



# St. George's e-Touch

Friday November 30, 2018 – Saturday December 8, 2018

**This Sunday Advent 1  
December 2, 2018:**

**Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am**

**Presider:** Rev. Dr. Stanley Brooks

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**MC:** Susan Winn

**Readings:** Psalm 25:1-91  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

## **This Week:**

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| Sat   | 8:15 | Men's Breakfast<br>Restaurant l'Étoile |
|       | 7:30 | Christmas Dessert<br>Concert           |
| Mon   | 1:00 | Women's Bible Study                    |
| Wed   | 1:00 | Pizza Lunch                            |
|       | 7:00 | Leadership Meeting                     |
| Thurs | 7:15 | Choir Practice                         |
| Sat   | 8:30 | Women's Breakfast                      |

**If God can rest, there is no excuse that we cannot take 24 hours off to rest... to rest with God.**



## **Slow Down. Quiet. It's Advent!**

I do love Christmas trees, advent wreaths, and advent calendars. One of my favorite family traditions in Advent was to make an advent calendar for my children that had an activity we could do together each day rather than a chocolate. They alternated days and looked forward to finding the next day's note. Activities included such things as visiting St. Joseph's oratory, feeding the birds and squirrels or having hot chocolate and a candy cane for dessert. It was so counter-cultural! It's so easy to get caught up in the "Christmas Machine," with its endless opportunities and demands.

Those younger days are gone but why might it still be a good idea to slow down in Advent, when the world is speeding up all around us?

For many people, the Christmas season has become two months of stress and busyness wherein we work, plan, shop, attend parties, host parties, bake, cook, wrap... and **BOOM!** It's over. We then switch to "aftermath" mode, a dreary several weeks of cleaning and organizing, punctuated by pondering creative ways to serve leftovers from the over-stuffed refrigerator and consoling children as brand new toys are broken.

Try placing your focus on the Lord Jesus's soon return this Advent, rather than on gifts, greens and grinchies. You and I can enter more fully into the Advent season by taking time to identify the things that keep us from loving God and loving people. Then we can enter into the quiet calm of a clear conscience and reconciled relationships, so we can know true freedom. Wait with hope, confident that God is near.

Our Emmanuel is coming soon.

## White Gift Sunday

We support the Mile End Mission in many ways; one special event is their annual Christmas party for families. If you would like to contribute, we ask that you bring an **unwrapped** gift for a child in a gift bag with tissue paper on **Sunday December 2**. Thank you to Eric for delivering our gifts.

## The Primate is Coming

Yes, the Most Rev'd Fred Hiltz will be visiting our diocese next month! And you are invited to spend some time with him...

Please join us on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from noon –1:30 pm to form a conversation circle and listen to the **Heartbeat of the Church**. You are invited to bring your lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. The event will take place in Fulford Hall, at the Synod Office. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. [skoukou@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:skoukou@montreal.anglican.ca)

## Women's Breakfast

Saturday, December 8 is the date of the next women's breakfast. December seems a good time to lighten our cooking chores so we will be meeting for breakfast at Restaurant Chez Basile 74 rue Ste. Anne. If you would like to attend please advise Ann Cumyn ([acumyn@sympatico.ca](mailto:acumyn@sympatico.ca)) or the church office so that we can book the required number of places.

## Christmas Dessert Concert

It's here. Last Chance !!

The **Lakeshore Concert Band** will be at St. George's **on Saturday December 1 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, free for children and students 16 and under. Call the office or show up and pay for your tickets at the door.

## Operation Christmas Child



Hi everyone,

A big thank you for your gifts of the shoeboxes. I delivered 76 boxes to Westview Bible Church on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Once there, they were packed, counted, loaded on the truck and as of 17<sup>th</sup> of November they were on their way to the processing center in Woodstock, Ontario. There they will be verified and sent to children in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Gambia and Ukraine.

The Westview Bible collection center collected **4,811** shoeboxes.

Thanks to all for your efforts and dedication.

*Ann Hamaker*

## Christmas Outreach



We are once again sponsoring two families – Family A and B. If you do not already have a family and would like to participate, you can ask Lori in the office or Kisha on Sunday and you will be given the profile.

Through your generosity, we supported 3 families from the Dorion Dream Center last year with food, clothes and gifts at Christmas allowing them to enjoy the season of giving without stress or worry, knowing there was food on the table and gifts for their children.

If you were a sponsor or if you are considering being a sponsor...thank you. This program cannot happen without you!

In addition, we will be providing practical gift baskets to our own Food Cupboard clients. Through your generous ongoing donations we do not have to ask for additional funds for this outreach. However, the food cupboard is not consistently stocked with a variety of items. If you are able, in addition to normal food donations please try to donate some non-perishable seasonal items allowing them to enjoy some small spirit of the season.

## Godly Play Pageant



The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season has begun! Carols are playing on the radio and malls are filled with decorations. But Jesus is the reason for the season! And there's no better way to celebrate Christ's birth than with our **Godly Play Pageant**.

All our families are invited to bring their children to participate in this year's pageant. Join us on:

**Sunday December 2 at 10am: Dress Rehearsal**

**Sunday December 9 at 9:45am: Pageant Day!**



We look forward to seeing you there!



**Anglican Church Women  
of the  
Diocese of Montreal**

**"Day of Remembrance Service"**



**Thursday, December 6, 2018  
Registration at 10:30 AM  
Service at 11:00 AM**

Followed by Lunch

**At St. Stephen's Church  
25 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Lachine Que.**

For more information: Margaret 450 – 698 – 2780

**"BIENVENUE À TOUTES ET À TOUS !  
EVERYONE WELCOME !  
We look forward to seeing you.**

**Rev. Stanley Brooks**

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## Weekly Offering

Offering for Nov 25: \$712.00

Thank you to everyone who is giving regularly at St. George's whether via cash, cheque, PAR, or online. If you are able, we greatly appreciate the PAR donation approach, as it helps ensure regular cash flow for our church's ministry, despite attendance patterns - especially in the summer and during vacation times. Please know that regardless of donation method, your support of the Lord's work through St. George's is deeply appreciated. Any questions or concerns regarding donations can be directed to:

[richardhowarth@videotron.ca](mailto:richardhowarth@videotron.ca)

## 100 GIFTS OF \$180 DOLLARS

*Have you committed to meet the challenge?*

**100 Gifts of \$180:** 24 identifiable gifts have been received so far while 32 envelopes have been taken. This is awesome! Take the challenge and help us bridge the budgeted deficit. Challenge yourself – another 25 gifts would give us a break-even year.

**For info on all of our weekly activities and special events, please consult our website or Facebook page. We welcome your submissions for e-Touch; please note the deadline for your requested inclusion is Thursday at the end of the day.**