

# “by George!”

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## Thanks

The “by George!” connects all parishioners through electronic or hard copy distribution. It is normally published in September, November, February, 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

## THANKS

We're grateful for the time, talent and treasures you share with St. George's Crescentwood. Thanks to everyone who participates in our worship and other activities throughout the year. You are all important to our success.

Thanks to Linda and Peter for their ministry over the summer and for Simon's return to the parish.

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

Thanks to Rick and Darren for their ongoing contributions.

Thanks to Jacqueline for taking on the Sunday School.

Please help us connect with all parishioners by documenting your thoughts and experiences over the fall and submitting your articles by the November 10th 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**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>GROUP</b>	<b>TIME / PLACE</b>
Wed	9-Oct-19	<b>Wednesday Communion Service</b>	12 Noon Chapel
Sun	13-Oct-19	<b>Thanksgiving</b> communion service	10:30 am Church
Mon	14-Oct-19	<b>Building and Office closed for Thanksgiving Monday</b>	
Mon	14-Oct-19	<b>Worship Committee Meeting</b>	7:00 pm Guild Room
Wed	16-Oct-19	<b>Wednesday Communion Service</b>	12 Noon Chapel
Wed	16-Oct-19	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	7:00 pm Guild Room
Sun	20-Oct-19	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b>	10:30 am Church
Mon	20-Oct-19	<b>Set up for Annual Closet sale</b>	all day Crypt
Wed	23-Oct-19	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	7:00 pm Guild Room
Sat	26-Oct-19	<b>Annual Closet Sale and Tea - books, baking, xmas items, clothing</b>	10am to 3pm
Sun	27-Oct-19	<b>Eucharist</b> Prince of Peace Chapel	9:15 AM
Sun	27-Oct-19	<b>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Morning Prayer	10:30 am Church
Sun	27-Oct-19	<b>Annual Closet sale continues with clothing</b>	12 pm to 3pm
Wed	30-Oct-19	<b>Wednesday Communion Service</b>	12 Noon Chapel
Sun	3-Nov-19	<b>All Saints</b> communion service	10:30 am Church
Wed	6-Nov-19	<b>Wednesday Communion Service</b>	12 Noon Chapel
Sun	10-Nov-19	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> communion	10:30 am Church
Mon	11-Nov-19	<b>Building and Office closed for Remembrance day</b>	
Wed	13-Nov-19	<b>Wednesday Communion Service</b>	12 Noon Chapel
Sun	17-Nov-19	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> communion	10:30 am Church
Sun	17-Nov-19	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	4:00 pm Church
Wed	20-Nov-19	<b>Wednesday Communion Service</b>	12 Noon Chapel
Wed	20-Nov-19	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	7:00 pm Guild Room
Sun	24-Nov-19	<b>Reign of Christ</b> communion service	10:30 am Church
Wed	27-Nov-19	<b>Wednesday Communion Service</b>	12 Noon Chapel
Sun	1-Dec-19	<b>First Sunday In Advent</b>	10:30 am Church
Wed	4-Dec-19	<b>Wednesday Communion Service</b>	12 Noon Chapel
Sat	7-Dec-19	<b>Annual Christmas Dinner</b>	<i>Watch for more details</i>

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](mailto:office@stgeorges.mb.ca) if you don't have a key and need access after 3.

**In the Broader Community:**

**The Deanery (the geographic area that includes St. George's) is holding a session on Wednesday, October 23 for all parishioners** to discuss climate change, the National Synod and indigenous governance. The session will include concerns about the result of the vote on the motion – A052-R2 Motion for Second Reading of Amendment to Canon XXI (On Marriage in the Church). This session takes place at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 755 Elm Street at 7:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Wilton Street bulletin board or contact the parish office to put your name down.

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](http://www.rupertslandnews.ca) and then go to "subscribe to RLN Weekly".

**THOUGHT FOR THIS EDITION**

Showing gratitude for the small things makes the big things easier.



## OUR RECTOR WRITES FROM HIS DESK ...

### Story

*In the beginning*, as the Christian narrative begins, the creation of existence is told in the form of story. This story understood literally or literarily, makes sense for many of a world that might otherwise be unintelligible. Our own sense of reality, that which we construct to give meaning to our world is story and cannot be reduced to an abstract concept if we are to interact in and with it. We are not theoretical beings but creatures that move in and through time and therefore must construct ourselves, including our relationships, in story. Proof of this is unmistakable in our conversations with each other. Story is the primary communicative tool we use.

When the story is told it has a power to effect and transform both teller and listener. In this sense it builds community and as trust is established and relationships bridged, layers are removed only to discover deeper levels of ourselves as well as those around us. One of the greatest powers of telling our stories is that they find common ground in other stories. Recently, while listening to the story of another I discovered that we had both performed the same role in the navy, albeit 50 years apart and two different navies. Those differences became irrelevant and there was a pronounced and immediate shift in our relationship. The potential for real pastoral care was made possible in the commonality of our lives. This is not a statement arguing that establishing common ground is essential for pastoral care, it almost without exception is, only that common ground exists between us all if we but take the time and listen for its presence. Our stories are both unique to ourselves and at the same time common between us.

In *Mighty Stories and Dangerous Rituals*, authors Herbert Anderson and Edward Foley, challenge the reader, whether s/he be caregiver or recipient, to identify what part story has had and continues to have in their own lives. At the core of storytelling is the need to determine meaning in and for our lives, in and for God's creation.<sup>1</sup> Howard Kamler tells us that stories define who we are. They help to distinguish us from others as well as make sense of our experiences and can shape our life expectations.<sup>2</sup> And, Peter VanKatwyk identifies that the majority of our stories speak to the balance between life and death. As we move through life the balance shifts back and forth and it is storytelling that enables us to re-establish the balance.<sup>3</sup> Stories provide context to life's emotions. Love, shame, guilt and remorse are vacuous concepts without substance unless they are spoken in story.

Tim Eberhart identifies Jesus' parables as the primary example of God entering the stories of the everyday person. The parables describe everyday people involved in everyday activities.

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<sup>1</sup> Herbert Anderson & Edward Foley, *Mighty Stories and Dangerous Rituals* (San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 1997), 36.

<sup>2</sup> Howard Kamler, *Communications: Sharing Our Stories of Experience* (Seattle, WA: Psychological Press, 1983), 8-12, quoted in Tim Eberhardt, *Storytelling and Pastoral Care* in The Journal of Pastoral Care Vol 60 No. 1 Spring 1996 (Journal of Pastoral Care Publications: Decatur Georgia, 1996), 25.

<sup>3</sup> Peter L. VanKatwyk, *Parental Loss and Marital Grief: A Pastoral and Narrative Perspective* in The Journal of Pastoral Care Vol 52 No. 4 Winter 1998 (Journal of Pastoral Care Publications: Decatur Georgia, 1998), 270.

They do not illustrate ‘religious’ people carrying out ‘religious activities’<sup>4</sup> That teaches us that at very basic levels the stories of the Divine and human connect and serves as an open invitation to enter within. This would not be the case if the stories were beyond the experience of the everyday person.

In our interactions with each other we need to remind ourselves as well as the other that God entered the world for us as well as the other. All our stories are important to each other and to Jesus. When someone realizes that their story is found in the Divine narrative it is a short journey to the realization that others’ stories must therefore also be found there. In this moment we become conscious of not only the relationships between ourselves but also the relationship between ourselves through Christ. Christ is unconquerable and we are reconciled through Him to God as well as to others.

Simon+

## **BISHOP’S LETTER ON THE VOTE ON THE MARRIAGE CANON AMENDMENT**

To the members of the Diocese of Rupert’s Land

Dear disciples,

I am writing to you from the floor of General Synod 2019.

I wish to thank our delegation for their examples of kindness, generosity, and courage through the conversations and debates around the proposed amendment to the Marriage Canon of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Amendment to the Marriage Canon did not pass the second reading.

The Chancellor of the Anglican Church of Canada, Mr. David Jones, has stated that the marriage canon does not preclude that marriage is between a woman and a man: The Anglican Church of Canada affirms, according to our Lord’s teaching as found in Holy Scripture and expressed in the Form of Solemnization of Matrimony in the Book of Common Prayer, that marriage is a lifelong union in faithful love, and that marriage vows are a commitment to this union, for better or for worse, to the exclusion of all others on either side. This union is established by God’s grace when two duly qualified persons enter into a covenant of marriage in which they declare their intention of fulfilling its purposes and exchange vows to be faithful to one another until they are separated by death. The purposes of marriage are mutual fellowship, support, and comfort, and the procreation (if it may be) and nurture of children, and the creation of a relationship in which sexuality may serve personal fulfilment in a community of faithful love. This covenant is made in the sight of God and in the presence of witnesses and of an authorized minister.

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<sup>4</sup> Tim Eberhardt *Storytelling and Pastoral Care* in *The Journal of Pastoral Care* Vol 50 No. 1 Spring 1996 (Journal of Pastoral Care Publications: Decatur Georgia, 1996), 27.

At the 116th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, held in October 2018, the group facilitating our discussions concerning the proposed change to the Marriage Canon reported that of all things discussed, our #1 priority was to nurture respectful relationships. Given that outcome, I am exercising my authority to continue the Rupert's Land conversation that will lead to an Opt-In practice of Local Option in the matter of same-sex couples seeking marriage in the Anglican Church of Canada through the Diocese of Rupert's Land, by January 1, 2020.

Also, given that priority stated above, we will need to move with great care to respect the broad theological spectrum, committed traditions, and liturgical practices across the diocese. We are each needed in this part of the Body of Christ; and in the great scheme of things, our diversity is one of our richest blessings, especially as we support the world around us. We are all needed on the voyage, and our standard is to develop respectful relationships. It is my intention to fully support, protect and uphold the traditional practices of those parishes and their clergy who understand marriage as being between a woman and a man only.

May your heart, mind, soul and strength be rejuvenated in the power and love of Jesus Christ.

Yours in ministry and mission,

+ Geoffrey

## **FINANCE REPORT**

### **St. George's Church – August 2019**

The net loss of \$35 246 at the end of August is unfavourable to last year but favourable to Budget. One issue is timing of receipt of Garage Sale funds.

Identified Giving is favourable to Budget but unfavourable to last year.

The chequing account is reconciled until the end of August 2019.

About \$4,500 was transferred from investments into chequing account to pay bills in September. The total funds transferred from investments to chequing is about \$24,500 so far this year. Another \$10,000 will be transferred in October.

Changes to the Designated funds > \$500: \$1818 to the Eritrean family.

A motion by the Garage Sale Committee "to transfer \$15,000 from the garage sale account to operating account was approved in September.

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

Ted Cotton



## STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

Fall 2019 Stewardship activities are underway. Some of the Diocesan Stewardship program, “Giving our Thanks and Praise”, has been incorporated into our activities this year and more will follow in subsequent years. A Stewardship package, including your 2020 Estimate of Giving card, will be distributed in October.

The following table is provided for your information when completing your 2020 Estimated of Giving card:

### Distribution of Expected Annual Identified Giving for 2019

Dollar amount	Number of Givers
\$0	16
\$1 to \$500	18
\$500 to \$1,000	22
\$1,001 to \$1,500	13
\$1,501 to \$2,000	8
\$2,001 to \$2,500	10
\$2,500 to \$3,000	7
\$3,001 to \$3,500	2
\$3,501 to \$4,000	6
\$4,001 to \$4,500	1
\$4501 to \$5,000	2
\$5,001 to \$5,500	0
\$5,501 to \$6,000	2
\$6,001 to \$6,500	1
\$6,501 to \$7,000	0
plus \$7,000	4

**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](#) .

A “pew” card will soon be available for parishioners on preauthorized donations. As the offering plate passes, parishioners on preauthorized donations can show their commitment to St. George’s by putting a card in the plate. Cards will be available at the back of the church.

**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.

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
- Servers: contact Geri Morgan
- Nursey and Church School assistants: contact the church office

Ted Cotton

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYERS – September 2019

Dear God,

We always try to do what you want, but Sometimes we make mistakes. We ask your forgiveness for...

- Not going to bed on time
- Forgetting to feed our pets
- Not cleaning up our toys
- Fighting with our siblings
- Ignoring our parents

We ask your forgiveness and guidance as we begin a new week. Amen!

Dear God, please help us to share our...

- Money
- Toys
- Power
- Love
- Happiness
- Food
- Water
- Home
- Time

Thank you for blessing us with so many wonderful things that we can share. Amen!

**MISSION AND MINISTRY****Mission and Ministry Committee - Fall Food-Drive****West Broadway Community Ministry  
\*Emergency Food Cupboard**

West Broadway Community Ministry provides emergency food for those in need. When folks can't make ends meet they are provided with 2 – 3 days of groceries.

Each year WBCM also serves 26,000 lunches to people on disability, people with a variety of mental health issues, people on assistance, and the working poor. All the food in the emergency food cupboard comes from caring individuals and churches in the community. St. George's continues to serve this ministry and asks for your assistance by bringing non-perishable food items to our OCT 20<sup>th</sup> service to help fill the cupboards at West Broadway. *Thank you!*

Here are a few suggestions when shopping for WBCM.

<b>Emergency Food Cupboard</b>	
Canned Stews, Beans, Chili	Cereal, Instant Oatmeal
Canned Chicken, Tuna in Water, Ham, Salmon	Dry Pasta and Sauce Rice
Peanut Butter	Kraft Dinner
Canned Vegetables and Fruit (in juice )	Soups, Crackers
Canned pasta meals (ravioli, spaghetti, beefaroni, lasagna)	

**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 26, 2019 from 10am to 3pm**

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

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

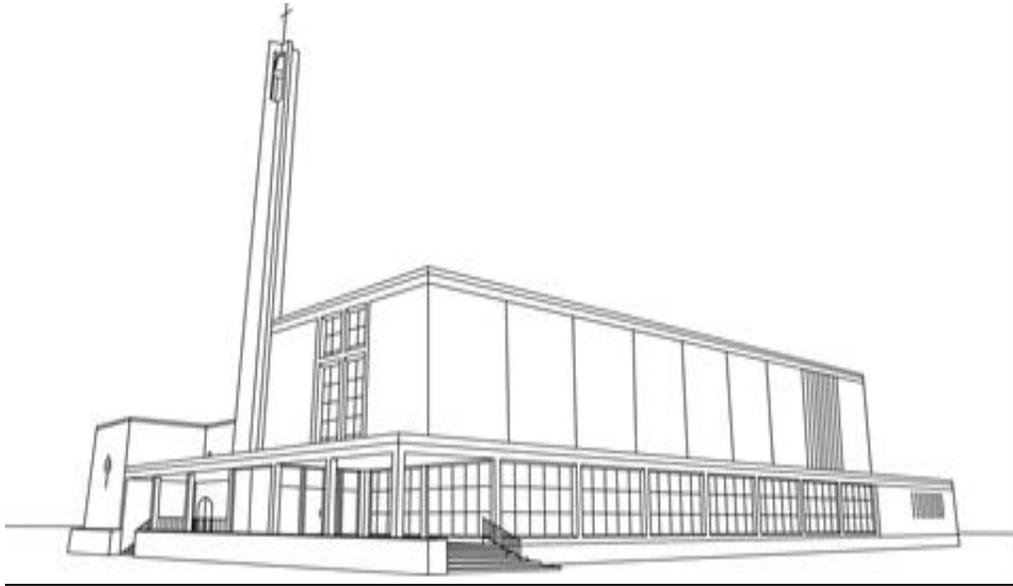
BAKE TABLE, BOOKS AND LOTS OF CHRISTMAS TREASURES  
Including ornaments, lights, artificial trees and greenery.

**Sunday Oct 27, 2019 from 12pm to 3 pm**

***Closet Sale*** - Ladies', men's and lots of children's clothing as well as shoes, boots and accessories!

For more information call 204-453-5642  
[www.stgeorges.mb.ca](http://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.