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One Hundred and seventy-five years of worship and witness for Christ

ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

February 26, 2023

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 3-8)

Welcome to the Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks and Fr. Rob Salloum for presentation of the “Letter to Vestries” (page 9)

Accountant Review

Budget for 2023 (page 37)

Motions arising from Vestry:

Acceptance of Reports for the year 2022:

- Rector, Wardens, Organizations (pages 10-36)

Report of the Nominating Committee:

- Motion to set the number of Vestry members
- 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 27, 2022**

Father Chris called the meeting to order at 12:10pm and led the opening prayers. Father Chris thanked everyone for coming, welcomed those who joined through Zoom and for writing reports and their faithfulness.

Attendance: 27 people in person and 6 by Zoom

Regrets Marthe Gradon sent her regrets.

It was moved by the Sheila Searle and seconded by Marilyn Hayre that the agenda be adopted MOTION CARRIED.

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes on pages 3-9 and **it was moved by Allen Urquhart and seconded by Rev. Deacon Norm Dupuis that the minutes of the 2021 Annual meeting minutes be adopted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.**

Financial Review - The financial review this year was prepared by Marilyn Hayre and reviewed by Allen Urquhart, David Jessop and Noel Eustace. This procedure was done by following the rules and regulations from the Diocese and did not involve an Accounting firm again this year. Each page of the review provides details of the Church finances which were explained by Marilyn Hayre. The report compares our finances to the previous year. The 1st page provides our current value including all assets. Our investment funds held in Fredericton increased this year with our Investment fund at \$572,641 and the Memorial Fund at \$219,643. There is \$6,000 of deferred revenue which are funds that we received in 2021 but will be used in 2022. Page 2 explains the offerings received, which remains fairly constant. December was an incredible month with donations. Page 3 explains the fund balances and shows the expenditure of pew cushions. Page 4 explains our expenditures which was lower than last year. This shows our actual costs, but also shows the donations that offset those costs. Most of the expenditures are constant with last year, but the rest of the Bell Tower work did not happen this year. The final page shows the Capital Fund with no change from last year. Being no questions Father Chris thanked Marilyn for her report. **Marilyn Hayre made a motion to accept the Financial Statements for 2021 which was seconded by David Jessop. MOTION CARRIED**

Budget for 2022 –Marilyn Hayre presented the Budget for 2022 which is found on the last page of the Annual Report. The budgeting of donations is a best guess. Most expenses are set costs. As discussed at Vestry, it is expected that we will spend money on the Bell Tower and complete some work at the Rectory, which will be covered by the \$48,000 that will come from Fredericton. **Marilyn Hayre made a motion to accept the the Operating Budget for 2022 and it was seconded by Linus Coady. MOTION CARRIED**

The Rector thanked Marilyn Hayre for her work on the budget and the Financial Review, as well as Allen Urquhart, David Jessop and Noel Eustace as well as Esther Mah for their work.

Two motions have been recommended by Vestry

- That going forward in 2022 that all funds donated to the Memorial Fund will be invested and that the interest when paid semi-annually will be used to offset operating expenses. **Allen Urquhart made the motion and Marilyn Hayre seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**
- That there should be a \$20,000 restriction on drawing down of funds from investments to pay for major or capital repairs, subject to special Vestry approval for emergencies. **Sheila Searle made the motion was seconded by Elaine Jessop. MOTION CARRIED.**

Acceptance of Reports for the year 2021

Restrictions will be lifted regarding COVID-19 middle of March, and with discussion with Bishop David Edwards, the Chalice will be re-introduced at Holy Communion. The Rector recognizes that some people will still choose to continue to wear masks and those who will not. He asks for everyone to be sensitive to each other and to look for signs and to give signs on comfort levels of contact, such as hand shaking and hugs. Yesterday, February 26th, a vaccine proof service was held and will be offered once per month.

Vestry has a Visioning Day planned for May 7th, which will give them the opportunity to revisit the Vision Plan.

Audio Visual continues to be updated. All services continued to be live-streamed, except for Saturdays. This gives lots of opportunity for those who are home to watch either live or pre-recorded.

The ministry in the downtown area has been intense. A lot has been happening – Moncton is not the only city with a drug and homeless problem. Churches who are not in the downtown area, do not have a problem, but Churches, especially ones with office hours and property, like downtown businesses, have a problem. There is a task force on homelessness in Moncton. We are engaged with many of those on that task force. We cannot continue with this intensity – something has to change. There has been a lot of good come from this. Volunteers have stepped in a big way – with the daily breakfast, the work of showers and with the clothing on the stage The Rector thanked Esther Mah and Norm Dupuis for their support and work.

Father Chris says it is time for a succession plan – time for someone younger to come to St. George's. There is someone who is considering coming and Father Chris has been in contact with him. Bishop Edwards has offered to pay for all expenses for 3 years for that person and then Father Chris and Carolyn can then ride off in the sunset. He is expected to come in a couple of weeks to meet with the Rector and Esther Mah, the Advisory Committee and some other people in the Parish. Would like him to get a bigger view.

Nicholas Saulnier's ordination is coming in June. It has been decades since there has been an ordination at St. George's, so that is big deal. Nicolas Saulnier belongs to the Canadian Military, but he needs to have 2 years of Parish experience before moving on to being a Military Chaplain. Father Chris asked for prayers for him and for Tyler McKenna who continues his seminary studies.

A big thank you to Sheila Searle for her leadership and mentorship. Also to her and Kelly VanBuskirk who has blessed us with their leadership. A special thank you to Marilyn Hayre who has been on Vestry for many years and has decided to step away. Vestry will certainly miss her. This was met with a round of applause. The Rector expressed his thanks to Peter Stam and Marthe Gradon who are both leaving Vestry as well and thanked them for their faithful service. Father Chris asked that Rev. Dan and Cathy Rogers, as well as Reg and Barb Stockall be kept in everyone's prayers. He also expressed his thanks to Esther Mah and Norm Dupuis for rolling with the punches, especially in the past six months. The Rector felt he was missing people he should thank, but is very grateful for the support, advice and prayers.

The Rector moved on to the Parish Reports and thanked everyone for submissions. As he goes through them he will ask each person if they had any comments on their reports.

With the Visioning Report, Cliff Reid expressed it is hard to believe that 5 years have gone by and now it is time to re-visit the plan to decide what to leave and what to keep. Vestry will meet on May 7th to discuss and work on a new 5 year Vision plan for St. George's. Something to keep in mind is all the new construction of apartment buildings in the downtown, and to quote Noel Eustace, "some have to be Anglicans". How do we get them to St. George's?

The Rector continued with the reports – he expressed his thanks to Roland and Dianne Dallaire and to Cliff Kendall for their work around the Church. We are waiting on the quotes for the Bell Tower. Thank you to David Jessop and James Whatley for their input in the Audio Visual upgrades. The Rector expressed his thanks to Betty Lou Wilbur and the Altar Guild Ladies and to all the Layreaders. Cliff Reid thanked the younger guys Tyler McKenna and Isaac Brown. Father Chris thanked Toto Phi for hanging in the last couple of years. It has been a tough go and he is certainly willing to move ahead as things begin to go back to some form of normalcy. The Rector and Toto are recording more episodes of Beauty and Mystery which will focus on particular music. Father Chris thanked Debbie MacDonald and Sheila Searle for their Willing Worker reports and is pleased to announce that after a couple of years, the Willing Workers have a meeting planned for March 8th and are scheduled to cater Audrey Lotherington's funeral on April 15th. The Rector expressed his thanks to the Willing Workers for their continued support of Christmas Outreach projects. There was a yard sale which both provided some funds and cleared some necessary space.

There have been 2 Bible Studies, Monday nights and Wednesday mornings that have continued both in person and through ZOOM as restrictions changed throughout the year. These are not "closed" groups and anyone is welcome to come and join anytime. The St. George's Outbound continued through 2021 despite the pandemic. It is hopeful to extend an invitation to some of our Community Friends who are

ready to be part of that outreach. This would not be the same time as our regular Outbound, but as an extension.

With regards to the Community Meals and Outreach, there have been some big changes. The “dramatic productions” that used to be performed on the stage has now gone to a clothing bank and shower scheduling. Thankfully we have secured some funds to pay for Larry Jones, a St. James’ member, to coordinate this “production”. Thank you to Justin Melanson for being a regular and striking up some important conversations. Thank you to Marion Bembridge, Grace LeRiche, Allen & Nancy Urquhart, Fred & Ellen Jeans, Linus & Bernice Coady, Fran Devost-Cormier, and to the Ladies Progress, and volunteers from other churches and the community.

The Sunday School has had a tough year with the pandemic, even with trying to engage through YouTube, On-line and in person, our dedicated teachers persevered. Thank you to Carolyn VanBuskirk, Angelique Ross and Angie Phi for their dedication.

Thank you for the Scouting report and the Rector thanked Allen Urquhart and all the leaders of Scouting for not giving up on Scouting even when the groups nearly were decimated due to COVID-19. Allen Urquhart shared his optimism for St. George’s Scouting with 5 new members joining in the last week and hopefully the numbers will continue to rise. He then explained that the Scouting group received \$11,000 from a King Family trust fund that was divided among the local Scouting groups based on membership in 2019. This money was originally set up in hopes that there would be a building erected for Scouting, but this was not feasible and the money was dispersed. At the Group Committee meeting it was decided that these funds will be used to provide new equipment for camping that will give each participant their own tent and room for their own gear. The tents have been ordered and hopefully the groups will be able to go camping this spring. Father Chris thanked Allen Urquhart for all he has done and thanked the groups for building the garden boxes, planting and watering.

Cliff Reid expressed his thanks to Esther Mah for finding a very user-friendly Offering Computer program and her support as he took over the position in March 2021. He also expressed his thanks to Sheila Searle for coordinating the counters each week – no easy task! Cliff Reid also wanted to remind the Parish, that even though we often begrudge the amount that we are required to pay to the Diocese, that they have been extremely supportive of our programs here at St. George’s. Last year alone, we received \$10,000 toward Audio-Visual upgrades and \$6,200 for changing our hot water tank to a tankless system so we could provide hot showers each day. Esther Mah then shared that for 2022, the Diocese has granted us \$10,000 toward our Outreach program to help with the increased costs of electricity, water and other associated costs to running our daily outreach.

Father Chris thanked all those who have been engaged on a lot of angles - some it has been a phone call, through prayers and through volunteering. It has been two very intense years – both with ‘COVID-19 and with the Downtown situation. The downtown situation is not over, but we will continue to do what we can do, but we are ready to look to where the Lord is leading us next. If you have any thoughts, please talk to someone on Vestry or talk to the Rector. There is a Church group that meets monthly to

continue to talk about their role in this emerging and developing downtown situation. Thank you to Marilyn Crossman-Riel and Susan Plewes who have been involved with this. Trying to discern to comes next and where is the Lord leading us.

**A motion was made to adopt the reports as circulated by Cliff Reid and seconded by Norm Dupuis
MOTION CARRIED.**

Nominating Committee

The Rector advised that currently the Vestry includes 11 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 2022 at eleven members with two wardens was made by Cliff Reid and seconded by David Jessop. MOTION CARRIED.**

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:

Dianne Dallaire
Marilyn Crossman-Riel
Linus Coady
Cliff Reid
Marilyn Rice
Allen Urquhart
David Jessop
Tyler McKenna
David Black
Sheila Colbourne
Susan Plewes

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

SYNOD DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

Nick Stam	Kelly VanBuskirk	Olivia Lipton
Maria Stam	Isaac Brown	

Fran Devost-Cormier expressed that she would like to be an Alternate and with no other nominations, the Synod delegates and alternates were elected by acclamation.. **MOTION CARRIED**

Primates World Relief and Development Fund

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

NEW BUSINESS

Noel Eustace wanted to know how much input do St. George's parishioners have with the selection with this succession plan? Is the Bishop telling us who is coming, or does Vestry and the Advisory Committee have a real say? The Advisory Committee will be set at the meeting following the Annual Meeting. The committee consists of both Wardens, a Vestry member and two voting members of the Parish.

The Rector has been at St. George's for 18 years and he feels it is time for a change. Father Chris expressed that it is very difficult to find someone who is willing to lead a downtown ministry Parish and this person has an interest in inner-city ministry and his wife has connections to Moncton. The Rector has had a couple ZOOM meetings and there will be a 3-day visit coming in March. He will meet with various people including the Parish Advisory Committee and some members of the Parish. Father Chris asked anyone that wants to meet with this person, please let him know, even just for a cup of coffee.

It is important that there is a commitment, that we are not interested if this person will not commit to coming indefinitely. There is no sense in spending the 3 years and then have him leave to go elsewhere. This model was used at St. Luke's in Saint John which has revitalized that Parish. The best plan would be for he and his family to move into the Rectory rather than having to move twice. This is certainly not a done deal and lots of work needs to be done before any decision is made.

The Rector thanked everyone for the discussion regarding the succession plan. He thanked everyone for hanging in over the last couple of years and thanked everyone for "digging deep" for coming out of the \$38,000 deficit that was recorded in the end of November. Praise God that we are still together.

With no new business the Rector declared the meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm. The Vestry will now gather for a brief meeting.

The Rector led us in the closing prayers.


Rector


Vestry Clerk

TO THE VESTRIES OF ST. ANDREW'S, ST. GEORGE'S, ST. JAMES, ST. MARY'S AND ST. PHILIP'S

In his charge to Synod, Archbishop David cited some important statistics in Canada, as follows:

- In 2021, 53% of Canadians identified as Christian – a decrease from 67% in 2011. In New Brunswick this means that 512,645 people identified as Christian (a decrease of 104,000). Of this number, 35,205 say they are Anglican, compared to 54,270 ten years ago.
- Sadly, these statistics follow a trend in North America: in 1970, the number who identified as Anglican was 4,395,000. In 2015, that number had dropped to 2,549,000.

The Archbishop went on to say, *“For a multitude of reasons our society has been turning away from God, and to a greater extent God’s Church, for more than fifty years. No matter what has been tried through programs, plans and initiatives, this has not been reversed. It is a time to question and discern if what we have and are holding on to is helping us become what God wants us to be....If we can recognize the truth of our situation and accept it, then perhaps we can allow God to do something about it.”*

This assessment resonates with a letter which Jeremiah the Prophet wrote to the people of Israel who had been carried away as captives from Jerusalem to Babylon in 597 B.C.. Delivering the Word of the Lord, Jeremiah said, *“Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens and eat the fruit of them; take wives and have sons and daughters....Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, neither listen to your dreams which you dream. For they prophesy falsely to you.”* (29. 5- 8)

The question from all of this is whether we believe there is a connection to our situation. Do we believe the statistics? Do we see them as true prophecy? If so, are we prepared to take action that fits with Jeremiah’s letter: build houses, plant gardens, marry and have children?

In reflecting on this question, we request the Congregations to consider the following proposal at their Annual Meetings, and refer to their Vestries for discussion, if required. We request a formal response, during the last week of May 2023.

That parishes and parish corporations be aligned into one (including the sharing of clergy, one Vestry, one bank account for operating purposes, one parish administrator/office, one parish website, etc.).

That said, building maintenance bank accounts, ACW/Willing Worker funds, Memorial Funds, etc would all remain ‘as is’ and under the control of their Congregations/groups).

Towards this goal of becoming one parish, we invite you to consider how we can maintain a visible presence in our communities by keeping our present Church buildings and sharing the building costs with community partners.

This may involve disposing of a Church building and, with a community partner, establishing a Chapel under the same Church name, in a new construction.

May the Lord help us in our deliberations to seek His will, and to believe that, despite the present decline, He is building His Church as He promised to manifest His glory.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

Wendy Amos-Binks Rob Salloum Chris VanBuskirk

In Epiphany-tide: 17 January 2023

THE RECTOR'S REPORT 2022

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

Dear friends in Christ,

It is once again my privilege to write this Rector's Report as we move to the end of our 19th year together at St. George's. Looking back over 2022, I would like to offer the following thoughts:

The year started with St. George's opening its doors as an Emergency Overnight Warming Centre for 18 nights. We were still in the midst of COVID-19 protocols, so it was an intense time. On top of the overnights, our weekday morning outreach program and weekend Community Meals continued. In April we communicated our concerns to the municipal and provincial governments surrounding the growing number of homeless people and the lack of housing and support services in Moncton. Justin Melanson also came on board as our Community Outreach Co-ordinator, working on the stage during the weekday morning program.

In May, the Vestry met to reflect and renew our priorities within the Parish Vision Plan. Then, early in the summer, as we prepared for the ordination of Nicholas Saulnier, we gladly received word from the Archbishop's Office that the Cunningham family would be joining us. They arrived at the Rectory on September 1st and Carolyn and I moved to Queen's Court (corner of Queen and Lutz Streets). During July and August, and into the Fall, the number of people coming to the weekday breakfast ballooned to over 100 per day; and, between 10 and 12 people were coming in for showers.

In late September, we were privileged to begin 'Six Sundays with Dr. John Stackhouse', the Samuel J. Mikolaski Professor of Religious Studies and Dean of Faculty Development at Crandall University. He led us in an adult Christian Education class at 9:15 am and then was the preacher at the 10:00 am Service. Our focus was 'How to live as a Christian in an increasingly secular culture'. Interestingly, Dr. John's points were reinforced in the Archbishop's Charge to Diocesan Synod in November.

By that point in early November, we were getting antsy, not having heard anything from the City or the Province regarding the winter plan for the homeless. With the weather forecasting a temperature drop to -16 Celsius, a visit was made to the local MLA and to City Council. At that time, the projected number of homeless people in Moncton was 556, and the shelter space shortfall was conservatively estimated at 150. This led us to open our doors again as an Emergency Overnight Warming Centre for 27 nights. With the emergence of the fentanyl drug on Moncton's streets, this was extremely challenging. And yet, there was an outpouring of support from the community, including churches, individuals, and community organizations. People prayed and sent messages of encouragement; complete strangers arrived unannounced to volunteer; and monetary donations came in from far and wide. By God's grace, on December 19th, the Humanity Project opened a new shelter, established jointly by the City and Province, at the Lion's Community Centre on St. George Street.

We continued on throughout the Christmas Season with the weekday morning program and the weekend Community Meals. With the help of many volunteers, the Ladies' Parlour and Ladies' Choir Room were cleaned and restored; and, estimates are being collected for some maintenance work on the Hall. This needed work is the result of regular 'wear and tear' from the Overnight Warming Centre; and, it will be covered by the Department of Social Development.

In a recent presentation from the Department of Social Development, it was stated that the shelters established at the Lion's Community Centre on St. George Street and the Lion's Club on Mark Avenue will be closing at the end of April; and that the plan for the winter of 2023-2024 will be released in June.

Throughout the year – including the intense periods – I am grateful that the Sunday Services, the Daily Office of Morning and Evening Prayer from Monday to Friday, and the Thursday Eucharist continued without interruption. Throughout it all, people continued to come to Church; and others who were unable, worshipped and prayed with us on-line. Many thanks to Fr. Norm Dupuis and Fr. Rick Cunningham for their help in leading the Daily Office and preparing the Church for worship. All of our work as the Church and as individual Christians – whatever that work may be – can be an offering of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, Who gives us the grace and strength to do it.

Now, let's reflect on the proposal currently being discussed by Moncton Anglicans. The letter (included preceding this report) is meant to be a discussion-starter, and it draws attention to the elephant in the room. It has taken me a long time to face this elephant. Like you, I do not like to lose. I don't want the ship to go down on my watch. That said, as the Archbishop pointed out in his charge to Synod, *"No matter what has been tried through programs, plans and initiatives, this (trend of decline) has not been reversed. It is time to question and discern if what we have and are holding onto is helping us become what God wants us to be. It seems that when we try to hold on to what we have, it trickles through our fingers like water. If we can recognize the truth of our situation and accept it, then perhaps we can allow God to do something about it."* Hence, the letter.

In the drafting of it, my mind was finally opened to the possibility that just as the Lord led His chosen, beloved people into the wilderness and into exile, so He might be leading us. If that's what needed to happen with Israel, why should I think that we are above or beyond the same discipline? Discipline is necessary for us to grow into the people we are called to be. As the Epistle to the Hebrews says, "For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives." The Contemporary English Version translates it this way: "The Lord corrects the people he loves and disciplines those he calls his own."

It is entirely possible that, twenty years from now, the Anglicans in Moncton will look back at our decision around this proposal and say, "That was a key turning-point in our history." Personally, despite the current decline in numbers, I believe that the Lord is continuing to build His Church, as He promised. In doing so, it may be that He is teaching us and preparing us for what is coming in this increasingly secular culture. He certainly is calling us to lean on Him; to trust Him; to hope in Him; and believe that He knows the way through this wilderness.

The question of our church buildings and *how* or *if* they fit into the Lord's plan is obviously a big one. For us, at St. George's, our fixed building costs are approximately \$60,000 (i.e. heat, lights, cleaning, elevator service contract, snow removal, lawn care, etc.) annually. In addition, there are maintenance costs. On the one hand, as the Body of Christ, we need a base of operations: a place for worship and ministry. On the other hand, that base -- that building -- cannot impede our mission as the Church. It would be wonderful if our beautiful, beloved St. George's could remain as our base of operations. It is, after all, a visible witness for the Lord Jesus Christ in our community and city. The gothic arches literally point people to the Heavens; and the fortress-style bell tower speaks of 'refuge' and 'strength', true aspects of God's character. But if it is to be retained and maintained for

the long-term, we will need to supplement our income. That is where the idea of finding a financially-contributing community partner comes into the conversation.

We have until the end of May to think and pray about this proposal. The process of discernment can be difficult. It requires serious patience and waiting upon the Lord; and fasting and prayer are helpful tools as we read His Word and listen for His voice. We are called to do this together as His people, the Body of Christ. May I ask you, please, to join me in this, through the season of Lent?

Reflecting on all that has happened in 2022, I would like to offer the following observations and lessons learned:

- a. the issues surrounding homelessness have spiritual roots, and therefore, the Church, by the power of the Holy Spirit, has an important role to play in the work of deliverance and transformation.
- b. our Lord's Incarnation can be modelled by the Church through servant-leadership.
- c. the Church sees people differently from the economic and business perspectives of the world. People are made in the image of God with two parts: body and soul. As Christians, we believe that Jesus died to save sinners; so, every person is redeemable.
- d. the community's support for St. George's has been overwhelming. Denominational lines were erased. The general public seemed to be genuinely glad that the Church was involved and at the forefront of responding to the homeless crisis.
- e. Not being dependent on government funding, the Church can speak freely and ask hard questions about current issues.
- f. By asking difficult questions, the Church has an important role to play in shaping the political vision of the culture. This sharply contrasts with the deeply entrenched, polarized positions within modern politics.

Finally, I want to thank our Parish Wardens, Sheila and Kelly; our organist Toto Phi; our flutist, Angela Phi; those others who have contributed to the music by instrument or voice; the Vestry; the Offering Counters; the Layreaders; the Budget and Financial Review Committees; our Envelope Treasurer; the Altar Guild; the Willing Workers – especially their support for funeral receptions, their Christmas outreach deliveries to shut-ins and help to individuals and families in need; the Sunday School Teachers; the Community Meals' volunteers; the leaders of First Moncton St. George's Scouting programs; our two faithful live-stream camera operators, and their assistants; to the 'giants' who serve enthusiastically and faithfully at the weekday morning breakfast, in the laundry department, and 'on the stage'; to our 'Dynamic Duo' who assist in Church maintenance projects; to our flower arranger and waterer; our Church decorator and her helpers; to our hosts and hostess of St. George's Outbound; my assistant at the Spencer Home monthly Communion; and to Angie our amazing custodian who has kept us going through some 'dark' and difficult days.

Many thanks to retiring Vestry members, Linus Coady and David Jessop. Thank you both, for praying and thinking deeply about the challenging issues of this past year, and sharing your thoughts and concerns with Vestry. I also want to express my gratitude to Sheila Searle for her faithful service over the past six years. These have not been easy times for the Church, and Sheila has provided a calming presence and a common-

sense perspective. Many thanks to Bob Searle for his help keeping an eye on things at the back of the Church and supporting our efforts in safety and security.

I wish to express my appreciation to Fr. Dan Goodwin for his help in processing the issues and current events we are grappling with, and to Dr. John Stackhouse for his leadership this past Fall. I am very thankful to Fr. Rob Salloum and the Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks for their partnership in the Gospel as we consider the future of Moncton Anglican ministry. Many, many thanks to Archbishop David and the Diocesan staff for their support through this past year; and, I want to express my sincere gratitude to Esther Mah, Fr. Norm Dupuis, Fr. Rick Cunningham and Justin Melanson. They are incredible to work with and always find the silver lining amidst the pressures and unpredictabilities of each day. Last but not least, thanks to my beloved Carolyn for her support at home and at the church -- it is always needed.

Thank you all for your kindnesses to us this past year, and most of all for your prayers.

The last word goes to Christian author and Pastor, A. W. Tozer. He once said, “A scared world needs a fearless Church.” ...We can be that Body, for Jesus said, *“I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”* (St. Matthew 16.18). *“Fear not,”* says our Lord, *“for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”* (Isaiah 41.10)

And so, may thanksgiving be offered to God the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit Who is worthy of all worship, adoration, glory, and praise! Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris VanBuskirk +

Priest and Rector

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.....



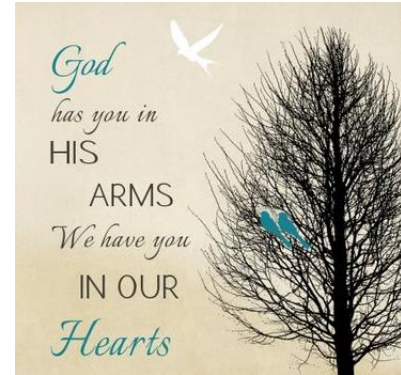
BAPTISMS

Benjamin James Stam
Rosemary Constance Wolff
Ziva Chiziterem Okonkwo
Austin Dale Wilson
Benjamin Rhett Klima
Presley Everdina Elinor Martin



WEDDINGS

Brooke Amber McGovern & Andrew Blair Minifie
Jessica Elaine Coupar & Stephen James Shaw



FUNERALS/DEATHS

Wayne Dixon
Bernice Gallant
Frank LeRiche
Irene Black
Bill Strugnell
Fred Wry
Bette Martin
Theresa Beers
Edward Ells
Luc Daigle
Joseph Wilson
Wallace Squires
Jay Penney
Samantha Lirette
Rev. Dale Petley
William Goobie
Lindsay Maynard
Roland Caissie
Derrick Sauer
Alma Hayre
James King
Jean Mahoney
Dale Aiken
Diane Mcfarlane

DEACON NORM DUPUIS' REPORT 2022

It is my pleasure to submit a short report of my work in the Parish for the past year. As always, it has been a great pleasure for me to have a part in the life and witness of our Parish, and I am so very grateful to be able to contribute even in a small way to it.

St. George's continues to be a very, very busy spot, and so there are so many opportunities for service, but we are always careful to make prayer and sacrament the foundation of all we do! I am glad to be able to assist with the daily offering up of the prayer of the church in the Daily Office. Here is where we find strength and purpose for our Parish vocation to be a source of light, mercy, and hope.

I continue to be involved with our breakfast, and community dinner programs, and I am so grateful for our group of volunteers, that are so selfless in their dedication to these worthy activities.

I am involved in providing help and security for a number of groups that use our church facilities regularly. Narcotics Anonymous meets here twice a week in the evening, as well as the Coptic Orthodox Church, who are here at least monthly, and who also have a Saturday Sunday School for their children. These and a variety of other duties give me a chance to meet a variety of people who always express their gratitude for our willingness to be available and visible in the community.

I am very happy to welcome the Rev. Cunningham to the Parish, and I am grateful for his presence here, and I look forward to working closely with him, as he settles into our dear Parish.

I am thankful to all of the members of St. George's that have always been so kind and helpful to me. It is a joy to have a work to do here, and I pray that I might seek the Lord's glory in my duties. I must say a special thank you to the Rector and our Administrative Assistant. I really appreciate their work and caring, and hope that I can be of some small help to them.

Please know that I remember you all in my prayers, and I am looking forward to another year of grace and witness here at St. Georges.

Blessings to All

Rev. Norm Dupuis
Deacon

DEACON RICK CUNNINGHAM'S REPORT 2022

“Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.” Matthew 4: 10

As I sit down to write this report it has been about four and half months since I first started at Saint George's Church as your newest Deacon. In such a short amount of time it is truly remarkable how much has happened. When my family and I arrived in September we had to make a lot of adjustments in our lives as we began our new careers, and our children started their new school and daycare. We appreciate the warm welcome from the people of the church as we have settled into the parish. We are grateful for the opportunity to live in the rectory, which has been a great improvement over the small apartment in which we lived in Saint John. Our children especially enjoy their large bedrooms and the backyard to play in.

Over these past few months, I have been navigating up a steep learning curve by becoming accustomed to the more traditional liturgy here at Saint George's. I have continued to work on balancing family time with the commitments at the parish and in the community. I have enjoyed my pastoral care visits and I regularly go out into the neighbourhood to introduce myself to many of the local community groups that support the people in need. I have visited organizations such as Youth Quest, Ensemble, The Peter MacKey Food Bank, Hospice, The House of Nazareth, and the Humanity Project. I also began doing visitations at the hospitals and nursing homes. I have learned that the church, especially the church here at Saint George's, can often be the catalyst in mobilizing the community in aiding those who are in the most need.

A lot of my time has been spent ministering to our community friends at the community breakfast and outreach program. The most challenging but also most rewarding experience that I have encountered so far has been during the period when the emergency shelter was opened in the basement of the church last fall. As the homeless crisis was literally knocking at the doors of the church each night it was incredibly sobering to have been given a firsthand chance to witness the reality of what the homeless community is struggling with. We witnessed the frustration and anger by those who feel abandoned and hopeless; all of this as there seemed to be a lack of support and compassion from our local and provincial government agencies and politicians. This experience was at times very challenging to say the least.

Through all of this, there were rays of hope that brought light into the darkness. This light came in the form of the generous support that was received from parishioners, financial donations from churches around the diocese, the small army of volunteers, food donations from the community. The most rewarding were the times when we shared the Gospel and prayed with our friends in need of spiritual nourishment. In addition to these wonderful acts of charity it was truly remarkable to witness the compassion and love that some of the people we had set out to help in their hour of need had stepped up to help not only each other but the church. I watched as the people suffering with drug additions quickly reacted in emergencies, shared food and clothing with others while they themselves were also hungry, some helped cleaned the church basement while others picked up garbage around the church property. It has been a great blessing just to have been able to get to know many of these people by having conversations with them at the church or during chance encounters while out on the street. Many are good people who are just struggling to survive in some very difficult situations.

I want to thank Fr. Chris, Fr. Norm, Esther, and Justin for their support, patience, guidance, and for sharing their knowledge and faith with me over these past months. I am also grateful for the support of vestry by providing me with this opportunity to serve as deacon, and to everyone here at Saint George's who have made my family and I feel most welcome.

God bless,
Fr. Rick Cunningham

WARDEN'S REPORT 2022

This past year I feel inclined to regard as success, and the beginning of an exciting time for all of us at St. Georges.

The Church was presented with a number of challenges; the age-old question of how to best serve God and our community meaningfully with the resources we have on hand, the ever present concern of Church attendance and attracting new parishioners while retaining the current ones, and-perhaps most prominently- how to assist our community friends during the coldest days of the year.

Rising to meet this last challenge proved to provide answers to the first two. A host of volunteers and donors rallied to support the Church in its mission, contributing a great deal in making the year's final act a resounding, and inspirational success. From this exposure we have new faces in the nave on Sundays, many others in the hall on any number of days to help with community meals, and no small amount of good will from our neighbours in Moncton who I hope have some renewed faith in the intent and capabilities of Churches in general.

I continue to enjoy my time as junior warden, and Sheila has been great to work with, and I am however very happy to continue serving as junior warden as I have been on Sundays for however long I am needed.

I'd like to thank Sheila for all the work she does as Senior Warden, our regulars who often serve as our greeters on Sunday mornings, and those who kindly help by taking up the gifts during the offertory hymn, and those who I have the privilege of serving on vestry with. I am blessed to work with all of you.

May we be blessed this new year with the fruits of last years success, and the opportunity to continue God's work in whatever fashion is most needed.

Warmest regards,
Kelly VanBuskirk

VISIONING COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

St. George's Anglican Church Second Vision Plan 2023 – 2028

When the first 5-year plan expired, Vestry decided to move ahead with another 5 year plan. To that end, Vestry met in late spring for a full day meeting with a facilitator and create the following objectives and strategies.

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 Promote a Christian Lifestyle

#1A: To focus on Worship and Spirituality

Strategies

- Maintain the BCP as the dominant source of liturgy
- Consider soft, welcoming and relatable service options especially for newcomers

#1B: To create more Christian fellowship and Interaction

Strategies

- Promote and expand the pastoral visitation team
- Promote and maintain Sunday School in its current format
- Promote and create events and programs for young parents and children to meet
- Establish a new fellowship for all parishioners
- Increase the use of music all religious services

Objective #2: To encourage young families, youth and apartment dwellers of the downtown community to become more involved in the life of the church

Strategies

- Appoint a PR/Marketing committee
- Hire a professional marketing specialist
- Initiate efforts to draw individuals into the Church

Objective #3: To promote St. George's Church as a heritage site for future generations

Strategies

- Appoint a property committee
- Maintain and expand the Heavenly Greens Community Garden
- Encourage environmentally conscious behaviour on church property

Objective #4: To create opportunities for parishioners to have input in church affairs

Strategies

- Create a Focus Group or hold a “Town Hall” meeting to obtain input on an important topic

Objective #5: to implement the Diocese Safe Church Policy

Strategy

- Comply with the Diocese Safe Church Policy

In March, Objective committees will be formed by the new Vestry and action plans will be developed for implementation.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford Reid
Vestry Member



PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

There was a considerable work done this year at both the Church and the Rectory. The final two sides of the Bell Tower were repointed and the majority of the costs were covered by the generous bequest from Ruth Gulliver. After each weather event, Richard Evers checks the roof and has replaced shingles as needed. A bathroom fan was installed in the Ladies' Parlour washroom to combat the moisture caused by the morning showers. Both the Queen Street and the Hall entrances were painted and the hall floor stripped and refinished. The breaker for the Chapel has been replaced by Roland and Dianne Dallaire.

At the Rectory with the arrival of our new Deacon, Rick Cunningham, new flooring was installed in the basement, new lighting in the kitchen and dining room, insulation under the kitchen and new pigeon deterrents were installed. Thank you to Bob Searle for the deterrents! A new stove and microwave were purchased. The continuing mouse problem has been turned over to Rentokil who are under contract at the Church.

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

There is still a need for a Property Committee to help coordinate the maintenance projects needed at both the Church and Rectory. If you would be willing to help, please contact Esther in the Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Mah



ST. GEORGE'S ALTAR GUILD REPORT 2022

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 we were grateful to welcome four new members! As always we are grateful to Norm, Rick 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 2022

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 Archbishop 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
- 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 bread and 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

Cliff Kendall (special services and as needed)

Tyler McKenna

Tim Rains (leave of absence)

Clifford Reid

Kelly VanBuskirk (leave of absence while Warden)

The scheduler appreciates the continued dedication and faithfulness of the lay readers during the pandemic.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clifford Reid

Lay Reader and Scheduler

ST GEORGE'S MUSIC REPORT 2022

2022 saw a return to congregational singing at St. George's Anglican. This gradual process has been cautious, and has been offset by uncertain numbers, but I think I speak for all of us when I say that it was high time!

We had frequent instrumental contributions from our own faithful flutist, Angela Phi, as well as appearances from her talented young students Gracie Lewis and Jada Nguyen. Temporary organ work was gratefully accepted from Nick Stam, Tyler McKenna and traditional summer substitute Keith Scott. For Good Friday, yours truly submitted a new Agnus Dei arrangement, presented a cappella via virtual, multi-tracked choir. For Remembrance Day, we were pleased to welcome Matthew Ross, a new trumpet instructor at Sistema Moncton who played very capably and, as a result, has already been booked for November 2023.

For Christmas Eve afternoon we were joined by Jackson from the community, who took a turn at the microphone with a selection of anthems. For the evening we had one musical prospect who had to back out due to illness. However, musical connections to another nearby church led us to Kristen English, a lovely soprano from St. John's NL who is an Anglican scholar and who was able to step in on short notice. Due to the success of this partnership, I now have dialogue with another church music director on the possible sharing of music resources for special occasions. I am also in conversations with Tony Delgado, noted conductor of Sistema and Tutta Music orchestras, about possibly resurrecting the previous idea of noontime recitals during the summer, in collaboration with faculty members and possibly extra-motivated students.

Finally, I have asked for a subscription to the music publisher St. James Music Press, widely held to be an excellent repository of music suitable for church choirs, in anticipation of new or returning choristers. Thanks to John Staples for his efforts to help recruit and rebuild the ranks.

Respectfully submitted,
Nhat-Viet "Toto" Phi



WILLING WORKERS REPORT 2022

To the Rector, wardens, and congregation of St. George's Anglican Church, I submit the following report for 2022.

After two years, we resumed our meetings in March 2022. As of December 2022 we have 20 members.
President: Marilyn Rice Secretary: Debbie MacDonald
Treasurer: Sheila Searle.

As a group, we attended the Lenten Service for Corporate Communion. At Easter and Christmas, we had flowers placed on the Altar in memory of former members. In November we placed a wreath at the Font in memory of those killed in action from this church.

We cater funeral receptions throughout the year. In addition, we catered the reception for Nicholas Saulnier's ordination in June. In August we catered a 65th Wedding Anniversary reception. In October we served a buffet lunch for the Moncton Chapter of the Common Front for Social Justice meeting held in the church hall. We also had a yard sale in November which was very successful. We would like to "Thank" the members of the congregation for their gifts of money, food, and assistance at all of these occasions.

A donation was made to ReConnect. We also made donations to Camp Brookwood, Camp Medley, Community Meals and the Karing Kitchen. We donate to Radio Bible Club from which we receive the daily devotional "Our Daily Bread" which are placed in the church vestibule for the congregation. For our Christmas Outreach, members of the Willing Workers delivered gift bags, chocolates or cookies to 37 shut-ins. As well, we filled 10 backpacks that were distributed to Community Friends by Reverend Chris. We purchased six Walmart gift cards for needy families and donated one turkey to the church dinner for the Community Friends.

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 2022

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

Opening balance as of January 1, 2022 **4,463.51**

Receipts:

Youth outreach	350.00	
Receptions	2350.00	
Donations	1630.00	
Interest	.37	
Dues	60.00	
Tea	21.00	
Yard Sale	897.55	
Reconnect	600.00	<u>5,908.92</u>
		10,372.43
Miscellaneous	338.61	
Bank	44.50	
Receptions	529.22	
Memorial Cards	75.00	
Flowers	130.64	
Wreath	60.00	
Daily Bread	50.00	
Camp Medley	500.00	
Camp BrookWood	500.00	
Karing Kitchen	500.00	
Community Meals	500.00	
Gift Certificates	450.00	
Turkey	22.00	
Christmas Outreach	500.00	
Reconnect	600.00	<u>4,799.97</u>
		4,272.46

Respectively submitted

Sheila Searle Treasurer
Willing Workers

EVENING BIBLE STUDY REPORT 2022

Throughout the year we have had Bible Studies using the “Gospel-based Discipleship Method”. We paused a few times for such occasions as Lent and Advent.

We have been studying the Book of Mark.

When we did our Bible Study at Saint George's, we also had a Zoom connection with some who stayed home and still wanted to participate in the Bible Study.

Later in the year we moved our Study to Saint James Church. Nothing changed. Same leadership [Father Chris], same topic [The Gospel of Mark], same length of time [max. an hour and a half]. The only thing that changed was that we almost tripled in size. Now, instead of maybe 6 people, we had 17 or 18. The extra people all coming from Saint James.

We are also very thankful to Father Norm, who took over whenever Father Chris could not be there.

We are all greatly encouraged with the cooperation of Saint James.

Everybody is welcome. Nobody needs to be a scholar to participate. We are all learning. May we all be like Mary, who was sitting at the feet of Jesus, of whom the Lord Jesus said, that she had chosen that good portion that would not be taken away from her.

Submitted by Nick Stam



MORNING BIBLE STUDY REPORT 2022

Wearing masks and distancing the Wednesday Morning Bible Study group met each week at the church.

With an average of 7 faithful members we continued to study the book of Mark. It tells of the ministry of Jesus from his baptism to his death and resurrection. This study was very interesting and everyone took part in the discussions. Sometimes we did not cover a lot of scripture but we all agreed that we were learning and enjoying this study.

After the summer break we continued with Mark and lots of questions were asked and consideration taken on all of them. By year's end we had not quite finished this book, but voted to finish it in the new year.

Our grateful appreciation to Father Chris, Father Norm and Father Rick for sharing their knowledge and insight by leading our group.

Please feel free to join us on Wednesday at 10:30 AM. We would love to have you.

Respectfully submitted by the Wednesday Morning Bible Study.



SAINT GEORGE'S OUTBOUND” REPORT 2022

Saint George's Outbound and Church Picnic Report for 2022

We call our Saint George's excursions “Saint George's Outbound”. We had 7 this year.

We stay after the Morning Service for a light lunch in the Church Hall.

After lunch Father Chris gives us directions to where we are going and some instructions for when we get there. Those who have no car ride with those who have room to spare.

Our first excursion was in April. The first Sunday after Easter.

Our last one was Nov.6 in Irishtown Park.

In May we were at the orchard of La Fleur du Pommier in Cocagne. Evening Prayer and Supper at Nick and Christine's place.

In June we had our annual Church Picnic at Saint Martin's in the Woods. It was a very special day this year, because Austin was baptized by Father Chris. Kevin Horseman was in charge of the B.B.Q.

August the 21st found us in Sackville and area, trying to get a glimpse of the elusive Sandpipers. Every year we seem to miss it. Sometimes we are too early in the year. This year the tide was out too far to see them. We had a good time anyway and ended up in Westcock for evening prayer and a picnic type supper.

One time we went to the waterfowl Park in Sackville and had Evening Prayer at the beautiful Anglican Church there. Nick got to play the Harrison and Harrison pipe-organ there.

We are very thankful to the people who manage the Tankville School Museum in Irishtown. Every time we had our walk in the park there, we would have our supper in the basement of the Tankville School.

We thank them for their kind permission to use the School.

Several times we had some “community friends” with us. Several friends from the Philippines and India joined us on our excursions. They were delighted to see some of the sights, especially around Sackville

Submitted by Nick Stam..



MAKING COOKIES FOR OUR SENIORS

Already for the last 10 years or so, we have used the Christmas Break to make Cookies for our Seniors.

We did this with the children of the congregation and with help from Allen Urquhart who helped us with his contacts with the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We always made the cookies in the Church Kitchen downstairs. All the students made 12 cookies. A package of 6 to take home. And a package of 6 to give to some of the seniors of our Parish.

The last few years were Covid years. No cookies were made and distributed.

This year we were somewhat back to normal. We invited all the Anglican Churches in Moncton to participate. And the venue was the Brix Building on Saint George Street. The building is owned by David Ford, who is a member at Saint James.

January 3rd was the day. And it was a big success. Members of Saint George's and Saint James' were represented. Nick brought a lot of Grandchildren, Allen and Nancy brought a lot of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Rev. Amos-Binks from Saint James was there with an apron. So was Father Chris. Some parents stayed and helped. Father Rob Saloum helped us later to deliver the cookies to our seniors.

We drove up to the house, knocked, and sang some Christmas Carols, handed over a package of cookies and did it all over for the next stop.

In the end we had more cookies than time, so the leftover packages were divided between St. George's, St. James, St. Philips and St. Andrew's.

A big thank you to all who made this event a success.

Submitted by Nick Stam



COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT 2022

This year, with Larry Jones moving on to a new career, Justin Melanson stepped up in April as our Community Outreach Coordinator. With him came about many great volunteers such as Rita Beers who managed showers & laundry along with Marilyn Riel, while clothing donations & sorting were managed by Marilyn O'Hare & Susan Bourgeois. During our peak periods we were running as many as 13 showers a day while providing basic necessities to 100+ people which included:

- winter & summer clothing, bedding & footwear
- Outdoor gear, warming items
- Laundry services
- basic first aid & medical supplies, naloxone
- Wi-Fi

And we even had a licensed barber on site providing free haircuts!

What makes us unique at St. George's is the level of morale support we offer in an attempt to better understand our community friends on an individual level with activities & services that included:

- Weekly afternoon bike rides
- Musical instruments, instruction and weekly Jam sessions every Tuesday morning
- Art supplies
- Provided furniture, appliances & moving assistance for those getting off the streets
- Day trips to various destinations including Sussex, Fundy Park & Cape Enrage
- Bicycle maintenance & repairs
- Transportation & accompaniment to medical appointments

When there was a lack of shelter in the city during the beginning of the cold months, St. George's reached out to offer a temporary overnight warming shelter prior to the city opening a fourth shelter location. Despite our lack of amenities, many of our community friends remarked how we became their preferred shelter location due to the safety & comfort they felt in our environment. All of this was accomplished with many more great volunteers from all walks of life stepping up to the plate.

Along with our team of hardworking & compassionate volunteers, we aim to provide a trusting environment for our people to be heard, understood and find a sense of camaraderie every time they walk through our doors. If you ask anyone who is a regular visitor between our hours of Monday-Friday 8-1130, you will likely hear that we achieve this & so much more!

At the end of the day, we couldn't have done it all without our wonderful people from the parish and our community who came together to offer their generous support during our struggles. Thank you all for time & effort, thoughtful donations and personal words of encouragement!

Respectively Submitted

Justin Melanson
Community Outreach Coordinator

COMMUNITY MEALS 2022

This is the 17th year of the Community Dinner program and 11 years for the Community Breakfast. Our week-day breakfast continues with the help of many volunteers. Our weekend dinner is served on the 2nd Sunday of each month and the Breakfast on the 4th Saturday. There is also a breakfast served on the 3rd Saturday which is provided by St. James' Church.

Meals for the first part of the year were served as take-outs. Even when we were allowing people to stay overnight in January, we continued to serve breakfast as a bagged breakfast. The weekday breakfast is now served inside with a menu varying from cereal, eggs, toast, beans and oatmeal. Leftovers from community events are always appreciated! The weekend breakfast is still offered as a takeout and serves between 30-60 people.

Our Community Dinner is now served inside, but the menu has been simplified. Most meals are a casserole style supper with rolls, drinks and dessert. Thanksgiving dinner, cooked by Deacon Norm Dupuis and the Ladies' Progress Club was a full turkey dinner and was a great success.

Bruce Lawson from the Karing Kitchen continues to bring us food weekly from the Food Bank on our behalf. Donations of food and money continue to cover most of the costs of our meals.

A huge thank you to everyone who help daily and monthly either cooking, serving or performing clean-up duties. The Moncton Womens' Progress Club and Allen and Nancy Urquhart continue to take their turns cooking the monthly dinners and we thank them for their Service. Thank you to all who have made dozens of muffins, for those who come and serve, especially on the cold winter days and for those who contribute financially to keep the costs low for the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Mah



ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2022

St. George's Sunday school has few children attending since the Pandemic. We average 2/week. We have three adult teachers who rotate on a four week schedule. We also have an adult from Vestry with us every week.

The curriculum we were using from January to June was based on the People in the Bible (Year 3 of Gt. Georges Sunday School curriculum). In September we continued with this curriculum. This starts with Adam and Eve and goes into the New Testament. The lessons are reinforced by music, crafts and activities that vary depending on how much time we have.

Summer Sunday school this past summer used a curriculum Angelique found on the internet with a Video and games based on stories from the Bible. Thanks to the teachers for being available during the summer so that this can happen.

We were able to have a Parish Picnic at St. Martin's in the Wood, Shediac Cape. We started with a beautiful pot luck of salads with hotdog and hamburgers. Thanks to all who brought food and those who Barbequed. The children enjoyed a variety of activities and the weather was great.

During Lent we decorated a Cross with Jesse Tree symbols from the Bible that reflect Jesus and his connection to both the Old and New Testaments.

During Advent we lit the candles on an Advent Wreath (battery operated).

Unfortunately we were not able to have a Christmas pageant this year.

We have a lovely children's library in the basement, in the Sunday school "room". Parents or grandparents can borrow any of these books or DVD's.

Once again I would like to thank the Sunday school teachers who give their time and energy, with a smile and lots of energy, to this important part of ministry. Angelique Ross who is fantastic finding curriculum and pageants on the internet and Angie Phi who makes sure we keeps the music going.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn VanBuskirk



ST. GEORGE'S MEMORIAL FUND 2022

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.

All donations are 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.

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The Cubs meet regularly on Tuesday evenings with the beavers which include learning skills like tying knots, crafts, working on badges, playing games, movie nights. This year marked a return to camping for the kids and they used the Salisbury Scout camp with the beavers for a summer camp and Scouts helping out.

An annual event is assembling Kub Kars and then participating in the Southeast area Kub Kar rally to qualify for the Provincial rally.

The Cubs are often outdoors (along with the Beavers), when the weather permits and go on evening adventures. Again, this year they planted the garden at the church in the garden boxes and tended it all summer.

The Cubs and their leaders are busy planning more exciting indoor and outdoor events for the months to come!

Scouts

Leaders – Jason Goodwin

- Catherine Peacock
- Jennifer Fontaine
- Jeffrey Vezina-Goodwin (part time)



It starts with Scouts.

Scout Enrolment – 7

This year was the first year since Covid that the Scouts were able to go out camping. They used the Salisbury scout camp to have their "survivor camp weekend" which was the first camping experience some of them had since starting Scouts. Some of the Scouts also went on a hike in Pacific Junction and discovered a 100 year old water dam from the days of steam engines that was used to refill the boiler on the engine.

This year 1 Scout received their Chief Scout Award! We are very proud of Zane Peacock. The ceremony was held at the Legislature and the award was presented by his mother, Scouter Catherine Peacock.

Again this year, the Scouts will be taking a course in firearms safety and marksmanship so that they could pay a visit to the Petitcodiac Sportsmans Club Rifle Range to participate in a day of target shooting with Rifle and Pistol. The Scouts will have an opportunity to try a selection of firearms ranging from 100+ year old black powder Rifles to modern sporting rifles. They're also planning to attend a shooting competition in Fredericton open to all the province's Scouts.

This year the youth were finally able to return to serving at the Community Meals, something they missed greatly. They did the Christmas meal as well as doing the upcoming Breakfast on February 18th.

Another return this year was the annual Dessert party fundraiser which was very successful. A special thank you to the congregation of St. George's for their continued support of our Group and their activities.

Yours in Scouting

Jason Goodwin

1st Moncton St. George's Scouting

Group Commissioner

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT 2022

The Envelope Secretary is part of the Financial Team responsible for the fiscal operation of the Church.

The prime responsibility of this position is to properly record all the revenue that is donated to the church and issue charitable donation receipts at year end.

The envelope Secretary works closely with the Church Administrator in ensuring that all monies are accounted for and charged to the right category

Parishioners, outside contributors, businesses and organizations contribute funds to St. Georges for various endeavours and these donations must be tracked accordingly.

Donation categories include the following but not limited to:

1) General (no designation) 2) Seasonal Offerings (Christmas, Easter etc.) 3) Capital Projects 4) Community Meals 5) Discretionary (mostly for Community Outreach) 6) Flowers 7) Memorial Fund 8) Sanctuary Candle and Supplies 9) PWRDF and 10) Scouting. There are several others, but these are some of the main ones.

E-transfers are becoming more popular for sending in donations, but Envelope giving as well as PAR remain the most popular.

In the database for 2022, there were 394 individual donors and a total 3,330 donations.

Here are a few revenue figures for 2022:

General Fund - \$159,023.30

PAR - \$56,087.96

Seasonal Offerings - \$29,560

Memorial Fund - \$8,615

Community Meals - \$30,295.71

Discretionary (Community Friends) -\$51,023.22

The Diocese also offered financial support to the church to help fund the Outreach Program and the salary of the Outreach Coordinator as well other initiatives.

I was astounded and thankful for the financial support of our community at large in supporting our Outreach Program and our Emergency Shelter. The donations, small and large, are still being sent in. Thanks be to God!!!

The Envelope Secretary cannot function without all the invisible volunteers who are Counters every Sunday. My thanks to Sheila Searle for her work in finding and scheduling the volunteers.

Also, my thanks to Esther Mah for her patience and providing assistance when I need it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clifford Reid

Envelope Secretary

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Budget 2023							
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual
Revenue	2023	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020	2019
General Offerings	160,000	160,000	165,435	154,000	171,980	170,797	154,396
PAR	55,000	55,000	56,088	50,000	54,328	50,443	51,335
Special Lent & Easter	6,000	6,000	6,080	6,000	6,020	7,107	6,168
Special Thanksgiving	5,000	6,000	4,875	5,000	6,422	8,777	4,132
Special Christmas	10,000	7,500	18,605	11,000	7,662	7,250	10,090
Plate	4,000	3,000	3,993	3,000	4,101	3,303	5,124
Fundraising	2,000	2,000		2,000			
Use of hall	500	500	530	1,000	340	730	510
Interest- Memorial Fund	7,000	7,000	7,138	6,000	5,981	5,914	5,643
Endowment Interest	17,000	17,000	16,897	13,000	14,068	14,418	14,569
DELCON Interest	700	700	684	600	579	579	558
Offering Total	267,200	264,700	280,326	251,600	271,481	269,319	252,525
Expenditure							
Audio Visual/Advertising	2,000	2,000	14,565	1,000	7,268	2,025	
Bank Charges	1,000	900	1,000	1,000	966	969	1,071
Clergy Education	900	900	900	900	900	750	550
Choir				400			
Community Meals	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	1,974	276	-2,145
Flowers	200	200	-12	500	-240	172	985
Parish Event Food Costs	2,000	1,000	1,734	500	906	1,162	1,170
Organ Repair	600	600	538	600	564	699	564
Gifts	500	500	387	500	298	1,179	1,601
Insurance	20,155	17,775	17,775	16,235	16,818	15,275	12,783
Utilities -Church	24,500	21,500	22,672	20,000	20,983	17,820	22,283
Utilities -Rectory	5,500	4,300	4,753	4,500	4,252	4,338	4,436
Maintenance-Church	15,000	15,000	13,023	15,000	19,456	55,548	17,559
Maintenance-Rectory	5,000	1,000	8,484	1,000	1,032	154	
Maintenance - Grounds	5,800	5,800	5,609	6,000	5,609	5,609	5,873
Office	6,000	6,000	5,001	6,000	5,288	6,148	5,383
Salaries & Benefits	130,000	126,000	124,321	123,000	116,745	105,196	132,487
Discretionary Fund	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	-3,754	-79	-1,208
Books	500	500	1,044	500	142	385	1,407
Cleaning Contract	850	700	820	600	820	569	1,756
Sanctuary Supplies	1,500	1,500	1,435	1,500	1,678	894	1,065
Supply Clergy & Organist	1,500	1,000	2,475	1,500	725	1,041	2,186
Telephone & Internet Church	3,500	3,300	3,291	3,300	3,197	3,525	4,489
Telephone & Internet & TV Rectory	3,800	3,000	2,664	3,000	2,828	2,711	2,715
Travel	9,000	9,000	7,186	9,000	7,739	7,796	7,881
Water & Sewer -Church	2,500	1,800	2,465	1,800	1,665	1,904	1,535
Water & Sewer Rectory	1,000	1,000	904	900	895	906	747
Youth Support	200	200	254	500	55		739
Diocesan Shared Ministry Support	38,696	36,453	36,453	35,827	35,827	35,578	38,969
Total Expense	287,201	266,928	279,741	260,562	254,636	272,550	266,881
Net Parish Income (Loss)	-20,001	-2,228	585	-8,962	16,845	-3,232	-14,356

THE CORPORATION OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF MONCTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2022

St. George's Anglican Church – 2022 Annual Report

REVIEWER CERTIFICATION

To: The Parish of Moncton, St. Georges

Re: Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022

We, the undersigned, having been duly appointed, have reviewed the financial accounts and the statements submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Moncton.

In our opinion the records maintained by the Treasurer are properly represented in the Year End Financial Statements presented to the Annual Meeting and accurately reflect the financial transactions of the Parish. The cash and investment balances properly state the financial position of the Parish.

Our review examined only the recording of the various transactions and does not purport to pass any judgement on the merit of the expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,



Reviewer



Reviewer



Reviewer

Date: February 7, 2023

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The Corporation of the Anglican Parish of Moncton
Statement of Financial Position
Combined - All Funds
December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Current assets		
Cash in bank	\$ 117,386	51,849
Petty cash and gift cards	750	350
HST receivable	3,446	3,806
Due from Investments to General Fund	-	48,000
	<u>121,582</u>	<u>104,006</u>
Investments		
Investment funds	512,642	572,641
Memorial funds	228,259	219,643
Property and equipment	<u>1,377,831</u>	<u>1,377,831</u>
	<u>\$ 2,240,314</u>	<u>2,274,121</u>
Current liabilities		
Accrued liabilities	\$ 208	-
Deferred revenue	36,875	6,000
Due to General Fund from Investments	-	48,000
	<u>37,083</u>	<u>54,000</u>
Fund balances		
General	84,500	99,315
Trust - bequests	477,909	489,908
Trust - other	34,733	33,423
Capital assets	1,377,831	1,377,831
Memorial	<u>228,258</u>	<u>219,644</u>
	<u>\$ 2,240,314</u>	<u>2,274,121</u>

Approved:

 Warden

 Church Treasurer

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The Corporation of the Anglican Parish of Moncton
Statement of Operations and Change in Fund Balances
General Fund
December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Revenue		
General offerings	\$ 161,888	169,981
Offerings through PAR	56,088	54,328
Special offerings	29,560	20,104
Plate	3,993	4,101
Total offerings	<u>251,529</u>	<u>248,514</u>
Bequest - Estate of Ruth Gulliver	-	38,000
Bequest- Estate of Joan Dennison	25,000	-
Total revenue	<u>276,529</u>	<u>286,514</u>
Expenditures (see Statement)	<u>324,506</u>	<u>258,294</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures	(47,976)	28,220
Fund balance, beginning of year	99,316	62,468
Interfund transfers	<u>33,160</u>	<u>8,628</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 84,500</u>	<u>99,316</u>

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 Statement of Operations and Change in Funds Balances
 Restricted Funds
 December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Revenue		
Special offerings -Memorial	\$ 8,615	2,147
Interest - Investment funds	17,582	14,648
Interest - Memorial funds	7,138	5,981
Total revenue	<u>33,335</u>	<u>22,776</u>
Expenditures - pew cushions	<u>2,250</u>	<u>1,310</u>
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	31,085	21,466
Interfund transfers	(33,160)	-8,628
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>2,120,806</u>	<u>2,107,968</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 2,118,731</u>	<u>2,120,806</u>
Comprised of:		
Trust - bequests	\$ 477,909	489,908
Trust - other	34,733	33,423
Capital assets	1,379,226	1,377,831
Memorial	<u>228,258</u>	<u>219,644</u>
	<u>\$ 2,120,126</u>	<u>2,120,806</u>

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Statement of Expenditures
General Fund
December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Office	\$ 9,040	9,451
Community meals	21,242	13,348
Offerings re community meals	(21,242)	(11,375)
Church building operation costs	24,607	22,308
Church building maintenance costs	65,712	38,670
Grants and offerings re Church repairs	(2,109)	(12,784)
Rectory building operation costs	18,201	9,006
Other operating costs	19,409	9,893
Insurance	17,775	16,818
Salaries and benefits	124,321	120,108
Diocese reimbursement of salaries	-	(3,363)
Sanctuary supplies	1,435	1,678
Social assistance	24,231	15,200
Offerings re social assistance	(24,231)	(14,954)
Supply clergy and organist	2,475	725
Travel	7,186	7,739
Parish expenditures	<u>288,053</u>	<u>222,467</u>
Diocesan assessment	36,453	35,827
	<u>\$ 324,506</u>	<u>258,294</u>

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Statement of Property and Equipment
Capital Fund
December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Land and Buildings		
St. George's Church - building	\$ 632,381	632,381
- elevator	226,252	226,252
Rectory - 56 Williams Street, Moncton	254,675	254,675
Furniture and Equipment		
St. George's Church	254,413	254,413
Rectory	10,110	10,110
	<u>\$ 1,377,831</u>	<u>1,377,831</u>