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Diocese of Huron - The Anglican Church of Canada

Bishop: Rt Rev Dr Todd Townshend

Music Director: Rob Aszmies Organist: John Shaw

Celebrant: The Rev Sharla Malliff

Greeter: Mary Ann Millar

Server and Crucifer: Catherine Carlson & Jen Millar

Warden on Duty: Catherine Carlson

Thanksgiving Oct 12, 2025 BAS – 10:00 am

Announcements

Processional Hymn: CP #258 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter'

The Gathering of the Community

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

A: And also with you.

C: Almighty God,

A: to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthy magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of Transition

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish of St George's, that they may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support them in their ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

C: Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

A: Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word The Readings

O: A reading from Deuteronomy.

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶ and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

O: The word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

Rev Sharla Malliff

The Psalm appointed for today Psalm 65.

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *

to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *

because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *

but you will blot them out.

- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! * they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation. *

O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *

they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, *

the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples.

- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs;* you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; * the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *

for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *

and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *

and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *

let them shout for joy and sing.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

2 Corinthians 9.6-15

Funke Talabi

O: A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in

abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

C: This is the word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Gospel: Luke 17.11-19 Rev Sharla Malliff

C: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

C: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

A: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He

prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

C: The Gospel of Christ.

A: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Response to the Gospel: 'There Is a Redeemer'

VERSE 1

There is a Redeemer-Jesus, God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

CHORUS

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son, And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

VERSE 2

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

VERSE 3

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face: There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

Homily

Apostle's Creed

C: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

A: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Coralee Little

O: The flowers in the church today are given in memory of our son Kevin as we celebrate his 44th birthday today, by Mike and Val Weidner. Also, as pages of the calendar turn and time passes, we give deep thanks to our Creator for very special people who enrich our lives. Old friends become Forever Friends. And whether we walk with them every day or only every so often, may they always know they are cherished and deeply loved. Given with sure love by Catherine Carlson in memory of Ruthann Redman

We bless you, O God, for your power: in mighty deeds and tender mercies.

We bless you, O God, for your watchful care: in places of exile and at home. We bless you, O God, for your healing presence: in sickness and in brokenness.

We pray to you for the needs of the world: for those enslaved by political, military, or social oppression . . .

for those suffering from violence and illnesses we can prevent . . . especially we remember for those at risk from famine, drought, and natural disasters. . . .

We pray to you for the renewing of creation: for an end to harmful habits and willful ruin . . .

for heightened care for species at risk . . .

for more faithful stewardship among us toward earth's resources. . . .

We pray to you for the cares of our community: for those who have lost jobs, homes, and hope . . .

for those who are hungry today and will be again tomorrow . . .

for those troubled in mind, body, or spirit, and for those recovering. . . . we especially remember ...

We pray to you for the cares we hold this day: for patience in difficulty . . .

for a renewal of commitment . . .

for grace to forgive ourselves or another. . . .

Heal us, we pray, in our dis-eases, estrangements, and in the broken places of our lives.

May we return to you, to creation, and to community in joy and thanksgiving according to your grace.

Give your church fresh courage and bold vision in this changeful time, as we pray for the welfare of all people.

In the name of the one who came to heal and to save, Jesus the Christ.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

C: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.
Most merciful God

A: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

C: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

The Peace

C: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

A: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist The Preparation of the Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

Practicing gratitude can change our lives as individuals; it can change our life as a congregation. In the spirit of gratitude to God, our giving is not reduced to ethical duty but is elevated to delight and joy.
 As we offer to God these measured gifts, let us also offer unmeasured praise.

Offertory Hymn: CP #259 'For the Fruit of All Creation'

The Prayer over the Gifts

C: Like the shepherds in Bethlehem's field, like the leper healed who returned to Jesus, like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church, we praise and glorify your name, O God.

You have given us more than we could have imagined!
For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the gift of belonging, we thank you. Make of us, as well as these gifts, offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless, and signs of your power to reconcile and redeem

We ask all things in the name of Christ.

A: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #3

C: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

A: Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

C: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
For the goodness and love
You have made known to us in creation;
In calling Isreal to be your people;
In your Word spoken through the prophets;
And above all in the Word spoken through the prophets;
And above all in the Word made flesh,

Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
To be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
To be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have brought us
Out of error into truth,
Out of sin into righteousness,
Out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
To suffering and death,
A death he freely accepted,
Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
And when he had given thanks to you,
He broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
And said, "Take, eat:
This is my body which is given for you.
Do his in remembrance of."

After supper he took the cup of wine; And when he had given thanks, He gave it to them, And said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the covenant, Which is shed for you and for many For the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

A: we remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming;

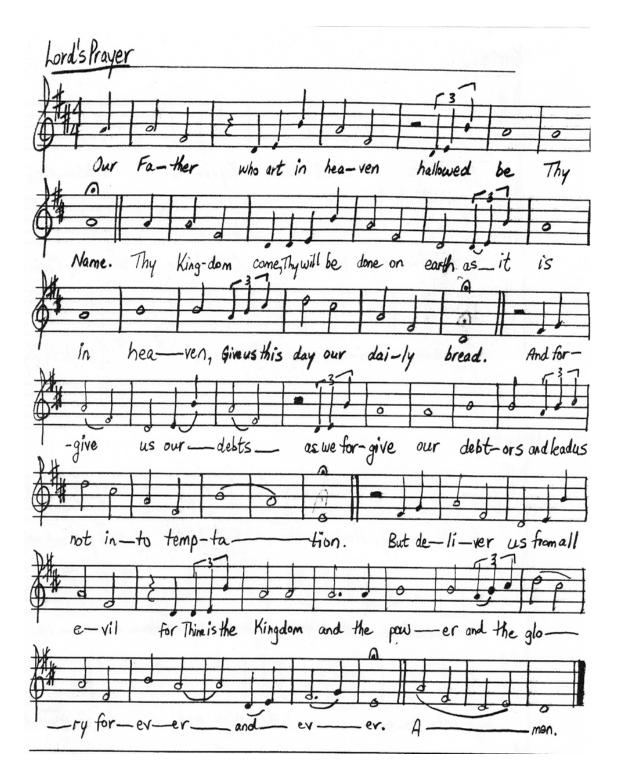
C: and we offer our sacrifice Of praise and thanksgiving To you, Lord of all; Presenting to you, from your creation, This bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
To send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
That they may be the sacrament
Of the body of Christ
And his blood of the covenant.
Unite us to your son in his sacrifice,
That we, made acceptable in him,
May be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
Reconcile all things in Christ,
And make them new,
And bring us to that city of light
Where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
The firstborn of all creation,
The head of the Church,
And the author of our salvation;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, All honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, Now and for ever.

A: Amen



The Breaking of the Bread

C: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

A: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

The Communion

Administrants: Lilian Cressman, Roberta Butler

Communion Music: CP #263 'Praise to God, Immortal Praise'

Choir Anthem: 'When I Think About the Lord'

Prayer after Communion

C: Let us pray.

God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

C: Glory to God,

A: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Benediction: 'The Blessing'

The Lord bless you and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you, and give you peace. (x2)

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen.

Blessing

C: May God keep watch over us and all nations; may Christ restore us, body and soul; and may the Holy Spirit help us to remain faithful, giving thanks to God our whole life long.

May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit give you peace.

A: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: CP #425 'Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee'

Dismissal

C: Practice the faith by practicing gratitude to God every day, in all circumstances; for God is bringing us from death to life.

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Readings for Next Week

Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 Luke 18:1-8

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday: 8:15 10:00 63

Givings

On the plate \$4,103 Auto Debit: \$2,093

Special Book Study – The Advent Conspiracy

We will begin a new book study the week after Thanksgiving! To prepare, please order your copy of *The Advent Conspiracy* and let Rev. Sharla know your preference for either a hybrid study on Sundays over lunch or a weeknight Zoom study. Here's our reading schedule:

Week One - October 19: Chapters 1 & 2 -

Week Two – October 26: Chapter 3 – Worship Fully Week Three – November 2: Chapter 4 – Spend Less Week Four – November 9: Chapter 5 – Give More Week Five – November 16: Chapter 6 – Love All

Optional Week Six – Wrap-Up: Chapter 7 – *Reclaim Christmas* We're looking forward to diving into this meaningful study together!

Sunday Smile

Get rich quick! Count your blessings.

Bible Study

Join our Bible Study every Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome!

Name Tags

If you would like a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the cost is \$13.00.

Children's Community Closet - Seeking Donations

We are now collecting donations of gently used children's clothing (newborn to teens) and items (diapers, toys, books, strollers, highchairs, pack n' plays, exersaucers, play mats, etc...). Items can be brought to the church office or left outside the Fireside room marked "CCC". We are also looking for helpers to assist with laying out the clothing and items on Thursday, October 30 at 6:30 pm and Friday, October 31 at 9:00 am, sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex. Our closet will be open to the public on Saturday, November 1 from 9 – 11 am. For more information, please speak with Debra Barclay

Outreach - Foodbank

- *The outreach committee has made a change to the Foodbank donations that we need you to know about.
- *In the past we have asked for food items to be brought in for donation and once a year the outreach budget would also send them a cheque.
- *The foodbank donation bin and the St. Andrews donation bin often become confusing sitting side by side.

The foodbank has indicated that when we give a monetary donation, they can obtain twice the amount of food items than what we donate. In other words---if you go to the store and purchase \$8.00 worth of items, you may get 6 items if you are lucky. If you give the foodbank \$8.00, they can purchase 12 items. \$8.00 can provide meals for 4 people when you give a monetary donation.

We feel this is the way that we can best contribute to our community the most to help people who suffer from food insecurity.

If you wish to make a monetary donation to the food bank:

- *if you use giving envelopes beside the outreach column, write Foodbank and the amount of your donation.
- *if you use direct deposit- it would be easier to take any envelope you have and put Outreach-Foodbank donation on it with the amount you are donating, along with your name and address
- *as of today, the Foodbank donation bin has been removed.

St. Andrew's Cupboard

Donations of non-perishable goods for St. Andrew's Cupboard would be greatly appreciated for this Thanksgiving Sunday. Please place donations at the foot of the Altar in the baskets provided.

Our thanks in advance - the Worship Committee

A Note from our Treasurer and our Executive

As you are aware, monies can be directed to St. Georges in a number of ways. For accurate tracking of these monies, please ensure that you have indicated the purpose for the payment/donation. This is true for payments/donations received whether they be via cash, cheques, and/or E-transfers. In particular, if you are giving using envelopes, please clearly indicate your wishes for the donation using the available pre-printed lines on the front of the envelope. If you are using cheques rather than cash, please indicate the purpose of the cheque in the comment section to the left of your signature. If you are using E-transfer, please indicated the purpose of the e-transfer in the note section of the E-transfer. If you just use a plain envelope, please put your name, address, amount of the donation/payment, and a note as to the purpose(s) of the donation on the front of the envelope and seal it. Your assistance in these matters is greatly appreciated!

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer - Zoom Meetings Monday, October 20

Please join us at Let Us Pray this month as our new Primate the Most Reverend Shane Parker joins us as we begin our new season. We are absolutely delighted that Archbishop Shane can be with us as we begin another year. We're sure you'll want to hear what he has to say.

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Christmas Market Minute 2025

The market is only 5 weeks away.....

Beginning next Sunday, October 19th, there will be boxes in the Narthex to receive your donations/contributions to the Bottle Pull, the Christmas Treasures Room, and the Book Room.

Bottle Pull: bottle of anything with or without the wine bag/wrapping. Book Room: recent books 5 years or less (no textbooks please), current

magazines and intact games.

Christmas Treasures: Christmassy items in good condition that can be loved by others (table or tree decorations, candle holders, plates, tablecloths, etc.) Additionally for the Craft Table: Deb Chine or Barb would appreciate having items ahead of time with a suggested price.

Questions??? Contact Susan Hipperson -519-654-7023, susanhipp@gmail.com or Cora Lee Little - 519-504-0860, coralee.little4@gmail.com.

FALL CHORAL CONCERT OPPORTUNITY!

The Cambridge Male Chorus and the Kokoro Singers are providing a fall concert of choral singing called "FALL MOSIAC" at Avenue Road Baptist Church, 465 Avenue Road, Cambridge on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 2:30 pm. All of you are invited to attend. We are asking audience members to bring a non-perishable food item to the event in support of the Cambridge Food Bank. There will be a free-will offering. Please contact Nelson Cuthbert at Church or at 519-588-8672 or using "cuthben@gmail.com" if there are any questions. Hope to see you there!

Photographs

Pictures taken at worship services and special events <u>may</u> be used for the Parish Website, Facebook page or the Dragon Flyer. Please speak to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in a picture.

The Communications Committee.

Bank Fraud Presentation

Fraud can affect anyone, regardless of age or technical know-how. Fraudsters are becoming more sophisticated, but with knowledge, awareness, and a bit of caution, you can take steps to protect yourself. Join us on October 28th, 3:00-4:00pm to learn from Kindred Credit Union staff about what you can do to protect your hard-earned money. Contact person Ruth Pearce.

"Take and Make"

Yarn and fabric have been placed in the Narthex. Please feel free to "Take and Make" something for the Christmas Market or for someone in need. Please return market items to Barb Bailey or Deb Chine.

Selection Committee Formed

On Thursday, September 25, our Archdeacon, Rev Rob Lemon, from Stratford, chaired a special Parish Council Meeting wherein the following parishioners were approved as your Selection Committee whose sole purpose is to realize a new Rector: Adam Ashcroft, Catherine Carlson, Nelson Cuthbert (Chair), Ray Finnie, Kathy Glaser, Yvonne Gingrich, Fran Rothenberg, and Debra Zanon-Barclay.

Here are some key "process" points for you:

- Archdeacon Rob Lemon is our Diocesan Advisor and our direct link to the Bishop. It is under the Bishop's authority that the work of this Committee proceeds.
- Under Diocesan rules, Rev Sharla is not part of the process.
- The timeframe will be six months approximately.
- All committee members have signed a Diocesan "Confidentiality Agreement" wherein all details of meetings, interviews, etc. are in confidence forever.
- General process milestones will be shared with St. George's throughout the process.
- We will be meeting regularly to accomplish the following:
 - o Create an all-parishioner questionnaire for you to complete and return to us; summarize all of those responses.
 - oUse the Summary and other information to compile a detailed Parish Profile.
 - oForward the Summary and the Parish Profile to the Bishop.
 - oAwait a response from the Bishop including the names of prospective candidates to interview. All candidates get copies of the Summary and the Parish Profile.
 - oInterview prospective candidates; decide on the best fit and inform the Bishop. The candidates also report their post-interview decisions to the Bishop.
 - Await the Bishop's response. Hopefully, all parties (The Bishop, St. George's Selection Committee, and the chosen candidate) are still in agreement.
 - olf successful, announce the name of the new Rector and work out the many details with respect to such items as salary, start date, Rectory, etc.

There you have it! We have a strong team and a definite desire to accomplish our work in the next couple of months. Please pray for us. Thanks very much for your support!