

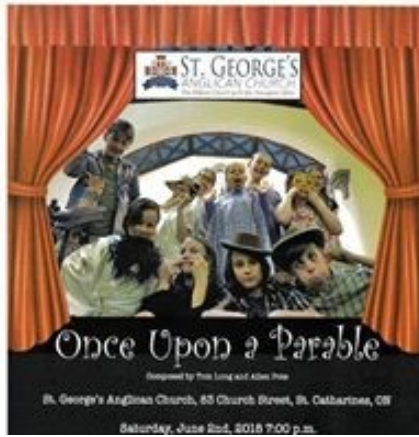


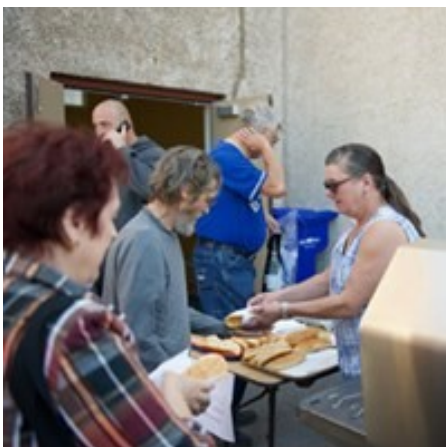
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ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH ANNUAL VESTRY REPORT

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Agenda for the 227th Session of St. George's Vestry

Sunday February 10, 2019

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Vestry Clerk: Resolution #1
3. Establishment of Eligible Voting Members as per Canon 4.1
4. Remembering the Departed of St. George's
5. Financial Statements for the 2018
6. Parish Budget for the year 2019
 - A) Presentation
 - B) Discussion
 - C) Adoption of the Budget: Resolution #2
7. Election of Deputy Peoples' Warden
8. Announcement of Appointments for 2019, Deputy Rector's Warden and New Parish Council Members
9. Organizations and Committee Reports
10. Adoption of all Reports: Resolution #3
11. Presentations to Departing Wardens
12. Gratitude: Resolution #4
13. Appointment of Signing Officers for 2019: Resolution #5
14. Appointment of Financial Reviewer for 2018: Resolution #6
15. Resolution #7
16. Resolution #8
17. Adjournment

Resolutions for the 227th Session of St. George's Vestry

February 10, 2019

1. Be it resolved that Marilyn Petitt be appointed Vestry Clerk for this meeting.
2. Be it resolved that the Vestry of St George's accept the proposed budget for 2019.
3. Be it resolved that the Reports presented to this Vestry be adopted as written or amended.
4. Be it resolved that this Vestry record with gratitude the efforts of the many members of this congregation who work diligently in providing leadership and service in the many areas of parish life and worship.
5. Be it resolved that the Rector, Rector's Warden, Peoples' Warden and Treasurer be empowered to transact business in the name of "The Corporation of St George's Anglican Church, St Catharines" for the year 2019;

And be it further resolved that two members of the Corporation sign all cheques on the parish bank accounts, with the exception of the Rector's and Vicar's Discretionary Funds.
6. Be it resolved that James Little, C.A., be appointed Financial Reviewer for the year **2018**.
7. Be it resolved that this Vestry authorizes the Incumbent and Church Wardens to consider and, if they deem it advisable, to approve leases, licenses, or space agreements of less than three years in length, inclusive of all renewals. And that this authorization shall extend only to agreements that include the following provisions:
 - That the agreement may be terminated by St George's upon 60 (sixty) days notice;
 - That the lease or licensee shall provide proof of liability insurance;
 - The leasee or licensee agrees to hold harmless St George's Church, the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara and the Anglican Church of Canada;
 - The leasee or licensee agrees to abide by the Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Policy of the Synod of Niagara; and that if there is any conflict between this resolution and any authorization of approval resulting from it, it is understood that the current Canons of the Diocese will prevail.
8. Be it resolved that all acts, contracts, proceedings, appointments and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Corporation of St George's since the date of the Vestry Meeting of **February 10th, 2019** be hereby approved, sanctioned and confirmed.

The Reverend Canon Martha Tatarnic

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

(Acts 2:42)



Over the past few months, new people have been showing up in our Sunday and Wednesday worship services regularly. When I ask them what brings them to check out St. George's, there are three responses that I am commonly hearing:

1. Website: Our website is a key communication tool describing what kind of community we are, what opportunities there are for worship and service, and the hope and joy we find in being St. George's church.
2. Outreach: Our engagement with those who are vulnerable in our city, our ministries of feeding, shelter and community building are compelling to those who are looking for where faith and action meet.
3. Word of Mouth: Call it "old fashioned" but the most powerful way of being invited to church is still through person-to-person conversation. Our parishioners are evidently telling others about our church, and that sharing of experience is translating into new people finding their way to St. George's.

These three responses lead me to say a few particular and heartfelt words of thanks:

1. To Tyler Deane and his team, our website designers extraordinaire, along with Dianne Chisholm who diligently updates newsletters and calendars every week!
2. To the faithful hands and hearts working so generously across our community to welcome, feed, listen and serve across all of our outreach programs. Thank you to our entire community for faithfully asking where and how God is calling us to respond generously to the needs we see around us.
3. To everyone who has the courage in this very secular climate to speak openly about their faith to others.

I would add to this gratitude a more general word of thanks to our congregation for being so warm and welcoming. I regularly hear from newcomers how they have been made to feel welcome and included in our community.

As wonderful as all of this is, there is a risk in defining ourselves as "welcoming." Sometimes we don't see who we don't see. We receive wonderful feedback about our community from those who connect and stay. We don't tend to hear the experience of those who come in, don't make a connection and are gone again. There are a whole variety of reasons why St. George's might not be the right church for someone looking for a faith community, and that is okay. But I also know that there are people who simply fall through the cracks--who don't find themselves able to navigate the path from walking through our doors for the first time to making this their spiritual home.

The Reverend Canon Dawn Davis, our Faith Formation Coordinator in this area, encourages us to be attentive to a few realities in our welcoming. Her research shows that the vast majority of new people seeking churches are looking for one thing above all else: a growing relationship with God. To that end, she suggests that churches today need to be clear and intentional about a "Discipleship Path" – mapping out steps our community offers so that people can connect with us and our church, and through that connection, a relationship with God. Certainly what I see and hear in conversations across our church is that spiritual hunger is real and that the greatest gift we can offer is a response to that desire to draw closer to God. Thanks be to God that we are in the position of needing to consider how we can better offer that gift in response to the regular influx of new people.

For these reasons, I am setting as goals in 2019 for us as a church:

- 1) To become more intentional in how we welcome, invite, and follow up with new people.
- 2) To develop clear steps that parishioners, whether new or seasoned members of our community, can take in order to grow in faith.

This past fall, our congregation studied the Book of Acts at our Wednesday night Advent Café. It became clear as we read the accounts of the early church being formed, challenged and blessed by the movement of the Holy Spirit, that the most important component in sharing our faith with others is the willingness for our own faith to change us. Acts begins with a very small band of Jesus' Jewish followers in Jerusalem and sweeps outward across the Roman Empire, bringing into the life of the church people from different cultures, races, and economic means. The church changes and grows with all of these new voices and views, and each individual person becomes richly blessed by how these voices and views expand everyone's understanding of who God is and how God works.

May we go into 2019 grateful that our church is not static but that the invitation of our open doors is being heard and received. May we go into 2019 alive to how our faith will be challenged and changed as we become more welcoming of others. May we go into 2019 guided by God the Holy Spirit to be ever more faithful and courageous in how we share, invite, welcome, recognize and are blessed by the faith of others.

Respectfully submitted, The Reverend Canon Martha Tatarnic

Rector's Statistical Report 2018 for St. George's	2017	2018
Households on Parish List	410	401
Number of Identifiable Givers	371	366
Baptisms	15	3
Confirmations	5	0
Marriages	4	3
Funerals by St. George's Clergy	15	17
Average Sunday Attendance	258	255
Average Weekly Attendance	62	65
Average Total Weekly Attendance	320	320
Christmas Attendance	675	654
Easter Attendance	739	864



Priest Associate Reverend D. Scott McLeod

In 2018 I continued my role as priest associate, assisting the rector in presiding and preaching at the regular Sunday and weekday services, as well as other services when they occurred. This included Evensong, Advent Café, care facilities, funerals, weddings, and filling in for clergy colleagues in their parishes, as well as responding to requests to preach or present around the Diocesan refugee sponsorship initiative. I continue working with our Pastoral Visitors group in their ministry and in my visiting of parishioners at

hospitals, homes, and in care facilities.

I support the work of the Communications Committee and this year started St. George's new use of some social media tools, namely Instagram and Twitter. These are developing media that we see as tools of ministry to add to the life of St. George's. I also support the team working on video recording and live video streaming of Sunday services.

I have been very pleased to offer leadership with our Super Tuesdays and other educational programs that the parish has been offering.

I made myself available to parishioners and others who came to the church to speak with a clergy person for any reason as needed. In all of this, I worked to support our rector, Martha, in all of the work that she does.

I coordinated our Diocesan Refugee program as my offering of service to our Diocese of Niagara. The work at the Diocesan level continues and we have had a steady continuation of new cases. The demand for sponsorship continues to eclipse what we are currently able to take on as a Diocese.

We were very pleased this year to welcome the family that St. George's is helping to sponsor. It has been a lot of work, and would not have been possible without the dedication of the Refugee Committee. It is with great thanks to the work of these people that we have been able to accomplish so much in a short period of time. Many thanks to Sue Arndt for her leadership and work with the committee as chair. The sponsorship period comes to a close in June of 2019, so there is still lots of work left to do!

This year will, I am sure, hold many blessings for our parish and community, and it is an honour to serve you in our shared ministry.

Respectfully submitted, The Reverend D. Scott McLeod, Associate priest

Director of Social Justice and Outreach Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Mondloch



St. George's has a well-deserved reputation as a community of faith that responds to the marginalized and those in need. We offer our time, treasure and talent to support newcomers to Canada, the First Nation community of Pikangikum and newborn infants. We make hats, gloves, pneumonia vests and prayer shawls that we distribute, near and far, to those who are cold or sick. The hungry eat breakfast every day of the year and many Wednesdays you will find dinner offered to whoever shows up.

We enjoy the relationships that develop in our faith community as we work together.

Building and expanding relationships beyond our faith community was a guiding theme of much of my work in 2018.

As the number of guests at Community Breakfast has grown, many with addiction and mental health conditions, it has become increasingly important to build relationships with them. New volunteers from within and outside our faith community now circulate among and befriend our guests. Some of those new relationships spill over to the Community Dinner program and St. George's reputation as a place of caring community grows.

With the enormity of the needs that are outside of the doors of our downtown church, we must build relationships with agencies that provide social services. To that end time and effort have gone into fostering relationships with the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre, The RAFT, the city and region, Start Me Up Niagara, the United Way, the Niagara Poverty Reduction Network, the Family Mental Health Support Network of Niagara and others to enhance the effectiveness of our response to the issues that surround us. To use a dated image, the Rolodex is expanding with the number of people who we can reach out to assist us in helping others.

As Bishop Susan would remind us, the church is not the Rotary Club with a pointy roof. Our faith informs our service to others. Strengthening our ties with other faith communities in our immediate neighbourhood and further afield improves our efforts. Members of St. George's contribute significantly to the recently established Greater St. Catharines Social Justice Network. People from our community participate in various councils and committees of the wider church to seek a more just world. In this report, I have focused on direct services we offer to meet material needs and how we have been building relationships to enhance our work. Both are

essential components of social justice and outreach. 2019 will see us expand other essential components. Together we will enhance ongoing education relevant to the issues at hand, expand advocacy efforts, and deepen the ties between our faith and our action. I trust every member will be able to find meaningful and life-giving opportunities to participate in the social justice and outreach ministry of St. George's. I thoroughly enjoy supporting this faith community in the holy work of justice and outreach and thank you for the opportunity!

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Mondloch

St. George's from the perspective of an 'Intentional Visitor'

In the fall, we were contacted by Ann Vander Berg, a woman discerning a call to the diaconate and a member of St. James' Dundas. As part of her learning goals, she asked if she could spend the season of Advent at St. George's and meet with some of our clergy and parishioners for conversation. She was looking to deepen her understanding of the Sacramental life as it is experienced in the Anglican Communion. Ann was willing to share some of the insights from her final report with our congregation. The following are some excerpts from the report she submitted to the diocese:

I "The Anglican within us is much broader" ...if I wasn't so reserved, I would have jumped for joy when I heard a parishioner describe the growth within St. George's these past four years under Martha's leadership in this way. As my first goal is to learn about the wider Anglican Church, it was exceptional for me to hear someone articulate their awareness of the breadth of church living in their heart. They discovered this because, as a faith community, St. George's is trying new things in worship and in servant ministry with an intention to listen and grow spiritually.

II I met with a small group of parishioners who were invited to participate in "Revive" as a thank you for their hard work in the parish and community. When we met, they had completed the first 6 weeks of the program. One of the strengths at St. George's is welcoming, while one of the challenges is integrating new members or attendees into their community life. They are trying a new way to welcome new members or attendees with a series of four after church gatherings which will allow them to meet the clergy and be connected to a mentor/friend of the parish. This series is directed toward those who want to begin to explore their faith journey within the community of St. George's.

III It has been a very special Advent for me to worship at St. George's. During this Advent Season the liturgy was sung. There was a male and female part for the priests; a choral part; and a congregational part. The language was faithful, simple and easy to follow.

Through the course of the liturgy, everyone sang their part and was thus enveloped by the sacred Christian story and I found it magical and ever, ever so beautiful. It brought together all of the fragments, joys, sorrows, struggles, prayer, fatigue and hope of each week. My experience of worship at St. George's was that it was the bringing together and the culmination of my week. And in that way it gave me rest while it also prepared me for the week ahead. My experience of worship and liturgy at St. George's enriched my life and its melody lingers on in my heart.

IV The Advent word for St. George's was "Maranatha". An old word and also the name of the church I was baptised in as an infant. Martha spoke about our prayer "come Lord Jesus" as a prayer that says "I/we are ready for change." St. George's is strategic in its outreach. They organize the Out of the Cold program to coincide with the Advent Café on Wednesday nights. People coming in from out of the cold are more prone to attend worship at the Café when they are already at the church.

A dominant theme at St. George's is to offer parishioners several opportunities to learn how to reflect spiritually upon their faith, to talk about their faith and to articulate their experience of Jesus in their day to day lives. Revive is one opportunity and the Advent Café Series "The Bible, its Sequel" is another. Parishioners are invited to offer the "homily," focusing on something in their story and/or interest that reveals Jesus to them and the world today. The list of speakers filled up pretty well immediately.

The servant ministry to the homeless and poor is active and core to St. George's identity. It wasn't always so – there was a time when if a homeless person came into the sanctuary they were asked to leave. Now, they are asked their name and the community strive to remember so that the homeless and poor always have a name and they are a recognized part of our community.

V After my 3rd Sunday of Advent at St. George's, I wrote in my journal:

"St. George's, a lifestyle community that broadens Anglicanism within your heart"

I understand that to mean that there is movement and activity within the Anglican community which allows for the culture of Anglicanism to grow more into the Light of Christ.

St. George's Wardens

The year 2018 followed two years of particular significance to the congregation of St. George's. First, as a congregation we experienced growth through the joining of the Grace church, and many parishioners from St. James. That was followed in 2017 by the celebration of the 225th anniversary of the parish; a year of celebration, honouring our past.

With such growth and change happening in recent years, the corporation felt that this year was a year we needed to focus on stabilization of the parish. New parishioners, new gifts and talents, new programs and new realities in the world around us. We needed time and care to ensure that all were settled into a well functioning community of faith.

While working towards that goal, we came across some real struggles with an increased level of vandalism to the buildings and a growing concern for safety from our parishioners. Safety is of utmost concern to the Corporation, and to ensure that all parishioners feel safe coming to their church we took several steps including installing new exterior cameras, additional outside lighting and having the parking lot monitored on Sunday mornings.

In all though, we think that the efforts of the clergy and volunteers at the church are paying off, with a significant increase in the number of parishioners joining the church. It is our hope that this growth will continue in the coming year.

We wish to thank our rector and clergy for their pastoral care to our parishioners and sound advice to the wardens.

Respectfully submitted by:

- Neil Culp (People's Warden) and George Novis (Rector's Warden)
- Janice MacKenzie and Sandy Legarde - Deputy Wardens

Altar Guild

At St. George's the Altar Guild is a ministry – a ministry of service. The members serve the Church under the direction of the clergy and are responsible for such tasks as:

- Preparing the altar and credence table and laying out the vessels for worship
- Ensuring that the altar is dressed in the proper colour of the day

- Ordering and arranging flowers for weekly Sunday worship and for festivals such as Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and other special occasions.
- Laundering and ironing altar and worship linens, polishing brass and silver, dusting the sanctuary, cleaning up after services, preparing for the next service and other tasks as required.

Currently there are 28 active members and 9 associate members. We are pleased to welcome new member, Diane Bingham. We are thankful to Anne Miryneck for her years of active service in many capacities and for her continuing contribution as Corresponding Secretary. This year we mourn the loss of long-time active member Shirley Chamberlain and associate members Barbara MacDonald and Phyllis Rymer. We miss them!

For some time we have been working on changes regarding the responsibilities of flower buying and arranging. There are now three levels of responsibility: Festival Flower Team; Memorial Flower Convenor; and Memorial Flower Team. This change has been overseen by Mary Crawford and we are grateful to her for her insight and her ongoing service to our ministry.



Recently, St. George's received a wonderful gift. We are especially thankful to Altar Guild member Shirley Densham and her friend Pam Mundy for their time, talent and treasure in the creation of our new Advent frontal for the chapel altar. It was dedicated by Reverend Martha on the first Sunday of Advent in thanksgiving for 126 years of ministry at St. James, Merriton.

I would like to thank the Clergy for their patience and guidance and Linda Telega and Johan Braun for all the 'extras' they do for us. I would like to thank especially, all the members of the Altar Guild for their faithful service. We would welcome any who are moved to be active in this ministry.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Ridge, President

Coffee Hour

The first item to address is to thank Dorothy Dundas for her organization of the Coffee Hour over the years. She was there always with a smile, to organize, support the teams, and jump in when needed. Thank You Dorothy for all your hard work.

In winter 2018 the move was made from the Asbil Lounge to the Bear's Den (Lower Broughall Hall). Our numbers had grown, and the Asbil Lounge was over capacity. Once renovations in the Bear's Den had been completed, Mary-Jo headed up a team organizing the kitchen area. I need to thank Mary-Jo and her team who did the set-up of a very workable kitchen. For 2018 Sundays in the summer, we did move back to the Lounge (air-conditioned, average number of 40 attending) and served Lemonade and light snacks. In the fall, we moved back to the Bear's Den.

Some parishioners pop in for a quick coffee and chat, while many stay to mingle and get caught up. For visitors to our church, it is a chance to get a friendly connection with the congregation. Our weekly average attendance is 80 people, making for a lively, warm ending to Sunday morning worship. On Soup Sundays, we enjoy coffee and goodies downstairs in the Swan after lunch. Currently there are 13 teams (3-4 on a team) with each team taking a turn to provide some of the goodies, setup, serve and stay to clean up after.

The cost of coffee hour supplies and additional sweets are off-set by the donation box; the funds are given to the treasurer for recording with expense receipts provided, and reimbursed.

Respectfully submitted, Dianne Chisholm, Coffee Hour Co-Ordinator

Bazaar

St. George's annual Christmas Bazaar was held on Saturday, November 17th from 10am to 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. The bazaar was opened by the Rev. Canon Martha Tatarnic with a prayer. Thank you to Tyler Deane and his team who once again designed a beautiful flyer for our event. The bazaar publicity was handled by Sharon Crane. Thanks to Bill Holman and his team for setting up the tables and looking after the signs. We were assisted by many volunteers. My thanks go out too to those who looked after the parking, the elevator, the sound system, stage decorations, collecting money, the table convenors and all who worked on the many sale tables, and of course to all who donated time, items to sell and food. It was truly a parish event.



The bazaar sale tables were in the main auditorium and lower Broughall Hall. The lunch cafe was in the Swan Auditorium. The cafe managed by Linda Telega, M.J. Schmidt and Sharon Vermolen was very successful and had a menu of three simple choices which seemed crowd-pleasing. I would be remiss if I did not give a big thank you to John Belford for donating the soup for the cafe. We were very fortunate to have many of the items donated, therefore keeping our costs down.

This year we made a change in the lower Broughall Hall. We moved the Bottle Table as well as the new A.C.W. quilt table in with the books. This seemed to work out well for everyone. Moe Raham looked after the raffle tickets. Thanks to Moe, her helpers and all in the congregation who took books of tickets to sell we sold every ticket. Of course we would not have the raffle without the generosity of Sandra LeGarde who made the beautiful quilt and Evelyn Thompson for making the beautiful afghan.

We were pleased to have the George Express and the Krehbiel Chorale singing to get us into the Christmas spirit. A mini bazaar was held on November 18 after the 10:00am service. A word of thanks goes out to Johan Braun for all his help. I am pleased to report that after expenses a profit of about \$13,500 was realized. Thank you to everyone.



Respectfully submitted by Liz Cunningham

Bereavement Group

In 2006, Reverend Val Kerr began a Bereavement Group. It recognized that there were many people who were grieving, felt very isolated, abandoned and that "their tears would never stop." She began an open-ended Bereavement Group to help people who were grieving to vent their feelings and to better understand the stages of mourning and grief. The Group was open to members and non-members of the congregation. She also affirmed that we grieve because we had loved and cared for a very special and unique individual who has died.

Ruth Hay very capably took on the group and followed the same principles in leading the group for five years. Sue Chapman then took over this group and has led it for about five years. In addition, Sue Chapman has also led two six-week Bereavement Groups for those in need.

People attending the groups are doing so out of grief and in search of strategies for coping. The average number of people attending any of the groups is about six. The length of time that griever attend varies from one session to eight years. Many of those attending are grieving multiple deaths and the trauma of sudden, very

tragic deaths. Some of those attending can hardly talk about the new reality of their lives while others need to repeat the details as a way of confirming the death of a loved one.

The open-ended grief group had its last meeting in late September as participants felt that they were coping. There is an openness to beginning a new Group if there is enough interest. Groups are normally held on a weekly basis. Anyone interested may call Sue at 905-937-7170 and/or notify one of the clergy.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Chapman, Bereavement Group Facilitator

Marathon Bridge

Once again 27 bridge enthusiasts got together for a fun afternoon. This year we were one player short so the Van Every's very graciously decided to help out when needed. A fee of \$15.00 per person is charged. A schedule is made up of 2 teams with each couple playing once a month from Sept. to April.

An end of season wrap up was held at the home of Gini & Tim Rigby and cash prizes were awarded. The balance of our funds were donated to the Refugee project which was \$290.00.

Respectively submitted, Gini Rigby

Greeters Group

We are starting off 2019 with 22 Greeters who welcome everyone to St. George's through the main entry with a warm smile. With a commitment of about 4 times a year the Greeters are scheduled for all 10:00am services along with other special services throughout the year including Evensong, Easter & Christmas. The Greeters not only make all parishioners feel welcome but provide a friendly first impression of St. George's to visitors. A sincere thank you to all who have and currently contribute to this important ministry.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsey Wilton

Dinner Club

Delicious meals!! Interesting conversations!! Deepening friendships! Over the past 28 years, members of the St. George's Dinner Club have enjoyed countless meals in each other's homes. This past June, current and new Club members gathered for a potluck dinner at which the groupings for the next year were drawn "from a bowl".

During the year, fifty-six parishioners in grouping of four couples (either a married couple or a pair of friends) have met four times in each other's homes. The food preparation has been shared by all. The result: great meals have been enjoyed as the four couples have become better acquainted.

Respectfully submitted, Grace-Ann Cambray

Bishop Beattie Fellowship

Bishop Beattie Fellowship meets in the Asbil Lounge on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. from March to June and September to December. An executive meeting is held in January or February at the President's home. Louise Cross and her Executive Committee are looking forward to presenting an interesting and varied program in 2019 with guest speakers and evenings filled with fellowship and fun as well as wonderful refreshments prepared by members. The Executive meets to share their vision for Bishop Beattie Fellowship for the new year - Input from all members of the Executive is encouraged and welcomed. The Fellowship is not run by one person but rather the entire Executive Committee. A Dinner for the members is planned in June at Hernder Estate Winery and in December the Fellowship enjoys a Christmas Party with music and song.



Attendance at meetings averages around 38 to 45 members. The Fellowship sponsors receptions for all Bishop Beattie members. Gift Baskets for the Bazaar are purchased, wrapped and donated by all the members.

The Fellowship also donates all dues and donations collected in that year to help Community Organizations: In 2018 a total of \$600 was donated to Community Care.



Many Bishop Beattie members participate in and enjoy active roles in various activities of the Church as well. Members participate in: the Breakfast Program, Soup Sundays, Choir, Altar Guild, Parish Dinners, The Bazaar, Parish Visitors, Krafty Korner and Coffee Hour, to name a few.

Bishop Beattie Fellowship's main objective in 2019 is to develop an opportunity of Fellowship for all women of the Parish. No test, no essay needed, and permission is not required to join...simply show up to a monthly meeting. New members are always welcome.

Executive

- President: Louise Cross
- Secretary: Val Kuhns
- Treasurer: Tina Valentyne
- Receptions: Mary Crawford
- Devotions: Rita Hatcher
- Members List: Liz Cunningham
- Remembrance: Joyce Marks
- Phone Convener: Hazel Johnson

Yours in Friendship, Louise Cross, President

St. George's Travel Club

2018 was the year of the great musical!! The Music Man at the Stratford Festival had us all wanting to follow the seventy-six trombones down Main Street. In November, our travels took us to Toronto to be transported to Gander, NF, and witness the remarkable, awe-inspiring true story of one small town's unconditional support and caring of fellow human beings in distress. Come From Away made us so proud to be Canadian!!

Dieting is not a consideration on our travels as we eat very well. And what a pleasure it is to leave the driving to the professionals! Our trips are open to St. George's family and friends.

Respectfully submitted, Grace-Ann Cambray

Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen (BAC)

The BAC had a successful year of socializing, eating great meals and being educated and stimulated by guest speakers from both the Parish community and the Niagara Region.

We have a membership of approximately 50 and are happy to welcome any men of the Parish who would like to join us. Meetings are five times a year on the second Tuesday of January, February, April, October, and November. We average 25-30 per meeting. The cost of a full roast beef meal with accompanying salads, roast carrots and potatoes including dessert and beverages is \$25.

We would like to thank our kitchen volunteers, headed by Lois Marsh-Duggan, who help set up for our dinners and clean up afterwards. Also we would like to thank those who kindly take time to bake pies for our dinners.

Our guest speakers for 2018 were: Bishop Walter Asbil on the history of St. George's Church, focussing on four of its Rectors, on January 9; Charles Burton on North Korea, February 6; the Reverend Canon Dr. Michael Mondloch on his work in social outreach, April 10; the Reverend Canon Martha Tatarnic on the writing of her new book regarding food and spirituality, October 9; and Wes Turner on the impact of the Great War on Canada, November 13.

For 2019, we plan to have the Reverend Dr. Doreen McFarlane on the church in China, January 8; Darcy Belanger, an Indigenous survivor of the Sixties Scoop, to tell about his difficult journey during and since that time, February 12; and Cathy Mondloch, to talk about her counselling work, on April 9. We are still looking for guest speakers for our October and November meetings.

Our major fundraising activity is the annual Christmas poinsettia plant sales program. A great thank-you goes to Ron Duggan and Lois Marsh-Duggan for again coordinating this program. This year's sales netted almost \$1,000. Thank you for all those who helped with sales and those who supported us by buying these items.

As in previous years, we have arranged to make a \$1000 donation to St. Georges. This includes \$500.00 to the Pikangikum Water Project.

The BAC welcomes new members. Please contact the BAC through St. George's office for contact information.

For 2019 the Executive Committee will be:

- Tom Owens - Past Chair and Membership - (905) 934-4239 towens@sympatico.ca
- Dave Bingham – Chair – (905) 938-1648 dbingham4@cogeco.ca
- Dave Smith - Vice-Chair - (289) 219-1709 dgsmith1917@hotmail.com
- Ron Duggan – Treasurer – (905) 646-9703 marsh_duggan@sympatico.ca

Respectfully submitted by Dave Bingham, President

Community Breakfast Program At St. George's Church

Breakfast continues to be served at St. George's every morning to anyone who comes, no questions asked. We served 27,500 breakfasts in 2018, an increase of 2,000 over 2017.

Volunteers from the community including St. George's Church continue to come daily to prepare and serve breakfast to the needy.

Financially the Community Breakfast Program relies totally on donations from the community. Our costs are \$1.25 per client per day. 27,500 clients (breakfasts) in 2018 cost \$34,500 which includes a \$6,500 contribution to St. George's. These costs were met by the community. In 2019 we will be continue to be actively looking for donations of non-perishable foods. Presently we have donations of cold cereals from Post Cereals Canada and jam from E.D.Smith Foods Ltd. Giant Tiger on Welland Ave. gives a 10% discount on foods other than milk. In both 2017 and 2018 we had successful "sugar campaigns" (brown and white). A Girl Guide leader organized a cereal drive. This was comprised mainly of the sweet or fun cereals that the clients like. We hope to have a campaign or challenge only once per year. These donations and campaigns help tremendously with the cost of serving breakfast.

In November 2018, I was pleased that Ann Koppel agreed to help me with the Breakfast Program as co-convenor. We organized four workshops on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. They were led by Nancy

Sigafoos, a psychotherapist in the city. These were well attended and well received.

During 2018, four teams found it necessary to retire. This created a strain on our volunteer reserve pool. However, four new teams were established. Thank you to all who helped find and train the necessary volunteers. Thanks to Marilyn and Sheldon Pettit, Nancy Little and Jackie Sinclair who do the ordering and picking up of the food every week; to Sheila and Doug Ridge who pick up milk twice a week; to Sandi Legarde in the role of relief milkman and to Pauline Smith the volunteer coordinator for their commitment and support of the Breakfast Program here at St. George's. The Breakfast Program wishes to thank St. George's Church for their generous donation of space. St. George's Church along with other members of the community make it possible for the Community Breakfast Program to help the less fortunate in our community.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Veale, Coordinator

Chimers

Our carillon of 23 bells is chimed on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11:30am to 11:50am. It can also be heard before the 10am service on Sundays. They accompany weddings, funerals and parish festivities. This year we were pleased to ring the bells 100 times on November 11th at both Sunday services and at 4:53pm. We are proud to be one of 12 carillons in Canada!!

We rotate monthly for weekly chiming. Who are we? Rose Spraggon, Janet Epp, Paul Waite, Keith Whittingham, and we were pleased to welcome Ian Ellingham this year. Come join us - knowledge of the keyboard is the only prerequisite.

Submitted by Dorothy Dundas

Ecumenical Honourary Assistant

Dear Friends at St. George's, I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for all the love and good times we have shared in 2018. This year has been busier than ever, now that (as you know) I am also the called pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Niagara Falls. I want you to know that my commitments to you at St. George's have not waned, and that I am deeply honoured to be your ecumenical honourary.



What then does this responsibility require of me? It varies from week to week. I still do some visitation, some calling, leading of worship, preaching and prayer. I also make a special effort, because I can seldom be with you on Sunday mornings, to be a part of as many events as possible, so we can be together. I preach at Advent Café services, and share in serving communion. I try my best to be part of Bible and faith related classes, Evensong services, and special events. I partner with Kerstyn Mayberry in the dinner club. I generally attend both staff and parish council meetings, (and put in my two cents worth when appropriate.) I

am a faithful member now of the Krafty Korners knitting group; continuously amazed at not only the knitted items this group produces, but also the incredible wisdom that pours forth from these women! The staff celebrated my birthday in December and I enjoyed many pre-Christmas celebrations. I have also joined the Bishop Beattie Fellowship, as that gives me the opportunity to be with a larger number of St. George's women. I will give a talk on the Church in China in January for the BAC, recalling my four years teaching Hebrew, Greek, and Biblical Interpretation in the premiere seminary there.

Please know that my goal at St. George's is to be of service to you, and of course to grow in faith along with you. My work never tires, because this is such a vibrant and healthy congregation with amazing and talented leadership. Thanks to Martha, Scott, Michael and all the staff. I am pleased beyond measure to be a part of all you do.

Rev. Dr. Doreen McFarlane, Ecumenical Honourary Assistant

St. George's Church Choir

"He who sings prays twice."



The year 2018 was another active one for St. George's Senior Choir. As well as providing anthems, psalms and service music for each Sunday, and for special services in Holy Week and at Christmas, the choir participated in a number of special events including three choral Evensong services which were very well received.

In September, the choir enjoyed its annual "Christmas in September" workshop in the Asbil Lounge, spending the day getting a good head start on learning the music they were going to need at Christmas. Special thanks are due to Lida's Catering from Ina Grafton Village for, once again, providing us with a wonderful Christmas dinner in the Swan Hall to end the day.

In November, the choir (together with a number of friends who came to help out and to enjoy the experience) sang movements from the Requiem by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins for our Remembrance Day service on Sunday, November 11th, marking the 100th anniversary of the first Armistice Day. This was accompanied by Catherine Willard on the organ. It was a memorable Sunday that was enjoyed by all who were present. Special thanks go to Tim White who played The Last Post and Reveille for us, to Tom Johnson for his reading of the Roll of Honour.

On December 16 at 4:00 pm, the choir sang its annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, this year featuring music by John-Luke Addison, Stephen King, John Rutter, Jonathon Willcocks, Gervais Warren, Will Todd and myself. It was very encouraging to see such a good turnout for this service, which gave the choir a boost and made the congregational singing more robust. Thank you for your support, St. George's congregation.

In any choir, members come and members go. This fall we welcomed Ruth Ann Mandley and this year's scholarship student, Zoe Dougherty.

In June, the choir enjoyed its annual spring social at the home of Bill and Myrna Holman. The weather co-operated and everyone had an enjoyable time in their lovely garden. The choir is always ready to welcome new voices. We especially need more tenors and 2nd sopranos. Another good 1st soprano soloist would be very welcome too. Please don't feel that you have to be a trained singer to be a part of the choir. Most good choral singing comes from a blend of very normal voices. Also, music reading, which is an asset, is not essential. Please consider joining us – the audition process is not painful, and we do have a good time together working to fulfil our mission of keeping good choral music alive and well at St. George's. Simply speak to John Butler after a Sunday service, call him at 905-397-4886, or email him at jebutler44@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted by John Butler, Organist and Choirmaster

Sidespeople

Our routine has not changed over the years. The members of the assigned team arrive at St. George's Church half an hour before the service is to begin. Each team member gathers the materials that people will need for the service and goes to a transept door where they welcome the arriving people. They are also available to help with the opening of doors, helping with wheelchairs or walkers, giving directions or answering questions that people may have. During the offertory hymn the Sidespeople aid the Wardens by taking the collection at the side isles. At the end of the service, they help with the clean-up of the pews.

Sidespeople are active and on duty not just at the 10 o'clock service but also at the 8 o'clock and at Evensong. This year, I want to recognize a few people who assist at the 8 o'clock service on a regular basis, Art Rankie,

Arden Rothwell and Dave Bingham. Many members of our congregation may not be aware that these people are quietly assuming the duties and responsibilities of a Sidesperson at this early service on a regular basis. Our thanks and appreciation go out to this faithful group.

I want to thank all of our Sidespeople for your encouragement, cooperation and dedication throughout 2018. The willingness and support all of these people demonstrate leaves me confident that we are a congregation of kind and thoughtful people. It is a privilege to be a part of this enthusiastic and eager group.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Pettit

Labyrinth Walking Group

St. George's labyrinth is made available for personal meditation and reflection. Except for June through August and in December, labyrinth walks are presented on the last Saturday morning of each month from 9:30am. to noon in the Luxton Gymnasium. If the weather permits, the May and September events are held at the outdoor labyrinth of the St. Catharines General Hospital. A labyrinth walk in the outdoors with the sounds of nature all around is a truly unique experience.

Anyone wishing to walk the labyrinth does not need to have previous experience. The leader of the session will gladly give you a few pointers to get you started and you will then be able to partake in a walk with confidence. You also do not have to attend for an entire Saturday morning. You may come and leave at times that suit your schedule.

Our church makes this meditation option available for our parishioners and for people throughout our region. The members of the committee encourage you to take advantage of the relaxation and mental calming the labyrinth can provide.

We hope to welcome you to a Saturday morning labyrinth walk in 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Wilton-Duncan and Jim Jenter, Chairpersons

St. George's Golf Day Event

Our 15th annual golf day was held on Monday June 4th at Beechwood Golf and Country Club. This year we had 43 golfers and 19 additional people attending for dinner. It was a great day of fun and fellowship plus a few good golf shots. The golf day is both a fun day and a fundraiser for the church. This year the event raised about \$2,600 for the church's special projects budget.

The golf day event only works through the generosity of both companies and individuals who give either cash donations or prizes to be used as door and draw prizes. We have started planning for 2019 already. The golf day next year will be at Beechwood again on Monday June 3rd. There will be both a 9-hole division and an 18-hole division. Please mark it on your calendar. If you enjoyed it last year, please encourage others to come next year. We want to continue to grow this event as a day of fellowship and fundraising for the church.

Submitted by Vic Cicci and Paul Chapman, Golf Day Co-Chairs

Souper Bowl Sundays

Soup Sunday was first held in February of 2006 in conjunction with our annual Vestry Meeting. It was also Super Bowl Sunday and hence the title.

Soup Sundays are held once a month from October through April. In the month of May, we have a pot luck lunch and taste test at least 12 birthday cakes (sometimes as many as 18-20). Financial donations are requested at Soup Sundays and in 2018, donations amounted to over \$3,000. All donations are given to the Church for special programs. All soups, breads and supplies needed for Soup Sundays are donated. We want

to express a very warm and sincere thank you to all our soup, chili and bread makers – we could not hold this event without you!!!

We are now averaging about 160 people attending Soup Sundays. We serve excellent soups, amazing chilis and wonderful homemade breads. Soup Sundays provide a strong sense of a welcoming community to those who are new to the Church as well as those who have come many times. We really enjoy all the wonderful comments and suggestions.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said it best; "Cooking is not about being the best or most perfect cook, but rather about sharing the table with family and friends."

Since its inception, we have heard many positive comments about the soups served with requests for recipes. As a result, we now have three volumes of soup cookbooks. Our third volume also includes some salad, casseroles and dessert recipes. These are available for sale for only \$10 per volume at Soup Sundays or by contacting Sue Chapman. In 2018, cookbook sales netted over \$200. The sale of the soup cookbooks has netted the Church over \$2,250.

WE WANT YOU!!! Each Soup Sunday now needs about 15 volunteer soup makers. If you would like to make a soup, some chili or some bread, please call Sue Chapman at 905-937-7170 or contact her by email at chapman6467@yahoo.ca or Lydia Gallaway at 905-934-4816 or email at dgallaway1@cogeco.ca

Please join us on a Souper Sunday and enjoy the tastes of a variety of soups, chilis and breads. See you there.

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Chapman and Lydia Gallaway, Soup Sunday Co-Convenors

Community Dinners

The Community Dinner Program started at Grace Anglican Church in May of 2014. When Grace joined St George's in early 2017, an attempt was made to continue the monthly program. The increase in numbers of guests at a downtown parish was overwhelming to the small group of volunteers. Canon Michael invited anyone interested in rebooting the community dinner program to meet on April 30, 2018. The Community Dinners were reborn at that meeting!

With a mix of those who brought the experience of previous dinners and those desiring to serve in a new way, we provided healthy dinners on the 4th Wednesday of the month for 6 months starting in May. With over 25 volunteers who offered their time and talent over the six months, we joyfully served over 625 people.

The dual purpose behind these dinners was to build community while providing a healthy dinner to those whose budgets are tight as month's end approaches. Many wanted to support this initiative. We had members of our Youth Group setting up tables, Harriet's Heroes from Harriet Tubman school, setting up tables and chopping vegetables for salad, a cash donation from Zehrs that helped with our costs, fruit donated in September and October, chocolate bars, a donation of pork tenderloin from the Niagara on the Lake Rotary Club and finally so many homemade desserts from the caring community here at St George's.

Proceeds from the Spring Fling, along with donations from many individuals, funded the program. The sense of community that grew among the volunteers spilled over to the guests, creating a pleasant dinner experience. We will return in the spring of 2019 to build on the relationships which we established this year. We would love for others to join the fun!

Respectfully submitted by Ann Koppel and Rev. Canon Dr Michael Mondloch

Ad Hoc Finance Committee

The Ad Hoc Finance Committee's mandate is to advise Corporation and Parish Council when requested and to monitor the financial status of St. George's investments.

No matters were referred to the Committee in the past year.

The Committee monitored the investment activity of our accounts held by the Diocese throughout the year. This year St. George's can draw on our investments to support our ministry. In 2018, the rate of return to the end of October on our investments was approximately 6.1%. The return this year is good, but the investments are subject to market forces. St. George's investments, with careful management and monitoring, should be available to support parish programs for the future.

I would like to thank our committee members Maureen Hempel, Marilyn Pettit, Corwin Cambray, Wes Gray, Fred Hanam, James Little, Jim Jenter and Canon Martha for their valuable input and support.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Chapman, Chair

Week Day Services

In our minds, a week day service on Wednesday or Thursday at 12:10pm is reminiscent of what early Christian services would have been like: small groups worshipping together on a regular basis. This practice has been going on in our church family for at least two generations. We continue to find peace, inspiration and spiritual uplift. The core is the celebration of the Eucharist, but there is also a chance to discuss the scriptures, pray and meet and interact with regular members and also new people who drop in to see what these services are all about.

The services offer a chance to renew one's spiritual batteries in the middle of the week; in the intimate and quiet setting of All Saints Chapel. Hopefully you will be able to join us.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Owens

Gentle Chair Yoga

It has been an interesting year for our chair yoga group. It began with a small handful of parishioners meeting on Monday mornings at 9:30 am. Interest in the group has allowed it to expand to include others from outside the congregation. It is a free will offering class and requires no yoga experience.

Our practice allows for participants with limitations such as poor balance, knee and hip issues and limited range of motion, to practice in a safe and supportive environment. Our free will contributions contributed \$600 to the general funds in 2018. Our classes continue through to the end of May. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted by Brier Colburn

Prayer Chain

This year the members of the prayer chain group faithfully prayed in their own homes daily for each of those who themselves (or by means of a friend or family member) had requested prayer for healing or for an improvement in their situation.

The group consists of 8 to 12 members, who inform each other by means of a phone chain each time a new need for prayer arises. The group gathers on the last Sunday of every month in the Transept, following the 10 am service. This meeting begins and ends in prayer, and provides the opportunity for members to check their prayer lists and add or remove any names.

This dynamic group's goal is to serve the people of St. George's through caring and prayer. Many prayers have resulted in good news this past year, and it is hoped that all who are prayed for will know the people of our

church care deeply for them and ask God on their behalf for comfort and healing according to God's will.

Respectfully submitted, Doreen McFarlane and Rose Spraggon

Columbarium

A total of three single units and one double unit were purchased last year. Because the columbarium was without double niches for a short period, in some cases two singles had been purchased in their place. With the addition of a new bank of units it was possible to make the adjustment to the original size of choice. Prices for the units remain the same: \$1500 and \$3000 for a single and double size respectively.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Arnedt, Chair

Spring Frolic

Mj and I would like to thank everyone who was able to help with this event on Saturday June 23rd, 2018 from 10am until 2pm. We had 21 vendors at this event where the vendor paid a fee to participate in this event. We had a variety of vendors including jewelry, doggie clothes, Scentsy, Tupperware, and others including our own Krafty Korner and ACW Dorcas. We also ran a BBQ and penny sale and a small bake table during the day.

After all expenses were paid, we donated \$1000.00 to the Monthly Community Dinner fund at the church that runs on the 4th Wednesday of the month from May until October. We are planning on holding another Spring Frolic as many of our vendors enjoy coming to our church and selling their wares. The Frolic also supports local businesses in the area. We hope to raise more money to help outreach at St George's.

If you are interested in helping out in June, please feel free to contact one of us. We would love to have as many people as we can to help and advertise this event.

Thanks and God Bless, Lani Hildebrandt and MJ Schmidt, Co-ordinators

St. George's Revive Program



Last August I received an invitation to be one of twelve parishioners to participate in the new program created by the Reverend Canon Dawn Davis called Revive. All too often we perform our many aspects of volunteer work around the church thinking that we are fulfilled but the question arises: Have we put God in the background?

Revive is a program that invites you to deepen your relationship with God and builds your confidence in that relationship. It is made up of an opening and closing day long retreat and three six-week sessions, all under the guidance of Canon Martha Tatarnic and Canon Dr. Michael Mondloch. We were fortunate to have Canon Dawn Davis with us at the opening retreat. She was able to give us an overview of the program and start us on our way.

As a group we have completed the first session about communicating with God through prayer. We learned ten prayer practices, some quite simple, others more complicated and perhaps one or two that might seem bizarre to you but that's alright. We learned very quickly in this program that although we were asked to step out of our comfort zones occasionally, in the end, the choice is yours and be prepared: you might even have a WOW moment.

We eagerly await our next two sessions which delve into learning how to use the Bible for spiritual formation and maturing and deepening our faith.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Cunningham

Property Management



There were no major projects undertaken during the past year, however we were able to carry out three items of improvement to our buildings which have been needed for some time, but which have been deferred in the past to make way for more urgent work. All three were included in the budget for the year 2018, and all three were contracted out. They were as follows:

- The construction of a retaining wall along the fence line between the Folk Arts Centre and St. Georges, beside the Link. Unfortunately, most of the plants in the memorial garden now protected by this wall had to be removed during the construction and must now be replaced: this has been included in our budget for the coming year.
- The removal of the remaining six wooden framed windows in the church basement, and their replacement with solid glass block units. These will now let in more light while eliminating the risks of breakage and moisture intrusion.
- The removal of the old electrical distribution panel in Lower Broughall Hall and its replacement with an up-to-date panel now meeting all modern code requirements. This panel feeds everything in the church hall and had needed replacing for some time.

As a result of increasing concerns for the security not only of our congregation, our volunteers and our buildings, but also of all those who visit and make use of our facilities, Parish Council and The Corporation approved, during the past year, the purchase and installation of video cameras covering both the upper and lower parking lots at the rear of the parish hall, as well as the pathway along the west side of the church and church hall. This was not included in the budget for 2018, and the decision to proceed was taken only after much debate and soul searching. During the past year Parish Council also approved the installation of additional lighting for both parking lots, half the cost of which was contributed by Algoma Corporation.

One other item not included in the budget for 2018 was the replacement of the furnace servicing the Swan Auditorium and the lower level washrooms. This was one of the nine units installed in 2002, and its failure was a surprise as we have been hoping for at least twenty years service from them. We continue to hope, but must plan for their eventual replacement.

It has become increasingly difficult for volunteers from our congregation to keep up with the removal of the very invasive weeds from the gardens in front of the church; accordingly, our Corporation was asked to approve the hiring of a student from the School of Horticulture for up to six or eight hours per week during the latter part of last year. Approval was also sought and granted for the hiring of a lawn maintenance company to regularly treat our front lawns with weed control and fertilizer. Both appear to have been successful, and for a reasonable cost: both have been included in the budget for the coming year. During 2018, the Corporation also approved the hiring of Service Master to apply a heavy duty wax finish to the terrazzo floors in the church hall: Service Master have claimed a life of at least three years for this product, which, if borne out by experience, should reduce the annual cost of maintaining these floors.

All routine annual inspections of our Fire Alarm and Security systems, and the Elevator, were carried out as required: licenses, certification and insurance are in place. Regular maintenance of our heating and cooling systems was carried out as contracted.

Volunteer work continued during the past year, although perhaps at a somewhat lower intensity by comparison with past years. The Grace Meeting Room was completed and the corridors all the way out to the Link were repainted. With the help of our Organist and Choir Master, John Butler, the Eric Dowling Memorial Library in the Church basement was cleaned, refurbished and painted. Upon the disestablishment of St. George's, Homer, we were offered the large white cross and lettering which had for many years graced the exterior wall of that Church: these were carefully removed and brought here to our St. George's, where they were remounted on the rear wall of the Parish Hall overlooking the upper parking lot.

And finally, additional floodlighting was provided on either side of the Nave to give added nighttime security around the church. As always, I am much indebted to those who continue to make the Property Manager's job at St. George's not only easier but possible; in particular, I thank Sheldon Pettit and George Novis for their unfailing support. Thanks also to our Caretaker, Johan Braun, who is always willing to assist when needed.

Lastly, much of what property management entails needs to be coordinated with other activities within our church family, and I am extremely grateful for the cooperation I receive in this regard, not only from our Rector, Martha, but also from our Administrative Assistant, Linda Telega, and our Treasurer, Jim Jenter.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Streadwick, Property Manager

Stewardship Committee

We are pleased to report that congregational support for the many programs at St. George's continues to grow.

This fall we conducted another successful Joyful Giving Campaign thanks to the team of 38 Route Managers who helped make sure that over 200 families received their Joyful Giving packages. Additional parishioners were reached by personal visits or by mailings. The resulting pledges represented an increase of \$16,000 from the prior year. In addition, another \$45,000 was pledged to the Building Fund to help cover the costs of ongoing maintenance to our beautiful church.

A number of people expressed interest in deepening their commitment to St. George's by pledging their time and talent to support the worship activities or to join one of the many groups that enrich our parish life.

Thank you to our Stewardship Committee members who plan and support the Joyful Giving Campaign as well as our thank you campaign and the Newcomer welcome reception.

Submitted on behalf of Co-Chairs Cathy Krotky and Nora Jenter.

Visitor Team

The visitor group works in conjunction with the clergy to ensure that all members of our parish who are unable to attend regularly scheduled worship services receive, at their discretion, a personal visit at their residence or in hospital. Our goal is to share the spirit and fellowship that we all enjoy as members of the St. George's family. They respond to requests from Clergy or parishioners for visits to private homes, hospitals and long-term care facilities. All visits are kept in confidence.

Hospital visitation is usually done on the Monday or Tuesday of the week by one of the six members of the hospital visiting team. Hospital visits can be as short as five minutes or extend to half an hour or more depending on our parishioner's wish. Each visitor is required to have a police check and hospital visitors must attend an orientation meeting and tour at each of the two hospitals that we visit, Niagara Health System, St. Catharines Site and Hotel Dieu Shaver before they receive their access cards to the hospital.

Home visits are scheduled at the convenience of the parishioner to be visited and the visitor. The frequency as well as the length of the visit also depends on what the parishioner would like. Some of these visits may be as short as half an hour while others may extend to two or more hours. Currently, we have fifteen visitors who visit forty people on a monthly basis but this number can and often does fluctuate as we are asked to add other names to our list.

Communion Services are provided at Linhaven and Ina Grafton by our clergy for all the residents. For parishioners who cannot get to a service and want to have Communion, it is taken to them by members of the Visitors Group or by the Clergy.

I want to extend a huge thank you to all of our St. George's visitors who have volunteered their time and energy so freely and selflessly throughout 2018. It is appreciated by the people we visit and by the clergy. THANK YOU, team.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Pettit

Advent Café and Sermon Series

Advent Cafe is a religious service held on Wednesday evenings throughout the year. It is a non-traditional style of worship but still with an Anglican core and a variety of musical styles to support the service. Over the past

year members of the congregation have been invited to do a short “sermon” as part of the service. This provides a variety of perspectives on the topic of the evening. In the past year we have had two members of our Youth Group preach, members of our musical presenters and an assortment of new and “older” members of the congregation. Attendance has averaged about 25 to 30 people per night. This year was the first baptism at Advent Café which is indeed a sign of the depth of the service.

The service is normally followed by a bible study group of up to about 15 people who discuss the readings and the sermon of the evening. This small group discussion is normally lead by Reverend Martha or the preacher for the evening. It provides an opportunity for life long Anglicans and people who are exploring their faith an opportunity to share their views on the topics.

If you simply want to refresh your faith or deepen your faith, the small group discussion format provides that opportunity. The discussions are wide ranging and sometimes controversial. People speak of it as extremely rewarding, adding to their knowledge of the Bible and of Jesus and helpful in understanding their own beliefs and actions.

For a stimulating evening of non-traditional worship and some very informative discussion, come and join the group. You may become hooked on it. Come and see.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Chapman

Refugee Committee

2018 was a very exciting year for the refugee committee. After waiting since 2016, two years later the family finally had their interview with Immigration in February of 2018, and then arrived in June of 2018. During that period there were several ups and downs with preparations and fundraising, changes of roles and volunteers on the committee, but overall, we were prepared and felt we were more or less ready.

This is in no small part to the generosity of the community of St. George's, St. Thomas', Holy Trinity, Welland, and Quest Christian Community. Our fundraising had gone well, and we were in a very good position to start the settlement work with the family when they arrived. And yet, at the same time, nothing could really prepare us for the journey ahead. Through the great generosity and hard work of the members of the committee and of Wendy Northcote, we had a home for the family to start off in, knowing it would not be their permanent home. It was at least a place to land.

All of the necessary work of getting them enrolled in ESL, getting them connected with the medical system (GP, Eyes, Dentist, etc.), and settlement agencies (Folk Arts, YMCA, St. John's learning centre) was undertaken right away. We have been helping them in searching for employment, and in the later half of this fall, we helped them move into separate apartments, which had been a dream for them, during their 5 year wait as refugees in Turkey.

The work of supporting the family has been a continuation of all of these things, ensuring that appointments are made and kept, classes being attended, and issues being addressed. It has not all been a smooth and easy road, and the family has a long journey ahead of them as they continue to adjust to life in Canada, but things look hopeful, and they have regained their self determination, and self-sufficiency. They are permanent residents of Canada now.

Our goal for the coming months is to prepare them for the time when the sponsorship comes to an end in June of 2019. Because of some of the unexpected and hard to foresee costs, especially around the dental needs, we will be engaging in some more fundraising to help meet these needs.

Lastly, special thanks are given to Sue Arnedt for her work on the committee. Sue felt she had to step down as chair, and leave the committee for health related reasons. Our thanks to her for hard work and dedication in supporting the family.

Also thanks to Katrina Paradise, who also had to step down from the committee, and Carol Thomas for her hard work in supporting the family.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Refugee Committee (Niagara Refugee Cooperative),

The Reverend Scott McLeod

Director of Youth Music/Ministry Development Worker

The George Express Youth Choir



Our youth choir was – as always – a joy to work with as we prepared for the regular youth liturgies and special events throughout the year, sometimes performing as a group, sometimes showcasing the skills of a duet, or solo performer. The young singers of our parish have been working on increasingly challenging music this year, adding more difficult harmonies, and – on occasions when they were invited to sing with John Butler's choir – practising their ability to 'hold their own' against another group which sings different lines of music. Each child in our choir takes turns singing the melody and

harmony, so that they can sharpen their musical skills.

While some of our kids take private music lessons, others do not. It is utterly thrilling to see how those who have more musical training act as helpers and strong encouragers of those who have less experience. Week after week these children gather together and uplift one another. They are to be commended for their kindness.

In the spring, the children worked hard on their musical, *Once Upon a Parable*, by Tom Long and Allen Pote. The youth worked diligently on their memorization of music and stage directions, gaining increased confidence and performing skills. Final performances took place on June 2nd and 3rd. Costumes were put together by the gifted Rilla Carpenter (grandma to two of our young singers), and Gayle Neufeld and John Butler took turns accompanying for the final performances. The stories of our Lord, as shared through the mouths of our youth, moved many hearts. In the words of Heather Sloan, "What an awesome performance this morning! Our youth choir is so, so talented! Well done everyone. You really know how to tell the story of Jesus' journey!"

In the fall, our young singers enhanced the Christmas Bazaar event with their cheerful voices. Working diligently throughout the autumn months, they shared a stunningly beautiful collection of traditional and modern songs in their December 16th Christmas concert. Their year of hard work ended when they joined their voices with The Krehbiel Chorale at the 4:00 service on Christmas Eve, to celebrate Christ's birth.

Advent Cafe

In 2018 we said goodbye to our faithful and talented performer, Kat Kerley, who is embarking on a new journey at another parish. We saw, too, the introduction of a couple of new faces to our Wednesday evening line-up of musicians (Sydney Cornett, and Emma Bishop), along with the participation of some familiar musicians who operated in a slightly different capacity (Catherine Willard changed her Sunday morning organ shoes in order to play keyboard for a couple of our midweek services, while Stephanie Wilton-Duncan, who periodically plays flute for services, took much time to thoughtfully plan out the Taizé services at which Rev. Martha sang). Our regular contributors: Infinitely More, Tracadie Cross, The Krehbiel Chorale, Gary Mus, Sarah Kukoly, and Kyla Paul, blessed us so greatly with their gifts of time, talent, and grace. We are especially grateful for Brian Kerley's quick offer to step in and fill the gap left by Kat.

The Krehbiel Chorale

This dedicated group of singers gathered weekly to rehearse in preparation for leading the music in Advent Café and Evensong services, where we have been joined in song with some other talented guest musicians (Rose Spraggon, Nancy Secord, Stephanie Wilton-Duncan, Sarah Kukoly, Gary Mus, Evan Dim, and Kyla Paul). In addition to the musical leadership offered in services, our keen musicians shared their joyful song at the Christmas Bazaar, and also the Family service on Christmas Eve.

Confirmation Class

This year's group of students (Cassady, Elijah, Ingrid, Liz, and Marin), embarked on a months-long journey of spiritual discovery this spring. Learning Biblical precepts, and sharing our own stories of growth, we worked through key concepts found in the Christian path. The season of learning culminated with a weekend retreat: a picnic at Burgoyne Woods, and an 'en plein air' art lesson with abstract artist, Sandy Rasmussen.

"Camp George" Vacation Bible School (in conjunction with Tanya Schleich)

Last summer our VBS group spent time addressing our understanding of our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Daily learning stories cherished by certain Indigenous groups, we thought about their connection to the land, also considering how our own Bible contains stories of those who connected to God while out in nature (e.g. Elijah and the Ravens, Jesus and the wilderness). We learned some indigenous songs, which introduced new concepts to us, such as songs without time signatures, percussive – rather than melodic – accompaniment, and vocables (syllables that don't translate to a specific word). This camp could never have been run without the volunteers that Tanya and I had. Linda Telega was our saving angel, and our morning helpers consisted of Devon Culp, Jaia Konik, and Catherine Bovaird (adults), Caleb, Elijah, Bethany, Malcolm, and Suus (youth). In the afternoons Tanya was aided by Rachel, Andrea, Katie, and Jacob. She and I are deeply grateful for the help of our volunteers.

Respectfully submitted by Mari Shantz, Youth Music Director & Ministry Development Worker

Children/Youth Ministry



Sunday School/Nursery

Our Sunday school program has been very busy this past year. In addition to our regular Sunday learning we are involved in a Tuesday evening children's program, "Parables & Play", Vacation Bible school, PD Day programming and our Communion classes.

Communion Classes:

Some of our Sunday school children participated in Communion learning classes, followed by receiving Communion. Some children received First Communion, whereas, others have already been receiving and one child wasn't ready to receive, however wanted to learn about it.

We had 7 children participate.

Parables & Play:

Tuesday evenings during the adult Bible study, we provide programming for children ages 4-10. We learn a Parable in a fun and interactive way. We paint, colour, crafts, sensory play, skits etc. This is a fun and interactive way to learn the wonderful messages behind Jesus's parables. New children always welcome.

Vacation Bible School: (Camp George)

This past Summer we had a very large group of children and youth attend VBS. We had ages between 4-14,

along with some wonderful youth and adult volunteers. We had 20-30 daily.

It was a fun and busy week. We will be making some changes to our Vacation Bible School programming this Summer, in order to attempt perfection.

PD Day Programming:

We had our first PD Day program last June, followed by another one in November 2018. Our first theme was The Lord's Prayer and our second theme was Noah's Ark. We had high numbers in June, 15 children, and quieter in November, 7 children enrolled. Overall, this program has been a success. We provide learning, fun, activities, exercise and much more!

Nursery

Nursery has been going strong, 3-7 young ones typically on a Sunday morning.

Maundy Thursday:

We provided a full day learning program on Maundy Thursday last year to replace Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday landed on Valentine's day so we decided to switch it up.

On Maundy Thursday we had around 15 children/youth attend. They came to St. George's rather than school for the day. We learned all about Maundy Thursday, and attended the afternoon foot washing service. Our day was filled with learning and fun.

Youth Group

Our youth group has definitely grown and our youth are creating relationships among one and another and are becoming great friends.

On average we have 8-16 youth per event. This is wonderful! The group meets monthly on a Tuesday evening for pizza and fellowship. They also meet monthly for an outing or special event. We had lots of fun in 2018. We went to WE DAY, rock climbing, virtual reality outing, hiking and sight-seeing at Crawford Lake, movie nights, Halloween party, gaming events, Ice cream and park play. Great times!

Our youth are also involved in running an annual car wash in June to raise money for the Pikangikum Water Project. They raised close to \$400.00 in two hours. They also, provide activities for the children at the Welcome BBQ in September. They are also helping out around the church in different capacities, video-taping, nursery helpers, Sunday School help, Parables and Play volunteers, serving, and much more.

Our youth are hosting the very first Games, Grub and Fellowship this January, which will allow the Congregation to take some time to sit and play games with the youth of our church. Our youth are very excited for the year ahead to meet together, go on outings and create stronger bonds with one another.

Respectfully submitted by Tanya Schleich (Children and Youth Ministry)

Historical Tours of St. George's

The rich history, traditions and treasures of St. George's drew many visitors for a close up look at the architecture, artifacts and works of art presented in tours hosted by our dedicated volunteers. Tours are organized for special events such as the Newcomers Wine & Cheese, Welcome Weekend and Neighbourhood BBQ and Open Doors Niagara.

Of particular interest this year was the restoration work completed on our church pipe organ which has served faithfully for many decades, providing rich musical accompaniment for our excellent senior choir. Visitors are amazed at the beauty of St. George's and the diversity of outreach activities our parish family supports.

Our tour guides this year included Eric Crawford, Tom Owens, Jim Streadwick and myself.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Duggan

Krafty Korners

On Tuesdays from 10am to 2pm, you will find 15 women busy in the Asbil lounge. All are producing articles for the far north - many boxes are packed with prayer shawls, afghans, clothing, personal articles, to go next year to 29 aboriginal communities near James Bay.

We also knit pneumonia vests - have sent 3,042 since 2012 with missionaries Dr. and Mrs. Taylor for India. These keep pneumonia from affecting children during the cold nights. Knitting cotton dish clothes is another project. Twice yearly sales have raised \$2200 since 2014. All proceeds go to the Pikangicum Water Project. We thank many volunteers who assist us to fulfill our mandate - "Outreach".

Bring a bag lunch and join us - tea and coffee are provided. We're a Happy Gang!!!

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Dundas

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are eight women working to make our Prayer Shawl Ministry a success. Some are experienced knitters and others not; but it doesn't matter: all the shawls are lovely and blessed by prayers at each meeting and finally blessed by the laying on of hands and prayers by Reverends Martha, Scott or Michael.

We meet every third Thursday of the month in the Asbil Lounge from 1 to 3 pm. New members are always welcome. It takes many hours to complete a shawl; but we believe this to be an important ministry and also a time for great fellowship.

Prayer shawls are for people in need: illness, grief, pain, loss, things that make life so difficult. If the need arises, please call the church and they'll contact me. We want to help. It was less than two years ago that I started this ministry at St. George's and we have gifted over two dozen shawls to the people of St. George's and to others in need.

Respectfully submitted, Evangeline Horton

Servers

St. George's Servers Group includes Lay Readers, Crucifers and Altar Servers, comprising a group dedicated to serving and supporting our clergy in the celebration of most holy church services. We are a diverse group who thoroughly enjoy our close association in the work we are called to do in the service of our Lord and Saviour. Recently our ranks have been swelling due to the very positive response of parishioners to our Joyful Giving Campaign who seek rewarding work and friendship as part of a dedicated team. Youth and adults who are interested in joining the team are encouraged to contact the church office. Training will be provided.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Duggan

Counting Team

The Counting Team was formed in 1987 to assist the Wardens with the counting the weekly offerings and thus relieve them of this time-consuming duty over most of the year. Prior to 1987, the Wardens were entirely responsible for opening the envelopes and counting the collection. This usually meant that two of our Wardens spent most of each Sunday morning counting.

At this time, I would like to welcome Diane Chisholm, Janet Veale and Chuck Burke as new members to the team. A HUGE "Thank You" to Bill Hull for his many years of faithful service. In addition, a note of appreciation to Cathy Krotky for her help...she is welcome back anytime!

Respectfully submitted by Joe Steinman

Parish Council

Parish Council oversees all the activities at St. George's Church through its review and approval of the monthly financial statements prepared by the Treasurer, Jim Jenter. 2018 ended with a small deficit of \$4,700. The proposed 2019 budget will be reviewed by Parish Council with a recommendation to Vestry.

A variety of leaders made presentations to Council throughout the year. These included Tanya Schleich on youth development, the new Faith Formation Director the Rev. Canon Dr. Dawn Davis, and the Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Mondloch the Social Justice, Community Engagement and Outreach Co-ordinator for the Greater St. Catharines area. His other half-time position is at St. George's as an Associate Priest.

The Joyful Giving Campaign was reviewed along with the informative 2019 Narrative Budget. The resulting campaign was successful in receiving pledges totalling over \$400,000, in addition to many offers of time and talent.

Other activities on the Parish Council Agenda included:

- initiating a Sunday morning parking lot usher program under the leadership of George Novis, Rector's Warden
- supporting the continuation of Out of the Cold at St. George's
- the John Sands' concert
- various building maintenance and security projects

The voting members of Parish Council are the Wardens, immediate past Wardens, Synod Delegates, Chairs of the Stewardship, Communication and Finance Committees, Property Manager, Parent Delegate, Youth Delegate, and two members-at-large. Parish Council is chaired by Rector Martha.

Meeting dates are printed in the Bulletin. Meetings are open to all members of the congregation. The new Parish Council will be established at Vestry.

Respectfully submitted by Corwin T. Cambray, Synod Delegate

Anglican Church Women (ACW Dorcas)

This year, the ACW group kept busy with a variety of creative activities to support community outreach:

- participated in the Spring Frolic and Christmas Bazaar
- organized and collected donations for our annual Baby Shower to support new mothers through Community Care. Value of donations this year totalled approximately \$8,000 in baby items and cash
- 16 quilts were made and given to various charities
- made and donated one afghan for the Bazaar raffle
- held an afghan raffle and sold some baby items and quilts
- donated \$250 to the breakfast program

ALL proceeds from raffles and sales are used for supplies and outreach activities.

Call for volunteers: Our 2019 Baby Shower event takes place on Tuesday, May 14th at 1pm. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Evelyn Thompson to find out more.

Respectfully submitted, Evelyn Thompson

Water Project

St. George's has been involved in raising money for the Pikangikum Water Project for the past four years. The following report details the work that has been done because of a whole network of parishes like ours who have chosen to give generously for the gift of water:

Pikangikum Water Project -- Annual Report for the Year of 2018

As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. — James 5:11

When we started our work, the response to our desire to be involved in seeking clean water solutions in Indigenous communities was, "That's really important, but we can't do that. That is the government's job." But the government was not doing that job.

Every time that our network of communities has met around our shared desire to participate in this Water Project, Bishop Mark MacDonald has led us in Gospel-based discipleship. Again and again, our reflections together remind us that it is our relationship with God and the law of compassion which has the highest authority in our lives.

Our trust in the guiding of God's Spirit has allowed us, over the course of the last six years, to find our way into this work, to develop a relationship with the leadership of Pikangikum, Ontario, and to work toward the concrete goal of clean running water in Pikangikum homes.

Our work has, to date, allowed 24 homes to receive clean water. With up to ten people per home, this is a difference in the lives of upwards of 240 of Pikangikum's most vulnerable people. The plan in 2018, spring/summer, is for Phase 3 of this work to retrofit ten more homes with running water, and these homes are now being funded from the federal government's willingness to match some of the funds we had previously raised.

To our group, this feels nothing short of miraculous: our perseverance in this work, despite this work being the responsibility of the government, has in some small measure led the way for the government to now respond.

Looking back on 2018 and forward to what God has in store for this work, we offer in this annual report three sections: 1) Where have we been? 2) Where are we now? 3) Where are we going?

1. Where have we been?

The timeline on the following page offers a visual break-down of our work with Pikangikum.

2. Where are we now?

\$525,000 has already been raised and spent on our work. As of the end of November, a balance of \$334 has since come in through PWRDF toward this work (this number does not include donations from Advent Conspiracy 2018). PWRDF has indicated commitment to a Phase 4 Water Project in Pikangikum, although they would like to explore whether there are some new technologies or new methodologies that might expand the impact and effectiveness of our work.

Conversations around Phase 4 are very preliminary right now. Our total fundraising since the beginning of our work is near \$900,000. What an incredible thing to celebrate and for which to give thanks!

3. Where are we going?

PWRDF is involved in a number of projects across Canada with Indigenous ministries, including language reclamation, suicide prevention, midwifery, and strengthening relationships with ACIP (Anglican Council of

Indigenous Persons). We would like to strengthen the communication between us and PWRDF so that we can be part of sharing in the stories of truth and reconciliation happening across our country and through our church.

Pimatisiwin Nipi, the network of congregations and community groups across Canada who have come together to initiate and support the Water Project, continues to meet and provide direction. We feel a strong sense of responsibility to see the work through with Pikangikum as far as we possibly can. We have always said that this is a pilot project and that we see our work eventually expanding into other communities.

But approximately 400 houses still need water in Pikangikum, and our work feels far from over. Passion for, and commitment to this relationship and work with Pikangikum is growing every year, and donations, interest, and compassion from faithful people all across our country continues to pour in. At the same time, we understand with PWRDF that there are other important aspects of our work that we might build upon going forward. Advocacy has been a big part of getting the federal government involved in water in Pikangikum, and ultimately it is our hope and expectation that lasting and widespread change in terms of addressing water in Indigenous communities will need to come from the federal government.

We have also been heartened by the way in which the Water Project has enabled youth leadership training in Pikangikum, and how those skills have been transferrable into aiding other Indigenous communities too. It could also make a lot of sense to invest some of our funds in studying better and newer engineering possibilities for clean water in the community. 2019 will see us enter into conversations about how some of these other priorities might build upon and expand our work with Pikangikum.

PIMATISIWIN NIPI

Living Water

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Seeing the systemic failure to respond to the living condition in Indigenous communities, violation of human rights and the alarmingly high rate of Youth Suicide, the question being asked was, What can we do? Bishop Mark MacDonald establishes Pimatisiwin Nipi around four pillars of Advocacy, Partnership, Education & Strategic Giving.

FALL 2011

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

- The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, PWRDF, joins the group
- Pilot Project: Five churches commit to raise funds through Advent Conspiracy for Water for Indigenous communities in need. Approximately \$18,000 is raised that first Advent.

WINTER 2012

PHASE 1

- Churches and community groups across Canada begin to commit to the project.
- Because of these commitments, PWRDF contributes \$100,000 to Phase I of the Pikangikum Water Project.
- The networks of Pimatisiwin Nipi now must raise the \$100,000 committed.
- Phase 1 of the Pikangikum Water Project begins with implementing partner Frontier Foundations to install clean running water and waste water removal systems in 10 Pikangikum homes.
- Across Canada, people choose to give differently by joining the Advent Conspiracy and giving the gift of water to their loved ones.
- We reach our \$100,000 target through the generosity of Advent Conspiracy!

2013

CONTINUED

- There is continued support through the year for the Water Project.
- November 2014 the power grid of Pikangikum reaches its capacity, bringing our work on the Water Project to a temporary halt.

2014

PHASE 2

- PWRDF enters a partnership with Habitat for Humanity Manitoba for the next ten homes in Pikangikum.
- The community has identified the most vulnerable people so that they will be the ones to receive these new water systems.
- In the 12 priorities identified by Pikangikum for Pikangikum, Water was the second priority. The first priority was to get a new school. That new school opened and held its first Christmas Concert to a packed house.

2016

TRAINING

- Phase 2 is completed, with 10 more homes receiving running water and waste water removal capabilities in their homes. Upgrades have been made to the systems we are using since Phase 1, with water tanks in the homes now holding twice the capacity of water from what was used in 2013.
- Five young people from Pikangikum are being trained in carpentry, plumbing and electricity skills. These young people, PWRDF reports, are now expressing "interest in being involved in other community programs that the Band Council at this remote Northern Ontario First Nation community might initiate in the future."
- Work to connect Pikangikum to the Ontario power grid begins.

2017

MATCH FUNDS

- Federal government agrees to "match funds" for water in Pikangikum.
- Connection to the power grid is completed and Pikangikum is energized.

2018

MOVING FORWARD

- Pikangikum Council is planning for another 15 homes to receive water.
- Money continues to be given from all across Canada to this work in Pikangikum and to other communities in need.

2019

Bob White, Chair of PWG, reflecting on a visit to Pikangikum with [Former] National Chief Sean Atleo: "To see the happiness in the faces of the family getting hot and cold running water made my day. Also to see the actual work being done was gratifying. You guys have done amazing work in convincing the people you work with to reach out and lend a hand of support. The National Chief remarked that he saw the dignity returned to the family, the 4 generations living in that house. Keep up the great work. This was possible because of you and the thousands of Anglicans that know that through love a better world is possible."

IN MEMORY OF
Major the Reverend Canon Robert Joseph Fead
November 27, 1963 - April 30, 2018



Rector at St. George's Anglican Church
2004 – 2013

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my Joy may be in you, and that your Joy may be complete. (John 15:9-11)

Save the Date

Friday April 26th, 2019 at 6 pm

*Plan to join us for a night of Food, Fellowship and Cake
for Martha's book launch.*

THE LIVING DIET A Christian Journey to Joyful Eating



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