

“by George!”

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THINK

Have you ever felt “I shouldn’t have said that!” or wondered why a media personality posted what they did? Tips come in many forms, but evaluating whether your comments would be appropriate can be guided by an easy to remember acronym. Following the concept of ‘THINK before you speak, text, email, post ...’ is sound advice for everyone:

- T**- Is it true?
- H**- Is it helpful?
- I**- Is it inspiring?
- N**- Is it necessary?
- K**- Is it kind?

This is especially relevant when speaking about a subject that may be controversial or about a person.

A similar thought was written by Paul, “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8)

Many people are cautious about what they say in public and to friends, but are they as considerate of their relatives, spouse, and children? Are you THINKing before you act?

Thinking Hard Inspires New Knowledge and other THINK acronyms (<http://acronyms.thefreedictionary.com>) could be a topic for another “by George!”.

Document your experiences and gather your thoughts during the spring. Please submit your articles by the April 28th deadline for the last “by George!” before September. Enjoy the extra daylight and the “spring” weather.

Ted Cotton

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE UPCOMING DATES

Within our Parish Church of St. George, Crescentwood:

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sun	24-Mar-13	PALM SUNDAY	10:30AM
Sun	24-Mar-13	March "by George!" delivery today	
Thur	28-Mar-13	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	7:30PM
Fri	29-Mar-13	GOOD FRIDAY - Stations of the Cross	9:15AM
Fri	29-Mar-13	GOOD FRIDAY - Meditation on the Cross	10:30AM
Sun	31-Mar-13	EASTER DAY	10:30 AM
Sun	07-Apr-13	The Second Sunday of Easter Children's Homily and Recital	10:30AM
Tue	09-Apr-13	Worship Committee Meeting	8:00PM
Wed	10-Apr-13	Eucharist – Prince of Peace Chapel	noon
Wed	10-Apr-13	Mission & Ministry Committee Meeting	7:00PM
Sun	14-Apr-13	The Third Sunday of Easter and Renewal of Marriage Vows	10:30AM
Mon	April 15 to	Fri April 19 Garage Sale Set Up	
Wed	17-Apr-13	Eucharist – Prince of Peace Chapel	noon
Wed	17-Apr-13	Parish Council Meeting	7:15PM
Fri	19-Apr-13	Garage Sale Open To The Public	7:00PM
Sat	20-Apr-13	Garage Sale Open To The Public	9:00AM
Sun	21-Apr-13	The Fourth Sunday of Easter Feast of St. George (baptisms)	10:30AM
Mon	22-Apr-13	AED Training	7:00PM
Wed	24-Apr-13	Eucharist – Prince of Peace Chapel	noon
Wed	24-Apr-13	Will Week - presented by the Public Trustee -free admission	1:00PM
Sat	27-Apr-13	Outside rental of Parish Hall & Kitchen	
Sun	28-Apr-13	Morning Prayer - last day of Children's program	10:30AM
Sun	28-Apr-13	Deadline for last "by George!" before September	
Sun	28-Apr-13	Choral Eucharist	4:00PM
Wed	01-May-13	Eucharist – Prince of Peace Chapel	noon
Sat	04-May-13	Spaghetti Dinner & Time & Talent Auction	TBA
Sun	05-May-13	The Sixth Sunday of Easter - Eucharist	10:30AM
Wed	08-May-13	Eucharist – Prince of Peace Chapel	noon
Wed	08-May-13	Mission & Ministry Committee Meeting	7:00PM
Thur	09-May-13	ASCENSION DAY	7:30PM
Sun	12-May-13	The Seventh Sunday of Easter - Eucharist	10:30AM
Sun	12-May-13	May "by George!" delivery today	

For the most current calendar and more information about St. George's, please visit:

<http://www.stgeorges.mb.ca>

Midweek Service

Wednesday Eucharist will be held from 12:00-12:30 PM starting April 10th. The service will be kept to under 30 minutes to give working people in the area more opportunity to attend during lunch.

Group Renewal of Marriage Vows

On Sunday, April 14th you are all invited to join together to celebrate marriage during our Eucharist. We invite those who are married or widowed to take the opportunity on this day to remember the commitment made in marriage and to celebrate the joys and ponder the sorrows. Those who wish to will be invited to stand with their spouse and renew their marriage vows. As well, we will give thanks for those spouses who have died. And we're all invited to a Threenie Lunch with cake afterward hosted by our Membership Committee and Youth Group to continue to celebrate all the loving, supportive, committed relationships in our life and in our world.

AED Training

There are a few spaces left for training on the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) installed in the Parish Hall. The session will take place on Monday April 22, 2013 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. John Kelly from Find First Aid will be demonstrating how to operate the AED for sudden cardiac arrest emergencies.

Please contact Marion in the Church Office to reserve one of the remaining spaces.

Flowers

The flowers that we see every Sunday morning by the main altar and on the side altar are funded monthly by donations from various members of our church family. Through a donation in a specific month of the year (often corresponding with the passing of a loved one), these people are creating a visual memorial for family members who are no longer with us, and at the same time adding the beauty of real flowers to our weekly service. Names of the loved ones remembered are included in both the order of service and in the prayers of the people each Sunday for the designated month.

If this is something in which you and your family members would be interested in participating, please contact Margo Foxford (204-786-2043) with whom you can discuss the specific details of your contribution.

In the Broader Community:

March 24: Bishop visits St. George, Crescentwood

April 25 to 27: Education for Ministry Mentor Training – St. Luke's

April 26 & 27: Inclusion of People with Disabilities – McIvor Mennonite Brethern Church

Visit the Diocese of Rupert's Land website for the most current calendar:

<http://www.rupertsland.ca/category/events/>

YOUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES ...

What is the key?

“I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together.”

The quote above is from a children’s song. And it describes the basis of our ecclesiology – our theology of church. It is both a comfort and a challenge to us. It is good for each of us to be able to say, “I belong here.” It is equally important for us to know that the other people in the pews on Sunday morning also belong here. It is important for us to remember that we have a responsibility to come together and to share in the ministry of this community (in worship, learning and service). And it is also important for us to remember with some comfort that none of us carries that responsibility in isolation but that we all share in it together.

I heard a report a while ago that said that those born after 1964 (Gen X) do not ask “Is there life after death?” or “What is the meaning of life?” This group is ‘post-divorce’ and ‘post-institution’ and the question being asked is “Will you be there for me?” The question is about permanence, faithfulness, trustworthiness. These generations are reluctant to commit to an institution that may not be there in a few years. In the 1950’s divorce was taboo and a person could easily begin and end a career in the same company. Today, there is nobody who has not either been divorced him/herself or knows someone who has been divorced. Companies come and go. Even the church has been shown up as vulnerable. There are no guarantees that any particular parish will exist 20, 10 or even 5 years into the future. (Although St. George’s is certainly well positioned for not just surviving but thriving!) Although it is not immanent, it is conceivable that the Anglican Church of Canada would not exist at some time in the future – or that it would look totally different from its current structure. We have learned about impermanence. And for many the response has been a reluctance to commit. We ask the question: “Will you be there for me?” And when the answer comes back, “There are no guarantees,” there is a real reluctance to put energy into a relationship that may not last.

So can we commit? Commitment has become a taboo word for many people today. What if I commit to someone and they let me down? What if I commit to a job and the economy tanks and the company shuts down. There is indeed a great deal of uncertainty in our world today and uncertainty breeds fear and apathy. So how do we address this climate as a parish church in Crescentwood? Well, this year at our AGM we committed to addressing some old and new key initiatives. I have included the complete list below, but at this point I would like to highlight the first couple of statements, which are “The Church is the People - Encourage parishioners to take the initiative and generate ideas and ministries.” It really is quite simple, but I realize it may be a change of culture for some in our church, but it is important to understand that I am the church; you are the church; we are the church together. We experience this when we come together on Sunday mornings. We experience this when we come together for an evening event or a weekend Garage Sale. We know this implicitly, but when it comes to future planning and coming up with ideas for study, worship, outreach and ministry we sometimes forget that we have great wisdom, knowledge and insight to share. Over the past several years I have reminded many people in our congregation that the key to our growth and the key to remaining relevant in our world is to share our awareness of the needs of our local

community and the needs of our world and to invite our friends and neighbours to join our congregation in fulfilling those needs and nurturing their own spirit. If you have cares and concerns or identify needs then it is important to share them with each other. We are the church and together we can continue to make a difference in our world.

In the computer world and in the business world we often talk about networking. The church has always been about networking. Just think of all the relationships you have because you are a member of our parish. If we use this networking to our advantage then we can share interests and concerns and begin to discern together new ways of addressing those interests and concerns. During this season of Lent we spend more time lamenting our own shortcomings and the shortcomings of our world. However, all of this lamentation is futile if we do not share it with others and be the church, be the people gathered and become a new people, a resurrected people at Easter, a people committed to working with each other to find ways to bring new life to the world around us. So let's share our concerns and let's share our wisdom so that we can do as we, the church, have done for almost 2000 years and become a people fulfilling the will of God to bring life and love to the people and places that need it most.

I am the church; you are the church; we are the church together!

Peace,

Lyndon

2013 Key Initiatives to Love, Accept, Welcome and Serve:

The Church is the People

Encourage parishioners to take the initiative and generate ideas and ministries

- * Parish level initiatives
- * Local initiatives
- * National initiatives
- * Global initiatives

Parish Level

1. Encourage groups to highlight their activities through our communication tools

- * Weekly Notices
- * "by George!"
- * Website
- * Announcements
- * Coffee Hour Displays
- * Talking to each other

2. Support our parishioners who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis
3. Increase the volunteers to our Pastoral Care Team (apprenticeships - existing visitor take a new visitor on a visit) and flower deliverers
4. Provide technological access to significant services to keep isolated parishioners connected
5. Seek out more volunteers to offer rides to church and events

Local level

1. Continue the outstanding support we offer to King Edward School and Norquay School
2. Investigate ways our members can offer support to local schools
 - * Sistema music program?
 - * Reading support programs?
 - * English as an Alternative Language (EAL) programs?
 - * Tutoring programs?

National level

- * Investigate ways our parish can support the work of the Northern and Indigenous ministries

Global level

- * Regularly highlight the work of PWRDF and KAIROS and offer opportunities for parishioners to get involved as individuals, a group or parish

THOUGHT FOR THIS EDITION

You may feel old today, but you're younger than you'll be tomorrow.



MARGARET WRITES ...**A Chat With Leonore Saunders**

Did you know that we have a Quaker in our midst? Neither did I, but we do! Leonore Saunders, who was born in Whaley Bridge near Manchester, England, was sent by her Congregationalist parents to attend Sidcot School, a co-educational boarding school run by the Quakers. From the age of ten until she was seventeen, Leonore was immersed in the egalitarian, liberal world of the Quaker faith.

“Every Sunday evening,” she remembers, “we’d have a church service during which speakers from the outside world would talk to us about their professional and business lives. We learned so much from listening to these people.”

When she was fourteen years old, Leonore met Michael Saunders who was five years older and studying to be a doctor. Leonore wanted to study medicine as well, but decided that by the time she graduated Michael would have been so far ahead of her that she settled for the study of physiotherapy, which entailed two-and-a half years of steady training with no holidays.

“Michael and I both went to classes in Manchester,” she says, “and we’d study together on the train every day.”

They married in 1946, and their first child, a son, was born in England. Leonore was seven months pregnant with their second child when they came to Canada by sea in 1949. Michael had been hired as a lecturer in the new physiology department at the University of Manitoba, and they settled in Wildwood Park which a year later was inundated by the 1950 flood.

“It was a harrowing experience,” Leonore says, “but we lived through it, and it brought people closer together.”

On their arrival in Winnipeg, Leonore went to work at the Winnipeg Clinic as a physiotherapist. She recalls having babies and breast-feeding them before dashing off to work.

“I’d feed the baby again when I got home,” she says. “I never had a bottle in the house! Also, I paid a fortune for baby sitters!”

Michael and Leonore had five children altogether; the last two were twin girls, Deborah and Erica. Because of the many victims of polio, there was a great need for physiotherapists, so Leonore never stopped working.

Michael became a professor in the Faculty of Medicine.

“He was an electronics wizard,” Leonore says. “He was responsible for bringing the EEG into all the hospitals.”

It was on a trip to Cleveland to deliver a lecture that Michael died suddenly on the plane in Minneapolis. He was 55 years old, and Leonore was left a widow at the age of 50.

“But life goes on,” she says. She and Michael had been good friends with Hans and Sonja Roeder, and Sonja had died just a few months before Michael. Leonore and Hans were married before the end of that year (1975) and lived happily until just a few years ago. They spent six years living in Yorkton, Saskatchewan where Hans worked as an engineer for RAM industries, and Leonore continued to practice physiotherapy. When that job ended, they returned to Winnipeg where Hans worked for Canadian Tool and Die until his retirement.

Wherever she went, Leonore’s energy and enthusiasm for life saw her involved in both work and volunteer activities.

“If I wasn’t working, I was volunteering,” she says. And she also returned to university to earn her degree in physiotherapy in 1968. She had been instrumental in starting the School of Physiotherapy in Winnipeg in 1962, and recalls selling Hallowe’en suckers to get money for this endeavour. She was the first president to the organization to attend the national annual meeting in Toronto.

Leonore served as President of the International Year of Persons with Disabilities, and of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society. She received the Community Service Award from the City of Winnipeg in 1972 and the Order of Manitoba in 1992. She was nominated for the YWCA Women of Distinction Award in 1999, and received the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002. She also served on the Council of Women of Winnipeg and the board of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

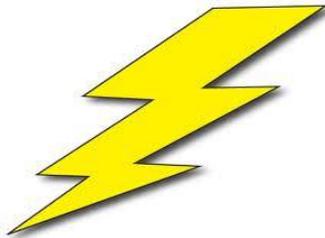
Leonore’s Quaker philosophy of looking for the best in every individual is best shown in her description of her work at the St. Amant Centre.

“When I first went there, in 1968”, she says, “the children were all lying in their beds, immaculately dressed and staring at the ceiling. By the time I left in 1977, they were wearing play clothes and going about with walkers and playing with toys. They were living to the best of their ability.”

“I’ve been most fortunate in life,” she says. “I’ve had the energy to be able to do the things I’ve wanted to do,”

And we are most fortunate to have this remarkable woman in our midst. Thank you, Leonore, for an inspiring interview.

Margaret Owen



MISSION AND MINISTRY**“Breaking Down Barriers” Bus Pass Project at Norquay School.**

December 2012.

We have been giving our bus passes to former Norquay Students for 4 months now and we believe that this has been an interesting experience and it has allowed us to continue to track our students and maintain a connection to them. Here first is the financial breakdown for each of the past four months followed by information on each of the students.

Month Expense Purchase/Comments

September \$573.10 for 11 passes \$104.20 for 2 passes \$14.60 for a super pass. Our opening balance was \$5565.00. Student Bus passes cost \$52.10; a weekly pass cost \$14.60 and a sheet of 10 tickets is \$14.60. We initially purchased 11 passes because that is how many students had their signed forms returned to us. Two students then came and asked for passes so we called for parent approval and a third student came near the end of the month to ask for one so we purchased a super pass (one week).

October \$729.40 for 14 bus passes.

November \$744.00 14 bus passes and one sheet of tickets.

December \$781.50 15 bus passes (we have a student in gr. 6 whose family moved and he does not want to change schools so we bought him a bus pass.)

Student Data:

We currently have 15 students receiving bus passes.

9 Students attend St. John’s JH.

5 Attend Elmwood (1 of these has recently transferred to Isaac Newton starting in January and will no longer need a bus pass.)

1 student started at Gordon Bell, transferred to St. Johns and has recently moved and transferred to David Livingston. She will no longer require a bus pass.

Of the 15 students receiving bus passes:

* 11 are passing all subjects and are attending school regularly. !!SUCCESS!!

* 1 student is struggling with being late for school a lot of the time. His attendance is beginning to slip too. I have contacted his school. He says he is staying up late trying to do his homework. He struggles with school because of some learning problems. We got him new boots and shoes because his literally had holes in them. He also needs an alarm clock—which we will get for him. This is a really good kid. We will continue to help him and support him.

* 2 Students have had significant upheaval in their lives. Both moved homes and changed schools. Attendance is a concern for one of these two. I spoke to that students' parent. She indicated that there had also been a death in the family and the father had suffered some significant injuries that required hospitalization. She assured me that this pattern would change. Neither of these two students will require bus passes in the New Year.

* 1 student we have given a pass to just recently is actually one of our current 6th graders. His family had an opportunity for a better quality of housing and have moved over to the Gilbert Park area. This is quite far for him and he did not want to change schools so we agreed to help him with the bus pass. We feel it is best for him to complete the school year with us rather than change schools. He only came here mid-way through last year.

* One of the students also uses her bus pass to come to our sewing club after school on Wednesday.

* Several of our students continue to come to Boys' and Girls' Club after school.

* The one student I was most concerned about is actually passing everything and despite a few rocky weeks with a suspension etc. has managed to pull things together and is now doing well!

* We get to see each of these children at least once a month and to stay connected to them.

When the students come to pick up their January bus passes I will be asking them to complete a survey. I will forward a copy to you as another attachment to this email.

I think having the bus passes has made a difference for each of these children in a different way for a different reason. I am ever so grateful for the money you have provided for this.

Wool

St. George's Knitters are in need of more mitten wool; they would love to have some bright coloured wool to create fun mittens for the school children.

If you have any appropriate wool at home, and are willing to donate it to this worthwhile project, it can be dropped off in the designated basket at the back of the Church.

St. John's Chamber Orchestra

A Big THANK YOU to St. John's Chamber Orchestra. It was a blissful afternoon on Sunday March 3rd and we are grateful that the \$770 raised from this concert will be donated to the Norquay School Bus Pass Project. Thank you.



Prayer Shawls

Like a Vine hanging

On Bamboo Needles

A Prayer Shawl grows

In Warmth, Comfort and Peace.

We have 10 Prayer Shawls remaining, but need at least 5 more before the summer. If you have started one, or would like to make one, please contact Gail Walker 204-453-1672 for details.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the February 20th Parish Council meeting:

- The implementation of the 2013 Parish Plan was reviewed for the Parish, Local, National, and Global levels.
- The updated Parish rental policy and the need for renter's liability insurance were discussed.
- The highlights of the January 2013 Finance Report were discussed (see the February 2013 report in this "by George!").
- The Stewardship Committee plans to communicate stewardship topics in "by George!" throughout the year.
- Worship Committee outlined plans for various upcoming services.
- Adult Christian Education is studying "The Last Week" during Lent.
- A search for replacing the Children's Program Coordinators has begun.
- Pastoral Care has begun preparing for Easter and held an appreciation lunch for volunteers with the Rev Geoff Woodcroft as a guest speaker.
- The calendar of Diocesan events was reviewed.
- The Ministry of Fun will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner with a Time and Talent Auction on May 4.
- Courtesies were given to Susan Hollingsworth for her Parish Plan presentation at the AGM and the Mission & Ministry Committee for the Pancake Supper.

The next Parish Council meetings are March 20 and April 17.



FINANCE REPORT**St. George's Church – January to February 2013**

	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Budget 2013
Revenue	\$44 137.90	\$46 775.81	\$44 924.39
Expense	\$53 139.35	\$56 488.92	\$56 554.62
Net Income (Loss)	(\$9 001.45)	(\$9 713.11)	(\$11 630.23)

Here are the highlights:

The 2013 Net Loss to the end of February is \$9 713. This is favourable to Budget but unfavourable to last year. We typically have a Net Loss early in the year due to the insurance payment which is \$12 300 in 2013.

Variances of \$700 or more to Budget are:

- Special Events is \$785 unfavourable. This is less events.
- Special & Designated is \$1735 favourable. This is due to generous funeral and wedding donations.
- Identified Giving is \$3458 unfavourable and \$2629 unfavourable to last year.
- Open Plate is \$2910 favourable. This is timing of United Way donations.
- Music Director is \$900 unfavourable. This is timing.
- Utilities - Electricity is \$949 favourable. This is timing.

While the **Net Income (Loss)** shows how we are doing this year, the **Summary Balance Sheet** shows what we have accumulated over the life of the church:

Summary Balance Sheet			
As at February 28			
	2013	2012	change
	Actual	Actual	
Current Assets (chequing, cash)	\$ 18 255.58	33 315.72	(15060.14)
Fixed Assets (building at cost)	785 030.20	785 030.20	0
Other Assets (investments)	485 903.57	440 330.55	45 573.02
Total Assets	\$ 1 289 189.35	1 258 676.47	30 512.88
Current Liabilities (designated)	\$ 259 348.08	229 348.00	30 000.08
Long Term Liabilities (trusts)	7 260.26	7 260.26	0
Equity	1 022 581.01	1 022 068.21	512.80
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1 289 189.35	1 258 676.47	30 512.88

The chequing account is reconciled to the end of February.

Designated Funds

Our Balance Sheet includes about 32 Designated Funds. These Funds range in size from less than \$100 to over \$100 000. The key aspect of each Fund is the money can only be spent on what the money was donated or raised for. For example, the Designated Fund – Christmas Cheer can only be used for the Christmas Cheer. Some Funds have ongoing activity and some don't.

Changes to Designated Funds > \$500:

- Mission & Ministry - +\$680 from pancake supper
- \$2210 from donation to Crossed Hands
- \$730 from donation to Norquay School (bus passes)

If you need anything further, please let me know.

Ted Cotton

MEMORIAL FUND

As discussed at the AGM, here are the confirmed 2012 numbers for the St George's Memorial Fund provided by the Auditors:

Investment income \$22,052.00 (2011 17,622.00)

Donations \$5246.00 (2011 4175.00)

Expense Breakdown : 2 invoices one for Lowe (furnace and Boiler) and one for MJ Roofing totaling \$2549.00 (2011 55,567.00)

Investment account totals as of Dec 31 2012 Fund stood at \$862,151.00 (2011 815,371.00)

Overall Growth for 2012 of 5.5% approx.

The Financial Statements are available in the Church Office.

Keith Waugh

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

The Stewardship Committee is starting a new series in the “by George!” called Stewardship Matters. In it, we hope to have people write in about their stewardship experiences or to tell us what stewardship means to them. This can be anonymous.

To start this column, the Stewardship Committee chose this letter that I found while cleaning out my parents house earlier this year. This letter, dated July 6, 1969, was written to my father from a person who is now a retired Priest. To provide just a little background, my father used to teach Sunday School to boys between the ages of 14 and 17 at St. Matthew's. This letter is from one of them. What I found to be so remarkable in this letter is the statement from this now retired Priest saying “if it hadn't been for your

Bible Classes, I probably would have quit going to church long ago”. If you ever thought that your time and talent was wasted, I am hoping this letter proves otherwise. The author has given me permission to use this letter for this article but asked that his name be withheld.

“Dear Doug:

I am deeply indebted to you for writing me all of those reference letters. The Sellers Foundation has granted me a bursary of \$1,100.00. So far your letters have helped me get into St. John’s College; got me one bursary there for \$375.00; got me a Bachelor of Arts Degree; and now this! I am pretty sure that you had a hand in getting me that bursary at St. Matthew’s too. I’m afraid I may never be able to repay you for all your kindness in this regard.

I have always admired you, and if it hadn’t been for your Bible Classes, I probably would have quit going to church long ago. I always felt a little sorry that you didn’t get the chance to go to university that I got. I remember once you mentioned that you were sorry about that yourself.

I still remember all the great hay rides and sleigh rides you took us kids on. Especially, back to your place for chili and french bread. I’m sure if St. Matthew’s ever gave out a medal for youth work and service you should get it.

This will probably be very dangerous to your ego but I’m going to tell you anyway. You’ve always been a sort of Christian family-man type hero of mine, and I have met few laymen with your insight of the faith, and such an ability to convey this knowledge to others. I always thought that you would make a good minister or a teacher.

Thanks again for all your help, Doug, and for your faith in me. Here’s hoping I can live up to your expectations.”

St. George’s Stewardship Committee

Allan Silk (Chair)

Ted Cotton

Roger Dennis

Sue Hollingsworth

The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell

Karl Purchase



MR. CHIPS

When she was a teenager, Ann expressed the desire to do three things some time in her life: to own an oil painting, to own a horse and to ride a camel in the desert. By the time we married she had her oil painting and also three horses. She has yet to ride a camel.

Her first horse was “Mr. Chips”. That wasn’t his registered name but the name he had acquired somewhere along the road. By the time he became part of Ann’s life he had become well known and had done well in the show jumping circuit. He was also well known for knowing every trick in the book and was believed to have added several chapters of his own. Where Ann had him boarded originally they eventually gave up on putting him in a paddock, but instead put him out first, let him choose the paddock he wanted to be in, and then put the other horses out. At that time when they cleaned the barns the used straw and manure were put into the back of a horse drawn wagon and as the workers moved from barn to barn the horses automatically followed. One day Mr. Chips jumped out of his paddock, snuck up behind the lead horse, and bit him on the rump causing the horse to jump which made the men cleaning the barn to come running out to see what was the matter. By the time they got out of the barn Mr. Chips had hidden himself so they went back to work. This Mr. Chips did several times until the horses were so annoyed that they took off after him. He then led them out on to the track. By the time the men came out to see what was now going on they saw the team running around the track with straw and manure flying in all directions and Mr. Chips back in his paddock calmly eating. This is just one of the countless stories about him and his antics.

Once our place was ready for the horses we moved the three of them in. (The barn and paddocks came first so we lived in a ten by fifty foot trailer while we built the house.) Mr. Chips realized immediately that I knew little about horses and therefor was fair game, so he started to play tricks on me. I am sure that he put his front hoof up to this mouth and said to the other horses “Hey (or should that read hay) guys, want a good laugh? Watch this!!! He loved to jump and so when Ann became involved in the hunt (a drag hunt not a live one, so no animal was ever harmed) he took to it like a duck to water. It became one of the joys of his life and he took good care of Ann and never allowed her to get into any trouble. There was a very strong bond between them. The last time Ann entered him in a show jumping competition he had learned that if a horse refuses a jump three times he (or she) is excused, so he walked up to the first jump and refused it, turned around and refused it a second and third time and then left the ring. Ann patted him on the shoulder and said “ok, I get the message”. But when she prepared another horse for a show, he was not pleased and went to the back of his paddock and didn’t come up to her for several days. Who says that animals don’t have or show emotions?

I have learned a lot from him, and from all the others animals that have graced us and brought joy into our lives by sharing their’s with us. I have seen how they look after each other. Mr. Chips’ paddock mate was Ann’s mare, Beckie. One year a new and less traumatic method of worming the horses was developed. Instead of introducing a pipe through the nostril down into the stomach and then pumping in a gallon or more of fluid, the horses were given a shot in the neck. The day after receiving her shot, Beckie’s neck was so stiff that she couldn’t get her head down to eat. On seeing this, Ann’s dad picked up some hay and started to feed it to her. When he saw this, Mr. Chips took over and picked up the hay and fed it to her. This he continued to do for several days, until she was

once again able to get her head down to eat. This caring was reciprocated when, towards the end of his life, Beckie looked after him. Isn't this the wonder of God's Creation, even the animals look after each other. Where did we go wrong? We have the audacity to call acting in a caring fashion after what we call ourselves "humane"! So let us act in the way we are called to act in the final lines of that wonderful poem "Easter":- "So let us love, dear love, like as we ought. Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught."

David Cooke

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE



We're having our Annual Garage Sale and

You are Invited!

Bring your friends and family too!

There will be all kinds of treasures:

furniture, furnishings, house wares, jewelry, vintage items, books, tapes, CDs, kid's stuff, plants, crafts, sports items, china, silver, lace.

There is also a great Bake table selling all kinds of delectable goodies.

There's something for everyone!

The Sale is Friday, April 19th, 2013 7pm to 9pm

and Saturday, April 20th, 2013 9am to 1pm

Where: St. George's Anglican Church

(corner of Grosvenor and Wilton St.)

168 Wilton St. Winnipeg Ph: 204-453-5642

ANNUAL CHOIR PLANT SALE

The choir will once again be selling plants as a fundraiser for the choir.

Beginning on Sunday, March 24, choir members will be at a table in the Parish Hall after the 10:30am Church Service to help you with your order.

The following pages will give you an idea of what's available.

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	<p>POTATO VINE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lime Potatoe Vine with Orange Osteospermum 		<p>ACQUILEGIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upright flower habit • dwarf hybrid • use in beds, cut flower
	<p>OSTEOSPERMUM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • great for baskets, planters • white, orange, yellow purple • full sun, part shade 		<p>DIANTHUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-8" • full sun, part shade • heat tolerant • beds, baskets, borders
	<p>ALYSSUM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-8" • full sun, part shade • borders, mass plantings 		<p>ISOLEPSIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fibre Optic Grass
	<p>COREOPSIS</p>		<p>GERANIUMS (from cuttings)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14-16" • full sun, part shade • beds, baskets
	<p>BEGONIAS (tuberous)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8-10" • part shade, shade • baskets, beds 		<p>IMPATIENS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8-10" • shade, part shade • baskets, beds
	<p>DAHLIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-12" • full sun, part shade • blend of double flowers • baskets, beds, cut flower 		<p>LOBELIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trailing • sun, part shade • perfect for hanging baskets
	<p>NEMESIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • white, has a sweet scent • snap-dragon like flowers • combination baskets, pots 		<p>PORTULACA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-6", low growing hybrid • sun, part shade • vivid colours





WAVE PETUNIA

- spreading, trailing
- 6" basket (purple, pink or white)
- full sun, part shade



MARIGOLDS

- 8-10"
- great in beds, baskets
- full sun, part shade



MINI-PANSY

- 6-8"
- sun, part sun
- beds, borders, containers



MILLION BELLS

- trailing, petunia-like flowers
- full sun, part shade
- vigorous grower,
- great for hanging baskets



PETUNIA

- 12-14"
- full sun, part sun
- beds, baskets, containers



VERBENA

- trailing, spreading
- heat resistant
- vigorous, great for baskets



PURPLE CONEFLOWER

- 24"
- full sun, part shade
- hardy prairie flower
- roots, foliage and flowers
- used medicinally



PURPLE RAIN PANSY

- 6" basket
- trailing habit
- sun, part shade



HOSTA
(perennial)

- 12-14"
- shade, part sun
- grown for distinctive foliage
- great for the shade garden



PURPLE MAJESTY MILLET

- 4-5' tall, vigorous grower
- deep purple foliage
- heat, drought tolerant



BACOPA

- trailing, spreading
- full sun, part shade, vigorous
- excellent for hanging baskets



TORENIA

- trailing, spreading
- sun, part sun
- beds, baskets, ground cover



COLEUS MIX



PIXIE LILY
(asiatic dwarf)

- 12"
- full sun, part shade



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EXTRA DEEP 4 1/2" POT 3 PERENNIALS

Variety	Color	Height	Plants	Qty	Total (\$)	Variety	Color	Qty	Total (\$)	Variety	Description	Pot Size	Price	Qty	Total (\$)	
Alyssum 'Snow Crystals'	White	5-8"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Geranium	Red	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Acquilegia	'Columbine' dwarf, blue	4"	\$4.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Dahlia	Mix	10-12"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Dracena	Green	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Dianthus Arctic Fire	fragrant	4 1/2"	\$4.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Dianthus	Crimson Eye	8-10"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Spike, tall foliage used in baskets, planters				Red Lupin	long spikes of pure red blooms	4"	\$4.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Dusty Miller 'Silver Dust'	silver	8-12"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Begonia - Non-Stop				Purple Coneflower	Magenta flowers	4"	\$4.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Impatiens 'Accent'	Red	8-10"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Red	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Aster Alpine blue		4 1/2"	\$4.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	White	8-10"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Yellow	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Coreopsis	Double Sunburst Yellow	4 1/2"	\$4.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	Pink	8-10"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Pink	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Hosta	Green leaf, white margin	6"	\$6.50	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	Salmon	8-10"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Orange	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		Green leaf, white stripe	6"	\$6.50	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	Mix	8-10"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	sub-total (2)					Green leaf, yellow margin	6"	\$6.50	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Lobelia 'Regatta'	Blue	trailing	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>				Ornamental Grasses						
Marigolds	Dwarf Double Carnation	Flowered								Red Fountain Grass	NEW! beautiful red leaves and burgundy flower plumes	4 1/2"	\$5.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	Yellow	10-12"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					Fountain Grass	green leaf, reddish flower plume	4"	\$3.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	Orange	10-12"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					Isoplepis	looks like fibre optic strands	4"	\$3.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Pansy	Mix	6-8"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					Pampas Grass	very tall with long plumes	4"	\$3.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	Blue blotch	6-8"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					Ornamental Millet 'Jester'	NEW! more interesting leaf color than Purple Majesty Millet	4"	\$3.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	Yellow blotch	6-8"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					note: millet and Isoplepis are NOT perennial. The other grasses should have straw cover over winter						
Petunia 'Primedme'	Red	12-14"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					Pixel Lilies	Pink	4"	\$4.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	White	12-14"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					(Asiatic Dwarf)	White	4"	\$4.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	Blue	12-14"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					all are 12"	Orange	4"	\$4.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	Burgundy	12-14"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>						Red	4"	\$4.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	Mix	12-14"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>						Yellow	4"	\$4.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Portulaca 'Sundial'	Mix	6-8"	6/pack	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					sub-total (3)						
sub-total (1)															<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



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