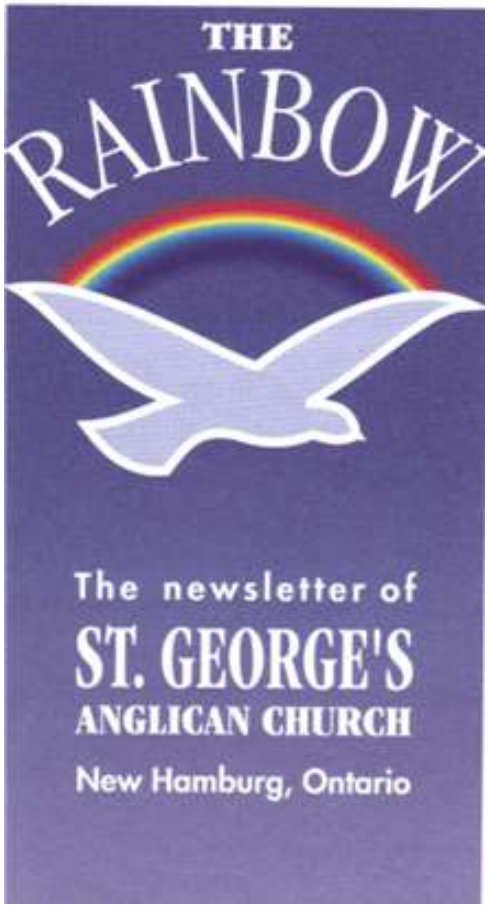




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St George's ANGLICAN CHURCH
OPENING DOORS, MINDS, AND HEARTS

Wardens' Message

It's a Fast-Paced Life, for Us...

Traditionally, the pace of church life slows over the summer months. Not so at St. George's!

We continued to press on to complete some significant projects —the sale of the rectory, the installation of our new shed, and the conversion of the vestry room beside the chancel into a bright new office for our priest and administrative assistant.

The selection committee to find a new priest also continued its work, including meetings with Archdeacon Rob Lemon and representatives from Holy Trinity, Kitchener. We are exploring a joint hire, with a priest appointed half time to each parish. In September we interviewed a candidate and recommended that person. We are now heading into further discussions with the diocese and Holy Trinity about compensation and how the division of duties would work. We are praying that we will have a successful conclusion to the process within the next few weeks.

Thanks to our interim priest, the Reverend Canon Dr Lorne Mitchell, we continued to have well-attended services throughout the summer months. Lorne kindly extended his contract, due to expire at the end of June, to the end of September. It was with grateful but sad hearts that we said farewell to him and his wife, Karen, with a luncheon and presentation following our morning service on September 27. They were a wonderful asset to our congregation, and we wish them all the very best as Lorne begins his retirement in earnest.

In September we also celebrated Back to Church Sunday with a barbeque luncheon, welcomed back our children to Sunday School, and started up our ACW group. We are blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers to ensure that we continue to be an engaged, witnessing Christian community.

Thanks be to God!

Carolyn Massel — Carol Massel, Rector's Warden

G.C. Brandt — Gail Cuthbert Brandt, People's Warden

Opening doors, minds, and hearts

Finding New Lives

Deanery Refugee Committee

Our Deanery Refugee Committee was excited to receive the news at the beginning of July 2026 that our newest sponsored family, a mom and her three young boys, with whom we were successfully matched by the Government of Canada, were finally issued travel documents to come to Canada on July 27. Our committee had been ready to welcome the family to Kitchener since March, when they were originally anticipated to arrive.

The family had lived their entire lives in a refugee camp in Tanzania and there were many challenges settling them into their new home in Kitchener. We also learned that the mom had family in Montreal that she wanted to live with – a nephew there affirmed that he and his family wanted her there and were prepared to support the family. According to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, anyone with a Permanent Residence card may live anywhere in Canada. On August 6, Jane Towsend, Chairperson of the Diocesan Committee, with John Ryrie from our committee, and our interpreter, met with the mom. On August 15 the nephew arrived in Kitchener and took the family back with him to Montreal. From August 20 we are no longer responsible for any financial or settlement support.

We are incredibly proud that we successfully brought this family to Canada and for what we pray will be bright and successful future for them all. The family were invited to take any supplies they needed. Remaining supplies and furnishing were offered to three other families.
We still have a one-year lease on the apartment until March 31st. One of our previous families that live in the same building and have a month-to-month lease gave notice to cancel their lease and are planning to move into our apartment and pay rent to us effective December 1st. They plan to apply for a month-to-month lease on our apartment starting April 1st.

- submitted by Kathy Richmond Cox

New Priest for St George's

Selection Committee Update

LATEST NEWS

We are excited to announce that we are awaiting the Bishop's appointment of our selected priest! This position will be shared with Holy Trinity Church in Kitchener. As such, please note: **our Sunday service time will be changing to 9:15am.** We hope to to hear from the Bishop very soon!

- submitted by Kathy Richmond Cox

Altar Guild

Grateful Servants at Work

Members of the altar guild are grateful servants: servants of God, servants of God's people, servants of the liturgy, and servants of the worship space. We care for the objects used in worship and we handle them carefully and respectfully, because these objects have been dedicated in prayer for use in worship for the glory of God. The purposes of Altar Guild are: to care for the altar and its linens, to prepare the altar for each service, to perform any other necessary duties to prepare the sanctuary and chancel for worship.

Get Involved Today

Your time is the heart of our mission.

It has been many months now that we have been looking for someone to join our team. It can be a very spiritual experience to prepare the chancel for our regular Sunday worship and to act out our relationship with God. We work closely with the minister to prepare all that is needed in the service. This is invisible work that is done behind the scenes. Prayerfully we are waiting for that someone to join our team.

Serving God with a Joyful Heart









Monthly Memories









Gathering Together

ACW

Our ACW gathered on Sunday Oct 18 before service and had the wonderful opportunity to listen and learn about Faith - not faith, the abstract concept of belief. Faith Howlyn, our 'summertime' parishioner.

Faith created The Groups of Hope, an incredible Christian discipleship and mental wellness program curriculum used around the world including in Africa, Cuba, and many more countries. It operates as an interactive program utilizing small groups to combine psychological support frameworks with therapeutic Christian practice.

It was so wonderful to learn about her successful program. To read more about this curriculum, please go to https://www.facebook.com/thegroupsofhope/

ACW @ Maker's Market: Nov 21! See last page for details...

Harvest Updates

St James Chapel of Ease



Another wonderful annual Harvest Service was held at our St James Chapel of Ease on Sunday Oct 4 at 3pm. Archdeacon Rob Lemon led our traditional service of Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer. Music on the beautifully restored pump organ was again provided by the talented Rodney Jantzi.

We could not have held such a beautiful service without the help of Reggie and Wayne Simpson, who spent the day before service cleaning and preparing the church for this event. Thanks also to Ann Clarke for her help in decorating this historical space.



A special reunion was held after service by members of the Cassel family, who discovered that St James' cemetery was the resting place of generations of their past family. They were able to gather, some from as far away as New York state, to make new memories while honouring their past.

Angie from Eternal Care Stone Services is continuing to wonderfully restore the headstones of the cemetery. She has written 'Voices Beneath the Steeple', a great feature on her blog detailing the lives of those whose memorials she is restoring. Uncover the history of the early lives of Wilmot Township settlers at:

www.eternalcarestoneservices.ca/blog

3rd Quarter Update

Financial Update

	Third Quarter	YTD Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
		2025	2026	2026	2026
1	General Donations	45,081	40,580	41,573	-993
2	Building & Capital Fund	3,520	2,900	3,440	-540
3	Total Expenses	$106,713	$106,272	$111,959	$ -5,687

Sincere thanks to our church members for your continued and generous financial support of St. George's. It is most appreciated and helps to manage increased costs this year.



General Donations are 2.4% less than 2026 YTD budget, and $4,501 less than 2025.
Building and Capital Fund donations are 15.7% less than budget.
Total expenses are 5.1% less than 2026 YTD budget, and 0.4% less than 2025 due to lower costs for lawn and garden care and expenses no longer incurred for the parish house subsequent to its sale.

- submitted by John Collings

Forming Generous Disciples

What is Stewardship?

- below excerpts are from the July 3 and August 17, 2026 articles on diohuron.org by the Rev'd Kevin Dixon

As Bishop Todd Townshend has frequently reminded the Diocese, stewardship is ultimately about participating in God's mission.

Stewardship is about recognizing God's abundance. It is about gratitude before obligation. It is about participation rather than pressure. It is about discipleship more than dollars. Wherever we are on that journey, it is important to remember that stewardship is much more than a conversation about money.

Stewardship is about the whole of our lives. It is about recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and considering how we use the time, talents, relationships, resources, and opportunities entrusted to us. As I often say, "Stewardship is everything we say and do after we say, 'I believe.'" Our stewardship is an expression of our faith and a reflection of how we live out our baptismal calling.

Many parishes already practice stewardship in countless ways – through worship, pastoral care, outreach, hospitality, formation, creation care, and acts of kindness. The challenge is to identify these activities as stewardship and intentionally name them as such. When we do this, we help broaden the understanding of stewardship and move beyond the perception that the church is only interested in asking for money.

Year-round, holistic stewardship invites us to celebrate the many ways God is already at work among us. When our parishes intentionally name and share these expressions of generosity, we strengthen our communities and offer a clearer witness of what it means to follow Christ. Stewardship is not simply something we do – it is how we live as people of faith.

Kevin Dixon is the Diocese of Huron stewardship coordinator and rector of Church of St. Jude, London.



Traditions

Stir Up Sunday! Nov 22

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded...

Stir-up Sunday comes from the tradition in the Anglican church for the last Sunday before the season of Advent, and gets its name from the beginning of the collect for the day in the Book of Common Prayer (*quote above*). Historically, it became associated with the custom of making Christmas puddings on that day.

Come join us for service on Sunday Nov 22, as we 'stir up the wills of the faithful people' and bless the 'fruit of good works plenteously rewarded'... we may not have actual pudding to stir, but we are blessed with many good works!

Check out more News and Events, always featured online at www.stgeorgesnewhamburg.com.



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Advent Calendar

Wishing everyone a joyous season of waiting and celebration. Come, worship with us!

November 29, 10:15am First Sunday of Advent

December 6, 10:15am Second Sunday of Advent

December 13, 10:15am Third Sunday of Advent

December 20, 10:15am Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec13 10:15am Lessons & Carols

Dec20 10:15am Pageant & Potluck

Dec24 6:30pm Hymn Sing

Dec24 7pm Candlelight Christmas Eve

Hats! Mittens! Socks!

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

New or handmade hats, mittens and socks are being accepted at St George's for the Wilmot Wellesley Resource Centre until Nov 22.
Non-perishable food items always accepted.