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## ESCAPE

Many of us look forward to the summer so we can escape from our daily routines. This may be a “staycation” in the backyard, a drive to the cottage, a flight to relatives in another province, a cruise to Alaska, or ... . The key point is doing something different. This escape typically involves three elements – time, money, and surprises. Here are a few examples from this summer:

- WestJet has flights that return to Winnipeg at 4:53 am.
- Wolfgang Puck sells a 12 ounce Sangria for \$7 while a pot of tea is \$6.50.
- The Reebok Outlet Store sells one pair of fitness shorts for \$25 or two pair for \$24.
- Some bus ticket dispensers don’t give change so a slow, meandering, crowded bus ride is \$15 while a very quick taxi ride is also \$15 (including tip).
- The sale price for a cold beverage on a hot day may not include the ability to open the beverage. A “regular” priced bottle opener may also be needed.

Webster uses the word “deliverance” to define escape. Penguin uses “get away”. Highroads uses “freedom”. Oxford uses “relief”. These definitions begin to capture of the thrill of adventure we enjoy during a summer escape but miss the comfort we experience when we return and have more control over time, money, and surprises.

The next edition of “by George!” will be in November. Document your experiences and gather your thoughts over the fall. Please submit your articles by the November 11th deadline.

I hope you enjoyed your escape and welcome back!

Ted Cotton

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE UPCOMING DATES**

Within our Parish Church of St. George, Crescentwood:

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Sun	Oct 07	Feast of St. Francis - Eucharist - Children's Homily	10:30 am
Mon	Oct 08	Thanksgiving Monday - Building & Office Closed	
Tues	Oct 09	Worship Committee Meeting	7:30 am
Wed	Oct 10	Mission & Ministry Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Sun	Oct 14	Celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving – Eucharist	10:30 am
Wed	Oct 17	Parish Council Meeting	7:15 pm
Sun	Oct 21	Stewardship Sunday - Eucharist	10:30 am
Sun	Oct 21	Time & Talent Displays	noon
Sun	Oct 21	Concert - Brochan Lom & Fair Warning	2:30 pm
Sun	Oct 28	Morning Prayer	10:30 am
Sat	Nov 3	Annual Tea & Closet Sale	tba
Sun	Nov 4	All Saints - Eucharist	10:30 am
Sun	Nov 11	Remembrance Sunday – Eucharist	10:30 am
Sun	Nov 11	“by George!” deadline	
Wed	Nov 14	Mission & Ministry Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Sun	Nov 18	Morning Prayer	10:30 am
Wed	Nov 21	Parish Council Meeting	7:15 pm
Sun	Nov 25	Reign of Christ - Eucharist	10:30 am
Sun	Nov 25	“by George!” delivery	
Sat	Dec 1	Annual Christmas Dinner	tba
Sun	Dec 2	First Sunday of Advent – Eucharist	10:30 am
Sun	Dec 9	Second Sunday of Advent – Eucharist	10:30 am

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

**Church Calendars** for 2013 available from the church office and during coffee hour September 16th. They are \$7 each – the same low price as last year.

**Concert:** On Sunday, October 21 at 2.30 pm, you will be treated to two exciting choral groups. Brochan Lom, an a cappella 17-voice men’s group, will present folk songs of Scotland; and a 17-voice women’s group, Fair Warning, will present show tunes, Jazz, modern music and songs from Africa. Both groups are directed by Fred Simpson. Tickets are now on sale for \$10 and will be available at coffee hour, by calling Bill Owen at 475 1848, or at the parish office.

**In the Broader Community:**

October 18 to 20: Diocesan Synod

November 13: Patrick and Mary Lee Memorial Concert

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



## **FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

An Everyday Saint for an Everyday Life in an Everyday World

In his Speech at his Inauguration as the President of South Africa Nelson Mandela said, “Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.” Saint Francis of Assisi realized this 800 years ago when he discerned that God was calling him away from the rich decadent life of his merchant family into a life rich in Divine love. Francis saw the Divine in all of creation from the smallest worm to the highest mountain. He saw the Divine value in all people from the leper to the pope. Through his experience of the intimate connections he had with the entire universe, Francis was able to overcome the dualisms the church had set up and to create a unified vision of the Divine life of all things in God. Out of this new understanding of the Divine, Francis embraced holy poverty. Through this experience, he realized that everything was his because nothing was his.

The word ‘religious’ comes from the Latin word religio which some translate to mean “to reconnect” just as the ligaments of our body help to keep things connected and keep us living and moving, thus re-ligio. It refers to a heightened awareness of the intimate connections we have with the whole universe through the Divine, which can move us to live carefully and thoughtfully alongside our sisters and brothers of the whole universe, and especially on this precious earth in our everyday actions and decisions. Francis had this sense that all was holy because the Divine was incarnate in all things and all people. He saw that everything was connected in a delicate, peaceful balance. It makes sense, then, that Francis expressed great despair over the imbalance that humanity brought through the exploitation of the poor and the outcast. He lamented the lack of peace and wholeness and so sought to become an instrument of peace himself.

Thousands of Christians of different denominations around the world have continued to follow in the footsteps of Francis by making life professions and developing their own Rule of Life to live simply and become peacemakers in the world. There are Franciscan orders in several denominations; orders of celibate men and women, and orders of men and women living in loving relationships while maintaining their jobs and family lives.

During my time in Assisi, the hometown of Francis, I had the privilege of being able to spend time talking to and learning from many Franciscan Friars and Nuns who spend their days taking care of the different Franciscan Holy Sites in and around Assisi. I had the privilege of sitting, praying, meditating and reading for several hours at the tomb of Francis and in the many places that were special to Francis, and to Clare who followed Francis to start the Order of Poor Clares. One of the greatest experiences I had was to sit and sing and listen to the Poor Clares as we prayed Vespers (Evening Prayer) together. I and others would gather in the Chapel of the San Damiano Crucifix, and off to the side in a cloistered area the Poor Clares would sit out of sight and lead us in prayer and song. The Poor Clares are a radically cloistered order of nuns who stay their whole lives in their convent praying and making church linens. It was a very uplifting and peaceful place to be. It was amazing to have the time to become familiar with all the churches and places where Francis moved and lived which made him come to life for me in many new ways.

I was able do some focused reading on how it is that we can become more open to people of different faiths and of different traditions in order to facilitate becoming peacemakers in our world. While I have to admit that there was nothing radically new in the learning that I did, there was a deepening of my learning and an affirmation in the learning I did of the direction that I feel called to go in my vocation as a priest and leader in the church. As we all learn together how to become more open and welcoming, there are many people in our city and world who continue to be closed and judgmental, and so we are called to help them to be more loving and accepting. I have been able to recommit myself to the work of being a peacemaker – someone who continues to work at being more open and welcoming and less closed and judgmental. I know I will have to continue to work at developing these characteristics while fulfilling my vocation and I am grateful for my sabbatical time to learn and refocus on the path that I am to follow.

I promise that in a couple of months I will have pictures and stories gathered together to present for those who would like to hear and see more. The Franciscans like to use the greeting “Pace e bene,” which literally means “Peace and all good.” The fuller meaning of this greeting is a wish that all the peace and blessings and all the good things of God will be with us on your journey in life. And so this is my wish for you and all of us here at St. George’s Crescentwood, that we will all continue our journey together as followers of Jesus with the knowledge that we carry the peace and goodness and blessing of God wherever we go and that we take the opportunity to share this peace and goodness and all the blessings of God with everyone we meet in our everyday world.

Pace e bene,

Lyndon

### **THOUGHT FOR THIS EDITION**

When you’re angry, look for something to make you laugh.

**YOUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES ...**

Back in the Saddle Again!

Dear Friends,

Welcome back to many of you who have been away at the lake or in other exciting places for vacation time. We are gearing up, again, and welcoming people into our children's programs and into our choir and back into our pews and many group activities. We look forward to hearing about all the exciting adventures that many of our friends have taken this summer. And we welcome everyone back into the life of the Body of Christ, our Church of St. George the Martyr.

What an incredible summer it has been. My summer started a couple of months early as I went off to a sabbatical time of reflection and deep learning about following Jesus Christ inspired by the Way of Saint Francis. I have been a life professed member of the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis for just over 11 years now. I spent time learning about the way of Francis and how he influenced the church in his day. Francis inspired many people to start to follow Jesus in a new way. As we begin another active year in the life of our church (Yes, I know Advent 1 is the start of the Church Year, but things get going now), I encourage you to ponder how it is that you follow the great commandment of Jesus to "Love one another." How is it that you are a peacemaker in our world?

My focus of study during my time away was to discern how it was that Francis worked at bringing peace and wholeness to our world. In a very hands-on kind of way Francis rebuilt a few church buildings and it was very moving to be able to touch the stones that Francis had put in place. Francis rebuilt the little churches outside the city that were neglected because these were the churches of the peasants who did not have money or time to maintain the buildings themselves due to the near slave-like conditions of their daily work-life. Hmm, maybe there are some small rural congregations that we could help within our diocese? Francis went to the lowest of the low and cleaned and fed the lepers in the nearby leper colony, thought for some reason he did not become considered a leper himself. I'm still trying to sort that one out. Francis went to visit the sultan in Jerusalem to try to make peace during the time of the crusades. Francis tried to stop the Christian armies from attacking, but they did not heed him and got slaughtered by the Saracens. Where is there a need to bring peace in our city and community and how can we do that as a congregation?

Earlier this year, we sent out a short questionnaire to ask you, the members of our congregation, to identify needs in our local community that you know about. And we also asked where your passions lie. In other words, what are you concerned about in our community. We only got a few responses. Perhaps the questions weren't clear. Perhaps you just didn't have anything to offer. And that's OK. We're just trying to gather whatever wisdom you, the people in our congregation, may have to share about the needs in our wider community.

We are indeed already doing much to help people in our wider city. Our goal with the questionnaire was to try to indentify needs in our local Crescentwood community that we may be missing and therefore not addressing. What are the needs in Crescentwood? They may not be material needs, and so what are the emotional and social needs perhaps?

Please feel free to keep offering input as you discover a need in our community so that we can continue to serve and reach out to those who are looking for a supportive community. We have a great deal to offer in the collective skills and knowledge that all of us have to share. And we do offer these already.

We are quite successful at accepting and welcoming people who come into our worship space. The harder part of fulfilling our mission is the loving and serving parts. Are there people who need our love and service just outside our walls in some way? And do we have the skills to offer the love and service required? We are the church together. How are we to be a people responding to Christ's call to love one another by accepting, welcoming and serving everyone? How are we to make peace? Let's continue to celebrate our blessings and support each other in times of despair. Let's continue to be the great community that we are and to find new ways to love, accept, welcome and serve.

Thanks be to God, the Sacred Power of life and love giving us the courage and strength to fulfill our mission.

Peace,

Lyndon

### **MARGARET WRITES ...**

#### **Darby and Gordon Spafford**

Long-time parishioners Darby and Gordon Spafford have been deeply involved in Christian ministry throughout their busy and active lives. Darby credits former parishioner Patrick Harrison for introducing her to the Mission and Ministry Committee at St. George's when she and Gordon became members back in the 1960s. Darby had been involved with Patrick through their work with the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities, and he was also Chair of our Mission and Ministry Committee at the time.

A 1945 graduate in physiotherapy from the University of Toronto, Darby and her classmates were groundbreakers in the field. Physiotherapy was a new concept at the time, and there were only two schools in Canada, in Toronto and Montreal. With so many veterans returning from the war and needing rehabilitation, jobs were plentiful. Darby took a job in Vancouver for three years before returning to Ontario to work in the Kingston General Hospital.

Meanwhile, Gordon had returned from active service with the RCAF and enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering at Queen's University in Kingston, from which he graduated in 1950. He also became a flying instructor at the Kingston Flying Club, where in 1948 he met Darby, who had been invited by a friend to help out in the canteen one day. Ever adventurous, Darby took gliding lessons from Gordon, and romance blossomed between them. They were married in September 1949, and moved where Gordon found work, living in Niagara Falls, Vancouver, Victoria and finally Winnipeg. They raised four children: Jim, Joan, Cathy and Graeme.

When they joined St. George's, Gordon was asked to chair the Refugee Committee, and our parish under Gordon's guidance nurtured many people who arrived in Winnipeg from war-torn countries. The late Diana Smith was also an integral part of this committee. Our first refugees were the 14 members of the Lai family from Vietnam.

"It was much easier in those days to sponsor refugees," says Gordon. "There was little or no interference from the government." However, the parish had to raise the funds to support the refugees, and many generous parishioners donated to the cause. We sponsored refugees from El Salvador, Iran, and Sudan, and also supported the work of Chuck Stevens who was a missionary in South Africa.

The Spaffords were also heavily involved in the Cursillo movement, along with Bill and Mary Duff, Diana Smith and Marion Smith from our parish.

Today, the Spaffords divide their time between their neat, cozy home on Clare Avenue and their solar-powered cottage at Rush Bay in Lake of the Woods, where they enjoy the many boats that Gordon has built over the years. After 63 years of marriage, they are still enjoying life and doing their best to serve others. They are an inspiration to us all.

## **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

### **Activity Bags for Health Sciences Centre**

We have been asked again to help make activity bags for younger children visiting family members at Health Sciences Centre. Our commitment is 100 bags. At this time, we need medium weight fabric (preferably striped or checks) suitable for this project. If you have some fabric you wish to donate, please leave it at the back of the church clearly marked "for activity bags." Also, leave your name if you wish to have any leftover fabric returned to you. If you want more information about this project, please contact either Marlene Pryzner or Leonore Saunders.

### **Inner City Schools (King Edward and Norquay)**

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, a delivery of school supplies was made to King Edward and Norquay Schools. Thanks for your support.

### **Refugee to Basketball Star**

In 1990, under Employment and Immigration Canada's Women at Risk program, St. George's sponsored an Iranian refugee family; mother and four children. One of the four children was five years old Erfan who now plays basketball professionally in the Iranian Basketball Super League. He also volunteers in Winnipeg with the Summer in the City League program at U of W. The following article about Erfan appeared in the July 16 Winnipeg Free Press:



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*Erfan Nasajpour (right) puts Emmanuel Sheno (left) Charles Gillen through some drills*

Inner-city youth are getting the chance to shoot hoops alongside a pro this summer.

Not Kobe, not LeBron, not Steve -- it's Winnipeg's own Erfan Nasajpour, pride of the University of Winnipeg and Daniel McIntyre Collegiate.

The U of W kicked off its Summer in the City Basketball League Sunday afternoon, an event that offers inner-city kids a drop-in, summer-long basketball league with coaching and mentoring from Nasajpour.

Nasajpour, a native of Winnipeg and a guard for five years with the U of W Wesmen, grew up downtown and attended Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute. Of Iranian heritage, Nasajpour currently plays professionally in the Iranian Basketball Super League.

"Playing in Iran is great but it makes you appreciate home. I get to come back home and help out here. It keeps me playing and being in the community that I grew up in," Nasajpour said. "Iran is cool and I get in touch with my family's roots. But Canada is home."

Nasajpour has volunteered with the Summer in the City League since last summer. He said basketball helped him stay out of trouble in his teens and he wants to provide the same opportunity for other young people.

"I grew up in downtown Winnipeg for 15 years, and I know what it's like for kids who want to play who don't have a gym. So it's pretty great that the university will open its doors for these kids to have a safe environment to play in," said Nasajpour.

"It's not easy growing up in this area. So I'm just trying to give back what people did for me. With sports, you learn to communicate with other people. You learn about teamwork. You know, it's a fun environment. Kids need that in their lives, especially when there are other pressures at that age."

Danico Yeni, 14, said the league provides a good distraction during the summer when his high school league is out.

"It keeps me out of trouble and it keeps me busy. Kids my age get in trouble. They hang out with the wrong crowd and make stupid decisions, things like that. This is a cool thing that keeps me active," said Yeni.

Charles Gillen, 15, said the league will keep him in touch with former teammates.

"Half the guys here play on my team, the Inner City All Stars. I'm here to improve on my skills and get tips from someone who get paid to play," said Gillen. "This is the sport I grew up playing. When I get down, or whatever, I just play basketball. I just fell in love with the sport."

But for Thiery Niyubahungiro, 15, the reason for playing is simple:

"They have a good gym and there are a lot of cool people here to play with. It's just fun." The program is open to boys and girls, who are placed randomly onto teams on two courts in the Duckworth Centre.

The Summer in the City Basketball League is co-sponsored by the Inner City Junior Wesmen program. It runs every Sunday from noon until 3 p.m. until the end of August. It's free to play -- kids of all ages are welcome.

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### **Clothing and School Supplies for Afghanistan**

Thanks for the clothing and school supplies for the children of Afghanistan. As you may recall, Amanda, granddaughter of Barbara Aldous, is in Afghanistan with the Canadian Armed Forces. We collected 7 boxes of children's clothing and school supplies that were sent to her in July for the children. The care packages have arrived and she expressed her heartfelt thanks for your generosity. This shows St. George's has far reaching connections.

**“Pennies from Heaven”**

This project supports the ongoing worldwide work of the Primates World Relief and Development Fund. As the penny will be withdrawn from circulation in February 2013, Mission and Ministry is asking you to donate your pennies to PWRDF. A container will be at the back of the church every Sunday and in the office during the week. We will collect the pennies until December 2nd. Thank you for making a difference.

**“Breaking Down Barriers” Bus Pass Project**

Mission & Ministry is continuing to support the bus pass project at Norquay School this year. Your donations to this worthwhile community ministry continue to be appreciated and are eligible for a tax receipt from St. George’s.

The principal of Norquay School recently sent the following message:

*From: Nancy Dyck  
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 1:53 PM  
Subject: Breaking Down Barriers: Bus Passes UPDATE!!!*

*Hi, just to keep you apprised of our bus passes program.*

*There were 21 students who completed grade 6 here at Norquay last year.*

*We have given 13 bus passes for the month of September. The passes have gone up to \$52.00 a month for a student.*

*Of the other 8 students:*

*3 are bussed because they qualify under Special Education*

*2 have left the city,*

*3 have indicated that they do not need the passes: either they walk or their parents pay for the passes.*

*We have also been providing bus tickets to some of our former students who are now in grades 8 or higher—but we take that \$ from a separate account NOT from money donated for the bus passes. It just demonstrated need because when other siblings heard about it they wanted to know if they could get a pass too. We determined that we could not afford to do that and make it through the year so we have just given them some tickets to get them back to school.*

*I want to thank you again for your generosity and your help with this. I am tracking the attendance of these students and they know to come here at the end of September to get their passes for October.*

*Thanks,*

*Nancy Dyck  
Principal, Norquay School*

## **West Broadway Community Ministry**

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, 12 bags of groceries were delivered to West Broadway Community Ministry. Thanks to everyone who contributes to this ministry.

## **ST. GEORGE'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**

The Garage Sale table is now open for clean, saleable items for the annual Garage Sale. Please note, from now until the end of the year we will not be accepting furniture in order to keep the hall free and clear for the many festivities that will take place over the next three months. If you have an urgent situation please call Sandra 489-9250. Thank you for your cooperation.

Your Garage Sale Committee



## **ANNUAL TEA AND CLOSET SALE**

Mark your calendars for this “Fun” Event on Saturday November 3. We will have baking, books, Christmas treasures, clothing (men, women and children’s) and (best of all) a Tea Room.

Watch for further information!

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

From the May 16<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting:

- The next steps after the parish survey will be meeting with politicians and other community leaders.
- New chairs are being purchased for the Parish Hall.
- The May “by George!” has an article about St. George’s supporting the Canadian Companions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.
- The April 2012 Finance Report was discussed (the August Report is in this “by George!”).
- The calendar of Diocesan events was reviewed.
- Worship reported on the possibility of a Taize Worship in the fall.
- Christian Education reported Sunday School had ended for the year and the May Bible study about the letters of St. Paul has begun.
- The Ministry of Fun can’t take on a Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebration, so volunteers will be sought.

- Mission and Ministry reported on Thelma Wynne, West Broadway Community Ministry, the Lenten Project, and Norquay School.

The next Parish Council meeting is October 17th.



## **FINANCE REPORT**

### **St. George's Church – January to August 2012**

	Actual 2012	Actual 2011	Budget 2012
Revenue	\$175 368.74	\$185 531.82	\$175 203.72
Expense	\$184 635.66	\$196 196.89	\$203 522.38
Net Income (Loss)	(\$9 266.92)	(\$10 655.07)	(\$28 318.66)

Here are the highlights:

The 2012 Net Loss to the end of August is \$9 266. This is favourable to Budget and last year. Variances of \$500 or more to Budget are:

- Fundraising is \$2 234 unfavourable. This is less Special Events more than offsetting a larger Garage Sale contribution.
- Interest Earned is \$1 870 unfavourable. This is timing.
- PWRDF is \$506 unfavourable. This is an in and an out.
- Identified Giving (Envelopes and electronic offerings) is \$3 300 unfavourable to Budget and \$13 400 unfavourable to last year.
- Both Special & Designated and Open Plate are favourable.
- Advertising is \$586 favourable. This is timing.
- Software is \$528 favourable as the 2012 upgrade to QuickBooks wasn't required.
- Altar Guild is \$690 favourable. This is timing.
- Music Honorarium is \$783 unfavourable. This is offset by Special & Designated and isn't budgeted.
- Music Director is \$1 920 favourable to Budget due to timing
- General Maintenance is \$2 284 favourable to Budget partly due to timing
- Utilities - Electricity and Natural Gas are \$1 377 and \$8 784 favourable to Budget partly due to timing (paid to July). Natural Gas is also due to warm weather 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:

<b>Summary Balance Sheet</b>			
<b>As at August 31</b>			
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	change
	Actual	Actual	
Current Assets (chequing, cash)	\$ 25 415.35	23 476.45	1 938.90
Fixed Assets (building at cost)	785 030.20	785 030.20	0
Other Assets (investments)	448 572.52	442 531.23	6 041.29
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1 259 018.07</b>	<b>1 251 037.88</b>	<b>7 980.19</b>
Current Liabilities (designated)	\$ 229 955.07	229 880.89	3 074.18
Long Term Liabilities (trusts)	7 260.26	7 260.26	0
Equity	1 021 802.74	1 016 896.73	4 906.01
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1 259 018.07</b>	<b>1 251 037.88</b>	<b>7 980.19</b>

The chequing account is reconciled to the end of August.

### **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 August 2012:

- \$1 200 paid from Facelifters to RDG Enterprises for washroom updates
- \$546 deposited to Sabbatical Provision for the quarter

If you need anything further, please let me know.

Ted Cotton

### **STEWARDSHIP**

This year, we'll be looking at all our time, talent, and treasure contributions to St. George's in the fall. Stewardship Sunday with Time and Talent Displays is Sunday October 21. This year's guest speaker is Rev Geoff Woodcroft from St. Paul's Fort Garry.

Please watch for more information.

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](#) .

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

St. George's Stewardship Committee

Allan Silk (Chair)

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Sue Hollingsworth

The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell

Karl Purchase



### **TOO MUCH PAPER?**

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