

“by George!”

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The “by George!” connects all parishioners through electronic or hard copy distribution. It is normally published in September, November, January, March, and May. All articles are welcome; electronic submissions are appreciated.

The “by George!” would not be possible without the assistance of many parishioners. Thanks!

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WINTER EDITION

Food for Thought

Anglicans like their food! There’s the Italian Dinner, Christmas Dinner, AGM Lunch, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Quiz Night Manitoba social food, M&M Threenie Lunch, Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper, celebration cakes ... Food is frequent and a St. George’s tradition.

We also recognize others need food too so we contributed over \$1 500 to the Christmas Cheer Board. We regularly bring soup, peanut butter ... for West Broadway Community Ministry, and there will likely be much more brought in for the March 5th food blitz

No look at food would be complete without a mention of the bread and wine we share dozens of times every year. We take turns administering the bread and wine to the congregation and return to our pews with food for thought. There’s a link between digesting food and digesting what the Eucharist is. There’s the symbolism of the bread and wine. There’s the power of coming to the rail beneath the impressive stained glass window. Finally, there’s sharing the experience with the parish family...another St. George’s tradition.

Speaking of food ... does anyone have any great recipes for oodles and oodles of nutritious chick peas? There are lots online e.g. <http://www.thekitchn.com/17-things-to-make-with-a-can-of-chickpeas-recipes-from-the-kitchn-206512>

Please help us connect with all parishioners by documenting your thoughts and experiences over Lent and Easter, and submitting your articles by the April 30th deadline for the next “by George!”. Have a thoughtful Lent and a joyous Easter!

Ted Cotton



MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE UPCOMING DATES

Within our Parish Church of St. George, Crescentwood:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tues	28-Feb-17	Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper	5:30 pm Parish Hall
Wed	1-Mar-17	Ash Wednesday Service	12 Noon Chapel
Wed	1-Mar-17	Ash Wednesday Service	7:30 pm Church
Thurs	2-Mar-17	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sat	4-Mar-17	Rupert's Land Caregiver Support Group	10:00 am Guild Room
Sun	5-Mar-17	First Sunday in Lent communion service/children's sermon	10:30 am Church
Wed	8-Mar-17	Wed Communion Service 12 Noon Chapel and	6:00 pm Chapel during Lent
Thurs	9-Mar-17	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	12-Mar-17	Second Sunday in Lent communion service	10:30 am Church
Tues	14-Mar-17	Altar Guild Exec Meeting	7:00 pm Guild Room
Wed	15-Mar-17	Wed Communion Service 12 Noon chapel and	6:00 pm Chapel during Lent
Wed	15-Mar-17	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm Guild Room
Thurs	16-Mar-17	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sat	18-Mar-17	Rupert's Land Caregiver Support Group	10:00 am Guild Room
Sun	19-Mar-17	Third Sunday in Lent communion service	10:30 am Church
Sun	19-Mar-17	Stewardship Committee meeting	12 Noon Guild Room
Sun	19-Mar-17	Quiz Night	7:00 pm Hall
Wed	22-Mar-17	Wed Communion Service 12 Noon Chapel and	6:00 pm Chapel during Lent
Thurs	23-Mar-17	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	26-Mar-17	Fourth Sunday in Lent Morning Prayer	10:30 am Church
Mon	27-Mar-17	Refugee Sub Committee Meeting	5:30 pm Guild Room
Wed	29-Mar-17	Wed Communion Service 12 Noon Chapel and	6:00 pm Chapel during Lent
Thurs	30-Mar-17	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sat	1-Apr-17	Rupert's Land Caregiver Support Group	10:00 am Guild Room
Sun	2-Apr-17	Fifth Sunday in Lent communion service / children's sermon	10:30 am Church
Wed	5-Apr-17	Wed Communion Service 12 Noon Chapel and	6:00 pm Chapel during Lent
Thurs	6-Apr-17	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room

Sat	8-Apr-17	Palm Cross Making	9:30 am Guild Room
Sun	9-Apr-17	Palm Sunday communion service	10:30 am Church
Wed	12-Apr-17	Wed Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Thurs	13-Apr-17	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Thurs	13-Apr-17	Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Supper	5:30 pm Parish Hall
Thurs	13-Apr-17	Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 pm Church
Fri	14-Apr-17	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	9:15 am Parish Hall
Fri	14-Apr-17	Good Friday Meditation on the Cross	10:30 am Church
Sat	15-Apr-17	Rupert's Land Caregiver Support Group	10:00 am Guild Room
Sun	16-Apr-17	Easter Day communion service	10:30 am Church
Wed	19-Apr-17	Wed Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Wed	19-Apr-17	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm Guild Room
Thurs	20-Apr-17	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	23-Apr-17	Second Sunday of Easter	10:30 am Church
Mon	Apr 24 to	Fri Apr 28 Garage Sale Set Up	all over the building
Fri	28-Apr-17	Garage Sale open to the public	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Sat	29-Apr-17	Garage Sale open to the public	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sun	30-Apr-17	Third Sunday of Easter	10:30 am Church
Sun	30-Apr-17	Deadline for the May "by George!"	
Wed	3-May-17	Wed Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Wed	3-May-17	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm Guild Room
Thurs	4-May-17	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sat	6-May-17	Rupert's Land Caregiver Support Group	10:00 am Guild Room
Sun	7-May-17	Fourth Sunday of Easter communion service/children's sermon	10:30 am Church
Wed	10-May-17	Wed Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Thurs	11-May-17	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	14-May-17	Fifth Sunday of Easter communion service	10:30 am Church
Wed	17-May-17	Wed Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Thurs	18-May-17	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	21-May-17	Sixth Sunday of Easter	10:30 am Church
Mon	22-May-17	Victoria Day closed	Building and Office will be closed

For the most current calendar and more information about St. George's, please visit:

<http://www.stgeorges.mb.ca>

Attention Parishioners: NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting (**AGM**) of the **parishioners of the Parish of St. George, Crescentwood** will be held in the parish hall (Gartrell Auditorium) on Sunday, the twenty-sixth day of February, A.D. 2017, immediately following the morning service and a light lunch, at approximately 12:30 pm, for the purpose of receiving reports of the ministry of the parish in the year 2016, setting a budget for 2017, and electing various officers of the congregation; at which time and place all members

signing the Declaration of Church Membership and who are of the full age of 16 years are entitled to attend and to vote.

Dated February 7, 2016

The Venerable Simon Blaikie (*Incumbent*)
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The **annual meeting of the St. George's Memorial Fund Inc.** will take place on Sunday, February 26th, 2017 at St. George's Anglican Church immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting of the Parish.

The members of the parish shall 1) receive a report from the Directors of the Corporation 2) receive and approve the financial statements of the Corporation 3) appoint auditors of the Corporation 4) conduct such elections of Directors as are required by the by-laws of the Corporation 5) other business 6) ratify actions of the Directors.

Dated February 10, 2017

Brian Kirk, President

Garage Sale – April 28 and 29, 2017

Garage Sale items may now be dropped off at the church on or under the tables by the bookshelves in the parish hall.

We also appreciate your donations of books and magazines; however, we cannot accept encyclopedias, Readers Digest Condensed books, textbooks of any sort, and National Geographic magazines.

Thank You.

Garage Sale Committee

Quiz Night

Quiz Night will be held Sunday March 19 at 7 PM. This fun event involves searching your memory (not Google) for the answers to questions on a variety of topics, Manitoba social food, and a great time with your St. George's family. Watch for more information.

In the Broader Community:

March 27 at 7 PM: Mothering Sunday at St John's Cathedral – a evening to visit the “mother” church

April 22 to 24: Provincial House of Bishop's Meeting in Toronto

Please visit the Diocese of Rupert's Land website for the most current calendar:

<http://www.rupertland.ca/category/events/>

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**OUR RECTOR WRITES FROM HIS DESK ...****The Bible**

Here are a few things that you may or may not know about the Bible. The Bible is not one book but rather a collection of writings. The word Bible comes from the Greek word biblia which means books. In its original form, most of these writings were not books as we now understand them but were scrolls. What Christians refer to as the Old Testament is known to the Jewish community as the TaNaK. It is comprised of three sections; the Torah (Torah), the Neviim (Prophets) and the Kethuvim (Writings).

The Torah, sometimes referred to as the Pentateuch, consists of the first five books of the Bible (Genesis thru Deuteronomy). The Prophets consists of 8 books and the Writings 11 books. In the various Christian traditions, there is disagreement about the content of the Old Testament. For example, in the Roman Catholic tradition 6 or 7 books have been added and are referred to as Deuterocanon (Second Canon). In the Anglican tradition, we refer to these books as the Apocrypha

The early Christians added 27 writings which became known as the New Testament. These writings are the four Gospels, The Acts of the Apostles, Epistles (Letters) attributed to Paul (Romans thru Hebrews), the General or Catholic Epistles (James thru Jude) and the Revelation to John.

Many of the books of the Bible began as oral stories told from one generation to the next and it is believed that of much the Old Testament was not written down until 600 BC. In the New Testament most of the Epistles are believed to have been written down before the

Gospels. The New Testament does not follow a timeline that reflects what was written first, i.e. Matthew was not the first book written in the New Testament.

How the Bible came together as an authoritative work did not happen all at once. By 400 BC the Torah and by 200 BC the Prophets were regarded as authoritative. It was not until 130 AD that the Writings were becoming authoritative. The process of becoming authoritative is referred to as canonization. The canonization of the New Testament began in the first century but was not concluded until the fourth century. The issue would rise up again in the 16th century during the Reformation when the reformers omitted the books of the Deuterocanon from the Old Testament.

The first complete translation of the Bible into English was accomplished by John Wycliffe in 1382. Wycliffe did not work from the original Hebrew and Greek but from a Latin translation of the original text. Various other English translations followed and by 1535 the first complete English edition was printed. In 1539, Miles Coverdale published the Great Bible and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer wrote the forward. King Henry VIII ordered that a copy be placed in every church in the land. By 1611 the King James Bible (Authorized Version, 1611) had become the most widely used English Bible among Protestants. The current version used by the Anglican Church in Canada, as well as many other denominations, is the New Revised Standard Version.

This is obviously a very brief introduction to our Scriptures. If anyone is interested in reading more please mention it to me. I have books you can read or sites you can visit and listen/watch on line.

Simon+

MARGARET WRITES ...

Margaret is retiring from providing a regular message in “by George!”. The editor thanks her for her many contributions over the years and hopes she will be able to provide guest appearances from time to time.



THOUGHT FOR THIS EDITION

You often need more than one chance to get it right.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the February 1st Parish Council meeting:

- Chapter 8 of Changing the Conversation was deferred to March.
- The revised preliminary 2016 statement was discussed. A deficit budget was approved for submission to AGM. Details are in the “Annual Meeting” reports. Information about January 2017 is in this “by George!”.
- Mission & Ministry provided a report. Details are in the “Annual Meeting” reports and in this “by George!”.
- Non-financial stewardship activities are concluding and committee chairs will be advised of new commitments.
- The Property Committee will be asked to consider the ramp door replacement and report on the status of the security assessment. A Parish Council e-vote may be needed to expedite the replacement. There may also need to be flooring and counter updates in the kitchen.
- There will be a Quiz Night event on Sunday March 19 at 7 PM.
- The calendar of Diocesan events was reviewed. There are highlights as well as a link to the current calendar in this “by George!”.
- An updated draft of the Parish operating guidelines was distributed for comment.
- Evening Eucharist services during Lent and a Christian Education series are being planned.
- The next Parish Council meeting is March 15.
- Courtesies recognized the meeting took place on Treat 1 Land, and were extended to Glen Douglas and bakers for the treats at the meeting, Paul and Sally Corby for arranging a birthday party for Jane Alzaayat, and Margaret Owen for organizing prayer quads.

Parish Council news is posted on a bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



FINANCE REPORT

St. George's Church – January 2017

One month has too many timing differences to provide meaningful information so this report focuses on:

- Identified Giving for January 2017 is \$2 113 favourable to 2016
- The chequing account is reconciled to the end of January 2017
- The only change in Designated Funds greater than \$500 is a reduction of \$1 419 for the January expenses of the Syrian refugees.

Regular reporting will resume at the March Parish Council meeting and in the May “by George!”.

Preliminary reporting on 2016 and the draft Budget for 2017 are in the “Annual Report”.

The auditors are currently reviewing 2016.

If have any questions on the Finance Report, please let me know.

Ted Cotton



STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

Thanks to everyone who participated in our non-financial (**time and talent**) Stewardship Sunday on January 15 and to those who have returned their Time and Talent Inventory cards. If you haven't returned your card, you can still put it in the offering plate or give it to the office. You can also let Simon or one of the wardens know about your interests. After the AGM, committee chairs will be advised of parishioner interests.

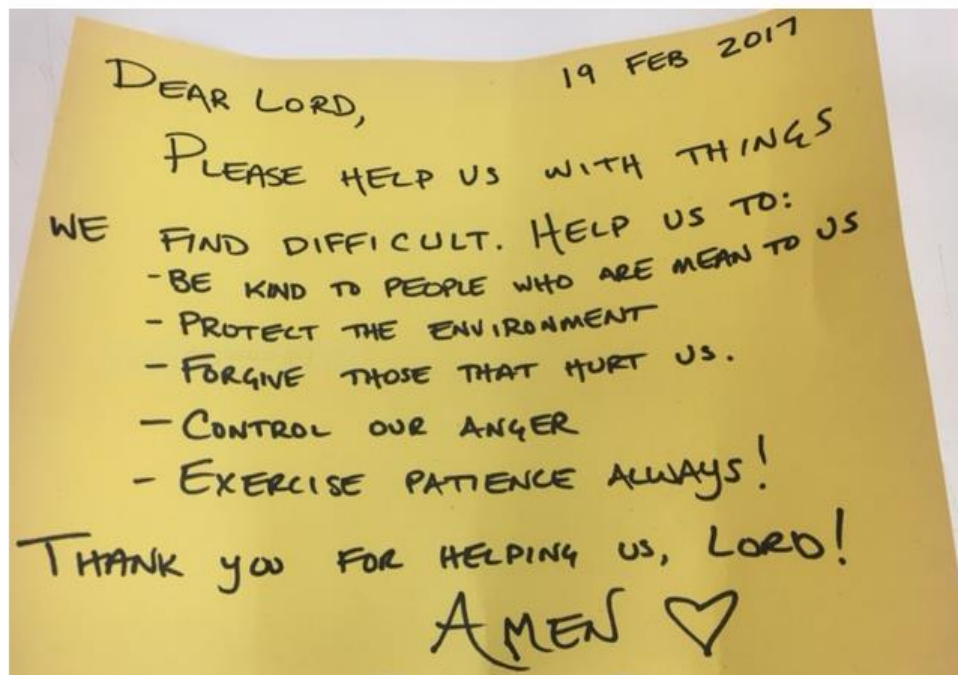
There are always **opportunities** for those who wish to share their time and talent at St. George's. Please Current opportunities include Parish Council Recording Clerk, Stewardship Secretary, Sidesperson, Server and Flower Arranger.

Electronic Offering Program: If you want to start the Electronic Offering Program or change your monthly electronic donation during the year, the form and instructions are always available from the church office or on the church website at [Preauthorized Donation Registration/Amendment Form](#) .

Envelopes: If you prefer regular donations by cheque, the church office can provide you a box of envelopes. If you need an occasional envelope, there are multi-use envelopes in the pews.

Note: parishioners should be aware that about 3% of a credit card donation to a charity goes to the credit card company and provider of the credit card donation system.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER – FEBRUARY 19, 2017



MISSION AND MINISTRY

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is coming up on February 28 at 5:30. Adults are \$7. Children 5-12 are \$3. Under 5 are free. All proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity.

Prayer Shawls continue to be made and sent to parishioners as required – to let them know they are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Refugees. The Afghan family is well established now in Vancouver, and St. George's financial commitment to them ended on February 15. The funds are now available for other refugee support – and some of the funds will be used for our Syrian family. The Alzaayat family arrived from Syria (via Lebanon) in June 2016, and is gradually getting settled into life in Winnipeg. English is still a challenge for the parents but they are attending classes regularly. Imad, the 4 year-old, is already bilingual at a 4 year old level. Jana, now 2 – is starting to learn to speak – and is repeating many English words. Our formal commitment to the family ends in June 2017, but we are sure we will continue to provide them some kind of additional support after that date.

The **Thelma Wynne Shower** on January 15 was a great success. Thanks to all parishioners who donated items and cash.

Children of **Norquay School** kindergarten to grade 6 are in need of new or gently used winter snow boots. If you have some to donate there is a box at St. George's church entrance where you can deposit them. Your donations will be very much appreciated.

We are continuing our strong support of **West Broadway Community Ministry** with many bags of groceries. West Broadway Community Ministry currently has oodles and oodles of chick peas in their Emergency Pantry. The problem is most people don't know what to do with them! So, there is a desperate need for **Kraft Dinner** (everyone knows how to prepare that!).

We will be holding a major food bank drive on Sunday March 5 – **the Winter Food-Drive 2017** for the Drop-in Centre and Emergency Food Cupboard. Each year, West Broadway Community Ministry serves 26,000 lunches to people on disability, people with a variety of mental health issues, people on social assistance, and the working poor. They depend on the generosity of others to be able to run these programs that are vital to the community. The Drop-In and Meal Program not only helps to feed people, but enables them to access other services. West Broadway Community Ministry has advocates who help with housing and other poverty related issues. They have two counselors, a reflexology therapist, and a chiropractor who comes on a weekly basis. Other services available are laundry, phones, and washrooms. St. George's asks for your assistance by bringing non-perishable food items to our March 5th service to help West Broadway Community Ministry. Here are a few suggestions when shopping for West Broadway Community Ministry:

Drop-In Centre	Emergency Food Cupboard
Canned Meat: Ham, Turkey, or Chicken, Tuna (in water)	Canned Stews, Beans, Chili
Peanut Butter	Canned Vegetables or Fruit (in juice)
Jam, Honey	Kraft Dinner
Cookies	Soup and Crackers
Mayonnaise	Dry Pasta and Sauce
Juice	Packets of Oatmeal or Cereal
Cookies	Coffee, Tea, Coffee Whitener
	Baby Food

West Broadway Community Ministry is in need of guitar strings for their one classical and three folk guitars. (Nylon and Metal). If you can help, please notify Sandra Hartt at 204-489-9250

Mission & Ministry was recently able to secure a good used stove to replace an old stove at West Broadway Community Ministry.

