



St. George's Anglican Church

News from the Pews

Advent 2021

Stewardship – A Multitude of Gratitude and Thanks!

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Thank you, thank you, and thank you! Here we are, still deeply affected by the constraints of the COVID pandemic but hopeful as we begin to find a more stable path forward. But still here, and ministering and witnessing to our faith on a variety of new platforms and contexts. It is no accident that we are still strong and able to function well as a faith community. It is because of the commitment of so many faithful disciples and stewards of God's grace who call St. George's home. It is because of all of you, our members, who have kept up your financial support, prayer support, and ministry support throughout the past almost 2 years of life radically changed. So again, thank you, thank you, and thank you!

Throughout 2021, as the COVID Pandemic continued in force, we have remained ready and engaged in ministry looking forward to the days when we can fully open our doors again and open our facilities to our community partnerships. The staff have worked very hard to keep up on every changing legislation and diocesan policies to keep ahead of all health and safety protocols. As we entered the autumn, with vaccinations increasing, we have been able to have greater live attendance and musical participation in worship while maintaining an active and better-resourced high quality livestreaming ministry. We have also expanded our Children and Youth

outreach ministry with monthly and seasonal resources delivered directly to homes and supported by social media. As well, we have maintained our commitments to the Saturday Night Supper program, and to PWRDF fundraising initiatives.

Looking ahead to 2022, we want to keep holding our own. We want to ensure that we remain ready to engage in new programming, new services, new partnerships and new connections. To do that, we need your continued support. Every contribution makes a difference. Your participation will ensure that St. George's continues to grow as a community of hope and compassion, where gratitude for God's abundance is shared here and beyond. The key is for everyone to contribute.

We ask that you prayerfully consider what is right for you to offer. Please complete and return the pledge form by December 15. All commitments are kept confidential and can be altered if needed.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you again for being a supportive part of the St. George's family. May we continue to find our purpose and inspiration as partners in God's mission in the world!

Yours faithfully,

Ralph Blackman
Rector

From the Wardens

Since our last update from September, there are a few pieces of news to relay.

First and foremost, we are delighted to announce the hiring of our new Parish Administrator, Bruce Mackenzie.

During the transition time between Laura Keller's departure and Bruce's hire, basic office duties have been covered by Wardens Laura and Rani. A huge shout-out to Rani for taking the lion's share of the work, despite hobbling around with a broken foot. Thanks also to Rev. Ralph and Rev. Jean for preparing the weekly order of service in addition to their other Parish duties. Finally, we would like to acknowledge the expert advice and help provided by Ellen Luccock during the hiring process of our new administrator. Ellen also assisted with some of the technical aspects of the office and the e-blast.

In other news, we are excited to announce that Advent Boxes will be provided for all children in the Parish. These are similar to the Vacation Bible School boxes. A huge vote of thanks to Chi Rho for providing the money to cover the cost of these boxes for our children. This is a wonderful example of our mission in action! In addition, Care Packs are being assembled and mailed to university and college students associated with St. George's. These "pick-me-up" packages are a warm reminder to our students that we are thinking of them, we care about them and we wish them well in their studies.

Thank you to those who stepped up to help out with the Saturday Night Supper on November 13, in particular Jon and Maria Fage who organised the food and Rani and Ashley for coordinating during the day. A delicious chicken dinner with vegetables, salads and desserts was prepared by the volunteers for the Royal City Mission.

Finally, as St. George's cautiously re-establishes familiar (and new) routines, we would ask all members of the Parish to seriously discern what volunteer contribution of time or talent you could provide to the work of the church - what passion, expertise or skill do you have to further St. George's mission "to make Jesus Christ known."

Laura McDonald and Rani Varkey

Introducing St. George's New Parish Administrator

Bruce Mackenzie

Bruce has lived in Guelph for 13 years with his wife Linda. He was baptised in the Anglican Church and obtained a Master of Theology degree from Trinity College, U of T. He was active in the parish of Holy Trinity (Eaton Centre) for many years. Bruce has worked almost exclusively in the non



profit sector, assisting social service agencies and environmental charities. Most of his work has been in the area of fundraising and communications. He has a strong interest in environmental protection and loves getting out in nature, hiking, camping and canoeing. After many years of commuting to work outside of Guelph, Bruce is looking forward to the opportunity to contribute to his own community, including biking to work. He is very excited about the new position and he's looking forward to the opportunity to support the parish here at St. George's.

Please introduce yourselves to Bruce and give him a warm St. George's welcome the next time you are in the church office. And a gentle reminder to be patient as Bruce navigates his way through the next few weeks, learning the ropes and bringing his expertise to the role.

'Tis the Season!

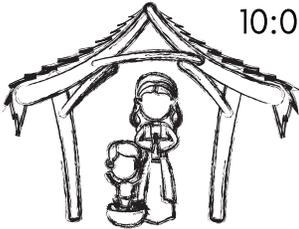
Christmas Service Schedule

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

- 5:00pm Family Christmas Eve with Communion
- 7:30pm A Community Festival of Christmas Readings & Carols
- 10:00pm Choral Christmas Mass in the Midnight

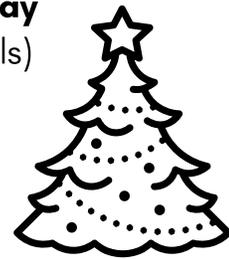
Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day

- 10:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP with Carols)



Sunday, December 26 - St. Stephen's or Boxing Day

- 8:30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
- 10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS with Carols)



PWRDF ADVENT PROJECT 2021

Our PWRDF Advent project this year will provide infant starter kits to new moms in Lesotho. Your gift of \$25 will give a starter kit to new moms who attend at least four antenatal care visits. The starter kit will include blankets, baby vests, jumpers, hats and a set of cloth diapers.

See World of Gifts - The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (pwrdf.org) #17

Let's see how many starter kits we can buy! To celebrate a birth, or a birthday, consider a PWRDF donation as a gift. We will light a "candle" near the font for every 4 starter kits. Can we aim for 20 lights by the end of December



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