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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: Linda Dancey

Server: Grayson Barclay

Warden on Duty: Catherine Carlson

Pentecost XX

Oct 26, 2025 BAS – 10:00 am

Announcements

**Processional Hymn: CP #381 'Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven'
(verses 1, 2, 3, 5)**

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

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people, people of goodwill.

Verse 1:

We praise You, we bless You,
We adore You, we glorify You,
We give You thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father.

Refrain (same as before)

Verse 2:

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You
are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

Refrain (same)

Verse 3:

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.

Refrain: (same) add "Amen, 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.

Good and gracious God, you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us; you are the hope of the world. Give us strength, that we might serve you; make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone.
In the name of Jesus we pray.

A: **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word **The Readings**

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Michael DuBoulay

O: A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷ Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸ O hope of Israel,
its saviour in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveller turning aside for the night?

⁹ Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰ Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹ Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;

for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.
²⁰ We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.
²¹ Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonour your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.
²² Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.
The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-7

Rev Sharla Malliff

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 84:1-7.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart
and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay
her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

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 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Catherine Carlson

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

C: This is the word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION: 'Ancient Words' Green Spiral #15

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;
we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope
in this world where'er we roam,
ancient words will guide us home.

Gospel: Luke 18.9-14

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.

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I

give a tenth of all my income.” ¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

C: The Gospel of Christ.

A: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Response to the Gospel: 'Better Is One Day'

VERSE 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty!
My soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied,
within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

CHORUS

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
than thousands elsewhere. (repeat)

VERSE 2

One thing I ask, and I would seek,
to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
One thing I ask, and I would seek,
to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

CHORUS x2

BRIDGE

My heart and flesh cry out,
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water for my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen,

Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You,
I will draw near to You.

CHORUS x2

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

Roberta Butler

O: The flowers in the church today are given in love and thanksgiving for our great-grandchildren, Quintin and Riylah Bascombe. Lord may they always have your protection; may you always surround them with your love and presence and bless them with your peace.
Given by MaryLynn and Paul Forrest.

Holy God,
you promise to hear us when we pray, and shower us with unexpected blessings.
You relieve our sufferings and fill us with good things.
When we face challenges that threaten to overcome us, you give us strength.
With grateful hearts, we entrust our cares and concerns to you, praying,
“Gracious God, hear our prayer.”

For an end to violence, between countries, within nations, on our streets,
and in our homes, and especially between *Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and
Russia.....*

Gracious God,

A: hear our prayer.

For those who offer aid to refugees and victims of natural disasters,
and all who suffer from forces beyond their control . . .

Gracious God,

A: hear our prayer.

For those who seek shelter on the streets of our nation, even in our own
communities . . .

Gracious God,

A: hear our prayer.

For all those who have lost their way . . .

Gracious God

A: hear our prayer.

For those who have asked for our prayers. We especially remember this
morning ...

A: hear our prayer.

For our secret burdens . . .

Gracious God,

A: hear our prayer.

Gather up our prayers, O God, and those we did not know to pray,
and make us ever more faithful as we lean into your coming reign
of justice, peace, and love; through Jesus Christ, our light and our hope.

A: 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

C: God has delivered us by awesome deeds!
With gratitude and joy, let us bring our gifts of thanksgiving and love.

Offering Hymn: CP #503 'Fight the Good Fight With All Thy Might'

The Prayer over the Gifts

C: God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of heaven and earth;
You are the source of light and life for all your creation,
You made us in your own image,
And call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore, we praise you,
Joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

5 *All* *f*
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts

11 *div.*
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

16 high - est. *mf*
san - na in the Bless - ed is

he who comes in the name of the

high - est. *f*
Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est.
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C: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
For the goodness and love
You have made known to us in creation;
In calling Israel I 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 this in remembrance of me."

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."

A: Therefore, Father, according to his command,
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.

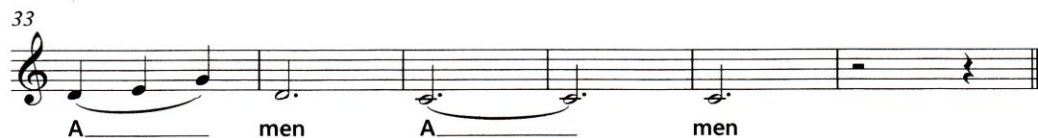
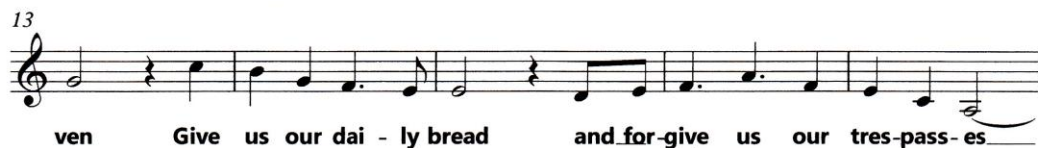
In the fullness of time,
Reconcile all things in Christ,
And make them new,
And bring us to that city of light
Where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
The firstborn of all creation,
The head of the Church,
And the author of our salvation;

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

An Anglican Lord's Prayer

John Ryrie



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.**

musical score for 'The Breaking of the Bread'. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody line and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Repeat'. The score includes dynamic markings like *mf* and *All*, and a section marked '3rd time' with a 'S, A or Cantor' instruction. The melody line has a 'Repeat' sign at the end.

The Communion

Administrants: Adriana Cronin, Catherin Carlson, Mary Lynn Forrest

Communion Music: 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'

VERSE 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

CHORUS

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

VERSE 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

CHORUS

Choir Anthem

Prayer after Communion

C: Let us pray.

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this 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.

Sung Benediction: 'The Blessing'

'The Lord bless thee and keep thee:

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee,

And be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,

And give thee, and give thee, and give thee peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen.'

Blessing

C: May the Creator nurture you, the Teacher walk with you, and the Spirit strengthen you and May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit give you peace.

A: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP #573 'O Day of Peace'

Dismissal

C: Have courage; keep the faith; rely on the strength that comes from God.
Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Readings for Next Week

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

Psalms 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 25 10:00 60

Givings

On the plate \$1504 Auto Debit: \$2,093

Sunday Smile

No fake news here, just the good news.

Children's Community Closet – Set-up and clean up Help – October 30, 31 & November 1. CCC will set-up this **Thursday, October 30 at 6:30 pm, Friday, October 31 at 9:00 am and clean up help Saturday, November 1st.** Please come out to assist with laying out the donated children's clothing and items – it is a fun time to catch up with friends and see lots of cute clothing! We are still 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...). Our closet will be open to the public on Saturday, November 1 from 9 – 11 am. For more information, please speak with Debra Barclay

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!

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.

Ladies Lunch

Ladies Lunch for Friday, October 31st. We will meet at 12.30 at the Harvest Moon in St Jacobs. Please let Sue know by October 22nd if you are flying in on your broom to join us! suzie_del-simpson@outlook.com.

Office Hours

Mondays 10:00 – 2:00 pm

Tuesdays 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesdays 9:30 – 1:30 pm

Thursdays & Fridays 10:00 – 2:00 pm

"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.

ST. ANDREWS CUPBOARD

THANK-YOU all so much for the amazing donations for St. Andrews Cupboard over the past few weeks and into Thanksgiving ❤️ We are all so blessed and have so much to be thankful for, it is wonderful to share with the less fortunate! All your donations are gratefully appreciated but a few specific things mentioned by Deacon Kay were pasta; pasta sauce and chunky soups.

THANK-YOU for your caring and sharing ❤️

Heather Murphy - On behalf of your Outreach 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.

SHARE THE WARMTH

We are collecting good used OUTERWEAR to be taken to the Salvation Army to be distributed to those in need.

What we are collecting is: Winter Coats, Winter Boots, Snowpants, Mitts, Hats, Gloves and scarves....both children's and adults.

We will be collecting these items starting Oct.26, Nov.2, Nov.9 and any last minute items on Nov.16.

You can leave your items in the Chapel on the pews and we will take them to Salvation Army.

Many thanks for helping others to stay warm during the cold winter months.

Please WINTER OUTERWEAR ONLY!

Your Outreach Committee.

FALL CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our fall cleanup of the Church grounds in preparation for winter will occur on Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 9 am to 11:30 am. Please bring your garden gloves and a rake. Coffee/tea/timbits will be available in Thompson Hall. Mark it on your calendar! Hope to see you there.

Murray Gamble for the Property Committee

Christmas Market Minute 2025

The market is only 3 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.

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!

Ten Thousand Villages Christmas Markets

Ten Thousand Villages and Friends are holding two Christmas Markets this November. Your purchase of these unique, fairly traded and handcrafted product supports employment and skill development. Come check it out at WK United Mennonite Church, Waterloo (Nov 13-15) and MCC Ontario, Kitchener (Nov 27-29). Details can be found on the bulletin board poster.

Monday, November 17

Originally scheduled for April 2025, we are so pleased that Bishop Rachel Parker from the Diocese of Brandon is able to join us this Fall. We have asked Bishop Rachel to speak to us about her experiences of “Life in all its fullness” as it relates to the realities of some of our smaller parishes. Come and be inspired.

Photographs

Pictures taken at worship services and special events may 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.

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:
 - Create an all-parishioner questionnaire for you to complete and return to us; summarize all of those responses.
 - Use the Summary and other information to compile a detailed Parish Profile.
 - Forward the Summary and the Parish Profile to the Bishop.
 - Await a response from the Bishop including the names of prospective candidates to interview. All candidates get copies of the Summary and the Parish Profile.
 - Interview 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.
 - If 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!

--- Nelson Cuthbert for the Selection Committee