



The Georgian View



From the Rector's Desk...



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

Wednesdays

12:15pm Holy Communion

**Give thanks to the
Lord our God; His
love endures forever**

I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving. May the spirit of giving thanks be with you each and every day.

Included with this Georgian View is a pamphlet explaining our Diocesan Assessment. I do hope that you will read it. I feel that it is important for several reasons.

First of all, it reminds us that we are not a Parish all on our own, but rather we are part of a Diocese, the Diocese of Montreal. Every year we send our assessment to the Diocese. Since I come from a business background, I used to refer to this assessment as the "tax" that we have to pay to the "head office". But that is a stark and misleading definition. Our church assessment helps not only our ministries at St. George's but also it helps outreach and mission in the Diocese, the National Church and the greater Anglican Communion.

To start here at home, there are many reasons I am happy to be part of a Diocese and support it with our Diocesan assessment. First and foremost is that we have a Bishop, Bishop Barry. There is a clear line of authority and accountability in the Anglican Church. Bishop Barry gives me my licence to be a Priest in this Diocese. He also is the one who made me a Canon of the Cathedral. I hope you can come to the Diocesan Synod Service at Christ Church Cathedral on Friday October 15th at 4:00 pm when I will be

officially installed as a Canon. The Bishop is responsible for every Parish and its well-being. I feel this accountability is most important.

Sometimes people refer to "the Diocese" as if it were a separate entity from our Parish. Actually, the Diocese is our Diocese, because the collection of all the Parishes make up the Diocese. In short, the Diocese is "us". It exists to serve us. And it does that in many ways.

In the pamphlet you can read more of how the Diocese supports Mission and Outreach, Clergy, Education, the National Church. Our Diocese also provides essential services for each Parish including financial help, human resources help, program help, and archival help. It also supports the Bishop in his ministry. I hope a better understanding of this one line in our Budget from year to year is now better understood as the opportunity for us all to do the work of Christ in our world.

Finally, I want to mention two upcoming events. The House of Bishops will be meeting in Montreal later in October, and Bishop Mwachiko from our Companion Diocese in Tanzania will be our guest Preacher at 10:30am on Sunday October 24th. Do come to listen to him tell us of life and worship in Tanzania. Yet another thing our assessment supports!

Starting the week of October 17th we will begin a 6 week Bible Study in several parishioner's (Continued on Page 2)

CHOICES

Choices: - we are constantly faced with them.

In Deuteronomy 30:19 GOD calls the Israelites to choose life. What does HE mean? HIS desire is that they should live according to the plans and purposes that HE has for them. HE wants them to listen to HIS commands and to obey them. In Chapter 28 of Deuteronomy GOD lists the blessings that will be obtained by obedience and the curses that will result from disobedience.

The Israelites were GOD's chosen people. HE chose them that they might be witnesses to all nations of HIS love and HIS power.

Throughout the Old Testament we learn of the successes and many failures of the people. When they obeyed, things went well for them, but, when they disobeyed and went their own way then troubles came.

GOD wants all of us to choose life. What must we do? Perhaps the best known verse in the BIBLE, John 3:16, gives us the answer. "GOD so loved the world (you and me) that HE gave HIS only SON that whoever believes in HIM should not perish but have everlasting life."

I also learn in John 10:10 that JESUS has come to give us abundant life. I certainly desire to have this everlasting abundant life so I have chosen JESUS to be my Lord and Saviour. According to

Romans 10:9 I have confessed with my mouth that JESUS is LORD and I believe in my heart that GOD has raised HIM from the dead. By making this choice the verse goes on to declare that I will be saved. Alleluia!

GOD still wants us to be witnesses of HIS love and HIS power to all people. How will I succeed? JESUS promised that when HE returned to the Father that HE would send the HOLY SPIRIT to be our Helper – John 16:7. HE says in verse 13 of the same chapter that the HOLY SPIRIT will guide us into all truth. I must choose to yield myself to HIS leading and be prepared to obey cheerfully. In choosing to obey I will have the opportunity to be the winsome witness that GOD desires me to be. My prayer is that I will always choose to obey where the SPIRIT leads. AMEN.

Jane Wigglesworth

Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1st
Guest Speaker, Bishop Barry

For tickets call the office or see Keith Morgan
\$50. Dinner, Wine and more (tax receipt for \$35.)
Come to support St. George's and the Building Fund!

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homes as well as at the church. We will be studying "Better Together - What on Earth Are We Here For?" looking at the importance of community (or commUNITY!). Please sign up for this study at a time and place convenient for you. This study continues to help us deepen our faith and build up the Kingdom.

God bless you at this Thanksgiving.

Ralph+

Annual Christmas Sale

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28th

Sale from 10am to 3 pm
Lunch from 11:30am to 1pm

Come and do your Christmas shopping early.

Jewelry - antiques - crafts - home baked goodies - Seville Orange Marmalade - artwork & paintings - books - music - baby wear - all sorts of items that will be of interest to you.

Invite friends, neighbours, family and co-workers, enjoy a delicious lunch.

Then visit our Boutique on the lower level where more items are available. Our prices will surprise you! So tell your friends, invite them to take advantage of our sale, enjoy lunch and meet people you have not seen in a while.

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PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

If you have automatic debits going from your bank account to pay for insurance, cable TV, taxes, fuel, or mortgage, then you understand the PAR principle.

It means regular contributions throughout the year. Many people use the PAR system for their church offering, finding it a convenient way to take care of their regular commitments to the church month by month.

Q&A (Questions and Answers):

Q. Is this something new?

A. It is new for our church but other churches have been using it for many years.

Q. Why should I consider using PAR?

A. It has advantages for both the contributor and the church.

Your advantages as a contributor:

1. Regular support of your church in the amount you choose.
2. Continual support of your church even when you are away.
3. Avoid 'catch-up' periods.
4. No more envelopes, cheques or cash.

Advantages to the Church:

1. Regular and dependable flow of contributions.
2. Reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping.
3. Reduction in bank overdrafts.

Q. How can I join PAR?

A. Here are the steps to follow:

1. Decide on the amount of your monthly giving.
2. Fill in a simple authoriza-

tion card and attach a blank cheque marked "SAMPLE" or "VOID".

3. Give the above to the Treasurer or put it in the collection plate.

Q. If I want to change the amount I contribute, how do I do it?

A. One phone call to a designated number is all that is required.

Q. I feel embarrassed when the collection plate comes around and I put nothing in it. Is there something I can place in the plate?

A. Yes, we have a card that you can place in the plate indicating that you have already given by PAR.

Q. Will I have less privacy than I have with envelopes?

A. Absolutely not, and it is in compliance with privacy legislation.

Q. Is there a cost?

A. Yes – 0.50c per month per person. This is a cost to the church and I plan to increase my giving by 50 cents (\$6.00 per year) to cover this charge, but this is a personal choice.

On a personal note I plan to sign on because **whether or not I am there, St. George's (Place du Canada)** has on-going commitments every week that need my offering. My church is important to me, and so is my financial commitment to its work. That is why I will use PAR. And besides that, it makes life easier for me. Hoping that you will join me by being on PAR.

Tony Hadley

Marcelle Gagné

October 27, 1908 – August 10, 2010

St. George's longest living parishioner, Marcelle, passed away at 101 years of age. Her funeral was held at St. George's on August 19th.

The following is taken from an article written by the late Mr. Hanna Mansour for the Georgian View at the time of Marcelle's 100th birthday:

'A Woman of Heart'

"From a very musical family, Marcelle began her voice training at 16. She studied with several well known teachers, including 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 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."

Farewell

We said farewell to our Curate, Rev. Bob Bergner and his wife Pamela at a luncheon after the service on Sunday, Aug. 15. He will be greatly missed, and we wish him well while during his Pastoral Studies in Connecticut, and in all his future endeavors.

Ellerward Mason

January 16th 1924 – August 13th 2010

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant...Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” Matthew 25:21

A more appropriate biblical quotation could not have been found to adorn the order of service cover for Ellerward’s funeral service held at St. Georges on August 18th.

Born in Bayville Barbados, Ellerward, affectionately known to her family and close friends as Lorna, was the eldest in a family of seven girls and five boys. They grew up in Saint Philip. A close knit and devout family, they attended Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Ellerward participated fully in Church life and her love of children led her to teach Sunday school. This was perhaps an early indication of her true calling.

An eager student herself, Ellerward was the first girl ever to graduate from Saint Michael’s High School. From there she went to Miss Keene’s School where she eventually began her teaching career. Later she would run “St. Laurence”, her own private school of some 125 students. It was of the utmost importance for Ellerward that the children started their day with a full tummy so that they could concentrate well in class. Needless to say, she was well loved by her pupils, preparing them well and earning the school a solid reputation for the highest exam results in the area.



Ellerward came to Canada in 1961, working at Reader’s Digest in Montreal until her retirement. St. George’s became her church home and she worked tirelessly as a Church Council member, ministrant, reader and leader of the prayer team as well as supporter of the guild and music ministry. She freely shared her thoughts on faith and her firm belief in the power of prayer with all whose lives she touched.

Ellerward always put her best foot forward for the Lord and her love for hats is legendary (as are the many Caribbean nights she helped organize!) She was genuinely concerned for the well being of others at all times and considered everyday a gift.

Family and friends meant the World to her and it was no surprise that many came to celebrate her life on August 18th. Ladies were invited to wear their finest hats in tribute. Hymns were rousing and a poem and lesson were read by her beloved granddaughters. Stirring eulogies were given by her brothers Waldo and Orville and by her dear friend Knita.

Thank you for sharing your many gifts with us, dearest Ellerward, and may your favorite prayer continue to protect us: -

The light of God surrounds us
 The love of God enfolds us
 The power of God protects us
 The presence of God watches over us.
 Wherever we are, God is, and all is well.

By Tracy Davidson