, Howard Critchley our sign changer and Raye Ralston our weekly shopper keeping our supplies at the ready.

Where would we be without the dedication and continued support of our amazing volunteers? Sometimes we forget to say thank you, your dedication and support is invaluable.

Envelope Secretary – Donnie Nichols

Envelope Secretary – Barb Boyle Jackson, St. Thomas

Jan Boyle Jackson – Auditor, St. Thomas

Odd Job Squad and the Amigos

Hospitality team

Coffee Hour organizers and hosts

Choir and musical contributions by Norma Morrison, Tim Pointon and Stephen Blender

Lay readers

Prayer groups

Worship committee

Pastoral Care team

Eucharistic Ministry team

Stewardship team

Faith Development leaders

Gardening committee

Chancel Guild

Meals on Wheels

OSHaRE volunteers

Monica House contributions

Sleeping Children around the World

Accessibility team

Property committee

Chattels and furniture inventory Committee, St. T'S and St. G's

Twilight Club- past, present and future

Lunch Bunches

Sound board volunteers

Quilters

Open Door Neighbourhood team

Servers  
St. Thomas property security team  
Refugee committee  
Thursday morning - rectory scripture studies  
Undercroft greeters  
Sunday morning greeters  
New organist search committee  
Web and Social Media committee  
Ad hoc committee

Happy retirement to Richard Smith who has enhanced our worship services with his musical gifts as organist and choir director.

We lost a dear friend this past year with the unexpected passing of Sue Sipprell. Sue was a dedicated volunteer and served as our untiring envelope secretary for many years. Rest in peace dear friend.

The Cookie Walk, inherited from the former St. Thomas parish, was an overwhelming success with the proceeds distributed to OSHaRE, Woman's Centre, Open Door Neighbourhood Outreach and the family ministry program.

We have experienced many changes during this past year. As Wardens, we thank you for believing in and supporting us throughout these changes. We are indeed a special parish family. We appreciate your continued participation and generosity in expanding the outreach of our parish in our community and to all we meets. Love and communication are two vital human blessings, let us all strive to become the people the Creator designed us to be.

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those with whom we travel the way. So be swift to love; make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love and serve, this day and evermore  
--A Celtic Blessing – shared by Ruth Knapp

Your Wardens:

Bob Henderson, Jean Wilson, Bill Sipprell, Nonie Little, Jake Bates and Betty Adair

## **FAMILY MINISTRY REPORT**

Over the first three months of the family ministry office we concentrated our efforts not events and classes but on prelatships and networking. Trying to become both a part of the parish and the lives of the families in our community. It was a wonderful success. Ideas have been shared as well as life experiences and wisdom, from all generations and walks of life in our parish family. The culmination of this enterprise was a community forum all of which contribution to the construction of a plan of action

After much conversation and deliberation and in consultation with the pastor and parish groups it was the decision of the Family ministries office, to focus its efforts and attentions, for the time being, in care of/for young parents.

This seems to be the most transient part of our community, and in desperate need of a 'stop loss' initiative. In working with young parents and stabilizing their attendance we can in turn have a more stable base of youth for subsequent ministerial work. This ministry initiative is less about programming and events and more about forming and firming up small group communities whose intention is to support each other. As well as personal and intense pastoral attention, making sure that each young family understands their importance and

I would like to institute a twofold approach for the family ministry plan over the forthcoming year:

The first part of the family ministries office's pastoral approach is to support and nurture our young families and young adult parishioners

- This will hopefully stabilize the attendance of this demographic as well as that of their children.
  - This will be done with personal pastoral visits as well as clubs and gatherings designed to facilitate community and interpersonal investment

The second part of the office's pastoral approach to family ministry will be:

- Outreach of a spiritual nature to the wider Christian community, both as an individual parish and as an ecumenical Christian community. This will help build a "critical mass of participants" in order to support our membership and create an atmosphere to combat the isolation experience of faith practice

Important Dates for Family Ministry events over the last few months

Dec 3 - "Star Wars Games" (first)

Dec 12 - George's Table - Young Family Supper (first)

Dec 17 - ALL AGES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec 24 - Children's Christmas Eve Eucharist 4 p.m.

Jan 16 - Family Supper (second)

Jan 28 - Family Eucharist "Sunday school Sunday"

Jan 28 - "Star Wars Games Day" (second)

### **Middle School youth Group**

- An initiative started by Janet Gamble every month youth from the local community come to share faith, fun and snacks,

**Family Eucharist - Sunday School Sundays** – can be traced to two individuals from the parish

- A Family oriented Liturgy designed with children in mind. Children K-Gr 8 are asked to participate in the service in any way possible. Not to showcase them as things to be seen but to help them feel fully immersed and incorporated into the community. This event incorporates storytelling, and interactive presentations like dramatized readings of the Gospel.

## **Christian Life Classes**

- In place of Sunday school we are inviting our younger believers to join us in to discuss and learn about church “things” like Baptism and the Eucharist, incorporating different learning styles this interactive hands on learning experience have our young people asking questions like why these “things” are so important to our faith community. Meeting between Christmas and Easter and again in the fall. Explore the different parts of the church. Experience church from all angles, Look at, touch and become familiar with all the “things” like vestments, holy waters oils and vessels. Explore the sights, sounds, scents and tastes of our faith.

## **Roleplaying Game group**

- Compost of weekly church goers to those in the neighborhood who have only looked at the doors of the church this rag tag group of adventurers take on the imaginary world of Star Wars to save the universe from untold evils. Building strong ties of community with each other and the church this group has already been instrumental in help the development and formation of other family ministry projects.

## **Games Nights**

- Though still in there infancy the concept of playing family and party games as a way of bring the many generations of our community for some well-deserved frivolity. This all ages game night for everyone church goer or no. A variety of tabletop games from Monopoly to Settlers of Catan.

## **Family Supper - George’s Table -**

- This was an activity planed in response to a common call among your families to connect in a world that is more and more virtually connected and less and less physically present. Once a month Families with Young children and singles alike come together as a community to cook and eat together, read some scripture, eat a meal, reflect and enjoy time together.

## **Snippy Knitters – Inter generational Family Ministry Knitting**

- A group of people from all walks of a life and any age group imaginable get together to knit and gab and maybe do some charitable stuff in the middle.

Respectfully submitted by

John-Paul Markides

## **HONOURARY ASSISTANT**

It is a real privilege to serve as an Honourary Assistant at St. George’s, Owen Sound. Although licensed with the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, I serve with the permission of Bishop Linda Nicholls under the supervision of Archdeacon Bland. My permit is for a period of three years in the wider Diocese of Huron. I perceive my role as similar to a substitute teacher. In other words, when Graham is unavailable, I can fill in when a priest is required.

To date: I presided at one funeral at St. Thomas and also filled in one November Sunday at South Hampton and Port Elgin. In the summer of 2017, I enjoyed leading worship for 3 weeks at the

early Sunday service, while the Archdeacon was on holidays. I have also presided at a few Wednesday morning services and one at Central Place. I presided and celebrated at both Sunday services, the beginning of October, while Graham was attending a family wedding. In December, I celebrated Eucharist twice at the 10:30 a.m. service and shared a homily and concelebrated with Graham on Christmas Day.

I look forward to getting to know the congregation, both “with and without the collar on”...Thank you to many who have welcomed me so warmly.

Respectfully submitted by

Ruth Knapp

## **FROM THE REGISTERS – 2017**

### **Baptisms**

Hannah Jean Flood

MacKenzie Taylor VanderDuim

Hannah Lesley Hiscock

### **Marriages**

Cassandra Marie Jannison & Mathew David White

Katherine Elizabeth MacAuley & Adam Charles McCallum

### **Burials**

James Atchison White

Joyce Elizabeth Messina

Maurice Wilfred Voelker

Robert Alfred Gillson

William George Corbett

Doris Anne Cranney

John Godfrey Lister

Suzanne Carol Sipprell

William Murray Tindale

Edward Roland Honneyman

James Benjamin Parsons

John Archibald Warrilow

# Envelope Secretary Report

Summary of givings recorded for the year ending December 31,2017 as recorded on the weekly giving's and credit card and PAP reports from the Diocese for envelope holders.

Total Distinct Donors are . 174

## Offering Comparison

<b>Year</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<i>Month</i>	without Capital	without Capital	without Capital	without Capital	without Capital	without Capital
January	17,150	17,627	15,818	14,227	20,404	21,202
February	13,949	13,949	15,543	15,376	16,294	18,498
March	14,956	14,956	19,138	18,225	18,698	15,629
April	19,565	19,565	16,368	16,134	17,077	18,912
May	13,664	13,664	15,484	16,010	18,813	16,140
June	14,505	14,505	21,253	20,413	15,217	16,890
July	14,589	14,589	14,451	11,394	13,819	22,255
August	11,622	11,622	18,572	15,549	15,432	19,043
September	18,132	18,132	15,263	15,527	15,536	21,809
October	13,163	13,163	16,854	16,024	18,572	22,242
November	15,729	15,729	14,977	18,174	17,819	21,047
December	<u>26,476</u>	<u>26,476</u>	<u>21,711</u>	<u>22,700</u>	<u>22,862</u>	<u>25,476</u>
<b>Total by Year</b>	<b>\$193,500</b>	<b>\$193,977</b>	<b>\$ 205,429</b>	<b>\$199,753</b>	<b>\$210,543</b>	<b>\$ 239,143</b>

## Breakdown of Givings

<b>Month / Break</b>	<b>2017</b>			<b>Designated</b>		<b>2017</b>	
	<b>PAP</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>Envelope</b>	<b>Funds - all</b>	<b>Capital</b>	<b>with Capital</b>	
January	8205	3290	9707	21,202	2,202	2,325	25,729
February	9345	3207	5946	18,498	3,503	2,490	24,491
March	9035	2117	4477	15,629	557	2,695	18,881
April	9620	2117	7175	18,912	6,070	2,650	27,632
May	9820	2117	4203	16,140	1,220	2,240	19,600
June	9050	1277	6563	16,890	1,805	2,005	20,700
July	10715	2277	9263	22,255	619	2,025	24,899
August	10665	1307	7071	19,043	2,847	1,905	23,795
September	11315	2077	8417	21,809	2,506	2,725	27,040
October	11465	1682	9095	22,242	2,861	2,700	27,803
November	11875	2077	7095	21,047	2,651	2,740	26,438
December	11740	2077	11659	<u>25,476</u>	<u>12,425</u>	<u>6,885</u>	<u>44,786</u>
<b>Total Year</b>	<b>122850</b>	<b>\$ 25,622</b>	<b>\$ 90,671</b>	<b>\$ 239,143</b>	<b>\$ 39,266</b>	<b>\$ 33,385</b>	<b>\$ 311,794</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Envelope Secretary Donnie Nichol

**ST. THOMAS AND ST. GEORGE'S**  
**BROTHERHOOD OF ANGLICAN CHURCHMEN**

We had meetings at St Thomas Church from January to March 2017, with the knowledge we were moving to St. George's church in the late spring. We assessed what we would take with us - Pepper games, Fish Dinner, sharing of fellowship with our BAC brothers.

In May we had our Mother's Day breakfast, well attended and planning for the fish dinner was well underway. The fish dinner went well in June, and we had our last service at St. Thomas June 11, 2017.

In June we had a meeting together with our St. George's brothers. Planning for September was talked out and we met in September as one group. We put together a plan in October to join bank accounts, look for a new executive and finalize all in November.

In November our executive was voted for and approved, the bank accounts were nearing completion as one. In December we did our Poinsettia sales, and helped with the cookie walk setup and put away.

It has been a good year we have learned about each other in one place, good talks, jokes, and great breakfasts!

Thank you for reading this we are always looking for more members, and walking with God everywhere we go.

Peter Danard

**Financial Statement for 2017 – St. Thomas Anglican Church**

**Income**

Balance as of December 31, 2016 \$2,436.25

**The following are a combined total:**

Bank Interest

Fish Supper

BAC Breakfast

BAC Dues

Poinsettia Sales

Pepper Games

\$5,568.39

\$8,004.64

**Expenses**

**The following are a combined total:**

Monica Place Bursary &

Huron Church Camp

Fish Supper

Towards Church

Poinsettias

BAC Membership

Fair Trade Coffee

"Our Kids" Bruce-Grey

BAC Breakfasts

Bank Charges

\$5,062.38

Balance as of December 31, 2017 \$2,942.26

\$8,004.64

Respectfully submitted by  
 Sandy Sorenson

## BROTHERHOOD OF ANGLICAN CHURCHMEN

Our monthly breakfasts are well attended and the fellowship is much enjoyed by all our members. The Brotherhood decided in 2017 not to put on a Pancake Supper, as our cooking equipment was no longer compliant with regulations. This will be revisited in the coming year. Our funds were accordingly more limited but we were able to donate to Monica Place and help support sending two young people going to Huron Church Camp. We were pleased to once again host the women of the Parish at a Mother's Day lunch.

In June, we met with St. Thomas' BAC chapter to talk about our BAC amalgamating and in November, we elected our Executive for 2018. New members are most welcome – we get together following the 8:00 service on the second Sunday of each month for a delicious breakfast in the basement of the Parish hall.

Respectfully submitted,

David Caudwell

### **Financial Statement for 2017 – St. George's Anglican Church**

#### **Income**

BAC Breakfast	
Propane rebate	
BAC Dues	
Transfer	<u>\$936.00</u>

#### **Expenses**

BAC Breakfast	
BAC Due	
Flowers	
Huron Church Camp	
Monica Place	<u>\$936.00</u>

## CATERING

A luncheon was provided for the Mariners following the annual Blessing of the Fleet service.

In June I welcomed Vera Weller as my co-coordinator along with members from St. Thomas'. This produced new ideas, new recipes and more willing hands.

We had a welcome luncheon for our brothers & sisters from St. Thomas' in June.

Hamburgers & hotdogs were provided for Bishop Linda's visit in July.

A light lunch was provided following the celebration of Life for Jim White, Suzaanne Sipprell, Godfrey Lister and Jim Parsons.

We provided tea, coffee, juice and manpower following the Celebration of Life service for Rev. Chad Honneyman, Pastor of the 5 parishes of the Bruce. The lunch was provided by congregations from his churches.

Thank you for your time and donations.

Respectfully submitted by

Peggy Ann Black

Vera Weller

## **COFFEE HOUR**

Since the formation of our new congregation, our numbers of Coffee Hour hosts have risen to 56+ willing suppliers of food for our Social time following the 10:30 Service on Sundays.

We are indeed grateful for the participation of so many people in this important ministry in our church.

We continue with 10 teams of varying sizes, who have brought many delicious goodies to grace our tables. All Coffee Hours have been held in the Parish Hall, and when tables & chairs cannot be set up until Sunday morning, we seem to have many willing hands to help.

We are also indebted to Raye Ralston, who continues to shop for milk, cream, juice, etc. every week.

The BAC continues to supply Fair Trade Coffee, for which we thank them. We also thank them for purchasing 2 new stainless steel coffee & tea urns.

Respectfully submitted

Betty Adair

Nairne Brown

Co-Chairs, Sunday Coffee Hour

## **COMMUNICATIONS TEAM**

A Communications Team came together this past summer to address our need for a new web-site and internet presence.

Thanks to the combined expertise of Tim Pointon and David Adair, assisted by Jenny Flood and Ian Hendrie, the new website was launched in the Fall, along with a renewed Facebook presence for our new parish community.

Hats off to our Communications Team! They have really done the parish proud by their efforts.

## GARDEN COMMITTEE

This committee falls under the heading of Mission and Service for members of the community. People of all ages have enjoyed the grounds surrounding St George's since the completion of the gardens in 1993 - a result of the memorial donation from the estate of Isobel Fox.

While the summer of 2016 was very hot and dry, this summer it rained - a lot! Everything grew with gusto and watering was not required on the reseeded lawn area. . The Chancel Guild bought the two new planters at the main entrance. Thank you, Marilyn and Bill Gamble for making that happen and to Marlene Burns for donating and planting the flowers in the spring and replacing them with greenery for the winter.

The DIA watered the garden on the corner when they were doing the city planters on the corner of 10th and 4th Ave East; a letter of thanks was sent to them.

Jean and Bob Wilson, Ruth Tomkins, Susan Morison and Ruth Henderson worked in their assigned gardens; Carol and Bob McKee pruned the rose bushes; Howard Critchley scraped and re-painted the benches, removed the ivy from the south wall of the church and edged the gardens. Newer helpers are Nigel and Cindy Coe, and Vern Caswell and Anne Jones. Anne pruned some of the spirea bushes. Thank you everyone.

Bob Fenwick continues to do a good job cutting the grass, taking loads to the city compost, watering the planters and removing the snow from the walks in the winter, and is assisted by our custodian, Ron Fenwick.

The Annie Jaffray Eaton Memorial at the corner of 10th Street and 4th Avenue East will be taken down by the property Committee in 2018 because of a crumbling concrete base. Grey Roots Museum and Archives would be pleased to receive the plaque from it. All possible interested parties have been contacted prior to this decision being made.

The rare old Weeping English Ash Tree on church property was inoculated against the Emerald Ash Borer. The dead-wood was pruned by Redmond Tree Service. Thinning of the giant maple tree near 10th Street should be considered next year as well as pruning the magnolia tree near the Parish Hall. St. George's, this beautiful place of worship, is seen by everyone who uses 10th Street. Please consider offering an hour or so or sending the person who cares for your property to look after a small garden plot or an occasional standing job like pruning or edging around the walkways. It would really be appreciated.

Submitted by Ruth Henderson,

Convener Garden Committee

## **THE MARTHA QUILTERS**

It is with great sadness that the Martha Quilters said goodbye to our master quilter, Sue Sipprell. Sue has led us through many years of quilting and has always known how to meet each quilting problem. We truly miss her as a quilter and as a dear friend.

This year was not as productive as far as the number of quilts we completed, but it was a year of fellowship, laughter, sadness and friendship.

One of our quilts took five months to do. That sounds horrendous but it can only be measured by the number of quilters present each week and the time each had to spend. Nevertheless we probably should look at our charges. We realized \$510 this year. We finished a quilt started in 2016 plus two complete quilts. We are working on another which may be finished in late January. This last quilt is one made by Sue Sipprell before she died. To say it has been a labour of love is an understatement.

Many thanks go to our quilters, Ruth Tompkins, Peggy Ann Black, Jean Thompson, Suzanne Micks, Anne Jones and yours truly. We are especially pleased to have Ashley Collier join us when possible. (Sue's granddaughter in law)

John French joins us to supervise and keep us on our toes.

If you are interested please join us in the undercroft on Tuesdays from September to June.

Respectively submitted                      Jean Wilson

## **CHANCEL GUILD**

Last January, St Thomas and St George's both had active separate Chancel Guilds. Over the year, all the members met to organize a new Guild. This involved combining our teams, honouring our traditions, and planning how to best use the supplies, furniture, and holy vessels of both former guilds. I think the beautiful arrangements in the Church over Christmas are a tribute to our success. We celebrated our new Guild with a delightful potluck dinner at Pat Dickey's in December. We are always ready to welcome new members – you are welcome to shadow one of our teams to see if you would enjoy joining us.

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Bell and Suzanne Vamplew

## **MUSIC AT ST. GEORGE'S**

As has been the case in many others aspects of our parish life, 2017 has been a year of transition in our music ministry, with the retirement in June of organist Richard Smith, who served St. George's so well for 6 years. Also in June, after many years of musical ministry from our brass ensemble, that ministry came to an end as its leader Nolan Murphy moved on to University.

Since June, we have enjoyed excellent musical leadership at the organ and piano from a number of guests – Laura McAlpine, Ann-Marie MacDairmid, Kati Gleiser, Barrie Lennox and Julian Delf.

The search for a new organist / music director has not been straightforward or easy. We have now begun a second round of publicity in various media in the hope of securing applications from qualified musicians.

Music is central to our worship life and we pray that in 2018, our choir and we will be able to move forward under the direction of a new music leader. The choir has been persevering through all the changes and doing extremely well. Our sincere thanks are due to them; their determination from week to week has continued to make for joyful worship every Sunday. Praise God!

In the meantime, we thank God that we have been so well served by such wonderful visiting musicians. We hope to continue in the same vein until we are able to hire a new music leader. Please pray for our music ministry ... that in 2018 we will find the right person to lead us in music into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Organ Search Committee – David Adair, Libby Rea, Peter Little, Graham Bland, Barbara Gray

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Health and Safety Committee was formed in 2005. The Diocese of Huron mandated that every parish in the Diocese form a Health and Safety Committee and comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Workplace Hazardous Materials information and other related legislation.

St. George's Health and Safety Committee is comprised of: Lynn Sunstrum – Chair, Bernice Ackermann, Cleland Holder, Ruth Henderson, Nonie Little, Glenn Morrison, and Sandy Sorenson. During the past year the Health and Safety Committee has not met as frequently as in past years. And this was mainly because of how busy everyone was because of the amalgamation of the two churches (St. Thomas and St. George's) into one church.

Normally we have four inspections as well as four meetings per year. The inspections are of the parish hall, the outside property around the church and parish hall, the church inside itself, and the undercroft of the church.

Written reports are drawn and subsequent action by the Wardens, the Property Committee, The Odd Job Squad and untold invisible workers who are under the radar and accomplish so much very quietly. It often requires incredible time and energy to accomplish the recommendations of the Health and Safety Committee. This work is important and very much appreciated. As we do not have a budget, minor situations are corrected, if possible, and more

major ones are referred to other appropriate committees.

“To Do” List March 20, 2017 ---- While this was not a Health and Safety issue, a spring “To Do” List for all Committees was distributed with suggestions where “we” might repair, de-clutter and clean St. George’s buildings in preparation for amalgamation with St. Thomas. November 29, 2017 --- the list was updated. Progress is slow and ongoing.

“The Bus Effect” project was returned to Parish Council. This project would be better served at a future date. Four new First Aid Kits have been purchased, one for each floor of each building. It is the responsibility of each person to note the location of all safety equipment, exits etc. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training will be organized for Feb., March, or April 2018 and taught by Lorri Summerville, a Canadian Red Cross Trainer with Grey County Paramedic Services. Call the office to indicate your interest.

Emergency phone numbers, emergency and safety drafts are constantly updated. Hand sanitation stations are installed and maintained. First aid stations are installed and maintained, as are AED stations. Fire extinguishers are installed and checked regularly by the Fire Department. Emergency exits and lights are marked.

The kitchens are inspected by the Department of Health. The Grey Bruce Health Unit inspected our premises. We passed this Annual Food Premises Inspection. Boiler has MSDS sheets prepared.

John Hull and the Property Committee work closely and effectively with the Health and Safety Committee. Great thanks to this faithful group and Wilf Murphy and Bob Wilson and the Odd Job Squad.

The Health and Safety Committee is active in the Diocese Achieving Accessibility expectations. Wheelchair accessibility and signage and bathroom doorways are checked and addressed regularly. Our wheelchair ramp is accessible and well maintained. Thanks to Bob Henderson for his diligent and relentless work.

The Health and Safety committee is also mindful of the Environmental Assessment for the Green Parish Designation with particular attention to Waste Reduction and Energy Conservation.

The Health and Safety Committee is a conscientious and careful Committee that identifies and reports its concerns to the Wardens. The efforts of this diligent committee help to maintain our buildings and keep our environment safe.

sincere thanks to all who work so willingly and graciously to keep our Parish Home safe and healthy.

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Sunstrum, Chair

## **LAY LEADERS**

St. George's Church is served by a team of five Lay Leaders: Pat Brown, Jane Hendrie, Peter Little, Carol McCurdy and Norma Morrison. Lay Leaders lead Sunday services, read the Gospel, prepare the Communion Table, assist with administering communion and are available to assist the Rector during the service. Each Lay Leader brings their own unique perspective and experience to the role and is invited into parts of the service such as the Children's Focus and preaching.

2017 was a year of collaboration and spiritual growth for the team. There was a team expansion! We grew from two Lay Readers to a team of five Lay Leaders. This growth is a joyous development as we continue to learn from and share with one another. Lay Leaders were invited to preach at different times of the year which were personal opportunities for spiritual growth in sharing the Word, and practice in homiletics. We are grateful to Graham for the invitation and all parishioners for encouragement on the journey.

Continuing education is part of being a Lay Leader. Two Lay Leaders and a Lay Reader are studying in the Saugeens Theology Series Courses held at St. George's, Clarksburg. Carol continues her theological studies and her discernment as a Postulant. Lay Leaders are involved in specific ministries within the life of St. George's including prayer, bible study, topical discussion groups, worship and outreach.

In May, Graham, Jane, Pat and Carol attended the annual Diocesan Lay Readers Workshop, hosted by St. Paul's, Southampton. These gatherings offer opportunities for learning, spiritual growth, skill development through discussion groups and presentations, and a chance to develop relationships with sisters and brothers from across the Diocese. Workshops included: 'Why God's Word Matters', by The Rev'd Chris Travers, 'The Lectionary and Seasonal Prayers', by The Rev'd Steve Green, and The 5-Questions of the Sermon, led by The Rev'd Jason Postma. Lay Leaders and clergy had the opportunity to create space for listening, learning from one another and growing in Christ together.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Lay Leaders. We are humbled and privileged to be serving in this role.

Faithfully,

Pat Brown, Jane Hendrie, Peter Little, Carol McCurdy and Norma Morrison

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

During 2017 the members of St. George's Anglican Prayer Circle continued to offer intercessory prayers for persons from within and outside the parish. In the autumn we joined with the Prayer Chain from the former St. Thomas' Church. The separate prayer lists of the two groups that existed before amalgamation were not combined. Since then, 23 prayer requests have been shared. Eventually everyone will have the same prayer list.

We pray regularly, individually and confidentially for individuals and families as requested. We circulate prayer requests and updates amongst ourselves by telephone, email when confidentiality is assured, and in person. We depend upon and thank parishioners for bringing the needs of others to our attention. Please remember to keep us informed of changing conditions after making the initial request for prayer.

We currently have the following 20 members: Anne Asten, Mary Caldwell, Kay Cook, Frances Cornett, Pat Dickey, Ursula Dissmann, Janet Gamble, Mona Goulette, Janette Gray, Joanne Green, Nonie Little, Carol McCurdy, Carol McKee, Bev Morley, Susan Morison, Helen Morrison, Elizabeth Rea, Jill Rogers, Lyn Sowden and Vera Weller. New members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Rea Vera Weller

## **PRAYER TEAM**

The Prayer Team is a small group, transplanted from St. Thomas Church that meets regularly for intercessory prayer. We pray for those whose names have been written on the list of Intercessions from the previous Sundays, and for those who have died and their families. We also pray for our church, for our community, for Canada, for the well-being of creation, for peace and for those who suffer from natural disaster or violence in the wider world. Our time of prayer always begins with thanksgiving for the good things in our lives and the life of the world.

We usually meet on alternate Friday afternoons, at 1:30, in the Lounge. Meetings last about an hour and follow a simple format. You are most welcome to join us, regularly or occasionally, or to pass on requests for prayer at any time!

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Hendrie

## **READERS/GREETERS/PRAYERS/COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

The laity who take part in the 10:30 Sunday Morning worship service are scheduled on a format provided by the church office which outlines the readings of the day and various special services. Three to four months are scheduled at a time so that there are 3 or 4 schedules produced over the course of a year.

Currently 50 individuals take on the various duties, some performing more than one. There are 31 readers, 25 greeters, 13 communion assistants and 11 leaders of the Prayers of the People. New volunteers are always welcome.

Readers are encouraged to read from the lectern, not the bulletin. There is a copy of The Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary on the lectern. The print is large, clear and the readings follow each other for the day so that you do not have to mark your reading beforehand or move to the reading if you are the second reader.

Thanks go to Jean Wilson who has prepared a clear set of instructions for the greeters. This can be found on the small lectern at the back of the church beside the binder containing the schedules.

Thank you to everyone who is involved in these important and ongoing ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Rea

## **SERVERS**

I would like to thank Mary Basinger, Betty Fellows, and Nairne Brown for their dedicated and willing service as Servers throughout the year and Riley Gamble and our young people as they are available.

We would be pleased to welcome anyone of any age to join in this rewarding ministry.

Respectfully submitted by                      David Caudwell

## **TELEPHONE COMMITTEE**

The phone committees of St. George's and St. Thomas' are in the process of joining our lists. We are making sure that the messages from the new St. George's are being received by all parishioners.

With the combined membership we would be very grateful for new phoners. If you are willing to donate no more than half an hour a month, please contact

**Suzanne Vamplew at 519-376-1454 or Ursula Dissmann at 519-270-8365.**

We really appreciate the help we get from our phoners. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Vamplew and Ursula Dissmann

## **WORSHIP**

The Worship Committee with the leadership of Reverend Graham Bland, Associate Rectors Mona Goulette & Ruth Knapp is supported by various heads of groups and committee chairs who report, offer input and serve to enrich the worship experience at St. George's Anglican Church, Owen Sound. We sincerely thank Graham, Mona & Ruth for their leadership and we look forward to working together in the years to come.

The members of the Worship Committee 2017 are: Graham Bland – Rector, Mona Goulette – Associate Rector, Peter Little – Chair, Nairne Brown-Recorder, Elizabeth Rea – Lay Leadership/Prayer Chain, Bob McKee – Choir, Marilyn Gamble – Altar Guild, John Paul Markides – Youth and Family Pastor, David Caudwell – Servers, Beverly Morley – Eight O'clock Service, Carol McCurdy – Lay Reader, Bernice Ackermann – Phone Chain

The Worship Committee, in consultation with the minister, serves to schedule, plan and organize both formal and informal worship experiences, both at St. George's and in communion with neighbourhood churches. These times of worship are comprised primarily of the main services on Sundays and High Days and Holidays.

The purpose of the Worship Committee, with the minister's guidance, is to ensure that every worship experience is as complete, well organized and meaningful as possible. We, as a parish, need to know what is happening and who is responsible. The Worship Committee, with information and structure from the minister, provides a framework from which to operate. The

Worship Committee keeps us on track, it makes sure parishioners feel included and it fosters and maintains communication among individuals, groups and committees. To this end, a calendar of events and participants is kept current for parishioners and staff to track. The church office facilitates this.

The Worship Committee works hand in hand with the Altar Guild, the Servers, the Lay Leaders and the Lay Participants and is a valuable resource for the whole Parish Community. In conference with Graham, the Worship Committee helps to make liturgical decisions with wisdom and knowledge.

The Worship Committee upholds the Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation and promotes Radical Hospitality through such initiatives as: the use of helpful name tags, complete visitor packages, comforting prayer intention cards, the user-friendly bulletin, the fun Children's Corner, Youth-Led Services, Lay-Led Sunday School and Nursery and the accommodation of special needs. John Paul is addressing the special needs of our young parishioners and our families.

The Worship Committee supports the importance of music. During the first six months of the year, our Organist/Choirmaster, Richard Smith brought great skill, talent and sensitivity to this role and we are very grateful to him. We bid Richard a fond farewell as he and Mary enjoy relaxation and travel.

It is impossible to thank all those who help to make worship at St. George's so meaningful. Each of you is a valued and important component and we are very grateful.

We need members of our congregation to continue to provide us with suggestions, information and ideas to improve and enrich our worship experience.

As a Worship Committee, we endeavour to help Graham, in concert with Mona & Ruth and parish leadership, to plan, oversee and create the best worship experience possible. We are infinitely blessed to have Graham, Mona & Ruth as our spiritual leaders and we thank them for sharing their abundant gifts with us at St. George's.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Little, Chair

## **FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

Working quietly behind the scenes, this group is responsible for planning and offering a variety of opportunities for spiritual growth and development throughout the year.

In 2017, during Lent, a supper series on Wednesday evenings was entitled "Fasting From Despair". 12-16 people attended. It was a time to discuss current events/issues that people were struggling with; positive ways to deal with stresses. All these evenings had as their underlying questions "what is our purpose of people of God". 5 Marks of Love materials were also shared with the parish during Lent, with the invitation to people to sign up online for a daily reflection from one of the Brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist.

Weekly Bible Studies in the Rectory in both Spring and Fall provided an opportunity for a dozen or so seekers to listen to a video presentation from the Great Courses followed by a discussion of the content and people's responses. These continue in 2018.

In the Fall season, two Wednesday evening series have been offered – “Talking about Faith” and “Simply Christian.”

It was unfortunately not possible to offer Habits of the Heart this year due to the intensity of activity and work related to our amalgamation of the two Owen Sound parishes. We anticipate that Habits of the Heart will resume after Easter 2018 with a series entitled “Agents of Hope”.

During the year, at roughly quarterly intervals, we have published a parish booklet of readings for the daily office along with suggestions for daily prayers. About 40 or 50 of these booklets are taken home each quarter by parishioners for their use in the home.

In a new experiment, as part of what was initiated in the former St. George's as a “Year of Spiritual Renewal” the Rector has published a daily e-mail throughout the year (except in July and August) with a short reflection on the daily scriptures. With the kind daily assistance of Tim Pointon, these daily reflections have been turned into a daily blog, which you can find at [nomansbland.blogspot.ca](http://nomansbland.blogspot.ca). Sincere thanks to Tim for his diligence in making this project come to life.

In the New Year, “Talking about Faith” and “Simply Christian” are continuing with the able leadership of Jane Hendrie and David Ross.

We are planning a “Death Café” over 4 Sunday afternoons in January and February, in order to respond to some recent requests from the congregation for help in being better prepared for death – for themselves and for their families.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Nevins, David Ross, Jane Hendrie, John Hull, Norma Morrison, John-Paul Markides & Graham Bland

## **TALKING ABOUT FAITH**

The Talking about Faith group began in January 2016 at St. Thomas Church, with the goal of providing a comfortable place to discuss our ideas and issues around faith and spirituality. Since moving to St. George's, the group has grown and continues to flourish.

With no set program, we have explored many topics suggested by the participants: prayer, forgiveness, medical assistance in dying, the Apostles Creed, science and religion, and how faith makes us courageous, to name some of them!

We currently meet alternate Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm in the Undercroft. Please feel welcome to join this friendly group.

Respectfully submitted,      Jane Hendrie

## Report to Vestry – Refugee Family / MOU

The family that is being sponsored and who has been approved by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada on November 15, 2017, is the seven person Alkhasharfa family, made up of

Ismael Almad Alkhasharfa,	Father	DOB 1978-09-20
Nour Ismael Alkhasharfa,	Mother	DOB 1984-03-20
Enas Ismael Alkhasharfa,	Daughter	DOB 2006-01-01
Malak Ismael Alkhasharfa,	Daughter	DOB 2009-06-22
Yousef Ismael Alkhasharfa,	Son	DOB 2014-11-04
Afnan Ismael Alkhasharfa,	Daughter	DOB 2014-11-04
Leen Ismael Alkhasharfa,	Daughter	DOB 2017-12-28

The sponsorship of this Syrian family is being undertaken through a Sponsorship Agreement held by the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Huron, of London, Ontario. The sponsorship is being undertaken by the St. George's Anglican Church of Owen Sound (SGACOS), and the Intermediary Group (IG) **IN To Canada Group**, represented by Johanna (Ann) Louise Schneider.

St. George's has created a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that sets out the terms of understanding between St. George's Anglican Church, Owen Sound and **IN To Canada Group** represented by Johanna Schneider of Georgian Bluffs, Ontario, providing intermediary functions in the sponsorship of a refugee family from Nawa, Syria. The MOU details the responsibilities that are required so that both St. George's and the Intermediary Group follow the guide lines for expenditures that are required for receipted donations under the Charities Directorate (Rev Can). St. George's (SG) shall be initially represented by Barbara Gray, and all liaisons between the SG and the IG shall be done through Barbara Gray, or through her replacement, should one be appointed during the time of the sponsorship of the family.

The St. George's will not be directly involved with the support activities required by the sponsored family, nor will they be financially responsible for the family.

The Intermediary group has already directed some of their non tax receipted funds to pay for a cesarean section for the safe delivery of Leen Ismael who is still in hospital in Jordon. From what we know is she is doing well and hopefully will be coming with her family soon to Owen Sound.

## MEALS ON WHEELS REPORT

Meals on Wheels is a programme operated by The Home and Community Support Services of Grey and Bruce. This programme relies on community volunteers to deliver the Owen Sound Hot and Frozen Meal programme. St. George's volunteers deliver hot meals the second Thursday and Friday of each month to mostly older people who are able to remain in their homes as a result of services like this. The volunteers work in pairs, or alone, delivering the meals by car.

Volunteers choose to deliver either Thursday or Friday or both days. The meals are no longer prepared by the Salvation Army. Starting November 29, 2017 the meals are being prepared at The Just Like Home Café at Heritage Place Mall. The meals are picked up at 11 a.m. and are

usually all delivered by 12:30 p.m. NEW VOLUNTEERS (ALWAYS IN DEMAND) RECEIVE ON THE JOB TRAINING IN THE COMPANY OF AN EXPERIENCED VOLUNTEER.

Here is the list of the St. George's MOW volunteer teams for 2016.

Carol & Bob McKee

Pat & Ross Leigh

Ruth & Bob Henderson

Jean & Bob Wilson

Mary Caldwell & Betty Fellows

Betty Fellows & Donnie Nichol

Rosemary Carr & Nicole Pointon

Pam Flontek

Jill & Rodney Rogers

Elizabeth & Michael Rea

It has been a year of change for the MOW team, the most shocking being the vacancy left by the accidental death of Janmarie in December. Ruth & Bob and Carol & Bob have stepped down after years of service. The renewal process has already begun with the addition of Jill & Rodney.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rea, Co-ordinator

## **OSHaRE**

St. George's continues to support this very important ministry. Currently they are feeding between 80 and 110 people a night. People of all ages, including young families and seniors are being helped. Together we are making a difference in people's lives!

## **PASTORAL CARE**

Pastoral Care ministry attends to the spiritual and emotional needs of our parishioners, as well as those in Long Term Care Facilities at their home or in hospital.

This Ministry brings us personal rewards: the feeling of being able to ease someone's concern, serving others, sharing our faith, the honor of being trusted. Everything shared is held in confidence.

We meet every third Wednesday of the month to share our joys and concerns with one another, update our lists of those we visit, bringing any concerns we have for sharing and discussion.

This year, former St. Thomas members have joined our Pastoral Care Team. This has been a very welcome addition to our team. They join us each month for our Pastoral Care meeting. At the beginning of every meeting we take time to check in with each other and share any concerns or joys, both personal and with those we visit. It is by taking care of ourselves and each other that we can focus on listening to and serving others. Everything shared is held in confidence. Graham leads a service once a month at Seasons, Central Place, Summit Place and Kelso Villa and occasionally at Kelso Pines. I assist in these services. Sometimes another member of St. George's attends. If you would like to be a part of this Ministry, please come, check the Sunday bulletin for the time and place of each service. Most of these facilities have members of our own Parish in residence.

Our prayer is to see our Pastoral Care Team grow, in hope that everyone in need will be ministered to.

Respectfully submitted                      Lyn Sowden

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

### **Background**

In December of 2015 the Parish Council approved the launch of a new committee and mission statement for a Neighbourhood Outreach Committee. Since that time the Committee has offered events and activities which support the mission to reach out in friendship and compassionate service with our neighbours.

### **Timeline of Events/Activities in 2017**

- March                      1st issue of "Chat" neighbourhood newsletter - delivered door to door by Committee members
- April 27                      Opening of "the Spot" weekly drop in space - later renamed "The Open Door". Held in basement of parish hall every Thursday afternoon between 3 - 6 p.m. (36 weeks in 2017).  
10 - 13 people visited each week. People of all ages visit. Quiet space, kids area, snacks, reading material, games, crafts, sharing table and conversation are all part of the drop-in space.
- May 20                      Boot Barter Exchange Day - sharing what we have with others held on the lawn outside the parish hall.
- June 24                      3rd Annual Summer Neighbourhood Festival. Drumming for all ages [under Festival Tree], mural painting, Firefighters brought a Fire truck for attendees to explore, games, hot dogs, and ice cream. Approximately 150 people attended, mainly neighbours.

September 23      Sock Hop - fun return to school celebration for all ages held in the parish hall.

December 29      1st monthly Neighbourhood Dinner - neighbours invited to a home cooked meal in the parish hall to get to know one another. 55 people attended and 10 take aways were delivered to neighbours unable to attend. Live music and Kids' Corner - rave reviews from neighbours.

## **Review of Events/Activities**

The Committee reviewed the history of events and determined that some events offered have been more successful than others. The success of the annual Neighbourhood Summer Festival, the Movie Nite and The Open Door are meeting needs within the neighbourhood. Based on this assessment the Committee will continue to offer The Open Door, The Neighbourhood Summer Festival and Movie Nite. The members decided to focus on growing the Summer Festival along with The Open Door and Movie Nite. In partnership with Family Ministry, Movie Nite will be offered once a quarter in conjunction with a monthly dinner.

The weekly drop in centre, quarterly movie nights and monthly dinners and the Summer Festival will be the focus for the next two years. This focus will be invitational, inclusive and celebrate our unique and diverse neighbourhood. The feedback from neighbours has been positive and realistic. The primary need of the "hood" is to get to know one another, and continue to build community through specific and common needs which will be identified during our various gatherings. The Committee's greatest gift to-date is offering time and space to listen with heart to each person's story and hold it with honour. These moments have added up to hours, days and weeks of learning about one another during the events and activities held over the last two years.

Welcoming, safe and hospitable relationships continue to develop between members on the Committee and neighbours. We have agreed that our ability to offer a stable and consistent environment and programs will demonstrate our commitment and add value to our neighbourhood. The goal is to continue extending invitations and nurturing connections with folks, and sustaining a healthy relationship through our presence as collaborative partners in our neighbourhood.

Committee:

Co-chairs	Carol McCurdy/Neighbour TBD
Co-Treasurers	Barbara Eastwood/Sheila White
Secretary	Marion Little
Members	Zoe Thurling, Jan Tindall, Alice Stangret, Paul Schweitzer, Graham Bland, Trudie Ross (retired member mid-year)

Thanks to the generous support of many neighbours and parishioners who have made it possible for us to serve our neighbours.

Respectfully,

All members of the Committee

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The St. George's Property Committee is a group of talented, dedicated volunteers who want to make our spiritual home a fitting place to worship God and to shelter our souls and bodies.

Members in alphabetical order: David Caudwell, Greg Gillies, Ken Gray, Bob Henderson, Cleland Holder, John Hull, Chris Lingard, Glenn Morrison, Wilf Murphy, Lynn Sunstrum, Bob Wilson, and Pat Caudwell (Recorder).

### Work and Capital Projects:

Accessibility: The project for an elevator is under the direction of Bob Henderson. Countless meetings with the architect, drawings, grants and thinking about the best approach for this much-needed elevator is a primary concern for Bob and our congregation.

### Other Capital Projects:

- Lead flashing caps are recommended by the Diocesan architect to keep moisture and acid rain from penetrating our church walls. This is the cause of the plaster arch deterioration.
- Stained glass window restoration needs to be addressed.
- Parish Hall Projects: Sump jet sump pump in the Parish Hall, new windows in the Parish Hall kitchen and storage area, new ceiling in the Parish Hall Lounge.
- New Parish Hall roof is needed in the near future.
- New Parish Hall doors needed.
- Rectory siding at the front.

These will be big projects but are necessary to complete care of the outer shield of our buildings.

- We have completed the spire of the church and new aluminum slate roof over the church. A new roof on the Rectory was completed in 2017.
- The heating system for the church and parish hall has been restored.
- There was a leak at the Rectory this month in the heating system. Maurice Mechanical will be fixing this.

Our congregation is amazing! We have raised nearly a million dollars in ten years for the above projects. Not only is our church a temple for our Lord, but a symbol of our faith for the whole community. To quote Graham, "Buildings dedicated to prayer develop sacred energy. They help us remember that both the world and our bodies are sacred. True prayer is listening. Both the world and our bodies desperately need quiet places set aside for this."

### 2017 Capital Projects and Property Committee Work Completed:

- A new digital sound board and six speakers have been installed by Gary Byers Fishfinder Sound with the help of Greg Gillies and Bob Henderson. Cost: \$900
- Boiler re-tubing plus new zone control valve by Maurice Mechanical. Cost:\$10,000
- Rectory roof: Approx. \$15,000
- May Work Bee- gaps in boiler room ceiling filled in.
- In August scaffolding was erected in the church nave to repair dormer roof vents and clean the large light globes. Thanks go to Bob Henderson and his son and Greg Gillies.

- Garden Committee: Special thanks go to Ruth Henderson, Dave Gillies, Howard Critchley and many others for their dedicated help on the church grounds and gardens.
- Howard Critchley puts out and brings in the handicapped signs for parking on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. in front of the church narthex and changes the 10<sup>th</sup> st. church sign every Sunday.
- The Three Amigos, also known as Glenn Morrison, Ken Gray and Sandy Sorenson continue to monitor the St. Thomas Church and Rectory at least 3 times a week. They have cleaned the snow off the flat roof over the kitchen and installed a new sump pump in the rectory. They have hung coat hooks in St. George's Neighbourhood Outreach room and, with help from Brian Green, installed a window in the Outreach room door. Many, many thanks!
- On Chattels Moving Day on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Three Amigos and Jake Bates used a rental van for this work. Janette Gray, Pat and Carl Dickey, Tim and Niki Pointon helped John Hull use his van and Sandy with his pick-up truck pack and transport chattels to the St. George's Parish Hall.
- Wilf Murphy continues to set our timers seasonally for the church lights and church sign.
- John Hull re-screwed the Parish Hall steps to the kitchen and cleaned the Rectory sunroom eaves troughs. Greg Gillies helped John clean the Parish Hall eaves trough and repaired downspouts.
- John installed metal gussets on the Fishers of People stained glass window in the North transept.

The Property Committee tries to have regular meetings and work bees. They are always looking for more helpers for projects.

Respectfully submitted by John Hull, Chair of the committee

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

The operations and ministry of a congregation require the cooperative and helpful spirit of those who love the church and want to see it run smoothly and effectively to fulfill its mission. The fruit of their service includes tasks well done, community formation, connection to one another, learning the meaning of church, and changed lives for those within and beyond the congregation.

*Robert Schnase, Five Practices of Healthy Congregations*

The Stewardship Committee's purpose is to support the efforts of our congregation as it strives to build a strong, spirit-filled mission and ministry of faith, worship, education and outreach. This embodies the call to discipleship, acknowledging that God's grace and love are not only freely given, but given in great abundance. As Christians, we understand that in response to that great blessing, we need to share God's grace and love with others, not reluctantly but joyfully and generously.

In October a presentation was made to the Parish Council about the purpose and reason for a Stewardship Program. Using the examples from the Five Practices of Healthy Congregations and an article "Generosity 101" written by Peter Misiaszek, Director of Stewardship Development for the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, Graham and Elaine described the year-round faith based program that had been developed for the former St. George's Church. Bishop Linda Nicols has asked every parish in the Diocese to have a Mission and Ministry Plan and a Stewardship Program to ensure our churches thrive.

There are two parts for the program, one for the first part of the year, 'Spring for the World' and one for the fall, 'Fall for the Church'. The first focuses our faith on mission, time and talents; the second on education on becoming disciples and good stewards, and a Fall Appeal to assist the Wardens and Parish Council to develop a realistic financial plan and budget for the upcoming year for Vestry.

The Promise Card was distributed with the proportional giving calculator and pledge portion for parishioners to complete to provide evidence of the financial support for the work and mission of the church on an annual basis.

Faith and stewardship are not separate but an integral part of the Christian's decision to follow a life of responding generously to God's abundance and grace with gifts of time, talent and treasure. Plans for the Spring and Fall Stewardship Programs and activities were approved by the Councils at each of those times. I apologize for not recognizing it would have been helpful to explain the Rector's role more fully in the Stewardship program knowing that this would be new to many. We are sharing literature to support this new practice.

The Spring Stewardship Events were very well received by the congregation. On Sunday, April 23, 2017 the Stewardship Committee organized the St. George's Day Feast in the Parish Hall at 5:00 p.m. Glenn Trivett, the co-facilitator of the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy at M'Wikwedong Native Cultural Centre in Owen Sound was the guest speaker at the St. George's Day Feast. For the past few years we have invited either Indigenous leaders as part of our response to the Truth and Reconciliation Report. Glenn was the guest preacher at the 10:30 service to tell us about the Indigenous Peoples spirituality and its similarities to the Christian faith. He explained that their Creator god is the same God we worship. Glenn told us the Indigenous people believe the decisions we make today will affect the next seven generations, so make good choices today.

Remember the Spring Talent Show held on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>? Our goal was to have a social evening for both former parishes and the neighbourhood by hosting a finger food potluck and a talent show. Judging by the laughter and applause, and the bounty of the food we shared, it was a tremendous evening of sharing our talents and gifts in joyfulness together. Even people from the community and further away heard about this event and came in to ask if they could perform or sit in the audience! We will do this again.

In the spring of 2017, as part of our outreach to the world, the Stewardship Committee brought news of the need to support the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund through the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Program. PWRDF has worked with overseas and Canadian Indigenous partners in the area of maternal and child health for the past 25 years to increase health care in isolated areas. The countries of Burundi, Mozambique and Tanzania are desperate to receive proper nutrition, proper sanitation, and basic health knowledge and reduce preventable diseases such as HIV and AIDS and malaria.

As part of the Fall Stewardship Program, our committee held five 'Listening, Sharing and Growing Together' social gatherings, one in the Rectory and four in the Parish Hall. All parishioners in our newly formed St. George's were invited, and we are pleased to report that 96 attended. These were opportunities to get to know one another better, and listen and share our personal stories and faith journey histories. We learned so much about each other and our hopes and dreams to make this a vibrant faith community. There is still lots of work to do, and much more progress required to share the chattels of each of our former parishes.

Two reoccurring themes in all gatherings were to take more time to get to each other. We intentionally plan to mix and mingle more wherever and whenever we meet. There was a strong desire to go slowly with any changes to our worship space and liturgy. It was acknowledged that we value the liturgy and need time to feel comfortable with some of the practices that are different for us. There were compliments about the choral music and the instruments of organ, piano and

guitar. Graham's encouragement to daily spiritual readings and prayer and his spiritual care are appreciated, as is the variety of opportunities for faith development.

We will publish a more comprehensive account of emerging themes and areas where growth is desired. Glenn and Elaine are co-ordinating a special edition of the Aspire with pictures and names of committee members and ministry groups address the suggestion that this would be a helpful to recognize the people involved in each ministry.

The Fall Appeal completed our program for 2017. We sincerely thank everyone who has taken the opportunity to submit the Promise Card 2018. Regular faithful financial offerings allow the Wardens and Parish Council to provide services and programs and capital funds to make this a vibrant Anglican church. Jesus called us to be disciples who have a healthy relationship with our money and our faith. "Money is an inward and outward sign of our faith", said Bishop Poole. Christians give of their abundance from the top, not the leftovers. If you have not already sent in a Promise Card, there is still time to do so. We also celebrated your generosity at the Festive Coffee Hour and Advent Wreath/Log making. Thanks to Chris and Caylee Lingard, Bill Sipprell and John Hull for their help.

We would welcome new members to the Stewardship Committee.

Committee Members 2017: Graham Bland, Pat Caudwell (Secretary), Glenn Morrison, Donnie Nichol (Special Events Co-ordinator), Jim Rose, Lynn Sunstrum, Elaine Paton (Chair)



# The Diocese of Huron

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

The Right Reverend Linda Nicholls  
Bishop of Huron

January 2018

## PASTORAL LETTER

To be included with Annual Vestry Reports - and read to congregation

Dear friends in Christ,

*“In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. “ Colossians 1:1-5a*

A few weeks ago I was reminded that it has been a full year since I became diocesan bishop of Huron and was seated in my 'little house' at the service at Metropolitan United Church. What a year it has been!

I want to thank you, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron, for the joy and privilege of serving as your bishop. I know that this past year has been a challenging one as I have asked us all to face our sustainability squarely and to work on stewardship and accountability. That has included work on five year Mission and Ministry plans based on the Marks of Mission.

Thank you for stepping up to that challenge as many congregations have discovered they are stronger than they thought! I am hearing good news as parishes talk about their Mission & Ministry and set new goals. You will be approving your Mission & Ministry Plans at your Vestry meeting and I look forward to hearing more about them in the coming months.

Thank you to those who have courageously taken creative steps to try something different - to test - to fail - to try again - to see where God is at work beyond their walls.

 Thank you to TEAM HURON - our dedicated staff; hardworking Archdeacons; Executive team; Dean; Regional Deans, Lay Co-Chairs and Committees working in partnership with all of you.  
Thank you for the daily work you do to love your neighbour and care for your parishes - visiting, helping, serving, and caring.

As you look to 2018 - I pray that you will remember the goals I commended in my charge to Synod 2017 under the theme of '**One Body, One Spirit - Live a life worthy of your calling**' and make plans for each of these areas.

1. **Discipleship** - How will your parish deepen faith and understanding in this year? Consider participating in the Lenten devotion 'Meeting Jesus in John' (booklets available from Davor Milicevic)

2. **TRC Recommendations** - What actions towards reconciliation with First Nations will your parish engage in this year? A book study? Blanket Exercise? Visit to Six Nations or other reserve to learn more?
3. **Huron Church Camp** is a wonderful resource - for children to enjoy God's creation and learn about God and for mentoring youth in leadership skills. How will your parish support the camp in 2018? Send children/youth? Support a bursary? Volunteer? Fundraise for the Camp? Encourage local youth to attend!
4. **Local and Global Church** - How does your parish connect with the wider church? Prayers for our Companion Diocese of Amazonia as they seek a new bishop? PWRDF support and/or speaker? Bring a speaker to a parish or deanery event?

We will continue in 2018 in the consultation required on the revision of the Marriage Canon. The reflections of the gatherings held over Fall 2017 and Winter 2018 will help us at Synod 2018 to prepare a response, representing the Diocese of Huron, to go to General Synod 2019. Thank you for your participation in these meetings.

Gratitude is the starting place for deep joy. Take time to be thankful for the gifts and commitment of your clergy, Wardens and many, many volunteers. The family of God is a rich, diverse community and we are blessed by each other as we seek to follow Christ.

With gratitude and joy in the ministry we share together,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Nicholls".

The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls  
Bishop of Huron

## Nominations & Appointments Report to Vestry - 2018

### Nominations to Parish Council:

Rector's Warden	Bill Sipprell	People's Warden	Betty Adair
Deputy Rector's Warden	Glenn Morrison	Deputy People's Warden	Norma Morrison
Lay Delegates	Bob Henderson Jean Wilson		
Alternate Delegates	Elaine Paton Ursula Dissmann		
Council Elected	Anne Asten Ruth Henderson Nonie Little Sandy Sorenson		
Council Appointed	Nigel Coe Dan Coffey David Ross Frances Cornett		

Secretary            Mary Basinger (not a Parish Council position)

Respectfully submitted:

Betty Adair

Beverly Morley

Graham Bland

<b>St. Thomas Financial Report</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2017</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2017</b>	
<b>A-Givings - Regular Offering</b>			1
1010 - Sunday Offering	\$ 34,756.40	\$ 80,000.00	2
Total General	\$ 34,756.40	\$ 80,000.00	3
<b>Others</b>			4
1020- Mission/Outreach	\$ 285.00	\$ 400.00	5
1030- Building/Property	\$ 323.00	\$ 250.00	6
1040- Initial Envelopes	\$ 71.00	\$ 100.00	7
1050 Specials-Easter, Christmas	\$ 1,995.00	\$ 3,000.00	8
1060 - Annual Appeals			9
(i)-General Account Appeal	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	10
(ii)- Capital Appeal	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	11
(iii)- Outreach Appeal	\$ -	\$ 100.00	12
1060 - Annual Appeals - Other	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	13
Total 1060 - Annual Appeals	\$ -	\$ 12,100.00	14
1070-Loose Offering	\$ 506.00	\$ 1,200.00	15
1080-Bequests	\$ 14,084.51	\$ -	16
1140-PWRDF	\$ 10.00	\$ -	17
1150- Reserve Account	\$ -	\$ 90.00	18
1180- Capital Projects	\$ 180.00	\$ -	19
1230-OSHARE, Donations	\$ 60.00	\$ 220.00	20
1240-Directed Gifts	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 3,600.00	21
1250-Youth Ministry	\$ -	\$ 100.00	22
1260-Police Checks	\$ 24.00	\$ -	23
Total Others	\$ 19,188.51	\$ 21,060.00	24
<b>Total A-Givings - Regular Offering</b>	<b>\$ 53,944.91</b>	<b>\$101,060.00</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>C-Church Groups</b>			<b>26</b>
1010-B.A.C.	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	27
Total C-Church Groups	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	28
<b>D-Hall Rent</b>			<b>29</b>
1010-Weight Watchers	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 6,500.00	30
1040-Sound Steppers	\$ 760.00	\$ 1,100.00	31
1060- Others	\$ 809.80	\$ 500.00	32
1070-V.O.N.	\$ 880.00	\$ 2,200.00	33
Total D-Hall Rent	\$ 5,699.80	\$ 10,300.00	34
<b>E-Fund Raising</b>			<b>35</b>
1010-Fundraising, non tax rec't	\$ 2,225.65	\$ 3,000.00	36
1015- Gift Cards			37
(i) Non receiptable income	\$ 8,130.00		38
(ii) Gift Cards purchased	\$ (7,862.93)	\$ 100.00	39
Total 1015- Gift Cards	\$ 267.07	\$ 100.00	40

Total E-Fund Raising	\$ 2,492.72	\$ 4,000.00	41
<b>F-Interest Earned</b>			42
1020-Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ 350.00	43
Total F-Interest Earned	\$ -	\$ 350.00	44
<b>G-Other Income</b>			45
1010-Coffee Proceeds	\$ 502.20	\$ 900.00	46
1020-Miscellaneous	\$ 749.75	\$ 99.96	47
1030-H.S.T Rebate	\$ 1,781.05	\$ 2,100.00	48
1060-Administration Fees	\$ -	\$ 50.00	49
1075-Item Sold	\$ 30.00	\$ -	50
Total G-Other Income	\$ 3,063.00	\$ 3,150.00	51
Total Income	\$ 65,200.43	\$120,359.92	52
<b>Expense</b>			53
<b>A-Salaries &amp; All'ces</b>			54
<b>Rector</b>			55
1010-Rector's Stipend	\$ 22,628.52	\$ 44,855.04	56
1020-Mileage Reimburse'm't	\$ 676.00	\$ 2,000.04	57
1030-Pension Plan	\$ 4,039.20	\$ 8,007.00	58
1040- Long Term Disability	\$ 806.46	\$ 1,599.96	59
1050- Continuing Educ'n	\$ 225.00	\$ 450.00	60
1060-Book Allowance	\$ 63.85	\$ 399.96	61
1080-Pension Admin Fund	\$ 441.24	\$ 875.04	62
Total Rector	\$ 28,880.27	\$ 58,187.04	63
<b>Staff</b>			64
1010-Caretaker	\$ 1,896.00	\$ 3,300.00	65
1015-By Directed Gifts	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 3,300.00	66
1030- Music Director	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	67
1050-Treasurer	\$ 1,000.02	\$ 2,000.00	68
Total Staff	\$ 4,546.02	\$ 11,600.00	69
<b>Support</b>			70
1010-Church share-CPP	\$ 1,216.44	\$ 2,500.00	71
1020-Church Share - EI	\$ 734.22	\$ 1,650.00	72
1070-Payroll Administration	\$ 69.00	\$ 150.00	73
Total Support	\$ 2,019.66	\$ 4,300.00	74
Total A-Salaries & All'ces	\$ 35,445.95	\$ 74,087.00	75
<b>B-Church Operating Expenses</b>			76
1010-Heating Fuel	\$ 1,206.00	\$ 2,000.00	77
1020-Utilities	\$ 3,139.72	\$ 5,400.00	78
1030-Telephone & Internet	\$ 437.80	\$ 850.00	79
<b>1040-Insurance</b>	\$ 2,416.52	\$ 2,400.00	80
1050-Office Supplies	\$ 1,912.78	\$ 3,000.00	81
1060-Interest on Bank Overdraft	\$ -	\$ 200.00	82
1070-Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 1,857.17	\$ 2,000.00	83
1080-Organ Tuning	\$ 440.70	\$ 410.00	84
1100-Snow Removal	\$ 1,039.60	\$ 100.00	85

1110-Church Envelopes	\$ -	\$ 200.00	86
1120-Credit Card Fees	\$ 26.00	\$ 60.00	87
1130- Police Record Checks	\$ 24.00	\$ -	88
Total B-Church Operating Expenses	\$ 12,500.29	\$ 17,520.00	89
<b>C-Rectory Operating Expenses</b>			90
1010-Property Taxes	\$ 1,206.22	\$ 1,600.00	91
1020-Heating Fuel	\$ 480.00	\$ 800.00	92
1030-Utilities	\$ 1,385.77	\$ 2,400.00	93
1040-Telephone	\$ 144.00	\$ 300.00	94
1050-Maintenance & Repairs	\$ -	\$ 300.00	95
Total C-Rectory Operating Expenses	\$ 3,215.99	\$ 5,400.00	96
<b>D-Other Expenses</b>			97
1010-Youth Ministry			98
(i)- Income ( non receiptable)	\$ (530.00)		99
1010-Youth Ministry - Other	\$ -	\$ 100.00	100
Total 1010-Youth Ministry	\$ (530.00)	\$ 100.00	101
1050-Worship	\$ 230.52	\$ 300.00	102
1060- Music Ministry	\$ 111.99	\$ 50.00	103
1070-Advertising	\$ 165.99	\$ 399.96	104
1080-Synod Expenses	\$ 988.68	\$ 900.00	105
1090-Clergy Conference	\$ -	\$ 375.00	106
1120-Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 637.18	\$ 200.00	107
1150-Amalgamation	\$ 1,554.48	\$ -	108
1160-Licenses	\$ 61.60	\$ 500.00	109
Total D-Other Expenses	\$ 3,220.44	\$ 2,825.00	110
<b>E-Capital Expenses</b>			111
1010-Rectory	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	112
1020-Church/Hall	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	113
Total E-Capital Expenses	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	114
<b>G-Mission Expenditure</b>			115
1010-Diocesan Apportionment	\$ 12,460.00	\$ 21,356.00	116
<b>1050-Outreach Activities</b>	\$ -	\$ 500.00	117
1060-PWRDF	\$ 10.00	\$ -	118
1070-Regional Chaplaincy Fund	\$ -	\$ 300.00	119
1140-OSHARE	\$ 60.00	\$ 220.00	120
1150- Memberships	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	121
1170-Anglican Foundation	\$ -	\$ 50.00	122
1180- O. S. Anglican	\$ 5,733.81		123
Total G-Mission Expenditure	\$ 18,338.81	\$ 22,526.00	124
<b>H-Bank Charge</b>			125
1010-Service Charges	\$ 234.53	\$ 500.00	126
Total H-Bank Charge	\$ 234.53	\$ 500.00	127
Total Expense	\$ 72,956.01	\$126,858.36	128

Net Income	\$ (7,755.58)	\$ (6,498.44)	129
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<b>True Bank Balance January 1st, 2017</b>	\$ 7,479.76		134
plus income to Dec. 31, 2017	\$ 65,200.43		135
Plus Memorial and Reserves	\$ 275.82		136
sub total	\$ 72,956.01		137
minus expenses to Dec. 31, 2017	\$ 72,956.01		138
True Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2017	\$ 0.00	**	139
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Bank Statement Ending Balance	\$ -		141
plus outstanding deposits	\$ -		142
sub total	\$ -		143
minus outstanding cheques	\$ -		144
sub total	\$ -	**	145
plus petty cash	\$ -		146
Balance	\$ -		147
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1150-Amalgamation			149
5/23/2017 Bus for moving day	\$ 84.75		150
6/11/2017 Catering	\$ 1,140.00		151
6/12/2017 name tags 1.16	\$ 10.09		152
	Deconsecration		
8/15/2017 wine purchases	\$ 242.10		153
8/24/2017 Catering	\$ 100.00		154
	re Disestablishment		
9/3/2017 service Flowers etc.	\$ 88.19		155
9/5/2017 open bottle of wine	\$ (20.00)		156
9/5/2017 refund wine returned	\$ (90.65)		157
TOTAL	\$ 1,554.48		158
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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The finance committee included some of the wardens as part of the Finance Committee and they assisted in the monthly review of general ledger, accounts payable and the financial statements prior to submission to parish council.

During 2017 the finance committee continued with our main focus of assisting the wardens in financial areas. The committee members did meet and review all draft budgets prior to submission to the parish council. During the year the committee reviewed some polices supporting appropriate procedure.

Where possible the committee did try to meet and review the financial statements prior to Parish Council meetings to provide specific concerns relating to our financial status. We established a standard time line for the bookkeeper to have first drafts statements to the chair of the Finance Committee by the Friday night or Saturday prior to the Monday warden/rector meetings. The statements are given a general review then forwarded to finance committee members by Sunday prior to the Monday meeting. The Finance committee meets at 2:30 on the Monday and so a verbal report is provided at the Wardens/Rector meeting.

The committee is of the firm belief that expenses were held to strict review by the wardens and no unauthorized expenditures were processed.

Respectfully submitted by

The Finance Committee

**St. George's Anglican Church  
Balance Sheet As at 12/31/2017**

**ASSET**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Petty Cash	500.00	
Meridian - 1 Membership Share	25.00	
Meridian Operating	<u>80,539.66</u>	
Meridian Cash & Bank		81,064.66
Meridian Cap/Des Funds - Other	0.00	
Design Funds - Saving	<u>103,082.52</u>	
Total Meridian Cap/Desig. Funds		<u>103,082.52</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u><b>184,147.18</b></u>

**FIXED ASSETS**

Machinery & Equipment		14,180.78
Office Equipment		15,525.41
Altar Frontal & Burse		1,801.93
Capital Project in Progress		14,197.78
Church Building		1,589,215.62
Church Furnishings		117,167.64
Piano - Kawai RX-2		24,600.00
Phoenix Organ Console - 2005		93,725.07
Permanent Sign		7,547.77
Parish Hall		155,487.21
Parish Hall Furnishings		7,080.19
Rectory		151,383.69
Land		<u>6,759.92</u>
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>2,198,673.01</b></u>

**OTHER ASSETS**

Investments - General	25,877.08	
RBC - Investment Cash	<u>487.06</u>	
Total - General Investments		26,364.14
Foundation Investments	9,879.14	
RBC - Foundation Cash	<u>609.92</u>	
RBC Foundation Investments		10,489.06
Cash In Account	10,139.95	
Accessibility Investments	<u>555.64</u>	
St. George's Accessibility Fund		<u>10,695.59</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u><b>47,548.79</b></u>

<b>TOTAL ASSET</b>		<u><u><b>2,430,368.98</b></u></u>
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**LIABILITY****CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable		45.19
APPORTIONMENT		0.00
Vacation payable	0.00	
EI Payable	725.18	
CPP Payable	1,011.06	
Federal Income Tax Payable	2,541.52	
Receiver General - 2016 Balance	0.00	
Meridian Line of Credit	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>4,277.76</b>
Accruals		3,252.93
GST/HST 5%- 50%	-2,237.28	
GST/HST8% - 82%	-5,853.45	
GST/HST Paid on Purchases	0.00	
GST/HST Balance 2016	<u>905.68</u>	
Total HST Payable		<u>-7,185.05</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITES</b>		<b><u>390.83</u></b>

**DEFERRED REVENUE - DESIGNATED FUNDS**

PWRDF - Water	0.00	
PWRDF - Other	<u>0.00</u>	
Total - Primate's World Relief Fund		0.00
Choir Scholarship	<u>500.00</u>	
Total - Choir Scholarship		500.00
Parish Hall Ins - Curnt Yr Rec	664.85	
Parish Hall Insurance - Other	<u>-442.80</u>	
Total Parish Hall Insurance		222.05
Choristers/Ensemble	<u>1,017.35</u>	
Total - Choir/Ensemble		1,017.35
Sunday School	27.28	
Sunday School/Nursery - Other	<u>-27.28</u>	
Total - Sunday School/Nursery		0.00
Stain Glass Window Restoration		10,500.71
Chancel Guild - Curnt Yr Receipt	2,806.68	
Chancel/Worship - Other	<u>128.62</u>	
Total Chancel/Worship		2,935.30
Gardens	313.68	
Memorial Gardens Perpetual Care	900.00	
Oshare	0.00	
Outreach Fund	2,307.98	
Special Rectors Discretionary	2,713.30	
General Discretionary - Rector	-754.30	
Refugee Fund-1	4,683.65	
Refugee Fund-2	26,188.82	

Extra Mile Fund	0.00	
Family Ministry	31,684.98	
Musical Instruments	-178.48	
Welcome Package	<u>173.36</u>	
Deferred Revenue - Desig Funds		<u>68,032.99</u>
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED REV - DES FUNDS</b>		<u>83,208.40</u>

**OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Capital/Mortgage	21,527.23	
Cap Rectory Roof/Tank/Piping	-13,358.77	
HST 82% - On Capital	1,819.55	
HST 50% - On Capital	-201.94	
Accessibility Fund	80,770.24	
Accessibility Fund - St. Thomas	5,733.81	
Iona Trip	-1,752.81	
Memorial Funds - Capital	<u>7,120.64</u>	
Deferred Revenue - Capital		<u>101,657.95</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>101,657.95</u>

**OTHER LIABILITIES**

Meridian Mortgage Loan	181,889.89	
Projected Interest on Mtg	27,258.41	
Foundation Fund	<u>10,260.61</u>	
Total Long Term Liabilities		<u>219,408.91</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>219,408.91</u>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>		<u>404,666.09</u>
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**EQUITY**

**TOTAL EQUITY**

Retained Earnings - Previous Year	2,000,800.80	
Gain/Loss on Investments	-1,007.58	
Net Income	<u>25,909.67</u>	
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>		<u>2,025,702.89</u>

<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>2,025,702.89</u>
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<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		<u><u>2,430,368.98</u></u>
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# St. George's Anglican Church

## Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 12/1/2017 to 12/31/2017	Budget 12/1/2017 to 12/1/2017	Actual 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017	Budget 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017
<b>REVENUE</b>				
<b>ORDINARY OFFERING INCOME</b>				
Open Offering	546.00	530.00	2,490.40	3,948.00
Visitor with Rec'ts	4,705.00	750.00	7,956.80	2,920.00
Envelope Offering	11,652.25	10,250.00	84,635.25	86,950.00
Pre Authorized Givings	11,640.00	11,400.00	125,335.00	106,358.00
Givings by Credit Card	2,077.33	3,750.00	27,951.30	45,290.00
Initial Offering	30.00	0.00	500.00	140.00
Easter Offering	0.00	0.00	2,060.00	800.00
Christmas Envelope Offering	4,784.00	3,210.00	4,904.00	3,210.00
Harvest Thanksgiving	0.00	0.00	1,313.00	575.00
<b>TOTAL ORDINARY OFFERING REVENUES</b>	<b>35,434.58</b>	<b>29,890.00</b>	<b>257,145.75</b>	<b>250,191.00</b>
Other-Pastor of Family Ministry	3,500.00	0.00	12,082.43	0.00
Hospitality	-37.09	15.00	555.50	220.00
Facility Rental	2,515.00	1,550.00	13,175.80	13,750.00
Foundation Fund Interest	0.00	0.00	193.90	0.00
HST Refunds (Operations)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial Donations - Operations	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
Sundry Contributions	0.00	162.00	228.00	162.00
Directed Givings	180.55	292.00	1,555.55	1,752.00
Catering	-24.15	100.00	1,438.07	2,700.00
Outreach Income	35.00	31.00	524.65	670.00
Wedding/Funeral	0.00	0.00	4,430.00	3,000.00
Extra Mile Income	0.00	0.00	4,378.00	0.00
Total Other Revenue	6,169.31	2,150.00	38,811.90	22,254.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>41,603.89</b>	<b>32,040.00</b>	<b>295,957.65</b>	<b>272,445.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>41,603.89</b>	<b>32,040.00</b>	<b>295,957.65</b>	<b>272,445.00</b>

### EXPENSE

#### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Administrative Charges - Diocese	8.00	19.00	295.12	140.00
Dioc Fees to Proc Credit Cards	47.87	125.00	898.96	1,479.00
Advertising	27.73	50.00	152.65	100.00
Postage	-273.00	185.00	1,721.22	1,920.00
Bank Service Charges	22.52	50.00	331.05	370.00
Interest exp - - Line of Credit	0.00	30.00	81.48	280.00
Office Supplies	634.69	540.00	4,260.32	3,005.00
Bookkeeping Training	70.00	155.00	1,659.99	1,331.00
Accounting Supplies	0.00	350.00	841.59	950.00

Synod Travel	0.00	0.00	1,230.55	500.00
Clergy Conference	0.00	0.00	275.00	275.00
Telephone/Internet Church	451.81	165.00	2,382.92	1,980.00
Telephone/Internet Rectory	327.01	90.00	1,554.02	1,080.00
Telephone St. Thomas'	0.00	25.00	83.83	150.00
Photocopy Expense	1,189.66	812.00	4,768.01	4,312.00
Travel Rector	-166.16	260.00	2,467.98	3,120.00
Travel - Visiting Supply Clergy	0.00	0.00	100.00	430.00
Staff Development	32.20	0.00	577.20	500.00
Pastor of Family Ministry Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>2,372.33</b>	<b>2,856.00</b>	<b>23,681.89</b>	<b>21,922.00</b>

#### WAGES & BENEFITS

Rector's Fringe Benefits	231.82	255.00	2,444.34	3,053.00
Parish Pension	921.41	922.00	11,056.92	11,057.00
Wages & Salaries	2,845.04	3,505.00	34,344.17	37,868.00
EI/ CPP Expense - Staff	100.72	106.00	851.58	1,059.00
Wages - Rector	5,161.96	5,162.00	61,943.52	61,944.00
Wages - Caretaker	591.00	0.00	2,955.10	0.00
EI Expense - Rector	0.00	0.00	1,210.16	1,221.00
CPP Expense - Rector	0.00	0.00	2,593.93	2,540.00
WSIB Expense	0.00	0.00	276.49	255.00
New Music	0.00	200.00	1,253.81	2,000.00
Family Ministry Pastor Wages	3,500.00	0.00	11,418.75	0.00
Family Ministry EI-CPP	239.80	0.00	779.18	0.00
Organist	0.00	1,250.00	8,750.00	15,000.00
Organist Supply	1,775.00	0.00	5,400.00	600.00
Visiting Sunday Supply Clergy	0.00	0.00	150.00	600.00
Continuing Education Fund	0.00	38.00	337.50	456.00
<b>TOTAL WAGES &amp; BENEFITS</b>	<b>15,366.75</b>	<b>11,438.00</b>	<b>145,765.45</b>	<b>137,653.00</b>

#### MAINTENANCE

Garden Committee Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs - Church Building	469.31	125.00	2,155.79	1,500.00
Repairs - Parish Hall	73.44	70.00	252.97	840.00
Repairs - St. Thomas' Church	85.72	100.00	225.90	600.00
Repairs - Rectory	0.00	80.00	0.00	840.00
Caretaking Supplies	780.89	240.00	2,570.09	2,640.00
Boiler Supplies & Maintenance	-1,050.81	0.00	910.77	1,600.00
Organ & Piano Maintenance	400.00	0.00	1,053.28	1,400.00
Snow Removal/Lawn Cutting	380.94	170.00	2,300.47	1,880.00
Insurance Expense	86.40	0.00	8,510.84	8,425.00
Insurance Expense St. Thomas'	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Taxes - Rectory	0.00	0.00	2,880.82	2,860.00
Property Tax St. Thomas'	0.00	135.00	420.00	810.00
Utilities - St. George's Church	472.65	700.00	6,796.29	8,400.00
Utilities - St. Thomas' Church	177.60	400.00	1,106.95	2,400.00

Utilities - Parish Hall	227.67	240.00	1,259.55	2,880.00
Utilities - Rectory	555.94	230.00	2,732.63	2,760.00
Utilities - St. Thomas' Rectory	33.86	200.00	568.56	1,200.00
Fuel - St. George's Church	865.63	860.00	6,328.85	4,800.00
Fuel - St. Thomas' Church	230.73	160.00	1,177.98	960.00
Fuel - St. George's Rectory	170.01	150.00	1,463.89	1,325.00
Fuel - St. Thomas' Rectory	88.46	70.00	372.94	420.00
<b>TOTAL - MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>4,048.44</b>	<b>3,930.00</b>	<b>43,088.57</b>	<b>48,540.00</b>
<b>WORSHIP</b>				
Music/Choirs/License	0.00	300.00	918.00	900.00
Music - Choristers/Ensemble	0.00	0.00	58.46	200.00
Chancel Supplies	633.06	100.00	1,069.32	1,200.00
<b>TOTAL - WORSHIP</b>	<b>633.06</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>2,045.78</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>				
Church Envelopes	98.16	0.00	340.12	600.00
Communications	265.76	49.00	265.76	837.00
Advertising & Postage	273.00	127.00	376.93	1,191.00
Special Events	-8.55	100.00	216.45	800.00
Stewardship Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.00
<b>TOTAL - STEWARDSHIP</b>	<b>628.37</b>	<b>276.00</b>	<b>1,199.26</b>	<b>3,853.00</b>
<b>FAITH DEVELOPMENT</b>				
Supplies, Books etc	-13.50	50.00	233.81	600.00
Youth Ministries Expense	0.00	25.00	0.00	250.00
Rectors' Book Fund	305.69	35.00	401.93	420.00
Support Ministries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adult Education	0.00	25.00	0.00	300.00
Faith Development - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>292.19</b>	<b>135.00</b>	<b>635.74</b>	<b>1,570.00</b>
<b>MISSION &amp; SERVICE (OUTREACH)</b>				
Ministries, Membership & Dues	0.00	0.00	811.18	1,100.00
Family Ministry Expenses	977.81	725.00	1,277.11	3,037.00
Local Outreach	161.66	60.00	260.94	310.00
Apportionment - St. George's	3,506.84	3,506.00	42,082.06	42,082.00
Apportionment - St. Thomas'	1,780.00	1,780.00	8,900.00	10,680.00
GBRHC Chaplaincy Trust	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
<b>TOTAL MISSION &amp; SERVICE (OUTREACH)</b>	<b>6,726.31</b>	<b>6,371.00</b>	<b>53,631.29</b>	<b>57,509.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>30,067.45</b>	<b>25,406.00</b>	<b>270,047.98</b>	<b>273,347.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>11,536.44</b>	<b>6,634.00</b>	<b>25,909.67</b>	<b>-902.00</b>

## NEW ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH - 2018 BUDGET

**FINAL**

**Modified: Jan. 19, 2018**

Simple Accounting GL Numbers	Shows Total of Staff Wages	2017 Budget	2017 Year End	2018 Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>		<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>4000</b>	<b>Ordinary Offering Income</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Year End</b>	<b>Budget</b>
4020	Open Offering	3,948	2,490.40	<b>2,490</b>
4021	Visitors with Receipts	2,920	7,956.80	<b>4,550</b>
4040	Envelope Offering	86,950	84,635.25	<b>88,710</b>
4050	Pre Authorized Givings	106,358	125,335.00	<b>144,970</b>
4055	Givings by Credit Card	45,290	27,951.30	<b>26,365</b>
4060	Directed Gifts	1,752	1,555.55	<b>0</b>
4080	Initial Offering	140	500.00	<b>560</b>
4120	Easter Offering	800	2,060.00	<b>2,100</b>
4130	Christmas Offering	3,210	4,904.00	<b>4,900</b>
4160	Harvest Thanksgiving	575	1,313.00	<b>1,345</b>
<b>4170</b>	<b>Total Ordinary Offering Revenues</b>	<b>251,943</b>	<b>258,701</b>	<b>275,990</b>
<b>Other Income</b>				
4250	Pastor of Family Ministry	11,000	12,082.43	<b>53,247</b>
4300	Hospitality	220	555.50	<b>555</b>
4310	Facility Rental	13,750	13,175.80	<b>13,000</b>
4315	Foundation Fund Interest	0	193.90	<b>0</b>
4320	Memorial Donations - Operations	0	250.00	<b>200</b>
4330	Sundry Contributions	162	228.00	<b>230</b>
4340	Catering	2,700	1,438.07	<b>1,450</b>
4350	Outreach Income	670	524.65	<b>500</b>
4360	Wedding/ Funeral	3,000	4,430.00	<b>3,000</b>
4460	Extra Mile Income	0	4,378.00	<b>0</b>
<b>4470</b>	<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>31,502</b>	<b>37,256</b>	<b>72,182</b>
<b>4500</b>	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>283,445</b>	<b>295,957.65</b>	<b>348,172</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>				
<b>5000</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>			
5010	Administration Charges- Diocese	140	295.12	<b>324</b>
5011	Diocese Fees to Proc. Credit Cards	1,479	898.96	<b>527</b>
5015	Advertising	100	152.65	<b>170</b>
5020	Postage	1,920	1,994.22	<b>2,200</b>
5030	Bank Service Charges	370	331.05	<b>370</b>

5035	Interest Exp.- Line of Credit	280	81.48	<b>100</b>
5040	Office Supplies	3,005	4,327.12	<b>4,550</b>
5043	Bookkeeper Training	1,331	1,659.99	<b>1,000</b>
5045	Accounting Supplies	950	841.59	<b>1,000</b>
5060	Synod Travel	500	1,230.55	<b>1,250</b>
5061	Clergy Conference	275	275.00	<b>275</b>
5080	Telephone/Internet - St. George's Church	1,980	2,382.92	<b>2,400</b>
5081	Telephone/Internet - St, George's Rectory	1,080	1,554.02	<b>1,560</b>
5082	Telephone St. Thomas' Church	150	83.83	<b>120</b>
5090	Photocopy Expense/maintenance	4,312	4,768.01	<b>5,760</b>
5260	Travel Rector	3,120	2,467.98	<b>2,880</b>
5262	Travel - Visiting Supply Clergy	430	100.00	<b>430</b>
5265	Staff Development	500	577.20	<b>600</b>
<b>5290</b>	<b>TOTAL - ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>21,922</b>	<b>24,021.69</b>	<b>25,516</b>
<b>5300</b>	<b>WAGES &amp; BENEFITS</b>			
5305	Rector's Fringe Benefits	3,053	2,444.34	<b>2,471</b>
5309	Parish Pension	11,057	11,056.92	<b>11,167</b>
5310	Total Staff Wages excluding CPP & EI	37,866	37,299.27	<b>52,853</b>
5311	EI/ CPP Expense Staff	1,059	851.58	<b>1,626</b>
5312	Wages - Rector	61,944	61,943.52	<b>62,556</b>
5315	EI Expense - Rector	1,221	1,210.16	<b>1,210</b>
5316	CPP Expense - Rector	2,540	2,593.93	<b>2,594</b>
5317	WSIB Expense	255	276.49	<b>751</b>
5318	New Music	2,000	1,253.81	<b>1,200</b>
5320	Wages - Family Ministry Pastor	11,327	11,418.75	<b>47,250</b>
5321	EI/ CPP Family Ministry Pastor	0	779.18	<b>3,244</b>
5324	Organist	15,000	8,750.00	<b>16,200</b>
5325	Organist Supply	600	5,400.00	<b>600</b>
5326	Visiting Sun. Supply Clergy	600	150.00	<b>600</b>
5360	Continuing Education Fund	456	337.50	<b>456</b>
<b>5400</b>	<b>TOTAL WAGES &amp; BENEFITS</b>	<b>148,978</b>	<b>145,765.45</b>	<b>204,778</b>
<b>5405</b>	<b>MAINTENANCE</b>			
5420	Garden Committee Purchases	0	0.00	<b>0</b>
5440	Repairs -St. George's Church	1,500	2,155.79	<b>2,000</b>
5441	Repairs - St. George's Parish Hall	840	252.97	<b>1,200</b>
5442	Repairs -St. Thomas' Church	600	225.90	<b>1,400</b>
5460	Repairs - Rectory	840	0.00	<b>660</b>
5470	Caretaking Supplies	2,640	2,570.09	<b>2,640</b>
5471	Boiler Supplies & Maintenance	1,600	910.77	<b>3,325</b>
5480	Organ & Piano Maintenance	1,400	1,053.28	<b>1,400</b>
5490	Snow Removal/Lawn Cutting	1,880	2,300.47	<b>2,300</b>
5500	Insurance Expense St. George's	8,425	8,510.84	<b>8,682</b>

5501	Insurance Expense St.Thomas'	0	0.00	<b>4,310</b>
5510	Property Taxes St. George's Rectory	2,860	2,880.82	<b>2,970</b>
5511	Property Taxes St. Thomas' Rectory	1,620	420.00	<b>1,690</b>
5520	Utilities - St. George's Church	8,400	6,796.29	<b>6,900</b>
5522	Utilities - St. Thomas' Church	2,400	1,106.95	<b>2,700</b>
5530	Utilities - Parish Hall	2,880	1,259.55	<b>1,320</b>
5540	Utilities - St. George's Rectory	2,760	2,732.63	<b>2,760</b>
5541	Utilities - St. Thomas' Rectory	1,200	568.56	<b>1,230</b>
5550	Fuel - St. George's Church	4,800	6,328.85	<b>6,375</b>
5551	Fuel - St. Thomas' Church	960	1,177.98	<b>1,350</b>
5560	Fuel - St. George's Rectory	1,325	1,463.89	<b>1,525</b>
5561	Fuel - St. Thomas's Rectory	420	372.94	<b>550</b>
<b>5600</b>	<b>TOTAL - MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>49,350</b>	<b>43,088.57</b>	<b>57,287</b>
<b>5600</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>			
5610	Music/Choirs/License	900	918.00	<b>950</b>
5615	Music Choristers	200	58.46	<b>200</b>
5655	Chancel Supplies	1,200	1,069.32	<b>0</b>
<b>5670</b>	<b>TOTAL - WORSHIP</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>2,045.78</b>	<b>1,150</b>
<b>5690</b>	<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>			
5695	Church Envelopes	600	340.12	<b>250</b>
5699	Communications	837	198.96	<b>1,049</b>
5710	Advertising & Postage	1,191	103.93	<b>1,572</b>
5715	Special Events	800	216.45	<b>750</b>
5720	Stewardship Education	425	0.00	<b>100</b>
<b>5725</b>	<b>TOTAL - STEWARDSHIP</b>	<b>3,853</b>	<b>859.46</b>	<b>3,721</b>
<b>5750</b>	<b>FAITH DEVELOPMENT</b>			
5760	Supplies Books Etc.	600	233.81	<b>600</b>
5765	Youth Ministries Expense	250	0.00	<b>0</b>
5766	Rector's Book Fund	420	401.93	<b>420</b>
5770	Support Ministries	0	0.00	<b>0</b>
5775	Adult Education	300	0.00	<b>300</b>
<b>5785</b>	<b>TOTAL - FAITH DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>635.74</b>	<b>1,320</b>
	<b>TOTAL ASSESSABLE EXPENSES</b>	<b>227,973</b>	<b>216,416.69</b>	<b>293,772</b>

	<b>NON ASSESSABLE EXPENSES</b>			
<b>5790</b>	<b>MISSION &amp; SERVICE (OUTREACH)</b>			
5795	Ministries, Membership & Dues	1,100	811.18	<b>1,100</b>
5797	Family Ministry Expenses	1,000	1,277.11	<b>3,000</b>
5800	Local Outreach	310	260.94	<b>0</b>
5850	Apportionment - Regular (St. George's)	42,082	42,082.06	<b>50,000</b>
5851	Apportionment - Regular (St. Thomas')	10,680	8,900.00	<b>0</b>
5870	GBRHC - ChaplaincyTrust	300	300.00	<b>300</b>
<b>5900</b>	<b>TOTAL MISSION &amp; SERVICE</b>	<b>55,472</b>	<b>53,631.29</b>	<b>54,400</b>
	<b>TOTAL NON-ASSES. EXPENSES</b>	<b>55,472</b>	<b>53,631.29</b>	<b>54,400</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>283,445</b>	<b>270,047.98</b>	<b>348,172</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>283,445</b>	<b>295,957.65</b>	<b>348,172</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,909.67</b>	<b>0</b>

**2018 - St. George's 5 Year Capital Budget / Plan**

**FINAL**

Description of Capital Expense	Status	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
*1 Meridian Mortgage \$181,889.89 as of Dec. 31, 2017	Dec, 2024 Paid off	29,767	29,767	29,767	29,767	29,767
*2 Family Ministry Funds (Wages, EI, CPP, Expenses)		32,211	32,211	21,474		
*3 2043 Boiler Replacement Fund	Estimate \$70,000	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800
Masonry repair - south entrance (incl net HST)			3,110			
Parish Hall Foundation Masonry (incl. net HST)				5,670		
Masonry Repointing - N & W Parish Hall (incl net HST)					6,660	
Masonry Repointing - N & W Parish Hall (incl net HST)						6,660
Replace Church Heating Piping		6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	
Parish Hall Kitchen Windows		1,500				
Parish Hall Windows			3,000		1,500	1,500
Church Basement Windows				1,200	1,200	1,200
*4 Repair of Stain Glass Windows & Cap Flashing	Have \$10,500 + \$7,120 memorial	50,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	
<b>** Priority SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>122,278</b>	<b>128,888</b>	<b>118,911</b>	<b>99,927</b>	<b>41,927</b>
<b>Other Outstanding Projects</b>						
Rectory Garage - Removal (incl net HST)						6,000
Zone Valve in Rectory to facilitate Sunporch Heating				3,000		
Electronic Sign					12,000	
Redue Pipe Wrap in Church						10,000
<b>NOTE: ACCESSIBILITY COSTS NOT INCLUDED - RELIES ON GRANT</b>						
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL BY YEAR</b>		<b>122,278</b>	<b>128,888</b>	<b>121,911</b>	<b>111,927</b>	<b>57,927</b>
<b>(Expend in excess of mortgage payments only as funds available)</b>						

## Resolutions for the Annual Vestry Meeting of St. George's Anglican Church held on January 28, 2018.

1. **Resolved:** That the minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of February 5, 2017 be accepted as circulated and amended.
2. **Resolved:** That the Vestry accepts the 2017 Financial Statements as presented.
3. **Resolved:** That the Vestry accepts the 2018 Operation and Capital Budgets as presented and amended by Vestry, and that a copy of the amended budgets, marked as FINAL, be attached to the minutes of this Vestry meeting and submitted to the Diocese with the annual 2017 returns.
4. **Resolved:** That the Wardens arrange for a review of the Financial Statements of 2017.
5. **Resolved:** That two (2) signatures are required on all Parish Bank Account cheques and all Investment Account transactions. These signatures shall be either the two Wardens, or one (1) of the Wardens and either the Honourary Assistant or the Chair of the Finance Committee.
6. **Resolved:** That Parish Council is empowered to draw on the RBC Investment Funds as they deem necessary to cover any operating deficit in 2018.
7. **Resolved:** That the Vestry appoints Donnie Nichol as Envelope Secretary for the year 2018, and authorizes her to sign all Envelope Holder tax receipts for annual offerings.
8. **Resolved:** That the Envelope Secretary or the Parish Office Coordinator are the **only two persons** with the authority to assign offering envelopes or give an assigned recording number to parishioners for church offerings.
9. **Resolved:** That the Wardens be empowered to designate Offering Counters. Two (2) shall be present when the offering is counted. Whenever possible, the offering shall be counted and deposited on the same Sunday or service day. Confidentiality shall be maintained at all times by the offering counters.
10. **Resolved:** That the Vestry of St. George's Church endorses an ongoing Stewardship Program as an important part of the life of our Parish Family.
11. **Resolved:** That the Ministry Reports of 2017 be received as presented & amended.
12. **Resolved:** That the Vestry of St. George's Church express sincere thanks to all members of our Parish Family specifically mentioned in the Annual Report this year and the many who have not been named, for the contributions of time, talents and financial support which have added to the vitality of the life of our Parish in 2017.