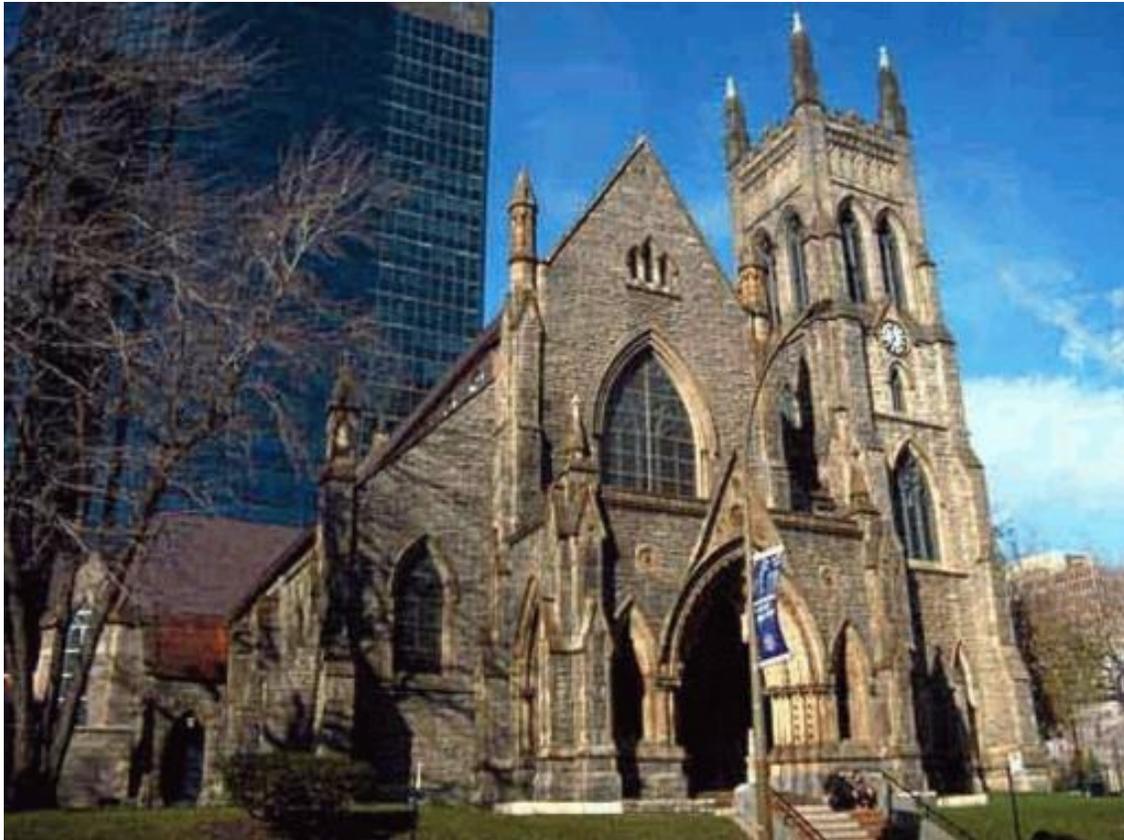


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2017 Annual Reports

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ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING FOR 2016 HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

1. The Rector, the Rev. Canon Steven Mackison, called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. with 55 members present. He thanked everyone for coming.

Carole Kapelanski was nominated as Vestry Clerk on a motion by Patrick Burrows, seconded by Hilliard Goldfarb. Approved. Father Steven thanked Carole for preparing all the reports and other papers for this meeting.

2. **IN MEMORIAM:**

The following were remembered with prayer and a moment of silent reflection:

June Patterson, Richard Hamilton, George Daley, Patricia Rose, David Selby, Kay Patton

3. **WELCOME AND THANKS:**

Father Steven welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Father Steven asked, by show of hands, how many people had attended the pre-vestry meetings. More than half of the people in attendance raised their hands.

Father Mackison called Chris Gardiner and Gael Goodeve, who are retiring as Wardens., to the front and thanked them for their service. Gael mentioned that it was a pleasure to serve and very worthwhile and she learned a lot. Chris said it was a pleasure to serve in a place where you can be yourself, there are no politics and you can serve everyone and God.

Giving Thanks to God for the Gospel and its Blessings in this past year:

4. **Minutes Of The Last Annual Vestry Meeting, February 7, 2016 And Reports.**

Father Steven asked if everyone had a chance to go through the reports and asked if there were any questions regarding the report.

The Rev. Josée Lemoine asked if the number of weddings for 2017 was correct in the statistics. The number in the statistic was 110. Father Steven asked Carole Kapelanski to look into it and report back at the next Vestry meeting. Father Steven asked if there were any other questions on the reports besides that of the budget.

Carol Spence Lord said she was not here for all the pre-vestry meetings but noticed in the report that all of the council members mandates ended in 2017. Father Steven said he was aware that the mandates were ending in 2017 and that and we could have a conversation regarding the council. Father Steven noted that the Council met only once during 2106.

Instead of the council meetings, we have the Parish Hall meetings which communicated information to parishioners. Father Steven said to the group that if they wanted to continue with Parish Council we can have a discussion regarding this. It seems that Parish Hall meetings were well received but he would leave the decision up to the parishioners.

Lee Dowker noted that Parish Council is mentioned in the constitution and if we no longer have a Parish Council we would have to change the constitution.

While the council has not met, it has not been abolished; Father Steven asked if someone wanted to put forth a motion.

Lee Dowker further stated that the constitution states we must have a Parish Council.

Father Steven noted that we still do have a Parish Council but they have not met. Father Steven went on to say that, if we wish to continue with Parish Council it is OK but if we decide to abolish council we will make the necessary changes to the constitution at the next Vestry meeting or a Special Vestry meeting.

Nicole Biron asked what is expected from the members of Council.

Father Steven said that they members are expected to meet a number of times a year and act as an advisory body to the Corporation. Lee Dowker confirmed that this is correct.

Father Steven asked if there were any other questions regarding the reports.

On a motion by Robert Taylor, seconded by Carol Spence Lord, the minutes of last year's Vestry meeting and the Reports were accepted as read. Approved unanimously.

The Rev. Josée Lemoine said that Jean Sebastien Allaire commented that on the last page of the report, he and Philip Crozier are mentioned. He noted that their names should not appear since they both started in January 2017 and were not at the church in 2016.

Father Steven noted this and said the motion remains the same, as this does not change the reports but a correction would be made.

Father Steven said that a motion could be made later in the meeting with respect to Parish officers under Item 8 vii) Election of Parish Officers.

Father Steven introduced the slate of officers to be elected:

Ivan Harding as People's Warden
Deborah Swann Hinton as People's Deputy Warden.
Appointees by the Rector are:

Sylvia White as the Rector's Warden, and Robert Taylor as Rector's Deputy Warden

Father Steven asked if there were any questions.

Having finished Items 4, 5 and 6, Father Steven when on to discuss Item 7). Father Steven noted that it was close to 1:00 pm and people may have to go and feed the parking meters. We would start the Budget presentation and then take a 5 minute break so people their marking meters and resume with the Budget Presentation.

All were in favor.

Father Steven noted that:

- The preamble for the budget was done at the last 2 pre vestry meetings
- We would discuss the context and have a recap for those who weren't at the pre-vestry meetings.

Father Steven discussed the budget giving the big picture: that the congregation is growing and giving is up. We have met our Stewardship Campaign goal. Investments were very good this year, despite what we took out of the funds they still grew. Father Steven went on to discuss the challenges going forward: He noted that we are still running a deficit budget of between \$100,000 and \$150,000. This budget is conservative in the projected revenue and we tried to account for all expenses. You can say that "this is as bad as it gets" budget. We did not inflate the revenue and considered all of the expenses we could have.

Steven when on to explain the "below the line" items. Josée's salary and benefits are dedicated to cover her salary and benefits through 2017. We have not put this amount in the budget because we are uncertain if Josée will be staying with us, or if she will be asked to minister in another church. If Josée stays with us, this amount could easily be incorporated into the budget.

Laura Hind asked that if Josée stays, would the Bishop continue to pay for her salary. Josée said for the last 2 years the Bishop has been paying her salary and it is a salary gift to the congregation. Normally Assistant Curates are not entirely paid by the Diocese, the congregation typically pays a portion of their salary. Josee will no longer be paid by the Diocese at the end of May (or shortly thereafter) and we will see what the Bishop decides as to where she would like Josée to minister.

Laura Hind went on to say that by not having a second person here we are saving money. It was explained that the number is under the line because we don't have the answer right now.

Father Steven said we would stop at this point and take a 5 minute break and return at 1:05.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Steven asked if there were any other questions regarding the budget.

Hilliard Goldfarb said that if Josée was reassigned there would be a tremendous burden on the Rector. One way or another we need an assistant, so he believed that the amount should be above the line for 2017.

It was noted that we want to continue as a multi-staff Parish. If the Bishop reassigns Josée our concerns would be that the work would be too much for one priest to handle. There are aspects of Josée's ministry that Steven could not do, like developing the French Ministry. The ideal picture is to have someone who helps with getting the jobs done, someone with unique gifts. If Josée is reassigned then areas of ministry may fall to the wayside. We would need dedicated funds for ministry, if we go forward with another clergy staff, and it would need to be an above the line item.

On a motion by Hilliard Goldfarb and seconded by Deborah Swann Hinton and third by Robert Taylor to move the salary cost for the Rev. Josée Lemoine to an above the line item.

Father Steven explained that by moving the item above the line it does not affect the bottom line.

A motion to accept the budget was made by Tom Burpee and seconded by Robert Taylor. Approved.

Father Steven asked if the experiment with the pre-vestry meetings were helpful. He also asked if the parishioners would like to repeat this process. The parishioners agreed that this process was helpful.

Father Steven thanked the person who did the real work on the budget, who is Nicole Biron. The congregation showed their appreciation by a great round of applause.

7. FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Resolutions

i) 2017 Budget Presentation was approved.

ii) Income tax receipt – signatures

Be it resolved that, unless specifically requested, receipts for Income Tax purposes in respect of 2017 be issued only for recorded payments of not less than \$25.00 during the year.

Moved by Charles Stroupe, seconded by Ron O'Connell. Carried.

iii) Income Tax Receipt – Signatures

Be it resolved that the following shall be authorized to sign official income tax receipts on behalf of the corporation:

- Bookkeeper
- Treasurer
- Envelope Secretary

Moved by Josée Lemoine, seconded by Carol Spence Lord. Carried.

iv) Banking

Father Steven asked if there were any questions on this item.

Be it resolved that for the purpose of operating the Church's bank accounts, and for those purposes only, the signing officers shall be:

Any two (2) of:

- Nicole Biron Sylvia White
- Steven Mackison Carole Kapelanski
- Josée Lemoine

Moved by Archibald Robertson, seconded by Keith Morgan. Carried.

v) End reserved pew settings

Father Steven referred to last year's vestry minutes, the paragraph referred to was on the resolutions sheet under information. This is a unique matter for our constitution. This item is to be voted on by proprietors. Proprietors are anyone 16 years and over, regular communicants during the last calendar year, who contributed \$250 or more in the last calendar year. Father Steven asked if there were any questions about proprietorship.

Father Steven asked for a motion from proprietors only. A motion to end reserved Pew Settings was moved by Pierre Ducharme, seconded by Mary Sambrook.

Father Steven noted that this item was discussed at last vestry meeting, this practice is no longer used and our Constitution is up to date. A motion to eliminate pew rentals be recorded forthwith. Proprietors moved unanimously. The motion was carried.

vi) Lay Ministrants/Chalice Ministrants

Father Steven explained that we need to renew the license for the ministrants with the Bishop each year with a standard vestry motion.

Father Steven asked that when their name is called the person stands up so the congregation will know who they are:

-	Paul Austin	-	Lee Dowker
-	Anne Gibson	-	Hilliard Goldfarb
-	Ivan Harding	-	Richard Johansen
-	Carol Spence Lord	-	Ron O'Connell
-	Juliet Oppong	-	Vicar Rizvi
-	David Wigglesworth	-	Jane Wigglesworth

Carol Spence Lord noted that Patrick Burrowes should be added to the list. Honor Barrett noted that Harry Turton should be added to the list.

All were in favor as amended. Approved.

8. ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS

vii) Election of Parish Officers

Be it resolved that the following slate of officers be elected or 2017. Motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Daphne Morris. Approved.

- a) Rector's Warden: Father Steven appointed Sylvia White as Rector's Warden,
- b) Rector's Deputy Warden: Father Steven appointed Robert Taylor as Rector's Deputy Warden

- c) People's Warden: Ivan Harding was nominated as People's Warden
- d) People's Deputy Warden: Deborah Swann Hinton was nominated as People's Deputy Warden.
- e) Lay Synod Delegates: Tom Burpee and Archibald Robertson were proposed as Synod Delegates for 2017 and Tony Hadley as Alternate.

9. OTHER BUSINESS – BELLS

Repair of the Bells. The bells were not working last year. Josée was asked to explain the situation since she has been working on this file.

Josée explained that there were many things that were not working concerning the operation of the bells. Once we had the electricity to the bells working, we would have a

better idea of the full extent of the repair required. It will take between \$15-20,000 just to get the bells working. The repair would get 10 bells working plus the chimes and the clock.

People notice the bells are not working, Josée said she has received a few comments. A couple getting married in August would appreciate if the bells were working for their wedding. They considered giving a donation toward the repair. This is what brought the repair of the bells to our attention.

Ivan Harding said the bells are symbolic of the church. Sylvia White said the bells are very important but because of the finances, we should fund raise the cost of the repair. Josée said it would cost \$1000 just to get the speakers fixed.

Laura Hind asked if it would be cheaper to fix the bells we have or buy new ones. Josée noted that because of the system we have, it would be less expensive to do the repair.

Josée noted that during the inspection, it was realized that the wiring was not done well and as the wiring is now, it is a fire hazard and should be replaced.

Josée said that the following items would be included in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 repair:

- electronic panel.
- Adjustment of the hammers
- rewiring
- GPS on clock so it will always be on time
- The control panel needs to be changed.

The only thing not included in the quote for this repair are the bobbins. This amount does not include taxes but includes installation.

Pierre Ducharme mentioned that the clock tower was not fully renovated and we have to make sure that the tower structure remains solid. It was noted that in 2015, the renovation on the tower halted because of lack of funds.

Patrick Burrowes said that when people hear the bells it makes them want to go to church.

Father Steven explained that there was a discussion at Corporation regarding the repair of the bells and it was decided at Corporation that we do not want to go into deficit for this repair. Corporation suggested that we do not put the cost of the repair of the bells in the budget but get the money from fundraising.

Josée explained that we do not have to get the full amount of the repair to start the work. If we receive, between \$5,000-\$10,000 then this amount will get half of the work done now and we could complete the work at a later date. We can ask the couple getting married in August, who would like the bells to work for their wedding, if they would like to contribute towards the repair. With \$5,000 we can do a basic repair and get the bells working.

Father Steven said what we need to do at Vestry is make a decision as to what we want to do with the cost of the repair of the bells. How do we want to pay for the cost of the repair. Do we want to put it in the budget or get the money through a fundraiser.

Father Steven explained we need a motion to move forward.

Harry Turton said \$5,000 to \$10,000 is not a lot of money to raise.

Keith Morgan recommended that we get a firm quote before we make a decision.

Honor Barrett asked that if we do a partial renovation will the bells work?

Josée explained that with the partial renovation the bells will work with the old technology which will make work at partial capacity.

Ivan Harding said we want the bells to work again.

Graham asked if any of the expenses could be covered by le Patromonie.

Josée explained that because we are not using the original system, the system is no longer considered historical so we will not be able to get a grant from Le Patromonie.

Robert Taylor said we should motion in abeyance until we get full details.

Father Steven asked, with the information we have, who feels we can make a decision at this vestry. He explained that Corporation is proposing we get sufficient funds to repair the bells from other sources than the budget. If people want the bells fixed then they can donate to their repair.

Moved by Hilliard Goldfarb that we go ahead with the partial or total repair of the bells if we receive sufficient funds outside of the budget. We repair fully or partially depending on the amount donated.

Seconded by Clennel Skeete.

A discussion on the repair continued.

Gael Goodeve said she heard that we received money from someone who died. Was it dedicated to some project or is it available to use for the repair of the bells?

Nicole Biron noted that we have not yet received the money and it has been designed to the Gower Rees fund. Nicole said she would double check to see how the funds could be used.

Pierre Ducharme wished to make an amendment to the motion.

Ivan Harding said he would he would give \$1000 towards the repair in honor of his mother.

Erik Painter asked if we could use the music fund money to repair the bells. He also wanted to know about the money the Guild gave toward the repair of the lighting system which is not working.

Potential amendment: consider raising some of the money from the music endowment fund. Martha Laing was not in agreement with the amendment. Nicole Biron said the music fund has rules and regulations attached to the use of their funds.

Pierre Ducharme noted that we are spending more than we have, we just passed a deficit budget and now we want to go further into debt.

Pierre Ducharme said he would match Ivan's \$1000 pledge. Pierre further stated that he would not like us to undertake the project until all pledges are delivered and all of the money is received before we begin.

Hilliard Goldfarb stated that the cost of the repair couldn't be a part of the budget.

Josée said we could put off the repair until 2018 if we do not receive the funds.

Father Steven asked the congregation: Who is in favor of not repairing the bells out of current budget but repairing the bells from fundraising. A majority were in favour.

Pierre proposed a friendly amendment to the initial motion: That the bell repair proceed as per the quote, but only through donations outside the proposed budget.

The mover and seconder accepted the friendly amendment.

Steven called the question:

All were in agreement.

The motion to repair the bells as described in the friendly amendment was carried unanimously.

Laura Hind was concerned that we would be losing weddings if we do not have the bells. It was noted that we do not lose weddings because of not having the bells.

Father Steven said this is the church at work when we can discuss issues together.

Father Steven said he would like to revisit the issue of the parish council. Father Steven asked if we should eliminate Parish council and how we would like information to flow in and out.

Father Steven explained that in order to abolish the council, during 2017 we would need a proprietors meeting to change the constitution. Or we could tackle this issue at the Vestry 2018. We can wait and see how we feel about council, and if we want it to continue.

It was noted that the parish halls meetings were more efficient to communicate information to the congregation. With having the Parish Hall meetings we eliminate numerous rumors and how people interpret information and it is a more democratic way to go.

Josée suggested that we can still have some committees if we so wish.

Father Steven asked if there was any other business. There was none.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Father Steven thanked everyone for attending. The motion to adjourn was made at 2:00 p.m. By Eric Painter and seconded by Hilliard Goldfarb. Carried.



The Reverend Canon Steven Mackison



Carole Kapelanski, Vestry Clerk

Rector's Report to Vestry

Dear Friends,

The last year has been marked by many changes at St. George's – a mixture of sad goodbyes and warm welcomes.

In January, we welcomed Philip Crozier and Jean-Sébastien Allaire as our Interim Organist and Music Director. Thanks be to God, they joined us permanently in September, after a lengthy selection process where other candidates were also considered. We are so pleased that they are now permanent members of St. George's family and will help us all to “make beautiful music together” – as the saying goes. In April, we said “adieu” to our Assistant Curate, the Rev. Josée Lemoine, who went to the Laurentian Regional Ministry to serve as one of the clergy team, ministering to 10 parishes. In October, our Bookkeeper, Janis Walsh, left us for full-time employment. We then took on Marguerite Borntraeger as Bookkeeper, then as Assistant Verger, and ultimately as Community Ministries Coordinator. Lastly, in November, Robert Chubb, our Volunteer Helper of almost 30 years retired and was thanked profusely at the Gala in November. Needless to say, all of these adjustments to staffing have been challenging, but we are pleased to be a little more settled.

Concerning our mission and ministry we have continued to pour our time, talent, and treasure into the three oases: Spiritual, Physical, and Musical, that have emerged as our way of serving God and the community.

With regard to our Spiritual Oasis, we continue to offer worship that is filled with reverence and awe – and yet feels warm and relaxed at the same time – as newcomers and visitors often remark. However, what we are missing is the diversity in preaching and presiding that we enjoyed when Josée was with us. My hope for 2018 is to take on a part-time Associate Priest to provide that diversity – and to share with me the ministry of Christian Education, which has not had as much attention since we have become a parish with only one clergy person.

Respecting our Physical Oasis, our Outreach program continues to blossom and flourish. This is one of the areas of ministry (along with worship and music) that has gathered a lot of excitement and energy. We have experienced growth in the last year – in both numbers and offerings – due in no small part to our outreach program. When I ask people what brought them to St. George's and what makes them come back – our Outreach initiatives are always mentioned. We will continue to invest our time and energy into this ministry where God has called us, thanks to your directed donations, and thanks to the grant money that has been given to us by Foundations and Community groups who also recognize the good work that we are doing.

Our Musical Oasis is another of our strengths and continues to be one of the main reasons people come to St. George's. With the addition of Philip and JS and the fantastic work they are doing with the choir, we have gone from strength to strength. The other main component of our music ministry, Oasis Musicale, continues to provide valuable outreach to student musicians and a tourist attraction for local hotel guests, looking for a Sunday afternoon concert. While we value this ministry, it has been operating at a loss. If we are to continue offering Oasis Musicale, we must find a way to make it break even. We will discuss this more fully at vestry, of course.

As with many parishes, finances and stewardship continue to be growing edges for us. In July of 2017 we parted ways with Broccolini – thus ending the hopes of an annex redevelopment in the immediate future. However, God never closes a door without opening a window. We reformed the building committee to continue discerning our hopes and dreams for redeveloping the annex. As we have reported at Parish Hall meetings, our main criteria in seeking a development partner in the future are 1) Long-term financial sustainability, 2) A project that is in keeping with our mission and ministry, and 3) A project with a shorter time line than the one we experienced with Broccolini. Whether we decide to sell the annex or keep it and partner with a developer, we need to recreate our community space so that our Outreach initiatives, and our time gathered together in fellowship with one another will still have a home.

The other aspect of our focus on finance is Stewardship. In 2017 we launched our stewardship campaign and received pledges, just over our goal of 135,000. Unfortunately, not everyone pledged. Thus, while our envelope offerings finished strong in 2017, we actually did not reach our stewardship goal.

In 2018, we will embark on another stewardship campaign. While it, too, will focus on increasing givings, I will be stressing the importance of everyone making a pledge. Whether we give more, less, or the same, as we gave in 2017, it is crucial for our budgeting process that we predict our revenue stream as accurately as possible.

As I mentioned previously, we have grown in all ways here at St. George's. I believe that there is a spirit of rebirth and excitement in how we are seeking to serve God and our neighbour and I look forward to another year of joys and challenges with you.

In closing, I want to give my profound thanks to all of you whom I have come to know and love. I especially want to thank the Corporation and Staff at St. George's for their leadership, devotion, and support. For all who volunteer in all the aspects of our parish ministry, both reaching in and reaching out, I want to thank you for the passion and energy you bring and for all that you do. For those who contribute to all aspects of our worship, my heartfelt thanks for the time that you give and the care with which you offer your ministries to God, every Sunday.

Lastly, to all the people of St. George's, thank you for making St. George's a place of faith, hope, and love!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven W. Mackison" with a small cross-like mark at the end.

The Rev. Canon Steven W. Mackison
Rector: St. George's Place du Canada

Assistant Curate

Assistant Curate's Vestry Report for 2017

During the last 4 months of my curacy at St. George's, I continued with the ongoing ministries and administrative tasks I had undertaken the previous year, such as being the liaison person with the daycare, supervising the children program offered on Sunday mornings, update of St-George's Facebook page.

French Ministry

Members of the French Ministry Committee read the book entitled *Code Québec* and I led a discussion on its content to help us better understand the dynamics and the differences between the French-speaking Quebecers, the population of the rest of Canada and the English speaking Quebecers. I lead an Alpha group in French at St-Jax, as part of a collaboration between St-Jax and St-George's. I organized an annual regional service in collaboration with the Cathedral and its clergy. I also led a quiet meditation in French during Lent in the Advent Chapel. In an effort to reach out to youth, I gave a conference on homelessness at a French private high school.

Education

I led the Lenten book study on the book entitled *God with Us* written by Rowan Williams.

Special Ministries

I celebrated 6 marriages, which represent most of the Anglican marriages celebrated at St-George's during the year. I presided monthly at the celebration of the Eucharist at Fulford Residence, and at the celebration of the Eucharist in French at the Cathedral.

Communication

I developed a promotional pamphlet on baptism, in both official languages.

Building Maintenance and Renovation

I investigated and searched for a solution to inspect a smoke detector installed near the ceiling above the entrance of the church, which was difficult and dangerous to access. I supervised the repair of the bells.

Ecumenical Activities & Outreach

I participated in the organization of the service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the area where St-George's is situated. I participated to the planning and collaborated to the elaboration of the meals for homeless persons organized in collaboration with PEACE Initiatives Canada.

Respectfully submitted,



The Rev. Josée Lemoine

Wardens Report

It is our pleasure to produce the Warden's Report for the year 2017.

We are most fortunate, that our Parish of St. George's continues to be a strong, active and vital religious institution located in our downtown core. We believe that we have much to celebrate within our parish. 2017 is the year in which we celebrated the 175th Anniversary of our presence in the community; we are very proud of this. To honour this event, the Guild of St. George's celebrated this anniversary by hosting a Gala in November.

We are blessed and thankful to have the faithful leadership we do, and as we continue to welcome new members and provide hope, we ask with God's help, that our parish continues its growth and continues to meet the needs of all who enter our doors. Our financial position is strong which permits us to plan for growth. In 2017 we welcomed many new members, we find this most encouraging. We are blessed to have the musical leadership of Choir Director, J.S. Allaire and Organist, Phil Crozier. Our Music program is very strong and an asset to our church.

In looking forward, work continues on the repurposing of our hall and related areas. We look forward to how this redevelopment will take place in order to continue the repurposing of our space.

In 2017, we continued with our Outreach programs by serving a meal each Thursday to our extended community. We hope to increase this service to them in the near future as the needs are very high. We welcome our extended community into our church hall six days per week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This provides a safe and warm environment in the Winter weather.

We have a Civitas group in place who works in conjunction with members of our church and other volunteers along with members of the Muslim community. This group gathers on a monthly basis, to prepare, package and deliver meals to those in need within the communities. These communities work hand in hand and allows all who participate to know each other better because we are all more alike than we are unlike.

The term of the Rector's Warden, Sylvia White and People's Warden, Ivan Harding, terminates with the upcoming Vestry.

It is our fervent prayer that our parish continues to evolve and that our future only grows and shows promise.

St. George's makes every effort in meeting the needs of its people and those in our extended community. I would like to think of us as "People helping people".

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia White and Ivan Harding

Treasurer's Report - Year Ending 31 December 2017

Dear Vestry Members,

First, I wish to thank you for the confidence you have put in me; Corporation for their continuous support as well as our bookkeepers, Janis Walsh, Carole Kapelanski and Marguerite Borntraeger. Year 2017 allowed for growth. With growth came additional revenues and additional expenses. Let's have a look into those areas that exceeded budget expectations.

Rentals:

Rentals have been in line with budget projection. Fortunately, a special rental contract with a movie company was secured, resulting in additional \$25,000.00 revenue.

Directed Offerings:

Several donations from outside supporters directed to our Outreach Program brought an additional \$9,500.00.

Donation in Kind:

A donation in share certificates valued at \$4,851.00 was added to our Capital Growth Fund.

Broccolini's Settlement:

According to our agreement, an amount of \$35,000.00 was paid to St-George at the termination of the agreement in compensation for legal fees encountered by St-George.

The above brought additional revenue of \$74,351.00.

Music:

Our standard Music Program was in line with budget. The additional expenses were in relation with the Oasis Musical Program.

Worship and Community Ministry; Building & Ground; Administration.

Our outreach program went from one meal per week to a drop-in center where food, accommodation, moral and spiritual support are offered 7 days per week. Consequently, the expenses rose commensurately. Growth in services equal additional expenses in labor and building utilities.

Major Repairs Expenses:

Represent the fixing of the bells and a run over from year 2016 fixing the organ.

BEQUESTS

We were fortunate to receive \$103,795. in bequests which almost washed over the operating deficit of \$104,490. , closing the year with a small operating loss of \$ 695.00.

Change in Fair Market Value:

According to accounting rules, we have to report on our Statement of Revenue and Expenses the annual increase or decrease in the value of our investments. This year we reported an increase of \$114,868.33. **Please remember this is strictly a "paper" profit that could be reversed at any time depending upon the market performance.**

Investments Portfolio Report - Year Ending 31 December 2017

MEMBERS,

Firstly, I thank our Rector for the confidence he put in me by asking me to serve as his Deputy Warden.

Secondly, I thank the members of our Vestry for their friendliness and cooperation during this tenure.

Year 2017 was not exceptional but our portfolio performance improved over Year 2016. We were blessed with some bequests which were most helpful. We also received a payment of \$35,000.00 from Broccolini.

In 2016 our withdrawals were \$180,000 and our account value at December 31, 2016 was \$1,839,792.

In 2017 our withdrawals were \$84,337 and our account value at December 31, 2017 was \$2,068,042

In August 2017 we consolidated our Birkett, Borntraeger, Gibson Holme and Music funds into one thereby reducing six independent funds to two, namely, St. George's Capital Growth and Gower Rees.

This decision not only reduced our fees but enhanced the management of and improved our portfolio's performance.

Pre-consolidation had each fund with an individual performance ratio, example: Capital Growth 0.02%, Borntraeger 1.04%, etc.

Post Consolidation 30/8/17-31/12/17 Capital Growth closed at 6.35% and Gower Rees at 5.20%.

Management fees for 2016 were at \$9,600. and income earned was \$70,444. while fees for 2017 were \$11,224. and income earned was \$77,600. and a portfolio increased value of \$228,250.

In August 2017 Management fees were increased from 0.5% to 0.75%.

Combined portfolio fixed performance for 2017 was 9.40%. Cumulative performance was also 9.40% indicating a conservative approach to managing our portfolio.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Biron
Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Taylor
Investment Portfolio coordinator

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH GENERAL STATISTICS, 2013-2017

PARISHIONERS (As at December 31, 2017)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Individuals	99	89	102	109	94
Families	60	78	74	78	85
Total Parishioners	159	167	176	187	179
Total new	21	19	10	12	15
* Moved away/ left	5	*14	*45	10	24
Died	3	6	5	6	4
Total	8	20	50	16	28

SERVICES (Average attendance)

Sundays

9:00 a.m.	11.8	13.16	9.15	9.77	11.58
10:30 a.m.	101.9	91.15	70.30	74.46	79.76

Wednesdays

12:15 p.m.	10.0	11.0	11.04	13.41	11.95
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SPECIAL SERVICES

Easter - Attendance	192	194	186	190	168
- Communicants	187	160	164	186	163
Christmas - Attendance	231	176	188	150	153
- Communicants	160	163	143	130	151
Good Friday	81	55	44	50	50
Christmas Carol Service	300	246	275	270	285

OTHER STATISTICS

Identifiable Givers	149	152	130	116	161
Baptisms	2	9	10	12	8
Confirmation/Reception	4	-	-	7	7
Marriages	8	3	7	10	7
Burials	2	3	8	9	7

* In 2015, we vetted the parish list, contacting many whom we had not heard from in some time. This explains the seemingly large figure of those who moved away or left in 2015. Similarly, in preparation for our Stewardship Campaign, we vetted the list again in 2016.

Altar Guild

This was an active year for the Altar Guild and its adjoining ministries and I thank the following parishioners very much for their well-done work.

For months, Muriel Eaton prepared, designed and hand-stitched a variety of small Altar linens for St. George's. They are a work of art and were blessed by Father Steven at the start of Advent. Muriel continues to restore our colored silk hangings and, at the Bishop's suggestion, will be leading a group of interested needle workers, from other churches as well as ours, on making Altar linens.

Honor Barrett has been repairing the Church's colored silk burses and veils, keeps all the silver articles shining beautifully and is bringing improvements to the Altar Guild.

Tracy Davidson arranges the lovely flowers for the Altar each week and has assisted with the needlework on the small linens.

Thank you to Deputy Warden Deborah Hinton, our Verger Karl, and some additional man power from our enrollment in the YMCA compensatory work program, who, over several sessions, cleaned and polished the brass in the Church. It was wonderful to see it so clean and shiny in time for the Carols by Candlelight service.

The regular commitments made by Ian Scott, Evelyn Hadley, Erma Bryan, Jean Chapman and Honor in setting the Altar for the 10:30 service, on their turn for Sunday duty, is steadfast. I appreciate that they arrive on time and go about their work quietly and meticulously.

Patrick clears the articles from the Altar after the main service and is always there if we have a question for him or need help.

Carole Kapelanski, in the office, works out a roster schedule to accommodate all the varying times the volunteers will be away.

Carol Lord, Honor and Evelyn take over the weekly laundering of small linens during the summer and holidays when I'm away, for which I'm truly grateful.

I am now stepping down as Convener, but will continue on the duty roster and to launder the weekly small linens and some lay ministrants' robes and will help wherever needed.

Fr. Steven has given his approval for Honor Barrett to be the next Altar Guild Convener. Honor has a lot of knowledge and experience with Altar Guilds and I know she'll perform very well in this role. I look forward to working for her and learning from her.

Respectfully submitted,
Marleen O'Connell

St. George's Guild

BEREAVEMENT

In January, 2017, we received news that Bill Raso, long time member and past president of the Guild and parishioner had passed away. The Memorial Service for Bill was held on February 17, at the church.

MEMORIAL SERVICE & RECEPTION

In gratitude for Bill's long tenure with our Guild and church, Guild members honoured Bill by hosting the reception that followed the memorial service. It was decided that the Guild would allocate One Thousand Dollars for the reception.

In July, 2017, we learned that Guild member Nel McChristie, was a victim of a car accident and passed away July 6th. A memorial service for Nel was held on Saturday, August 4th, in her community of Deux Montagnes at All Saints Anglican Church, followed by a reception.

GUILD MEETINGS

Guild Meetings in 2017 were scheduled as follows:

April 18, May 23, June 20, (Pot Luck), September 19, October 17, December 12, (Christmas Social)

EVENTS

Sucrierie de la Montagne - Saturday, April 8th

Fifty-Five parishioners and friends made the trip to this sugar bush Saturday April 8th, a notice was sent to Christ Church Cathedral, All Saints, Deux Montagnes and St. James Rosemere, asking if they would like to join us. We were joined by members of the cathedral. This establishment has a very old quaint and rustic setting, and is an international sugar bush. The Canadian Government awarded this place a high honour.

This event was so well received and successful that it has been requested to happen again in 2018.

Honey Farm & Lavender House – July

Unfortunately, this event had to be cancelled.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & SALE – November

This event was not held this year and in place, the Guild held a Gala to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the church. The Gala was a very successful event and enjoyed by 93 guests who attended. Among those who attended, were Bishop Mary and Archdeacon Robert Camara. Messages of congratulations were received from the Rev. Dr. Brett Cane, the Ven. Ralph Leavitt,

the Rev. Nick Pang, and the Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers. While the Guild chose not to hold their fundraising dinner in 2017, they have decided they would like to hold this again in 2018 on a Saturday in November that ties in with the Santa Claus Parade. Both Guild and church received many calls from those in the community asking about the Guild Christmas Dinner & Sale.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

The Guild once again gathered together and prepared Christmas Puddings for sale. These Christmas Puddings are made from a very old English recipe and remain very popular with our regular customers.

CHURCH BELLS

At Vestry 2016 we were reminded that our church bells had not functioned in a long time, our bells remind everyone that we are here and a service is about to start, and announces the newly married couple etc. The system also allows us to broadcast our service to all who pass the church. Available Guild members met and decided that the bells are part of church ministry and for this reason, agreed that the Guild should donate Five Thousand Dollars for these repairs.

ASSISTANT CURATE JOSEE LEMOINE LEAVES US

Being advised by Bishop Mary that our assistant curate was being transferred to Holy Trinity in Ste. Agathe, the Guild agreed to pay for the going-away luncheon for Josée. This was held in late April.

GUILD SCHOLARHIP AWARD

It was agreed by Guild members that we would present a scholarship award, if funds warranted. A special meeting via email, telephone and in person was conducted to obtain the agreement. The scholarship award was presented in January, 2018.

GUILD CHRISTMAS SOCIAL & GIFT EXCHANGE

This event was held on Tuesday, December 12th. What a winter storm we had that day! However eighteen members braved the weather and came out. We enjoyed a nice lunch together and received gifts from Santa. We were honoured by Aeternal Ministries, who came to share the word in musical form. This group performed in our church, and it was nice to see some who were visiting our church enjoy this performance. It is hoped this group will come in mid Winter for another performance.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia White
Guild President & Boutique Manager

Guild of St. George's Boutique

Our Boutique continues to operate within the community providing another door to our church. We provide clothing and other items to various charities for them to help their communities. We also provide some financial support to these charities as well.

We continue to ask for donations of clothing, but these items must be gently used, either laundered or dry cleaned and come in on hangars ready to be placed in the boutique.

Clothing is also provided for our community who frequent the church on a daily basis. In order for the Guild to assist others, we must sell our merchandise and when possible, we help those in our community who are financially challenged.

It is interesting to note, that some of our clothing items and other merchandise are purchased by those who work in the film industry.

BOUTIQUE VOLUNTEERS

We are fortunate in having our regular volunteers, Hiroko Innoue, Carol Gabellini, Eric Painter, Royal Leduc and Sylvia White, who come every Thursday to sort out and sell our merchandise. We also appreciate Thea Drummond and Gael Goodeve when they are able to come into the boutique and give us a hand.

Hiroko Innoue, who is neither member of our church or Guild, but a loyal and faithful volunteer who enjoys working in our boutique is such a treasure. Hiroko is with us every Thursday and we are so thankful and grateful for her.

The Boutique closes for the month of August each year, and in mid December to second week of January to allow volunteers time for themselves.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia White
Guild President & Boutique Manager

Report of the Music Director

Each year brings new changes, adjustments and challenges in our lives, both collectively and individually.

My resignation as Choral Director of St. James United Church, Montreal in September 2016 after twelve years of service (following the resignation of my friend and colleague Philip Crozier as Organist and Director of Music in May 2016) has brought a refreshing change in my life.

I am most grateful for the warm welcome and appreciation extended to Philip and me since being hired as Interim Organist and Interim Music Director respectively at St. George's Anglican Church beginning on January 26th, 2017.

It is good to work with the Rev. Canon Steven Mackison and with choir members who volunteer their time week after week. After convivial music making until the beginning of June, which included Lent, Good Friday, Easter Sunday (augmented by a brass quintet) and Pentecost, the choir left for their summer break. A quartet of singers was engaged to sing during the summer months under the direction of organist Christopher Grocholski.

Philip and I were officially appointed as Organist and Music Director respectively on September 10th in a period that extends to Pentecost 2018 and the regular choir resumed its activities after Labour Day. Trumpeter Xylo Acevedo joined us for Remembrance Sunday.

The annual Carols by Candlelight was very special as it was my first as Music Director at St. George's. The celebration was very well received, with more than 300 in attendance and a significant collection that benefitted the Music Fund! I have received many good comments from students in the Concordia University Chorus, some of whom participated on that occasion as well as Christmas Eve.

The relocation of the Music Office in Spring 2017 was done with the minimum of disruption to our operations. The Music Staff and choir members are happy with the new arrangement. The music library, which had been temporarily relocated behind the organ, is now in its final destination. Many thanks to Karl Borntraeger for facilitating this.

After a full year serving as Music Director, I am immensely grateful to the choir for their hard work, dedication and support, and the clergy and congregation for helping me to continue the fine music ministry at St. George's.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean-Sébastien Allaire
Music Director

Flower Coordinator

The seasons come and go so very quickly and the rich paint palette to be found in flowers never ceases to amaze me.

My sincere thanks to Carole Kapelanski, and Nicole Biron for their administrative support and to Karl Borntraeger and team for their help in retrieving bulky decorations from the balcony, setting up the Christmas tree and any jobs requiring the stepladder!

Many thanks to all who have helped along the way and contributed to the Flower Fund or donated flowers in memory of loved ones.

If you enjoy working with flowers and would like to share in this Ministry, please speak to Carole or me (514) 697- 6337.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Davidson
Flower Coordinator

Georgian View

The Georgian View is published following the liturgical seasons of the Church, roughly five to six times every year. It mostly includes a reflection, written by Fr. Mackison or other clergy and several articles written by parishioners, some regularly, and many thanks are owed to them. Pictures are provided by them, particularly from Tony Hadley and Eric Painter, with the occasional find on the internet in order to enliven pages. From time to time, the editor asks parishioners who have some interesting news to share them through the Georgian View. It usually takes several days to organize and format any publication which can be six to twelve pages. The church office adds calendars of events but the final work, particularly printing and assembling, is also done in the church office for which the editor cannot be thankful enough.

Respectfully submitted,
Muriel Eaton
Editor

Greeters

It appears like another year has passed in a blink of an eye or so it seems and it is because of the dedication and professionalism of all the Greeters and the Church Administrative Assistant.

The volunteers who are Greeters are the first face that existing members of the congregation and visitors see when they attend church on Sunday. Among their duties, there is one that I consider critical and that is to warmly greet everyone, but in particular, the visitors who may be passing through or may be searching for a church home. A warm welcome is a big factor whether that visitor will return to our church and become a new member.

From my observations, the Greeters have excelled in this area so I express my sincerest thanks to the following who served in 2017:

Tom Burpee, Tom Davidson, Fred Dowker, Carole Gabellini, Gael Goodeve, Tony Hadley, Ivan Harding, Royal Leduc, Malcolm McLeod, Daphne Morris, Clennel Skeete, Samara St. Louis Lindolé, George Thornhill and Sylvia White.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Carole Kapelanski who is the Church Administrative Assistant. Carole contacts all of the Greeters by e-mail and with telephone calls every 3 months to gather the dates when they are available to serve. She then builds a schedule for three Greeters each Sunday and even assigns a spouse on the same day as a Greeter or in a different capacity (e.g. Altar Guild) which is a good thing for those who are assigned.

In conclusion, If you think God is calling you to serve as a Greeter approximately once a month, please do not hesitate to see me or Carole Kapelanski in the Church office.

Respectfully submitted,
J.A. (Tony) Hadley
Chairperson Greeters

Comité pour le ministère francophone

St. George's *Comité pour le ministère francophone* was originally convened by the Rev. Josée Lemoine; it resumed its activities during the months of July and August 2017. The following is an account of the program it set out to accomplish.

The Committee met on July 1, 9 and 23. Minutes of each meeting were sent to Fr. Mackison, and a final report was sent to Corporation.

- The Committee's translation of the **pew envelope** was sent to the church office on **July 25**. It is a faithful rendering of the English-language text. At present it is the only French-language information available in the church. As the English version of the pew envelope occasionally appears on the last page of the Sunday bulletin, a decision will be necessary on the inclusion of the French-language version.

- The two large **Welcome / Bienvenue banners** were up on **July 23**. They are designed to appeal to every passer-by, and to reflect the history of the church. As revealed in our historic documents, the original decoration of St. George's church called for blue paint in the sanctuary as a symbol of the French presence in Montreal. We selected white letters on Pantone 293, the exact shade of blue which is used in the Quebec flag, the *fleurdelisé*. In keeping with this vision, we did not add borders, or additional graphics. We chose Times New Roman lettering because that is what is currently used in at St. George's.

- Two much smaller **Welcome / Bienvenue signs** using the same colours in reverse (white background, blue lettering) were placed on easels at the Stanley Street and Avenue des Canadiens-de-Montréal entrances on **July 30**. The wording was taken from a bilingual sign at St. Patrick's Basilica. It seems they have temporarily been removed pending the choice of a less cumbersome support system. A detailed account of our exploration of signs at 7 downtown churches was sent to Fr. Mackison.

- An article for the *Georgian View* on the dramatic development of St. George's environs appeared in the Fall to explain the reasons for all these initiatives.

There is very clearly a need to update each element of St. George's communications. Christ Church Cathedral and St. Jax have excellent bilingual websites, and the Cathedral also has a QR Code. The information on the signs facing Stanley Street and Peel Street is out of date; they are badly faded and contain very little French. We have requested the inclusion of the French-language Mission Statement wherever the English-language version is used. Many elements of the Sunday bulletin could be translated; the Nicene Creed, for instance, would be a good place to start.

Respectfully submitted,
Hélène Gagné.

Community Ministry

I am pleased to write the Community Ministry's Second report for Vestry of St. George's

St-George's has controlled the growth of this ministry so as to not be a bubble that burst quickly; but a strong and stable institution that blossoms slowly and steadily.

The services we not offer at St-George's, for our daily drop-in center, have expanded on last year's and so have the amount of guests we have been able to help. It brings me great pleasure to announce the services that we currently offer to the poor and the homeless of the downtown core of Montreal:

- When the parish hall is not rented the physical space is used as a drop-in center for people to come and find an oasis for the body and soul.
- We offer tea and coffee with toast (peanut butter, jam or margarine) every morning.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays we offer a real home cooked meal, with dessert, tea and coffee.
- Every other day of the week we offer delicious soup and some cake.
- One Saturday each month we gather with multi-faith partners as a group called Civitas^x. This group, founded by St. George's and Peace Initiatives Canada, gathers an average of 30 volunteers to make more than 150 meals to the streets, which are given out in teams at each of the 5 Metro corridors in the downtown core.
- At all times we also offer frozen 2go containers, which are also home cooked meals.

The Community Ministry counts bellies filled and not meals served. This distinction and precision must be made clear; we do not count second or third servings. When the needy come to our doors for food we make sure they leave with a full belly!

Our community meals attract anywhere from 60-80 people every Tuesday and Thursday (we have more than doubled from the previous year), and turn out always increases the furthest we are from the 1st of the month (government check day). Daily, for soup, we hover around 50 people. More than 100000 bellies were filled in 2017!

I would like to close by announcing to Vestry our initiatives for fiscal 2018:

We have received a substantial grant that will provide us with the means to pay for additional staff. In the short term we need staff to run the operations of the kitchen to keep up with our weekly production needs. The long term vision is for an additional staff person to get us government grants as well as volunteers; to be our emissary off site and help with the continued strategic growth and continued operations of St-George's Community Ministry.

Transitioning from a staff-doing operation to a staff-leading-volunteers operation is the primary goal for the future. The other half of this grant must go towards infrastructure needs of our ministry. With these funds we will be addressing three things: Security, Kitchen and Washrooms. For our security needs we will be installing cameras throughout the St-George's Parish Hall.

As for our Kitchen, we will be tearing down half of the kitchen and replacing it with a proper industrial strength kitchen. Our washroom will be re-done so as to better balance the needs of all of St-George's guests, rentals, tourists and parishioners.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have come to our Thursday community meals to help volunteer. I have thanked you all personally and wish to take this opportunity again to thank you all! You make this possible. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Karl M. Borntraeger
Verger and Community Ministry Coordinator

Pastoral Ministry Report 2017

In reaching out to our parishioners who may be missing from church for a two-week period, this committee has been put in place to notice that you are missing and we make every effort to make contact with you, to determine why you are not with us and how we might help you should you have needs that are appropriate for us to help you with.

We make every effort to determine should it be an illness or death. A card is sent to our parishioners and if your absence is of a serious nature, we inform our rector, Steven Mackison who will call or visit with you. We at St. George's have always been a very close church family and we miss you when you are not with us and more than that, we care.

This committee was formed in early 2017 and we hope that we will not miss anyone who may need prayer or needs to speak with this committee or our rector Steven. Should anyone learn of any of our parishioners who may need a call or have another need, would you kindly let me know? Our committee members would love to pray with you and for you in your time of need and maintain contact with a follow-up call.

Please know that we are here for you.

Committee members at this time: Carol Lord, Evelyn Hadley, Jane Wigglesworth, Sylvia White.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia White
Committee Chair

Parish Family Breakfasts

This is my final report as co-chair of our parish breakfasts. It was about 10 years ago that I first got involved and it has been an honour and a pleasure to have helped organize them ever since. One of the nicest things about this responsibility is contacting potential speakers. I have found that they almost always agreed to speak and they really put their hearts into it. There is a core group of our parishioners who turn up for the breakfasts and, if you like pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages and great company, it is a wonderful event. After 10 years, I thought it was time to step down and I couldn't have been happier when Tony Hadley agreed last November to take over. His efforts to organize the breakfasts since then have really impressed me and have persuaded me that this was a really good move. I can't thank you enough Tony. Here is a list of our 2017 PM speakers:

2017 Speakers

Jan	Elizabeth Falco	Tyndale St. George's
Feb	David Chapman	The Open Door Mission
Mar	Shrove Tuesday	Pancake Breakfast
Apr	Karen Egan	Diocesan Theological College
May	Karl Borntraeger	Canoe Tripping Adventures
Jun	Tony Hadley	Photo Memories of a Trip
Sept	Sylvia White	Your Personal Treasures
Oct	Tony Hadley	Dealing with Cancer
Nov	Deborah Hinton	Walking the Labyrinth
Dec	Jonathan Cukier	Planning Your Estate

As always, we learn so much from our speakers. And when you think of it, you realize, like me, that not only do we learn things, we enjoy the time we spend with our co parishioners and we enjoy a delicious breakfast. Not a bad three-way combination! Listening to the speakers is part of our reaching out to the community which is an important part of our mission. But none of this would be possible without the help of some very special people. For most of the year, Nicole Biron and her son Karl were there to help with the set up and cooking the breakfast. Their commitment was essential to our success. We also need to thank Carole Kapelanski, our parish secretary, for doing such a great job in getting the word out to the parishioners about each upcoming breakfast. My sincere thanks to them and to all the others who help in the kitchen each breakfast.

As a final word, I would encourage more of you to join us once a month at these breakfasts. You would be more than welcome and would really enjoy it.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Burpee

Diocesan Synod Report 2017

Synod Conference 2017:

Your two delegates attended the 2017 Annual Synod Conference, held at Fulford Hall on June 17, 2017. The objective of the Synod was to address the business of the Diocese, to look at ways to build up the Kingdom of God and to discern the movement of the Spirit among us.

For the 2nd consecutive year, the Truth and Reconciliation Report concerning the treatment of the native people of Canada was the focus. Bishop Mary reflected on her personal experience and response to the report and was honoured to welcome the Rev. Canon Andrew Wesley as this year's guest speaker. Canon Wesley, an ordained Anglican priest, is a Cree from Fort Albany in Northern Ontario, who attended a residential school for 11 years. He now works with the homeless and the aboriginal community in the Diocese of Toronto's Urban Native Ministry.

In her charge, Bishop Mary also summarized the many changes that have transpired in the Diocese over the last year, various clergy members' transitions into new roles, parishes merging, buildings being sold and the ordination of new priests and deacons. Along with these changes are emerging fresh expressions of church given life throughout the Diocese, along with a successful church plant at St. Jax..

Among the bits of news about happenings in the Diocese, Bishop Mary noted a number of moves involving individuals who have served at St. George's in the past. The Ven. Ralph Leavitt has taken on the interim work at the Church of the Resurrection in Valois, The Ven. Bill Grey has stepped down as Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese, The Rev. Nick Pang has become team leader of the Laurentian Regional Ministry and the Rev. Josée Lemoine is now the priest at Trinity Church at Ste. Agathe. Of course, mention was made of the appointment of our priest, The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison as a Canon of the Cathedral and also as Liturgical Officer for the Diocese.

In the business part of the day, it was noted that three Church properties had been sold during the year, Trinity Memorial NDG, St. Paul's Lachine and St. Stephen's Westmount. Ron O'Connell, a member of our parish, was re-elected as Diocesan Treasurer. He presented the financial results for 2016. There have been increased losses over the past 5 years with 2016 showing a Loss from Operations of \$612K. This was followed by the budget for 2018 which shows a loss of 189K, after taking into account \$500K in gains from the sale of churches.

All in all, it was a most interesting day for your two delegates.

Respectively submitted,
Archibald Robertson and Tom Burpee

Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre

As always, I thank my fellow parishioners and the Corporation of St. George's Church for their on-going, generous financial support for the Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre. Our mission is to empower the community of Little Burgundy by offering programs designed to promote self-reliance, mutual aid and fulfillment through education, cultural, social, employment and recreational programs, providing individuals and families with encouragement, tools, opportunities and support.

The Centre values the strengths of each member of its community and provides a safe and inclusive environment for them to grow, learn, and connect with others. Every day, program participants, from the early years right through to adulthood walk into the Center knowing that there is support and a helping hand to join them as they navigate the challenges and opportunities of life.

From Statistics Canada, you might be interested to learn that;

- One in seven Canadian children live in poverty
- There are 478 low-income neighborhoods in Canada
- 36% of these are in Montreal

Little Burgundy is just a 15-minute walk from our church. Its boundaries are Guy Street on the east, Atwater on the west, St. Antoine on the north and the Lachine Canal on the south. The demographics of the area are;

- A population of over 10,000
- 37% are recent immigrants
- 2/3 of the children and youth live below the poverty line
- Highest concentration of low-income housing in Quebec
- 40% of families are headed by a single parent
- 32% of students drop out before finishing high school

To learn more about our programs, I encourage you to look at our web-site at www.tyndalestgeorges.com/

We have a new Executive Director, Chris Lockhart, who will be giving a talk at our Parish Breakfast on March 10th.

Respectfully submitted:
Ron O'Connell

PARISH PERSONNEL - 2017

STAFF & APPOINTED OFFICERS

Rector	The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Josée Lemoine, until May
Rector's Warden	Sylvia White
Rector's Deputy Warden	Robert Taylor
Treasurer	Nicole Biron
Envelope Secretary	Nicole Biron
Organist	Philip Crozier
Choir Director	Jean-Sébastien Allaire
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Elodie Lambert
Head Server	Patrick Burrowes
Administrative Assistant	Carole Kapelanski
Bookkeeper	Janis Walsh until September
	Marguerite Borntraeger from September
Verger/Rentals/Community Ministry Coordinator	Karl Borntraeger
Outreach	Marguerite Borntraeger from November
Parish Helper	Robert Chubb – until November

ELECTED OFFICERS:

People's Warden	Ivan Harding
People's Deputy Wardens	Deborah Swann Hinton
Lay Synod Delegates	Tom Burpee & Archibald Robertson
Alternate	Tony Hadley

ELECTED CHURCH COUNCIL

Patricia Bryan, Tom Burpee, Patrick Burrowes, Joan Chapman, Cydette Daley, Thea Drummond, Carole Gabellini, Tony Hadley, Tom Lake, Royal Leduc, Noëlise Lewis, Eric Painter, Archibald Robertson, Ian Scott, Sylvia White

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Altar Guild	Marleen O'Connell
Flowers	Tracy Davidson
Robes	Marleen O'Connell
Bible Studies	The Rev. Josée Lemoine, until May
Boutique St-Georges	Sylvia White
Buildings and Grounds	Karl Borntraeger
Parish Council	The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison
"Georgian View"	Muriel Eaton
The Guild	Sylvia White
Music Committee	David Wigglesworth
Parish Breakfasts	Tony Hadley
Readers and Intercessors	The Office
Greeters	Tony Hadley