



# ST. GEORGE'S E-TOUCH

Friday March 22, 2019 – Saturday March 30, 2019

## Lent 3

March 24, 2019:

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

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

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**MC:** Sandra Holmes

**Readings:** Isaiah 55:1-9  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

### **This Week:**

Mon 7:00 Lenten 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



Join us for Messy Church on March 27 at 5:00 pm as we continue to make friends and nourish both our bodies and spirits.

We will be reminded of God's immense love and forgiveness.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

## Lenten Bible Study – Mondays until April 15 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel

### Passages for this week are:

#### Joshua 5:9-12

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the place has been called Gilgal to this day. <sup>10</sup> On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. <sup>11</sup> The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

#### Luke 5:1-3, 11-32

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. <sup>12</sup> While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." <sup>13</sup> Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." <sup>15</sup> Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. <sup>17</sup> One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. <sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup> When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." <sup>21</sup> The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?' <sup>24</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." <sup>25</sup> Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. <sup>26</sup> Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today." <sup>27</sup> After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, <sup>28</sup> and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. <sup>29</sup> Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. <sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous. but sinners to repentance."

## Parish Survey Results

Thank you to all who attended the meeting last Sunday. We thank you for your passion for St. George's and your ongoing engagement.

Please know that that we are still open to feedback or comments at any time should you wish to express your concerns to one of our members.

*YOUR Parish Selection Committee*

## Pancake Supper

Another successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was shared on March 5. Thank you very much to all for your generous donations and to everyone who worked on the evening. A big thank you especially to Richard, Donna, Denis, Phil, Randy, Gerry, and Libby, without whose volunteering of time and talents the evening would not have happened.

Thanks to the 40 or so people who attended, we are able to donate \$44.00 to St. Michael's Mission!

## Gethsemane Watch

This is a remembrance of our Lord's asking of his disciples, "Will you not watch with me for one hour?"

We keep the church open for those who wish to hold vigil for the Gethsemane Watch, hopefully better than the disciples did in the garden.

There will soon be a sign-up list for those who wish to come. Sign-ups are for pairs to enhance safety in the middle of the night. These one-hour segments from 9:00 pm on Maundy Thursday to 9:00 am on Good Friday can be times of rich connection with the divine.

**I STAND  
WITH  
MUSLIMS**

*In deep sadness and solidarity with our Muslim sisters and brothers.*

At coffee hour on Sunday, Rosalie will have note cards available for anyone who would like to write a few words of encouragement to a local Mosque.

## Seniors' Healthy Snacks Workshop

Eating healthy is important at every age. St. George's Church together with Corbeille de Pain's Barbara Gagné will demonstrate techniques for seniors on preparing nutritious snacks. She will discuss the nutritional content of foods and eating healthier. Afterwards we'll have tea and eat our snacks from the food prepared in the demonstration.

Friday April 5 - 10:00—12:30

\$5.00. Space is very limited. **RSVP required.**

Call Lori at 514-457-6934 or email [office@stgeorgesanglicanchurch.org](mailto:office@stgeorgesanglicanchurch.org) to reserve your place.

## Sunday School

We need a few more volunteers for the Sunday morning children's programs. We once again ask the congregation to consider volunteering to work with the children of St. George's. Whether you are comfortable being the lead teacher for a class, or would rather be the second person (or helper), whether you can volunteer once a month or every week, WE HAVE A SPOT FOR YOU!!!! Please consider this request. You will be amazed at how working with children not only feeds their spirit, it feeds your spirit too! For more information, you can speak with Rosalie, Casey, Amanda, or Jocelyn.



### Prayer for Transition

Almighty and everlasting God, grant to us, your humble servants, calm hearts and steadfast faith during our journey to call a new priest. Calm our fears and anxieties, and guide the search team in the discernment process. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## Happenings at PWRDF

PWRDF is responding to two ACT Alliance emergency appeals for Cyclone Idai relief with an initial pledge of \$30,000 for Mozambique and \$20,000 for Zimbabwe. Cyclone Idai has caused loss of life, destruction of property and displacement in the two countries as well as neighbouring Malawi.

Please pray for those who have been affected by the cyclone, and the rains and floods that has come with it. As we know, recovering from these events is a long-term process as families work to rebuild their communities and livelihoods. Please also pray for the agencies on the ground, including the PWRDF partner organizations.

### Easter Ham Drive

Once again this year, we will be preparing Easter food baskets for our Food Cupboard and Community Supper clients. In addition, in our outreach we would like to support St. Michael's Mission and the Dorion Dream Center with as much ham as possible for their meals.

Please consider donating to this fund allowing us to help those in need celebrate the joy of our Risen Lord.

You can donate by cheque to St. George's Church and mark "Ham" on the memo line.

### Volunteer Needed

A gentlemen living in Ste. Anne's, formerly a client of the Food Cupboard, has recently lost his car but hopes to get another one soon which will be adapted to his needs.

In the meantime, he is looking for someone to drive him to the grocery store and other errands.

If you have a few hours per week, please see Lori for more information and to get the contact information.

**Rev. Stanley Brooks**

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8:00 – 12:00

## Weekly Offering

Offering for 17 March: \$3,344.30

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.**