

### This Week at St George's

Sun AI Anonymous 7:00 / Bible Study 7:00  
Tues Services at 4:00, 7:00 and 10:00 pm  
Wed Service at 9:00 am  
Sun Morning Prayer service at 10:00

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#### Baptism Dates for 2020

Jan 12, Apr 19, June 7, Sept 27, Nov 1

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#### Bible Studies 2020

Bible studies begin again January 8 at 7:00 pm, January 9 at 1:30 pm and January 12 at 7:00 pm

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#### Food Bank

We have a blue bin in the Narthex for food donations. These items are taken to the Food Bank on a regular basis. Thank you for your ongoing help in feeding our community.

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#### Canadian Tire Money

The Property Committee would appreciate donations of Canadian Tire money. It will be used to purchase maintenance items

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#### Grocery Vouchers

Grocery Vouchers for Sobeys, 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.

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#### 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

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#### Used Eyeglasses

If you have any used eyeglasses please place them in the basket provided in the Narthex! Many thanks from the Outreach Committee

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December 22, 2019

#### Mission Statement

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

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

#### Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 63:7-9	Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23

## Support Needed!

Our Dragon Flyer is a publication of which we should be very proud. Currently we have a small team led by Catherine Carlson which oversees the pulling together of content and then passes this on to Minuteman Press our contracted publishing house. Do you have a background in graphic arts and/or do you have time to help this small team publish this newsletter 4 times per year? Please speak with Catherine or Fr. Stephen for more information.

Communications Committee

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## Vestry Reports

Our annual Vestry meeting is set for January 26 after service. If you will be submitting a report, please email it to the office by January 5. [stgeorgefh@golden.net](mailto:stgeorgefh@golden.net) Thank you.

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## Annual St. John's Kitchen Meal

Monday, December 30

Sign-up lists are on bulletin board. Please remember to drop off your food donations downstairs in the electrical room, by Sunday December 29. The boxes are labeled and the refrigerator and small freezer in the electrical room should be used.

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## Christmas Services

Children's Service  
4:00 pm  
Family Service  
7:00 pm  
Traditional Communion  
10:00 pm  
Christmas Day  
9:00 am



December 29 10:00 am Morning Prayer

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## Thank You!

Thank you to Mike and Linda for the idea for the "Bells of Christmas". What a wonderful project for St George's.

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Check out Rob's YouTube Channel "raszmys" to find old Christmas Carols with new tunes.

## Heads Up

On January 2,3,4 the floors in Thompson Hall, the lower foyer and washrooms will be re-waxed. Access to these areas will be restricted.  
The Wardens

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**Financial Update** – as of November, 2019 – from the Parish Executive  
As of November 30, 2019, our donations revenue is about \$7,000 below budget. The 2019 budget approved by vestry included a 3% increase in donations; however, as of November donations have increased only 1%. As a result we have postponed some expenses, but we still need each of you to consider your ability to make a generous donation to Operations (Parish Ministry) in December, in order that we can break even for the year. For an average month in 2019 we budgeted to receive about \$18,000 in donations, but we are aware that many of us make an extra donation at Christmas and so the original budget for December, 2019 was \$38,500. With your help, we are now hoping to receive at least \$40,000 this month. Please prayerfully consider your ability to share an extra amount with the church this season, and keep the Parish Executive and Parish Council in your prayers as we embark on a difficult budget process for 2020.

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## Flowers for 2020

The new flower chart for 2020 is now up in the Narthex. Please sign up for a date or two throughout the year. The suggested donation is \$60. Christine Ledbury will contact you about wording for the bulletin.

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**Same-sex marriages at St. George's?** This is a question we will be addressing in the coming months. Before we start St. George's decision-making process, you are invited to participate in two information and conversation gatherings on Saturday January 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and Saturday February 22 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. No decisions will be made at these gatherings; they will provide essential background information, including ways to talk about difficult and potentially divisive topics, so the parish can engage in an informed decision-making process later. We have invited Marilyn Malton to facilitate these sessions. Marilyn was a member of the Diocese of Huron's Marriage Canon Task Force, which led the Diocese in its consideration of the proposed changes to the marriage canon to allow for same-sex marriage, and she was one of the authors of our diocese's submission to General Synod. Marilyn also served as a diocesan representative at the 2016 and 2019 General Synods at which the proposed changes to the marriage canon were debated and voted upon.

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## Thank you

Thank you to the altar guild for your hard work this week in polishing all the brass and silver. Your many time, talents and energies are appreciated.