



St. George's Anglican Church
Narrative Budget 2019

A Home for Hope



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Dear Friends,

There is a Miranda Lambert song called *The House that Built Me*. In it, she sings about returning to her childhood home and asking the current residents to allow her to come in:

*"I thought if I could touch this place or feel it
This brokenness inside me might start healing."*

As she describes the memories attached to that place and how they formed her, it becomes clear that the "house that built me" is about relationship most of all.

Joyful Giving at St. George's is first and foremost a celebration of relationship: the relationship we have with God and the ways in which we are blessed in living out that relationship with one another. For this community, that relationship has shaped, and been shaped by, the remarkable and beautiful building that has been entrusted to us and that has allowed us to serve the needs of our downtown neighbours for generations. In this Holy Home, we meet as a church family, we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and provide shelter to the homeless. We do that, and somehow the walls of this building become porous, and we feel God's presence in a special way here. I see the powerful truth that this church, as Miranda Lambert's song names, offers healing to the broken parts of our lives and forms us to be people of gratitude and service in our world.

This year's Narrative Budget is called *A Home for Hope*. It is filled with gratitude for the ways in which God's Love is on the move in our community, calling us outward into new ventures of compassion and care, and filling us with joy. It is also filled with hope for the future, a witness to our ongoing trust that God continues to form us as a community and invite us into service.

This year, our Narrative Budget also has a particular focus on our St. George's building. We know that the church is not the building. And yet, we also know that this particular building has much to offer us, and the wider community, in how we practice hospitality; how we worship, pray, learn and grow closer to God; how our most vulnerable residents are cared for; how the bonds of friendship are nurtured between us; how new generations are raised to know and love God. Looking forward to some major capital expenses in the next five years regarding the building, we are asking that our St. George's households consider an over-and-above commitment in the coming years to a designated Building Fund.

Please read this year's Narrative Budget prayerfully and in the spirit of gratitude with which it is written. Most importantly, consider how this Holy Home is shaping your life and how you hope it will be a place of healing for others. Thank you for being part of the fabric of relationship in our community, through which God is blessing the world around us.

Yours faithfully,

Reverend Martha and The Clergy & Corporation of St. George's



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Hope...Through Faith Formation



In 2018 and going into 2019, we have seen some major developments in terms of the number and variety of opportunities for people to grow in their knowledge of our Christian Faith, and most importantly, their relationship with our loving God:

Sermon Series

The new sermon series format at our Wednesday night Advent Café services has become very popular, has included an in-depth look at the Book of Acts, as well as "Women of the Bible". A number of leaders, both from within our congregation and from the wider Anglican community, share in preparing and delivering these sermons.

Bible Study

We have offered Bible study at a variety of times: Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, as well as in Small Groups in people's homes. In every case, the opportunity to look at Scripture with a group of people leads to a deepening love and understanding of God's Word.

Super Tuesday

This evening continues to offer children and youth programming, along with adult studies on topics ranging from "Faith in an Age of Atheism" to "The 225 Year History of St. George's", as well as book and video studies.



Hope...Through Children's and Youth Programming

Beginning this Fall, our Sunday School will be providing two P.A. day programs per school year at St. George's. This will offer children and youth a fun and eventful day of learning while their parents are at work.

This day will provide beginner level lessons, and will hopefully attract new families to St. George's while also providing a great service to our parish.

Our Tuesday evening, children's program provides a rich learning alternative for children who cannot regularly attend Sunday School.



Our youth group continues to meet monthly at St. George's before Super Tuesday, and gets together for monthly/bi-monthly outings.

They are currently working to begin a St. George's Youth Group Instagram account.

A Youth vs. Adult game night is being planned for late fall.



Hope...For Leaders, For Seekers and For Parents

Revive

Revive is a special new program inviting leaders in our St. George's ministry to a journey of faith with our Clergy and with one another.



Parents' Group

This is a night of food, fellowship and casual faith conversation for some of our younger families. Childcare is provided.

Newcomers' Program

We are blessed with new people regularly exploring St. George's. It will be a priority into 2019 to develop an introductory program for those just walking through our doors and wondering how to connect.



Hope...Through Music



Several older teenagers have also become involved, through Mari Shantz, in our Advent Café services, continuing to expand the group of musical leaders.

Our Senior Choir continues, under the leadership of John Butler, to prepare the music for some of St. George's most beloved services, along with providing week-by-week musical offerings in our Sunday Services.



Along with the continuation of the George Express Youth Choir, the Spring Musical and the Annual Christmas Concert, our Youth Music Director is working to involve our young people in our traditional Evensong services, as well as adding an instrumental music component to our youth program.



Hope...Through Social Justice and Outreach



St. George's and the wider community experienced significant enhancements to social justice and outreach work in 2017. Adding the half-time position of Director of Social Justice to the clergy team has opened doors and strengthened relationships with community partners.

We've provided new and meaningful volunteer opportunities including serving on a Social Justice and Outreach advisory council. Because of the generosity of its members and other concerned community members, St. George's has been able to respond in new and creative ways at a time when social service agencies are being stretched by tight budgets and growing social ills.

Building on over twenty years of feeding the hungry at our Community Breakfast Program, we have created a team of dining room volunteers. We've offered them training in mental health first aid and other skills suited for building relationships with those who come for breakfast.

Priorities for the coming year are outlined on the following page.

Hope...Through Our Outreach Efforts

Addressing Spiritual Needs

Conversations with individuals whom we serve, as well as discussions with other service providers, have identified that spiritual needs are rarely addressed. As a community of faith we will learn about these needs and offer a response.

Bridging Gaps in Service

We regularly encounter unmet needs. Increasing our awareness of what is available through other service agencies can help. We'll explore whether St. George's can help fill the gaps.

Enhancing Communication

Sharing stories of the good work that is being done, as well as raising awareness of the needs in the community, is essential to inspire commitment and effective action. The coming year will see the development and implementation of a comprehensive communication strategy regarding social justice and outreach.

Creating Meaningful Volunteer Opportunities

Engaging in social justice and outreach work offers meaning. Often, people with no particular interest in organized religion will find meaning by working alongside the church in justice and outreach work. Building a capacity for engaging these people will help develop mutually beneficial relationships and positively impact the community.



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Help for Our Home for Hope



Our church home is an exquisite and welcoming venue for worship, teaching, healing, nourishing and sheltering. Like all buildings, however, ours needs ongoing maintenance to remain safe, serviceable and beautiful.

Upcoming building maintenance projects which will require our support:

- The painting of all exterior woodwork (2019 – 2021) at an expected cost of approximately \$75,000 (cost includes scaffolding for the project).
- The replacing of the eaves troughs on the church building (2019 – 2021) at an expected cost of \$75-\$100,000.
- The removal and replacement of all nine heating and cooling units throughout the church buildings (2023 – 2024) at an expected cost of approximately \$150,000.

The Building Fund Challenge:

Please prayerfully consider making an *additional* pledge this year to the Building Fund. If all church families would pledge the equivalent of **one** year's offerings over the next **five** years to this fund, we would be able to arrange the structural work that is needed to preserve our Home for Hope.



Hope...Through Sharing

Our church is our spiritual home, as well as providing a sanctuary in a harsh world for those facing a variety of challenges.

Every household is asked to:

- Assess their annual income.
- Decide what percentage of that income God is asking them to give to the church and its ministries.
- The Biblical tithe is 10%; many households find that giving 5% of their money to the life of the church is a realistic goal.



Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God. – 1 Peter 4:10

- Whatever percentage you choose, be faithful in giving. Our pre-authorized giving program allows your gift to come out of your bank account automatically once a month.
- St. George's and all who are blessed by its ministries are glad for your generosity and pray that your offering brings you joy!



Hope...By Leaving a Legacy

St. George's first 226 years have been built on the generosity and faithfulness of men and women who have received God's good gifts and shared them.

As we look to the future, it is our turn to prayerfully consider how we will provide for the spiritual needs of those who will come after us.

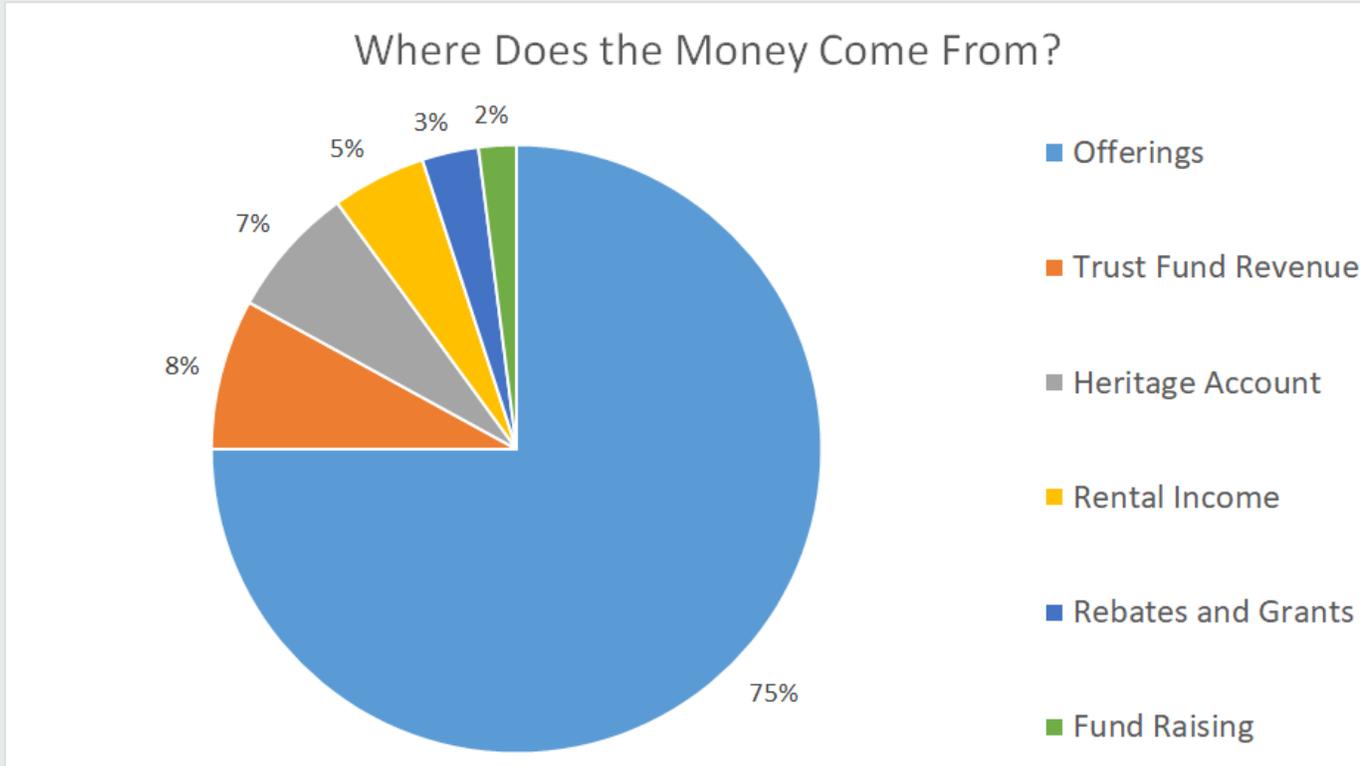
Included in the Relay Package you will find a booklet on Legacy Giving. It is also available through our office and online.

Please consider:

- The pillars of our church as ways to think about the pieces of ministry that have been of greatest value to you in your life at St. George's
- How you can give a gift that will make a lasting imprint to benefit ministry for future generations.



Hope...Through Joyful Giving



At St. George's, we are blessed with sources of income that complement our regular offerings. However, our endowments have restrictions on how they may be used and would be depleted rapidly if we relied upon them to support our current ministry.

We as a church family must provide hope for today and for future generations by being faithful in supporting our ministry through our own financial gifts.



Explanation of Terms

St. George's is blessed with several different funds which help to finance our ministry. Occasionally, this creates some confusion, as parishioners question which money may be accessed for certain purposes. The guide below explains our primary giving streams:

Foundation Fund – Established in 2008, the principal held in this trust fund cannot be spent. Income generated by this principal is intended to fund new ministry initiatives which develop and expand the faith offering of St. George's.

Endowment Fund – These are the legacy gifts with which former generations of St. George's parishioners have blessed us. Please see the Legacy Giving booklet included in the Relay Package for information on planning your own perpetual gift.

Heritage Fund – This money is used for two main purposes:

- As a line of credit to St. George's, covering expenses when income is reduced and being replenished when income is abundant. It is our goal as a congregation to reduce our use of the Heritage Fund for regular operations, as this is not a sustainable long-term practice.
- As part of our annual operational budget to pay for building maintenance projects.

Offerings – This is the most important portion of the St. George's budget, and is the direct reflection of the priorities, health and commitment of our congregation. Regular, proportional gifts, given either through pre-authorized payments or in offering envelopes, sustain our church community.

Fundraising – Activities such as the Christmas Bazaar, Golf Day, and the Spring Frolic, which generate additional revenue for the church.



A Glimpse Into This Year's Joyful Giving Package

Joyful Giving Relay

The instructions

*Please leave this sheet in the package

- Remove the envelope with your name and read the contents. (A Narrative Budget is provided for your review. Please leave it in the package for the next household)
- Complete the enclosed Intention Form
- Place the completed Intention Form into the return envelope and seal it
- Place the sealed envelope back into the package OR place it on the collection plate before **November 19th**
- Deliver the package to the next household on the list
 - Make sure to hand the package directly to the home owner (Do not leave in mailbox!)
 - If you are unable to contact the next household within 24 hours, move to the next name on the list
 - Once the package has been handed off, inform your **Route Manager**
- If you are unable to deliver the package yourself, inform your **Route Manager** so they can move it forward
- If you are the final household, let your **Route Manager** know so they can pick up the package
- If you have questions, call your **Route Manager**:
 - Name: _____
 - Number: _____

St. George's Stewardship Intention – Time & Talent

Name(s): _____ Telephone: (h) _____
 E-Mail: _____ (mobile) _____

Yes, in the name of Jesus Christ and to the Glory of God, I/we intend to support the ministries and programs of St. George's Church in 2019.

Groups, Time & Talent: No Change (from last year)

If you are interested in receiving information about or currently involved in any of the following areas, please insert your name in the appropriate column and the coordinator will contact you. For more information see the Glossary of Terms on the back.

Some of the areas may require some training and in addition some areas may require a police check.

Groups & Activities	Currently Belong	Wish Information	Worship Opportunities	Currently Belong	Wish Information
Bishop Beattie			Lay Reader		
Knitzy Corner			Servier		
Bridge			Communion Chalice Bearer		
Prayer Shawl			Scripture reader		
Dinner Club			Sidesperson		
TAAP			Cruiser		
St. W. Discos			Advent Cate = Hospitality		
Ladies Guild			Advent Cate = Reader		
Bereavement			Advent Cate = Music		
Parents Group			Advent Cate = Bread baker		
Dinner Chas			Advent Cate = Powerpoint		
Pastoral Visits			Dining Disciples		
Soup Sunday			Altar Guild		
Coffee Hour			Courting Team		
Community Events			Chimes		
Funeral Receptions			Senior Choir		
Community Breakfast Program			Special Services Choir		
Christmas Bazaar			Krebel Choral Choir		
Neighborhood BBQ			Sound System		
Gift Tournament			Video Services		
Spring Frolic			Tuesday Bible Study		
Baby Shower Community Care					
Property Maintenance			Children & Youth Activities		
Handing			Church School		
Office Help			George Express Choir		
Communication			Children's Activities		
Prize Night			Youth Group		
Scott Street Soup			Vacation Bible School		
Stewardship Committee					

Is there an additional group or activity which would interest you? _____

You may return your Stewardship Intention Form in the sealed envelope by placing it in the package, returning it by mail, or placing it on the offering plate at worship by November 19, 2018.

St. George's Stewardship Intention

Name(s): _____ Telephone: (h) _____
 Address: _____ (mobile) _____
 _____ Postal Code: _____

E-mail: _____

My/Our Gift of Money: I/we intend to financially support the ministries and programs of St. George's Church in 2019. My/our Gift for 2019 will be \$ _____ Weekly Monthly Yearly
 I/we will pledge an additional \$ _____ over _____ years to the Building Fund.

Continue with Preauthorized Giving (PAG) Start Preauthorized Giving (PAG) (recommended)
 Continue with envelopes Would like envelopes

Coming Soon to Your Door!

- Please read and follow the instruction sheet.
- Prayerfully consider your gifts of Time and Talent.
- Prayerfully consider your financial gifts.
- Return your completed forms to the church either by placing it in a sealed envelope in the package or by placing it on the offering plate.
- Ensure that the Joyful Giving Package goes to the next parishioner on the list.



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THANK YOU ST. GEORGE'S!

Pictures clockwise from left:

Hand-made items for Baby Shower for
Community Care

Advent Café in our newlyrefurbished
Bear's Den

The 225th Anniversary Quilt

Our Old-Fashioned Christmas Bazaar



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Pictures clockwise from left:

Krafty Korner's Outreach

The Advent Giving Tree

Blessing of the Animals

Guests for our 225th Anniversary Sermon Series & Gala Celebration

The Remembrance Requiem



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