


AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



THE YEAR *BEHIND*. THE YEAR *AHEAD*.

OUR VISION

Generations of joy-filled, Gospel-shaped people proclaiming Jesus Christ with conviction, competence and confidence.



OUR MISSION

**Receive, love and
proclaim Jesus as our
greatest treasure to the
glory of God.**



2019

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By the numbers.

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
196	208	221	208	216



101 (+15)
ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

16
BAPTISMS

137 (+31)
PEOPLE IN SMALL GROUPS

EASTER SUNDAY

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
408	260	312	328	315

ONLINE

WEBSITE VISITORS

14,464

YOUTUBE SUBSCRIBERS

251

YOUTUBE SERMON VIEWS

6358

IG FOLLOWERS

646

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

691

YOUTUBE WATCH-TIME

69,630

(MINUTES)



A Critical Moment

R.D. GLENN, *RECTOR*

I am writing this AGM report while preparing for a day of tests, including blood work, Echocardiogram and Cardiolute Exercise testing. So I will keep it brief.

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MARKED BY GROWTH

This past year was marked by growth in our congregation and church family. There are now more than 550 people on our parish list, i.e., people who call St. George’s their home church. Not only have we seen growth numerically but also growth in depth. I could tell countless stories of people who have, over this past year, come to a living faith in Jesus Christ. It gives me great joy to see people leaning into the gospel and finding strength for the day.

COURAGEOUS STEPS

Our church family is at a critical moment. We could be satisfied with a full church every Sunday and paying the bills each year. Or, we could take bold, courageous steps of faith to heed our Master’s Great Commission. I know that for you, as for me, there is only one option.

BARRIERS

Pressing on in mission has meant addressing the structural and organizational barriers that have limited our reach and growth. I thank

God for Jonathan Burns who facilitated our Executive Council in renewing our mission and vision statements, developing a strategic plan and reorganizing our reporting and decision-making structures.

A THIRD SERVICE

Further, pressing on in mission means that we will be launching a third worship service this Spring. It is necessary to relieve some of the pressure from our overcrowded morning worship services, while at the same time, potentially reaching a new demographic in our mission field.

Finally, God is calling us to step on the gas rather than circle the wagons (pardon the mixed metaphor ...).

You will notice that we are proposing a stretch budget for 2020. Budgets represent vision, values and vocation. The biggest increase in the proposed budget over the prior year comes from the addition of two staff positions. First, we are, God-willing, bringing Len Finn on as full time Associate Pastor. His role will include overseeing the Ministries Group, developing Adult Education and connecting people to people, people to God and people to God's Word. He will graduate to full time when he graduates from school! Second, we have budgeted for a full time Youth Pastor. This is a gaping hole in our ministry that needs to be addressed. I can't overstate the urgency. We have so many youth-aged members of our church family who need to be discipled, not to mention the many, many children coming up into that age group.

Jesus' calling demands that we move forward together, courageously and circumspectly.

The gospel is the power of God for salvation.

In Christ,



R.D. GLENN, *RECTOR*



Training in Truth for Maturity

NEW MEN'S MINISTRY IN 2019

TTM was launched in March 2019. Its mission statement is as follows:

It is our mission to train the men of St. George's in the truth of God's word so that through the power of the Holy Spirit they may be sanctified and grow into mature Christian servants.

BUILDING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

TTM seeks to achieve its mission statement by building Christian community amongst the men of St. George's through fellowship breakfasts and excellent programming.

With the exception of July and August, TTM generally meets on the second Saturday of each month from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. The meetings start with a fellowship breakfast which is followed with a teaching time. Our gatherings have averaged approximately 20 to 25 attendees.

PROGRAMMING

In terms of programming, the three (3) pillars of the ministry are: 1) apologetics-- teaching as to the truth of God's word; 2) teaching on how to read and study the Bible; and, 3) teaching on the characteristics of a Godly man.

This last year we studied the following topics:

- A why and how to read your Bible;
- The 'Case for Christ' DVD;
- Inductive bible study;
- John Piper's 'Look at the Book' series;
- Servanthood;
- The characteristics of a Godly husband;
- Confronting negative and unbiblical views of heaven- why a Godly man should live for his eternal reward;
- Money and possessions from an eternal perspective.

The topics were presented through live speakers and/or leaders preparing questions and answers for video materials. The following men have presented on the foregoing topics: Stephen Wishart, Mark Jurgens, Bill Horricks, Kelvin Loveless and Bryan Hunt.

TTM has been aided by a team of volunteers who have prepared excellent breakfasts, notably: Jonathan Burns, David Lammers, Jan Chen, Prabo Dwight, Grant Dickinson, Manuel Sobrinho, John Billis, Ed Lewis, Kevin Smith and Steve Cranna as well as others who have helped with setup and cleanup.

In the coming year, TTM seeks to pursue its programming objectives and potentially organize a fall retreat for the men of St. George's.



STEPHEN WISHART, TTM CO-ORDINATOR

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Biblical Counseling

NEW MINISTRY IN 2019

WHAT IS BIBLICAL COUNSELING?

Biblical Counseling is counseling with the Bible as our sure and unshakeable foundation. We believe that God's Word is more than facts and ancient stories- God's Word is active and living and speaks into our lives today (Heb 4:12). Whatever is going on in life- our joys, our sorrows, our heartaches, our fears, our messy relationships, our temptations- the Bible points us to a God who is not absent or aloof or far away from us. The Bible points us to a Father who loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to experience the ultimate suffering on our behalf and die for

our sins, so that we can approach a holy God in our times of need and experience His amazing and immense mercy towards us.

Biblical Counseling is about a relationship. God has not left us to figure things out or fix things on our own. He has given us Christ, the Word of God made flesh, to minister to us. In Christ, we are a new creation. When we are in a living relationship with Jesus, we bring our struggles and problems before Him, knowing that real change happens through His unlimited power and mighty work, not our own limited efforts.

This life is hard. We live in a broken world, and our lives experience this brokenness in multi-faceted ways. Biblical Counseling is about coming alongside of someone and offering them hope in Christ when they are struggling and need reminders of God's promises.

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WHO IS BIBLICAL COUNSELING FOR?

No one was meant to walk this life alone. Biblical Counseling is available for anyone who is going through something hard and needs someone to come walk alongside of them, encourage them, pray with them, and help bring insight from God's word into their situation. Our struggles can look very different from our neighbour's. Some Christians feel paralyzed by their anxiety while others are despairing from loneliness. Some believers are in a place of grief and need someone to help them process a loss, while others might feel like they are drowning in sexual temptation. While there are various struggles and sins that we face, none of these are a mystery or a surprise to our loving God. Jesus suffered and died for all of the brokenness in our lives, and His words of truth speak hope and life into all situations and struggles.

HOW DO I GET COUNSELING?

If you are struggling with something and want more information on the Biblical Counseling ministry at St George's, including rates, please contact Elizabeth at counseling@stgeorgesonline.com.

ELIZABETH CHEN: BIBLICAL COUNSELOR

Elizabeth is currently interning as a Biblical Counselor at St George's. She brings over 15 years of combined experience in medical care, counseling, and urban ministry. She is currently completing her Masters in Counseling at Westminster Theological Seminary. Before pursuing counseling, Elizabeth worked as an ER nurse in downtown Toronto, where she was

daily confronted with suffering and pain. She also served overseas with World Harvest Missions in London, England, where she focused on discipleship care among youth and young adults. Elizabeth is originally from the States but spent most of her childhood on the mission field, where her family focused on urban ministry and church-planting. Through these opportunities and ministries, as well as in her own challenges, Elizabeth has come to a deeper understanding that God mercifully meets us in suffering and hardship, and that His Gospel message of hope through Jesus Christ is unshakeable and firm through all of life. She has a deep love and desire to see Gospel-centred theology be practical and understandable for the body of Christ. Elizabeth is married to a wonderful man named Jan, and they have 3 life-loving kids who are a great joy to her. She loves hiking, baking, a really good cup of tea, and jumping on the trampoline.

Coffee with RD

CONNECTING

Coffee with RD was a new initiative in 2019 with the goal of introducing newcomers to our Pastor and our church. Once a month, following our 10:15am service, RD would meet in the library with newcomers to our church to share, over a cup of coffee, our mission, vision and ministries here at St. George's, as well as getting to know the history and lives of our newcomers.

Dozens of newcomers came to this inviting and informal monthly gathering.

Coffee with RD is continuing in 2020.



The Connect Board

CONNECTING NEWCOMERS INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

We are always trying to brainstorm ideas around how to better connect newcomers into the life of the church. The Connect Board was birthed out of this desire. It's goal is to help plug people into the various ministries at St. George's and to encourage people to start walking in their gifts.

Each clipboard is assigned to a specific ministry area in our church (i.e. Men, Women, Missions, Outreach, etc.). There is info on the different serving opportunities and contact info for getting involved with the ministry team. The board also features upcoming events, sign-up sheets, and specific ministry profiles.

If you haven't checked it out yet, be sure that you do. It is located near the north entrance of the building.



The Expanse of His Glory

BRYAN HUNT, WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

BIG COUNTRY SKIES

Last July, our family took the plunge and left the city of Hamilton behind for a more rural life. We bought a country house in the farmlands of West Lincoln. The house is nestled in the midst of expansive farmfields as far as the eye can see. Both Emily and I grew up in a rural area, and since our marriage we have both pined to move back to the country, so this move was a coming home, of sorts.

Since the move, it has been a joy watching our kids play under the big country skies. In fact, after a few weeks of living in the country again I realized how much I had missed seeing the vastness of the sky. In the city you rarely see more than a sliver of the sky between the busyness of encroaching buildings. It has done my soul good seeing the sun set every night - to see thunderstorms rolling in miles away across the fields.

I think, similarly, worship gives us a wider view of the glory of God. We spend much of our lives blinded by the busyness of our lives. Between our jobs, families, and other responsibilities we often lose sight of God's glory. We forget to look up. And even if we do, we often only see a sliver of it between the obstructions we have built around ourselves. But when we gather to worship we are reminded of who God is and who we are. The buildings disappear and we begin to see the expanse of God's beauty, that has been there all along. Worship realigns our eyes and our affections. As we worship, God reveals to us the full expanse of His glory. And the more we behold the glory of God in worship the more we begin to strip away the things in our lives that we have placed in front of his glory. Until more and more of the unobstructions disappear and we see the skies - big and clear.

OUR SERVICES

At St. George's, we believe that God is always doing something new in His church and that we can always learn from what God has already done. This truth takes shape in our worship music. We embrace new music that seeks to find new voice to the glories of God, and we are enriched by singing the ancient truths of the hymns written by the saints over the centuries.

It is our desire to use music and liturgy to help people behold the glory of God, in a way that resounds in the hearts of every generation. We do our utmost to create a worship environment that can be accessed by every age group, from the little children - to our senior members. As we all prefer different styles, volume levels, and keys, this can be a challenge. I so

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appreciate the laying down of personal-preference that I see from many of you. This truly is a ‘sacrifice of praise’ and true worship of the King. Thank you.

As worship pastor I take very seriously the words we are putting in the mouths of the saints. The lyrics we sing shape our theology and our very view of God Himself. If we only sing about God’s power and might, we may develop a theology of a strong, but impersonal God. If we only sing about God’s intimate love for us, then we may develop a theology of a loving, but not all-powerful

God. We want to lead songs that speak of the whole spectrum of God’s character; loving, yet holy; merciful, yet just; intimate, yet fearsome. And most of all we want to lead people to the Gospel. In Christ we see the fullness of God on display; His whole character and his heart for His world. That is why we never tire of singing about the cross and the glory of the Risen Christ.

As an Anglican Church, we take the 39 articles of religion seriously, so we structure our Sunday worship with an emphasis on Word and sacrament (articles VI, XXV) and in a language easily understandable by the people (article XXIV). This is why we put God’s Word out in front of everything we do, and why we celebrate the Lord’s supper together every Sunday. And in all these things, our aim is to do them in a way that is easily understandable for the Christian and non-christian alike.

OUR TEAM

Each week I am grateful to play alongside such talented musicians, who love to create music that glorifies Jesus and serve His church.

Our worship music team consists of Scott Hunt (drums/percussion), Julia Selby (Piano/Vocals), Carny Biggar (Bass/Piano/Vocals), Joseph Smith (Violin), Shirantha Beddage (Piano), Jessica Underdown (Vocals), Len Finn (Bass), Gillian Fernie (Piano), Bristol Surajdeen (Guitar/Drums), Stephanie Finn (Vocals), Jan Chen (Guitar/Bass), Maggie Wilson, (Guitar/Vocals), Joshua Burns (Guitar/Vocals), Jonathan Burns (Guitar/Vocals), David Lammers (Piano), Sabina Lammers (Violin), Christiana Lammers (Cello), and Richelle Hunt (Vocals). Debbie Dyment continues to faithfully serve on the piano at our 8:30am service. If you have been blessed by their playing in the last year, please take a moment one Sunday after the service and thank them. A little encouragement can mean a lot.

Joe Biggar is our AV Team Leader and his team does a fantastic job operating our audio/visual equipment every week. Many thanks to this team of volunteers.



Media

ONLINE

St. George's website is our primary home for news, events, and content, but, more and more, social media has become the means by which we deliver this content.

WEBSITE

In 2019, we had 14,464 unique visitors come to our website from dozens of countries. People from around the globe listened to our sermons and read our online articles. For many people, our website will be their first introduction to our church and we have worked hard to make it a vibrant, easily navigable, attractive, and useful place to visit. Over the last 9 months, I have been working on a redesign of the website, which will launch in 2020.

FACEBOOK

St. George's Facebook Page experienced major growth in 2019, with now 691 followers (up 84 from the previous year). Our Facebook posts reached over 50,000 people in the last year. We also have our private St. George's Community Group, which has 101 members - exclusively from our congregation and is a great place for prayer requests, news updates, discussions and other community building posts.

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INSTAGRAM

We also saw growth in our Instagram account with 646 followers (+38 from the previous year). We uploaded 38 posts in the last year, with an approximate reach of 400-1000 unique accounts per post. The goal of these posts is to remind people of the Gospel throughout their week, because we believe Christian growth is intimately tied to remembering and rehearsing the Gospel to our souls. The posts are typically images with scriptures or quotes pulled out from the previous Sunday’s sermon.

YOUTUBE

Every week we livestream the video from our 10:15am Sunday morning Service on YouTube. Many people from around the world have been able to join with us as we worship God together. In the last year, our service videos were viewed over 6358 times, with a watch time of 69,630 minutes. We have 251 people who subscribe to our YouTube channel.

TWITTER

Our twitter account isn’t as active, but we update it with all of the new posts from our website. We have 129 followers.

2020

Our goal in 2020, is to continue to creatively use technology and media to saturate our lives and our community with the good news of the Gospel.

Please pray for myself and all those who contribute in our media ministry, that we may have wisdom by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known.



BRYAN HUNT, WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

Always Greater

LEONARD FINN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

I'm so grateful for all that the Lord is doing here at St. George's and so thankful that He's made me and my family a part of it all. Currently, I serve quarter-time (in theory!) at the church, with the primary responsibility of supporting the rector and assisting him in pastoring St. George's. I preach and lead roughly half of the 8:30am services, support Ray David in preaching and leading the 10:15am services, and meet pastorally with parishioners.

MINISTRIES GROUP

Recently, these responsibilities have expanded to include oversight responsibilities for the Ministries Group at St. George's. This group encompasses the ministries at our church that are focused on reaching, discipling and growing the people God has entrusted to St. George's from infancy of faith into mature, joy-filled, gospel-shaped followers of Christ who reach, disciple and grow others, drawing others to Him, not only with words, but also through the character of their lives. These ministries include Outreach, Newcomers and Mom2Mom, which draw people into the life of faith at St. George's; Small Groups, Monthly Home Fellowship, Pastoral Care/Crisis, Training in Truth for Maturity (our men's ministry), Take a Moment and Afternoon Women's Fellowship (our women's ministries), our 'In Touch' Senior's Ministry, all of which aim to disciple and grow our adults; the Nursery, Sunday School, and Youth Ministry, which nurture our young people in the faith; and Mission, which aims to share the love of Christ tangibly with those beyond our immediate reach. I encourage you to read and be encouraged by the individual reports from the leaders of those ministries. I am so thankful to God for the call, vision and energy that He has given to each one of them.

GROUP GOALS

We are only in early months of our new organization, so my goals for this first year are focused on creating an organization that nurtures, encourages and helps those ministry leaders do what they have been called to do, as well as to create systems for launching successful new ministries at St. George's. As a first step, I wanted to assemble a small team of experienced, insightful ministry leaders to help me lead this group. This was accomplished when Angela Hunt, Catherine Neal, and my wife, Stephanie, agreed to take on this responsibility. As far as I'm concerned, this is a dream team of Gospel-focus, enthusiasm and know-how. Next, our focus will be the creation of systems for improving communication

and coordination between those ministries, as well as with senior staff and with the larger body of Christ at St. George's. Additionally, we want to identify the gaps in the continuum of Christian formation in the range of ministries at St. George's and develop a plan for closing those gaps. We are, for instance, very aware of the deep need for a vibrant youth program and are working actively to meet that need. I am also concerned about the lack of a focused adult education program and it is my intention to develop personally such a program in the months ahead. We have run a number of seminary level courses through Ryle Seminary in recent years and it is my hope to continue to do so, but I would also like to see additional—and less formal—resources available here.

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GETTING PLUGGED IN

All that said, if you are looking to get better plugged into the life of St. George's, but don't know where to start, please do talk to me. I can hopefully direct you to a place of fellowship or service that is suited to you and will grow you in the life of the Body of Christ and the lived experience of the Gospel.

DOCTORATE PROGRESS

Lastly, as many of you know, I am finishing up a doctorate in Old Testament studies at the University of Toronto. (It occurs to me that I think I've written something like that in my report three years running, but I really mean it this time!) Currently, I am in the process of final edits and reference checks on my thesis on the Book of Ecclesiastes. It is not exactly the most inspiring part of the process, but it is good to be nearing the finish line. God willing, I should submit it in March or April, and I will likely defend it the early fall. As always, thank you so much for all your prayers and encouragement.

ALWAYS BIGGER AND BETTER

As 2020 begins, I am excited for the ways in which the Lord seems to be moving at St. George's. We have some great plans for the year ahead, but it's important to remember that the Lord's plans are always bigger and better than we can imagine, and so my prayer is that we wouldn't get in His way, but trust more and more in Him and the call He has put on us for growing the Gospel in this little corner of His kingdom.



LEONARD FINN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR



Stories

REAL STORIES OF GOD AT WORK IN OUR CHURCH-FAMILY IN 2019.

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“A few years ago, a pastor friend of ours (in Toronto) encouraged us with Matt 7:9- “Who is there among you, who, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?” He knew that we had been struggling with some hard things in the church that we were attending at the time, and it just felt like a long season of eating stones, to be honest. We were confused and despairing. I remember my first Sunday at St George’s last November - I remember feeling full after the service, like I had eaten something really delicious and satisfying, and I couldn’t wait to get back the following Sunday for more. It was a few months later, during the AGM, when I remember sitting there, while someone talked about the budget. I felt a huge sense of excitement well up inside of me because I finally felt like I was home. And then the Lord graciously brought Matt 7:9 back to my mind, and I knew that God was giving us the bread that He had promised in His word. I’ve been deeply reminded that He KNOWS our needs and our desires and our hearts, and His promises in Scripture are good and true and trustworthy. He will never fail me or forsake me. He has been so good to lead us to St. George’s this past year.”

FROM OUR 2019 CHURCH SURVEY

“I have come to trust the Lord more and more with the people I most love and care about. I’m a ‘fixer’ by nature. But the Lord is teaching me to become more of a ‘truster.”

FROM OUR 2019 CHURCH SURVEY

“When my family were going through a very difficult time in 2019 my church family showered us with love and support.”

FROM OUR 2019 CHURCH SURVEY

“Fellowship at Kelvin and Shelley’s home and Take A Moment are both times I look forward to sharing our individual highs and lows in our lives. Praying for one another brings such comfort and joy during these meetings.”

FROM OUR 2019 CHURCH SURVEY

“Small group has been very important in shaping my life. Jesus-centered friend who point me to biblical truths. Deep study of the scripture and reminders that my life is not my own but it is for God’s purposes.”

FROM OUR 2019 CHURCH SURVEY

“I have known the gospel my whole life, but hearing the gospel preached more, has renewed, refreshed, and given me a new joy. I have realized even in the past year, that what I prefer to read and listen to, is now much more influenced by a gospel lens than has been the case previously.”

FROM OUR 2019 CHURCH SURVEY



Executive Council

KELVIN LOVELESS, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER

Another year has come to a close. It has been a privileged to serve as your Executive council (EC). The members this past year were Ray David Glenn, Clair Dirker, Julia Selby, Mark Jurgens and Kelvin Loveless, supported by Gillian Fernie as secretary and Dan Coverdale as treasurer.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

During the first part of the year we completed our strategic planning activities with the help of Johnathan Burns. The updated mission and vision were shared with the congregation. A significant realization during the process was that the growth of the church seemed to be hitting a glass ceiling at about 250 people a week. To address this we have revamped the leadership structure to appoint individuals or teams to coordinate and support various aspects of the church; operations, ministries, facilities & administration and weekly services. In the account of the children of Israel in the wilderness Moses is advised to share the burden of leadership with others. In the same way the leadership is being shared so that we can support a larger congregation.

There is one significant issue that was discovered late in 2019. During the process of reviewing EC terms and preparing nominations for our AGM, It

was discovered the one of the EC members, Julie Selby, had been incorrectly appointed to a third consecutive term in contradiction to the Bylaws. The bylaws state that directors of the EC may serve up to two terms and then must take at least a 10 month break before serving again. Terms are limited to two years. The EC and Secretary regret missing this, and apologize. We should have been more careful. Once we discovered this we decided that we would still include Julia in our meetings, but she would abstain from making motions or voting.

“The growth of the church seemed to be hitting a glass ceiling at about 250 people a week.”

So what is the implication of this? If we look at the way EC has worked over the last year, we ran on consensuses. Votes were passed unanimously, and on occasion one of the members would abstain. Meetings were held with all members present or one missing. If Julia was removed there would still have been quorum and all of the votes would have passed. There is also the issue that Julia was the mover or seconder of some of the motions that were made at EC. In order to move passed this mistake we will be asking the membership to vote on a motion that this oversight and mistake does not invalidate the EC’s actions. The draft motion is “The Executive Councils motions or actions in 2019 shall not be considered invalid due to Julie Selby being appointed to a third consecutive term, in contradiction to the Bylaws two term limit”.

Again the EC and secretary apologize for this oversight. I has been an honour to serve as your executive council over the previous year. May God continue to grow His church!

On behalf of the EC,



KELVIN LOVELESS, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER

VISION + MISSION

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Small Groups

JOE BIGGAR, *SMALL GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR*

2019 was a year of change and reform. We had several long-standing groups cease meeting (for a variety of reasons), a couple new groups start, and we formed a small groups steering committee to address some of the challenges facing our ministry. In the committee we are working through plans to revitalize the ministry in 2020.

The two prevailing challenges are -

1. Not having to enough open small groups.
2. Placing newcomers into existing small groups.

We are working with the newcomer team to tackle the latter but it is also connected to the former.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MEETING

Halfway through the year, we had a small group leaders' meeting, which included potential leaders who were interested in small groups, to discuss the future and vision of small groups. Thank you to those who attended that meeting, your input and interest was valued. Please stay tuned for the actions that came out of that meeting.

We still need volunteers to host new groups. To be a host or leader of a group we only require that volunteers be members of the church and are willing to open up their homes to study the gospel and pray together.

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

- Hebrews 10:24-25

Small groups are a great place for fellowship and growth in the gospel: Let's make a habit of meeting together for mutual encouragement in Christ.

I want to thank all the present and former small group hosts and leaders we have. Thank you for dedicating time and space to this important ministry. Also thank you to Gillian Fernie, Wilson Yu and Mark Jurgens for being part of the small groups committee

If you are interested in joining or hosting a group or being part of the small groups steering committee. Please contact me at smallgroups@stgeorgesonline.com or come talk to me at the end of a service.

All blessings,

Joe

JOSEV BIGGAR, SMALL GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR

Mom 2 Mom

LORI SLY, MOM 2 MOM CO-ORDINATOR

Mom2Mom has been actively meeting every Wednesday from 9:45-11:45am for many years. Beginning in November 2019, there was a change in leadership; after many years of faithful serving to this ministry, Rochelle Ansley Kitchen passed the leadership of this group to a new member of St. George's, Lori Sly. (Lori and her young family recently moved here from Alberta.)

The group is well-attended by moms and daycares in the community and often sees upwards of 30+ people in attendance. This lovely group is largely play based, but is now incorporating more planned stations, crafts and circle time into the weekly rotation, as well as a monthly event to boost engagement. The group is reflecting on the past and beginning to discern if any additional changes to the structure and ministry should take place. Please pray for us!

Lori

LORI SLY, MOM 2 MOM CO-ORDINATOR



Missions

CARNY BIGGAR, MISSIONS LEADER

In 2019, St. George's continued to partner with Yonge Street Mission (YSM) in Toronto. The Bridges Program at YSM works with the "generationally poor" and provides community and fellowship twice a week, which includes a community meal. St. George's contributes to one of these community meals each month.

As in the previous year, St. George's continues not to have a specific budget line item for international missions but rather, we respond to needs as they come up. In 2018, we began a new partnership with St. Peter's Church in Gulu, Uganda, where we raised funds to finish the floors of the church building. This year, we did not have any new fundraising initiatives, but we continued to receive updates about the church in Uganda, their use of the building, and their continued development efforts as they raised more money.

The vision is still for this initiative to only be Phase 1 of our partnership with St. Peter's as we build a long term partnership with the church. We are looking into Phase 2, 3, etc. where we can contribute to finishing more of the church building and it can be used as a hub in the community. Perhaps in the future, we can send teams there and they can send teams here as we partner in the gospel, since there is a lot to learn both ways!

We were also given the exciting opportunity to raise funds to send Anna O'Drowsky, a young woman who grew up at St. George's, on a mission trip to El Papalote, Mexico in February. Anna's team led Christian programs for children, youth and families, as well as helped with community housing and clean-up projects.

**"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for
in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."**

- Galatians 6:9

Your sister in Christ,



CARNY BIGGAR, MISSIONS LEADER

Take a Moment

ELEA HOFMAN, TAM LEADER

Take a Moment continues to meet monthly and promote the formation of deeper friendships amongst the women of St. George's. Over the last year we've seen a lot of new women attend, both regular church attendees and women who are new to the church. TAM offers a great way to be intentional about getting to know new women and inviting them into relationship as well as staying connected prayerfully and practically to women in the church. Monthly meetings create a space where women are served and have time and space to truly get to know one another at a depth that leads to spiritual, emotional and practical support.

Over the course of the year TAM has served approximately 75 different women with attendance at individual gatherings ranging on average from 15-30 women and our Christmas dinner having 52 in attendance! We continue to see women connecting from a wide range of ages and demographics. The private Facebook group has grown to 74 members. This acts as an online space for women to encourage each other, share immediate needs and keep others up to date on what's happening in their lives. Those who do not use Facebook are updated through email and bulletin announcements.

As we look to the future, Take a Moment will continue to have monthly in-home gatherings and invest in the lives of St. George's women. To support women who struggle with driving to unknown locations at night we will now offer a carpool leaving from the church parking lot. We will also ask a different woman to share what God sets on her heart each meeting.

"A treasured element of TAM is the mix of all generations at our meetings."

Many women report that TAM plays a major role in helping them feel connected and offers a level of friendship that goes beyond Sunday morning chats. A treasured element of TAM is the mix of all generations at our meetings. It has been wonderful to watch the generations connect and build friendships that might not otherwise have happened. This speaks to our mission as generational church.



ELEA HOFMAN, TAM LEADER



Sunday School

EMILY HUNT, SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

2019 was a really great year in the Sunday school. The biggest event (for me) was when Angela passed along the position of Sunday school coordinator to myself in April. In the fall, the kids helped plan a surprise celebration for all of Angela's leadership, which was a great day to celebrate the many ways God worked through her to bless her church family. I am so thankful for her leadership, mentoring, and continued service in the Sunday school.

FALL PROJECT

The other highlights of the year were our fall project. The goal this year through letter writing, was to connect our Sunday school families with some of the St. George's family that is not involved with Sunday school. The children wrote letters about themselves and the person/couple who they were matched with wrote back about themselves with a favourite bible verse included. As the "middle-man" who read the letters, I was so touched by the love, kindness and encouragement included in some of the letters. I really hope these new connections keep building our mission statement of "Generations of joy-filled, gospel-shaped people proclaiming

Jesus Christ with conviction, competence and confidence.” Specifically, Generations that are interconnected through love, encouragement, and prayer for one another.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

We did our usual Christmas song presentation (“Do you hear what I hear?”) at our Lessons and Carols service and finished off the year with our Christmas Eve craft during the family service (Advent wreath).

One other great part of Sunday school this year was our older class doing the video series “What’s in the Bible?” lead by Steve Wishart. This was a really good time for the kids to learn the whole Bible story in a fun yet deep way.

GREAT VOLUNTEERS

As always, the Sunday school really only runs well with the help of great volunteers. I have to say I was so blessed by the many notes of encouragement and offer of time when the staff learned that I would be taking on the leadership role. It really makes leadership easier when there is a wonderful group of volunteers working alongside you. Thank you all!

IN 2020

Moving forward into 2020 our goal for the Sunday school is to equip our Sunday school Parents to bring Jesus home. We are launching a new Sunday school initiative for families to be reading one bible story each week with questions and a colouring page to help children remember the story and connect them all the Jesus and the Gospel message. We have also purchased a great set of books for families to borrow from our new curated Sunday school library. These books bring up topics such as anxiety, anger, sadness, etc... and have great discussion questions to help us grow our application of Jesus to the moments of everyday life. I am really looking forward to these new initiatives and I look forward to reporting on them next year!



EMILY HUNT, SUNDAY SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

Our 3 priorities in reaching out to our surrounding community are:

1

To demonstrate Christ's love and generosity to our neighbours by meeting them where they are.

2

To create a space for community and fellowship, a harbour for those who are isolated or forgotten.

3

To provide opportunities for our congregation to practice service and loving our neighbours.



Reaching Our Community

STEPHANIE FINN, EVENTS COORDINATOR

In 2019, we scaled back our outreach efforts in an effort to reexamine what outreach looks like at St. Georges, both in terms of our community's needs and the gifts and calling we have within our church family.

EASTER EGG HUNT

On Palm Sunday, we hosted our 4th annual community Easter Egg Hunt, which welcomes Burlington children and their families for egg hunting, crafts, face painting, and a community lunch. Due to the wet weather, we held the egg hunt entirely indoors this year and the pony rides were cancelled. Attendance also took a dip to around 400 children and their families, but those who attended loved spending time in our church, seeing the nave, and getting to know our volunteers. As always, this is one of our most popular events. Walker's Chocolates donated 500 goody bags of chocolate and candy, and lunch was donated by Panago Pizza and other local businesses.

BREAKING BREAD FARMERS MARKET

After shutting down our weekly food truck festival at the end of last summer, our committee discussed options for an outreach program that would still reach the Alton Village community, provide a regular community hub, and serve the whole family. We landed on a farmers market, but unfortunately due to a few months of appeals to the city regarding permitting, we got a later start that we had hoped in July. For

a few weeks we hosted 5-10 food and produce vendors in our parking lot and grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for at-cost donations, welcoming around 100-250 people each week. We'll be meeting shortly to discuss whether to bring back the market in 2020.

TREE LIGHTING

We rang in the Christmas season with our neighbours, lighting our indoor tree with celebratory caroling, cookies, and hot cocoa. This year we welcomed Santa to the party and Bristol kindly offered free family photos to all of the attendees. We hosted around 175 people and had lots of fun. Thank you to everyone who baked, served, welcomed, and sang along!

Thank you to all of our amazing, hardworking volunteers who pitched in this year! We are always looking for new and active volunteers, so if you have a heart for meeting and building relationships with folks in our community so that we can share the love of Christ, please get in touch.

Steph

STEPHANIE FINN, EVENTS COORDINATOR



Him We Proclaim

SYNOD 2019, REPORT

It was a great privilege for me to attend Synod 2019 in our nation's capital. The location, the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul's, is in the heart of downtown Ottawa. A beautiful and historic parish church (founded 1885), it was an ideal venue.

One of the most interesting aspects of Synod is the opportunity to meet and talk with other delegates from across the country. I was amazed and encouraged by the stories I heard from various individuals as to how God is working through ANIC in various parts of the country.

A major (and daily) component of Synod is Bible Teaching. I was able to attend a couple of sermons by Jim Saladin from New York City and thought both were outstanding. Delegates were very impressed with the various workshops that were presented during Synod. The two I attended; "Good News for Everything" by our own Scott Hunt and "The Bible and Apologetics" by Daniel Gilman, ANIC Deacon, were both very well done.

A major agenda item was the presentation of the report by the Harvest Task Force Committee. This group had been tasked by Bishop Charlie to "bring forward recommendations that will address the current challenges and opportunities to the Gospel mission of ANiC". A copy of the report is on the ANIC website. Based on the presentation, I can say that I was pleased by the degree of consultation undertaken by the committee and the obvious hard work they had put into arriving at their recommendations.

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STEWART TEASELL, SYNOD DELEGATE

The Welcome Team

NAOMI NEEB, GREETING COORDINATOR

The role of a Welcome Team member at the 10:15 services is to greet and welcome both visitors, and members, as they enter the building and to be host/hostess for the congregation during worship services. They also assist at special services such as Christmas Eve and Good Friday. Their warm smile provides a friendly first impression of St. George's to visitors and a friendly greeting to fellow parishioners. Thanks to all of the volunteers who greet, assist, make us welcome, and enter into conversation with us when we gather to celebrate God's goodness and grace.

I am so grateful to be working with this dedicated group of people. A sincere thank you to all who have and currently contribute to this important ministry.

It's not a difficult job, but it's a very important one.

It is an excellent opportunity to serve the Lord. Perhaps you have not yet found a place to serve the church family. Prayerfully ask the Lord if this is the area in which He is calling you to serve.

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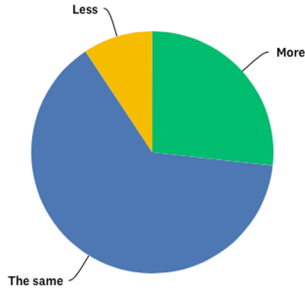
NAOMI NEEB, GREETING COORDINATOR

Grow & Sow

2019 SURVEY RESULTS

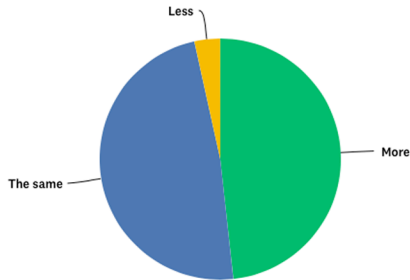
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Answered: 86 Skipped: 1



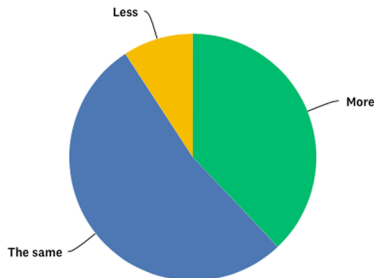
Do you pray more or less than last year?

Answered: 87 Skipped: 0



Are you more or less engaged with Christian community than last year?

Answered: 87 Skipped: 0





In Touch

SENIOR'S MINISTRY, *REPORT*

This is an “old” ministry with a “new” name, serving our Senior Parishioners who are in need of a phone call or friendly visitor. The ministry was “reinstated” last year when several needs arose and were met by members of the congregation who felt called to serve in this capacity. There was a request for other parishioners that felt led by the Lord to join the team and it currently consists of: Clair Dirker, Gord & Dianne Franklin, Margot Hickling, Angela Hunt, Susan Johnson, Donna Rigo, Simon & Louise Toyne, and Kelly Wolfe.

On Saturday, May 26th we hosted a luncheon in the fellowship hall to bless our seniors. We served 71 people, which included our team members and invited guests. Several of our youth entertained with musical instruments. We delivered greeting cards and a treat bag during the Christmas Season. We continue with home visits and phone calls and rides, as needed.

A police check is required for all those serving in this ministry and will be on file in the office. If you felt called to serve with this Ministry please contact me. If you know of a senior parishioner in need, please contact me as well.

**“This is an
‘old’ ministry with a
‘new’ name”**

We continue to minister in the name of Jesus and by the words of Jesus:

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”...”truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” *Matthew 25: 31-40*

In Christ,



DONNA RIGO, IN-TOUCH COORDINATOR

The Prayer Chain

DORIS SCHICHT, PRAYER CHAIN COORDINATOR

Our role as prayer chain members is to pray in confidence for parishioners, families and friends. Updates are provided for the members of the prayer chain if the individual requesting prayer has provided the details. We encourage individuals to reach out to the prayer chain; for intercessory prayer. We are sensitive to their situation and led by the Holy Spirit in our prayers. Generally we would pray daily for the individual requesting the prayers for two weeks. I would be thrilled if more individuals sought the prayer chain for support. I would encourage that the prayer chain be mentioned more often in the morning announcements.

As the leader of the prayer chain; I forward the emails received to the eight members of our team. I will provide follow-up prayer and praise if provided by the individuals requesting prayer. I will also provide scriptures if placed on my heart from our Lord.

Emails are sent to prayer@stgeorgeonline.com. Gillian then forwards them to me and I will forward to the eight other team members. Recently we have been asked if an individual could be part of the prayer chain without having email. The individual would be contacted by phone and updates provided this way; before email this is how it was always run. A member of prayer team has agreed to pass along the prayer request and updates to this individual. If others are seeking to become members of the prayer chain

and having access to email was holding you back. You too can be added to the prayer team as a member and be contacted by phone.

It may be encouraging to record the prayer in a book. With the date of the prayer request; then record praise and how Jesus answers those prayers. This is encouraging for all members to see the Lord at work.

I have been reading several books on the power of prayer. It is so encouraging. Our Lord loves us to pray and truly loves it when we pray for others. When individuals are placed on your heart pray for them; I truly believe that is the Holy Spirit.

I look forward to serving another year. I suggest perhaps a meeting with the prayer team members for suggestions and feedback.

Regards,

Doris

DORIS SCHICHT, PRAYER CHAIN COORDINATOR



“We cannot all be leaders, but we can all be pleaders; we cannot all be mighty in rhetoric, but we can all be prevalent in prayer.”

- CHARLES SPURGEON

Our Littlest Ones

SHAUNA-LEE DWIGHT, *NURSERY COORDINATOR*

Over the course of 2019 the nursery has continued to love and serve the youngest people of our church family. Our regular families find a loving and familiar place to leave their little ones, while new families find friendly welcoming faces to first introduce them to our church family. We always strive to have our guests feel at home and that they have a place at St. George's. Parents find a place to receive support and encouragement as well as build relationships with one another. Children in care of the nursery staff are read stories, played with, and encouraged to build friendships with one another.

At the end of 2019 Emily Hunt stepped down as the nursery coordinator to focus her energy on her role as Sunday school coordinator. We are so thankful for all of the time and energy she spent developing how the nursery runs and even more so the love she gave to the children and their caregivers.



SHAUNA-LEE DWIGHT, *NURSERY COORDINATOR*

The Library

CLAIR DIRKER, *LIBRARIAN*

Clair Dirker has taken on the role of sorting, catalogueing, and building a team around our church library.

Her vision for the library is to seek to help improve the conviction, competence and confidence of the people of St. George's through education, by providing a collection of resources for study, research, and enjoyment.

In the next year, Clair plans to document the library's holdings using Library Management Software (LMS).



Home Fellowship

KELVIN LOVELESS, LEADER

The monthly home fellowship meets one evening a month, excluding the summer break, at the Loveless residence about 10 minutes north of the church. We have an attendance from the mid 20's to 40 each month. Our gatherings start with a potluck dinner with lots of good food. During this time we have opportunity to get to know one another better and get connected in our church community. We are always open to new people joining us, it is a great way to connect with others in St. George's, especially if you are not plugged in yet. Following our feast there is a time of sharing by one or two people. This includes personal faith stories and God's work in our lives. We had a combination of our members sharing and guest speakers. At Christmas we have a traditional carol sing around the piano.

This group is like an extended family that enjoys being together, sharing and praying for each other. At the end of each program there is a time for sharing prayer requests and followed by a time of prayer. It continues to be a pleasure for Shelley and I to share our home and host this gathering. We would love to have some more join us this year.

In His service,

KELVIN LOVELESS

Finance Committee

ED LEWIS, MEMBER

The Finance Committee, as required or requested, provides advise to the Executive Council on policy and longer-term financial issues.

The Committee consists of the Treasurer Dan Coverdale, Tim Wilson, Grant Dickinson and Ed Lewis.

The committee met twice this year to monitor giving trends, receipts, cash flow and weekly offering administration.

As a result of the development of a policy on “Management of Offerings and other cash funds” developed in 2018, changes were made this year to have the Sunday offering counted and recorded on site immediately after the service by two non-related individuals. The policy, and its implementation were designed to protect the integrity of the parishioners’ givings as well as those managing the givings.

Members of the Committee also reviewed present-year to last-year weekly givings for the first six months and prepared an analysis of the distribution of our offerings by givings amount compared to last year. The distribution continues to reflect past experience.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed'.

ED LEWIS, FOR THE COMMITTEE



What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

- HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q1

Newcomers

CATHERINE NEAL, CO-ORDINATOR

The Newcomers Team started meeting monthly in January 2019. We are blessed with enthusiastic, creative and dedicated individuals keen to find new ways to connect visitors to our St. George's family.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The monthly fellowship luncheons provided a natural opportunity to introduce families to our community and find out more about each other. We would also encourage you to use this time to sit with someone you may not know and meet new people in our church family.

COFFEE WITH RD

Coffee with RD launched in the spring. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with RD in a casual informal setting and find out more about the goings on at St. George's. Each session is unique with discussions on a diverse range of topics. If you haven't had the chance to attend, we encourage you to drop in after worship, the second Sunday of the month.

THE CONNECT BOARD

The Connect Board is a major accomplishment designed to provide a snapshot of information about the ministries and activities at St. George's and is also accessible for groups using our space. A big shout out to Vicky and Ryan Wilson, Stephanie Finn and Bryan Hunt for bringing this project life.

Our team looks forward to seeing where the Lord leads us as we continue to look for innovative ways to connect. We would welcome any new members to join our team if you feel called to minister to newcomers.



CATHERINE NEAL, NEWCOMERS CO-ORDINATOR



Afternoon Women's Fellowship

MARGARET HUNT, GROUP LEADER

The Afternoon Women's Fellowship continued to meet in 2019 providing fellowship to the women of our parish. In March, Naomi Neeb shared about St Patrick - a bold witness for the Gospel. On April 6, we had a grand Tea Party to celebrate Norma Jolly's upcoming wedding to Keith Stodart with 60 women attending. In May, we were invited to join the Senior's Luncheon. In June, we had our annual visit with Doraine Ross and Faith Liyena from Faith's Orphan Fund to update us on their ministry in Zambia. Several of our women had sewn beautiful dresses and shirts for the orphans and others had donated colourful T-shirts that were very much appreciated by Faith and 80 items were shipped to Zambia. Then in December, we all enjoyed our annual Christmas Potluck Lunch which we were able to share with the group of women artists that have been meeting at our building every Tuesday morning. Our meetings have ranged from 20-30 women and usually consist of worship, prayer, sharing, fellowship and refreshments. They have been planned and carried out by our leadership team of Margaret Hunt, Louise LePage, Stephanie Sobrinho, Norma Jolly, Dyanna Lewis, Naomi Neeb and Diane Franklin. Margaret Hunt is the coordinator of the team.

If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me, by email at margaret@huntimages.com or by phone at 905-854-0233.

Margaret

MARGARET HUNT, AWF LEADER

Keith Stodart

HONOURARY ASSISTANT, *REPORT*

The role of an honorary assistant priest is to carry out priestly duties as required by the Rector of the Parish, the Archdeacon, or the Diocesan Bishop.

IN THIS ROLE, I

- Continued to conduct mid-week services of BCP Holy Communion and Bible study/discussion group at St. George's weekly until the summer break, then twice monthly for the rest of the year. Began the preaching and study series on the Revelation of St. John.
- Took Holy Communion to shut-in parishioners.
- Made hospital and home visits as directed by our Rector.
- Attended Bible study meetings.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Parish in these ways in 2020. Our mid-week services will continue to focus on preaching series on various books of the Bible; and the post-service discussions are normally around the passage preached. My thanks to those who faithfully prepare tea and coffee for our fellowship time and those who clear up the Communion Table after these services.

Submitted in Christ's love,



KEITH STODART, *HONOURARY ASSISTANT*



Nothing
in the universe
exists for its
own sake.

—
R. D. GLENN

The Friends of St. George's

ANGELA HUNT, REPORT

The "Friends" had a busy year, helping out when asked and continuing with the Fellowship lunches while including many new "Friends" along the way.

We served 8 Sunday Fellowship lunches this past year with an average attendance of 139 people staying for lunch (3rd Sunday of the month). We have people who step up to arrange and add tables and chairs, lay tables, receive and serve food. Cleanup always manages to happen in an organized chaotic way with the balance happening Monday mornings. So many people step up for this event to cut squares, get the oven on, toss salads, make coffee, wipe tables down, take the garbage out and stay to lock up. Thank you all so much.

We were requested to help in a variety of other ways this past year: a wedding reception, 2 ANiC luncheons, a funeral luncheon and a funeral tea. We were asked to help out 3 families with a helping hand for precooked meals and lunchbox snacks.

"Friends of St. Georges" is you. It would not work without amazing men, women and teens who offer to help without giving it a second thought when needed in a wide variety of ways. Thank you to each of you who steps up regularly to assist in so many ways to make this a unique and caring church family.



ANGELA HUNT, FRIENDS CO-ORDINATOR

'Friends of St. Georges' is you. It would not work without amazing men, women and teens who offer to help without giving it a second thought.



Giving

SHANNON DIMANIS, GIVING CO-ORDINATOR

The Giving Coordinator is a volunteer position that records all receiptable financial gifts received by St. George's, generates giving statements on request, issues annual tax receipts, and addresses your giving inquiries. Additionally, while always protecting the giver's privacy, weekly reports are produced to provide high level giving summaries to our Executive Committee, Finance Committee as well as our Bookkeeper so financial statements can be prepared.

The work of the Giving Coordinator would not be possible without the help of the following:

COUNTERS

Grant Dickinson Rich Dirker, Jim and Ruth Forbes (alternate), Bill Horricks, Dave Neeb, Stewart Teasell, who conduct the physical offering plate count, and

BANKER

Naomi Neeb, who deposits cash and cheques received each week.

2019 Tax Receipts have been prepared and issued, 210 in total. 173 receipts were emailed to individuals on February 2, 2020, and 37 were printed for mailing or pick up at St. George's. If you have not received your 2019 tax receipt yet, or have questions, please contact me at giving@stgeorgesonline.com.

“In 2018, we transitioned to a new church management software called Planning Center.”

I just want to take this moment to thank you so much for your faithful giving. Your gifts are appreciated and essential to the operations at St. George's. If you did not already know, St. George's does not receive any monies from other sources. In fact, St. George's tithes 10% of general operating fund receiptable gifts to ANiC (Anglican Network in Canada). So again, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



SHANNON DIMANIS, GIVING CO-ORDINATOR

The Chancel Guild

NAOMI NEEB, CHANCEL GUILD CO-ORDINATOR

The Chancel Guild is a traditional Ministry intended to be mostly unseen. Their ministry typically goes unnoticed, and that, in most instances, is a good thing.

We support the clergy and the congregation by preparing the communion elements for Sunday morning services and at other times as needed through the year.

Prior to the worship service we set the Table and at the completion of the service when the congregation has dispersed, we begin the work of putting

Chan•cel

DEFINITION

1. : The Chancel is the space around the Communion Table.

Guild \ *Gild*

DEFINITION

1. : A Guild was an organized group who oversaw the practice of their craft/trade in a particular area and whose membership of the group was voluntary.

away and tidying up. This “behind the scenes” includes the care and maintenance of the linens and silverware required to ensure each service is carried out in good order.

Commitment is on a rotating basis in addition to covering special services as needed.

Most of the work is done on Sunday mornings before church service and afterwards.

I thank the Celebrants at the 8:30am Sunday morning services. They set the Table and by doing this relieve the Guild of an early Sunday morning schedule.

At present the Guild members are Barb George, Deb Johnston, Holly Horricks, Catherine Neal, Beryl Schindel, and Stephanie Sobrinho.

I am truly grateful for their friendship, support and generous assistance.

As our church family grows it is also faces challenges related to the growth of our church home. We would welcome a growth in new members for this ministry. Please consider this as your invitation to join us! Training and mentoring happily provided.



NAOMI NEEB, CHANCEL GUILD CO-ORDINATOR

Garth Hunt

HONOURARY ASSISTANT, REPORT

As in the last number of years, my ministry opportunities have been split between St. George’s and our diocese, the Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC). Here is a brief overview:-

Since November 2018, for the 45 minutes or so on Sundays during the sermon time, I have had the wonderful opportunity to meet with our 11-15 year-old youth who have “graduated” from Sunday School. I look forward to this time each week with great anticipation! I have been exhorting the youth to personally lay hold of Jesus as their Saviour rather than their

Christian experience simply being a part of their family's culture. It is wonderful to see the "light go on" in them from week to week. Thank you to you parents who entrust your daughters and sons to me for this brief time! I consider it a great privilege!

Similarly, I often have the great delight of helping Ray David or Len pray for the young children who come forward with their families to the rail at communion time. I now know many of their names and to bless each of their young lives in the Name of the Lord Jesus is such an honour!

In my diocesan role as the Canon for Prayer Support, I have the privilege of attending regular ANiC Council meetings, House of Bishops meetings, and our annual Diocesan Synod. My role at each of these gatherings is to offer intercessory prayer for those involved, especially for Bishop Charlie Masters as he provides leadership, vision and direction for ANiC. I also help prepare a monthly Prayer Calendar which, via email, provides daily prayer topics for our ANiC churches coast-to-coast. This resource is available on the ANiC website: anglicannetwork.ca/prayer-resources



GARTH HUNT, HONOURARY ASSISTANT

Building Maintenance

TEAM, REPORT

The Maintenance Team consisting of Brian Duke, John Billis and Ed Lewis continued to oversee the care of our church building ably assisted by Gillian who contacts and coordinates with external service providers.

- After suffering several heating problems early in the year we contracted a more aggressive preventative maintenance program for our heating and ventilation equipment with a new service provider resulting in more reliable service.
- The lawn maintenance program continued with the same provider and the lawn sprinkling system was commissioned and decommissioned for the year.
- We also continued with our same highly successful janitorial service.
- Blinds were donated by a parishioner and installed on windows on the Palladium Way side of the church.

- A defibrillator system was purchased and installed.
- A bi-monthly insect suppression contract was placed to prevent uninvited guests.
- We experienced a number of false alarms early in the year and tightened up procedures to eliminate them.
- Peeling paint around the front window in the sanctuary was removed and new paint applied.
- Monthly fire system tests were conducted and monthly inspections of fire extinguishers and emergency lighting systems were carried out. One emergency lighting battery was replaced. The master Emergency Fire Plan was reviewed and updated.
- We hired a new contractor to do the annual testing of our fire extinguishers.
- A leak in the Fellowship Room door was investigated and hopefully fixed.
- Two Sunday School/Nursery mock emergency evacuations were conducted.
- The annual water back flow test was done and passed.
- We had minor cracks in some mortar joints inspected by a masonry contractor and they will be repaired in the spring.
- A number of other minor fixes and adjustments were made.



ED LEWIS

THE GOSPEL IS THE *ONLY STORY* THAT WILL *NEVER*

wither or fade



R.D. GLENN

Nominations

Executive Council

DIRECTORS

Rector
Rector's Warden
Rector's Warden
People's Warden
People's Warden

NAMES

Ray David Glenn
Clair Dirker
John Billis
Mark Jurgens
Jonathan Burns

Officers

C. E. O.
Treasurer C. F. O
Secretary

Ray David Glenn
Dan Coverdale
Gillian Fernie

Parish Council

APPOINTED

Rector
Rector's Warden
Rector's Warden
Chair of PC

Ray David Glenn
Clair Dirker
John Billis
Kelvin Loveless

ELECTED

People's Warden
People's Warden
Synod Delegate
Synod Delegate
Synod Delegate
Synod Delegate
Alt Synod Delegate
Youth Synod Delegate
Member at Large
Member at Large

Mark Jurgens
Jonathan Burns
Gillian Fernie
Nimasha Munaweera
Stewart Teasell
Ed Johnston
Bryan Hunt
George Billis
Ed Lewis
Naomi Neeb

YOU LOSE THE URGENCY
OF THE GOSPEL WHEN YOU
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WITHOUT THE
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—

RD Glenn

