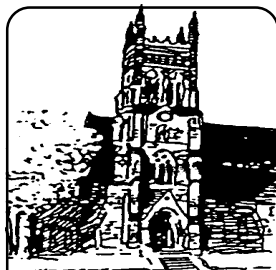


# The Georgian

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(see calendar for details)

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5:30pm Holy Communion

*Open your hearts to  
the Holy Spirit.*

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## VIEW

### From the Rector's Desk...

Dear Parishioners

I love Anglican liturgy and worship for so many reasons. I love the fact that it is so "historical". Our Prayer Book reaches back to 1549, and even most of the prayers in our Prayer Book are taken from the old Roman Catholic Missal that reaches back right to the early church. For me, our Anglican liturgy works. It is a dignified and deeply spiritual way of reaching out to our God who loves us.

I remember when I studied theology at McGill in an ecumenical setting. There was a friendly battle between those in the United Church and us Anglicans. "United" people would say; "but your liturgy is always the same." I would reply; "Yes, and isn't that wonderful! As we come to know our liturgy by heart, it never becomes boring because we never know quite where God will break through and surprise us." Indeed, every time I worship, even though I know all the words, I wait patiently to see when the Lord will speak to me. Will it be in the confession, the intercessions, the communion prayers, the dismissal, or in the hymns and the readings? Where exactly will the Lord speak most loudly to me each Sunday?

Nevertheless, as different countries in our beloved Anglican Communion come to know and understand God and their own cultures more and more, there is a need to express prayer in different ways. In Canada we now have the Book of Alternative Services as an example of this liturgical renewal (even though it is now 23 years old!). Many countries now have their own particular prayer book.

This Fall and following, we will from time to time use some liturgies from around our Anglican communion. We will see how our English, Irish, New Zealand and South African brothers and sisters in Christ worship God in their "Anglican" way. I want to do this for two main reasons. First, it will stretch our liturgical muscles, and secondly, it will remind us of our partnership in Christ with the greater Anglican Communion. I hope you will enjoy this.

Also, your Worship Committee has been at work to continually improve our liturgies. You will have noticed some changes in our summer worship booklets. We will be changing the format of our intercessions. We will continue to invite guest preachers. We will be singing the psalms in a new way.

As we move out of summer into the Fall season, come and worship with us in our truly exciting Anglican way.

Blessings to you all.

Ralph+

## GENEROSITY

JESUS said “Give and it will be given to you”, Luke 6:38, and in Acts 20:35, Paul quotes JESUS as saying “It is more blessed to give than receive”.

GOD is a bountiful giver who delights to give good gifts to His children. James 1:17 says “every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from the FATHER of lights”. A praise song puts it this way, ‘freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give’. Am I ready to please the LORD by being a cheerful giver who expects nothing in return? I know that in several instances GOD promises to bless those who give, but if I do so just to receive a blessing then I am doing so in the wrong spirit. It is not a spirit of generosity.

Two stories in the Bible that appeal to me on this subject are: Elijah and the widow at Zarephath, I Kings 17: 2-16 and the Feeding of the five thousand related in all four gospels.

A more recent example of extreme generosity comes from the Ten Boom sisters, Betsy and Corrie, who while in Ravensbruck Concentration Camp were willing to share their medicine with those around them even though it meant there would not be enough for themselves. GOD miraculously kept the supply going until the sisters received a new bottle of medication.

The question I have to ask myself is, “Am I ready to give in the sacrificial manner; to part with money or goods even when it appears I do not have the means to do so?” Prayerfully the answer will be yes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Wigglesworth

## Church School - Preparing for Fall 2008

Although we are still enjoying summer holidays we are busy preparing for the upcoming year for the Church Sunday School.

In September we will be resuming our youth lessons using the “Seasons of the Spirit” study program, enhanced with various guest speakers. This program is designed for young people from ages five to twelve. The lessons offer storytelling scripts and activities with art, music and drama that address a variety of learning styles. The students can work on their own or work together as a group.

We are always looking for volunteers within the parish to assist in this important ministry. We would like to form a roster of teachers and assistants in order to have two groups of students (depending on number of volunteers: 5-8 years old and 9-12 years old). If you feel that you could spare a few Sundays over the course of the school year to spend time with the younger generation please let us know. A lesson plan and all teaching materials will be provided a week prior to their “duty” Sunday for teachers and assistants, so you can concentrate on spreading the Good News.

We will be holding Church School registration on September 7th and lessons will begin September 14th. We welcome new registrants and visitors at any time during the year. Please join us as we learn and grow in the life of the Church.

For more information, please contact Jacki Brown, Church School Coordinator at:  
school@st-georges.org or 514-678-5899

Peace and Joy!

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## FUN' RAISERS

We are having so much fun with our fund raising activities that we are now calling it FUN (without the 'D') raising. Along with many other parishioners and friends, we were blessed with good weather, great fellowship and delicious food (yes we Anglicans like good food) on Saturday, August 9th 2008 in St. Donat right next to a lake where kids and grown-ups had a fun (there is that word again) time in the water. On behalf of everyone who attended I extend sincere thanks to Sylvia and Royal who hosted this event.



I know that there were other fund raising activities that took place and

since I was away for a number of weeks, I am not able to report first hand. However, the 'word on the street' is that all were successful and I thank the hosts who went out of their way to ensure that there was good fellowship and "FUN" raising.

Now let us not miss the next "FUN" raising activity on Sept 24th where we will have a Show and Tell evening – something very much like an Antiques Road Show that you see on PBS television. One documented case in one of those PBS road shows was a lady who bought an old map for \$5.00 at a Thrift store and found out it was worth \$5,000.00. Could it be that you have some 'junk' that just might be 'treasure'?

Search your attic and the contents of that shoebox or buy something inexpensive from the Church Boutique and perhaps you will find that it is worth more than you paid for it! Hint: the 25 cent can opener is probably still worth 10 cents (\*\_\*).

You may ask what follows the "Show and Tell" event at our church?

On August 24th there is a special meeting of the Fun Raising Committee to adjust some dates, so my emphasis here is to describe in summary what we have lined up for you and your friends, (don't leave out your enemies since you want to keep them close to you to know what they are doing) and in due course we will be publishing those final dates. We will have a Wine and Cheese, a Fall Day in Hawkesbury with a route designed to see the Fall colors and with refreshments provided, a Guided Museum tour with meal, an Underground Railway Show with performances and direction by Robert Bergner, a Guided Stained Glass Tour with meal, and an organ recital by Gordon White. This sounds like too much of a good thing and trying to fit everything in this year could be a challenge, so don't be surprised if some events are scheduled in 2009.

Finally, and a word of advice: Some events have limited capacity e.g. the Gourmet Dinner at the Leavitts on June 27th had a limit of 8 guests. My advice is that as soon as tickets become available for events, purchase them quickly so that you don't miss the "FUN" and avoid "D"isappointment.

Tony Hadley

### GUILD TIDINGS

The Guild has been busy over the summer with the extension of the Boutique St. George operating season; planning for the Christmas Sale (Thursday, October 30); arranging for our annual outing; preparing constitutional changes and exploring possibilities for funding a part-time assistant for the parish. A busy summer indeed!

The "shop" remained open for an additional month (July) this year and garnered almost \$1,000 to support the work of the Guild. Thanks to everyone who helped with this worthwhile experiment.

The Christmas Sale is always in need of volunteers, home baking and preserves, new gifts, treasures, books, jewellery and almost anything else you can think of. If interested in helping with any of the aforementioned, please contact William Raso or Sheila Brehn.

As of this writing the Guild is planning a boat tour of the Lachine Canal on Thursday, August 28. Over twenty members have signed on for this two hour tour which is anticipated to be a fun filled afternoon. This event marks the end of our 85th Anniversary celebrations which have been held over the last nine months.

At our opening fall meeting on Tuesday, September 23, two particular items of interest will be proposed. Firstly, constitutional changes will be presented to members for discussion and future ratification at our November meeting. Secondly, the membership will be asked to support the funding of a part-time assistant (deacon) for the parish. Both of these items will no doubt generate some interesting debate.

If you are interested in any activity listed above or in membership in the Guild please contact William Raso.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to welcome back to St. George's, as Honorary Assistant, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Lettie James. We are grateful to Jacki Brown for taking on the work of St. George's Church School Coordinator.

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