

# St George's Anglican Parish Transcona

Annual Reports for the Year 2025  
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## 1. Agenda for the 2026 Annual General Meeting of St George's Transcona

- Territorial Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer
- Welcome
- Minutes of 2025 AGM
- Adoption of Reports
  - Bishop letter
  - Rectors Report
  - Corporation Report
  - Summary of Parish Reports
- Finance
  - 2025 Year End Statements
  - 2026 Budget
  - Signing Authority
  - Appointing Website Administrator
- Elections
- New Business
  - Fund-raising events for 2026
  - Social Events
  - New Outreach Possibilities
  - Maintenance Projects
    - Parking lot completion, back yard fencing.
    - Other
- Closing Prayer

## 2. Minutes from AGM 2025

St George's Anglican Church Transcona  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Sunday February 9, 2025

**Present:** 39 people attended the meeting and signed the Declaration of Church Membership.

- Rev Wilson Akinwale asked Deb to chair this meeting.
- Deb Buxton – warden- called the meeting to order at 11:45am. She greeted attendees, and Rev Wilson Akinwale began with a prayer.
- Adoption of the Minutes of the 2024 AGM:
  - **Motion to adopt:** Dorian Sherman Seconded: Dan Thagard **Carried**.
- Adoption of Written Reports:
  - Bishop Letter
  - Rector's Report
  - Corporation Report
  - Summary of Parish Reports
  - **Motion to adopt:** Dorian Sherman Seconded: Beverley Markwart **Carried**
- **Finance Reports:**
  - 2024 Year End Statements
  - 2025 Budget
    - Susan Snyder explained the content of both reports.
    - Susan reviewed our current investments and associated interest. Susan recommends renewing the GIC that is maturing in March and investing in another GIC. The investment returns have scientifically helped with our operating income.  
Susan explained that we had a very good year. Despite paying for the new lighting replacement work, we ended the year with a small deficit of \$2300. The Hydro rebate for the lights did not arrive until January and the amount of \$2500 would have covered the deficit.
    - The Balance sheet was explained – the building and property values are noted and impact our insurance. Church insurance costs are quite high based on several factors. Susan will investigate these numbers this year to determine if this is an accurate reflection of our assets.
  - **Motion to adopt the Finance Reports:** Susan Snyder, Second: Dan Thagard. **Carried**

- **Motion to adopt the 2025 Budget:** Susan Snyder, Second: Dorian Sherman. Carried
- **Motion to renew the maturing GIC for another one-year term at the Access Credit Union:** Gail Cadigan, Second: Dorian Sherman. Carried
- **Motion to invest \$50,000 in a new GIC- one year term:** Gail Cadigan, second: Dorian Sherman. Carried
- **Elections:**
  - **People's Warden:** Sharon Cortvriendt -Acclaimed
  - **Rectors Warden:** Deb Buxton -Appointed
  - **Treasurer:** Susan Snyder-Appointed
  - **Vestry:**
    - Peggy Rentz
    - Penny Single
    - David Cortvriendt
    - Gail Cadigan
    - Beverley Smadella
    - Liz Beazley
    - Jennifer McDowell
    - Audrey Fardoe
    - Rowena Slater
  - **Synod Delegates**
    - Deb Buxton
    - Dorian Sherman
  - **Synod Alternate:**
    - Penny Single
  - **Motion to appoint and accept the positions as listed:** Dan Thagard  
Seconded: Wilson Akinwale. **Carried.**
- **St. Georges Signing Authority:**
  - Warden: Sharon Cortvriendt
  - Warden: Deb Buxton
  - Treasurer: Susan Snyder
  - Envelope Secretary: Penny Single
- **Motion to accept the following people with signing authority on our Bank accounts.** Note: one signature must be a warden- Motion: Gail Cadigan Second: Dorian Sherman. **Carried.**
- **St. Georges Website Administrator:**
  - Warden: Deb Buxton
  - Warden: Sharon Cortvriendt
  - **Motion to appoint the wardens as listed as the website administrators.**
    - Dan Thagard, Second: Jennifer McDowell. Carried.

## **New Business**

- Fundraising events:
  - Plan another fall social if the Legion is available and in agreement. Tom Buxton has offered his band to play.
- Additional ideas discussed and to be confirmed.
- Diocese Update: Bishop Search Committee
  - Deb Buxton presented a power point presentation explaining the search process to date, how to get involved with the survey. The Search Committee video was shown.
  - Plans for a May discussion after service once the bishop candidates are named.

Rev Wilson spoke about the volunteers that work behind the scenes to keep St. Georges running smoothly and offered his gratitude for our parish and support.

The meeting ended with Doxology.

**Meeting adjourned at 1230 pm- Motion to Adjourn: Dorian Sherman**

### 3. Reports

#### 3.1 Letter from the Bishop



#### The Diocese of Rupert's Land

The Right Reverend Naboth Manzongo  
Bishop of Rupert's Land

Epiphany 2026  
*A note from the Bishop to Parish Annual General Meetings*

Dear Friends,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As you gather for your Annual General Meeting, I want to extend my prayers and gratitude for the faithful ministry you offer in your communities throughout the Diocese of Rupert's Land. An AGM is more than a canonical requirement, it is a sacred moment of discernment, thanksgiving, and hope. It is a time to remember how God has been at work among you, and to listen for how the Holy Spirit is calling you forward. Over the past months, I have witnessed remarkable signs of life across our diocese: renewed worship, deepening discipleship, pastoral care offered with compassion, and bold outreach to neighbours in need. Many of you have taken courageous steps in mission, hospitality, reconciliation, and stewardship. For all of this, I give heartfelt thanks.

As you reflect on the past year, I invite you to consider this theme to guide our diocesan life:

**Christ Among Us: Incarnational Living:** Let us remain rooted in our neighbourhoods, attentive to the needs around us, and confident that Christ is already present and at work. In a world often marked by loneliness, fear, and division, your parish's presence is itself a ministry of hope. In Christ we deepen our communion. Our unity in Christ is both a gift and a responsibility. Continue to nurture relationships within your parish and across the diocese, strengthening the bonds that enable us to pray, learn, and serve together. It is also in Christ that we grow. Christian maturity grows through Scripture, worship, prayer, and shared ministry. I encourage you to consider how your parish is nurturing spiritual formation and encouraging the gifts of all members, young and old.

As you review financial reports and budgets, I also wish to thank you for your faithful support of our Common Mission and Ministry. Your commitment enables us to care for rural parishes, meet our obligations to the wider church, and support diocesan ministries that strengthen us all. I ask that you continue this shared commitment in 2026 as a sign of our mutual responsibility and trust in God's provision.

**A Year of Synod:** The year 2026 will also bring our Diocesan Synod, an important moment of communal discernment and decision-making. I ask each parish to:

- Pray intentionally for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare.
- Discern and elect delegates who will participate fully, prayerfully, and collaboratively.
- Encourage your representatives to enter Synod with openness, hope, and a commitment to the common good of the whole diocese.

Synod is a sign that we walk this journey together, listening for God's call to us as one body. Looking ahead, I pray that each parish will seek God's guidance with courage and imagination.

The challenges we face (demographic shifts, cultural change, and limited resources) are real, but so too is the power of the Holy Spirit who sustains and renews the Church in every generation.

Please know that I hold each of you in prayer. May your AGM be a time of honest reflection, gracious conversation, and renewed hope in Christ.

Blessings,

**+Naboth**

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### 3.2 Rector's Report

#### Rector's Report for Annual General Meeting 2026.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Guiding Light, I welcome you all to this year's Annual General Meeting. It has been a great pleasure to be among you and serve as your Rector over the last two years. This year, our new Bishop Naboth Manzongo sent us a message in the spirit of the Epiphany, encouraging us that...

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In agreement with Bishop Manzongo's message, I have been richly blessed of witnessing what God is doing in our midst in our corporate commitment to stewardship in various ministries of our dearly beloved parish. From meeting you during Sunday worship greetings, pastoral visits on countless occasions, to timely stepping in to several pastoral phone calls attending to emergency needs and situations, I have seen your faith at work in our community with absolute willingness to proclaim the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ in our spiritual mandate through our [5 Marks of Mission](#). Indeed, we remain rooted in "**Christ Among Us**" with His "**Incarnational**" presence in how we feel and celebrate Jesus daily among ourselves.

Our parish has been flourishing with array of activities and events this past year: from our annual Celebration of Black History Month Service in February to Fresh Faith Expressions in our weekly Bible Study time, to confirmation of new candidates (on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025), to quarterly Anointing Services, to your generous donations for keeping our finances afloat with your creative ideas, to our amazing fundraisers and kind giving. Thank you!

Our outreach community network ministry connections are also thriving with volunteers from our parish available to meet the needs of the world. From Park Manor, Concordia Place, River East PCH to Plessis Resource Centre, Wechetowin. Thank you to everyone who

volunteered their time and energy of sharing the good news of God's kingdom by loving service to our community friends and neighbours.

Early summer of last year, on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, our new Bishop The Right Reverend Naboth Manzongo was elected to be the 14<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. He was consecrated on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Cathedral Church of St. John The Evangelist. Bishop Manzongo, as the Zimbabwean-born Canadian Anglican bishop is the first Black and first African bishop in the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

In June of last year, myself and our warden, Debbie Buxton were Diocesan representatives at the [General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada](#), hosted by Diocese of Huron at RBC Place London, Ontario. It was an amazing experience to witness various plenary sessions to be part of the national church where various resolutions were passed and provincial meetings were held in spirit and for the good health of the Church of God. On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, our new Primate The Most Rev. Shane Parker was installed as the 15<sup>th</sup> Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.

As the year ended on a positive note for our parish, we responded to the [119<sup>th</sup> Session of the Synod Resolutions A-1, A-2 and A-4](#), as advised by the new Bishop. We have actioned these three resolutions with active participation and involvements of our members to ensure that as church we are part of the global movement that propagates the good news of God's kingdom in the:

- “Stewardship of Creation”;
- “To partake take in the forms of worship and ministries of the church in the global Anglican Communion with a view to learning new ways our own worship and ministries can reflect the diversity of our surrounding culture”; and
- “And also, to explore how we can be more creative and express the joy of the Christian faith, using our unique gifts and talents to address needs in our wider communities and/or geographic parish.”

For example:

**A. (i.)** We updated “to move to a more energy efficient solution and to address the challenges we were facing with our dated systems. We found a significant savings in our energy bills and are continuing to enjoy the benefits of improved heating and cooling temperatures throughout our worship space and our fellowship hall”, etc.

**B. We have “added diversity to our worship service with the following changes:**

(i.) Lord's Prayer spoken in the language of choice with diversity of our congregation; (ii.) We have added African Praise hymns led by two lay members of our congregation with Jotham and Christine on a regular basis,” etc.

**C. We:** (i.) “Will Host World Day of Prayer in March 2026; (ii.) Our Rector & Incumbent – The Rev. Wilson Akinwale is helping to establish the Multifaith leadership Council of Transcona working with our MLA on a regular basis to bring community needs and desires to government’s attention; (iii.) We participated in the Annual Ecumenical Service that is part of the “Transcona Hi Neighbour Festival;” (iv.) We have added the Rectors weekly article/prayers to our newsletter with positive results,” etc.

Our premises have taken a new facelift with a new building and neighbours. Our parish is now having a positive community connection with these new neighbours, one of such to use our sanctuary space for a wedding ceremony this summer.

We had our Diocesan Bishop’s visit on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, on the Feast of the Reign of Christ. It was such a joyous and spirit-filled service with a celebratory luncheon in the church lower hall after worship

And as you already know, towards the end of 2025, we lost four of our loved ones at this parish. One of these was very heartbreak, but we submit ourselves to the perfect will of God as we fix our eyes on Jesus whose ways are past finding out as the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2 Cf. Romans 11:33). We will continue to remember these families in our prayers as we all grieve together.

And looking ahead into the new year, I will be grateful to work with every one of you in every department of our parish as we flourish together. Peace and blessings of Jesus Christ, our Guiding Light who has called us to witness His good works in the world around us. Thanks be to God.

In Christ’s Service,  
The Reverend Wilson Akinwale  
Rector

### 3.2.1 Deacons Report

Sunday, January 18, 2026, marked the third anniversary of my ordination as a deacon in God's Holy Church. During this time, it has been a joy for me to serve as deacon to the congregation of St. George's. Here is a review of some activities that have kept me busy in 2025.

- January began with Rev. Akinwale and I teaching confirmation classes to 4 candidates who were confirmed April 27. 2025.
- I regularly attend monthly deanery meetings. It is an excellent way to develop relationships with fellow clergy members. We meet for lunch followed by a meeting.
- I attend our diocesan Diaconate Deacon meetings on Zoom.
- I lead and support our weekly Wednesday afternoon Bible Study. This activity has grown from monthly to weekly and continues to be enjoyed by participants.
- I attend liturgy meetings where we work out the details for Sunday services.
- As the Parish coordinator with the Wechetowin ministry, we hosted a workshop where we assembled Blessing Care Bags for the Wechetowin ministry that operates out of Epiphany Indigenous Church.
- May 31, 2025, I attended Synod for the election of a new Bishop for the Diocese of Ruperts Land. I also attended the service for consecration of Naboth Manzongo, our new Bishop of our Diocese on September 13, 2025.
- June 18-20- I attended the annual Diocese of Ruperts Land Clergy Conference held in Gimli Manitoba.
- In July we introduced Services with Reserved Sacrament as part of our Sunday Services.
- Rev Akinwale and I once again were delighted to host our parish's Blessing of the Animals Service on October 5, 2025.
- October 18, 2025, I attended Faith Horizons- our diocese of Ruperts Land Conference

Sunday mornings are the most rewarding blessing of being a deacon. Whether I am presiding or assisting in the service, I experience the love and support of the St George's community. God has richly blessed me.

Reverend Deacon Beverley Markwart

### 3.3 Corporation Report

We are truly grateful for another wonderful year shared with our parish and parishioners. We have worked together as disciples, spreading the gospel throughout our church, our families, and our community. Our teamwork and commitment continue to inspire and uplift one another.

This past year, we completed a major building project, replacing the roof, fascia, eavestroughs, and downspouts. Prompted by years of wear and weather damage, these renovations became necessary to protect our worship space and ensure safety for everyone who enters. The improvements have made our building more comfortable and welcoming for parish gatherings, community events, and daily ministry, allowing us to serve our congregation and neighbors more effectively.

As our community has grown and changed, we have experienced the loss of several dear friends and family members and have also welcomed new faces into our parish. Each transition has reminded us of the strength and compassion found within our church family.

We celebrated a confirmation this year- with + Bishop Don Phillips. This was the first confirmation class we have held in many years. Much appreciation to Rev Wilson, our deacons Beverley and Dan and blessings to our newly conformed members: Susan, Karin, Gabe and Wilson Jr.

We were able to continue hosting parish events this year, enjoying both fundraising opportunities and, even more importantly, times of fellowship. These gatherings have reminded us of the importance of connection and have strengthened the bonds within our parish family. Whether it was a potluck, a breakfast, or a holiday celebration, each event was filled with laughter, conversation, and renewed friendship.

With Rev. Wilson's dedicated pastoral care, many of our members who are homebound or unable to attend Sunday services received regular visits. His compassionate presence and conversations have brought comfort and encouragement to individuals and their families, and these moments were deeply appreciated by those unable to join us in person.

Our outreach ministries remain a vital part of our mission. We continue our monthly services at Park Manor, and in 2025, we extended this ministry to Concordia Place and River East Care Homes every few months. In June, we hosted our annual Park Manor Tea, featuring delightful entertainment from the children of Wayota School, which brought joy to residents and parishioners alike. During the Christmas season, we organized several Christmas Sing Along events at Park Manor, Concordia Place, and River East Personal Care Homes, where Rev. Wilson, Tom, and dedicated volunteers joined residents in song and fellowship, sharing the spirit of the holiday.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to finding new ways to spread the good news and serve our community. Living as disciples, we strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those around us, guided by faith, compassion, and fellowship.

## 3.4 Summary of Parish Reports

### 3.4.1 Communications

Keeping everyone informed and up to date is important. We all know and appreciate hearing or reading about what's happening with our church and the members. We have a small group of faithful disciples that work at keeping us all informed by updating our website, creating and sending out the weekly newsletter, recording our Sunday services and uploading to YouTube, updating bulletin boards, making weekly announcements, checking phone messages and phone calls or checking and sending emails.

**Phone/Email/Mail:** Penny continues to check the phone messages; Deb monitors the email and Sharon checks the mailbox. As items/ requests come in, the group contacts whomever needs to follow up or does the following up themselves.

**Website:** We have been working with our new website for several years now. Deb is our website editor and Sharon assists. We work to keep this website updated with news, events, our video services, and general info about our parish. The website info feeds the weekly email newsletter. We will keep adding Diocese information as we learn about it and hope you will look at the Diocese website or Rupert's Land News for more information.

**Newsletter:** Using the information, we upload to the website; Deb creates a weekly newsletter that includes our video service that is sent out via the newsletter weekly. Although our newsletter comes from Sharon's email address, it comes from our website. If you have any concerns, please let Deb or Sharon know.

**Facebook / Instagram:** managed by Deb

**YouTube:** Managed by Tom

**Transcona Views:** Is now publishing quarterly. We continue to submit a short message for this media opportunity. Deb sends our regular update for publishing.

**Bulletin Boards:** Sharon maintains the church bulletin boards, posting important parish information like Vestry minutes and upcoming events, schedules for serving, reading, etc. There is a calendar type summary posted on the doors into the sanctuary.

**Parish letters and other announcements:** Sharon, Deb, and Penny all work together to make sure all the information in these various communications is up to date and accurate. They created several print communications for the parish this year that are available online and in print such as our AGM reports, financial update letters etc.

**Liturgies and Bulletins:** Sharon creates and prints all the print resources we use in worship – psalm sheets, bulletins, and our seasonal service booklets.

### 3.4.2 Parish Administration

**Parish Administration:** We have not had an administrative assistant in recent years due to budget constraints, but the work remains necessary. The wardens, envelope secretary, and treasurer continue to handle all required church administration.

This group provides daily effort, taking on numerous essential parish tasks—many reflected in this report—that require significant knowledge and expertise.

**Corporation Executive:** This group includes the incumbent and both wardens. During the past year we have met regularly to manage the daily workings of our parish. Although we meet to worship once a week on Sunday mornings, there are many activities happening behind the scenes that allow us to continue as a church. Your corporation (Wilson, Sharon and Deb) often meet weekly to stay on top of keeping our parish running.

#### **Signing Authority for our Financial Institutions:**

Warden: Sharon Cortvriendt

Warden Deb Buxton

Envelope Secretary: Penny Single

Treasurer: Susan Snyder

**Vestry:** Vestry has been meeting every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. They are responsible for tasks like reviewing our financial records and ensuring everything is accurate and in keeping with Diocesan and CRA guidelines. They also review the overall management of the parish, including visioning and future planning, building maintenance, and social events. We have agreed to change the meeting to the second Tuesday of the month at 1 pm going forward.

**Treasurer:** Susan Snyder remains in her position, efficiently managing our finances with an accounting system that tracks all transactions. She has also recommended financial investments for our parish, which have generated notable interest income over the past year. Susan is responsible for completing forms for both the diocese and the CRA. Her role demands significant time and expertise, and we are truly grateful to have her overseeing this vital aspect of our parish life.

Following the merger between Casera Credit Union and Access Credit Union, we encountered several challenges transitioning to the new operating systems. These changes affected various processes, including how we conduct business and track deposits. This transition required almost daily communication with Susan and Penny to confirm that deposits and payments were processed accurately. Thanks to numerous phone calls, in-person visits, and follow-ups, most of the issues have now been resolved.

**Collection Counting:** Offerings are counted after each service, recorded for the treasurer and envelope secretary, and deposited at the credit union. Randy and Peggy oversee this ministry with volunteer support.

**Financial Record Keeping and Receipts:** Penny serves as our envelope secretary and is responsible for tracking donations and issuing annual CRA receipts. She currently uses a separate computer program for donation tracking and receipting. Although we had planned to shift this process to our Tithely system over the past year, it has not yet occurred and remains on our agenda.

**Church processes, procedures, and guidelines:** We are continuing our efforts to create written documentation covering the many different aspects of church life. One challenge we've encountered is finding an electronic storage solution for these policies and procedures that grants access to multiple users. Over the coming year, we plan to address these tasks.

Some examples include counting collections, tracking offerings, creating newsletters, managing email accounts, checking phone voicemail, handling various treasurer responsibilities, managing insurance matters, and overseeing church use contracts and third-party liability insurance.

**Parish Record Keeping:** The diocese requires annual submission of forms on attendance, services, parish statistics, baptisms, confirmations, and funerals. Records are maintained year-round; David documents each service and updates parish books, while Penny submits the necessary forms and keeps the parish list. Vestry meetings, our annual AGM and church meetings are also recorded by Deb.

**Other Administrative Duties:** All remaining parish administrative tasks, including reviewing and disseminating communications from the diocese, submitting reports to the diocese, and ordering office supplies—are currently managed by Deb, Sharon, and Penny.

### 3.4.3 Liturgy

We have adjusted well to having a half-time incumbent, with regular morning prayer services and the addition of Reserved Sacrament services.

Our two deacons and three licensed lay readers rotate in leading and assisting at all services. Anointing has been scheduled every few months based on positive feedback and is also available individually by contacting Rev. Wilson.

All services are recorded and posted online for those unable to attend. Thanks to Tom for managing the weekly recording and uploads.

**Liturgy Planning:** We meet several times a year to plan services in 3–4-month blocks, scheduling Wilson’s visits, special events, and holidays like Christmas and Holy Week. These meetings set readings so Deb can plan music and Penny can assign readers and prayers, following the Anglican Church of Canada Lectionary. Sharing a priest requires careful scheduling for both parishes, and service times may change for special occasions. We will announce any changes once confirmed.

**Readers, Prayers, and Servers:** Penny coordinates liturgy by updating the scripture list, recruiting volunteers for readings, prayers, and serving, and posting weekly schedules. A few people cover last-minute changes. We need more help with serving and leading Prayers of the People—training and support available.

**Sides people / Greeters:** Led by David, sides people welcome attendees, distribute bulletins, record attendance, and carry bread, wine, and our collection plate during the Offertory Hymn. We are always looking for more volunteers to assist with these weekly duties.

**Altar Guild:** The Altar Guild prepares the altar for each service by setting up communion, arranging correct colors, and ensuring linens are ready. Special seasons require extra setup, such as the Christmas creche. David leads altar setup, while Sharon manages liturgical displays and bulletin boards. A small group of volunteers support this ministry.

**Music:** Deb plans all service music to align with the week's liturgy and readings. Songs and hymns are carefully chosen to support the messages, aiming to inspire a personal response. Anytime a lyric resonates, we've met our goal of connecting you more deeply to The Word.

**Audio / Visual:** Tom leads music with vocals and guitar, manages sound equipment, and handles recordings. After church, he edits the recordings at home and uploads them to YouTube.

### 3.4.4 Parish Education

With God’s blessing and guidance, we offered confirmation classes through zoom with 4 members of our parish. We were blessed to have +Bishop Don Phillips confirm our 4 members in the April Confirmation Service. This was a most wonderful opportunity to support our members and celebrate their confirmation with them.

Rev Deacon Beverley Markwart offered weekly bible studies throughout most of the year. This education session grew over time from a monthly to weekly session based on feedback from those attending the sessions. Some evening zoom sessions were also provided.

Rev Wilson and Rev Deacon Beverley attended the Diocese of Ruperts Land Clergy conference in Gimli in June 2025.

Rev Wilson and Deb attended the Anglican Church of Canada General Synod in London Ontario in June 2025. This opportunity came from an election within our Annual Synod for our Diocese of Rupert's Land.

### **3.4.5 Building**

#### Maintenance Report 2025

- Busy year 2025.
- First, we removed the old air conditioner from the roof, over 700 pounds of scrap metal that was sent to a scrap metal business.
- We noted that part of our eavestrough on the west side of the building was hanging off. On further inspection we found it was not repairable and needed replacement. As we continued to evaluate the situation, our roof was showing its age, so in the end- with approval from vestry- we have a new roof installed, all fascia, eaves, eaves, eaves, eavestroughs replaced. This work was contracted to Stellar.
- The crew, Jim, John, Derrick, Randy, Wayne and Dave repaired the handicap ramp, which was damaged (more than once) by parked vehicles.
- Regular maintenance is ongoing, but there are a few new projects for
- 2026 planned.
- Annual inspections completed
- Regular monitoring and maintenance done by Dave Cortvriendt.

Future maintenance concerns to be addressed in 2026:

- Removing the fence on the back lane area to provide additional parking.
- Regrading the back lane approach
- General upkeep like painting and staining
- Regular checking and replacement of emergency light batteries

### **3.4.6 Parking Lot:**

The parking lot and neighboring apartment block construction were mostly completed in 2025. The tenants have moved in. We are now working through some of the details and issues as they arise. The hole at the front of the lot by the sidewalk was filled with gravel and shrubs. The concrete area was completed. The garbage and recycling bins are in place. We still must monitor the parking area for people parking on our lot that are tenants or visitors from the apartment block. We are now sorting out snow clearing options.

### **3.4.7 Rentals:**

Hall Rentals are an important part of our parish ministry. Although they do generate some income, they also generate goodwill and help the community by providing a space for special events at an affordable price. With the construction and parking lot issues- we put our hall rental on hold for 2025. We have resumed rentals for 2026 and have a bridal shower and a wedding already booked.

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### **3.4.8 Parish Care**

Parish Care describes all the different ways the members of our parish care for one another. Anyone who feels a pull to care for someone should be free to do so. It is important to be aware of what we can offer so that we can offer it freely and with joy while also offering a compassionate “no” when a request is beyond what we are able to provide. We value everyone who participates in and supports the life of our parish and view them as members.

Parish care activities include:

- 1) Communication
- 2) Prayer
- 3) Visitation (including providing reserved sacrament)
- 4) Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals
- 5) Other: anointing, house blessings, meals for people who are sick, showers, managing requests for financial support etc.

There is always parish care and work to do, and we will continue to support our members and friends and families.

Formally, we have documented some of these processes and will update as we move forward. We have liturgies available for baptisms and funerals and in 2025 we had the following:

- Weddings: 0
- Baptisms: 0
- Confirmation: 1 event with 4 confirmands
- Funerals: 2

### 3.4.9 Outreach

At St George's we place a high value on celebrating the strengths of our parishioners and our community. We are proud to be in Transcona and love supporting the good things that are already happening in our neighborhood.

We also support national and international projects through our apportionment payments and membership in the Diocese of Rupert's Land and the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund now known as Alongside Hope.

**Alongside Hope (Previously called Primate's World Relief and Development Fund - PWRDF):** Sharon has been our parish contact. The PWRDF focuses on areas of Preventive Health, Food Security, Empowering Women, Indigenous Programs, Humanitarian Response and Accompanying Refugees. We do have a fair amount of information about PWRDF in the Church. We are looking for a new representative for this ministry.

**Community Ministries at 321 Pandora:** We continue to have 3 AA Discussion groups meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and our Knitting group meeting Monday in the daytime. These groups must continue with 3rd party liability insurance every 6 months. This is coordinated through Deb.

Thanks to these partnerships:

- AA was able to host approximately 162 meetings in 2025.
- The knitting group provided many, many donations of knitted clothing, scarves, mitts, hats, blankets etc. for several groups like the Plessis Resource Center.

**Benevolence:** We collect donations to address needs in our parish or community.

**Park Manor:** We regularly hold two monthly Anglican services at Park Manor Personal Care Home, using Tom's recorded hymns for residents to sing along. Each service includes several hymns, communion, and worship, attended by 7-12 residents per floor and supported by a small volunteer team led by Deb and Rev Wilson. We hosted a June tea with a group of students from Wayota Elementary School providing entertainment. In December, Tom and St. Georges volunteers led a Christmas Sing Along, which residents enjoyed.

**Food Security Network:** Deb attends meetings to understand current efforts in Transcona and identify opportunities for involvement.

**Plessis Family Resource Centre:** We continue to assist this community group in various ways. Each week, we collect groceries for their meal programs, community kitchen, and food banks. A group of women volunteers every Tuesday morning, cooking, baking, and handling other necessary tasks at the Resource Centre. Penny serves as the contact person, with volunteers including Penny, Beverley M., Peggy, Joyce, and Susan A.

The **Christmas Memorial Tree**, organized by Gail, offers individuals the opportunity to adorn the tree with commemorative decorations. All proceeds collected are donated to the Transcona Food Bank.

**Thelma Wynne:** Sharon is our coordinator. We had put our active efforts on hold in 2025 as the group was relocating to a different church. We are planning to resume support in 2026. The Thelma Wynne Project is a community resource group that supports new moms and infants and provides them with essential baby items. The layettes include a crib blanket, receiving or cuddle blanket, at least one sleeper, outfit with an additional onesie, a sweater or hoodie, hat, bib, socks or booties, Ivory soap, baby wipes, a small toy or stuffy and a small gift of toiletries for the mother. Each layette is assembled with items for babies from 3 to 12 months old and 10 diapers are included. Toddler items and newborn items, as available, are distributed to agencies to further support parents. Our primary contact is with the workers who directly assist the moms and babies. Baby is wrapped in the kindness of others and Mom is provided with a letter of support and encouragement. Presently, the group assembles and distributes between 250 and 300 layettes annually.

### **Wechetowin Ministry Partnership**

The parish has received a request through the vestry to become involved with the Wechetowin ministry for our diocese. Wechetowin, a Cree word meaning “People Helping People,” is a grassroots organization established in 2006 by the Rupert’s Land Aboriginal Circle of Elders. The ministry’s efforts across Rupert’s Land focus on Healing, Wellness, and Reconciliation.

Wechetowin operates holistically, with people supporting one another and connecting in various ways to offer hope during times of transition. The ministry is currently based out of the Epiphany Indigenous Parish under the leadership of Rev Deacon Tanis Kolisnyk. Community members from Rupert’s Land gather supplies, fill homemade blessing bags, and perform smudging and blessings on the bags. These blessing bags are then distributed to children experiencing new transitions and to women who participate in shelter programs within the community.

We hosted a workshop this past year where we collected many items and filled many Blessing Care Bags. The bags were created with love from members of our parish based on the ministry’s patterns and directions. Rev Tanis Kolisnyk picked up the bags in the spring and they were immediately used. Many thanks to all who supported this ministry and stay tuned for our next workshop.

**Other Connections:** We also support and have parishioners who volunteer with L’Arche, and the Transcona Food Bank at Transcona Memorial United, The World Day of Prayer.

### **3.4.10 Social Activities & Fellowship**

**Fellowship Time:** Most services are followed by coffee, treats, and occasionally lunch. Thanks to Penny for making coffee, Gail for her cookies, and all who help with setup, cleanup, and bringing treats. This time is well attended and important for our fellowship.

**Men's Breakfast:** The men's group meet on the first Saturday of each month. Dorian and Derrick prepare breakfast for 5–10 participants, providing an opportunity for engaging discussion over food and coffee. During Christmas, the event was extended to all parish members, and a well-prepared breakfast was served and appreciated by many.

**Fundraising:** As a church we are always looking at opportunities for fundraising and Fund-Raising. These activities provide fellowship and connection, community and church support and always help with our finances. Our events included a Christmas Bazaar, a Christmas Bake Sale, and a Harvest social with the Transcona Legion, where Tom's band Night Train performed. We appreciate all volunteers and donations for food, tickets, and prizes.

### **3.4.11 Diocesan Involvement**

**Communications:** Clergy, wardens, treasurer, and synod delegates regularly receive diocesan emails. Updates and events are also shared on the website, in the newsletter, and through service announcements.

**Diocesan Council:** Deb was elected to serve on Diocesan Council until October 2026. Dorian is an alternate. Deb was also elected to serve on the Diocese's Executive Diocesan Council and the Bishop Search Committee.

**General Synod 2025:** The Anglican Church of Canada held its biennial General Synod in London, Ontario in June 2025. Rev Wilson and Deb Buxton represented the Synod of Ruperts Land. Key activities included electing a new Primate, as well as participating in eight days of learning, business, and networking sessions.

**Training:** Diocesan training and parish involvement opportunities are posted on the website. Clergy must complete new criminal records checks, attend anti-racism training, and are encouraged to join the clergy conference; all costs are covered by the parish.

## 4. 2025 Financial Reports

### 4.1 Treasurer's Report

#### 2026 AGM Treasurer's Report- Submitted by Susan Snyder

2025 was a good year for St. George's. We ended with a shortfall of about \$16,000, but that's much better than it could have been, especially since the roof and eavestrough replacement, was roughly \$30,000 and was not an option.

Day-to-day expenses were covered without touching our GIC investments or our premium savings account, which currently holds \$28,828. Our operating bank account has an available balance of \$11,351. Looking ahead, 2026 may see a small shortfall of \$3,000–\$5,000. Our investments can cover this shortfall for many years to come.

#### Budget Adjustments for 2026

- Apportionment payments have been lowered from \$721.08 to \$675.55 per month, saving about \$546 for the year.
- An \$800 allowance has been added for AED battery replacement.
- Music services will increase by \$15 per Sunday, costing about \$780 annually.
- Wilson's salary will increase from \$41,789 to \$43,673, an increase of \$1,884 per year, to align with the Year 5 diocesan payroll scale.

Item	Full Time	St. Georges Share
Salary Stipend	47624.00	23812.00
Housing Allowance	19722.00	9861.00
Benefits	Paid by employer (us)	10000.00
Total		\$43673.00

#### GIC Investments

Our parish has several GICs (savings investments) that act as a long-term safety net:

- March 2026 GICs: \$52,625, \$52,630, and \$50,000, with accrued interest of \$1,539, \$2,001, and \$1,420, respectively.
- September 2026 GIC: \$57,639 with \$780 accrued interest.
- September 2027 GIC: \$52,075 with \$586 accrued interest, kept as a long-term reserve for unexpected expenses.

Plan for the GICs:

- Renew the March 2026 GICs for longer terms to earn more interest.
- When September 2026 GIC matures, some of it can go into premium savings as a reserve fund for unanticipated needs, with the rest reinvested in a new GIC

## 4.2 Investment Report

### St. George's Anglican Church – GIC and Investment Report

Date: January 2026

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#### 1. Current Investment Holdings

The church currently holds the following Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs):

Principal Accrued Interest Maturity Date

\$52,625	\$1,539	March 2026
\$52,632	\$2,119	March 2026
\$50,000	\$1,420	March 2026
\$57,639	\$780	September 2026
\$52,075	\$586	September 2027

Bank and Savings Balances:

- Operating bank account (net of accounts payable): \$11,351
- Premium Savings Account: \$28,828

To date, operating expenses have been met without drawing on GICs or accessing our Premium Savings with the exception of our Roof and Eavestrough Replacement

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#### 2. Projected Cash Flow

- Any anticipated operating shortfall is expected to be \$2,000–\$5,000.
- No significant repair or capital expenses are expected in the near term.

This demonstrates sufficient liquidity to manage day-to-day operations while preserving invested funds.

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#### 3. Recommended Strategy

GIC Renewal and Reinvestment

1. Renew the three GICs maturing in March 2026, potentially for slightly longer terms to maximize guaranteed interest income.
2. When the September 2026 GIC matures:
  - Allocate a portion to the Premium / Platinum Savings Account for liquidity and operational needs.

- Reinvest the remainder into a new GIC, balancing term and interest rate opportunities.

3. Allow the September 2027 GIC to remain as a long-term reserve, to be accessed only if required for significant or unforeseen expenses.

#### Interest Rate Considerations

- Explore a potential Scotiabank GIC offering 5.24% guaranteed, with the possibility of higher returns (up to 10–14%), subject to availability for business accounts.
- If unavailable, current market rates suggest 3.3–3.4% for longer-term GICs.
- Suggested approach:
  - Invest some funds in longer-term GICs to lock in guaranteed returns.
  - Keep some funds in shorter-term GICs to allow flexibility and benefit from potential interest rate increases.

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#### 4. Summary

This strategy balances:

- Capital preservation
- Guaranteed interest income
- Liquidity for operational needs and minor projected shortfalls
- Flexibility to respond to changing interest rates

It ensures the church's investments are managed prudently while supporting both current and future financial needs.

## 5. 2026 Budget Proposal

See attachments.

## 6. Nominations

Priest's Warden –(appointed) Deb  
Treasurer – (appointed) Susan.

People's Warden -Sharon

Vestry:

- Peggy Rentz
- Penny Single
- David Cortvriendt
- Gail Cadigan
- Bev Smadella
- Jennifer McDowell
- Audrey Fardoe
- Rowena Slater
- Don Williams

Synod Delegates (2)

- Deb B
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Synod Alternate – (1)

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# St. George's Anglican Church (2024)

## Profit and Loss by Month

January - December 2025

	TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>	
Auto Direct Donations	37,440.36
Benevolence Fund	250.00
Billable Expense Income	3,780.45
Calendars	90.00
Church Use	2,400.00
Confirmation	620.00
Designated Donations	60.00
Fundraising Activities	6,276.70
GST Refund	468.83
In Kind Donation	740.80
Interest	10,556.23
Manitoba Hydro Rebate	3,015.00
Memoriums	4,000.00
Open Offering	452.55
Raise the Roof	630.00
Regular Envelopes	14,888.94
Seasonal Donations	1,517.00
Tithey Income	600.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$87,786.86</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$87,786.86</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Anglican Foundation	100.00
Apportionment	8,699.92
Bank charges	231.00
Benevolence Expense	737.71
Cleaning	1,920.00
Fundraising Expense	271.23
GST	1,750.52
In Kind Expense	642.00
Insurance - Liability	4,528.33
Liturgy Supplies	263.71
Manitoba Hydro	2,801.32
Music Copyright	172.00
Music Services	4,200.00
Office expenses	854.08
Parish Education	2,027.50
Payroll Expenses	41,789.26
Payroll Service	408.00
Property Tax	575.65
Repair and maintenance	648.13
Sunday Supply	200.00
Telephone	691.43
Travel	17.92
Water	497.69
Website	328.45

	TOTAL
Capital Expenditure Expense	29,885.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$104,240.85</b>
OTHER INCOME	
Insurance Refund	362.33
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$362.33</b>
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>\$ -16,091.66</b>

# Statement of Financial Position

St. George's Anglican Church (2024)

As of December 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
Chequing	\$11,351.04
Endowment	\$246.91
GIC - 1 Year 110691363490	\$52,625.00
GIC - 1 Year 120073791416	\$50,000.00
GIC - 2 Year 110691207937	\$57,639.69
GIC - 2 Year 110691363508	\$52,632.19
GIC - 3 Year 120073304871	\$52,075.00
Memorial Account	\$1,492.54
Platinum Savings	\$28,828.74
Surplus Shares	\$274.57
<b>Total for Cash and Cash Equivalent</b>	<b>\$307,165.68</b>
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	
Accounts Receivable	\$100.00
<b>Total for Accounts Receivable (A/R)</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
Furniture and Fixtures	\$143,560.00
Property and Buildings	\$1,112,623.00
<b>Total for Current Assets</b>	<b>\$1,563,448.68</b>
<b>Total for Assets</b>	<b>\$1,563,448.68</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	
Current Liability Expense	\$1,540.83
<b>Total for Accounts Payable (A/P)</b>	<b>\$1,540.83</b>
<b>Total for Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,540.83</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,540.83</b>
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	\$1,627,052.63
Retained Earnings	-\$49,054.26
Profit for the year	-\$16,090.52
<b>Total for Equity</b>	<b>\$1,561,907.85</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$1,563,448.68</b>

<b>2026 Budget</b>		
<b>St. George's Anglican Church (2024)</b>		
Income		
Auto Direct Donations	\$	37,400.00
Benevolence Fund	\$	250.00
Calendars	\$	100.00
Church Use	\$	2,400.00
Fundraising Activities	\$	6,000.00
GST Refund	\$	800.00
Interest	\$	10,000.00
Memoriums	\$	1,000.00
Open Offering	\$	500.00
Raise the Roof	\$	300.00
Regular Envelopes	\$	16,000.00
Seasonal Donations	\$	1,200.00
Tithely Income	\$	300.00
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>76,250.00</b>

Expenses

Anglican Foundation	\$	100.00
Apportionment	\$	8,200.00
Bank charges	\$	240.00
Benevolence Expense	\$	700.00
Capital Expenditure Expense	\$	3,000.00
Cleaning	\$	1,920.00
GST	\$	800.00
Insurance - Liability	\$	4,700.00
Liturgy Supplies	\$	300.00
Manitoba Hydro	\$	2,950.00
Music Copyright	\$	172.00
Music Services	\$	5,040.00
Office expenses	\$	1,000.00
Parish Education	\$	2,000.00
Payroll Expenses	\$	43,673.00
Payroll Service	\$	400.00
Property Tax	\$	580.00
Repair and maintenance	\$	650.00
AED Pads 2026	\$	900.00
Sunday Supply	\$	200.00
Telephone	\$	700.00
Travel	\$	200.00
Water	\$	540.00
Website	\$	330.00
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>79,595.00</b>
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>-\$</b>	<b>3,345.00</b>