

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORTS

*Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever*



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Esther Mah

**Accounting Review**

Marilyn Hayre, Phil Haylock, Allen Urquhart, Noel Eustace, Sheila Searle, Kelly VanBuskirk

## The Corporation of the Anglican Parish of Moncton

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**One Hundred and seventy-three years of worship and witness for Christ**

**ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

**February 21, 2021**

**12:00 p.m.**

Opening Prayers

Approval of the Agenda

Record of attendance and any regrets.

Opening remarks.

Approval of Minutes of the last Annual Meeting (pages 3-6)

Accountant Review

Budget for 2021 (page 38)

Acceptance of Reports for the year 2020:

- Rector, Wardens, Organizations (pages 7-37)

Report of the Nominating Committee:

- Election of Wardens, Vestry and Synod Delegates & Substitutes
- Appointment of Representative for Primate's World Relief and Development

New Business

Adjourn

Closing Prayers and Grace.

**Corporation of the Anglican Parish of Moncton  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2020**

After thanking the Willing Workers for the delicious soup they provided for lunch the Rector called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m. and led us in prayers.

**Attendance:** 37 people

**Regrets** were received from: Marthe Gradon, Cliff Kendall, and Toto Phi

**It was moved by Marilyn Rice and seconded by Ed Rice that the agenda be adopted. MOTION CARRIED.**

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes on pages 3-6 and **it was moved by Sheila Searle and seconded by Linus Coady that the minutes of the 2019 Annual meeting be adopted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.**

Father Chris thanked everyone for coming, writing reports and their faithfulness.

**Accountant Review** - Once again, Philip Haylock from Stevenson & Partners prepared the financial review and Phil presented the documents. The finances are in order and procedures are in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Phil explained briefly each page of his review and explained the breakdown.

Our investment fund has a balance of \$532,666; the value of our building and equipment is \$1,357,980 and our Memorial Fund balance is \$205,204.

Our statement of Operations shows that there was little change in offerings compared to 2019. Our expenditures are slightly less. The bonus interest paid on our investments shows as income, but has been re-invested.

There were no questions. **Norm Dupuis moved that we accept the Financial Review and it was seconded by Kelly VanBuskirk. MOTION CARRIED**

Father Chris thanked Phil Haylock for once again doing our Review. Phil is retiring this year and Father Chris expressed his gratitude for his many years of preparing our financial report.

**Budget for 2020** –Marilyn Hayre presented the Budget for 2020. There is a \$13,000 deficit proposed for 2020. Marilyn Hayre explained that much work went into the preparation of the budget and that each line of expenses was examined. There have been significant cuts made to the flower budget, gifts and food for Parish events. Many of our expenses we have to real control over, such as utilities and insurance. It was noted that our Parish Shared Ministry costs are less than originally thought. The Diocesan Treasurer advised the Office that there may have been an error in reporting income on the last 2 years. The financial statements were reviewed which resulted in a refund of \$1,916 for 2019 and a reduction of \$4,577 for 2020. Marilyn Hayre thanked Stan Balch, Sheila Searle, Judy Kendall, Noel Eustace and Esther Mah for help in preparing the budget. **Marilyn Hayre made a motion to accept the budget for 2020 and it was seconded by Stan Balch. MOTION CARRIED**

### **Acceptance of Reports for the year 2019**

Father Chris read through the list of reports that were submitted for the Annual Report and thanked all who prepared them. There were no corrections or comments other than the Bible Study forgot to add that new faces are always welcome and that there is no pressure to read or speak. The Rector thanked everyone for their faithfulness and willingness to serve. Dianne Dallaire and Ian Hayre are stepping away from being on the Scouting Area Committee and Father Chris thanked them for representing St. George's. **It was moved by Cliff Reid and seconded by Dianne Dallaire that the reports from page 7-35 be accepted as printed in the Annual Report. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Nominating Committee**

The Rector advised that currently the Vestry includes 10 members of Vestry and 2 Wardens. The Treasurer/Vestry Clerk, Esther Mah will attend as a non-voting member. **The motion to set the Vestry members of 2020 at ten was made by Stan Balch and seconded by Norm Dupuis. MOTION CARRIED.**

Stan Balch has served as Warden for that past few years and has decided to take a break. The Rector thanked him for his wonderful work and that we will miss him at Vestry and in his role as Warden. Noel Eustace is stepping away from Vestry as well and from overseeing all the work done at the Church and Rectory. We will truly miss him as well and Father Chris thanked him for “getting the job done”!

### **WARDENS**

The following names were put forward for offices of Warden:

Senior Warden – Sheila Searle

Junior Warden – Kelly VanBuskirk

There were no new nominations from the floor, so the Wardens were elected by acclamation.

### **VESTRY**

The following names were put forward for Vestry:

#### **One Year**

Dianne Dallaire

Marthe Gradon

Marilyn Crossman-Riel

Linus Coady

Peter Stam

Cliff Reid

Marilyn Hayre

Marilyn Rice

Judy Kendall

Allen Urquhart

There were no new nominations from the floor, so the Vestry was elected by acclamation.

## **SYNOD DELEGATES**

Nick Stam                      Kelly VanBuskirk                      Bill Ross

## **Alternates**

Ann Balch                      Cheryl Reid                      Martin Stam

There were no new nominations from the floor, so the Synod was elected by acclamation.

## **Primates World Relief and Development Fund**

This position was not filled and can be filled at any time. Any correspondence and necessary actions will come from the office.

The Rector thanked the Vestry members for their willingness to serve. Thank you to the Synod delegates and alternates, and to William Ross who is on Diocesan Council. This is an appointment from the Bishop and requires meetings all over the province.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Father Chris thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the Willing Workers for providing a wonderful lunch. Father Chris thanked Sheila Searle and Marilyn Crossman-Riel for organizing the Town Hall Meeting in January. About 30 people came, despite the bad weather, to discuss concerns in the Parish. The biggest concern was the cost of the Community Meals. These type of meetings provide more open communication and that is important to make sure that everyone understands what is happening and why.

ALPHA has been extended to the other Parishes in Moncton and will begin after Easter - more to follow.

Father Chris thanked the Parish for their support and their patience with his military duty and his time away and hopes that there has not been any negative impact. With the help of Norm Dupuis, Dan Goodwin, and Allen Tapley the weekly services have continued as usual. A letter was received from Lieutenant-Colonel G. Mintz to express to St. George's for the congregation's support of the Chaplaincy especially during the Rector's teaching in Borden this February. Sheila Searle read a portion of the letter:

“We are also very grateful for parishes such as St. George's who embrace the outreach mission to the Canadian Armed Forces by embracing their rector serving as a military chaplain, so please pass on my sincere thanks to your parish as well.”

The Rector then spoke to his report and felt that it did not truly reflect his thoughts. In November, with a potential deficit of \$40,000 he was very concerned about the future of St. George's, but the Parish truly rose to the occasion. It is so important to have Authentic Leadership - people who know how to lead people to serve others. This is the way of Christ - a true Servant. Our ministry needs to be servant based and to move forward we need to build on this. We are stronger together and the Rector used the story of how it is easy to break one popsicle stick, some people can break 2 when stacked together, but three or more are difficult or impossible to break. We need to work together to be stronger. We are very blessed with so many young families and need to support them, especially in such a secular based society. We need to build strong communities in our Parish. A community can be as simple as the group of people that sit together in the pews, a Bible study group, the Willing Workers and the Sunday School. What we need to remember is that we need to be able to add to our communities and join together to be stronger.

The stranger or the marginalized are looking for Community when they come here and we need to be Christ-like and welcome and accept all in our midst. The Visioning plan establishes where and how we can move forward to serve both the Parish and the Community at large.

William Boyer was the first Church of England Priest who began to hold worship Services at the Bend. When the first St. George's Church was opened on August 12, 1852, he officiated. Three years later, his mother, Marianne, who had come to live in Moncton, died. Then, the next year, in 1856, William and his wife, Caroline, experienced the tragic loss of three of their children: Harriet, 11 years; Caroline, 9 years; and William, 8 years. The Boyer Stone lies broken on the ground at Elmwood Cemetery. The inscriptions are almost unreadable. Some funds have been raised already, but \$1500 is still needed. A pledge form has been set up in the hall for those who would like to help cover the costs.

A question was raised from Synod - each Parish is supposed to have a Mission Action Plan. Vestry is aware of this and believes that our Vision Plan covers most of what the Diocese is looking for. A motion to look further into St. George's Mission was tabled for the March meeting so that Vestry could have some time to think and pray.

John Staples requested we talk to Christ the King Church, as they were carrying a \$20,000 deficit and with some clever fundraising now sit with at \$20,000 surplus.

Rev Deacon Norm Dupuis retires the end of February and Dianne Dallaire the end of March. Please stay tuned for the retirement "gala and roast"! Father Chris thanked them for all their hard work and also thanked Roland Dallaire who often assisted Dianne. Deacon Norm will stay on as a non-stipendiary Deacon and will continue to assist Father Chris with liturgical duties.

With no new business the Rector declared the meeting adjourned.

The Rector led us in the closing prayers.



Rector



Vestry Clerk

## THE RECTOR'S REPORT 2020

*Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (St. Matthew 9.37-38)*

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It is once again my privilege to make this Annual Report to you. It seems incredible that we have been working together with the Lord, in this area of His field, for 17 years but it is true! And, I am grateful for the fellowship we enjoy by the Holy Spirit.

It goes without saying that this has been a year like no other, so I will proceed right away with some of the observations and impacts of the pandemic on our ministry and mission.

### 1. Worship

**a. By God's grace, on March 17<sup>th</sup> (St. Patrick's Day) at 8:30 am, we launched our first Service by live-stream using a WiFi signal and a cell phone, in the main Church.** As you know, the first few months of using this method were 'touch and go' as the signal was often interrupted. Eventually, after much consultation, and various efforts to work around the problem, a computer and camera were installed so that the Services could be live-streamed in a more reliable way. Recently, we have added two more cameras to enhance our capabilities. The next phase of this project is to add a final camera so that we can live-stream the weekday Services from the Chapel. This work has been done through generous contributions from parishioners and friends of St. George's, some who have long ties with St. George's and now live outside the province. Thanks to all who got behind this project financially; and to Esther Mah, Tyler McKenna, Nicholas Saulnier and Cliff Kendall for their technical support.

**b. In order to better support the live-streaming, upgrades were required on our parish website.** By God's grace, this was able to be done almost immediately and seamlessly with a great deal of help from Nicholas Saulnier, where he is in seminary at Wycliffe College, Toronto. The opportunity for the new website came through a Diocesan initiative which paid the website 'construction fee' and the monthly subscription for us.

**c. As the pandemic progressed and provincial restrictions increased, we began to hold parking lot Services at the old Moncton High School.** The first of these was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on the Second Sunday After Easter, April 26th. These parking lot gatherings have continued twice a month, and sometimes more frequently, including, for example, Christmas Day. In the New Year we moved to **Edith Cavell School** as the old Moncton High lot was not being plowed for the winter. I am grateful to John and Nick Stam for their assistance with the audio equipment and the truck; to Laurie Saulnier for filling in when needed; and to Heritage Developments for allowing us to use the old Moncton High space. The School District has also been most helpful in offering us room to worship at Edith Cavell's parking lot.

d. With the need for physical distancing, **the Choir** was not permitted to sing in its usual place. Toto, Angie and Isaac Phi immediately stepped in to provide musical support. The Congregation also responded with some beautiful singing during the administration of the Holy Communion. Most recently, not being able to have Congregational singing in the Orange and Red Phases, individuals, couples and families have sung the hymns. Many thanks to these singers! I want to express my appreciation as well to Toto for coming daily through the Spring to play the organ for our live-streaming of Morning Prayer.

e. During the past eleven months, for obvious reasons, **the Chalice** has not been offered at the Holy Communion. This has certainly been missed by many. A variety of options have been discussed with regards to a way forward, but no decisions have been made. If you would like to talk about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact the Rector.

f. Unfortunately, we were in the Red Phase for **Easter Sunday**, and only a handful of people were permitted to attend the celebrations of the Holy Eucharist ‘in-person’ at St. George’s. Needless to say, it was disappointing and surreal to see the Church empty on this high Day. However, eventually, the situation improved and we were able to continue worshipping in the Church. The **Bishop** joined us to confirm four youths on October 4<sup>th</sup>, **Harvest Thanksgiving**, and 94 people were present. This was nothing short of a miracle because on the next Sunday, much of the province was placed in the Orange Phase! Thankfully, another window of opportunity was presented in time for us to dedicate a new grave stone for **the William Boyer** on All Saints’ Day; to make our **Act of Remembrance** on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>; and again for the **Deanery Service of Advent Carols and Lessons**, and for the **Christmas Services**. In order to accommodate as many people as possible, and maintain physical distancing, **two timings were added: 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve and 3:30 pm on Christmas Day**, the latter being at the old Moncton High parking lot. Thank you to all who gave towards the new marker for Mr. Boyer and to Cliff Kendall for recovering and fixing the old one for placement in the Church.

g. With the live-streaming of Services, ‘**spiritual Communion**’ has become a common practice for some. The rationale for this is set out on page 584 of the Book of Common Prayer as follows:

*“But if a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness, or for want of warning in due time to the Curate, or by any other just impediment, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood: he shall be instructed that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and stedfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed his Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks therefor; he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul’s health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.”*

h. Throughout the last eleven months, by God’s grace, **St. George’s has not closed**. The Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer have continued, as have the Sunday Services. Regardless of the restrictions, I am grateful for Archbishop Edwards’ direction that Churches remain open for people who require a place to pray.

## 2. Pastoral Care

**a. Hospital visitation** has been limited for everyone, including the clergy. In fact, the clergy are not allowed to visit the hospitals when in the Orange or Red Phases. In the Yellow Phase, clergy are permitted to visit one person per day. Visits to the Palliative Care Unit and the Emergency Department are also limited to the Green and Yellow Phases, with possible exceptions if a person is 'actively dying'. Requests have been made to the Horizon and Vitalite Health Networks regarding these restrictions – to the Spiritual and Religious Care Directors; to the Nursing Supervisors of the Day; and to the ethicists of both networks. Archbishop Edwards has also engaged the provincial Ministers on this subject and a discussion paper presenting the spiritual, legal and ethical concerns is being drafted. Interestingly, through this discovery process, it has been demonstrated that the denial of pastoral care to patients cannot be substantiated scientifically. That is not to say that caution and due diligence should be disregarded – not at all. It is, however, an area that requires further probing and engagement.

**b.** With regards to **nursing homes, special care homes, and private homes**, visits have been possible in some cases, depending on the Phase. For example, I have been privileged to visit and share in the Holy Communion on patios, decks, recreational rooms and even in a vehicle. This is all part of the new normal; and, making these accommodations is a very small thing compared to the fellowship enjoyed.

**c. Telephone calls and communications by email** are also part of the new normal. In many cases, prayers have been offered over the phone. Again, this is a good reminder to us all that the Lord is able, and that His kingdom is not limited to time or space.

## 3. Communications

**a.** While **the Sunday bulletin** continues to be printed on paper for the Sunday Service, it is (as it has been for a number of years) available on the parish website.

**b.** During the pandemic, a **weekly update from St. George's** has been sent out on Saturday mornings. This has been recently named '**The Bottom Line**' – a streamlined version. That said, because some people do not have an email account deliveries of the weekly email have been made, but not on a regular basis.

**c.** **Every two weeks, the Sunday bulletin is mailed to our shut-ins** (and any others who require a paper copy). Please contact the Office if you would like to be put on the list.

**d.** The **live-streamed Services are recorded and archived on Vimeo** – to watch them just click on the Vimeo icon in the top right-hand corner of the parish web page.

**e.** The **Sunday Sermon is also available on the web page as a podcast**.

**f.** **Operation Live-Stream** is underway and on-going. It is two-tiered, spreading the word of our **15 live-streamed Services each week** to nursing homes and special care homes, as well as to individuals and households, in the Moncton area and beyond.

#### 4. Bible Studies and Fellowship

- a. A variety of Bible Study and Fellowship gatherings were able to be held during the pandemic. These included the **Tuesday Morning Bible Study (now held on Wednesdays)**; the **Gospel-Based Discipleship series during Eastertide**; the **BE WELL meetings**; the **Men's Group**; **St. George's Outbound**; the **weekly evening Bible Study**; **Grief Share**; and the **reading of Thomas a Kempis' The Imitation of Christ**. ZOOM has become a regular way of communicating and it has opened up some good options that we will continue to use post-pandemic. Many thanks to Fr. Dan Goodwin for his continued leadership of the weekly morning Bible study and for his video presentations on You Tube.
- b. St. George's acquired its own **You Tube Channel** during the pandemic. This has mainly been used to record children's videos. It is also a form of communication that we will continue to use in 'the new normal'.
- c. For the first six months of the pandemic, weekly **Sunday School lessons** were emailed to children and their families, thanks to the efforts of Angelique Ross. Carolyn VanBuskirk then offered in-person classes through the Fall. In Advent, Agnes Stam made the Jesse Tree daily devotion available for families. Many thanks to these ladies for their help.
- d. There has been an enthusiastic response for **Operation Sunny Day** which aims to send greeting cards for four occasions to approximately 50 of our shut-ins and seniors. Thanks to all who have responded to this need.

#### 5. Community Outreach

- a. During the pandemic, due to COVID-19 restrictions/protocols, some **community groups** lost their meeting space and approached St. George's for help. These requests resulted in arrangements and working relationships being forged with the following groups:
- ERGON (life skills program for individuals living with mental illness or experiencing poor mental health);
  - Narcotic's Anonymous
  - Tai Chi
  - The Coptic Orthodox Church of Saint Mena

These groups contribute financially to the costs of heat and lights and cleaning; and it has been a pleasure to make a connection with them.

- b. **St. George's Community Meal program** has continued throughout the pandemic, serving a monthly supper and breakfast as a takeout. In this, we have continued our 15 year partnership with the Greater Women's Progress Club. Many thanks to Allen and Nancy Urquhart, Fred and Ellen Jeans, Esther Mah and Fr. Norm Dupuis for keeping this train on the track!

c. The **homeless population in Moncton** has grown and the situation has become very intense over the last three to four years; and, St. George's was in the news for an encampment of 20 people on our side lawn from August 28<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>. Those eight days were an important learning experience as we try to better understand the issues, the co-ordinated services, and the Church's role. The Tantramar Seniors' College picked up on this community challenge and included a course in its syllabus entitled 'On the Corner of Church and Queen'. I have learned much from this which I hope to share. Another positive from 'the encampment' was a re-establishing of some important contacts with the YMCA Reconnect Program and the Salvus Clinic. These are key in terms of the necessary supports for those who come daily to St. George's looking for help. The Reconnect staff now come to St. George's to meet clients on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm. It should be noted that, in response to St. George's ministry to the homeless, two parishes in the diocese sent us financial support. We are grateful to the Parish of Prince William and the Parish of Shediac for their charity. Finally, on this subject, a number of people in our Congregation have met to pray and to discuss how to establish an 'after-regular-business-hours' Ministry of Presence in our neighbourhood. Other Churches in the area have expressed interest in this idea, and we wait on the Lord for further direction.

d. The **Karing Kitchen** served take-out lunches from St. George's for 11 weeks (from the end of August until the beginning of November) while work was being done on St. John's United Church (the Karing Kitchen's home location). This was a very positive experience and is another important relationship as we respond to the demographic shift in Moncton's downtown.

e. **St. George's Green Space:** The Vestry has voted to begin a long term project that will develop the side lawn and enhance the current vegetable garden by building raised beds from unplanned lumber. Approval has been received for this project from the City of Moncton. In addition to the vegetable garden, the plan includes flower beds, rain water collection, composting, bat houses, bird houses, and solar dusk to dawn lighting. Engagement with the Congregation and community groups will be key. Hopefully, in addition to gardening principles, this project will bring glory to God and provide opportunities for sharing the Christian Faith.

f. It is understatement to say that 2020 has been difficult for our **Scouting Programs**. Nevertheless, the committed leaders have continued to find ways of engaging the children and their families with outdoor activities and indoors, when possible. I encourage you to read their report. Thank you to Allen Urquhart for continuing as Group Commissioner during these unprecedented months, and to all of the leaders and Group Committee members for their dedication.

## 6. What's Next?

a. In addition to the green space project, one of the immediate priorities for 2021, in my opinion, is to seek the Lord's direction on how to connect with the people who have moved into the downtown core – those in **the new apartment buildings**. We must maintain our focus using the Parish Vision Plan, looking outward for ways to share Christ's Truth and healing Grace. Truly the harvest is great!

b. The pandemic has, in my opinion, magnified the need for Christians to take up **the good old way** which includes the traditional spiritual disciplines of self-examination and repentance, daily Bible reading and meditation, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and frequent attendance at the Holy Communion. As the Prophet Jeremiah urged the people of Jerusalem, *“Thus saith the Lord, ‘Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.’”* (6.16) Using the good old way to inform our weekly routine and to order our lives is essential for those who would live the new life and follow the Lord Jesus in the new normal.

c. The corona virus has also highlighted the need for **unity within the Body of Christ**. Whenever any big event comes onto the world's stage, there are a multitude of opinions on what it means and how it should be handled. Our response must be to imitate the mind and heart of Christ as revealed in His Word and through His Church. If we permit ourselves to be divided, we will give the devil the victory. Our hope is in Jesus Who suffered and died and rose again; but His kingdom is not of this world.

## 7. Thank you

With all of the challenges and new things that have come in this past year, we have so much for which to be thankful and hopeful. Something that St. Paul said to the Church in Rome may summarize 2020: *“We know that the whole creation groans and labors in pain to this day. And not only they, but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, that is the salvation of our bodies”* (Romans 8.22-23)

Personally, I am grateful for the privilege of being able to work with you. Thank you for your many kindnesses to me and my family, and most of all for your prayers. In addition to those mentioned in my report, my sincere appreciation also goes out to our Wardens: Sheila Searle and Kelly VanBuskirk. Sheila has been a terrific mentor for Kelly, and together they have made an excellent team, handling well the challenges of the pandemic, and maintaining a steady keel. I am also grateful to our Envelope Treasurer, Judy Kendall for her excellent and tireless work; our Vestry members; our financial review team; our counters; the Altar Guild; the Layreaders; the parish flower arranger; the Willing Workers; the Property Committee; the camera operators; garden tiller; our garden water-er; and the Sunday greeters. Thank you to Dianne Dallaire for delaying her ‘retirement’ and staying on as our custodian during the first part of the pandemic. Welcome aboard, and thanks to Angie LaPointe, our new custodian, for jumping in with both feet! My heartfelt thanks to God for Fr. Dan Goodwin and his Christian example as he daily bears with the effects of debilitating chronic pain and vertigo. Thank you to Archbishop Edwards for his godly leadership; to Fr. Norm Dupuis for his faithful work in support of the Daily Offices and the needs of our community friends. I am blessed to work with Esther Mah our cheerful and extremely versatile Administrative Assistant. My gratitude to God for the continued support of my wife, Carolyn, for her patience and daily support. Last but not least, all praise, honour, glory and majesty be to Almighty God: Father, Son and Holy Ghost for His goodness and faithfulness towards us. In 2021 may we seek Him first, above all else, and trust that He is building His Church such that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. AMEN

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.....



### **BAPTISMS**

Allan Hyslop  
Samuel Rains  
Elizabeth Ross



### **WEDDINGS**

Philip Stam & Maeghan Allen  
Bryan Cunningham & Jeannette Savoie  
Jason Harvey & Christa Meadus  
Cordell Devries & Melina Didychuk



### **FUNERALS/DEATHS**

Ceressa Huntington  
Roland Jessop  
Tom Barnes  
Ruth Gulliver  
Margaret Harris  
Shirley Lirette  
Hugh Walford  
Lois Sparks  
Arleen Godsoe  
Janet Matchett  
Roy Boutilier



### **CONFIRMATIONS**

Keira Knowles  
Chanelle LeBlanc  
Danielle LeBlanc  
Jack Murphy

## **ASSOCIATE PRIEST'S REPORT 2020**

This past year I have had limited involvement in serving the Lord at St George's. I continue to lead our Tuesday morning Bible study at the rectory and then via zoom. We've covered the NT book of Romans, some of the OT book Ezekiel, and the video series on spiritual disciplines by Richard Foster. Our group not only studies but prayerfully considers how we as individuals and the Church might live out our faith in light of the Scripture we consider. Our time also includes prayer for each other, our community, and the world. Serving God in this way brings me joy and a steadiness in my faith.

Early in 2020 I lead some Eucharistic services on Thursday mornings and I preached once on Sunday morning and evening.

As many of you know, my health which had dramatically improved for 18 months, is now as painful as it was before. Cathy shattered her left ankle in November so we have faced a number of challenges. However, our congregation responded to our situation by providing several meals per week, cards, prayers, emails, and made phone calls. Cathy and I want to thank you all for this profound expression of God's love toward us. I have been given a tangible expression of how much the Church is Jesus' hands and feet. You have taught me and Cathy lessons for the future.

God willing, I hope to be more involved in our ministry in 2021.

Grace & Peace  
Rev Dr Dan Goodwin

## DEACON'S REPORT 2020

I am very pleased to offer a brief report of my past year as Deacon in the Parish.

It has of course been a year of challenge for us here at St. George's, and this has been reflected in so many ways for each of us. But in spite of everything, the sacred work of our Holy Church continues.

As in other years, I have found myself so grateful for the rich life of prayer that is the hallmark of the Anglican tradition. We are a praying people here at St. Georges, and we all have a great many opportunities to join our hearts and minds, with the prayer of the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer, and the weekly offerings of the Holy Eucharist. I am thankful that I can assist the Rector with this prayerful work, and find this ordered, and disciplined times of prayer to be very helpful to my own spiritual life.

I continue to be involved with the necessary work of outreach in the downtown Moncton area. We have been able to continue with our Community Meal and Breakfast programs, and I can assure you that these acts of Mercy mean a great deal to those who come to us in their need. I am grateful to all those who help- both those in the Parish, and other churches and community organizations.

As we all are aware, homelessness continues to be an ever present problem in Moncton. Almost every day, we have a number of souls who ring our doorbell seeking some kind of help. Most of the time it is something very simple-a place to warm up, a bit of food, a shower, and perhaps some clean clothes, or just a place to feel safe! It is my pleasure to be of service in some degree to these folks, and I am blessed to be able to offer my assistance in whatever way that I can. Sometimes it can seem a bit overwhelming and frustrating, but still this is what the Lord has called us to, and so I pray that I might be happy to play a small part in this work.

Please be assured that I look forward to serving each one of you as your Parish Deacon, and I am always grateful for your prayers and acts of kindness and encouragement.

I know that these are difficult times for all of us, but we need to sustain, and encourage each other as we seek to be faithful to our profession as Christian believers. It is not easy, but by God's grace and mercy, it can be so.

I would like to express my thankfulness to our Rector, and Esther our Parish Secretary for their kindness and direction-and to each member of St. Georges for their work and witness.

Respectively Submitted

Rev. Norm Dupuis

## WARDEN'S REPORT 2020

First of all I would like to thank the congregation for electing Kelly VanBuskirk as our new Warden. He does a great job and I enjoy working with him.

We would like to thank our building committee for all the work they did this year. There was a lot of work involved with the roof and the bell tower. I am sure they will give us a report on this project. We must also thank Father Chris for his time he put on this project.

Under the guidance of Father Chris the church facilities continue to be occupied weekly as much as Covid-19 allows us.

### St George's Programs/Activities

Outreach Program

Breakfast and Supper Program

Visitations, communion services at People's Park Tower

Moncton Residence, Spencer's Special Care Home and the hospitals.

Counselling to those in need of the congregation seven days per week

Providing space for the monthly Hymn sing and Fire Watch ministries etc.

Altar Guild

Reconnect Program

Scouts/Cubs

We would like to thank Father Chris on behalf of the congregation for his dedication to the work of the Lord in his downtown environment.

Thanks also go to our Associate Priest Rev. Dr. Dan Goodwin and Deacon Norman Dupuis for their guidance and teaching.

We would also like to thank the following:

Willing Workers

Those working with the Scouting Movement

The cooks/servers/cleanup crews who volunteer for the Community Meals

Sides people

Congregation people who willingly assist with the gifts when asked

The Secretary/Treasurer and Envelope Treasure

The Choir-Toto and Angela and guest vocalists

Property committee

At this time we would like to THANK Father Chris for having so many services giving everyone an opportunity to attend a service which is more convenient for them.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege to serve in this capacity

Respectfully submitted

Sheila Searle and Kelly VanBuskirk

Wardens

## **VISIONING COMMITTEE REPORT 2020**

### **Vision Plan – Year 4**

Even though the Church has been operating under many COVID restrictions since March 2020, the Vision Plan remains active and continues to drive initiatives which move St. George's Church to serve God, parishioners and the community as a whole.

The 5 Vestry sub-committees appointed to oversee each objective were unable to meet to review strategies and initiate action. However, the Rector and Vestry have not lost sight of the goals established.

This will be the last year of the current plan and a new plan will be created by Vestry in the spring of 2022.

### **MISSION STATEMENT** (approved by Vestry in May 2018)

Saint George's Church is a downtown Anglican spiritual center where traditional liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.

### **CHURCH MOTTO** (approved at 2018 AGM)

“Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever”

### **Objective #1: To create more Christian interaction**

#### Strategies

- Create a pastoral visitation team
- Promote and encourage Christian Fellowship
- Continue Men's Group
- Continue Women's Group
- Maintain Year-Round Evening Bible Study Classes
- Create an Adult Sunday School
- Create opportunities via technology of reaching out to the community
- Create opportunities for interaction among parishes in the Deanery

### **Objective #2: To encourage young families and youth to become more involved in the life of the church**

#### Strategies

- Promote and Continue the Outbound Program
- Continue and expand children's special activities
- Focus on a ministry for those who are “unchurched”
- Provide support to the St. Georges' scouting groups

**Objective #3 – To enhance our communications in order to keep our church family better informed on church business, programs and activities**

Strategies

- Maintain church website
- Use Facebook as an outreach to families and youth
- Use e-mail for important church news, budget updates, vestry info etc.
- Provide Vestry and AGM briefs for church bulletin
- Maintain the Church Guidebook in the Vestibule

**Objective #4: To preserve St. George's Church as a heritage site for continued use by future generations**

Strategies

0. Maintain an active 3-member Building Committee (Warden and 2 members)
1. Follow uniform procedures for obtaining professional work and materials
2. Maintain Maintenance logbook
3. Maintain a 5-year plan for improvements and updates
4. Continue with church garden
5. Encourage environmentally conscious behavior in and outside the building
6. Provide more parking solutions in proximity to the church
7. Awareness of Moncton Heritage Site Regulations
8. Where possible, use the Church property to proclaim the good news.

**Objective #5: To create opportunities for parishioners to have input in church affairs**

Strategies

- Schedule a spring and fall “town hall” meeting
- Involve more parishioners in church activities
- Form a “Focus Group” to gather input on an important topic

**Objective #6: to implement the Diocese Safe Church Policy**

Strategy

- Comply with the Diocese Safe Church Policy

**Progress Report**

In addition to monitoring the initiatives undertaken during the first three years, Vestry is pleased to report the following for Year 4:

- The implementation of drive-in services. (Objective 1)
- The purchase and installation of live streaming capabilities in the church – Operation Livestream (Objective 1) is almost completed.
- The Use of Zoom to continue Bible Studies and Book Readings.
- The Ministry of Presence was initiated. (Objective 1)

- Operation Sunny Day was initiated (Objective 1)
- The Men's Group met a few times during the pandemic (when allowed) with a meal and a speaker. (Objective #1)
- The Outbound program continues to be a success and will continue when permitted. (Objective #1)
- The updated church's website, Facebook, important info e-mails and Vestry briefs are being used to keep parishioners up to date. (Objective #3)
- A new plan for the church garden was approved with a budget. (Objective 4)
- The 5-year building Plan for Updates and Improvements remains on track. (Objective #4)
- Notable projects completed include the necessary repairs (stone pointing on two sides to the Bell Tower and the leak on the elevator roof as well as repairs to the Chapel steps. (Objective #4)
- Paint has been purchased to paint the foundation this spring. (Objective #4)
- As part of our Church heritage the Boyer Stone was replaced, and the old stone brought to the church. (Objective #4)

Vestry acknowledges the commitment and leadership of the Rector in ensuring that the Vision Plan continues to drive the Church mission during the pandemic.

Clifford Reid

Vestry Member



## PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT 2020

The following work was done, by God's grace and for His glory:

- The elevator roof and valley were roofed, and flashing was installed;
- The East and South sides of the bell tower were re-pointed;
- The inside of the bell tower was insulated and glass was installed inside the windows;
- The floor of the upper chamber in the bell tower was sealed;
- The floor of the Custodial Room was laid;
- The floor in the Rector's Office was replaced;
- The Chapel steps were repaired, sealed and painted; and
- A new thermostat was installed in the Rectory basement.

Many thanks to Cliff Kendall and Roland Dallaire for their expertise and support, and for their assistance in these projects and others!

John Lipton continues to provide snow removal and lawn maintenance. Thank you to John and his crew!



## ST. GEORGE'S ALTAR GUILD REPORT 2020

To the Rector, Wardens, Vestry and Congregation of St. George's I submit this report.

The Altar Guild continues to serve the church in the preparation for Holy Communion Services and changing the Altar hangings to coincide with the colours of the Church year. From this we learn how the early Church Fathers taught the story of Jesus' Life by colour.

We are a small group from the congregation who look after everything to do with the cleaning and preparation of the altar for worship purposes.

Our mission is to keep the Chancel area and the Altar Guild room clean and shining in the best way we can, giving all Glory to God for allowing us the privilege to do this most rewarding work

This past year due to COVID restrictions, we were limited as to what we could do and are grateful to Norm and Tyler for filling in when we could not be there, and as always we thank our Rector, Chris for his help.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Lou Wilbur



## **LAY READERS 2020**

### The Role of a Reader

Readers are lay men and women, from a wide diversity of occupations and backgrounds, who recognize a call to serve God and his world through the Church. They work in a variety of roles and situations across the Church, being authorized by the Bishop to preach and teach, to conduct or assist in conducting worship, and to assist in the pastoral, evangelistic and liturgical work of the Church in the parish or area where they are licensed.

### The Duties of a Reader

Readers may:

- Participate in worship, except those services and parts of services specifically excluded by Canon Law.
- Read the Old or New Testament readings, Epistle or Gospel at any service
- Lead intercessions
- Receive and present the offerings of the congregation
- Distribute the consecrated wine to the congregation as directed by the Minister
- Undertake pastoral and educational work under the guidance of the Minister
- Preach upon request

### Current Roster of Readers (in alphabetical order)

Isaac Brown

Ian Hayre

Cliff Kendall

Tyler McKenna

Tim Rains

Cliff Reid

Bill Ross

Nicholas Saulnier

Nicholas Shock (Lector – reads Epistle only)

Kelly VanBuskirk (leave of absence)

The schedulers appreciate the continued dedication and faithfulness of the lay readers during the pandemic.

Cliff Reid & Bill Ross

## ST GEORGE'S CHOIR REPORT 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic that imposed itself in March 2020 basically threw a large wrench into the church music machine for the year. Reports of church choirs abroad surfaced where alarming numbers of choristers became infected, even in spite of careful distancing. Naturally, our singers at St. George's collectively decided to put safety over the traditional comfort of singing in close numbers. (Choir School was also cancelled for the summer.) I feel this abstention was the correct thing to do, even though this had an obvious, negative effect on the musical component of our weekly worship. For a time we still enjoyed some massed singing in the congregation, with a few choir members scattered around the pews; however, later this dwindled to no voices at all and no hymns programmed, with some incidental organ and precious guest appearances by other instrumentalists. Eventually this arrangement would evolve to have only clergy leading the sung parts of the mass and a few strategically chosen soloists or groups singing hymns from the chancel. Early efforts were made to record individual choristers from their homes and then to manipulate these individual tracks into a virtual choir; unfortunately, there proved to be many technical hurdles in the process and this idea would be put on the shelf for later re-examination.

I am fairly confident that I speak for the whole choir when I say that we are eager for a return to some normalcy and harmony. The importance of singing and other music making in groups must never be underestimated.

Respectfully submitted,

Nhat-Viet Phi



## **WILLING WORKERS REPORT 2020**

To the Rector, wardens, and congregation of St. George's Anglican Church, I submit the following report for 2020.

The Willing Workers met for two meetings, one in January and one in February. Our March meeting was cancelled due to weather.

There are currently 21 members. President: Marilyn Rice Secretary: Debbie MacDonald  
Treasurer: Sheila Searle.

We held one fund raising activity in February - a Valentine's Day Tea. We also provided soup and rolls at the Annual Meeting in February. As well, we made a donation to the Boyer Stone Fund.

The Pandemic hit in mid-March and all our activities including Meetings, Fund Raisers and Receptions were cancelled for the remainder of 2020.

Hopefully sometime in 2021, we will be able to resume our meetings and some of our activities.

We meet the second Tuesday of the month from September to May at 2 p.m. in the Ladies Parlour. We socialize, exchange ideas, plan various activities, have special speakers and enjoy a cup of tea. We welcome new ladies to join our group and we continue to work towards the good of the church and community.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie MacDonald  
Secretary

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ST. GEORGE'S WILLING WORKERS 2020

To the Rector, Wardens and congregation of St. George's Church I submit the following report.

<b>Opening balance as of January 1, 2020</b>		<b>4,536.37</b>
Receipts		
Tea Money	28.00	
Dues	45.00	
Reception	795.18	
Valentine Tea	480.00	
Donations	264.00	
Reconnect	600.00	
Bank Interest	2.17	
Christmas Outreach	275.65	
		<b><u>2,490.00</u></b>
		<b>7,026.37</b>
Disbursements		
Memorial	25.00	
Service Charge	11.75	
Flowers	25.00	
Six gift certificates @75.00 plus 2 turkeys	486.00	
Reconnect	1200.00	
Daily Bread	50.00	
Boyer Stone	400.00	
Miscellaneous	10.00	
		<b><u>2,207.75</u></b>
		<b>4,818.62</b>

Respectively submitted

Sheila Searle Treasurer  
Willing Workers

## MEN'S GROUP REPORT 2020

A few years ago we started what we called “Men's Meetings” at Saint George's. Cliff Reid and Nick Stam were asked by the Rector to organize these evenings.

We have a few meetings a year. Maybe 4 or 5.

We start at 6 o'clock with a sit-down meal.

After we eat, we have a speaker who presents a topic. Discussion follows.

In the past we had several speakers.

Our own Stan Balch spoke on genealogy.

Father Chris spoke about his deployment in the Middle East.

Bill Ross explained the diocesan synod in the Anglican Church.

Rev. Chris Hayes spoke about Church Music.

Philip and Martin Stam spoke about the work they did in South Africa.

In the past year Father Glencross spoke about being a Minister in a big city. [Montreal]

Dr. Brian Davidson talked about his favourite topic : Creation and evolution”.

Father Glencross was asked to speak for us on Remembrance Day about “ 100 years of remembering”. Since this was such an important topic we invited everyone. Several people from other churches also attended.

We enjoy good Christian fellowship at these evenings and we encourage every man to attend and bring a friend.

Submitted by Nick Stam



## **GOSPEL-BASED DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY REPORT 2020**

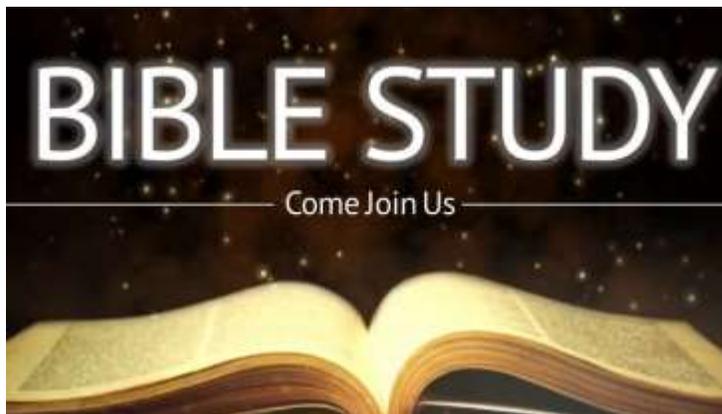
As the Rector has previously demonstrated in a series of homilies, the Gospel-Based Discipleship model invites participants to read a passage of Scripture three times, each time considering a different question. First, what word(s), idea(s), or phrase(s) stand out for you? Secondly, what is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you? Thirdly, what is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do? It is a helpful model for personal devotion, but truly shines in a group setting, where the depth, intimacy, and richness of the Gospel are enjoyed through the mutual sharing of the participants and resulting conversation. Even well-known passages can be experienced afresh by a simple comment.

The Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent reminds us of the importance of holy Scriptures for "our learning" and for "hold[ing] fast the blessed hope of everlasting life." It further exhorts us to "hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them." Listening to or reading a passage once and reflecting on it is helpful, but being able to do so multiple times and in the company of fellow Christians is a source of great comfort and certainly puts into practice this much-loved Collect.

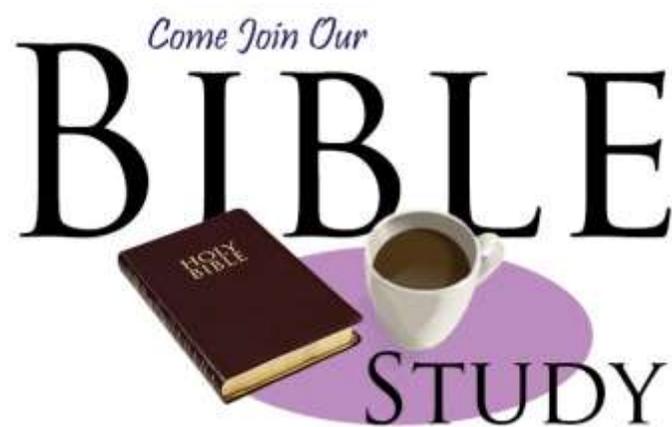
Beginning in May and continuing through 2020, each month St. George's has offered multiple (usually weekly) opportunities to engage the Scripture using the Gospel-Based Discipleship model. The first two months saw a collaborative effort with neighbouring Anglican churches for a study entitled "Open Your Bible." St. George's then resumed at the start of July by beginning the study of the Gospel According to St. Luke, a study which is happily continuing this year.

Importantly, the church has made these sessions available to a wider audience by offering options for how to attend. The same session can be attended in person at the church or virtually via Zoom, and we have enjoyed regular attendance from both options. Each session lasts approximately an hour and begins at 7:00 p.m., and it has been a blessing personally to have participated in these studies. I know I speak for the group when I say that we are eager to share the blessing with many more.

Submitted by Bill Ross



## MORNING BIBLE STUDY REPORT 2020



The Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumed in January, at the Rectory, with a consideration of the visit of the Three Magi and the Epiphany Season.

In February, Tyler McKenna, led us in Richard Foster's Celebration of Discipline. This study includes a weekly video and sheds fresh light of the spiritual disciplines traditionally embraced by the Church.

In September, Father Dan led us into an ambitious but very interesting study of the Book

of the Prophet Ezekiel. That carried us into 2021 where we are half-way through the text.

When we went into the Orange Phase of the pandemic, we moved from the Rectory to the Church, in order to 'physical distance'. (Thanks to Carolyn VanBuskirk for her warm hospitality as always.) We also began to utilize ZOOM as a way for people to participate from home. We have approximately 12 people who participate regularly, and we are always hoping to welcome others.

Our 'Tuesday' meeting time has changed to Wednesday, so we are now the Wednesday Morning Bible Study – but our time and focus remains the same: to gather in Christian fellowship and read and study God's Word together, in order to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

It was wonderful to have Tyler with us through last winter and to have him lead as well. We wish him the very best as he studies at Wycliffe College, and we are keeping him in our prayers.

We are truly grateful for the leadership of Fr. Dan. His preparation and teaching gift inspires us to learn. We appreciate his time with us, recognizing that he is often in great pain. Thank you, Dan, we thank God for you!

On a final note, we continued to collect money through free will offerings for Bishop McAllister's College and Seminary in Uganda. This year \$395.00 was given to the glory of God.

## **HYMN SING REPORT 2020**

The Sunday Evening Hymn Sing met in the Church Hall on the third Sunday of the month in January, February and March. However, once the pandemic hit, we had to take a break.

Eventually, through the summer months, we sheduled the third Sunday of each month to be a parking lot Service with lots of singing. This has provided us with an opportunity to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord... and rejoice and sing praise” (Psalm 98.4).

Many thanks to Nick and Christine, Maria and Julianna Stam for organizing and leading us in the Hymn Sings, including the delicious lunch and time of fellowship afterwards.

Thank you very much to Nick and John Stam for their leadership in the parking lot Services. May all praise and glory be unto the Lord!



## “SAINT GEORGE'S OUTBOUND” REPORT 2020

We had 7 excursions this year.

They all took place on Sunday afternoons.

After the 10 o'clock morning service we go downstairs to the Church-Hall, where we have a light lunch and some coffee or tea.

Sometimes some friends from other churches join us for lunch.

Then Father Chris gives us some instructions and we go to our cars after figuring out who goes with who.

Because of the COVID situation the first excursion was cancelled. We were going to go to Salisbury and meet up with some of Rev. Hayes' people. The plan was to have Evening Prayer together in the Anglican Church where Father Hayes is the Minister. It did not happen, so we look forward to this year. It is on the agenda.

June 28 we all went to Saint Martin in the woods. We had a lot of people including a lot of families with children. The weather was great. Father Chris led a scavenger-hunt which ended up with him and most of the children in the water.

Kevin helped out with the B.B.Q, which was graciously loaned to us by Saint Martin in the Woods.

July 27 we went to The Waterfowl Park in Sackville. Afterwards we went to see the Sandpipers. The Sandpipers were almost 2 weeks late in arriving, so we did not see any. We saw a lot of nice scenery on the way to the Church in Westcock, because we lost our way. In the Westcock Church we had Evening Prayer and Nick got to play the beautiful new Allen Organ.

August 30 took us to the Irving Park in Bouctouche. After our walk we went to Saint Lawrence Church for Evening prayer. Tyler played the old pump-organ to accompany us when we sang. Since the bellows of the organ are shot Tyler got a real work-out. Afterwards we went to Peter and Agnes for food. There was lots of it. Lots of people also. Several Russian families were also there. Agnes' father and mother both come from Russia. This explains the Russian connection. After we ate there was a rain storm, a cloudburst. We stayed outside under the Car-Port and sang hymns. Mostly English ones, but also some Dutch, German and Russian Hymns. There were several guitars and the singing was wonderful. What we lacked in talent we made up in enthusiasm.

Sept. 27 saw us in Irishtown Park. Father Chris led an outdoor service at the parking lot.

October 25 we were in Riverview. Again we had Evening Prayer in the open air with lots of singing.

November 22 we were in Irishtown again. Because of the time of the year and the chance of being cold, we chose the park, because it is so well protected from the wind. We went back to Saint George's and had Evening Prayer downstairs.

There are always friends who come to these outings from other churches. From Saint Philip's, from Saint James and from Lewisville Baptist and others. We feel blessed and encouraged by the Christian fellowship.

Submitted by Nick Stam

## COMMUNITY MEALS REPORT 2020

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> year of the Community Dinner program and 9 years for the Community Breakfast. The dinner is served on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month and the Breakfast on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. There is also a breakfast served on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday which is provided by St. James' Church.

The year started out as normal with our meals being provided as a sit down in the Church basement. The breakfasts in March and all meals since have been served as take-outs.

A huge thank you to all our partners who helped each month either cooking, serving or performing clean-up duties. The breakfasts have been prepped each month by the Office Staff and a few volunteers who have provided muffins. The Moncton Womens' Progress Club and Allen and Nancy Urquhart continue to take their turns cooking the dinners. Fred and Ellen Jeans faithfully come and hand out all the meals and we thank them for their Service. Hopefully in 2021 we will be able to have all our volunteers back in to help.

Our Community Dinners continue to serve about 100 on average and the Breakfast between 30-60 people.

The cost to hold these meals is less than in previous years as the menu has shifted to one dish meals making take-outs much easier for volunteers. The donations once again covered the costs of supplies and we thank everyone for their generosity to this very important Outreach Program.



## ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2020

At the beginning of the pandemic, the Sunday School adapted its approach and teaching methods and offered the following:

- ❖ Weekly lessons, provided by Angelique Ross, were emailed to children and families, from March through September. These were very important as we all began the uncertain journey of the new normal.
- ❖ Children's videos were recorded by the Rector on St. George's You Tube Channel;
- ❖ Carolyn VanBuskirk taught 'in-person' lessons on Moses, through the Fall months. These were really helpful as we struggled to determine what was possible in the new normal.
- ❖ The Sunday School picnic was held at Shediac Cape on June 28<sup>th</sup>, the Third Sunday After Trinity. In spite of the pandemic challenges, it was a wonderful afternoon!
- ❖ In Advent, Agnes Stam made the Jesse Tree daily devotion available to children and their families. This was well received and will hopefully be tried again.
- ❖ On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Second Sunday After Christmas, 23 children were present for the Children's Talk – many little visitors who brought us lots of smiles!

Thanks be to God for the privilege of ministering to the children, and thanks to our faithful teachers, Laurie, Angie, Angelique and Carolyn for their dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris VanBuskirk +



## ST. GEORGE'S MEMORIAL FUND 2020

Donations to the Memorial Fund are made in remembrance of family or friends, at funerals or any other time of year, as a continuing memorial. All donations are recorded in the Memorial Book located at the back of the church. This book is updated at the end of each month.

One half of every donation is used for building maintenance. The other half of the donation is forwarded to the Diocese to be added to our Memorial Fund Trust Account. St. George's can make withdrawals from the Trust Account, at any time, by resolution of the Vestry. Interest earned on this account is paid to St. George's in June and December and is disbursed, at the Rector's discretion, to meet social assistance needs within the parish.

Memorial cards are available in the front entrance of the Church, in the entry to the Chapel, or by contacting the church office. Please pick up a few for ready access at the time of need.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Kendall, Memorial Fund Secretary

*In  
Loving  
Memory  
of*

## 1<sup>ST</sup> MONCTON ST. GEORGE'S SCOUTING ANNUAL REPORT 2020

### Membership Report

The average attendance of youth members in all sections is:

- Beavers – 4 to 5
- Cubs - 7
- Scouts - 4 to 5

All registrations extended and new ones were delayed because of COVID-19.

### Section Reports

#### **Beavers**

**Leaders** - Nancy Urquhart  
- Nicole Chevarie



Due to Pandemic restrictions, regular meetings did not occur after March 2020.

The Colony did participate in Thinking Day Activities with the other groups in February and an Area outdoor event.

The Beaver leaders were able to meet with small groups outside at various locations (parks and trails) around Moncton during the Yellow phase.

They were able to do some Christmas activities in December and go sledding.

#### **Cubs**

**Leaders** - Allen Urquhart  
- Jennifer Fontaine  
- Jill Emeno



The Cubs also participated in BP day ceremonies and the Winter Snow Day Area event before the Pandemic hit.

They have had meetings at Camp Longshadow and outdoor locations in Moncton when permitted by provincial guidelines.

December provided some opportunity to meet for a Christmas activity and go sledding.

## Scouts

**Leaders** - Jason Goodwin  
- Catherine Peacock

Scouts also participated in the BP service in February. They volunteered at the breakfast at Gt. Georges and did some snowshoeing and skiing using the Area equipment.



**It starts with Scouts.**

During the Pandemic the scouts have continued to meet, when allowed, at Camp Longshadow on a weekly basis and when the weather permitted.

## Pandemic

Scouts Canada continues to monitor the situation and advise the groups on safety issues.

Registration was pushed back to October this year and refund options have been made more flexible, along with a trial period opportunity for new members.

A Location Planner was created to help the groups in the Area find and “book” locations for outdoor meetings.

This year has been very difficult for Scouting, as it has been for many, and St. Georges Scouting commends the leaders and volunteers that have continued to give their time and energy, no matter how small, to this very important organization.

Hopefully 2021 will see some better opportunities for young people involved in Scouting.

Respectfully submitted

Carolyn Vanbuskirk



**1<sup>st</sup> MONCTON ST. GEORGE'S  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 2020**

**Statement of Receipts and Disbursements 01/01/20 to 12/31/20**

**Receipts**

Registrations	30.00	
Registration donations		
Registrations paid to Scouts Canada		
<b>Net registrations</b>		<b>30.00</b>
Popcorn campaign		
Popcorn costs		
<b>Net popcorn</b>		<b>0.00</b>
Garbage bags		
Garbage bags costs		
<b>Net garbage bags</b>		<b>0.00</b>
Donations and sponsorship		255.00
Scouts Canada (Apple day)		50.00
Camp fees	460.00	
Camp costs	(1296.21)	
<b>Net camps</b>		<b>(836.21)</b>
Scout trees		
Scout trees costs		
<b>Net scout trees</b>		<b>0.00</b>
Other receipts (Bottle redemption)		8.85
Other receipts (Badges)		<u>120.00</u>
<b>Total net receipts</b>		<b><u>(372.36)</u></b>

**Disbursements**

Program supplies	635.95	
Equipment		
Leader training	14.50	
Bank charges		
Activities and events	<u>667.81</u>	
<b>Total disbursements</b>		<b><u>1318.26</u></b>

**Excess of disbursements over receipts** (1690.62)

<b>Opening bank</b>	01/01/20	<b>7,963.62</b>	
<b>Excess of disbursements over receipts</b>		<b><u>(1,690.62)</u></b>	
<b>Closing bank</b>	12/31/20	<b><u>6,273.00</u></b>	

Ian Hayre  
Treasurer  
December 31, 2020

## ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT 2020

The following is a report of all offerings and receipts for 2020, including Envelopes (box sets and individual), P.A.R., Memorial Fund, Canada Helps Org., Tithe-ly & Planned Giving.

In 2020, there were 147 box sets of envelopes issued (150 in 2019), 117 envelope contributors (130 in 2019), and 119 guests, visitors and friends using individual envelopes. There were 57 contributors to the Memorial fund. There were 36 parishioners who were making their offerings through P.A.R (41 in 2019)

### Some items of interest:

Offerings	2020	2019
General - Envelope boxes and individual	\$170,420.82	\$153,876.05
General P.A.R.	50,442.96	50,803.00
<b>Seasonal – Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas</b>	<b>23,134.00</b>	<b>25,468.29</b>
<b>Memorial Fund</b>	<b>4895.39</b>	<b>4,297.96</b>
Bell Tower & Roof	17,189.83	n/a

**St Georges P.A.R Program (Pre-Authorized Remittance):** This automatic withdrawal service allows parishioners to make their offerings on a weekly or monthly basis directly from their bank account. This makes it easy, especially in the case of illness or away on vacation. It also helps the church when trying to budget for ongoing expenses such as heat, hydro, phone, payroll, insurance, etc.

Just like envelope offerings, the amount of a parishioners P.A.R. offering is entirely up to them. There is no minimum or maximum amount required. You can also change or stop the P.A.R. enrollment at any time. 100% of the offering goes to St. George's Church.

P.A.R. cards are available in the front entry and chapel, which you may place in the offering plate to indicate you have already given. Application and Change forms are also available there, or contact the Church Office

**Special Thank You:** Thank you so much to our Counting Teams for all your work on Sundays counting and making the bank deposit. We could not do this without you. A special thanks to our Warden Sheila Searle for her dedicated and hard work of finding and scheduling our Counters.

Respectfully Submitted  
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Budget 2021							
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Revenue	2021	2020	2020	2019	2019	2018	2018
General Offerings	154,000	154,000	170,797	148,000	154,396	153,000	146,308
PAR	50,000	50,000	50,443	60,000	51,335	55,000	58,335
Special Lent & Easter	6,000	6,000	7,107	7,500	6,168	10,000	7,116
Special Thanksgiving	5,000	4,000	8,777	5,000	4,132	5,000	4,162
Special Christmas	11,000	11,000	7,250	11,000	10,090	12,000	9,347
Plate	3,000	4,000	3,303	6,000	5,124	6,000	6,106
Fundraising	2,000	2,000					
Use of hall	1,000	1,000	730	500	510		420
Interest- Memorial Fund	6,000	7,000	5,914	6,600	5,643	5,000	5,711
Endowment Interest	13,000	18,000	14,418	17,000	14,569	15,000	14,705
DELCON Interest	600	700	579	700	558	600	711
<b>Offering Total</b>	<b>251,600</b>	<b>257,700</b>	<b>269,319</b>	<b>262,300</b>	<b>252,525</b>	<b>261,600</b>	<b>252,921</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Audio Visual	1,000		2,025	250		200	175
Bank Charges	1,000	1,200	969	1,300	1,071	1,200	1,347
Clergy Education	900	750	750	600	550	450	263
Choir	400	400		400		400	
Community Meals	2,000	3,000	276	4,000	-2,145	5,000	2,893
Flowers	500	500	172	1,600	985		
Parish Event Food Costs	500	500	1,162	1,000	1,170	2,000	666
Organ Repair	600	600	699	600	564	900	538
Gifts	500	500	1,179	1,800	1,601	1,200	1,898
Insurance	16,235	15,275	15,275	14,300	12,783	13,756	13,756
Utilities -Church	20,000	23,000	17,820	21,500	22,283	19,500	20,045
Utilities -Rectory	4,500	4,600	4,338	4,600	4,436	4,200	4,269
Maintenance-Church	15,000	15,000	55,549	15,000	17,559	12,000	18,324
Maintenance-Rectory	1,000	1,000	154	2,500		2,500	274
Maintenance - Grounds	6,000	6,000	5,609	6,000	5,873	6,000	5,609
Office	6,000	6,000	6,148	6,000	5,383	6,000	6,719
Salaries & Benefits	123,000	125,000	105,196	125,000	132,487	142,200	133,621
Discretionary Fund	3,000	4,000	-79	4,000	-1,208	4,000	4,531
Books	500	500	385	1,200	1,407	1,000	1,007
Cleaning Contract	600	1,100	569	1,100	1,756	1,000	1,635
Sanctuary Supplies	1,500	1,500	894	1,500	1,065	2,000	1,468
Supply Clergy & Organist	1,500	1,500	1,041	2,500	2,186	2,500	4,620
Telephone & Internet Church	3,300	4,200	3,525	4,600	4,489	4,400	4,339
Telephone & Internet & TV Rectory	3,000	3,300	2,711	2,400	2,715	2,300	2,238
Travel	9,000	9,000	7,796	9,000	7,881	9,000	9,343
Water & Sewer -Church	1,800	1,600	1,904	1,800	1,535	1,900	1,568
Water & Sewer Rectory	900	800	906	800	747	850	780
Youth Support	500	500		1,000	739	2,000	68
Diocesan Shared Ministry Support	35,827	39,278	35,578	38,969	38,969	37,829	37,829
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>260,562</b>	<b>270,603</b>	<b>272,550</b>	<b>275,319</b>	<b>266,881</b>	<b>286,285</b>	<b>279,823</b>
<b>Net Parish Income (Loss)</b>	<b>-8,962</b>	<b>-12,903</b>	<b>-3,232</b>	<b>-13,019</b>	<b>-14,356</b>	<b>-24,685</b>	<b>-26,902</b>