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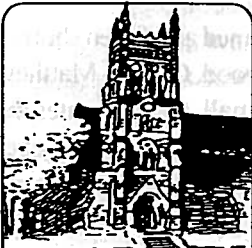
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## VIEW



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**Director**  
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**Services**

**Sundays**

9 00am Holy Communion  
10 30am Main Service  
(see calendar for details)

**Wednesdays**

12 15pm Holy Communion  
5 30pm Holy Communion

*They will celebrate your  
abundant goodness and  
joyfully sing of your  
righteousness.*

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

Did you know that one of the ways to understand the word "worship" is the meaning "to give worth to"? This makes sense to me. We should come to worship not with a selfish attitude, but rather to give ourselves over to God, and to give glory or "worth" to God. Worship should always be centered on the Lord, not on ourselves.

As your Rector I hear many excuses why people have not come to worship on any particular Sundays. I appreciate that when I hear these excuses they speak of the fact that people have missed and long for worship. However, it might be good for us to look at some of these "excuses" in light of giving worth to God.

You probably know the list better than I do; "I'm sorry, I couldn't come last Sunday because (1) I overslept (2) it was raining (3) I had visitors from out of town (4) I don't come to the Morning Prayer service". The excuse I don't hear but also might be true is "I just didn't feel like coming."

As a mental exercise, I want you to reverse roles for a second. Let's pretend we can listen in to God's mind, and then let us pretend that God can make excuses too. So, as humans, we cry out for God, perhaps just as the Psalmist did. And here is the answer we receive. God says; "Sorry, I'm tired right now."; "Sorry, I don't feel like helping right now."; "Sorry, I'm sleeping."; "Sorry, I'm busy making rain!" Needless to say, this scenario is preposterous because God works 24/7. Thank God for that.

When you come to worship you should not come with a selfish attitude hoping that the service will be up to your expectations. You should come willing to give yourself over to a God who never sleeps and never makes excuses. You should open yourself to what God will do in the worship service. And God will always be there. As a challenge, if there is one service that is not your favourite, why not come and see what God does?

I should also mention that liturgy is a living thing. It changes. Several aspects of our worship service have changed this Autumn. New psalm settings, new intercessions, new anthems. Come and discover them.

I am also very pleased to announce that the Rev'd. Fred Tiplady, former Rector of St. Clement's in Verdun, has become our new Honorary Assistant. We will be welcoming Fred at the Thanksgiving Service on October 12th. Come and meet him.

Blessings to you, and may God make all your worship worthy.

Ralph+

## Salvation

I often am asked the question 'Am I saved?' Saved from what, I might reply but since accepting JESUS as my LORD and Saviour, I now know how to respond. Yes, praise GOD, I am saved from sin and death and have received JESUS' amazing gift of everlasting life.

Sin. Am I a sinner? Yes, the Bible clearly states in Romans 3:23 that: - 'all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of GOD'! JESUS, Himself, says 'Why do you call me good? Only one is good, GOD' - Matthew 19:17. So, I am a sinner in need of a saviour. What is my sin? Anything, however small, that separates me from the love of GOD. Can I earn GOD'S gift of salvation? No. No effort or work on my part can ever attain the free gift offered by JESUS. I have accepted HIM as my LORD and Saviour and know, for sure, that JESUS has borne my sin, sickness, grief and sorrows - Isaiah 53:4 & 5.

So, I am saved, what now? St. Paul exhorts me to work out my salvation with fear and trembling - Philippians 2:12. GOD has work for me to do, which I learn in Ephesians 2:10, that HE prepared this for me before the beginning of creation. I am exhorted in Hebrews to be zealous for good works, to abstain from dead works. Dead works are those that I choose to do without seeking GOD'S favour. When I learn to obey what GOD has called me to do, then I can expect to be changed from glory to glory and to become an inheritor to all HIS wondrous promises.

It is a joy to know that GOD is not willing for any to be lost but wants all of us to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth - 1 Timothy 2:4. Again, in John 3:17 we read 'GOD did not send HIS SON into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through HIM'.

My prayer, therefore, is that I may hear and obey, particularly the great commission in Matthew, chapter 28, to go and make disciples of all nations. AMEN.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Wigglesworth

## THE GREAT CHRISTMAS SALE

### COME ONE! COME ALL!!

Our annual Christmas Sale takes place on Thursday, October 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. Visit the Gifts Table, Book Nook, Food Gourmet (fresh & frozen) table, Plum Puddings Place, Couture Corner, Treasures Table, Paintings Palace, Linens & Lace, Crown Jewels Tower, Toys n' Things and Boutique St. George. After an exhausting tour of our GREAT CHRISTMAS SALE why not stay and have a delicious lunch - good food, good service, good time!

There is still time to prepare food items for our fine food table. Frozen food containers are available by speaking with Mrs. Sheila Brehn or William Raso. Baked goods are also needed and should be brought to the church on Wednesday, Oct 29 if possible.

Mark the date in your "must do" calendar: the Christmas Sale - Thursday, October 30. See You There!

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## Treasurer's Report

Results To  
August 31, 2008

There is a fair amount of good news to report. Our operating deficit for the current year which peaked in May at (\$22,198), was reduced over the summer to (\$7,485). This has happened despite the fact our envelope giving is down by about \$6,000 from a year ago. Here are a few details.

**Revenues** - our total revenues of \$203,760 are almost right on budget and close to the same amount as a year ago. They have been helped largely by increased rentals from the Day Care Center and the use of the Church and Parish Hall by outside parties.

**Expenditures** - our total expenses of \$211,245 are \$21,000 below last year and well below budget. The principal reasons are the cuts made to our Christian Education budget and reduced maintenance costs for our buildings. A further contributor was our heating costs which are \$5,000 below budget, a nice surprise!

**Major Repairs** - more good news here, at least for the moment. Our major repair costs to date amount to \$44,181. Against this we have received a combination of \$45,881 in government grants and fundraising receipts. Included in the fundraising is about \$12,000 received from the various breakfasts, dinners and concerts held in the Spring and Summer and individual contributions from parishioners.

**Summary** - All in all, the hopes expressed by our parishioners at last February's Annual Vestry Meeting seem to be coming true. There is no reason why we couldn't eliminate our deficit by the end of this year, but this will take a concerted effort particularly by our envelope givers. The next few months will see the introduction of a Stewardship Program and I hope all of you will respond generously.

Tom Burpee  
Honorary Treasurer

## Fun(d) Raising

The day in St. Donat by the lake raised \$800.00. My thanks again to Sylvia White, Royal and the others who helped to make this a success. The Fall Day in Hawkesbury with a route designed to see the Fall colors with refreshments provided, mentioned in the last Georgian View, has been postponed to next year. The next two Fun(D) raising events will be:

1. The Antiques Show and Tell scheduled for Wednesday September 24th. The doors at St. Georges will be open at 6:30 pm and the appraising will start at 7 pm. The doors will be closed at 9 pm and the appraisers have promised that anyone in the room at that time will have their items appraised. We are expecting a crowd, so get there early.

2. There will be Gordon White's Hymn Sing and Luncheon on November 16th at the Family Service. You can request your favorite hymns and enjoy a good meal.

3. There will be a Wine and Cheese in a private home and the date for this is being finalized but it will happen this year.

Tony Hadley

## A Harvest from the Fields

This autumn, reap a rich harvest from God's garden:

### Squash:

squash gossip  
squash indifference  
squash grumbling  
squash selfishness

### Lettuce

lettuce be faithful  
lettuce be kind  
lettuce be patient  
lettuce love one another

### Turnip (or turnup)

turn up for meetings  
turn up for service  
turn up to help one another

### Thyme

thyme for each other  
thyme for family  
thyme for friends

Submitted by Sylvia White

## Marcelle Gagné A woman of heart

Marcelle Duquette Gagné, a parishioner of St. George's since 1970, will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 27th! From a very musical family, whose French Canadian father (Duquette) sang, and was accompanied by her Italian mother (Taranto) on piano, Marcelle began her voice training at 16. Several of her uncles were very accomplished musicians, as is her daughter, Hélène.

Mrs. Gagné studied with several well known teachers, and it was Victor Brault who helped launch her career and worked with her to best interpret the French repertoire that she so loved. She gave recitals, interpreted many roles and became a member of the Ladies Morning Musical Club. She was president of the LMMC for 3 mandates, then became president of the Tudor Vocal Ensemble. She has been honored by La Scena Musicale for her contributions to the arts, and for a life dedicated to music.

A mezzo soprano, administrator and a volunteer with passion - especially at St. George's Guild and Boutique - this lovely lady with sparkling eyes and an engaging smile is loved by all. Giving of herself to others is her way of life.

Everyone who knows Marcelle is invited to her birthday party on Sunday, November 2nd at 1:00 pm. in St. George's church hall for a time of music and singing.

Submitted by Hanna Mansour

