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This Week at St George's

Sun	Alcoholics Anonymous	6:30 pm
Mon	Senior Fitness	10:30 am
Mon	MayCourt	6:30 pm
Tues	Sparks	6:00 pm
Tues	Teachers' Choir	6:30 pm
Wed	Brownies	6:30 pm
Wed	Venturers	6:45 pm
Wed	Bible Study	7:30 pm
Thurs	Chair Yoga	9:15 am
Thurs	Bible Study	1:30 pm
Thurs	Choir	Jr 7:15 Sr 8:00 pm
Fri	Piano Lessons	4:00 pm
Sat	Optimist Christmas Party	10:00 am
Sat	Selection Committee	9:30 am

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

Inspired by Christ, we dedicate ourselves to grow together in faith through active stewardship and ministry to one another and our communities.

All are welcome here.

Bagel Sunday – 1st Sunday of each month
8:15 and 10:00 am Sunday Holy Eucharist – Church
10:00 am Wednesday Healing Service – Chapel

Valerie's regular Office Hours are:
Mon, Tues 1-5pm and Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30am -12:30pm

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12

A Christmas Market Thank You

There were many jobs to be done
And many did them one by one
You baked such goodies, delicious treats
Cookies, pies, and squares and of course, mincemeat.
You created baskets, and wreaths galore.
And sewed and knitted and so much more.
The quiches were made, the soups were great,
And delivered with care, by a team first rate.
The room was lovely and Santa did shine,
And the children's table was just divine.
The songs were played with love and care
By the piano players with talents rare
Many manned the tables and greeted our guests,
Bottle pull, or Lucky Duck, you gave your best.
The readers were happy on the great book search
Smiles and fun in the halls of our church
Then, as if by magic, it was all cleaned up,
Right down to the very last cup.
The floors were swept, the tables away,
Tired but happy, the end of the day.
So thank you to all, for your efforts supreme.
However you helped, we made a great team!

St. George's Altar Guild

Our thanks to the Crassweller family for hosting the Altar Guild pot luck dinner on Wednesday. The evening was a great success and the food excellent. During the evening signup sheets for the Christmas period were circulated. These sheets are now posted in the Sacristy for those who did not have the opportunity to sign their names. Thank you.

Christmas Flower Sign-up: There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for donations to Christmas flowers given in thanks or memory of loved ones. The suggested donation is \$10. These donations go towards the poinsettias in the church during the Christmas season.

ST. GEORGE'S INTERNET UPDATE

We have significantly upgraded our internet service at the Church with increased speed, a new modem, and a new router. The router has been installed in the narthex and has a fairly extensive range. For those of you who wish to use the internet while in the building, enable the WiFi on your phone or laptop and look for any of six "guest" accounts such as "St.George's_2G_Guest 1". Log in to any of them with the following password "stgeorgefh". If you forget, ask any teenager!

Financial Update – as of October, 2016

While we have had some very successful fundraisers in 2016, including the wonderful Christmas market, we are concerned that donations for regular operations (payroll, utilities, maintenance, snow clearing, etc.) are about \$15,000 below budget as of October, 2016. Below is a summary of our revenue position.

Revenue from Donations for Operations

Actual Jan - Oct	\$162,995
Budget Jan - Oct	<u>\$177,912</u>
Shortfall Jan - Oct	(\$ 14,917)

Actual Jan - Oct	\$162,995
Budget Jan - Dec (full year)	<u>\$231,000</u>
Needed in Nov/Dec to make budget	(\$ 68,005)

The budget for donations in December is generally about double that for a regular month. The fact that December is a strong month financially is already built into the budget, and it will take a significant increase in donations, above what is already budgeted for December, to meet our goals. As a point of comparison, donations for November + December, 2015 were \$56,754.

While we have started to see reduced payroll expenses since we have been paying for interim priests instead of a full-time rector, we had hoped to redirect those savings to paying for a significant update to the rectory. Our Property and Maintenance Committee gave Parish Council a very preliminary estimate of a minimum of \$25,000 for basic repairs and necessary improvements. If the savings in payroll does not result in a net savings overall, because it is offset by a shortfall in donations, we will be unable to pay for this maintenance using these savings and will instead need to consider borrowing the funds, an avenue we would like to avoid if possible.

Please continue your support of St. George's and prayerfully consider whether you have the ability to increase your financial support for general funds, make a special one-time donation, and/or catch up from missed donations thus far in 2016.

All of us at St. George's, and the many groups in our community who use our building, and benefit from our caring and outreach, truly appreciate your support of our operations, which is the backbone of much of what we do.

Anne Taylor, Treasurer

Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Due to structural issues at the **Cathedral Church of St. Paul**, the sanctuary has been closed until the stabilization of the trusses can be completed. This means that the sanctuary cannot be used for any worship service. Please keep the family of St. Paul's Cathedral in your prayers as they move from their beautiful and beloved worship space into Cronyn Hall.

Welcome to St. George's

To our newcomers and guests, we would like to provide you with some background as our parish is in a time of transition. Our former rector, the Reverend Canon Don Davidson has taken up a new post as the Dean of the Cathedral in Kingston after a 13-year ministry with us.

Archdeacon Ken Cardwell and Canon Christopher Pratt are our interim priests and we thank them for assisting us during this time of transition. Rev. Deacon Mary Lynn and Brother Mark are also here for support, questions or concerns. A greeter or sidesperson can direct you to any one of these people. Thank you.

Book Club Change of Date

The December meeting will be Dec 7 at 6:30 pm at June Matheson's home. Please join us.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, December 10th at 9am at Angel's Diner on Weber St, Waterloo.

Calendars for sale

Canadian Church Calendars for 2017 are available in the office. The cost is \$5.00.

Poinsettia Fund Raiser

Just in time for Christmas decorating, the youth group will be taking orders for Poinsettia plants, for delivery about December 14. Plants will be priced from \$15. See a youth group member or leader to place your order today!

LIVESTREAM VIDEO HELPERS

Now that our internet service has been updated, we are back to broadcasting our 10 am Sunday Service via Livestream. It would be great if we had some others volunteer to form a team of videographers to share this task. Please speak to Reta Risto or any warden if you are able to help. Livestream is becoming more popular and we would like to build on that base. Thanks!

Livestream of Services

<https://livestream.com/accounts/4258512>

Office Closed on Monday

Valerie will not be in the office on Monday, November 28.

PASTORAL CARE

"Silence is not always golden!"

Pastoral Care is much more than attending to someone as they are preparing to leave this life. Pastoral Care is a listening ear, offering prayers in time of need, in any difficult situation or before surgery. Pastoral Care is visiting a parishioner who cannot come to the church building for many reasons-- physical challenges, illness, or emotional sadness.

If you or someone you know is preparing for surgery, please let us know and we will add you to the prayer list. We will visit with you before and after surgery.

People become upset if we don't pay them a visit when they cannot attend church, but, we don't always hear from them. If you notice that someone has not been to church for a few weeks, you could call them to see if everything is well, or you could mention it to us and we will make the call. We would rather be told ten times than not at all.

With the Privacy and Confidentiality Act, the clergy and Pastoral Care Team need to be invited into someone's home to visit. We value your assistance. If you know of someone who would benefit from a home visit or home Communion, please speak to Br. Mark at (519-622-2982) or Rev. MaryLynn at (519-404-2434) or call the church office at 519-744-4751. We are pleased to visit.

"A cheerful heart is good medicine." Proverbs 17: 22

ST. GEORGE'S ANGELS ARE READY TO FLY OFF THE ANGEL TREE!!

We're trying something different this year to reach out to our KW community by supporting:

2 families through Westmount Public school with our traditional approach of 4-5 gifts / person plus grocery voucher

Additional families and youth through Family and Children's Services "Tree of Hope". Aligning with Tree of Hope guidelines each individual will receive approximately 2 gifts plus a grocery voucher.

Details are posted on the Bulletin Board by the office door.

St John's Kitchen

The annual **St John's Kitchen Meal** will be Friday, December 30, 2016.

Advent Prayer Booklet

There are Advent Prayer Booklets at the back of the church. Help yourself.

Attention Readers Guild Members

The schedule for December 2016 – February 2017 is in your mailbox. There will be a sign-up sheet for Christmas services posted in the Narthex by the end of this month.

Teachers' Choir

The Teachers' Choir Christmas Concert will be held on Tues, Dec 6 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from Ruth Ann Boos or at wt-choir@rogers.com. See the poster in the Narthex for details.

Upcoming Christmas Services

Dec 10, 2pm Memorial Service; Please invite anyone you know who has lost a loved one.
Dec 18, 10am Christmas Pageant
Dec 18, 7pm Service of Lessons and Carols
Dec 24, 4pm Family Service
Dec 24, 7pm Service with Praise Band and Junior Choir
Dec 24, 10pm Traditional Service with Senior Choir
Dec 25, 10am Christmas Day, BCP
Jan 1, 10am Holy Communion
Jan 6, 5pm Potluck, 7pm Epiphany Service

St Andrew's Lessons and Carol Service

St. Georges is invited to ST. ANDREW'S Anglican Church Lessons & Carol Service this **Sunday, November 27, 2016** at 7:00 PM. Our choirs were invited to join the St. Andrew's choir for the special service. We hope to see you there.

Archbishop of Canterbury in online Advent course

Christians are being invited to get more out of the Bible with Justin Welby through a new free online course which is being made available during Advent. The Advent course is being made available by ChurchNext, a company which "creates online Christian learning experiences that shape disciples" and is supported by the Presiding Bishop of the US-based Episcopal Church and the Bible in the Life of the Church project.

Food Bank

Remember the food bank when you are doing your grocery shopping. There is a blue box in the Narthex to collect items.

Thank You

Mary and I would like to thank our Parish family for all the food, cards, flowers and especially the prayers (prayer quilt) that you have sent our way. Mary's spirits have been uplifted by all the love and support she has felt. She enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Christmas bazaar and is continuing to be up and about as much as possible each day. With our heartfelt thanks- John and Mary Shaw

Selection Process for a new Rector - Update

The Selection Committee met Thursday evening, Nov. 24th. The Committee reviewed and confirmed the work done to date on our parish profile. This detailed document – now 23 pages in length – is virtually complete and ready to be provided to the Diocese.

The Committee then tackled the form and content of a survey that will be going out to our parishioners at some point before or after Christmas. The purpose of this survey is to determine our parish's priorities as a church. The results of the survey will a) help the Committee develop pertinent interview questions, b) provide the Diocese with an up-to-date understanding of St. George's hopes and needs, and c) convey to any candidates the main expectations we have for our future. As it turns out, developing such a survey is quite challenging. For example, it needs to be short enough to be easily completed, but long enough to capture significant input. Some questions should be open-ended, others not. And so forth.

Some preliminary agreement has been reached as to our survey's length and focus, but the specific questions have yet to be pinned down. The Committee will be meeting next on Saturday Dec. 3rd to continue this work.
John Rylie Chair

Dream for Uganda...

presents a special launch of its new film project, Two Drums, Many Dreamers. This documentary will be an unprecedented musical collaboration between the First Nations performance group, White Pine Dancers and their Ugandan counterparts, filmed on location in both Canada and Uganda in March 2017. The free evening includes a special showing of the film trailer followed by a brief talk by the filmmakers where you will learn about some of the challenges of filming in Africa.

Dream for Uganda team members will talk about their project supporting a performance arts high school and how the public can get involved, sponsoring students or volunteering in Canada and Uganda. The evening will also feature a short performance by the White Pine Dancers and their dynamic leader, Ojibway storyteller, Aaron Bell.

Free event, **Sunday, December 4, 5 p.m.** to 6 p.m.

Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory, 2500 Kossuth Rd., Cambridge

Information please call, 519-578-8113, email, info@dreamforuganda.com

Meat Pie Sales

Turkey, Chicken and Beef pies are available for \$3 each. Proceeds go to PWRDF and World Vision. See Charlotte for more information.

Grocery Vouchers

Grocery Vouchers for Sobey's, Food Basics and President's Choice are on sale in the Narthex after services. The church receives 4% of all sales. It is an easy way to support our Church.

Save Used Stamps

Please save your used stamps for the Leprosy Mission. Cut them off the envelope leaving ¼ inch border. Put your stamps in the marked container outside the chapel. Thank You for your ongoing assistance.

Bible Study

The Wednesday group is meeting at 7:30 and the Thursday group is meeting at 1:30, both in the Fireside Room. Please join us as we learn together. Speak with Valerie Cuthbert if you would like to be on the Bible Study email list.

Toonies for Turbans

To pay for the material needed to make the Cancer Turbans, the Outreach Committee would appreciate your help. Please donate toonies by leaving them in the jar in the Narthex