

St. George's Anglican Church

Narrative Budget & Stewardship Report

2023

Each one should use
whatever gift they have
received to serve others,
faithfully administering
God's grace in its
various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

Where were you when the world shut down?

Do you remember where you were when you realized that the virus that had been on the news was going to turn our world upside down? Was it when the provincial government announced that schools would stay closed for an extra 2 weeks after March Break? Or was it when the Prime Minister got on television and told everyone to come home? Or was it when the churches closed?

The sacrifices made in those early days of the pandemic were difficult - and frightening. We weren't used to being so isolated. And little did we know, it was going to take a lot more than 2 weeks to get to the other side of the pandemic.

We received word late in the evening of Friday, March 13, 2020 that all in-person activities at St. George's must cease. And that Sunday, March 15, we streamed church online for the first time. It wasn't fancy - an iPhone propped up on a hymn book. But quite a few parishioners showed up for church that day - only now from the safety of home.

We figured out how to post the bulletin with the live-stream. And we got hymn books out to folks who wanted to sing along (often propped up against the door while the person making the delivery stepped back the recommended 6 feet). And we kept live-streaming church for much, much longer than we ever thought we would.

We eventually started having Zoom coffee after church. We even had folks join in from as far away as Nova Scotia! Book Club also went online and kept their monthly meetings happening in the new COVID reality. Chi Rho had regular phone calls to all of their members. And we did a number of phone blitzes to the entire parish.

We figured out how to get Sunday School out to our children with the invention of Kids' Packs. These were faithfully delivered to front porches each month by a very loyal group of volunteers. The number of children receiving the packs doubled over the course of half a year and they remain one of our biggest COVID success stories.

If there was a blessing to be found in our COVID story though, it is how faithful the parishioners of St. George's remained. You showed up when you were needed the most:

- When help was required to keep supporting our city's most marginalized citizens, we never failed to have more than enough help with the Saturday Night Suppers!
- When we had "drive-by" blessings, there was a line-up down the street!
- Offerings from Parishioners actually WENT UP in 2020 and held fairly steady in 2021.
- And week after week, you watched online.

So this year, our Stewardship message is simple. **Thank you** for keeping the ship afloat through what was, no doubt, one of the most challenging times in the history of St. George's Church - thank you for your time, your talent and your treasure. And we hope that you will continue to support us as we re-emerge and learn how to do church in a new way.

The Stewardship Committee

LAURA KELLER, JEANNE FORSYTHE, ELLA TURNBULL, NATALIE LEEMING, BRUCE CARRICK

What We Did:



Our very first Facebook Live!



Kids Packs Ready to Go!



Preparing food for a Saturday Night Supper.

In 2020:

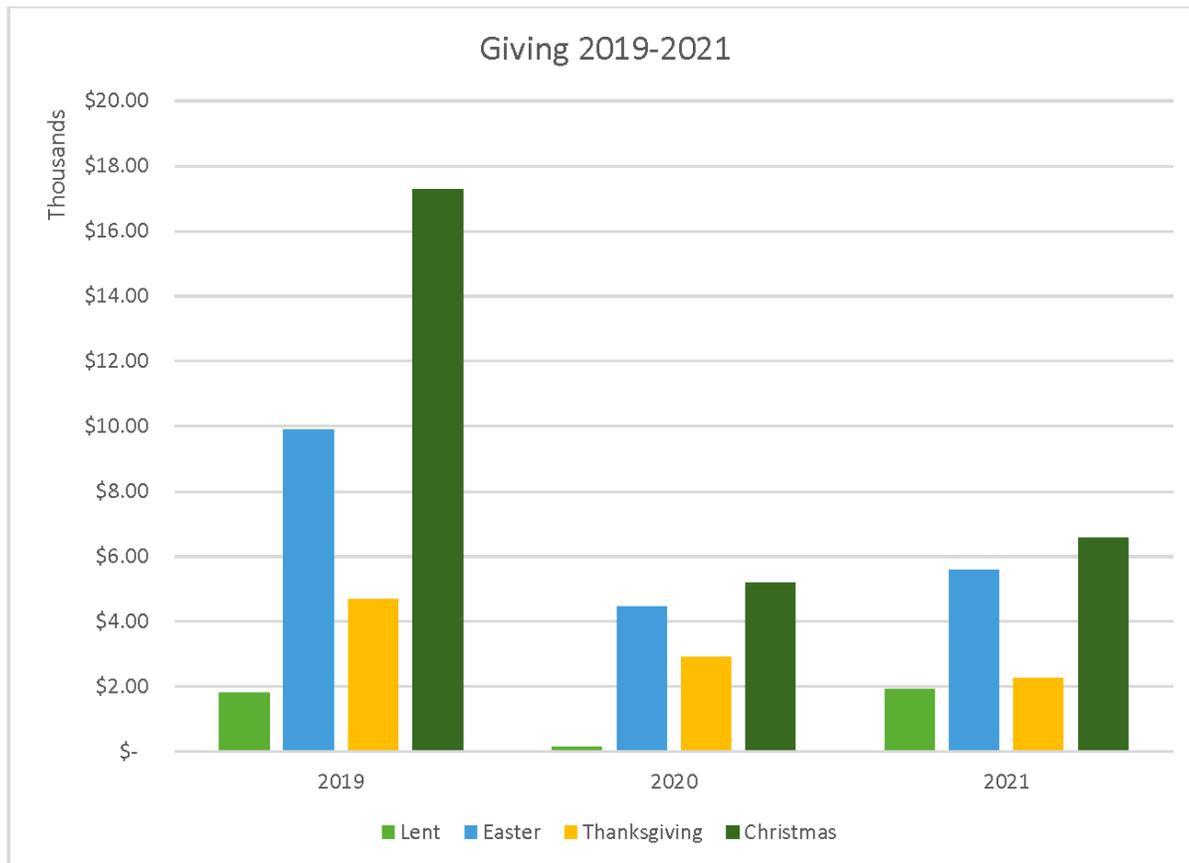
- We were open 23 Sundays
- We were closed Easter & Christmas.
- We were watched online during 77 unique broadcasts.
- We delivered about 20 Kids Packs each month starting in October.

In 2021:

- We were open 19 Sundays.
- We were closed Easter & Christmas AGAIN!
- We were watched online during 104 unique broadcasts.
- We delivered as many as 40 Kids Packs each month for all 12 months of the year!

What We Gave:

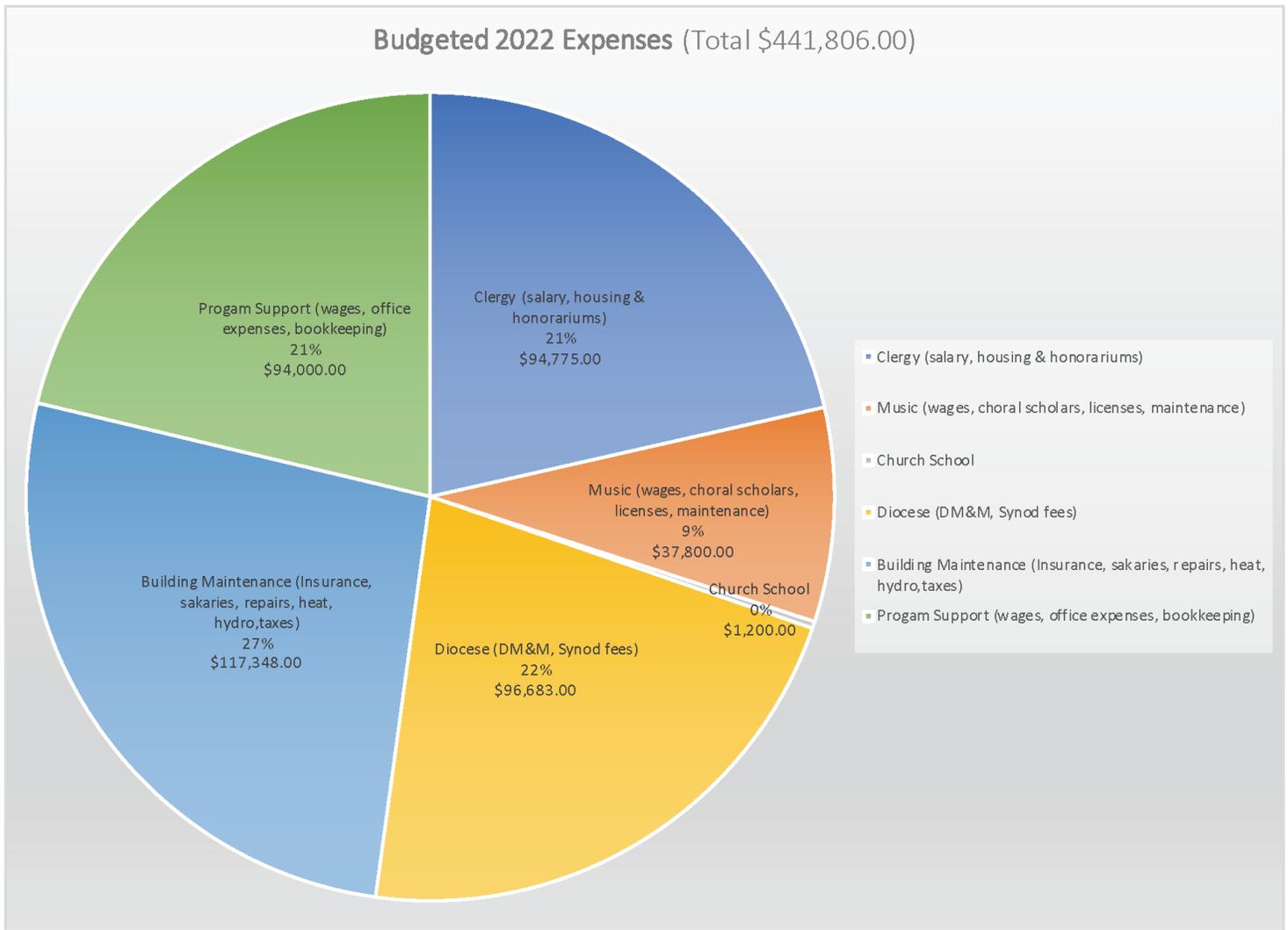
GIVING OVER THE HOLIDAYS



General giving remained very consistent during COVID. In **2019** our overall General Giving was \$369,380. In **2020** it actually went UP to \$371,176. And in **2021** it held steady at \$344,562! Curiously, so far in **2022** our income is \$200,000 - well below where we need to be.

What We Need:

We are all feeling the effects of inflation, and the church is no exception. Keeping our beautiful building going and providing the programs and services we need to thrive as a parish require us to dig deep once again. The total budgeted expenses for 2022 are **\$441,806.00**. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to support St. George's in 2023.



It costs **\$1,210.00** per day to keep the door of St. George's open.

There are currently only **200** families/individuals contributing on a regular basis to St. George's.

ST GEORGES ANGLICAN CHURCH



Your story is part of the foundation which makes up the greater St. George's story. It is through the stories from the past that we are where we are today. And those stories have been made possible through the ongoing generosity of people like you. St. George would not still exist today had people stopped giving. It is sometimes hard to know "what is the right amount to give". **There is no right amount, but there is an amount which feels right to you.** For some people, the table below is helpful in guiding their decision making. The amounts shown are not requirements.

8% Aspirational Gift

AFTER TAX FAMILY INCOME	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY
\$160,000	\$246.15	\$1,066.67	\$12,800
\$140,000	\$215.38	\$933.33	\$11,200
\$120,000	\$184.62	\$800.00	\$9,600
\$100,000	\$153.85	\$666.67	\$8,000
\$80,000	\$123.08	\$533.33	\$6,400
\$60,000	\$92.31	\$400.00	\$4,800
\$40,000	\$61.54	\$266.67	\$3,200
\$20,000	\$30.77	\$133.33	\$1,600

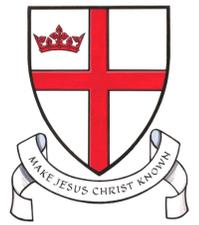
5% Generous Gift

AFTER TAX FAMILY INCOME	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY
\$160,000	\$153.85	\$666.67	\$8,000
\$140,000	\$134.62	\$583.33	\$7,000
\$120,000	\$115.38	\$500.00	\$6,000
\$100,000	\$96.15	\$416.67	\$5,000
\$80,000	\$76.92	\$333.33	\$4,000
\$60,000	\$57.69	\$250.00	\$3,000
\$40,000	\$38.46	\$166.67	\$2,000
\$20,000	\$19.23	\$83.33	\$1,000

2% Maintenance Gift

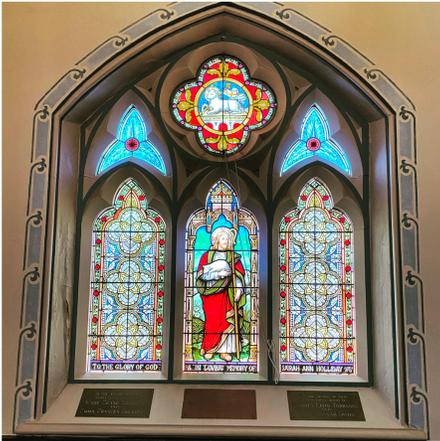
AFTER TAX FAMILY INCOME	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY
\$160,000	\$61.54	\$266.37	\$3,200
\$140,000	\$53.85	\$233.33	\$2,800
\$120,000	\$46.15	\$200.00	\$2,400
\$100,000	\$38.46	\$166.67	\$2,000
\$80,000	\$30.77	\$133.33	\$1,600
\$60,000	\$23.08	\$100.00	\$1,200
\$40,000	\$15.38	\$66.67	\$800
\$20,000	\$7.69	\$33.33	\$400

We understand that life's circumstances change and as such, sometimes we are not able to meet our pledges immediately. We are grateful for the compassion and generosity of God's gifts in our lives, and we are thankful for the bounty God bestows on us. Together, as a diverse, open and caring community of faith, we continue to welcome everyone into joyful thanksgiving: honouring our rich past, embracing our dynamic present, and creating an abundant future.



2023 PLEDGE FORM

We believe that St. George's exists to serve the community.



Starting January 1, 2023, I/we, _____
commit the following amount to the ministry of St. George's:

\$ _____ PER _____
Week, month, year

Through: Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) _____ Envelopes _____ Shares _____
CanadaHelps _____ Facebook: Donate Now! _____ Cash/Cheque _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____



Use this QR code to download any forms or to find our more information about any of our giving programs. Or go to www.saintgeorge.ca/in-deed