

Centered in our call to love God and love our neighbour, St. George's is committed to that vision of a better world: one meal or prayer at a time!

<u>Worship</u>



After two years of mostly not being together in person, we are thrilled to open the doors of our beautiful sanctuary and to fill it once again

with the sound of our prayers and praises being lifted together. We offer Sunday services, daily Morning Prayer and our midweek Eucharist. We also have the different flavours and voices of Advent Café and special worship opportunities like the Remembrance Sunday Requiem, Blessing of the Pets, and Lessons & Carols. And our livestream allows people to join us from afar or when, for health reasons, people need to stay home.

Service

Our Breakfast Program continues offering a free meal for anyone who needs it, no questions asked,



365 Days/Year. The STEP Centre, founded in 2019, has grown and expanded, starting in its new home this fall and continuing the good work of offering free counselling to young people in our community. We support water partnerships with Indigenous Communities, help for new mothers through Community Care, Refugee Sponsorship, and other initiatives that "walk the walk" in our commitment to the world of justice and provision God wants for all of us.

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (Matthew 22:37-38)

Pandemic Realities & Rebuilding

The costs of COVID are significant: lives lost, economy shattered, mental health struggles have been compounded. Tempers can be short and the fabric of community has been left in tatters. We know the hardships of these past years. And we know that the fellowship, friendship, generosity, hope, prayer and loving service of the church can bless each of us and bless our world in these most challenging times.

We are asking St. George's to rise to the challenge of this day, for the sake of rebuilding what we have lost and caring for our world in this time of need.





A CHURCH FOR THIS MOMENT

"All of this happens because there is a group of people with a vision for a better world. For this to continue to happen we have to share that vision for a better world. For there to be a better world, we need the church." -Mike Degan, Lay Pastoral Associate

The Vision

We support our ministries of Prayer & Loving Service in a variety of ways

Faith Formation – we are committed to opportunities to learn from one another and to hear a variety of voices that help us walk with God.

<u>Music</u> – Those who sing pray twice! Our Choir, Youth Choir and Advent Café ministries continue our legacy of making beautiful music central to our life of prayer.

Teaching -

Through your offerings and a special designated gift, we have been able to make St.



George's a Teaching Parish where new ordinands are formed for church leadership in a world that needs the hope the church can offer now more than ever.

Pastoral Care – When we are hurting, we need to know we are not alone. We offer services in many care homes around town, and our pastoral care team is here to respond to the need for prayer, conversation, visiting and spiritual counselling when life feels most challenging. Our church is about community, friendship & service. As Helen Keller said "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." As we come back together, we look for all that we loved about St. George's to be renewed and expanded. -Penny Smith-Steinman

What YOU Can Do

Every one of us has a part to play in making this church and this world possible! PLEASE consider GIVING:

<u>Proportional</u> – consider your household income. What percent of what you have can you give back, with joy, for the sake of others?

<u>Generous</u> – Generosity is liberating. Everything that we have comes from God. Count your blessings and then learn to be generous in sharing those blessings beyond yourself.

<u>Faithful</u> – Pre-authorized Giving, e-transfers, online giving, and many other options make it easier than ever to be faithful to the financial commitment you have made.

Legacy – Talk with your loved ones about how you want your commitment to this church and all that it represents to continue in perpetuity. There are many options for planning your legacy. Speak to Reverend Martha about a planning appointment. <u>**Prayer**</u> – Please pray for the ministry and service of our beloved church.

<u>Time & Talent</u> – And consider how you want to contribute not just finances but Time and Talent to the life of our community.

Home for Hope Building Fund – You can arrange an over-and-above offering that goes directly to our Building Fund and will help to make sure that this sanctuary of prayer and care can stay open for the important work we do, the fellowship we build, and the prayer we together lift up!



Before moving to Grimsby in July 2021, we had been at St. George's for a family wedding and baptism. We were warmly welcomed each time. We were invited to attend St. George's and started attending in person worship on Ash Wednesday 2022. Whether online or in person, we have appreciated the thoughtful preaching. The music has been exceptional. We also have been *impressed by the outreach ministries* supported by St. George's, especially the daily breakfast and STEP programmes. We look forward to lending our continued support to the ministry and mission of St. George's.