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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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WELCOME BACK EDITION

Grateful

We often use the word “grateful” when we appreciate what has happened. It’s a positive word. If we follow the logic of wonderful being full of wonder and beautiful being full of beauty, then grateful must be full of grate. Hmm ... how does that work?

Oxford has grate as either a noun for a frame holding fuel or a recess in a fireplace or a verb with various less than positive meanings ... reduce to shreds, grinding teeth, harsh scraping, harsh tone or sound, and irritating effect. Do we really want to be full of a fireplace part or harsh or irritating? Not likely.

Fortunately, we can be grateful because it goes back to the 16th Century word “grate” which is now obsolete but meant pleasing. Grateful is positive much like:

G is for **great** because we’re pleased someone has done something that stands out (grate and great also use the same letters and sound similar).

R is for **rave** as we have a spirited reaction when we’re grateful.

A is for **acclaim** as being grateful should often be public praise

T is for **thanks** as that’s what being grateful is all about

E is for **essential** as being grateful is both natural and necessary.

Is there something you should be grateful for? Is there someone that you should be grateful to? Have you expressed how grateful you are?

Please help us connect with all parishioners by documenting your thoughts and experiences over the fall, and submitting your articles by the November 13th deadline for the November “by George!”. Enjoy the fall and welcome back!

Ted Cotton

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE UPCOMING DATES

Within our Parish Church of St. George, Crescentwood:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sun	2-Oct-16	Pentecost 20 St. Francis of Assisi, Children's homily	10:30 am Church
Wed	5-Oct-16	Wednesday Communion service (abbreviated)	12 Noon in Chapel
Wed	5-Oct-16	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm Guild Room
Thurs	6-Oct-16	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sat	8-Oct-16	Rupert's Land Caregiver Services Support Group	10:00 am Guild Room
Sun	9-Oct-16	Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Church
Mon	10-Oct-16	Thanksgiving Day - building & office closed	
Tues	11-Oct-16	Refugee sub-committee meeting	8:00 pm Guild Room
Wed	12-Oct-16	Wednesday Communion service (abbreviated)	12 Noon in Chapel
Wed	12-Oct-16	Mission & Ministry Meeting	7:00 pm Guild Room
Thurs	13-Oct-16	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	16-Oct-16	Harvest Thanksgiving & Baptism	10:30 am Church
Mon	17-Oct-16	Closet sale starts to set up in Crypt	
Wed	19-Oct-16	Wednesday Communion service (abbreviated)	12 Noon in Chapel
Thurs	20-Oct-16	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Fri	21-Oct-16	Set up for Main floor for Closet Sale & Tea	11:15 am start
Sat	22-Oct-16	Annual Closet Sale & Tea	
Sun	23-Oct-16	Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost - Said Service	9:15 am Chapel
Sun	23-Oct-16	Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost - Morning Prayer	10:30 am Church
Wed	26-Oct-16	Wednesday Communion service (abbreviated)	12 Noon in Chapel
Wed	26-Oct-16	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm Guild Room
Thurs	27-Oct-16	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	30-Oct-16	Feast of All Saints	10:30 am Church
Wed	2-Nov-16	Wednesday Communion service (abbreviated)	12 Noon in Chapel
Sat	3-Nov-16	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:15 am Chapel
Fri	4-Nov-16	Kinderschule Laternenfest	Afternoon & evening
Sat	5-Nov-16	Rupert's Land Caregiver Services Support Group	10:00 am Guild Room
Sun	6-Nov-16	Remembrance Sunday	10:30 am Church
Wed	9-Nov-16	Wednesday Communion service (abbreviated)	12 Noon in Chapel
Wed	9-Nov-16	Mission & Ministry Meeting	7:00 pm Guild Room
Thurs	10-Nov-16	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Fri	11-Nov-16	Remembrance Day - building & office closed	
Sun	13-Nov-16	Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Church
Sun	13-Nov-16	"by George!" deadline	
Wed	16-Nov-16	Wednesday Communion service (abbreviated)	12 Noon in Chapel
Thurs	17-Nov-16	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room

Sun	20-Nov-16	Reign of Christ	10:30 am Church
Sun	20-Nov-16	Altar Guild Annual General Meeting	after 10:30 service
Wed	23-Nov-16	Wednesday Communion service (abbreviated)	12 Noon in Chapel
Thurs	24-Nov-16	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	27-Nov-16	The First Sunday in Advent	10:30 am Church
Wed	1-Dec-16	Wednesday Communion service (abbreviated)	12Noon in Chapel
Thurs	2-Dec-16	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Fri	2-Dec-16	Preparation for Christmas Dinner	TBA
Sat	3-Dec-16	Annual Christmas Dinner	TBA

For the most current calendar and more information about St. George's, please visit:
<http://www.stgeorges.mb.ca>

Worship News

The 10:30 am Sunday, October 2, 2016 service is Eucharist, children's homily, and celebration of The Feast of St. Frances of Assisi. Parishioners may bring pictures of their pets to this service for the blessing of the animals.

There will be a Said Eucharist Service in the Chapel at 9:15 am each Sunday when there is a Morning Prayer service, so there will be a Said Eucharist Service on October 23.

2017 Day-timers

2017 Day-timers will be on sale during coffee hour following 10:30 am Sunday services. The price is \$7.00 - the same low price as last year. Don't be disappointed; get yours early while supply lasts.

Sandra Hartt

Annual Closet Sale & Tea

The Annual Closet Sale & Tea is Saturday October 22, 2016. Gently used men's, ladies' and children's clothing and accessories are needed for the Closet Sale. Please check out your closet and bring in your clean unwanted clothing; it may just be what someone else is looking for. You can drop off clothing and accessories in the downstairs hall. Clothing racks and tables are set up to accommodate your items. We'd certainly appreciate if items could be brought in on hangers; we'd be happy to take extra skirt/pant hangers off your hands too. We're also accepting Christmas items and books for the fall sale. For ease of sorting it is helpful to have donations labelled.

When all the great cooks in the Parish are making preserves, pickles, jams, jellies etc. this fall, please make one or two extra for St. George's Bake Table at the Closet Sale & Tea. It would be most appreciated.

Thank You

Garage Sale Committee

Italian Dinner and Wine Raffle

After a fabulous Italian Dinner on Sunday September 18, the draw for the Wine Raffle was held. The winners:

- 1st Prize \$600. Gift basket of Wine - R. Hill - ticket sold by John Peterer
- 2nd Prize \$300 Gift Certificate for De Nardi's - Diane Biehl - ticket sold by Bill Owen
- 3rd Prize \$100 Gift Certificate for De Nardi's – Madelyn Nanes - ticket sold by Ina Mejos

Thanks for buying and selling tickets, and attending the dinner.

Congratulations

Belated congratulations to The Rev. Canon Dr. Peter Flynn and Judith Flynn on celebrating their 55th Wedding anniversary on September 2, 2016.

Also, the Rev. Canon Dr. Peter Flynn will be received the Order of Rupert's Land at the opening of Synod 7:00 pm, Thursday, October 20. The Order of Rupert's Land is given to people to honour their work and long service in the Diocese.

In the Broader Community:

- September 22-27: National House of Bishops and Spouses Meeting in Winnipeg;
- October 20-22: Rupertsland Synod "Enhancing The World with Christ" at St. John's Cathedral and Douglas Mennonite Church
- October 29: Mental Health First Aid Training – Part I – St. Luke, Dryden
- October 29: What if I Got Hit by a Bus? (or not able to communicate with my family?)
F.W. Gilbert School, Pinawa

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

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

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OUR RECTOR WRITES FROM HIS DESK ...

Dietrich Bonhoeffer – A 20th Century Martyr

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was born on the 4th of February, 1906 in Breslau, Germany. His family moved to Berlin when he was six years old. His father Karl became the Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry. Bonhoeffer had an enjoyable childhood and his parents encouraged him to pursue his dreams.

At the age of 17 he passed his graduation examination and began his theological studies in Tubingen. In 1927/28 he completed his doctoral studies and in 1930 his doctoral dissertation, *Sanctorum Communio* was published. In 1930 he spent a year at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Here he became involved in the Abyssinian Baptist Church and the Social Gospel movement.

In the year after Hitler came to power, Bonhoeffer's life began to change. In a public lecture in 1933, "The Church and the Jewish Question", he declared that the church had a duty "to question the state repeatedly whether its actions could be justified, i.e., as actions in which law and order are created, not lawlessness and disorder". In another statement which he became famous for, he argued that the church had a role to "not just bandage the victims under the wheel, but rather break the spokes of the wheel itself". An undercurrent of political activism began to influence his thoughts as he reached out to foreign countries for assistance.

In October 1933, Bonhoeffer went to London to serve in a pastoral ministry in a German congregation. During this time he became friends with the Bishop of Chichester, George Bell. Bonhoeffer, with Bell's help began to help German Jews as well as others that the Nazi's had banished. In 1935 he returned to Germany and took the lead of the Confessing Church's illegally established preacher's seminary in Finkenwalde. Those who came to Finkenwalde had declared themselves opposed to the national church in favour of the Confessing Church. In 1937 the police closed the seminary.

Bishop Bell, who secretly received weekly reports from Germany, used his position in the House of Lords to ensure the British government were aware of what was transpiring under the Nazi regime. Serving as an intelligence officer for the Office for Counterespionage (OC), Bonhoeffer met Hans von Dohnanyi and Admiral Wilhelm Canaris. Both of these men belonged to a secret opposition group that tried to help the Jews. Later these men would begin to consider an assassination attempt of Hitler. Bonhoeffer, as part of his work at

OC met Bishop Bell in Switzerland to discuss how the Allies might react to a coup in Germany.

On April 5, 1943 the Gestapo arrested Bonhoeffer. Though he was not permitted to write letters to anyone other than his fiancée and parents, a few sympathetic guards smuggled letters out to Eberhard Bethge. Though many of the letters were later destroyed many of the surviving letters were published in *Letters and Papers from Prison*. On February 7 1945, Bonhoeffer was transferred to Flossenburg concentration camp. At dawn on April 9, 1945, He was removed from his cell and hung. His parents did not find out about his death until July when they heard a broadcast on BBC radio. It was a memorial of Dietrich given by his friend Bishop George Bell.

I have several of Bonhoeffer's books and a couple of biographies if you like to read more.

Simon+

MARGARET WRITES ...

A Tribute

In the newspaper obituaries this week there were three people connected with St. George's: Barbara Aldous, Joan Harland and Kenneth Macaw, who is the husband of our Donna Macaw. Celebrations of the life of these three people will be celebrated within three days of each other: Barbara on Saturday, September 23, Joan on Sunday, September 24 and Kenneth on Monday, September 25. This got me thinking about the inevitability of death, particularly since our parish has lost so many people in the past several months, and particularly over the summer.

Many families are grieving the loss of their loved ones, and all of us are diminished when a member of our parish family, or someone who is close to a parishioner, passes away. I have many happy memories of these people, a couple of whom attended Sunday School with me in the 1940's. Along with her three sisters, (all of whose names began with "D"), Daphne Lindsay who died in August was a big part of our parish life. Her father, Norman White, was tenor soloist in the church choir. Janet Stanton Christiansen (daughter of parishioner Ed Stanton who still attends church most Sundays,) was one of the Stanton girls who contributed a great deal of their time and many talents to our parish. Gerald Austen, who died the same month (July) as Joan Harland, was a graduate of the Department of Interior Design where Joan was a professor, and they were close friends and both served on St. George's Design Committee. Gerald and his late wife Eileen were parishioners for many years, but a few years ago they became permanent residents of Victoria Beach, and Gerald died in Pine Falls Hospital.

The Weselake family lost their father John in August, just a few weeks after the baptism of his first grandchild. The Weselakes are well-known and well-loved parishioners. Both their children were servers, and the family was a big part of our parish family.

Probably the biggest shock to us all was the sudden death of Maryanne Bracken at her Minaki cottage in August. Maryanne's cheerful smile and caring personality were cherished by every member of the parish. She was truly a light in the darkness, and she is greatly missed, not only by her family, but also by her many friends who are left behind. We pray for the peaceful repose of all these people, and our prayers also go out to all the family members who mourn their loss. May their lives be an inspiration to all of us, and may light perpetual shine upon them.



THOUGHT FOR THIS EDITION

If you want to be ready for tomorrow, today is a great time to start.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the September 21st Parish Council meeting:

- Chapter 5 of Changing the Conversation was discussed.
- The August 2016 Finance Report was discussed. Details are in this “by George!”.
- The Syrian refugee family is settling in. The Afghan refugee family has moved to Vancouver; we are responsibility for them until February 2017 but only if they are in Winnipeg.
- Web site development and the monthly 9:15 Eucharist are examples of progress on the Parish Plan. Input is still needed from some Committees and there will be further discussion at the October meeting.
- Planning for the October 23rd financial Stewardship Sunday is underway.
- The wine raffle and Italian Dinner on September 18 were a great success.
- There was discussion on General Synod and same sex blessings. The “This Holy Estate” report may be reviewed at future parish council meetings..
- The calendar of Diocesan events was reviewed. A current calendar is in this “by George!”.
- Courtesies were given to Andrew and Phyllis Thomson for the Italian Dinner, Christopher Thomson for the wine raffle, Lynne Unger and Ina Mejos for their contribution to Parish Council, and Gwyneth Jones for her ongoing pastoral visits.
- The next Parish Council meeting is October 26.

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



FINANCE REPORT

St. George's Church – January to March 2016

	Actual 2016	Actual 2015	Budget 2016
Revenue	\$176 802.13	\$182 993.72	\$174 058.68
Expense	\$183 827.29	\$187 477.89	\$193 247.08
Net Income (Loss)	(\$7 025.16)	(\$4 484.17)	(\$19 187.40)

Here are the highlights:

The 2016 Net Loss to the end of August is \$7 025. This is unfavourable to last year but favourable Budget.

Variances of \$700 or more to Budget are:

- Fundraising is \$6 381 favourable. This is the Garage Sale more than offsetting Special Events.
- Identified Giving is \$4 317 unfavourable to Budget and \$8 196 unfavourable to last year. This is changes in the congregation.
- Sundry Rental is \$1413 favourable. This is more ad hoc events.
- Assistant's Salary is \$730 F. This is less time used.
- Rector's Stipend and Living Allowance are offsets.
- Maintenance – Organ is \$1 250 favourable. This is timing.
- General Maintenance is \$2 048 favourable. This is timing.
- Utilities – Natural Gas is \$2 650 favourable. This is timing and a warmer start to 2016.

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 August 31			
	2016	2015	change
	Actual	Actual	
Current Assets (chequing, cash)	\$ 47 789.29	49 472.67	(1 683.38)
Fixed Assets (building at cost)	785 030.20	785 030.20	0
Other Assets (investments)	185 572.88	207 586.00	(22 013.12)
Total Assets	\$ 1 286 771.16	1 327 648.57	(40 877.41)

Current Liabilities (designated)	\$	272 690.42	254 956.95	17 733.47
Long Term Liabilities (trusts)		7 260.26	7 260.26	0
Equity		1 006 820.48	1 065 431.36	(58 610.88)
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	1 286 771.16	1 327 648.57	(40 877.41)

The chequing account is reconciled to the end of August 2016.

Our Balance Sheet includes about 32 **Designated Funds**. These Funds range in size from less than \$100 to over \$100 000. The key aspect of each Fund is the money can only be spent on what the money was donated or raised for. For example, the Designated Fund – Christmas Cheer can only be used for the Christmas Cheer. Some Funds have ongoing activity and some don't.

Changes to Designated Funds > \$500 in August:

- Syrian Refugee Fund: -\$891. This is rent and other expenses greater than donations.

If you need anything before then, please let me know.

Ted Cotton

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

Our financial (treasure) Stewardship Sunday will be October 23 and our non-financial (time and talent) Stewardship Sunday will be January 8. Watch for more information!

Time and Talent Opportunities: There are always opportunities for those who wish to share their time and talent at St. George's. Please let Simon or one of the wardens know about your interests. Current opportunities include Parish Council Recording Clerk, Stewardship Chair, Synod Delegate, Sidesperson and Flower Arranger. Thanks.

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 on the church web site at [Preauthorized Donation Registration/Amendment Form](#) . Thanks again.

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.

All Charities Campaign: For many employees, charitable donation activities are underway in the fall. Employees of the Provincial government and its agencies have access to the All Charities Campaign for donations to charities of their choice through the convenience of payroll deduction. The charities include St. George's (Crescentwood) at S150.

<http://www.allcharitiescampaign.ca/catalogue.html#S>

“One of the biggest features of this campaign is that 100% of every donation collected is paid to the charities - not one penny is used for administration purposes or processing fees. And, in fact, every charity named during a campaign receives 100% plus! How does that work? Well, each year we have employees that donate, but they do not designate the funds to a particular agency. These unallocated donations are pooled until the end of the year. Once all the donations collected have been verified and totalled, each charity will receive a pro-rated share of the unallocated donations. For example, if a charity received 2% of the total donations collected, they would receive 2% of the unallocated donations”.

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.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

West Broadway Community Ministry Fundraiser

“Walk a Mile in My Shoes” is being held on Saturday, October 1st, 2016. Registration is at 9:00 am. There are several one and two hour tours available; each starts at 10:00 am including Do It Yourself and Guided Tours. For more information please see poster and application forms on the Wilton St. bulletin board. To join or sponsor a St. George’s team please, please contact Sandra Hartt at 204-489-9250. Tax Receipts will be issued by West Broadway Community Services for donations of \$20.00 or more.

Syrian Refugee Family

The Alzayyat family is continuing to adjust well to life in Winnipeg. Their English language classes are underway. The husband/father is looking for odd jobs to do. This could include leaf raking, fall yard clean-up, lawn mowing, helping to move items, etc. We are suggesting that the pay be at least \$11 per hour (the Manitoba minimum wage). George Bush will coordinate the appointments (gdbush@shaw.ca). Please note fundraising is continuing and we still need \$6,000 to reach our goal of \$20,000. Many have already been generous. Please consider making a donation to the fund; a tax receipt will be issued. You can donate on-line via Visa credit card at the St. George’s website, or write a cheque to the church.

The Refugee Sub-committee

Prayer Shawls and Knitters

How fortunate we have been this past year with your generous donations of hand-knitted Prayer Shawls. Of the 18 shawls that you knitted and donated to this ministry at St. George’s in 2016, only eight are left, blessed and ready; four more are ready to be blessed.

As the weather chills, the need for the comfort that a Prayer Shawl gives to the recipient grows. Please consider making a shawl. The pattern is simple. The yarn is easy on the eyes, the hands, and the heart.

For pattern instructions, knitting or crocheting, and some available yarn, please see Gail Walker at Coffee hour or at 204-453-1672,

Gail Walker

