

St George's Lowville

Notes to Parish October 26, 2017

Talk to us

Communication is a two way street. We want to hear from you. Please share your thoughts, ideas, concerns or requests for prayer with us, by contacting the office or the priest (as appropriate) via email, telephone or in person. **There are a few areas where we are specifically seeking your input or feedback. They are marked in red in the notes below.** We can be reached as follows:

Nigel, Jan or Petra at the church office: stgeorgesmlton@gmail.com / 905-878-1112

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Bazaar

The Mistletoe Bazaar will be held on November 18th from 9 am to 2 pm, Our Elves are busy making fantastic crafts and Christmas Urns. Home baking and other food items will be available – try our pickles and Jams!

While you shop, rest a while in our Café, and enjoy a morning snack of muffins and a drink, or lunch – Turkey a la King or Chili on a bun. Please come and tell or bring your friends. **A poster for the Bazaar is available for downloading on our Home page; please display it wherever you can**

Worship

Upcoming Worship services

- October 29 Reformation Sunday
- November 5 All Saints
- November 12 Remembrance Day
- November 26 Reign of Christ

Advent and Christmas services:

- December 3, Advent 1 - Advent Lessons and Carols
- December 10, Advent 2 – a special presentation by Michael Mount Pleasant, fulfilling out promise to the Bishop at Vestry to conduct an Aboriginal education session in 2017
- December 17, Advent 3 – Christmas Lessons and Carols / Baptism
- December 24th at 9:30 am, Advent 4 – Choral Matins
- December 24th at 4:30 pm, Christmas Eve – family Eucharist
- December 24th at 7:30 pm, Christmas Eve – Candlelight Eucharist
- December 25th at 9:30 am, Christmas Day – Eucharist
- December 31 at 9:30 am, New Year's Eve – Eucharist

Followers of the Celtic Way

Our Saturday afternoon (5pm) service continues. Our advertising (Scottish festival, emails, etc) has not brought any people; some parishioners attend to help; some invitees have come; general feedback from attendees is positive; our website now active: www.celticwayfollowers.ca and we hope to be able to use Social Media to boost attendance. **Feedback on the website or our Facebook page (@celticwayfollowers) is welcome.** Please Like us on Facebook, leave reviews on our website

and FB page and, most importantly, invite anyone you know who might be interested – or better yet, bring them to one of our services.

Our Building and Land

If you become aware of any items requiring maintenance, please notify the church office (905-878-1112 or stgeorgesmlton@gmail.com)

Have you seen the new floor in the Church yet? It looks fantastic.

The parking lot will be paved during the week of November 13 to 17 and we will not be able to park or drive on it during that time. We extend our grateful thanks to the family of the late Claude Twiss, who are donating this in memory of Claude, Francis and Douglas.

The final ash tree in the cemetery will be removed this fall. The parish has decided to wait until next year to plant replacement trees. **Several people have already shown interest in sponsoring a tree singly or as a group, in memory of their loved ones. If you would like more information, as it becomes available, please advise the office staff.**

Finances

The situation is basically the same as last month. Our income from collection is still down, and we are still showing expenses exceeding income. However, on the brighter side, our deficit is less than budgeted, due to increased rental income and cost control. But it is still a deficit and we need to increase income.

Meeting with Bishop Michael

Corporation met recently with Bishop Michael and Christyn Perkons, the Diocesan Director of Congregational Support to discuss how we and the diocese should plan the future of the parish and the use of our site by the diocese. Christyn suggested that an exploratory meeting should be held to discover whether the parish wants to consider the possibility of new directions as a way of enhancing our viability. We believe that this should be a partnership between St Georges and the Diocese. Nigel agreed to invite a group of parishioners of different backgrounds (age, length of time at St George's ...) to an exploratory meeting with Christyn and a couple of other diocesan representatives. This meeting is scheduled for November 9th. Stay Tuned for more information on this topic.

Adult Education

Nigel will run a single afternoon session on Thursday November 30th "Introduction to Mark's Gospel". Most of our Gospel Readings during 2018 will be from Mark's Gospel.

Our Christmas Project

We would like to help those less fortunate than us this Christmas. Ideally we are looking to help a Halton organization that doesn't get a lot of other help. We would be happy to partner with another church or organization. Our help could be to collect food, clothing, school supplies, etc or to provide monetary help. **We welcome our recommendations for our Christmas Project. Please contact the office, as soon as possible, if you have any suggestions for us.**

Escarpment Church

Since attendance has been low, we have decided to discontinue this program.

Contemplative Group

Since many members of this group are also interested in attending the Celtic Service, the group has agreed to meet on Saturdays instead of Sundays, the next meeting is at 2 pm on Saturday November 4th.

Dinner at Brydens.

A couple of weeks ago about 25 of us gathered for a wonderful evening at Brydens. Since we had more people than expected, we had to scramble to join tables together – which was a wonderful problem to have!! At that time, several people suggested that we should do it again. So we will. We have booked the Fireside room at Brydens for Thursday December 7th and I hope you will be able to join us. **If you are coming please respond to the office, so that we have enough places set up this time.**