

“by George!”

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SPRING EDITION

Wild Turkeys ...

Early on a March Saturday morning, I was driving north from Winnipeg to the cottage. It was a warm and clear day. As I slowed down to go through Clandeboye, I wondered what the new owners were doing with my mother’s nearby cottage. I read the signs on the United Church and on the General Store.

Across the street from the General Store, I did a double take when I saw two big wild turkeys walking back and forth. One of these turkeys had “his” tail fanned out in an impressive display worthy of a Thanksgiving ad. They were a few feet in front of the door to ... Clandeboye Meats and Deli. Were they waiting for the store to open?

Similar to these wild turkeys, we also encounter surprises in our lives. A car accident. A promotion. A death of a relative or close friend. A toonie under the chesterfield. A bad meal in a restaurant. A great book by an unknown author. One odd aspect of these surprises is we know the unexpected will happen. We just don’t know what or when. Another odd aspect of surprises is our reaction. Are we sometimes surprised by our reaction? Do we wish we hadn’t yelled at another driver or bragged about a promotion?

Our reaction is a case where less can often be more. If we react less, we will often have a more beneficial impact on the setting.

The next edition of “by George!” will be in May. May will be the last edition before the fall. Please gather your thoughts and submit your articles by the May 2nd deadline. Have a great spring.

Ted Cotton

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE UPCOMING DATES

Within our Parish Church of St. George, Crescentwood:

Sun	March 28, 2010	PALM SUNDAY	10:30 AM
Thur	April 1, 2010	Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 PM
Fri	April 2, 2010	Good Friday: Stations of the Cross service	9:15 AM
Fri	April 2, 2010	Good Friday: Mediation on the Cross service	10:30 AM
Sun	April 4, 2010	EASTER DAY SERVICE <i>Children's homily</i>	10:30 AM
Tue	April 6, 2010	Corporation Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed	April 7, 2010	Stewardship Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
Thur	April 8, 2010	Same Sex Blessing Discussion Session	9:30 AM
Sun	April 11, 2010	Second Sunday of Easter	10:30 AM
Mon	April 12, 2010	Same Sex Blessing Discussion Session	9:30 AM
Tue	April 13, 2010	Worship Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
Sun	April 18, 2010	Third Sunday of Easter	10:30 AM
Mon	April 19, 2010	Same Sex Blessing Discussion Session	9:30 AM
Tue	April 20, 2010	Membership Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
Wed	April 21, 2010	Parish Council Meeting	7:30 PM
Sun	April 25, 2010	Fourth Sunday of Easter	10:30 AM
Mon	April 26, 2010	Same Sex Blessing Discussion Session	7:30 PM
Thur	April 29, 2010	Same Sex Blessing Discussion Session	9:30 AM
Sun	May 2, 2010	Fifth Sunday of Easter CONFIRMATION "by George!" deadline	10:30 AM
Mon	May 3, 2010	Same Sex Blessing Discussion Session	7:30 PM
Tue	May 4, 2010	Corporation Meeting	7:00 PM
Thur	May 6, 2010	Same Sex Blessing Discussion Session	9:30 AM
Fri	May 7, 2010	"Sisters Of The Holy Rock"	7:30 PM
Sun	May 9, 2010	Six Sunday of Easter	10:30 AM
Mon	May 10, 2010	Calendar Setting Meeting	7:30 PM
Tue	May 11, 2010	Worship Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
Wed	May 12, 2010	Mission & Ministry Meeting	7:00 PM
Thur	May 13, 2010	Ascension Day Service	7:30 PM
Sun	May 16, 2010	Seventh Sunday of Easter "by George!" delivery	10:30 AM
Tue	May 18, 2010	Membership Committee Meeting	7:30 PM

In the Broader Community:

March 27 Prison Retreat – Stony Mountain Institution
 April 5 Gathering for The Very Reverend Robert Osborne, St. John's Cathedral, 5
 PM
 April 20 "Unlocking the Growth" – St Stephen's – 7:30 PM
 April 27 to May ? Companion Diocese Visit
 May 1 Wardens' and Treasurers' Workshop (Tentative)

YOUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES ...**BUSINESS PLAN? BUT AREN'T WE A CHURCH?**

So, yea, a few people have asked why we've called it a "Business Plan" for our church. After all our church is not a business. Well, yes, that's true, but it's still a plan about how we go about the business of being church. It's a plan about how it is that we are the community of followers of Jesus in this place and how we plan to go about our business in the future.

Oh, in case you're wondering, your Parish Corporation presented the 2010 Business Plan for St. George's Crescentwood at our AGM. If you want a copy of the 2010 Business Plan then just send an email to our Parish Administrator at office@stgeorges.mb.ca or drop by to pickup a copy.

Our 2010 Business Plan was our first attempt at recording what we do and prioritizing what we need to spend some more energy on this year to promote spiritual growth in our members and to encourage others to join us.

It is remarkable how much we do here as a community of followers of Jesus. And we have recognized that everything that we do nurtures our spirit. Our primary focus, as a church community, is to nurture Spiritual Growth, which includes growing our relationship with the Holy One, the Sacred Life and Love that sustains us all and that connects us all as one creation. And by being more aware of the Divine and Sacred in every aspect of our life, we can become more aware of the connections we have with each other. We are an interdependent people and universe. The problem is that we don't always want to be interdependent. We really would like to be independent. We want to be able to take care of ourselves and not to have to rely on others for sustenance. And many would rather not have to take the time and spend the energy of developing a personal spiritual life through engaging in practices and rituals that help us to become more aware of the ever-present Sacred. This takes time, just like physical exercise takes time and willpower in order to maintain our physical health.

Now we are all aware of the fact that our churches have been declining in membership and we can blame it on the "new Big Box Rock-and-Roll churches" being built at the edge of our city, or we can blame it on children who don't understand the importance of "duty and responsibility", or we can blame it on "competition" from sports and shopping on Sunday, BUT the reality is that people have been looking for reasons NOT to go to church for centuries. It is true that our society has changed, and it is true that there are less people in our pews on Sunday Mornings, and it is sad for those of us who are left to see fewer people beside us in the pews.

However, I don't want anyone to get involved in our church community because they feel guilty, or because they feel forced to come for any reason. It's no longer about guilt. It was never supposed to be about guilt. INSTEAD, it's about LOVE. It's about finding NEW LIFE. It's about HOPE. And this is what we encounter and celebrate every Sunday, and especially on the DAY OF RESURRECTION, EASTER DAY. I know that many have stopped coming to church services, and stopped being part of the other events

and groups in our parish church, because it feels more like work and less like a life-giving and hope-growing experience. At the same time there are more than 200 people who come, on average, about half the time for whom the work and worship of our parish church is still nurturing their spirit and giving life and hope to go out into the world to bring healing and wholeness. But what about the rest of us or you?

In our Business Plan we identified 3 PRIORITIES for 2010. They aren't very attractive, but they are significant, and they are the first steps. These are:

- **2010 Focus on KEY INITIATIVES to LOVE, ACCEPT, WELCOME & SERVE!**
 - **#1 - Contact lapsed and infrequent members** to poll people about better fulfilling their **spiritual needs**.
 - **#2 - Advertise** to show people what we have to offer as a **community** on a **spiritual journey**.
 - **#3 - Enhance Sunday School and Youth Programs** to better meet the **spiritual needs** of children and youth.

So here's the **challenge**. As a member of our parish, which of these priorities will you play a part in achieving?

- Are you a **“lapsed or infrequent member”** or do you know someone who is?
- For you personally, will you make a commitment to discern what we can do as a church community to help you to nurture your spirit, **or** have you found other ways to nurture your spirit that better meet your needs at this stage in your life?
- Are you able to articulate how you are spiritually nurtured by your involvement in the life of our church **and** can you advertise by inviting others to join in so they can find the same nurture and community?
- Are you willing and able to support our children and young people as they develop new activities and involvement in our church that they may find more spiritually fulfilling?

Are we ready to take on these challenges? We all need to nurture our spirit and deepen our relationship with the Sacred, the Holy Spirit, the Divine Presence, our God. To do so soothes our brain and our hearts, and lifts us up, and can bring us into a time in our life when we find newness and refreshment so that we are able to face new challenges in bringing hope and life to others in our world.

We have a plan. Can we make it so? We can only do it together! We are strong financially, now let's work on becoming strong spiritually. And in so doing, we can experience resurrection, personally and as a community, in new and hopeful ways.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! All around there is NEW LIFE!

Peace,
Lyndon

MARGARET WRITES ...

This is the chapter from my book that talks about the old St. George's Church. I thought you might enjoy reading it!

God lived in St. George's Anglican Church. It was a small cream-coloured stucco building with a peaked, brown-shingled roof. Mother started taking us to services there shortly after Daddy left for Hong Kong. She told him about it in a letter.

You will be glad to know that we are going to St. George's now. Special prayers have been said for you many times there, and I have found it a great source of strength and comfort. The minister, Mr. Dowker, brought me all the flowers from the altar at both Christmas and Easter.

I felt very small sitting in the pew beside Mother. The church was dark, with red paisley carpet down the centre aisle and all the way up the steps into the chancel where the choir sat in their black and white robes. The organ was behind the choir and it was very loud and there were lots and lots of gold pipes going all the way up to the ceiling. The ladies in the choir wore black hats: flat on top, with a tassel hanging over one ear.

"Why do they wear those funny hats?" I asked. "Did God tell them to?"

Mother laughed. "I don't think it's God's idea. Church choir women have always worn those hats. They're called mortarboards."

"The tassels must tickle their ears," said Barbara. We tried not to giggle at the sight of the tassels swaying back and forth in time to the music.. Mother sat between us so that we couldn't talk to each other, but we communicated by making faces and grinning across Mother's lap.

"Behave yourselves," Mother would say. "Don't forget you're in God's house."

"Where is God?" asked Barbara. "I can't see him. Is he sleeping?"

"God is everywhere around us," said Mother, "but he's invisible, so we can't see him."

The church had a vaulted ceiling of dark wood rafters. It seemed very high up, as high as heaven itself. I thought that God was hiding up there, watching us. Mr. Dowker, the priest, told us to confess our sins and wickedness meekly kneeling upon our knees. I tried

to kneel but the kneeler was hard and cold and it hurt my knees so I sort of squatted and hoped that God wouldn't notice. I'd think of how I teased Roger by hiding his stuffed puppy, and how he cried and Mother was cross and made me give it back to him and how I got mad at Mother and said that she likes Roger better than me and she said that's not true but Roger is just little and I shouldn't be mean to him and I told God I was sorry. I tried to think of other bad things I'd done but I couldn't remember any, not *really* bad things.

The church smelled like candle wax and flowers. It was dark inside because all the windows had coloured pictures in them. Mother said they were made from stained glass. The one I liked best was Jesus holding a lamb. Mr. Dowker said that Jesus was a shepherd and we are all his lambs and he takes care of us. Mother prayed to Jesus to look after Daddy and sometimes when I sat very still in church I could hear God telling me that Daddy would be home soon.

I thought the church was sort of scary because they brought dead people there for funerals. Sometimes Barbara and I and the other kids stood across the street to watch people coming out of the church after a funeral. We never saw the dead people because they were always in big boxes with shiny handles. There were always flowers on top, even in winter. Mother told us that the boxes are called caskets and that the dead people are very comfortable because there are soft pillows under their heads. There was always a big black funeral car and men in dark suits put the casket in the back and we could see it through the window. Everyone was very quiet and some people cried and they all wore dark clothes. I liked weddings better because all the people were laughing and throwing coloured specks of paper and the bride was always smiling and wearing a beautiful white dress like a princess.

On Sunday afternoons we went to Sunday School classes. We were split into grades. My teacher was Miss Nelson. She had grey hair and glasses and she wore a grey skirt with pleats and a grey blouse with black buttons and she had a silver cross on a chain around her neck and she knew a lot about the Bible.

Sunday School began with prayers and the singing of hymns from the section 'Hymns for Children' in *The Book of Common Praise*. The hymns and prayers were chosen to make

us feel guilty for our sins. 'Yield not to temptation for yielding is sin,' we sang, and "fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue." I wondered what dark passions were. One hymn said to "shun evil companions" and to not use bad language, and to hold God's name in reverence, and that Jesus will help you to do all this. The same hymn told of the heathen children in faraway places who don't know about Jesus and who worship idols. The hymn says that they are "benighted" and need to be shown "the lamp of life" by "we whose souls are lighted with wisdom from on high". It is our job to proclaim Messiah's name until all the people in faraway nations have received salvation. Another hymn said that those faraway children have never read the Bible so they do not know Jesus' name, and it prayed that "soon may the heathen of every tribe and nation fulfil thy blessed word and cast their idols all away." The Sunday School superintendent, Miss Wilson, stood at the front of the church and conducted by wagging her index finger back and forth as Miss Riley played the organ.

"Look at Miss Wilson, the one-finger conductor," said Jerry Stovel. "I hope she doesn't knock her hat off!"

I wondered where Africa was. Miss Nelson said it's very far away and that it's really hot there. There was a map of the world in our class at school with pictures of Neilsen's chocolate bars in the corners. It was too high up for me to read the names of the countries. Miss Nelson told us that Africa is a continent and that it's in the south part of the world and that black people live there and a lot of them don't know Jesus so it was our job to help them learn about him. We collected money during Lent in little boxes with pointed tops and a slot to put the money in. The money was supposed to go to Africa to buy Bibles for the black people. A lady from our church was what Mother called a missionary. She was in Africa teaching the people there about Jesus. I didn't think I'd like to go so far away from home.

After we sang the hymns the teachers passed around the collection plates. Mother gave us each a nickel a week to put on the plate. We sang a song about pennies for Jesus. It went like this: "Hear the pennies dropping listen as they fall every one for Jesus He may have them all." Miss Nelson said our pennies go to the Indian children up north to help them learn about Jesus. Then we went to our classes and Miss Nelson read us a story

from the Bible. God always cares about the good people and punishes the bad ones. Miss Nelson said we should try to be like Jesus and always be good so that God won't get mad at us.

"The wrath of God is to be feared," Miss Nelson said. "Remember, you reap what you sow."

I asked Mother what 'you reap what you sow means', and she said it's the same as the Golden Rule: Do Unto Others as You Would Have Them Do Unto You.

"If you want other people to be kind to you, you must be kind to them," she said.

"But sometimes I am kind to people and they're still not nice to me," I said. I lent Angus McDonald my eraser and then he wouldn't give it back. Will God punish him?"

"You must always try to do the right thing," said Mother. "God knows that you are trying."

"But the Bible says that God punishes the bad people. What about Hitler? And what about the Japs that are keeping Daddy in prison? Will God punish them?"

"Oh Margaret, these are very deep questions. We just have to do the best we can in life and pray that God will take care of us. We can't tell what God will do to other people. There is always trouble in the world, and I think it must make God very sad. The best thing any of us can do is put our trust in Him."

Margaret Owen

THOUGHT FOR THIS EDITION

Think forward, reason back.



MISSION AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE

King Edward School

Another delivery of school supplies and knitted hats and mittens has been made to King Edward School.

Thanks to the parishioners who continue to support this important outreach project.

ST. GEORGE'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

This year, the Garage Sale opens to parishioners and the public starting Friday, April 16th 7pm - 8:30pm and Saturday April 17th 9am - 1pm.

Reminder: we do not sell adult clothing at this sale since the sorting and storing is too time consuming and requires far more space than we have. Also, we are not accepting old television sets.

All other treasures are gratefully accepted in clean and working order and may be dropped off on or under the tables provided at the back of the Parish Hall.

Jewellery and accessory items are wanted for the Garage Sale. Too many earrings that you no longer wear? Purses that are too big, too small, or the wrong colour? Don't forget to go through your closets and jewellery boxes soon.

Your donations are appreciated. Thank You.

EASTER LILIES – IN REMEMBRANCE

Donations are requested towards Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday, in memory of loved ones. Names of those being remembered will be placed in the leaflet for Easter Sunday.

A receipt will be given for your donation with your year-end tax receipt.



Request forms are available at the entrance to the church.

Please attach your cheque to this form and forward them by Monday March 29 to

St. George's Anglican Church
168 Wilton St.,
Winnipeg, MB R3M 3C3

Easter Lilies are given to the sick and shut-ins after the Easter Sunday Service.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the February 24th Parish Council meeting:

- The new members of Parish Council were welcomed.
- The 2010 Business Plan will be available in electronic and paper formats.
- About 20 parishioners are attending the Study Group for Lent.
- The January 2010 financial statements were not yet available. The warmer weather, lower rates, and efficient new boiler have brought lower natural gas bills. Details of the current financial statements are in this “by George!”.
- The Stewardship Committee reported on plans for the March Time and Talent events.
- The calendar of Diocesan events was reviewed.
- Pastoral Care held a lunch in recognition of the eight Prayer Quad members.
- Property Committee reported on plans for rekeying the building, estimates for replacement tables and chairs, and painting.
- The Ministry of Fun reported on catering the Punter/Hollingsworth wedding
- The Parish Council Calendar for 2010, Parish Council Tweekie Lunch obligations, and the May 10 Event Scheduling meeting were also discussed.
- Courtesies were given to Shirlee Anne Smith, Marlene Ramsay and Sandra Hartt for organizing and preparing the Prayer Quad luncheon on February 24; Theresa Johnson for her work with the Ministry of Fun on the Punter/Hollingsworth wedding; Ian Silk and Anne Waugh for preparing all of the pancakes on Shrove Tuesday; Gwyneth Jones, Hollie Andrew, Mary Thomas, Mary Beth Barker, Marlene Pryzner, Shirlee Anne Smith, Helen Christie, Elizabeth Deacon, Wayne Milson, and Janet Smith for preparing the lunch before the AGM; and members of the Corporation and Ted Cotton, Diane Ives-Lewis, Theresa Johnson and Allan Silk for their work in preparing the 2010 Business Plan

The next Parish Council is March 17th.

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS

If you are reading this “by George!” on paper and have an email address, please help us reduce paper use, copying, postage, and associated costs. Give your email address to the Church office at 453 5642 or office@stgeorges.mb.ca

For more information about St. George's, please visit our website at <http://www.stgeorges.mb.ca/>

Ted Cotton

FINANCE REPORT**St. George's Church – January to February 2010**

	Actual 2010	Actual 2009	Budget 2010
Revenue	\$43 485.55	\$45 109.00	\$48 000.62
Expense	\$61 096.19	\$67 403.19	\$66 173.95
Net Income (Loss)	(\$17 610.64)	(\$22 294.19)	(\$18 173.33)

The Net Loss of \$17 610 is favourable to Budget and last year.

Variances of \$700 or more to Budget are:

- Fundraising is unfavourable \$1 441. This is timing.
- Regular Offerings is unfavourable \$2 806. This is lower Identified Giving and Special & Designated more than offsetting higher Open Plate. Identified Giving is unfavourable to Budget and to last year.
- Ministry is unfavourable \$1 129. This is an advance to the Rector.
- Music is favourable \$817. This is timing.
- Property is favourable \$5 351. This is lower Utilities Gas from lower rates, warmer weather, and the new boiler, as well as timing for General Maintenance.

The chequing account is reconciled to the end of February. The audit of 2009 is scheduled to begin March 29th and the results are expected to be ready for the May "by George!"

While the **Net Income (Loss)** shows how we are doing this year, the **Summary Balance Sheet** shows what we have accumulated over the life of the church.

Summary Balance Sheet				
As at February 28				
		2010	2009	change
		Preliminary	Actual	
Current Assets (chequing, cash)	\$	25 648.17	9 492.97	16 155.20
Fixed Assets (building at cost)		785 030.20	785 030.20	0
Other Assets (investments)		298 529.92	307 415.33	(8 885.41)
Total Assets	\$	1 109 208.29	1 101 938.50	7 269.79
Current Liabilities (designated)	\$	151 008.09	156 859.07	(5 850.98)
Long Term Liabilities (trusts)		7 260.26	7 260.26	0
Equity		950 939.94	937 819.17	13 120.77
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	1 109 208.29	1 101 938.50	7 269.79



STEWARDSHIP

Our 2010 non-financial Stewardship events are underway. We've completed:

- Sunday March 7: Speaker #1 on the value of participating
- Monday March 8 : Distribution of the Time & Talent Job Descriptions
- Sunday March 14: Speaker #2 and displays from the various Parish Committees

Thanks to our two speakers – the text of their messages follows this article – and to all the Parish Committees who were represented at the Time and Talent displays.

On Sunday March 21, the Time and Talent “Inventory Cards” will be collected from parishioners during the 10:30 service. A copy of this card is at the end of this “by George!”.

During the year, the Electronic Offering Program form and instructions are always available on the church web site at [Donor Registration/Amendment Form](#). Paper forms are usually available at the back of the church too.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Stewardship Committee.

St. George's Stewardship Committee

Ted Cotton (Past Chair)
Roger Dennis
The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell
Marlene Ramsey
Karl Purchase and
Allan Silk.



2010 Stewardship Tine and Talent Message #1 – February 7, 2010 - Keith Waugh

I have been asked to outline what things I do within this church and what they mean to me.

I have chosen to share these things with you in the light of this concept of Stewardship, Among the things that I do here: I am a director of the Memorial Fund, member of the choir and a member at large (and growing larger if the truth were known) of the Ministry of Fun and have a few other roles within our community here.

I guess I am, in a sense a steward, like many of us, here in our church. Someone who guides, directs or preserves the things that we do here at St George's church. Like a Steward on a passenger ship; one who enables or makes things work for others. We are talking about Stewardship and not talking about compensation we will have to talk about that at another time.

As the Treasurer of the Memorial Fund I would imagine that it's fairly clear from my yearly report at the AGM that I work to make sure that the Memorial Fund continues from year to year, but I am also a Steward of the choir - more exactly I am currently the Co-Steward of the first tenor section in the choir to be more precise.

My minor roles include being a Steward of the refreshment section at the Horse's...a local English pub that exists to raise funds for the church.

I am also the Steward of Special Events public address and music system. I am proud to say that I am the Steward of the Cranberry Sauce and also the co-Steward of Archie's Attic for the Annual Rummage Sale.

What this all means is that I am happily working; building and preserving the things that are important to us. What this means to me is that there is a Church, a choir, and a turkey dinner for all of us; for me, my family and my community.



2010 Stewardship Time and Talent Message #2 – February 14, 2010 – Marion Jagger

Stewardship or volunteering time or talent within our church community for me has been a privilege and blessing. When I returned to St. George's after many years of living in either other neighbourhoods or other cities, it became abundantly clear that this community does not just happen. - *there are many wonderful people who give of their time to ease the flow of the happenings within our church.*

My purpose for having the prayer shawl as a prop – is to emphasis the intertwining all of us in the church family – *not just to upstage Gail Walker who last week silently and very effectively displayed layette items for the Thelma Wynne project.*

One Sunday in 2006, Gwyneth (*an amazing lady who welcomes all and makes things happen*) asked for people who could knit, to make prayer shawls – this outreach project was the catalyst for me becoming a doer instead of just a passive participant. I remembered that I at one time could knit, although had not for years so pick up knitting needles I did and the results amazed even me. As I was working on this project I realized that with every stitch was a prayer for someone in need but more importantly it made me realize that I was useful. Then someone found out that I had good handwriting so I was asked to do the calligraphy inside the beautiful cards which Gail Walker had painted which are included with the gift of the prayer shawl.

Now my big question is – what does knitting and good penmanship have to do with attributes which prepare one for Parish Council? Much to my surprise I was asked to go on Parish Council which I reluctantly accepted – only to find out that I was the winner - I not only met wonderful people but also learned more about the workings of the church. When the breath was taken out of my life a year and half ago, it was the church community who surrounded me with support, comfort and love.

Lately, I undertook the chairmanship of the Pastoral Care committee and am overwhelmed by the love and caring of those who weekly visit people who no longer are able to attend services and the prayer quads who quietly and confidentially enfold any and all who may benefit from prayer. These are truly remarkable contributions to our church family.

I believe it was Alan Silk who once stood here and said we are a family and to function as one we must all contribute – *only he was asking for financial contributions.* There are many areas which are listed in the stewardship information either e-mailed or available at the back of the church. I encourage all of you to review it and say - what can I do? You will be the winner! And our church community the beneficiary!



**PICTURES FROM PRESENTATION TO JOAN HARLAND
ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2010**



TIME & TALENT INVENTORY 2010

If you have skills or gifts to offer and or an idea of a ministry that we should start offering here at St. George's, then please fill in below. We are all given Spiritual Gifts and we hope that this is a congregation where you can find your gifts valued and used to love, accept, welcome and serve as followers of Jesus.

MISSION STATEMENT: "We are a people responding to Christ's call to love one another by accepting, welcoming and serving everyone."

We are called to give of our talents, skills, time and energy as well as our finances in order to love, accept, welcome and serve in our congregation and in the world. By doing so we seek to create a world of peace and hope through fostering life and spreading love. You will find below a comprehensive list of the various positions and jobs that are done as part of the work and ministry of our members here at St George's Anglican Church in Crescentwood. Some of these positions and jobs are already being done by people who find them spiritually fulfilling. Some of these tasks can be shared by more people in our congregation. We hope that, by giving you this comprehensive list, you will be able to discern how it is that you can serve and minister in our congregation and our world. Please fill out the jobs you are already doing and/or those you would be interested in doing. We will then compile a list of volunteers and send them off to the coordinators of the different areas of ministry in our congregation. You will be contacted about the present need and/or kept on a list for future reference. As baptized members of the church let us hear the call of the Holy Spirit to love, accept, welcome and serve in everything that we do."

- The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell

NAME	
PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	

Instructions for completion of this form

On the left side of the document please indicate which volunteer opportunity(s) in which you are *already involved*.

On the right side of the document please indicate which volunteer opportunity(s) in which you **would like to become involved**.

