

The



Bellringer

The Anglican Parish of St. George, Transcona

Celebrating 100 Years!

Special Holy week Services

Sunday, April 17, 10:30 am: Palm Sunday

Monday, April 18, 7:00 pm: Contemplative Eucharist

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 22, 10:30 am: Good Friday meditation

Easter Sunday, April 24:

8:30 am: Sunrise Easter Eucharist

9:30 am: breakfast

10:30 am: Easter eucharist

*Come, celebrate with us
the Resurrection of our Lord!*

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REGULAR SERVICES

SUNDAY	10:30 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST
	10:30 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
MONDAY	7:00 PM	HOLY EUCHARIST

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EDITOR: [Elizabeth Beazley](#)

Resurrection

A book that I have had on my shelf for the past little while is all about the resurrection; funnily enough it is called *Resurrection!* It is a book that uses the beauty of fine art and a good strong theological mind to have a look at what it means to live in a post-resurrection time. The author is Alister McGrath who is a professor of Historical Theology at Oxford University, so quite a brilliant mind. In the book he speaks about how we often become very familiar with the whole of Easter and the resurrection and really forget its potential to transform our lives. He reminds us of Paul and the image Paul uses of a seed that, having been sown, is transformed into a living plant. For us that is a commonplace, thoroughly ordinary occurrence, one that is seen so often that we lose sight of its extraordinariness. From a seeming dead and dry piece of dust emerges a tender shoot. It is something so extraordinary that if it didn't happen, life as we know it would be utterly impossible. It is simply that overfamiliarity dulls us to the wonder of the phenomenon that we have witnessed.

When we have a Good Friday service, and I know that many of you don't like to come because it is a gloomy service, but one of the things for me that make it worth it is just that. It is a gloomy service and one where I try to empty my mind of what I know is about to happen and to experience Good Friday as if I were there for the first time. I want to appreciate what it really is, approaching it as though I had never encountered it before. McGrath invites us to "inhabit the experiential world of the disciples as they watch their Christ die before their eyes, without the slightest hint of divine intervention."

We hear the familiar story of the despondency of the Disciples and of how they laid Jesus in a tomb. Then the women come back a couple of days later to do the rituals they couldn't do at the time of death, only to find the tomb open and the body gone. We hear it but we may not often feel what that might have been like.

The seed does not stay a seed when it is put into the ground; it is transformed to a new thing, from a seed to a plant. Jesus was transformed from a dead man to a living being. For many who got to see Jesus again, it was about the restoration of a relationship and the reassurance that it could never be broken by death again. The resurrection of Christ does not merely open up fresh ways of thinking; it opens up a different way of existing and living. Life, suffering and death are seen in a new light, one that shapes the way in which we perceive things and so the way in which we behave.

The transformational significance of the resurrection, which is something that is going to happen to us one day, can be seen when we take the time to notice the extraordinary in the lives around us. The amazing transformation of a seed to a plant, the gift of rain, and of sun to be part of the growing process. The incredible mystery in the opening of a flower, or the sunlight sparkling on the snow - there is so much that surrounds us that we should live in a state of awe the whole time; yet we take so much for granted and miss the richness of the lives we lead.

The challenge then for us this Easter is to get a peek at the extraordinary, to look for it in the world around us; it is there. Then maybe the resurrection and the massive transformational prospect that is in our future may begin to make a difference now in the way we live in this world, helping us to live lives full of gratitude and awe for the gifts we hold.

Blessings for the season,

Helen





Transcona Then

Our parish of St. George's, as everyone in the parish in this year of 2011 knows, was established in 1911. But what was happening in the rest of Transcona at that time? Let's jump back a century and a bit and find out.

In 1907, when the Canadian Pacific built a rail line through this area, there was virtually nothing else except the odd tree or two, nothing but waving prairie grass, although South Transcona was already in existence and boasted a church, a school, a pool hall, a barbershop and a grocery store. But South Transcona had been separated from what would become Transcona by the CNR main line. In 1908, things began to develop for the empty stretch of prairie, the future home of the town. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad chose this area to build its railway shops. For this venture, the company purchased 800 acres of land and named the area Transcona, 'Trans' as in Transcontinental, and 'cona' from Lord Strathcona who had hammered in the last spike for the CPR. The excavation for the foundation of the shops began in June, 1909, with the actual construction starting in 1910. On February 10, 1911, the first Board of Trade came into being and was responsible for providing much of the infrastructure for the already burgeoning town whose population must have greatly appreciated the public utilities that the Board would soon organize.

In 1910, Mr. Peter Watt, who would later be Transcona's second mayor, did a census; he counted eight men, three women and 15 dogs. But things were already taking off. By the time that Transcona was incorporated as a town in 1912, the population was 1,600. There would also be itinerant workers, such as the Italian men who came in the summer to work on the railway and returned home to Italy for the winter; several of them, apparently, lived in a boarding house they called the 'cabbage house' because it always smelled of boiling cabbage! Later, many of these men and their families settled permanently in Transcona.

Other events of 1910 included the opening of the first store. The Queen's Court Hotel (which always looked to me like something out of a western movie!) was built in 1909 and boasted the first beer parlor in town which was called the Bucket of Blood Saloon!

The Transcona Funeral Chapel began business in 1911, and Davis and Kavanaugh's butcher shop opened its doors at the southeast corner of Regent and Day (Oxford then, of course). A real estate boom saw land prices soar to \$125.00 per foot frontage. On Regent Avenue, unserviced lots were going for \$400.00 a foot. Obviously, land speculators were laughing all the way to the bank!

The year 1912 was a banner year for more than population figures. On April 6th, the town of Transcona, an area of over eight square miles, received its charter. On November 12th, the Municipal Offices and the Fire Hall opened as did Central School with an enrolment of 150 children. The first

hydro power was brought in from Pointe du Bois. The first mayor of the fledgling town was elected; he was C.J.E. Maxwell, the general superintendent of construction of the shops. On May 22, 1912, Police Magistrate R.F. Webster swore in the first town councilors who “were handed the keys to the destiny of the new town and accepted the challenge to give of their best.”* This event took place in Campbell’s Hall which was the second floor of what later would become the Fruit Home (and is now a Cash Store).

On January 18, 1913, the CNR Transcona Shops opened. They had been built at a cost of \$6 million (can you imagine what that would be in today’s money!?) and would employ 5,000 men. Long before their opening, Transcona was seeing the development of other industries, some of which supplied the railroad shops with necessary material, such as Canada Creosoting Co. Ltd. which began operations in 1911 to provide creosote for railway ties. Retail business was also booming. And Confidence Rebekah Lodge No. 40 was instituted on March 24, 1913.

A glance at later years tells us that, from 1915 to 1918, the Transcona Shops produced munitions for the war; apparently part of the machine shop was converted to a shell shop. Mr. Maranda established the first ‘transit business.’ He drove people to and from Winnipeg in a vehicle that carried ten. His favourite and the most direct route was straight across the open prairie – I bet that was a bumpy ride! In 1915, E.H. Bate was elected mayor; I imagine he would be an ancestor of the Bates at St. George’s.

Last but not least, several churches were built in the early years. The Yale Methodist congregation held its first service in May 1910 and moved into its new church in November 1910. Close on its heels were the people of Knox Presbyterian; their church on Harvard Avenue East opened in October 1910 and was dedicated by the Reverend Dr. C.W. Gordon (Ralph Connor). The first mass of Notre Dame de l’Assomption parish was celebrated in the home of Paul Jette on August 21, 1910, followed by masses in the Campbell Block; the first mass in their newly built church was celebrated on December 3, 1911. On September 11, 1911, the Anglicans of Transcona held their first service in Campbell’s Hall; on the same day, they decided to build a church and rectory. Under the direction of Archbishop S.P. Matheson and the rector, the Reverend A.T. Norquay, St. George’s was built. The first service was held on December 7, 1911. It is amazing to think that it took only three months to build the church! Apparently, St. George’s thrilled Transcona on Christmas Eve, 1911, with the tolling of its bells which were the first in Transcona. At a time, when there were no movies, no TV, no community centres, etc., “[t]hese churches were the cornerstone of the community . . . and were the centre of the social as well as the religious life of the people.”** How true!

In the next *Bellringer* I will continue the saga of St George’s. My sources for this article were the booklets celebrating the various anniversaries of Transcona.

**Golden Jubilee 1911-1961*, p. 23.

** *Ibid.*, p. 24.

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What a Good Attitude Can Do For You

A Very Happy 95th Birthday to Muriel James!

Muriel James is celebrating her 95th birthday on Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011. The other day, I went over to visit Muriel to try to discover her secret about aging so gracefully. I think I have the answer, at least in part, but before I divulge it, I will tell you something about her and her long life.

Muriel was born Muriel Esther Porteous in Neepawa, MB, on April 17, 1916, to William and Mary Ellen (née Birss) Porteous. She was one of six children – two boys and four girls – and she spent her early years in Dauphin. Her father was a cook for the CNR. Later the family moved to Winnipeg, and Muriel attended Kelvin High School.

During World War II, Muriel joined the RCAF, Women's Division, and served in Canada in Trenton, Edmonton and Winnipeg. She says that "she did a corporal's work but only got paid for a private." Muriel's future husband, Roy James, also served in the war; in his case, it was the Canadian Army, and he saw action in Italy.

Muriel and Roy were married in Winnipeg on December 8th, 1946, in St. James United Church. Two daughters were born to them, Pat (Allan) and Kirby (Pearson), and there are now two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Muriel and Roy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1996. Roy passed away in 2005.

Muriel loved working, and she loved her job as office manager at the Institute of Chartered Accountants from which she retired at the age of 68. She has a good knowledge of computers, but now uses her computer only to play solitaire. She also loves doing crossword puzzles!

Muriel began life in the United Church, but later joined the Anglican Church. When she lived in Fort Rouge, she and her family attended St. Michael's and All Angels; Father Turney was the priest there at the time, and she remembers enjoying her talks with him. She and her family joined St. George's when they moved to Transcona fifty years ago. Muriel says that belonging to a church has meant a lot to her; it "brings me closer to people who care and who I care for." She used to visit the sick and help with the children.

Muriel had, and still has, many interests. First and foremost, of course, were her family and friends. After her retirement, she volunteered at St. Amant for ten years. She and Roy both held executive positions in their respective lodges, the Royal Purple and the Elks. In her youth, she loved farm work and horseback riding. Over the years, she has bowled and curled and played a little golf. She has also enjoyed gardening, baking, crafting and sewing. Muriel was a collector, too. Going to her apartment is almost like going to a museum; she has displays of souvenir spoons, tiny china bells and beautiful little china plates, to name only a few. She and Roy traveled a great deal. Apparently, it was a standing joke that it could be dangerous to follow them: they visited Italy which was soon after hit by an earthquake; one of their cruise ships later sank; and a hotel they had stayed at in Las Vegas burned down!

Muriel loves people. In her younger days, she entertained a great deal and put on many neighbourhood parties. She and Roy loved dancing. They took dancing lessons – learning the tango, for instance, and they danced at the Legion and at all

those bygone clubs – Club Morocco, Jack’s Place, and the Copacabana. “We were the best dancers in the neighbourhood,” Muriel remembers. “Everyone would stop and watch us.”

It must be evident now why I have entitled this piece, “What a Good Attitude Can Do For You.” For I think this is exactly why we still see Muriel at church every Sunday, always ready with a smile or a greeting to one and all. She attributes her long life to “being so active and loving people” and to being able to “push aside the bad things.” What a wonderful attitude! Muriel is an example we all could follow!

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Roy and Muriel James

*A Happy and Blessed Birthday to you, Muriel,
From all your friends at St. George’s!!!*

Attitude . . .

. . . To me is more important than facts

It is more important than the past, than education or money
Than circumstances, failures and than what people think or say or do.

It is more important than appearances, giftedness or skill.

The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude
We will embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past.

We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is to play the one string that we have
That is our attitude.

Life is ten per cent what happens and ninety per cent how we react to it.

We are in charge of our attitude.

Charles Swindoll

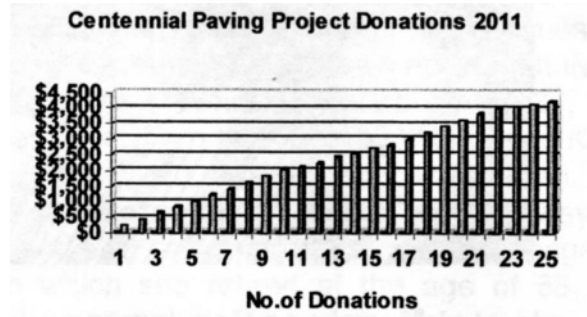


Centennial Paving Project 2011

As reported at the annual meeting in February, plans are in place to pave the handicap parking spaces at the church. We are doing this as part of our centennial year to celebrate the 100 years we have been in the community of Transcona. This worthwhile project will make our church more accessible for both our members and the community at large. You will recall that last year we installed new steps and railings as part of our ongoing maintenance improvements to the building itself.

We are presently asking for donations toward the paving project. We need to raise \$6700.00 to complete the paving project. We have received preliminary conformation that we may qualify for a grant from Community Places to assist with the cost of paving the handicap parking project.

To date we have raised \$4200.00 from 25 individuals and or families in our church as you can see by the chart.



If you would like to make a donation there are a number of way you can do this. You can visit the church's web page at stgeorgesanglicantranscona.ca and click the donation button and make your donation using your credit card. You can mail in the donation form below with a cheque to the church or identify funds through your regular giving that this is a donation for the Centennial Handicap Paving Project.

If we could get 33 donations of \$200.00 this amount would cover the cost of the project. However realizing that not everyone's financial situation may not lend to this, we are accepting donations of \$50, \$25, \$15 or any amount you are comfortable with.

✂✂Cut along dotted line and send completed form in with your donation.

St. George's Church Centennial Handicap Paving Project

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Yes, I would like to make the following donation:

\$200
 \$50/Quarter
 \$15/month
 Other _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Env. No _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Charitable Organization
Number: 0075697-30

An official tax receipt will be issued for all donations

Memories & Tidbits

This centennial project is undertaken in the memory of the less than 30 families who along with the Reverend Norquay started our Parish in 1911. Once the decision to build a church and rectory was approved in September, work proceeded following the purchase of lots 10-12, Block 50, Plan 1504. Through the fall of 1911, a canvass was made in town to pay for the building of the church and rectory. Opening service was held on Dec.12, 1911 in the uncompleted building. The first annual meeting was held April 8th 1912. In 1914 at the annual meeting on April 14th, it was moved and carried that women be allowed to vote on parochial matters in the congregation. Vestry minutes from 1918 show that the stipend was budgeted at \$800.00 for the year

Our annual general meeting held on February 13, 2011 showed that we have 143 families (plus many individuals) on the roll. From a humble beginning in 1911, a hundred years later we carry on the mission of our forefathers of St. Georges in anticipation of a second hundred years in the community of Transcona.

Dave
Property Chair

Celebrating 100 Years

ST. GEORGE'S BRIDGE AND WHIST LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 11:30 AM

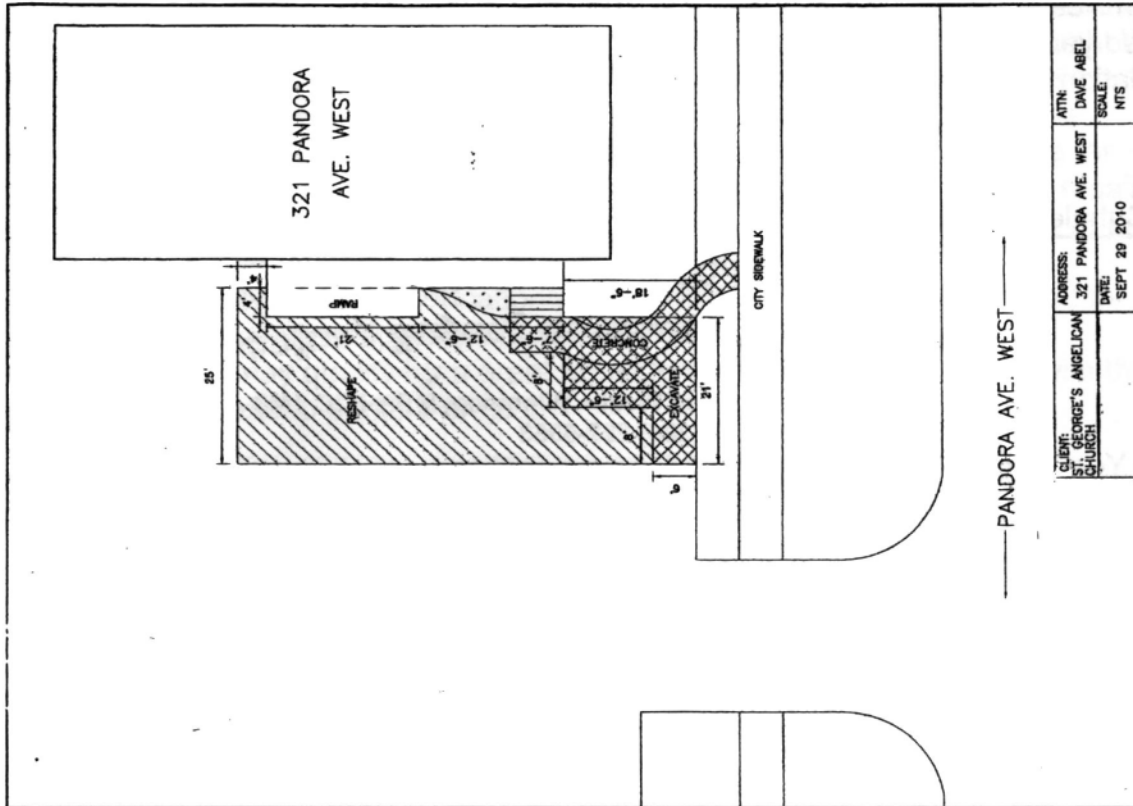
TICKETS: \$12.00

***TREAT YOURSELF TO A DAY OF DELICIOUS FOOD,
CHALLENGING GAMES, GOOD PRIZES AND LOTS OF FUN!!!***

**FOR TICKETS AND TO RESERVE TABLES, PLEASE CONTACT
CHARLOTTE OR BARB.**

**Sign-up sheets for food donations will be posted on the bulletin board.
Donations of prizes would be greatly appreciated.**

Diagram of Centennial Paving Project Diagram of Centennial Paving Project



Book Review

Paul H. Boge. *The Urban Saint – The Harry Lehotsky Story*, Winnipeg, MB: Horizon Press, 2010.

This biography of the man who has done so much for the West End of Winnipeg is both humbling and inspiring. Harry Lehotsky, born and brought up in New York and an ordained Baptist minister, was the man behind many initiatives in the West End aimed at helping those who cannot always help themselves. He was never afraid to fight for what was right, whether it was blocking the opening of another ‘massage’ parlour or gathering support for the transformation of old buildings into affordable housing units. Most of us probably know that Harry was the guiding force behind Lazarus Housing and the Ellice Café and Theatre. But he also provided a telephone service for those seeking employment that had no access to phones – a need that most of us with phones in every room would never even think of! Another remarkable aspect of Harry was that he and his family lived right in the middle of the area he served. Winnipeg owes Harry Lehotsky a great deal! Paul Boge has written an engaging biography of this remarkable and inspiring man who is a prime example of a Christian who lived the Gospel, who not only talked the talk, but walked the walk.

Boge’s book is very readable, but a bit of proof reading would have made it even better.

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Here and There

Recipe for Doris Termeer's delicious sandwich filling/dip:

2 lbs. Velveeta cheese

2 cans mandarin orange sections, very well drained

Grated orange rind

1 ½ c. Craisins

¾ c. toasted, chopped pecans

3 tbsp. Grande Marnier

Cream the cheese using an electric hand beater. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well. A savory version can be made by substituting chopped green onions, celery, red pepper, asparagus, etc., for the orange, Craisins, pecans and Grande Marnier.

The mystery of the missing tablecloths: Several of our tablecloths have gone missing from a drawer in the kitchen. We apparently used them for the Christmas Bazaar, but since then, five small white, two large white and five large red cloths have mysteriously disappeared. If you have any clues as to their whereabouts, please contact Alice, Charlotte or Liz.

We welcome the **Reverend Fraser Hunter** back into our parish! He will be helping with pastoral care.

Friday night movies and discussion at Bob's: The second to the last session will be held on Good Friday, April 22nd. The last one will be Friday, May 6th.

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be held at the Transcona Inn at 9:00 am, Saturday, April 30th. Everyone one is welcome! After breakfast, the men will repair the plant stand tarpaulin.

Recently, our **Youth Group** has been getting together with the Transcona Memorial United Youth Group. One of their joint upcoming projects is a **30-hour famine**. Anyone over the age of ten is welcome to take part. Please watch your Sunday bulletin for more information.

St. George's will once again be helping to prepare food for **Habitat for Humanity** sometime in the summer. Please watch your Sunday bulletin for more details.

Once again, we will hold a **Vacation Bible School**. Once again, please look for information and/or how you can help in the Sunday bulletin.

Wayota School Breakfast Program: St. George's is committed to helping with this program. Volunteers are needed to work for about two hours on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. Volunteers are also needed to bake muffins. To volunteer or for more information, please contact [Alison](#).

Earth Day Cleanup: Tuesday, April 19th, 5:00 pm, at St. George's.

The **Pastoral Care Team** is asking members of the congregation to please notify the church office if you become aware that a church family member would care for a visit.

Just a Reminder:

The Christmas Bazaar . . .

. . . is coming up in about 7 months (on Saturday, November 19th, to be exact)! Please think of doing some crafting or sewing or preserves on one of those hazy, lazy days of summer. And we will be having an antique cupboard again if you happen to be clearing things out. Norma and Dave are the bazaar coordinators.



TRANSCONA FOOD BANK
c/o Transcona Memorial United Church
209 Yale Avenue West
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2C 1T9
Phone: 222-1331

March 16, 2011

Bob Baker, Chair

Love Your Neighbour Social Committee
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Dear Bob,

On behalf of the Transcona Food Bank, I am very pleased to acknowledge and express our thanks to You and your Committee for your donation of **\$2219.95** to our Food Bank.

To the best of my recollection, this is the largest single donation that we have ever received during my 8½ year tenure as Chair of this Food Bank. The timing of this donation could not have been better either, as the post Christmas season (January until Easter) is traditionally the leanest time for donations, and our cupboards can run rather bare. In spite of this (cupboards running bare), the need for food is still there for the 60 plus families in Transcona we serve each opening. So this fantastic donation will be a huge shot in the arm for our Food Bank operations.

I have been very impressed by the initiative taken by you and your Committee in planning, staging and executing the great Fundraiser that the Love Your Neighbour Social (held February 5 at Park City West CC) was. As part of that committee, I am quite aware of the staggering amount of planning and work that you and the entire group did for all of the many facets and various subcommittees in staging and hosting this very successful Social. It was a great night and an amazing event; and one which represented St. George's Anglican Church very well, I think.

I am certain that the equal portion of funds raised for St. George's Community Ministries by this Social will be put to very good use. From my vantage point, it has become increasingly apparent to me the vital role that St. George's Anglican Church plays in this community of Transcona. Consider as well that your Church has been one of our Food Bank's longest and strongest supporters over the years. We receive donations from your Church on a regular basis. This past February, the combined Youth Groups of our two Churches raised enough soup during their Souper Bowl of Caring Drive to be, when placed end to end, well in excess of the length of a Canadian football field! Wow. In my opinion the like-mindedness and camaraderie between our two Churches in cooperative ventures has never been better; with the ongoing Faith Uncorked discussion groups at Dal's, Vacation Bible Schools and joint Worship Events being just a few examples. The Spirit is certainly at work through your congregation.

On a personal note, I wish to add that it has been a great pleasure meeting and working with you, Bob. It's been a blast, in fact. Louise and I have enjoyed all the fine fellowship we've have had with you and Darlene, your entire family, Derrick, Rowena, Helen, Pat Allan, and all of the other fine folks whose names I may have not been able to remember. I trust and pray that the friendship that we have kindled over this time will burn for a very long time.

Yours Sincerely,

Bob Buchanan
Chair,
Transcona Food Bank

From the editor,

Once again, I would like to thank all those who submitted articles and news items. Thank you, as well, to Anne and her super delivery team, to Pat for all her help and to Kirby for posting *The Bellringer* on the web site.

A Blessed and Joyous Easter to all!



A DATE TO REMEMBER

Sunday, September 18th, 2011

On this day, we will remember and celebrate the work of the Women's Auxiliary (W.A.), and The Anglican Church Women (A.C.W.) in St George's over the past 100 years.

We will dedicate the tribute that has been prepared to honour the women who were awarded Dominion Life Memberships. in the W.A. These awards were given in recognition and appreciation of faithful and devoted service.

There will be a display of memorabilia, and photographs from the organization.

We hope to have the Diocesan Book of Remembrance on display also. This is where the names of past members are recorded, when they have "Passed to Higher Service." Many of you will recognize the names of family or friends.

After the Service, everyone is invited to stay for Coffee and Cake.

We hope to see you all then

Gwen Hoare, Pres.

A.C.W. Still needs your help!!!!

Regarding the above notice, we want to make sure that everyone, who might be interested, knows about this special Sunday. Some of the families of our former members no longer belong to the Parish, or have moved away, and don't get this newsletter, but we would like them to have this information. So, if you know someone this applies to, please pass on the message.

We are especially interested in contacting the families of the women who received the Life Membership awards. A list of their names, and the years the award was made, follows. If you have names and/or addresses, you can contact me, or the church office.

Thank you for your help.

Florence Pinchbeck (1921)

Sarah Harvey (1935)

Doris King (1947)

Winifred Wakeman (1951)

Edith May Harding (1951)

Eva Mary Bate (1954)

Rose Bate (1958)

Bessie Shore (1958)

Susan Stammers (1961)

Harriet Longden (1961)

Daisy Martin (1964)

Evelyn Campbell (1964)

Mary Ethel Shakespeare (1964)

Gwen Hoare

Church office, 222 1942

Deliver Us From Evil

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings. At bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer:

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail."

Parish Milestones

Confirmation

Kiyana Rose Bidochka
Arena Mann-Baxter
Justin Thomas Brian Price
Theresa Jennifer Gibson

Kaylyn Emily Hailey Findlay
Ashley Leah Anne Price
Amy Morgan Whittaker
Andrew Cody Sheffield Douglas
Rudolph Sheppard

In Memoriam

Marjorie Joyal
Kenneth Stammers
Margaret Holmberg

Pricilla Jackson
Kenneth Bauml

“Eternal peace grant unto them, O Lord,
“And may light perpetual shine upon them.”

Plant Stand

Spring is here! And it's time to start thinking about the Plant Stand! Once again, it will be at the Regent Park Shopping Centre at the corner of Regent Avenue West and Brewster Street. The opening day is Saturday, May 7th 2011. We plan to set up the greenhouse on May 3rd and 4th; if you can volunteer some time during the day, it will be much appreciated.

Volunteers are needed:

- ❖ A house at which to drop off the money bag for the night and pick it up in the morning.
- ❖ Someone to be responsible for putting on the heater in the greenhouse should cold weather make it necessary.
- ❖ Someone to do the scheduling of volunteers.

If you can help in one of these ways (or in any other way), please contact me.

A special pre-order on hanging plants for Mother's Day will be in place again this year. Please watch for sign-up sheets at church to order these special baskets.

**Don't forget! Many hands make light work.
Let's all try to volunteer at least a bit for the Plant Sale.
Remember: it's a big money maker for us.
So let's make this one a record-breaker!**
Derrick Slater

The best things in life aren't things. – Art Buchwald

For all your gardening needs, visit . . .

St. George's

Plant Sale

Opening: Saturday, May 7th

Regent Park Shopping Centre
Regent West and Brewster



Open 7 days a week:

Mon.-Fri.: 10:00 am-7:30 pm

Sat.-Sun.: 8:30 am-6:00 pm

(Weather and volunteer support permitting)

Bagged Soil * Bedding Plants
Hanging Baskets * Patio Planters
Vegetables * Seeds



Your beautiful garden
Starts here!!!

**And don't forget to surprise your mother
with one of our special hanging baskets!!!**

Centennial Celebrations 2011

The parishioners of St. George's have experienced many wonderful events over the past 100 years. As we enter into our 100th year, let us try to make wonderful memories for us to share with each other and the parishioners of the future.

As Helen suggested in the December *Bellringer*, there are many ways in which we can mark this special year. As a parish we could try to do 100 things for our parish or the community around us.

Our goal is to have a special fellowship event each month. To date we have had our Winter Family Day and Spaghetti Dinner in January (thank you, Penny). The 'Love Your Neighbour' social was held in February. It was an awesome event (thank you, Bob, Darlene and crew). We also had a Confirmation Service and Dedication of the Anniversary Window. And so the celebration will continue.

There are many wonderful projects we could undertake. Vera and Dorian are putting together a recipe book. Rowena suggested a Tree of Warmth that would be filled with knitted mitts, scarves, socks, etc. Carol Ann suggested that we redo the flower garden in front of the church.

I am sure that there are many more wonderful ideas out there! If you have any ideas, please let me know. Also if you're interested in being part of the Centennial Committee, please let me know.

At the Centennial Banquet in October, it would be awesome to have a picture board with all our centennial events and projects.

Happy 100th!

Sharon

St. George's Centennial Banquet Canad Inn, Transcona Saturday, October 29, 2011

**Tickets and more information
will be available in May.**

Bake Table Coordinators – Take Note!

Have you ever told a little white lie?

You are going to love this, especially all of the ladies who bake for church events:

Alice Gray was to bake a cake for the Baptist Church Ladies' Group in Tuscaloosa, but forgot to do it until the last minute. She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through her cabinets, found an angel food cake mix and quickly made it and put it in the oven while drying her hair, dressing and helping her son pack up for scout camp. When she took the cake out of the oven, the centre had dropped flat, the cake was horribly disfigured, and she exclaimed, "Oh dear, there's not time to bake another cake!"

This cake was important to Alice because she did so want to fit in at her new church and in her new community of friends. So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the centre of the cake. She found it in the bathroom – a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect. And, before she left the house to drop the cake off at the church and head for work, Alice woke her daughter and gave her money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 and to buy the cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold. She grabbed her cell phone and called her mom. Alice was horrified – she was beside herself! Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracized, talked about, ridiculed! All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day, Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake and would attend the fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a fellow church member and try to have a good time. She did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa. But, having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home.

The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old south, and to Alice's horror, the cake in question was presented for dessert! Alice felt her blood run cold when she saw the cake! She started out of her chair to tell the hostess about it, but before she could get to her feet, the mayor's wife said, "What a beautiful cake!"

Alice, still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say, "**Thank you, I baked it myself.**"

Alice smiled and thought to herself, "**God is soooo good.**"

The Woman Called Veronica

The woman called Veronica had sinned,
Her heart cried out with every burning thought
Of what that passing fancy, fleeting whim,
Upon her mind and heart and soul had wrought.
Had she repented then, 'twould have sufficed
To put an aching, burning soul to rest,
If on God's altar she had sacrificed
Her willful pride she would have gone forth, blest.
She had not. And her eyes, now wet with tears,
Were lifted to a tortured, bleeding face
That turned to her, amid the crowd's wild jeers,
And pleaded for a sinning human race.
Upon His bloody face her veil she laid,
And wiped away the stains the thorns had made.

St. George's Anglican Parish

Activities and Services

<u>Group/Committee</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Adult Education	<u>Rev. Helen Manfield</u>	222-1942
Advertising/Communications	<u>Pat Allan</u>	
Altar Guild	Anne Liebl	
Anglican Church Women	<u>Gwen Hoare</u>	
Collection Count	Peggy Rentz	
Ecumenism	<u>Elizabeth Beazley</u>	
Food Bank	Doug and Florence Madden	
Flowers (Altar) & Hymnals	Maureen Duncan	222-1942
Funeral Ministry	<u>Rev. Helen Manfield</u>	222-1942
	<u>Charlotte Wells</u>	
Healing	<u>Rev. Helen Manfield</u>	222-1942
Memorial Fund/Board	<u>Dan Thagard</u>	
Men's Group	<u>Derrick Slater</u>	
Music Ministry	Alice Stewart	
Newly Baptized	<u>Barbara Gustafson</u>	
Parish Newsletter (<i>Bellringer</i>)	<u>Elizabeth Beazley</u>	
Pastoral Care Team	<u>Claudine Thagard</u>	
Phoning	Alice Stewart	
Plant Stand	<u>Derrick Slater</u>	
Prayer Circle	Penny Single	
	<u>Alison Ward Westervelt</u>	
Property & Maintenance	<u>Dave Abel</u>	
	Jim Fuller	
PWRDF Rep.	Sharon Cortvriendt	
Servers	<u>Rev. Helen Manfield</u>	222-1942
Sidespersons & Welcoming	Gerald Hillier	
Social Events/Parish Activities	<u>Charlotte Wells</u>	
	<u>Elizabeth Beazley</u>	
Stewardship	<u>Dave Abel</u>	
Sunday School	Vicky Taylor	
	Rowena Slater	
Web Page	<u>Kirby Pearson</u>	

Welcome to all newcomers to St. George's!

If you wish to be part of one or more of the groups listed above, please contact the appropriate contact person (via church email or phone number if nothing above) or let the priest know.

Future Events

2011

April 17	Sunday	10:30 am	Palm Sunday
April 18	Monday	7:00 pm	Contemplative Eucharist
April 19	Tuesday	5:00 pm	Earth Day Cleanup
April 21	Thursday	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
April 22	Friday	10:30 am	Good Friday Service
April 24	Sunday	8:30 am	Easter sunrise Service
		9:30 am	Easter Breakfast
		10:30 am	Easter Eucharist
April 28	Thursday	11:30 am	Bridge and Whist Luncheon
May 7	Saturday	8:30 am	Opening of Plant Sale
June 21	Tuesday		Barbecue at St. George's
September 18	Sunday	10:30 am	A Celebration of the ACW
September 24	Saturday		Harvest Dinner
October 2	Sunday	4:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals
October 6	Thursday	11:30 am	Bridge and Whist Luncheon
October 29	Saturday		Centennial Banquet
November 19	Saturday	10:00 am-2:00 pm	Christmas Bazaar
December			Hamper Drive