

“by George!”

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Gratitude

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

GRATITUDE

Has anyone ever held a door open for you, let your vehicle in when you're lane suddenly ended, given you a tip about a great new store, provided advice when you needed it ... ? Most people would say “Yes and often” and they are grateful for it. So, you wave your thanks to the driver who let you in.

This concept of gratitude or thankfulness is very much related to our worship. The word “grace” has similar roots to gratitude and means giving thanks for a favour. We say grace before a meal. The word “Eucharist” has different roots but still means grateful or thankful. We show thanks for the sacrifices made for our benefit.

There are so many moments in our lives when others help us through our day. We are blessed and we should show our gratitude often.

Thanks to Rod and Peter for their ministry over the summer and for Simon's sabbatical where he had an opportunity for renewal, refreshment and a lightness of heart.

Thanks to Ludmila and Mary for their contribution to our bookkeeping and administrative activities over the summer and for Marion's recuperation and return to the office.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our worship and other activities over the summer. You are all important to our success.

Please help us connect with all parishioners by documenting your thoughts and experiences over the fall and submitting your articles by the November 11th deadline for the next “by George!”.
Welcome back and have a great fall. Thank you!

Ted Cotton

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE UPCOMING DATES**Within our Parish Church of St. George, Crescentwood:****CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

DAY	DATE	GROUP	TIME / PLACE
Wed	3-Oct-18	Wednesday Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
		Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 pm Guild Room
Thurs	4-Oct-18	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	7-Oct-18	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Church
Wed	10-Oct-18	Wednesday Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Thurs	11-Oct-18	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	14-Oct-18	Harvest Thanksgiving	10:30 am Church
Wed	17-Oct-18	Wednesday Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Thurs	18-Oct-18	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sat	20-Oct-18	Annual Closet Sale and Tea	
Sun	21-Oct-18	Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost and Stewardship Sunday	10:30 am Church
Sun	21-Oct-18	Choral Evensong	4:00 pm Church
Wed	24-Oct-18	Wednesday Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Thurs	25-Oct-18	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	28-Oct-18	Morning Prayer	10:30 am Church
Wed	31-Oct-18	Wednesday Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Thurs	1-Nov-18	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	4-Nov-18	All Saints Day Children's Homily	10:30 am Church
Wed	7-Nov-18	Wednesday Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Thurs	8-Nov-18	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	11-Nov-18	Remembrance Day service	10:30 am Church
Sun	11-Nov-18	"by George!" deadline	
Wed	14-Nov-18	Wednesday Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Thurs	15-Nov-18	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	18-Nov-18	Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Church
Sun	18-Nov-18	Altar Guild General Meeting	12:00 noon
Wed	21-Nov-18	Wednesday Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Thurs	22-Nov-18	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	25-Nov-18	Reign of Christ	10:30 am Church
Wed	28-Nov-18	Wednesday Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Thurs	29-Nov-18	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sat	1-Dec-18	Annual Christmas Dinner	
Sun	2-Dec-18	Frist Sunday of Advent	10:30 am Church
Wed	5-Dec-18	Wednesday Communion Service	12 Noon Chapel
Thurs	6-Dec-18	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:00 am Guild Room
Sun	9-Dec-18	Second Sunday of Advent	10:30 am Church

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

Wilton Door

The Parish Office is open Mon to Fri from 9 AM to 5 PM. The Wilton door is locked at 3:00 PM. Please contact the office at 204 453 5642 or office@stgeorges.mb.ca if you don't have a key and need access after 3.



In the Broader Community:

116th Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land and Consecration Service
October 11 - October 13

The diocese is urgently looking for volunteers to help with Synod (October 11-13, 2018, at Douglas Mennonite Church, 1517 Rothesay Street). Specifically, the diocese is looking for people to help in the kitchen (there are shifts all weekend) and with the Consecration service on Friday night. If you're interested in volunteering, or need some more info, please [email Judy McIvor](mailto:JudyMcIvor@rupertsland.ca) or call the diocesan office (204-992-4200).

Please visit the Diocese of Rupert's Land website for the most current calendar:
<http://www.rupertsland.ca/category/events/>

The Rupert's Land News is now only electronic. To subscribe to the weekly electronic edition and get the latest news about the Diocese, please use the following link:
www.rupertslandnews.ca and then go to "subscribe to RLN Weekly".

THOUGHT FOR THIS EDITION

It is more powerful to show gratitude than to think about it.



OUR RECTOR WRITES FROM HIS DESK ...

The Inconvenient Indian

On the 11th of September the Diocese of Rupert's Land with St. John's College launched a new course entitled *Indigenous History and the Anglican Church*. This course was created in response to our Diocese's desire to take active steps toward reconciliation with Indigenous people. All licensed clergy are mandated to attend and participate in this education at some point in the next three years. The inaugural course, which I am enrolled in, is taking place on Tuesday evenings at St. John's College from 11 September until 6 November and will cover a wide array of subjects.

The opening class began with a *smudge*. For those of us who are unfamiliar with the practice, a *smudge* is a ritual for cleansing the soul and body. It involves the burning of certain herbs/grasses and allowing the smoke to waft over the body. Afterward, we were introduced to Elder Stan McKay. Stan identified himself as a Woodland Cree elder who had served as Moderator of the United Church of Canada. Stan discussed the 7 sacred teachings as they received by the Cree people. Each one is associated with an animal.

1. Love (Eagle): true love is to know the Creator and to live by his teachings. To know the Creator is to 'be in the presence of the eagle'.
2. Respect (Buffalo): Indigenous peoples developed a sustainable relationship with the Buffalo resulting in a relationship that was rooted in utmost respect.
3. Courage (Bear): the protection of children is an example.
4. Honesty (Big Foot): to know the laws of creation. Big Foot is a mystical creature that lives at the edge of the camp. It is a creature that lives a natural life in consort with the land...to live with integrity.
5. Wisdom (Beaver): wisdom helps to ensure that a community lives in peace.
6. Humility (Wolf): to live with this in mind, "I know nothing and I understand even less". All beings are equal.
7. Truth (Turtle): on the shell of the turtle all the teachings are contained. The turtle represents a higher power.

The 7 teachings reflect a deep attachment that the Cree people have with the land. As I listened to Stan my mind began to consider how these teachings are reflected in Scripture, particularly in Proverbs and the Psalms.

The title of this article "The Inconvenient Indian" was chosen because in addition to other texts on treaties and church publications, the book we are reading through is "The Inconvenient Indian" by Thomas King. Thomas King was the first Indigenous person to give the Massey Lectures (2003) and in response to "The Inconvenient Indian", the Globe and Mail wrote "Thomas King is beyond being a great writer and storyteller...he is our Twain...A powerful, important book". If you have not read this book and are interested in learning the truth behind so many misrepresentations I encourage you to give it a read.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – June 20, 2018

Activities are underway on the four priorities identified in the “Ideas” meeting and discussed further at the Parish Council retreat – building use, community, diversity, and worship. A Treaty 1 recognition plaque will be installed in the fall. After the Diocesan event on accessibility, a St. Georges policy is being developed

Stewardship Committee is planning fall 2018 activities by reviewing use of the Diocesan Gifts of God’s Grace. .

Property Committee reported the bell has been inspected and a new clapper installed. There was water in the basement after a heavy rain. The permit for the door repairs has not been issued by the city yet.

Diocesan events focused on the June 16th Synod of the Diocese of Rupert’s Land and the election of The Ven. Geoffrey J.J. Woodcroft to be Bishop Coadjutor for Rupert’s Land. Information about the October Synod is in this “by George!”.

Hospitality reported on church participation in the Doors Open event. Approximately 40 people attended on the Saturday. Consideration is being given to participating in this event every second year.

Corporation reported on coverage for the summer, Kinderschule’s request for use of more space, and the Special General Meeting for synod representatives.

Finance reported on the status to May 31. Current information is in this “by George!”.

Approval was given for the disbursements of \$200 to Darren and \$18 000 to the St George’s general account from the Garage Sale and Closet.

Courtesies were given to Andrew T and volunteers at the Doors Open event; Brent C, Andrew T and Allan S for the bell; Interim priest, Rod Sprange, for covering for Simon B in May; Garage Sale volunteers for the contribution to operations of the church, and Gwyneth J and Darren for planters in front of the church

The next Parish Council meeting is October 17.

Approved Parish Council Minutes are posted on the Parish Council bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

FINANCE REPORT**St. George's Church – August 2018**

	Actual 2018	Actual 2017	Budget 2018
Revenue	\$179 337.63	\$164 329.70	\$179 875.00
Expense	\$194 033.10	\$184 243.01	\$198 207.14
Net Income (Loss)	(\$14 695.47)	(\$19 913.31)	(\$18 332.14)

The net loss of \$14 695 over first eight months is favourable to budgeted net income as well as last year.

Variances to budget of >\$700:

- Fundraising is \$2 663 favourable due to the Garage Sale
- Interest Earned is \$2 874 unfavourable due to timing.
- Identified giving is \$15 498 unfavourable to budget and \$5 511 unfavourable to 2017.
- United Way is \$11 587 favourable due to a change in method of giving
- Special and Designated is \$2 360 favourable due to funerals.
- Open Plate is \$874 favourable. Some of this is more international currencies received.
- Strategy Implementation is \$1 161 unfavourable to budget due to underestimation of the expense e.g. the parish council retreat.
- Utilities Electricity is \$1 136 favourable to budget due to timing
- Utilities Water is \$1 651 favourable to budget due to overestimation of the costs of water running

**Summary Balance Sheet
As at August 31**

	2018	2017	change
	Actual	Actual	
Current Assets (chequing, cash)	\$ 12 351.80	11 363.69	988.11
Fixed Assets (building at cost)	785 030.20	785 030.20	0
Other Assets (investments)	555 729.20	524 104.14	31 625.06
Total Assets	\$ 1 353 111.20	1 320 498.03	32 613.17
Current Liabilities (designated)	\$ 258 204.46	272 483.26	(14 278.80)
Long Term Liabilities (trusts)	7 260.26	7 260.26	0
Equity	1 087 646.48	1 040 754.51	46 891.97
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1 353 111.20	1 320 498.03	32 613.17

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 – Norquay School can only be used for Norquay School. Some Funds have ongoing activity and some don't.

Changes to Designated Funds > \$500 in August:

- Sabbatical provision: -\$708 for payroll while Simon was away.

The chequing account is reconciled to the end of August.

The auditor's review for the church has been completed and shows a small change of +\$559 due to an additional \$1093 in revenue (largely offerings received in the last week of December but recorded in 2018 in error) and an additional \$534 in expenses (largely advertising). That improves the net loss reported at AGM from \$3 009 to \$2 450.

The auditor also reported a realized loss of \$1 893 on a sale of investment, an unrealized gain of \$46 344 on investments held, and an unrealized loss of \$608 on foreign exchange.

In addition, the auditors added two offsetting entries of \$44 860 to record the Memorial Fund's payment of maintenance costs.

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

Ted Cotton



STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

Fall 2018 Stewardship activities will be underway shortly. A portion of the new Diocesan Stewardship program, "Giving our Thanks and Praise", will be incorporated into our activities this year and more will follow in subsequent years. .

The May issue of the "by George!" included an "Updated Report of the Nominating Committee for 2018". We are grateful for the many parishioners who are sharing their time and talents with St. George's. Some of these ministries can use more time and talent, including:

- Choir members aged 7 and up. Contact Rick Morgan
- Sidespeople. Contact Dean Melnychuk
- Flower arrangers. Contact Brenda Cotton
- Stewardship. Contact Ted Cotton
- Annual Christmas Dinner. Contact Colleen Silk

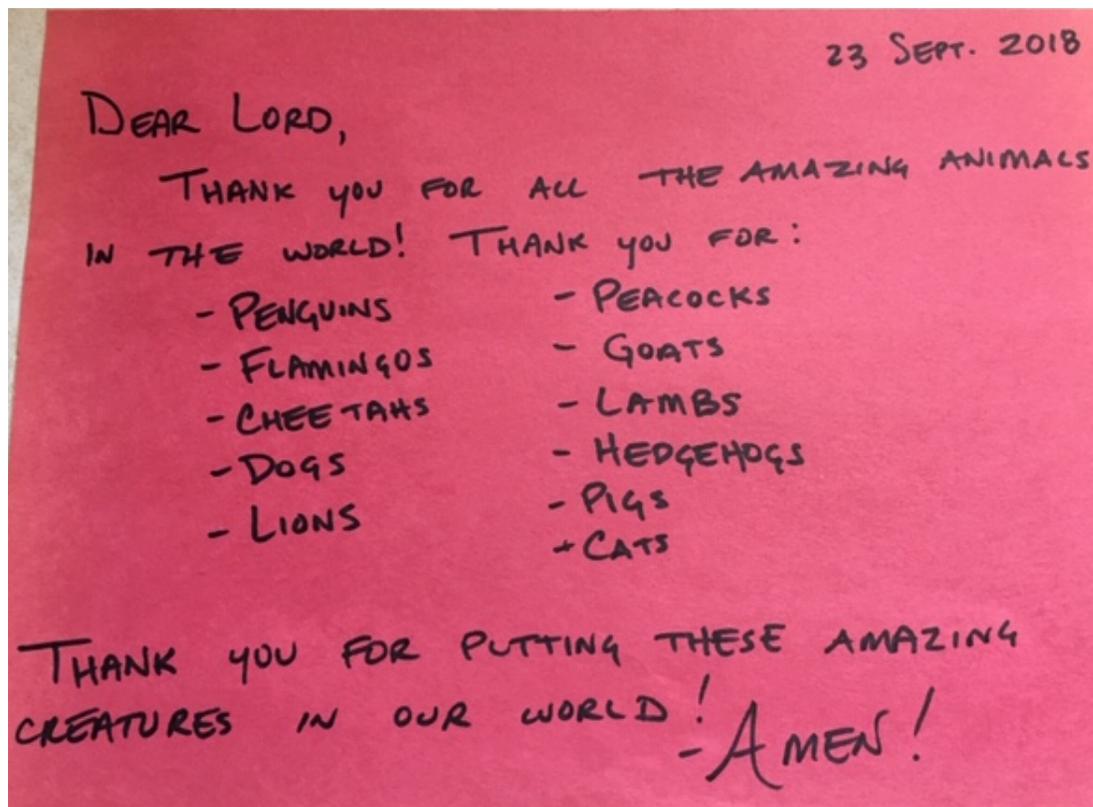
Electronic Offering Program: If you want to start the Electronic Offering Program or change your monthly electronic donation during the year, the form and instructions are always available from the church office or on the church website at [Preauthorized Donation Registration/Amendment Form](#) .

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.

Ted Cotton

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER – September 23, 2018



MISSION AND MINISTRY

Refugees

The Alzayyat Syrian family continues to do well in Winnipeg. Azhilla gave birth to two healthy girls on September 6. Their names are Sujood (which refers to kneeling with the forehead touching the ground as Muslims do when they pray) and Saja (which refers to the quietness of night). Ahmed had his first job interview and we are waiting to see the results of that. Imad has now started into Grade 1. Jana is still at home. And Azhilla is very busy with four children. Our “official” support of the family has ended, but contributions of money marked “Alzayyat family” will be very welcome to help with the cost of formula, diapers, etc. Your donation will make life a little easier for the family and is tax receiptable! Mission and Ministry is sending \$200 from existing Refugee funds. Keep them all in your prayers. None of us can imagine what a positive difference this sponsorship has made in their lives.

Parish Council has agreed that the Parish can sponsor another refugee family. This time the costs for one year are 100% covered through the BVOR (Blended Visa Office Referral) program of the federal government. We have funds left from previous fundraising, so we do have some money on hand to supplement the government funding, if required. We have just started the process, but we expect a family of five Eritrean refugees will be coming before Christmas! If anyone is interested in assisting the refugee committee, please let Rick Morgan know.

West Broadway Community Ministry

On Saturday September 29th, West Broadway Community Ministry is having their annual fundraiser “WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES”. A group from St. George’s will be participating. Plan to join us.

TEA AND CLOSET SALE

St. George's Anglican Church
168 Wilton Street @ Grosvenor
Everyone is invited to attend our annual

TEA AND CLOSET SALE

Saturday October 20, 2018 from 10am to 3pm
Sunday Oct 21, 2018 from 12pm to 3 pm (*Closet Sale only*)

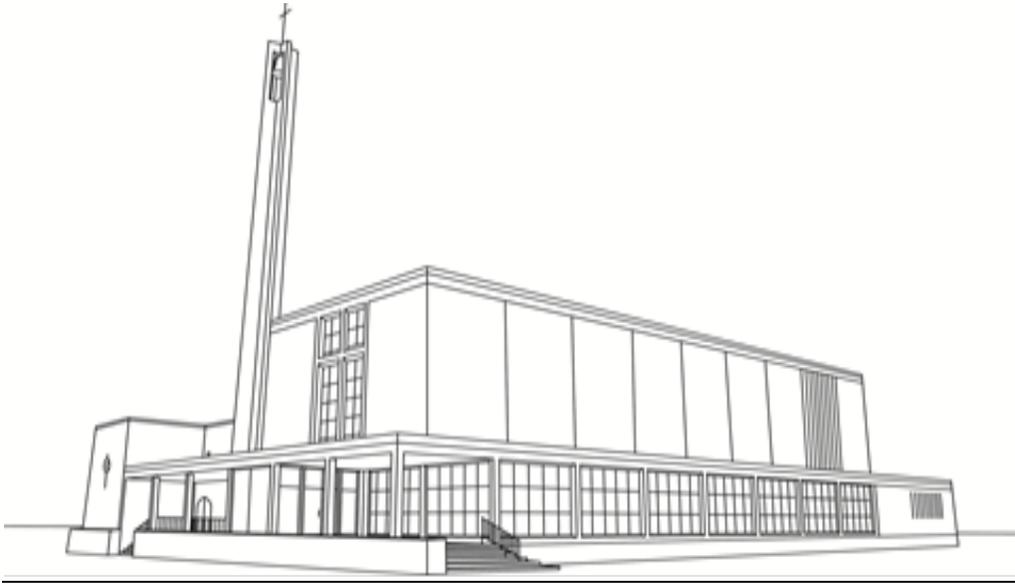
CLOSET SALE - Ladies', men's and lots of children's clothing as well as shoes, boots and accessories!

TEA/COFFEE AND DESSERTS – Served from 10am to 3pm

BAKE TABLE, BOOKS AND LOTS OF CHRISTMAS TREASURES
Including ornaments, lights, artificial trees and greenery.

For more information call 204-453-5642
www.stgeorges.mb.ca

When you are making **jams, jellies or pickles**, please make an extra jar or two for the bake table at our Tea and Closet Sale. They are always popular and very much appreciated. Thank you!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 1 LAND

We acknowledge that we meet and work in the Treaty 1 Land, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, and Dakota people and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here.