

“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, 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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February 2021

Lent Edition

Restored

Lent is a time for reflection - to look at what has taken place and what is yet to come.

Episcopal Relief & Development offers “We lament all those whose lives were lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our hearts break for all of the people who are no longer with us. We also lament other losses that include jobs and livelihoods, the opportunity to travel to visit loved ones and the ability to worship together in our church buildings. So much was lost, with little or no time to lament that which was lost. Because of the magnitude of these collective losses, we decided to focus on lament as the theme for the 2021 Lenten Meditations. You are invited to meditate on these reflections daily and to engage the “Four Steps of Lament,” by resting, reflecting, repenting and ultimately being restored to God and to one another.”

Restored. The definitions in Collins for restored include “to bring back to health, good spirits”. That’s a key thought in 2021. We’re all looking to protect our health and the health of those that are important to us. As more people receive vaccinations, protection for our health will grow. As gyms and restaurants reopen and parishioners return to in-person worship, our good spirits will build.

Yes, Lent is a time for reflection. My reflections tell me we will be restored and should be looking forward to what is ahead.

Please help us connect with all parishioners by sharing your thoughts and experiences and submitting your articles for the next “by George!”. May Lent give you time to be restored and protect your health. See you at St. George’s!

Ted Cotton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars With These Upcoming Dates

Within our Parish Church of St. George, Crescentwood:

Wednesday, March 3

7:00pm Worship committee via TEAMS

Sunday, March 7

9:30am Sunday School (Virtual)

10:30am In-person and Livestream Worship

Sunday, March 14

9:30am Sunday School (Virtual)

10:30am In-person and Livestream Worship

Wednesday, March 17

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting (Virtual)

Sunday, March 21

9:30am Sunday School (Virtual)

10:30am In-person and Livestream Worship

Sunday, March 28

9:30am Sunday School (Virtual)

10:30am In-person and Livestream Worship

Sunday, April 4

9:30am Sunday School (Virtual)

10:30am In-person and Livestream Worship

Sunday, April 11

9:30am Sunday School (Virtual)

10:30am In-person and Livestream Worship

Sunday, April 18

9:30am Sunday School (Virtual)

10:30am In-person and Livestream Worship

Wednesday, April 21

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, April 25

9:30am Sunday School (Virtual)

10:30am In-person and Livestream Worship

Sunday, May 2

9:30am Sunday School (Virtual)

10:30am In-person and Livestream Worship

Sunday, May 9

9:30am Sunday School (Virtual)

10:30am In-person and Livestream Worship

In-person worship has resumed. If you are attending in-person, you are urged to reserve a seat in advance, as seating is limited. As well, seat reservation ensures we can maintain records of those attending each service, in compliance with provincial health guidelines and Diocesan protocols. Seats can be reserved at the following link:

<http://www.stgeorges.mb.ca/worship-service-reservations/>

If this link does not seem to work, right-click and choose "Open Link in New Tab"

You can also call Rick Morgan at 204.781.8630. Please leave only your name, number of people attending and your call-back number.

Reservations are NOT required if you prefer to join us for the **live-streamed service** at or www.stgeorges.mb.ca or <http://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesCrescentwood/live/> The organ prelude will begin at approximately 10:25 am and the service will begin at 10:30 am.

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

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

St. George's Sunday School for children aged 5 to 10 is being held virtually each Sunday morning from 09:30 to 10:30. Please contact the church office if your child wishes to participate. It is one fun hour!

This year St. George's is holding a no-muss, no-fuss **Bakeless Bakesale** as a project for Lent; perfect for those of us who are avoiding treats during the Lenten season! If you wish to contribute, please mark your cheques 'Bakeless Bakesale'. Thanks!

Rev. Linda will be leading virtual **Mid-Day prayer on Wednesdays through Lent**. Her 'Lenten Opportunity' email says "My soul has so missed the quieting experience of Wednesday Holy Communion; the blessing of being gathered together in mid week. My mind has been telling me I am not alone in this yearning. After sharing with Peter, we decided that there isn't any better time than during Lent to find a way to gather mid-week even though we aren't able to receive Holy Communion. Seven of us did a 'dry run' of Mid-Day Prayer on Wednesday and agreed that this was good!"

We begin on ZOOM at 12 noon on Wednesday; use Mid- Day Prayer from the BAS Prayer Book and study the following Sunday gospel. After the reading of the gospel in the appropriate place, we will be spending some time considering what we heard in the reading as though for the first time, what Jesus is saying, and what Jesus is saying to us. After this we finish with the prayers according to Mid-Day Prayer. Responding in that 'study' time will not be mandatory, nor will people be probed to respond. The gospel readings for Lent and a service leaflet will be sent to you in advance. We will finish in less than an hour.

The Wednesday leaflet will go out by Tuesdays and the invitation to join ZOOM will be sent out close to 12 noon on the Wednesdays."

If you wish to join, please email therevlinda@mymts.net or call her at 204-488-0047.

The **Parish Office** is open Tuesday to Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm, and Friday, 10 am to 1 pm; If you don't have key access, after hours entry will need to be pre-arranged by calling the office at 204-453-5642 or emailing office@stgeorges.mb.ca .

Rector: If you have an urgent situation please contact either Rev. Canon Dr. Peter Flynn (204) 475-2941 or Rev. Linda G. Parsons 204-488-0047.



In the Broader Community

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

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

Lay Leadership Development Pastoral Care Workshop will be online and led by Helen Holbrook and Colleen Matthews. Pastoral Care with the Dying (and their loved ones) – Saturday, March 13, 9:00 am to Noon. In this workshop for lay disciples involved in pastoral visiting, participants will discuss what the Church teaches about death and dying, prayer resources, and bringing the Christian hope to those who are grieving. To register, please:

- 1) Email mindev@rupertsland.ca to indicate you would like to attend, AND
- 2) Send the \$10 registration fee via e-transfer to finance@rupertsland.ca, or cheques can be mailed to Judy McIvor at the Diocese of Rupert's Land, 935 Nesbitt Bay, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 1W6.

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www.rupertslandnews.ca and then go to "subscribe to RLN Weekly".

THOUGHT FOR THIS EDITION

Deal with your concerns and restore yourself.



LENT - AN EXCERPT FROM THE MISSING SERMON

LENT We begin with ashes. Remember O woman/man that dust thou art and to dust thou shalt return. [Purple]

This is a season of holy reflection, penance, sacrificial giving of ourselves. We follow Christ's long winding journey to Jerusalem, the agonizing of his disciples as they face a journey without Christ. We are called to a sustained reflection on our baptism and our covenant with God.

Linda G Parsons, Honorary Assistant

WELSH HYMNS IN 'BLUE BOOK' COMMON PRAISE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA 1998

(Editor's note: with St. David's Day being March 1, it's a great time to take a look at Welsh hymns – and wear daffodils.)

Aberystwyth 249, 250, 533 Joseph Parry (1841-1903) was born in Merthyr Tydfil. At the age of 10 he was working in a coal mine. In 1854, when he was 13, his family emigrated to Danville, Pennsylvania, where he worked in a steel mill until he was 24. By then, his musical talent was obvious; his fellow workers contributed funds to allow him to study in New York, and at the Royal Academy of Music in London. He returned to Danville where he founded a music school. In 1874, he was recalled to Wales to take up the post of Head of Music at the newly founded University College of Wales, Aberystwyth – an institution endowed by contributions from miners. He insisted on women being allowed to enroll in the University so that he could have their voices for his choir. In 1878, he was awarded a doctorate by Cambridge University – becoming the first Mus.Doc. in Wales. In 1888 he moved to Cardiff, where he was Professor of Music until his death in 1903. He was a prolific composer, writing oratorios, symphonies, chamber music and opera; and the first original work ever written for brass band. Every Sunday he set himself the task of writing a hymn tune; he eventually wrote over 400 and published an edition of the Welsh Methodist Hymnal in which all the tunes were his own. Just two remain popular, 'Blaen y Coed' and 'Aberystwyth' (1879), one of the best known of all Welsh hymn tunes.

Ar Hyd y Nos (All through the Night) 20, 30, 259 A traditional harp melody, first published in Edward Jones' Musical and Poetical Relicks of the Welsh Bards (1784).

Arfon Major 44 & Arfon Minor 603 Major and minor versions of the same tune, originally a French Noël - "Joseph est bien marié", used by Marc Antoine Charpentier in the Kyrie of his 'Messe de minuit' c.1690. Claimed by Edward Jones as a 'Welsh melody' when he published it in Relicks. Arfon is a district in North Wales.

Bangor 189 First published in Ravenscroft's Psalter in 1621 and described therein as 'a Welsh Melody'. Incorrectly attributed in our hymnal to William Tans'ur (Compleat Melody, 1734).

Blaenwern 447, 486, 601 This tune was published in 1905. Its name (Head of the Valley) comes from a farm in Pembrokeshire where the composer, William Penfro Rowlands, 1860-1937, spent some time in his youth. He was choirmaster at the Tabernacl in Morryston for many years.

Cwm Rhondda 565, 577 John Hughes, 1873-1932. He was born in Dowlais, and when he was a year old his family moved to Llanilltud Faerdref in the Rhondda Valley, where he worked as a clerk at the Great Western Colliery for over 40 years, beginning when he was 12 years old. This tune was written for the Baptist Cymanfa Ganu (Hymn Singing Festival) at Pontypridd in 1905, and quickly became popular all over Wales and beyond. William Williams (1717-1791) is the greatest hymn writer of Wales. He is often known simply as 'Pantycelyn' - his birthplace near Llandovery in mid Wales. He wrote over 800 hymns, many of which have been the mainstay of Welsh hymnals ever since. He had intended a career in medicine, but while journeying home from London, he was 'converted' by the preaching of Howell Harris, whom he heard speaking at Talgarth. He began to train for ministry in the Anglican Church but was expelled for 'preaching outside of places properly consecrated', and thereafter became a Methodist. For fifty years he travelled the length and breadth of Wales, stirring thousands with his visionary and poetic ministry. In his hymns, he drew frequently on images of the Welsh landscape, and they were inspirational to the Welsh revival of the mid - 18th century, compelling the composition of many new tunes. The English translation 'Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah' is by his younger brother Peter; it was the only one of his hymns to be published in English during his lifetime, and few have even today been translated. Williams was also a leader of the Anti-Slavery Movement in Wales.

Ebenezer 369, 587 Thomas John Williams, 1869 - 1944. This tune was written in 1890. It is known in Wales as 'Tôn y Botel' because of a rumour that it had been found in a bottle washed up on the north Wales coast. The composer was a Llanelli organist who studied under Professor David Evans in the Department of Music at Cardiff University. 'Ebenezer' was the name of the chapel in Pontardawe where he was married. The triplets in this tune are an unusual feature, and it is said to bear some resemblance to an 'Allemande' in C minor by François Couperin, known as 'La ténébreuse'.

Gwalchmai 345 Joseph David Jones 1827 - 1870 was a teacher in North Wales. Gwalchmai is a village in Anglesey. The words 'King of Glory, King of Peace' are by the Welsh poet and Anglican priest, George Herbert (1593 - 1633).

Hyfrydol 374, 643 Rowland Huw Prichard, 1811 - 1887. He was a weaver by trade, originally from Bala, later he settled in Holywell. 'Hyfrydol' was written when he was 19 years old, and published in 1844 in a collection entitled 'Cyfaill y Cantorion' (Singers' Friend). Originally it was in 3 parts, with the melody as a 'faux bourdon' in the tenor. 'Hyfrydol' means 'joyful' or 'melodious'.

Llanfair 206 Robert Williams 1781? - 1821 Harmonised by John Roberts (1822 -1827). Robert Williams was a blind basket maker and known as a fine singer. He lived in Llanfechell in Anglesey. There are many places in Wales known as Llanfair (Church of Mary). This tune is probably named after the one in Anglesey with the very long name.

Llangloffan 593 The village of Llangloffan ('Parish of Cloffan') is in Pembrokeshire, South Wales. It was the home of William Lewis (? 1794) who was the author of the Welsh hymn

first associated with this tune (a Passion tide hymn for Good Friday). The tune was first published in 'Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru' (Hymns and tunes for use in the Church in Wales) in 1865, and subsequently in the New English Hymnal in 1906 in an arrangement probably by Vaughan Williams himself. The tune may have been derived from the English folk song, 'The Jolly Miller of Dee'.

Lledrod 41, 518 Probably of 18th century origin. It first appeared as Llangollen in John Roberts' *Caniadaeth y Cysegr* (Songs of the Sanctuary) in 1839, and as Lledrod in *Llyfr Tonau Cynulleidfaol* (Book of Congregational Tunes) in 1876. It has also appeared as Aberteifi and Aberafon. Probably no other tune has called so many places 'home'. Lledrod is a village in Cardiganshire.

Olwen 151 A traditional carol from North Wales. It became widely known following its inclusion in the Oxford Book of Carols (1928) in an arrangement by Dr Caradog Roberts (1878-1935), a noted organist, composer and personality from Rhosllanerchrugog in North Wales. The first verse of this free translation is by Kate Roberts (1891-1985), who is one of the 20th Century's greatest Welsh-language writers. The second verse was added by Pennar Davies (1911-1997), a well-known poet, novelist and theologian.

Rhosymedre 64, 450 John David Edwards (1806-1885). Rhosymedre is a village on the River Dee, between Wrexham and Llangollen, where the composer was Rector for over 40 years. He had a Music Degree from Oxford. In 1836 he produced the first Anglican hymnal for use in Wales. He married my great grandparents, Elias and Sarah Jones at Rhosymedre Parish Church in 1870. Elias was quite a local 'character' and was at one time penny-farthing bicycle racing champion of North Wales.

Rhuddlan 594 First published in Edward Jones's 'Relicks of the Welsh Bards' in 1805, and adapted by William Williams for his own words 'Dewch i'r frwydr' (Forth to the battle). Rhuddlan, in north Wales, is the site of a notable castle.

St Denio 393 Welsh melody; from *Caniadaeth y Cysegr*, by John Roberts (1839). Said to be based on a popular ballad 'Can mlynedd i 'nawr' (A hundred years from now). 'St Denio' is an Anglicised corruption of St Deiniol, founder of the See of Bangor.

The Ash Grove 403 One of our best known melodies, but may not originally have been Welsh at all. It first appeared in John Gay's *Beggar's Opera* in 1728. Edward Jones published the tune under the title *Llwyn Onn* (Ash Grove) in 1802, and in 1860 it appeared in *Owain Alaw's Gems of Welsh Melody with Welsh words by Talhaiarn* (John Jones, 1810-1869).

Keith Davies Jones

Refs.

H. Elvet Lewis
Sweet Singers of Wales
The Religious Tract Society 1890

Huw Williams
Tonau a'u Hawduron
Llyfra'r M.C 1967

Alan Luff
Welsh Hymns and their Tunes
Hope Publishing Company 1990

Gwynn & Ifor ap Gwilym
Emynau Cymru - The Hymns of Wales
Y Lolfa 1995

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report to January 31, 2021

With only January's revenue and expenses, the individual budget lines have many timing differences. Comparisons to budget or last year aren't meaningful, so I don't report them. I'll return to reporting variances in the next "by George!". A few key points:

- The chequing account is reconciled to the end of January.
- There were no changes to the Designated Funds > \$500 in January.
- We've applied for the Manitoba Bridge Grant but haven't received a response.
- The auditor's have been engaged for the 2020 review of our financial statements.
- There has been a general increase in the cost of insurances for churches, so we'll be paying about \$2,000 more for 2021 than 2020 insurance.

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

Ted Cotton (204 488 3606 or tedcotton@mymts.net)





STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

Thanks to everyone who returned their **2021 Estimate of Giving card**. The Estimate of Giving card helped the Finance Chair prepare the 2021 budget for submission to the AGM in February.

Electronic Offering Program: If you want to start the Electronic Offering Program or change your monthly electronic preauthorized donation during the year, the form and instructions are always available from the church office.

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

Donations can also be made through **e-transfer** from your “bank” account to office@stgeorges.mb.ca , and **online at the church website or Facebook account**. Parishioners should be aware that about 3% of some online credit card donations to a charity go to the credit card company and provider of the credit card donation system.

Shares: Parishioners can donate shares or other financial instruments. Financial advisors can explain the capital gains or other advantages of these donations. Any parishioner interested in donating shares to St. George’s should contact Ted Cotton about the process.

We are grateful for the many parishioners who share their **time and talents** with St. George’s. If you’re interested in sharing your time and talents at St. George’s but don’t know who to contact, Mary-Beth Barker, Brandon Barnes, Ted Cotton, or the church office can help you.

PARISH COMMITTEES

At the AGM, the Nominating Committee Chair promised to include names for the various other committees in this “by George!”. Here’s an updated report with the other committees:

Nominating Committee Members

Chair: Past Warden - Ted Cotton,

Incumbent: n/a (ex officio)

Warden: Mary-Beth Barker (ex officio)

Warden: Brandon Barnes Trickett (ex officio)

Parish Council Chair: n/a (ex officio)

Members-at-Large: Sandra Hartt, Dean Melnychuk

Slate for the Year February 2021 to February 2022**Wardens:**

Mary-Beth Barker
Brandon Barnes Trickett

Past Warden:

Deputy Warden:

To be appointed by Wardens

Parish Council Members

Expiring February 2024

Brenda Cotton

Geoffrey Owen

Expiring February 2023

Finance Chair (Ted Cotton)

Margo Foxford

Lynn Faulder

Expiring February 2022

Past Warden

Sally Corby

Geri Morgan

Kristin Anderson

There are two Observers who may become Parish Council Members in the future.

Lay Delegates to Synod

Lay delegates are annual appointments and St. George's is entitled to three voting delegates who may serve a maximum of five consecutive years. Years served at February 2021 are in brackets. Lay delegates are members of Parish Council.

Lay Delegates

Matthew Thomson (1)

Cheryl Ferguson (0)

Andrew Thomson (0)

Alternate Lay Delegate

Brandon Barnes Trickett

Parish Appointments

Treasurer: Ted Cotton

Envelope Secretary: TBD

Parish Council Chair: Deputy Warden or designate

Parish Clerk: Kristin Anderson

Auditor: The Exchange Group

Honorary Solicitor: Alexandra Johnson and Greg Hawrysh

Standing Committees

Finance: Ted Cotton

Nominating: Brandon Barnes Trickett (for 2022 AGM)

Property: Andrew Thomson

Design: Brent Cotton

Facelifters: Marlene Ramsey

Stewardship: TBD

Worship: Roger Dennis

Worship Committee

Roger Dennis (Chair)
Rick Morgan
Geri Morgan
Christopher Thomson
David Cooke
Lynn Faulder
Barb Kirk
Sally Corby

Peter Flynn and Linda Parsons also attend, as well as a Warden.

Building Redevelopment Committee

Chair: Keith Waugh - October to June 2020, and Andrew Thomson - August 2020 to present
Donal Allen, Kristin Anderson, Glen Douglas, Rick Morgan,
Christopher Thomson (representing St. George's Memorial Fund)
Colin Neufeld, 5468796 Architecture, Sandi Cain, secretary,
The Incumbent and Wardens.

Mission and Ministry Committee

Rick Morgan (Chair), Marlene Ramsay, Geri Morgan, Johanna de Bakker, Sandra Hartt,
Keith Waugh, Mary Beth Barker, Gwyneth Jones, Margo Foxford.

Transition Team

Mary-Beth Barker (Chair,) David Cooke, Brian Kirk, Giles Bugailiskis, Geoff Owen,
Jonathan Morgan, Lynn Unger, Cheryl Ferguson, Brandon Barnes.

A QUICK UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION TEAM

The transition team has completed their first draft of the Parish Profile. The team has received feedback from the transition coaches, and from Parish Council. They are currently examining that feedback and working on revisions for a new draft. If you have comments or concerns please contact Mary-Beth Barker at mbbarker23@gmail.com

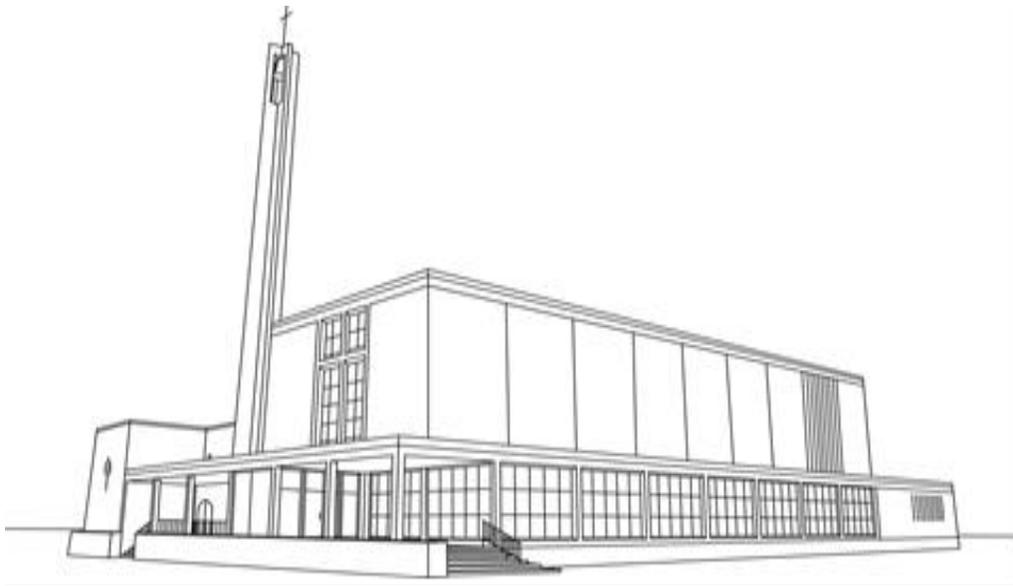
MISSION AND MINISTRY

The Prayer Box is an integral part of our ministry and has a presence in our worship every Sunday morning. We recognize that during this season of COVID-19 it has not been accessible for people to share their confidential prayer requests as usual. Although people are in church again, we cannot leave pencil or paper with the Prayer Box before worship. However, the Prayer Box continues to be checked as usual. A new email address has now been created for people to send their confidential prayer requests to the coordinator, John Kehler. The email address is prayerbox@stgeorges.mb.ca. For those without email access or prefer to not use email for this purpose, they may contact one of our Honorary Assistants, The Rev. Linda Parsons (204-488-0047) or The Rev. Canon Dr. Peter Flynn.

We are raising funds to get 350 pairs of **shoes for children in our partner parish in Ndoddo**, Uganda. Please consider making a donation so we can reach our goal of 350 pairs. So far we have purchased about 100 pairs of shoes and we have funds for about another 100 pairs. This will be sent once children in Ndoddo are back at school. These children walk long distances to school each day on very poor roads and trails, with no shoes. Cut and infected feet result, there is no money for antibiotics and there are few doctors to care for the children. Your donation towards the final 150 pairs will make a huge difference to children's health and education. All donations are welcome and will get an income tax receipt. If you have any questions, contact Rick Morgan.

St. George's Mission & Ministry has committed to providing \$800 for the **West Broadway Community Ministry cook's salary** for one month in 2021. We have done this for several years. We have some funds available but are aiming to raise \$500 towards this cost. Please donate if you can and mark your donation "Cook's Salary". All donations will receive an income tax receipt. Thanks for your support.

For many years, we have been supporters of the **West Broadway Drop-In Centre and Emergency Food Cupboard**. Four days a week the Drop-In Centre serves 120+ lunches to people in the Community from the very young to the elderly, as well as providing emergency food kits. If you would like to contribute to this ministry each Sunday, then please bring in any of the following canned items: vegetables, juice, soup, fruit, pasta, stews, baked beans, bottled baby food or boxed cereal. Please place these items in the baskets at the back of the centre aisle.



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.