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Diversity and Our Faith

By Reverend Canon Martha Tatarnic



As we were driving cross-Canada, Vancouver to St. Catharines, Dan and I commented to one another that everyone in politics and everyone who votes at an Anglican General Synod should have to do a similar trip. The diversity of our country is hard to grasp without seeing it with one's own eyes. Most of Canada is uninhabited, for one thing, and the communities that are scattered across this great land are very different from the city life we take for granted in the Golden Horseshoe. This road trip has been a good image for me as the summer months of 2019 have, in a variety of ways, been highlighting just how diverse our church is, and what challenges—and, more importantly, what blessings—that poses for us as a community of faith.

Decisions from Synod

Many of you are very aware of the headlines that came out of General Synod this summer. Lots of people have indicated both their hurt and confusion around the church's having not achieved the super majority needed to change the marriage canon to allow for same-gender marriage. There has been ongoing conversation across our church as our bishop, and a number of other bishops, have indicated that they will move forward with same-gender marriage, practicing what our church calls "the local option."

I know that our own church of St. George's has members who hold different theological positions on marriage, who for a whole variety of reasons, on all sides of the conversation, feel unhappy or hurt by what is happening in the Anglican Church right now. I also know that, behind the headlines, something happened at General Synod to which all of us, as members of the Body of Christ, need to attend. With an overwhelming majority, we were able to vote in favour of changing our national church's power structure in order to share leadership and better listen to our Indigenous voices, thereby taking concrete steps on the road to reconciliation. And with an overwhelming majority, we were able to affirm that we presume the good faith of people who hold understandings and teachings different from our own, and that we want to continue to walk with one another, even when it is hard to do so.

In this statement, I hear an echo of St. Paul's words in 1 Corinthians:

There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. Suppose the foot says, "I am not a hand. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And suppose the ear says, "I am not an eye. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? If the whole body were an ear, how could it smell? God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be. If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body?"

There is great humour in this passage, when you look at it from the scope of Christian history. As much as we have historically disagreed with one another and split off into different factions and congregations, God's irony in all of this is that we don't really ever get to leave one another. As my

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wise friend Aidan commented, it's Peter's words to Jesus in John's Gospel writ large. When Jesus asks Peter if he also finds Jesus' teachings too difficult to stomach, Peter simply says, "Lord, where else can we go?" Whether we like it or not, we're stuck together. There is no surgical procedure available to us that can spiritually amputate portions of the Body from the rest. In the mystical Body of Christ, no matter what we think we are doing or choosing, the ties that bind us remain unbreakable.

Out of the Heat

We have also been experiencing this truth on another plane here at St. George's this summer. In the late spring, Parish Council approved our welcoming of the Out of the Heat program to use our facilities through July and August. This is a temporary overnight shelter. It is community-run, existing entirely on community donations and volunteer time, along with some grant money to hire student workers for the program. This is just its second year running. The level of need that we have seen here on our property as a result of this program has been truly eye-opening. It has undeniably tapped our staff and property resources to the max. I want you to know that the leadership of St. George's is very aware of your concerns and shares in them.

We are actively working with community partners toward solutions to the concerns that this new program has raised. We ask for your prayers and your patience as we figure out how we can best and most effectively and faithfully respond. What we know for sure is that this program is meeting a desperate need and that Christ calls us to respond to such need when we see it. This is another aspect of our membership in the Body of Christ. The people who are seeking temporary shelter here in our building are our sisters and brothers in Christ, and we have the same duty of care toward them as we do to members of our own family. What we need to learn is how we can properly equip and resource this program so that we are able to go forward faithfully in all of our outreach ministries as a downtown church.

As Dan and I were driving across Canada, the reason why we felt so strongly that our political representatives, as well as members of our church, would benefit from such a trip is because meeting and interacting with people in spaces and circumstances different from our own builds relationship across that difference. That's the thing that Jesus called us

to negotiate with one another from the outset of his public ministry, from his inaugural words, "the Kingdom of God has drawn near!" and from his very first gift to his people, when he chose to gather a small group of peasants and outcasts and nobodies to walk the dusty road with him and to bear witness to God's life-giving presence drawing close.

Our baptismal covenant doesn't call us to agree with one another on every doctrinal point or to have the exact same approach to understanding Scripture. It does invite us into the promise of relationship: that with each and every person we meet, we will seek and serve the image of Christ; that we will approach one another with the highest degree of respect and treat one another with the utmost dignity. That means getting beyond the headlines with each other, and really being willing to meet, learn, listen, love and serve as we go along. To do that is to realize not only that, in the Body of Christ, we are in this together whether we like it or not, but also that we are profoundly blessed by this Gospel truth.



RIDE FOR REFUGE

Refugee Sponsorship Fundraiser

St. George's has a team riding in the Ride for Refuge again this year to raise funds for our refugee sponsorship project. If you would like to join the team or support our efforts to fund raise for the refugee sponsorship project, please contact the office or ask the clergy. Ride, run, or walk, all skill levels are welcome! Join us **October 5th**.



Memories Garden Renewal

By Lois Marsh –Duggan



This past spring, a group of us worked to renew a garden that had been neglected for a time while various construction projects took place. Known as the “Memories” garden, it was originally created by the Swanwick and Chamberlain families and other members of St. George's. It is located on

the east side of the church, bordering the parking lot of Robertson Hall behind an iron gate.

We had a small budget from a donation Shirley Chamberlain made before she passed away so after the new retaining wall was completed, we planned a renovation. Shirley's family did a massive weeding job and planted one of her favourite perennials, a white Hellebore.

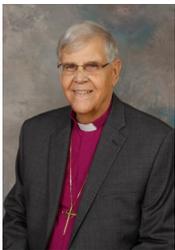
Shortly after, a team of us applied bark mulch and planted a number of woodland plants along with some of the original plantings of hostas and lilies. We also trimmed back the many overgrown weed trees at the north end of the garden. Many thanks to Pat Weir, John Bullivant, Ron Duggan, Wendy Northcote, Dawn and Chris Ferrier and Richard Malton who worked on the project, and special thanks to Effie DiTiello who faithfully watered the garden through the hot days of summer.



We look forward to a rededication of the garden in the fall.

Two Small Books Now Part of Our Story

By Bishop Walter Asbil



Two small booklets came into my hands this summer. They are the hand written diaries of a former rector of a former rector of St. George's Church. The Reverend Henry Holland became Rector of St. George's in 1864, moving from Fort Erie that year with his wife and nine children. His diaries cover the years of 1869 to about 1879. The writing in his diaries is so tiny that it makes it very difficult to read every word written, even with a magnifying glass.

Henry Holland remained rector here until his death in 1888, though he was in very poor health in later years. A great grandson of Henry Holland wrote to me last year about possessing these diaries and that he wanted them deposited in the archives of St. George's Church for safekeeping and to become part of the parish historical records. This grandson, Stephen Cooke of Vancouver, came here this summer where we met and he handed the two small booklets to me, asking that they become part of St. George's story. I have spent some time trying to read the content of Henry Holland's diaries, but it is a demanding task with tiny writing on very small pages. Still, they put us in touch with a former rector whose ministry had a profound effect on the journey St. George's has made over the many years of its life.

Holland was born in 1818, brought up in England and graduated from Cambridge University. He was a Tractarian, meaning he was convinced that Anglicans should understand the history and theology and worship patterns of their faith, and practice that in parish life. More simply put, He was "High Church", and is often referred to as being our "High Church" rector.

After serving several years as an assistant in an English parish, he decided to move to Guyana, a country on the north coast of South America. There he met and married Martha Hollingsworth, daughter of Dr. Hollingsworth, a recent emigrant from Scotland and surgeon general.

Sadly, Holland soon became a victim of malaria and thought it best to move to the more congenial climate of Canada and to make this the home for his wife and large family. After serving in a couple of Canadian parishes, the Bishop of Toronto, John Strachan, appointed him to St.

George's Church in St. Catharines in 1864, following the very popular rector The Rev. Abraham Fuller Atkinson.

It became obvious very soon after his installation that Henry Holland brought a new style of worship not readily accepted by all in the congregation. The emphasis was on keeping the church in quietness before the service began, with no chatting from pew to pew. The rector was a skilled teacher about Anglican history and worship practices. He stood at the altar with his back to the congregation during the Communion, presiding on a much more frequent schedule that had been the practice. Solemnity and quietness gradually became the new way for the parish.

Very quickly, discussion concerning these changes in parish worship became central in the congregation, with increasing harshness and disputes as the rector refused to return to the more casual attitude to worship. In 1870, the tension in the parish had become so divisive that a large body of the congregation decided to leave St. George's and found a new parish across Twelve Mile Creek in a new building known as Christ Church. About ten years later, this congregation left Christ Church to erect a new and larger building on Ontario Street, to be known as St. Thomas Church.

Holland remained as rector of St. George's after the split, but now with a much reduced number in the congregation. Even after the split, he helped reshape our building. A decision had been made by his predecessor, The Rev. Abraham F. Atkinson, that the church building should be enlarged to accommodate the growing congregation. In his first year, he oversaw the addition of the two transepts to our building in 1865 at a cost of \$2,872, this money being raised from the congregation. Originally, the transepts had galleries with stairs in each, set in the corners.

He wanted a very good Sunday school, but there was no space available at that time for crowds of children so the rector arranged, likely at least in part using his own funds, to build a parish hall for Sunday school and for the use of parish groups. His building still stands just

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Images of God—Advent Café' Fall Sermon Series

In the first book of Genesis, God declares that human beings are made “in the image of God.” We know that this doesn't literally mean that human beings look like God, and in fact, throughout Scripture, God appears in a variety of forms: as an eagle, tongues of fire, as a pillar of fire, as a thundering voice, a still small voice, as complete silence, as a mother hen and as a “Daddy” figure (to name just a few). Our All-Star line-up of Guest Preachers at our Wednesday Night Advent Café service this fall have been asked to pick a Biblical text and offer a sermon reflecting on one of these many images of God.

Join us Wednesday nights, starting September 11th, at 7pm for our lovely and music-filled Advent Café service, followed by a time of Bible study with each of our guest preachers. How do you imagine God? And how might your faith be expanded, your relationship deepened, as you consider or re-consider any of the myriad of images our faith tradition offers us for knowing our Creator, Lord, and God?



SAVE THE DATE!

Back by popular demand – St. George's Trivia Night

Saturday, October 26, 2019

This fun night of fellowship and trivia returns! More details to follow and tickets will be available in the coming weeks. Anyone wishing to help with the event can contact Kelly Belford at 905-933-5133 or kellyjeanb@hotmail.com. Raffle prize donations are always welcome!

Treasurer's Report

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer season which included some time for relaxation.

There were many activities happening at the church which brought people from all walks of life through our doors. Our initial year of hosting the Out of the Heat program has been very successful in providing a place of safety and cooler evening temperatures for the needy of our city.

The STEP program has moved closer to opening its doors to provide training and direction for those wishing to find employment that will create a brighter future for themselves.

Many of St. George's members made a special effort to keep their donation pledges up to date for the last few months and I thank them very much for their thoughtfulness. The expense of utilities, renovations, repairs, and

increased employment costs during the summer have forced us to borrow funds from our Heritage account reserves in order to pay our bills. We are fortunate, however, in knowing that the increased employment costs will be subsidized by a government grant.

As the autumn draws closer, I ask that you strive to keep your charitable donations to St. George's current and that you support the church's fundraising activities in the coming months.

Jim Jenter

Treasurer

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across Raymond Street from our lower parking lot. It has been changed into an apartment structure, but the original parish hall for St. George's. It was sold in 1904 to provide money for the restoration of the interior of St. George's, including a central aisle in place of the previous two side aisles.

He continued to express his theology of Anglican worship by erecting the chancel, with a reredos, including a pulpit on the left side and a lectern on the right. Soon the organ and choir moved to the chancel rather than being in the back gallery for many years. Several years later, in 1878, the rector oversaw the addition of the sanctuary by pushing out the chancel wall and setting up the new location for the altar and chairs for the clergy or others leading in Sunday worship. A new stained glass window

was placed in the east wall, one we still see every Sunday. Today we see the effect of the leadership of Henry Holland, who rearranged St. George's Church according to his Tractarian principles.

Malaria continued to hamper Holland in his later years, though he continued as rector until his death in 1888. He was a kind spiritual leader who loved the members of his congregation, and he continued to teach about Anglican worship and the centrality of the Eucharist.

When he died, his widow gave a brass cross to St. George's, suggesting it be placed on the altar in her husband's memory. There it stands today, central in our worship and the symbol that Henry Holland wanted to put on that altar in earlier years. You can visit his tombstone, which is very striking, in Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

Sunday School/Youth Group

By Tanya Schleich

Our Sunday school had a successful PA Day in June. We had children from our church, as well as others who do not regularly come, attend for a day of learning and fun when school was closed. It was a great success! We have also been busy through the Summer months connecting and seeing one another between vacation times and camp schedules. The Summer is very different from our school year season.

Vacation Bible School (Camp George) was held from Monday August 19th to Friday August 23rd this year. We had a half day program for children/youth aged 5 and up to participate in learning and fun for the week. We had many youth volunteers come out and help. Our theme was Fruits of the Spirit.

Our nursery childcare provider Sarah Jones is no longer providing care as she is going away to Western University for her Master's Program. We thank Sarah for all of her care, kindness, and love. We will miss her very much!

We now welcome Chandra Langley-Smith as our new Nursery Provider. Chandra comes with many years of experience. She runs her own daycare business through the week and has a background in Social Work and Child Care. We are extremely blessed to have her join our team. Welcome Chandra!

Youth Group had a very successful Fundraising car wash event in June. We raised \$400.00 for Pikangikum Water Project. The youth had fun while feeling excited to work for a great cause. Thank you to all of our youth, volunteers and supporters. Over the Summer we had a very fun event getting together playing in the park and walking to Dairy Queen for ice cream. During this outing they gave me a list of all kinds of activities that they want to participate in. The spirit within the youth group is very excited and it is so amazing to watch the development of the program.

In the Fall, we have many fun activities planned. Our youth group is going to help out with the "Welcome BBQ". We have 10 tickets for WE DAY in September which is a great opportunity for our youth. It is a full day concert in Toronto. We will be resuming our monthly games and pizza at the Church as well as going on a hike excursion,

virtual reality outing and much more. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful support you provide for our young ones at St. George's.



More Than We Can Ask or Imagine

By the Reverend Canon Dr. Michael Mondloch



This summer has been a busy one with respect to Social Justice and Outreach work at St. George's. In July the Breakfast Program hit a record number of meals served in a single month. Out of the Heat, a community based overnight emergency shelter,

opened the doors of Luxton Hall (i.e. the gym) on July 2nd. Out of the Heat welcomes people from the streets with food and a mat so that they might sleep in a safe supervised area. Thirteen hundred "sleeps" were recorded in July – an average of 43 people each night. With these two programs alone, the staff and members of St. George's, already quite familiar with the consequences of many societal ills, were gobsmacked by the enormity of the issues that surfaced.

As I have been devoting much of my time to these programs, I've been thinking a lot about the familiar words of the doxology based on Ephesians 3:20: "Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen." These words have a lot to offer as we consider the events of this summer.

In reflecting on the doxology, my thoughts take me immediately to the bigness of "infinitely more than we can ask or imagine." The events of the summer have felt really big. The enormity of the need, the depths of desperation, the mountains of trash and the breadth of resources required are overwhelming. The doxology assures us that God's response to what overwhelms us exceeds our asking and our imagination.

When we join together in the doxology at the end of the Eucharist or at the end of church meetings we remind ourselves, and one another, that God works through us. As individuals it might involve getting up early to cook porridge or wash dishes so that hungry people are fed. God is at work when we treat an unkempt stranger with dignity and respect.

We echo St. Paul when we claim that God works through the church. This happened last spring when the Parish Council voted overwhelmingly to provide space to Out of the Heat. Staff members and others have extended

themselves in ways beyond their asking and imagining and it has taken a toll. But God has also worked through them and their long established relationships to moderate stresses and offer times of refreshment and satisfaction.

One of the great affirmations of the doxology that I've witnessed has been how God's power has worked in Christ Jesus. The incarnate love of God is not confined to the historical person of Jesus. Rather wherever love is the universal Christ is, for God is love. People of all faiths, and of no declared faith, have reached out in compassion. Out of the Heat has a small army of volunteers who prepare food, put out mats, register overnight guests, supervise inside and outside the building throughout the night, clean up and do it all 7 nights a week. Aside from funding through the Canada Summer Jobs program for 4 full-time staff, all the money and supplies used for the program are donated. God has been working powerfully through the generosity of many people and businesses.

Out of the Heat will finish the season on August 31. Unfortunately homelessness and hunger will continue. I see the fall unfolding in ways that show that God doesn't cease to work. The STEP program will open its doors to support youth in the hope of inoculating them from society's ills. I envision fruitful efforts capitalizing on a growing desire to advocate with, and on behalf of, those whom we serve. I anticipate God using, and further developing, the bridges that St. George's has built this summer in impactful ways to the betterment of the community and to the Glory of God. May it be so.

Michael+

Director of Social Justice & Outreach



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Plans in the Works for Sunday Coffee Time

By Dianne Chisholm

Over the summer we have had our lemonade, iced tea and juice in the Asbil Lounge instead of the Bear's Den (air-conditioning to keep us cool) We also had cookies to munch on: a light repast, with a chance to chat and spend time together.

Attendance averaged 45 to 50. This will end on September 8th and the Community Picnic will take place outside on September 15th. On Sunday September 23rd St. George's Coffee Hour will return to the Bear's Den. Hot beverages, as well as juice and as always cookies and other goodies will be there to enjoy.

The donation box will be out again to help cover the costs of supplies.

The tables and chairs that arrived in May for the Bear's Den have provided a warm and comfortable place to take time to catch up with old and new friends. A time-saving bonus will be the new dishwasher. It will reduce the time spent by volunteers washing the used cups etc. by hand .

Help Needed for Coffee Hour

Over the last winter the number of people who took the time to drop in for fellowship has continued to rise. One

Sunday, our cup count was 84.; it's always in the 70 range, and this is far higher than in the past.

Our teams in the past have been made up of 3 people, but in order to keep the event running smoothly it is felt that four people on each team are now needed: two serving beverages in the front, and two in the kitchen, making sure hot beverages are ready for replenishing when needed, and keeping condiments topped up on the service tables. It makes for a speedier wind-down as well. With that said, we are looking for new members to come out and join our group.

We will be holding a meeting in September to go over the operation of the dishwasher and discuss how we will move towards to the goal of reducing our reliance on disposables. All interested individuals are WELCOME even if you are not able to join currently and just find out more about how we function. Once a date is set it will be published in the Saints Connection.

See you in the fall.

Dianne Chisholm, Coffee Hour Co-Ordinator 2019

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Music in the Fall

By John Butler



Once again the fall is upon us and the choir is busy with activities leading us through to Advent.

On Saturday, September 28, we will be holding our annual *Christmas in*

September workshop where we spend the day getting a head start on learning the

music we will be doing during the Christmas season, which includes the Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. The day is finished off with a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings and a gift exchange among singers and their guests.

The festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. Prior to this, on Sunday, November 10, at the 10 a.m. Service the choir will lead

us in A Choral Remembrance.

This year, instead of singing a Requiem by one specific composer, we will be presenting a series of different anthems appropriate for Remembrance Day, written by various composers. I hope we see you all there.

And, while I'm at it, the choir is in need of some new singers as we have lost some key people due to age and/or illness. We have room for new singers in the choir at any time. Simply call me at 905-397-4886 or 905-341-6520 to arrange a totally painless audition.

Submitted by John Butler, Organist and Choirmaster

Introducing STEP Program Counselor Louis Muscat



Louis Muscat will be our lead Counselor for the new STEP program, working with at risk youth aged 14 to 24. He will be introduced at St George's Anglican Church.

Louis has had an extensive career in the addiction field. He has direct practice experience and also extensive supervision and management experience. He gained this experience working in both the public and private sectors. Louis' experience has given him insight into management that many who have only worked in the non-profit spectrum do not obtain.

Louis' skill set and management background will be very helpful in our current economic climate. He studied at McMaster University and was enrolled in the Addictions and Employee Assistance Program. He was able to do this while volunteering, managing the Internal Employee and Family Assistance (EFAP) program, and raising a family.

Louis' career started at Canadian Pacific Railway where he held many positions as a Supervisor and Manager. Louis would say though, that his most important and fulfilling position was that of Manager of Canadian Pacific Railway's EFAP for Southern Ontario. In this role he

helped employees and their families deal with addiction and mental health as well as personal and financial problems that effected and impacted their jobs. Louis' passion for helping and his desire to assist others will be a great asset to our program and our community.

Louis is also an entrepreneur. After retiring from the railway, he set out to own his own Restaurant. He owned a Wendel Clark's Classic Grill and Bar franchise for two years. His time working in the customer service field also gave him insight and experience in working with people from all backgrounds.

In his personal life, Louis is married to Karen Muscat and they just celebrated 39 years of marriage. They have two wonderful children together, Ashley and Christopher, and two beautiful grandchildren. A special day will be coming up for both Louis and his wife next year and that will be the marriage of their daughter Ashley to her fiancé Kyle.

We welcome Louis to this exciting new role with the STEP Program.

Life Skills Programs
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STEPs Youth Support Centre
83 Church Street
St. Catharines, Ontario (entrance off Raymond Street)

STEPs was created to provide individualized support to youth in peril in our Community. This program was born out of a love for our Community and those within it, the pain in our hearts with the increasing number of youth on the streets and the belief that supporting our youth today to choose a constructive path will, in turn, create supportive citizens of our Community in the future. We strongly feel that everyone deserves someone who cares about them.

Ages 14 - 24
Hours: Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm



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Ages 14 - 24

7 Sacred Teachings

Musical Notes!

By Mari Shantz

There is much to look forward to in the fall Advent Café and youth music program!

Beginning with our "Welcome Back BBQ" in September, we will be collaborating with some more youth musicians from the wider community. As well, Ryson's youth drumming group will be present to provide an interactive experience at our barbecue. Don't miss it!

In the past, our youth have presented a special musical offering for our Children's Liturgy services. Their presentations have always been well-received, and the loving response from our parishioners has enabled our youth to grow in confidence. This fall our young musicians will add a little more to their musical responsibilities for these services, and also for our midweek services. We look forward to sharing more with you.

Although Infinitely More will be on the road, sharing their beautiful music with other fortunate parishes for the first part of the fall season, they will be returning to Advent Café services at the end of October. I, Gary Mus, guest musicians, Tracadie Cross, and The Krehbiel Chorale will

continue to provide Advent café music throughout the fall season.

While the Krehbiel Chorale will provide music for Advent Café and Evensong services, as before, this year they will be joining forces with the youth singers in the Christmas musical. Another new development with our Christmas musical is the inclusion of some of our adult parishioners in the upcoming production. After hearing the wistful voices of certain people following our last performance, it suddenly occurred to me that the inclusion of all ages would make the performance just that much more delightful! ...and thus was born the idea for our next Christmas musical!

A picture of our cast from the spring musical:



Community Dinners!

By Ann Koppel, Coordinator

We are more than halfway through our Community Dinner Program for 2019. Dinners are held the 4th Wednesday of each month and run from April through October. This initiative started at Grace Church and after a bit of a break was restarted at St George's in May 2018. With a group of volunteers that help to plan the event, set up the gym, prepare and serve the food, greet and talk to our guests and clean up, we have served over 350 guests this year up to July. Last year we served 625 people over 7 dinners.

This dinner is intended to build community while providing a healthy meal. Not only have we built a community for our guests, but our volunteers have formed a group that not only works hard but also has fun. The smiles on the faces of those serving and cleaning up and the laughter in the kitchen while food preparation takes place makes this a very positive experience. As the coordinator, I have met people from within the Church that I might not otherwise have gotten to know. This has given me a new community. We welcome parishioners to join us for dinner.

Thanks go to the Rotary Club of St Catharines for their cash donation this year, Spring Fling for donating the proceeds from their sale, John Belford and Campbell's Soup for providing soups to use as our base for our recipes and parishioners who have donated fresh fruit, desserts and cash to help us with our costs.

Earlier this year, one of our volunteers, Tim Alexander, died. Tim came in each month prepared to wash the pans. He brought his own detergent and scrubbers to make sure the job was done right. We remembered Tim before our first dinner in April with a prayer and a moment of silence. He is dearly missed.

Stewardship Committee

By Nora Jenter

With the arrival of the fall season, the Stewardship Committee is excited to announce the return of the popular Trivia Night. Bring your own team or come as an individual to join a table team. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 26. This evening of fun and fellowship was enjoyed for many years and we look forward to its revival.

Our committee also kicks into high gear as we prepare for the annual Joyful Giving Campaign. This campaign gives church members the opportunity to reflect on how you can help support the ministry that we all enjoy here. Please take the time to review the Narrative budget which will be available in early October. It provides insight into the many important aspects of the life of St. George's.

St. George's offers us all many opportunities to share our time and talents. The comprehensive list in the Joyful Giving materials gives you the chance to consider all the groups and activities that are available for you to be involved in your spiritual home. We all have unique talents to share and you can be as involved as you choose.

The other aspect of the Joyful Giving Campaign is, of course, the pledging of financial resources to keep St. George's running and to make possible all the worship services and other outreach programs that support the

community. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can help sustain the programs that make this church the place that we love. All pledges are kept in complete confidence by the parish treasurer.

There will also be the opportunity to consider an additional donation to be set aside for the building fund to cover the costs of major repairs that will be required in the years ahead. These repairs include replacement of aging heating and air conditioning units, new eavestroughs and other major maintenance projects. Please consider an additional gift that will keep this building in good shape for the future.

Our team of dedicated Route Managers will help us to reach out to everyone when the campaign kicks off on October 20. Please assist the church in budgeting for next year by returning your pledge card promptly, even if your donation will not change. Your intention sheets help us to identify people with interest in joining our groups and activities. They can be returned in the envelope with the pledge card to be passed on by the treasurer to our committee.

We are truly blessed to have the many ministries and outreach programs for young and old available to us at St. George's. Thank you for your support that makes this possible.

Respectful submitted on behalf of the Stewardship Committee,

Nora Jenter

Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen

By Dave Bingham

After the summer break, St. George's Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen (BAC) will be meeting again on Tuesday evenings, beginning on October 8, and then Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Our catered dinner meetings will be in the same location, Swan Hall, beginning at 6pm at a cost of \$25. We will meet for fellowship from 6 to 6:30pm; buffet dinner begins at 6:30, and our guest speaker will begin by 7:15 PM. We usually wrap up by 8:15pm.

We are developing a list of guest speakers for our upcoming meetings and will provide the details closer to the

meeting dates. BAC is open to any of our parish men.

If you would like to join us, just give Dave Bingham a call at 905-938-1648, or alternatively, Tom Owens at 905-934-4239.

For 2020, our BAC meeting dates are planned for January 14, February 11, April 14, October 13, and November 10. We look forward to seeing you then.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Bingham, Chair, St. George's BAC



2019 Christmas Bazaar
FEEL THE JOY OF THE SEASON!

Saturday November 16th, 2019 - 10am to 2pm
at St. George's Church Hall - 83 Church Street, St. Catharines

Attic Treasures • Gift Baskets • Better Treasures • Cottage Quilts
Crafts & Gifts • Baked Goods • Candy • Quilt Draw • Sewing & Knitting
Foods of the World • Books • CD's • Grab Bags • Children's Table

Join us for lunch at St. George's Café
Serving Beef on a Bun, Chili or Soup & Sandwich
plus we have a Hot Dog & Chip Meal for the kids!



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