



St. George's e-Touch

Friday January 18, 2019 – Saturday January 26, 2019

**This Sunday Epiphany 2
January 20, 2019:**

Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am

Presider: Rev. Dr. Stanley Brooks

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MC: Susan Winn

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

This Week:

Mon 1:00 Women's Bible Study

Wed 1:00 Pizza Lunch
5:00 Messy Church

Thurs 7:15 Choir Practice

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

Messy Church



We hope you are excited for our first Messy Church of the year.

Join us this **Wednesday January 23 at 5:00 pm** as we celebrate being a part of God's family with laughter, crafts, food, and great conversations.

We hope to see you all and please, stay warm!

Advent Calendars – Final Sunday

A big thanks to all those who have collected money for farm animals in Africa. Please bring in your donations by January 20. All donations should be identified as "**Advent Project**". Cheques should also be so identified and made out to St George's Church. If you are a regular identified giver and you identify yourself, your donation will be added to the total amount eligible for a tax receipt. Otherwise, tax receipts will be given for donations over \$20.

Search Committee Highlights

In an effort to present the most accurate portrait of St. George's in our parish profile, we will be asking members of the parish to complete a questionnaire with open-ended questions on the current state and the future direction of the parish. This will be followed up with Focus Groups, open to everyone, as well as one-on-one chats in order to facilitate discussion of the results and key themes. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and we will continue to keep you updated.

Reminder Vestry Reports Are Due on Tuesday January 22

If you were involved in a church ministry, including Outreach, Worship, Fellowship, Messy Church or other committee, please submit a vestry report to the church office telling us about the highlights of your year. You will have received an email if you are required to submit a report. Vestry reports are due in the office by January 22.

Please email them to:

office@stgeorgesanglicanchurch.org

Annual Vestry Meeting

Our annual Budget Review and Vestry meetings are coming up:

Sunday, 3 February to review the 2018 results and 2019 projections and then on **17 February** we will hold the Vestry Meeting. Again, this year, the meetings will be held after the 10:00 am service. When everyone has had coffee and refreshments, the business meeting will begin. It all happens in the Lower Hall.

Your prayers are invited for:

Qinpu, Sarahblanche, Connor, David, Marie-Josée, Art, Ray, David, Suzanne, Laverne, Brittany, and our foster child Melaku

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Donna, Liz or the office.

Names will remain on the prayer list for a maximum of 3 months. Should you wish to have them extended you will need to notify the Church Office. Thank-you.

Stewardship

It's a new year. Already? There are always so many things to be done and we never seem to have enough time to complete all the things we want to finish. A common wish-list item is to be better at stewardship.

We want to be better and kinder to the planet and those who reside here. There is so much work to do and we can't do it all, so we look to the groups and organizations who are doing it with the hope that we can support them with money or as a volunteer. Again, more needs to be done than we have time or money to accomplish.

I think many of us face this dilemma and just give up because we don't think we can effect the change we want to see. In the end, we can't, at least not by ourselves. I am reminded of the baptismal vows and a familiar recurring line is "I will, with God's help."

As we begin our new year I think it is important to remember that we can't do it all, and certainly not without help. I also believe that "God' help" is often provided by those around us. For example, look at the improvements made to the church and the rectory this past year. Many of God's helpers have taken on roles to see important work being done for the physical structure of St. George's. Others have stepped up to organize clergy support for worship, our committees still meet, the e-Touch gets published, Messy Church continues, as do community suppers.

We cannot change the world by ourselves, it only happens with God's help and we are the ones responsible to see that it happens. For this "New Year" I ask that you think about what needs doing "With God's help" and help God get it done.

Offering Envelopes for 2019

The envelopes for weekly offerings for the year 2019 are now available for pick-up. Find them on the table at the back of the church on Sunday mornings.

If you have enrolled for weekly envelopes, your box of envelopes for 2019 has arrived and is ready for pick-up. If you have not enrolled and would like to do so, please speak to any of the greeters on Sunday morning or directly with Richard Howarth. You can also contact Richard at richardhowarth@videotron.ca.

For making regular weekly offerings, you should consider enrolling in the Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR) program. It's more convenient for you – instead of having to remember an envelope for the plate each week, your offering happens automatically – and it helps St. George's better manage the finances. To sign up for PAR, please see any of the greeters on Sunday morning or contact the church office during the week.

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care ministry's mission is to extend compassion and care by offering fellowship, prayer, and conversation to people who are homebound and/or experiencing long-term needs due to sorrow, bereavement, illness, and/or hospitalization. This is done through a variety of visitor teams in conjunction with the prayer shawl ministry.

Let us know if you or a loved one is homebound and interested in some company: A team of trained church members is available to visit once a month.

Please contact us if you or a loved one would be interested in having a Pastoral Care Visitor, or if you are interested in volunteering in this ministry.

For further information please contact Lori in the office or Sandra at sdwallace.holmes@gmail.com.

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8:00 – 12:00

Weekly Offering

Offering for 6 and 13 January: \$1,679.00

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:

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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.