

“by George!”

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IDEAS AND SNOW

It’s always a good idea to get ready for winter. I was happy when the snow blower started easily before Thanksgiving. Starting in the winter is another story.

Our first big snow of 2012 came early in November. I opened the garage door and tried to start the snow blower ... nothing and nothing again. I reluctantly used the shovel to clear some of the driveway while thinking about what to do next. Idea - electric snow blowers always start and Canadian Tire had them on sale. After some confusing information about who had what in stock, I found everyone else in the snow blower section of both the Kenaston and Polo Park stores had a similar idea; there were no electric snow blowers left and none coming in soon.

Back with the shovel, I remembered an ad for a new mobile small engine repair service. I called. The technician was able to come out the next evening and had my snow blower going in 30 minutes. Only \$89, all was well, and my driveway was clear!

I think I’m ready for the next big snow, but ...

Being prepared doesn’t always work. An idea may only be good if it’s unique. Returning to the start may give the best results.

The next edition of “by George!” will be in January. Document your experiences and gather your thoughts over the festive season. Please submit your articles by the January 13th deadline.

Best wishes for the upcoming festive season!

Ted Cotton

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE UPCOMING DATES

Within our Parish Church of St. George, Crescentwood:

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
Thurs	29-Nov-12	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:30 AM
Fri	30-Nov-12	Decorating of the Parish Hall	9:30 AM
Fri	30-Nov-12	Set up for Christmas Dinner and Dance	2:00 PM
Sat	1-Dec-12	Annual Christmas Dinner	5:00 PM
Sun	2-Dec-12	First Sunday of Advent – Eucharist-Children's Homily	10:30 AM
Wed	5-Dec-12	Mission & Ministry Committee meeting	7:00 PM
Thurs	6-Dec-12	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:30 AM
Sat	8-Dec-12	Choir Rehearsal for Nine Lessons ...	check with Rick
Sun	9-Dec-12	Second Sunday of Advent – Eucharist	10:30 AM
Tues	11-Dec-12	Worship Committee meeting	8:00 PM
Thurs	13-Dec-12	Prayers for Peace & Justice	9:30 PM
Sun	16-Dec-12	The Third Sunday of Advent – Eucharist	10:30 AM
Sun	16-Dec-12	Nine Lessons & Carols	7:00 PM
Wed	19-Dec-12	Parish Council potluck and meeting	6:30 PM
Fri	21-Dec-12	Keepers of the Sanctuary Event	7:00 PM
Sun	23-Dec-12	Morning Prayer	10:30 AM
Mon	24-Dec-12	Christmas Eve - Children's Pageant	5:00 PM
Mon	24-Dec-12	"Midnight Service"	10:30 PM
Tues	25-Dec-12	Christmas Day - Eucharist & Carols	10:30 AM
Wed	26-Dec-12 to 2-Jan-13	Parish Office & Building closed for vacation	
Sun	30-Dec-12	First Sunday after Christmas – Eucharist	10:30 AM
Sun	6-Jan-13	The Epiphany of the Lord – Eucharist, Homily	10:30 AM
Wed	9-Jan-13	Mission & Ministry Committee meeting	7:00 PM
Sun	13-Jan-13	Baptism of the Lord - Eucharist	10:30 AM
Sun	13-Jan-13	Threenie Lunch hosted by Worship Committee	noon
Sun	13-Jan-13	Deadline for submissions to the next "by George!"	
Sun	20-Jan-13	The Second Sunday after the Epiphany – Eucharist	10:30 AM
Sun	20-Jan-13	Choral Evensong	4:00 PM
Fri	25-Jan-13	Evensong - World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	7:30 PM
Fri	25-Jan-13	Reception following Evensong	
Sat	26-Jan-13	Fundraising Dinner - more details will follow	
Sun	27-Jan-13	The Third Sunday after the Epiphany - Morning Prayer	10:30 AM
Sun	27-Jan-13	Delivery of "by George!" Newsletter	
Sun	03-Feb-12	The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – Eucharist, Homily	10:30 AM

For the most current calendar and event information visit: <http://www.stgeorges.mb.ca>

St. George's Annual Christmas Dinner

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 1, 2012!

Tickets are on sale now after Church on Sunday and also available during the week from the Church Office. Tickets: Adults \$20 Children (12 & under) \$12. Get your tickets early so you won't be disappointed. There is a Volunteer Sign up sheet on the Wilton Street Bulletin board for those who can help out on Friday or Saturday and/or bake a pie for the occasion.

Sacred Celebration

St. George's will be the scene of a unique multi-faith Sacred Celebration on Friday, December 21st at 7:00 pm. This event is coordinated by The Keepers of The Sanctuary, falls on the Winter Solstice, marks the end of the Mayan Long-count Calendar, and is the central period for when all major religions mark a special, sacred time in their traditions.

Leaders of several faiths and spiritual traditions have agreed to come together on this evening to honour the vision they share of a world we are creating where acceptance leads to harmony, to unity, to understanding, and to peace through loving action.

The program will be a tapestry of sacred sounds and expressions - dancing, singing, drumming, chanting, and prayers in different languages, all woven together with the vibrations of a harp and crystal bowls.

Seated together at the front will be the group leaders, including: Sensei Fred Ulrich of the Winnipeg Buddhist Association, Fr. Walter Klimchuk of the Ukrainian Orthodox parish of St. Basil's, Rabbi Green of Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, Rev. Reuben Meyen Garang of Sudan, Grand Chief Derek Nepinak, Hindu Temple Pundits Shiv Prasad and Venkat Machiraju, Albert El Tassi from the Islamic Muslim Association, Chaplain Sr. Norma McDonald from the University of St. Boniface, and of course, Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell of St. George's Anglican Church.

This group celebration will model a respect for and an honoring of the many ways of making a sacred connection with The Divine Source of All. Tickets are \$20 and are available from Hollie Andrew (204-897-7183), from Radiance Books, from Prairie Sky Books, from the Church Office.

In the Broader Community:

December 1: Concert for Manitoba's Indigenous Anglican Bishop – St. Saviour's

December 12: Anglican Centre Christmas Open House

Visit the Diocese of Rupert's Land website for the most current calendar and event information: <http://www.rupertsland.ca/category/events/>

THOUGHT FOR THIS EDITION

If you wait for everything to line up, you'll have a long wait.



YOUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES ...

We are Anglican Christians!

Dear Friends,

What religion are you? Most of us will answer “Anglican!” Actually the correct answer is “Christian!” and Anglican is the Christian denomination to which we belong. So what does it mean to be Anglican? There is some great info on our National Anglican Church of Canada website at www.anglican.ca to help us understand this a bit better. Please visit.

This has been a busy month for the governing bodies of our Anglican Church here in our Diocese and in the whole world. Last month our Diocesan Synod (bi-annual meeting of clergy and representative laypeople from each parish in the diocese) met to take care of the business of our Diocese of Rupert’s Land and in the first couple of weeks of November the Anglican Consultative Council (clergy and lay representatives from each part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion) was meeting in New Zealand. If you want to read the reports and minutes of our Diocesan Synod then please go to www.rupertland.ca. And I encourage you to do so in order to find out what we are doing as a diocese in this part of Canada. And if you want to know all about what the Anglican Consultative Council did then please visit www.anglicancommunion.org for that and much more.

At our Diocesan Synod we had myself, Peter Flynn, David Cooke, Margaret Owen, Bill Owen, and Peter Fairclough representing our parish, and Ian Silk as a Youth Delegate appointed by our Bishop. Also, Ian and I were both elected to Diocesan council which does the work of Synod between meetings of Synod. AND Ian Silk was elected as our diocesan Youth Delegate to General Synod (Synod of the national Anglican Church of Canada), which will meet in Ottawa in July 2013. The Synod of our diocese meets to discuss the diocesan budget and other matters that are part of the life of our church. We passed several motions that affect the life of our church and we heard reports from the various committees and groups in our diocese. We heard about the work being done with and by our indigenous brothers and sisters. We heard about the new organization happening with a Manitoba Indigenous Anglican Bishop. We heard about the work still being done with our partner diocese of Buganda in Uganda as well as many other things. I and David Cooke presented a motion from our Parish Council to ask our Bishop to allow Blessing of Same-Sex Unions where the priest and the parish desire to do so, and our Synod voted 78% in favour of allowing this to happen. A couple of weeks later our bishop gave his concurrence. Our Diocesan Synod voted to recommend that our General Synod NOT adopt the Draft Anglican Covenant. Again, if you want to know more about that then go to www.anglicancommunion.org or www.noanglicancovent.org for some different info.

There is a lot that we do here within in our own parish and there is much that is done on our behalf by our representatives in the different parts of the Anglican Communion around our world. I know that many of you are well aware of what’s happening with our Anglican Communion around the world, and I know that many of you have not been very interested. So I thought it would be helpful for us to ponder together what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, a Christian, in the Anglican Way, and what are the benefits of

being part of a diocese, a national Anglican Church of Canada, and the worldwide Anglican Communion?

As we move into Advent, the season of preparation for Christmas, I invite you to take some time to ponder the gifts that our Anglican Church offers us so that we can continue to nurture our spirits and work for the peace which passes all understanding, the peace that comes in the quiet night as a baby is born and hope is renewed. Let us reflect and learn and share our insights on our way of being Christian, our Anglican Way.

Peace,

Lyndon

CONCURRENCE OF RESOLUTION B-3

Feast of All Saints Nov. 1, 2012

To: The members of Synod and all members of the Diocese of Rupert's Land

From: Bishop Donald Phillips

Re: Concurrence of Resolution B-3 of the 111th Diocesan Synod, Oct. 18-20, 2012

Dear Members,

On Saturday October 20, 2012, the meeting of Diocesan Synod passed the following resolution (B-3) as an amended Resolution B-9 from our 2008 meeting of Synod. I withheld concurrence at that time.

Resolved that this Synod request the Bishop to allow clergy, whose conscience permits, to bless the relationship between same-sex couples whose union has been duly solemnized and civilly registered, where at least one party is baptized, in parish churches whose members have, by resolution, authorized such ceremonies to take place; and to authorize rites for such blessings.

Please accept this Memorandum as my concurrence with this resolution of Synod. While further work will need to be done on how this can be implemented in our Diocese, based on this motion my understanding is:

1. Only clergy "whose conscience permits" will be expected to offer such blessings.
2. This "blessing" is a pastoral act, not a wedding rite.
3. Same-sex couples who desire this blessing must have had their union "duly solemnized and civilly registered" to avoid offering a blessing that would not be given to heterosexual couples. (i.e. common-law relationships)
4. Parishes must first have determined, by a formal resolution, the desire of the parish to have such blessings take place in the parish.
5. The requirements to be met and the form by which such blessings occur needs to be determined and authorized by the bishop.

Commentary

Judging by the response of some at our Synod and since that time, it is apparent that the bishop's decision to withhold concurrence came as a surprise. In fact, across the Dioceses of the Anglican Church of Canada, this has not been an uncommon practice (at least initially) – particularly on this issue. In the Diocese of New Westminster, which first initiated this development in our Church, the bishop withheld consent (in spite of the resolution passing with a majority) on two successive meetings of Synod (1998 and 2000) before finally giving his consent in 2002. These past twelve days have given me the opportunity to consult with members of both the National and Provincial Houses of Bishops, as well as with leaders within our Diocese. I am now settled that it is pastorally appropriate to proceed with concurring with this resolution of our past Diocesan Synod. Thank you for your patience during this time. I ask for intentional care and sensitivity for all of the disciples of this Diocese as we work at faithfully living and ministering together with this diversity of understanding and practice.

Yours in Christ,

Donald Phillips, Bishop

MARGARET WRITES ...**“Thank you” Bulletin Board**

I hope you've all noticed our new “Thank you” bulletin board, created by our “bulletin board lady” Brenda Cotton in response to a request by Corporation. It had come to our attention that there are so many people among us who do so much to make our parish the productive, happy place that it is. Members of the Pastoral Care committee visit the sick, both those at home and those in hospital, taking them prayer shawls and casseroles that are made by many members of the parish. The Mission and Ministry Committee works extremely hard all year long to make sure that needy children receive bus passes, school supplies and also hats, mitts and scarves to keep them warm during the winter. This committee also makes sure that the West Broadway community receives food for its meals for the hungry as well as its emergency food cupboard, and it coordinate the Christmas Hamper program as well as creating activity bags for children visiting relatives in the Health Sciences Centre. There is also the Thelma Wynne program to supply needy new mothers and their babies with much-needed gifts. Then we have the Ministry of Fun who coordinates our scrumptious Christmas dinner every year, as well as other fun and fundraising activities such as the Spaghetti Supper and Talent Auction. Some of our members arrange the flowers in the church each week, and others deliver those flowers to shut-ins following the Sunday service. The Garage Sale Committee works hard all year long sorting, pricing and selling donated items, and makes our annual sale a spectacular event for the entire community. And then there are the ever-present Dragon Ladies working so hard in the kitchen and hall to create so many memorable receptions and meals, and the funeral reception committee who always makes sure that those receptions run so smoothly. And what about the people who are responsible for our wonderful Wassail following the service of Nine Lessons and Carols? I could go on and on—this place is just so full of so many willing workers. And of course, none of this would

happen if it weren't for you, the parishioners, who continue to answer the call for groceries, knitted items, food, time, money, and anything else that is needed to ensure that St. George's continues to be the well-oiled machine that it always has been, and continues to be. Thanks to all of you, and may you enjoy a Christmas Season that is filled with the peace of Christ.

INPUT ON PRIORITIES FOR 2013 PARISH PLAN

In February 2012, the parish embarked on a discernment process to build on existing outreach work by identifying other areas of need within our community and determining members' interests and passions. This article highlights the results of the Parish Survey done in the spring and research about needs within our community. We would like to confirm that we are on the right track and request additional input on priorities for the 2013 Parish Plan.

The following is a summary of the findings- it is a combination of needs, interests and passions:

Parish -

- * There aren't many study and craft groups
- * We need more new members to join our congregation
- * Should consider different options for services and Christian education for children.
- * There are many good things already happening at St. Georges

Community –

- * The two areas of concern around crime are property crimes and domestic issues
- * There is a need for support for seniors, for older mothers at home with young children and conversation groups for English as a second language.
- * Laverendrye and Earl Grey schools may have needs as the area has a relatively high poverty rate
- * Students in the area may need access to safe study places after school or in the evening (including access to a computer)

City and Province-

- * There are many agencies addressing community needs, for example, West Broadway, Crossed Hands Refugee Committee, Siloam Mission, Rossbrook House, Winnipeg Harvest, Osborne House , Age and Opportunity, Central Corydon Community Centre
- * Connect with other Anglican parishes and consider linking with a parish in the inner city
- * Fundraising for the homeless

- * Support for First Nations people living on remote reserves
- * Refugees and refugee families who have been issued visas for Canada require financial and/or settlement support to leave their present locations

National and global-

- * Increasing awareness of the dangers of climate change and our need to be more green
- * It would be great if we could do something more in Uganda or Sudan
- * Could St. George's as a church support a child from World Vision or Christian Children's Fund of Canada?

Top Needs for the Future identified in parish survey -

- * Ensuring that St. Georges thrives – concern that declining parish population will result in the closing of our church.
- * Consideration should be given to worship options that balance age and tradition with interests that new generations have such as an earlier Sunday School class or alternative services
- * Continued focus on programming for children and younger families
- * More support for West Broadway;
- * A new international project
- * More support for seniors living in the community
- * Contribute to addressing inner city problems
- * Financial support for remote First Nations communities
- * Support for new immigrants to help them integrate into Canadian society

Questions:

Is there anything that surprises you about this summary? Are there any gaps?

As a member of the St. Georges parish, what are the three most important needs you feel our Parish should address in the 2013 Parish Plan? Please consider needs at the parish, local, national and global levels when submitting your responses.

Please send you responses to Sue Punter Hollingsworth at susanpunter27@hotmail.com by Friday, December 9 for discussion at the December Parish Council meeting

Thank you for your input.

ST. GEORGE'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

We value your contributions to the Garage Sale; however to keep the parish hall tidy for the upcoming Christmas Season, please do not bring in items for the Annual Garage Sale until January. For urgent situations, please call Sandra Hartt 489-9250.

Your Garage Sale Committee



ANNUAL TEA AND CLOSET SALE

We need your help one more time – with the disposal of all the left over books from the Tea & Closet Sale. They are currently stored in the south west corner of the Parish Hall in boxes. Please assist by taking one or more boxes to a fire hall near you or to a Dufresne Furniture store. The books are collected for the Children's Hospital Book Sale.

The clothing that did not sell at the Tea and Closet Sale was given to the refugee families of the Fort Rouge/Crescentwood area, the James Wood Alternative School (which serves a large immigrant community), the Women's Hospital, and the Salvation Army.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

Thelma Wynne Baby Shower

Thank You! Thank You! Your generous gifts of baby essentials were very happily received at the shower on Sunday October 21, 2012. Four tables were filled with Mission and Ministry's requests for comfort, warmth and support for the wee babies and their mothers.

Thank you also for the donations of cash and cheques for \$85. There is an increase in the number of Agencies within the city who receive support from the Thelma Wynne Project. There are 15; an increase of 5 in the last year.

"Pennies From Heaven"

As the penny will be withdrawn from circulation in February 2013, Mission and Ministry is asking you to donate your pennies to PWRDF. We will be collecting pennies for the Primate World Relief and Development Fund until December 2nd. Thus far, we have collected \$127.60 for the fund. Can we make it \$200? Drop off your pennies on Sunday or bring them up to the Church Office during the week. Thank you for making a difference.

Christmas Cheer Hampers

It is time to think about the Christmas season. Each year, St. George's has generously supported families in need with Christmas Cheer Board Hampers.

For 2012, Mission and Ministry is making a commitment to prepare and deliver ten hampers to families as close to the vicinity of the parish as possible. To accomplish this task, we need your support. On Sundays, we will have sign up posters for the non-perishable items. There are two or three types of food items for each bundle. Please sign up to bring in what you can. If you would prefer to donate money, there is a treasure chest for monetary donations. The monies will be used to purchase the remaining perishable food items and some of the children's gifts. The posters will be in the parish hall should you be at the church during the week.

Marlene Pryzner and Wayne Milson
Christmas Cheer Coordinators

Sistema Winnipeg

Some of you may have heard CBC Radio's interview Monday, November 6 in which a representative from the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (WSO) talked about the WSO's Sistema Winnipeg program. But in case you didn't, Sistema Winnipeg is a music-education program designed to benefit some of Winnipeg's most disadvantaged children, including those at King Edward School, the target of one of our parish outreach programs.

Sistema Winnipeg is patterned after Venezuela's El Sistema which in the last 35 years has educated 2 million young people (about 400,000 a year), with 90% coming from very deprived socio-economic backgrounds.

El Sistema has given these young people hope, confidence and a future, in place of the grinding poverty or the brief life on the streets with its drug gangs and shootings which is too often the lot of such kids. Studies on the program have shown a direct link between participation in the program and improved school attendance as well as a decline in juvenile delinquency, while the very strong bonds the children form at El Sistema keeps them out of the gangs. These kids from the barrios have gone on to become professional musicians, doctors, teachers, and the proud parents of stable families. One of them, Gustavo Dudamel, is now a world-renowned symphony conductor.

The WSO, believing that music has the power to bring about social change (as the Venezuelan experience has demonstrated), and recognizing that Manitoba has one of the highest child-poverty rates in the country, started Sistema Winnipeg in October 2011. There are now 80 students enrolled in the program: 50 students from Elwick Community School (Seven Oaks Division) and 30 from King Edward (Winnipeg School Division), with more schools planned for the coming years.

The children stay after school five days a week, from 3:30-6:30 to receive instruction in viola, violin and cello (other instruments to be added during the next three years) from a team of 3 full-time teachers, and 6-10 part-time teachers, including WSO musicians. A

group of volunteers assists the teachers and helps provide the substantial after-school snacks that begin the sessions.

The financial costs of the program are shared between the WSO and the school divisions. The WSO's largest commitment is to provide an instrument for each child and to hire sectional teachers for violin, viola, cello and choir to work with the students each day of the week. The WSO provides tickets to various education and family concerts during the year, and sends four ensemble groups (string, woodwind, brass, percussion) to visit the students in the fall for an instrument presentation. In addition, the WSO supports the program costs through purchasing music scores and books, t-shirts for the students to wear at performances, professional development, marketing, etc. These costs are covered through foundation support, corporate sponsorship and individual donations.

How you can help:

You can mail a cheque directly to The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, earmarked for Sistema Winnipeg, or you can make a pre-authorized monthly donation from your bank account. No amount is too small. Even as little as \$5.00 a month comes to \$60.00 over the course of the year and will help with the food budget. (*See below for donation options.*)

You can also donate instruments of all sizes in good condition: violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium/tuba, or percussion. These can be dropped off at the WSO offices in the downstairs concourse of the Centennial Concert Hall or you can bring them to the church and I will see that they are delivered.

I believe passionately in the value of this program. I have seen the looks on the faces of the children as they are formally presented with their instruments, and the proud smiles of their parents as they watch. I have been astonished at the rapidity of their progress as musicians and charmed by their infectious enthusiasm and delight. I look forward to Sistema Winnipeg continuing to expand from these small beginnings until it goes right through from grades 1-12 in every inner-city school, and I will happily talk your ear off about it and try to answer any questions you may have.

For more information Google **Sistema Winnipeg** and **El Sistema Venezuela**. There's also a very good, if a bit long, CD called **Music to Change Life: El Sistema**, which you might be able to obtain through the Library.

Judith Flynn
204-475-2941



Sistema Winnipeg - Sponsor a Child

I want to help Sistema Winnipeg make a difference in the lives of Manitoba children.

_____ I'd like to sponsor a child in Sistema Winnipeg (see information below).

_____ I'd like to help through volunteering my time.

_____ I know someone who may be interested in helping with this program.

Name: _____ Contact: _____

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal

Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Gift Giving Options:

1. **By Phone:** Call Sarah Lund, WSO Development Coordinator @ 949-3987
2. **By Cheque:** Please make cheques payable to the WSO and mail them to 1020-555 Main Street, Winnipeg, MB R3B 1C3
3. **By Credit Card:**
4. **Post-dated Payments:** By cheque or credit card
5. **Monthly Direct Debit Payments:**
6. **Online Donations:** www.wso.ca

I/We hereby authorize payment(s) by credit card:

MasterCard VISA AMEX

Card No. _____

Expiry Date _____

Signature _____

Monthly Direct Debit Payments – I hereby request and authorize the WSO and its agent TelPay Bill Payment Service, to debit payments from the chequing account noted on the enclosed VOID cheque. Notice of cancellation of authorization may be made by me at any time.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the October 17th Parish Council meeting:

- Parishioners are encouraged to write the Prime Minister and other politicians with their concerns about cuts in part time chaplains at Federal prisons.
- The next steps for the Parish Plan will include an update in the November “by George!” as we move towards an action plan for 2013.
- The September 2012 Finance Report was discussed (the October Report is in this “by George!”).
- The calendar of Diocesan events, including Synod, was reviewed.
- Our Same Sex Blessing motion will be presented at Synod.
- The parish is not in the position to support full time daycare.
- A “Thank You” bulletin board will be unveiled on Sunday October 21.
- The schedule of Stewardship events was discussed.
- Jennifer Douglas is the new chair of the Worship Committee and the Committee was asked to look at a service in the Chapel.
- Sunday School and Pastoral Care are doing well.
- The appearance of the Parish Hall was discussed.
- Proceeds from the tea table at the Tea and Closet Sale will go the Mission and Ministry Refugee Fund.

The next Parish Council meeting is December 19th.



FINANCE REPORT

St. George’s Church – January to October 2012

	Actual 2012	Actual 2011	Budget 2012
Revenue	\$224 612.52	\$238 607.16	\$216 575.38
Expense	\$223 917.98	\$238 621.67	\$251 692.51
Net Income (Loss)	\$694.54	(\$14.51)	(\$35 811.67)

Here are the highlights:

The 2012 Net Income to the end of October is \$694. This is favourable to Budget and last year. Variances of \$500 or more to Budget are:

- Fundraising is \$2 225 unfavourable. This is less Special Events more than offsetting a larger Garage Sale contribution.
- Interest Earned is \$5 384 favourable. This is timing as well as higher returns on preferred shares.

- PWRDF is \$678 unfavourable. This is an in and an out.
- Identified Giving (Envelopes and electronic offerings) is \$1 400 unfavourable to Budget and \$13 400 unfavourable to last year.
- Special & Designated is \$4 462 favourable due to generous special event donations.
- Sundry Rentals is \$887 favourable due to Archimedes Math School and other unplanned events.
- Advertising is \$836 favourable. This is timing.
- Software is \$528 favourable as the 2012 upgrade to QuickBooks wasn't required.
- Altar Guild is \$1 544 favourable. This is timing.
- Music Honorarium is \$783 unfavourable. This is offset by Special & Designated and isn't budgeted.
- Maintenance – Organ is \$1 411 favourable. This is timing.
- Music Director is \$2 851 favourable to Budget. This is timing.
- Apportionment is \$2 918 favourable. This is timing.
- General Maintenance is \$2 531 favourable to Budget partly due to timing.
- Insurance is \$520 favourable as the amount was finalized after the Budget was established.
- Utilities - Electricity and Natural Gas are \$1 669 and \$9 315 favourable to Budget partly due to timing (paid to September). Natural Gas is also due to warmer weather last winter and lower rates.

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 October 31			
	2012	2011	change
	Actual	Actual	
Current Assets (chequing, cash)	\$ 20 945.74	24 960.91	(4 015.17)
Fixed Assets (building at cost)	785 030.20	785 030.20	0
Other Assets (investments)	455 178.69	448 010.61	7 166.08
Total Assets	\$ 1 261 152.63	1 258 001.72	3 151.91
Current Liabilities (designated)	\$ 222 128.17	223 194.17	(1 066.00)
Long Term Liabilities (trusts)	7 260.26	7 260.26	0
Equity	1 031 764.20	1 027 547.29	4 216.91
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1 261 152.63	1 258 001.72	3 150.91

The chequing account is reconciled to the end of October.

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.

Significant (>\$500) changes to Designated Funds in October 2012:

- \$766 net reduction in Garage Sale including Vintage Pre-Sale and withdrawal for Tea and Closet Sale float.

If you need anything further, please let me know.

Ted Cotton

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Sunday with Time and Talent Displays was Sunday October 21. This year's guest speaker was Rev Geoff Woodcroft from St. Paul's Fort Garry. Geoff spoke about stewardship honouring the needs of the parish, God being generous, Christ bringing love and joy, helping to look after what God created so everyone has enjoyment, and stewardship addressing "Who are you?" which is more than money.

If you have returned your Financial Pledge form and Time & Talent card, thanks. If you haven't, please return them as soon as possible. Your information is needed to help prepare the 2013 Budget and Committee activities.

If you want to start the Electronic Offering Program or change your monthly electronic donation during the year, the form and instructions are always available on the church web site at [Preauthorized Donation Registration/Amendment Form](#) .

Parishioners who donate by cheque or preauthorized donation are reminded to keep track of their chequing account balances and changes. The financial institutions levy some significant returned cheque charges and some of these are charged to the church. One returned cheque charge can be a signal for a string of returned cheque charges. Many businesses charge customers for returned cheques too. Be careful with your chequing account as it can be expensive if you aren't.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Stewardship Committee.

St. George's Stewardship Committee

Allan Silk (Chair)

Ted Cotton

Roger Dennis

Sue Hollingsworth

The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell

Karl Purchase

POINSETTIAS IN REMEMBRANCE

Donations are requested towards Poinsettias for the Christmas Season, in memory of loved ones. Names of those being remembered will be placed in the leaflets for Dec 16, 23, 24, 25, & Jan 6th. A receipt will be given for your donation with your year-end tax receipt.

Name of Donor: _____

Amount: _____

Names of those being remembered:

Please attach your cheque to this form and forward to St. George's Anglican Church, 168 Wilton St., Winnipeg, MB R3M 3C3 by **Wednesday, December 12, 2012.**





MID-WEEK EUCHARIST SURVEY

Name:

Phone:

Email:

If we held a 30 Minute mid-week Eucharist in the chapel with no sermon and no music would you attend?

Please circle “yes” or “no”

YES (Please continue)

NO (Please end your responses here)

How many times a month would you come to a mid-week service?

Would you come mid-week as well as Sunday Morning?

Would you come mid-week when you cannot come on Sunday?

Which of the following days of the week work for you? (Don’t think about time yet.)

Please check ALL the days that would work.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

What time of day works for you?

Please check ALL times that would work for you.

Summer (June, July, August) Winter

8am

8:30am

12 noon

12:15pm

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12:30pm

4pm

4:30pm

5pm

5:30pm

6pm

6:30pm

7pm

7:30pm

Other

Please return this survey to the Church Office.

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For more information about St. George’s, please visit our website at <http://www.stgeorges.mb.ca/>



ST. GEORGE'S
ANGELICAN CHURCH

FEATURED CHURCH – ST. PAUL’S ANGLICAN IN TRINITY

The church featured in the Church Calendar for September, 2012 is St. Paul’s Anglican in Trinity, Newfoundland.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, Trinity was the second largest community in Newfoundland, second only to St. John’s, and was the centre of trade and commerce, trading with Bristol, Poole and other centres in southwest England. Today, Trinity is just a shadow of its past; its year round population is now less than 500, but at the end of the 1700’s to early 1900, Trinity was home to more than 5000 people. The first judicial court in North America was held at Trinity in the early 17th century.

If you visit Trinity between June and September, there are walking tours of the town which take you to the old merchant premises of the Garland mercantile house, (the Royal Mail letter box outside still bears the initials VR). The photograph of St. Pauls Church of England Church in Trinity is actually the third church at that location. The first was consecrated in 1730. The church was replaced by a larger structure in 1820, and a third church, the present church, was constructed between 1892 and November 1894. It was designed by Stephen C. Earle of Worcester, Massachusetts. It is an excellent example of Gothic Revival architecture in outport Newfoundland during the nineteenth century.

More important than the wooden structures of St. Paul’s however, are the clergy who ministered there. The first was Rev. Robert Kirkpatrick, a missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in 1729. But more notably, the Reverend Dr. John Clinch, a medical missionary also from Poole and a personal friend of Sir Edward Jenner credited for developing the vaccine for smallpox. Jenner arranged with Clinch to supply a quantity of the vaccine, and Clinch began vaccinating residents of Trinity and visiting sailors from Europe. These were the first known vaccinations in North America. Clinch died November 22, 1819 at the age of 71. He is buried in the churchyard.

Another notable rector at St. Paul’s was the Reverend William Bulloch who served the Parish from 1822 to 1841. While at Trinity, Rev. Bulloch wrote the hymn “We love thee Place O God”. This hymn was sung at the consecration of the third St. Paul’s in Trinity. If you were to take the Sunday walking tour of the town, part of the tour ends at St. Paul’s, where the choir sings the hymn. The words of the first two lines are carved in the heavy wood trusses above the chancel.

There are many stories of souls buried in that cemetery, some marking tragic events such as the five young boys who lost their lives on an ice flow, and the three men who tried to rescue them.