

St George's Lowville

Notes to Parish, December 7, 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. We can be reached as follows:

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

Jan at jsavory2010@gmail.com / 905-335-8982 / 289-828-1232

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Worship

We hope you can join us for our Advent and Christmas services. For details, [click here](#)

If you would like to donate towards flowers in the sanctuary over Christmas, either in memory of a loved one, or as a thank offering, please complete an envelope (in the narthex) or send a cheque to the office with details.

The next meeting of the Contemplative group will be on Sunday January 28th at 2 pm. Our Celtic services continue on Saturdays at 5 pm. The attendance is small but the music has been outstanding. Please spread the word about this ministry!

Christmas (and ongoing) Project

We will be collecting to help a Syrian refugee family living in Milton, father (Michael), mother (Talar), daughter (Marita, aged 9) and son (Abraham, aged 7 months). They are living in a basement apartment and are very grateful for our offer to help. They have been able to buy warm jackets and snowsuits for the children, but the parents still need warm jackets (men's large, woman's' medium) and they need bedding. We already have one offer of bedding. Apart from that, the best help would be gift cards, preferably Walmart, where they can buy what they need, while retaining their dignity. Michael was very concerned that, in asking for bedding and warm coats they were asking for too much!!

Gift's for this family should be brought to the Church by December 17th, after which we will arrange for them to be delivered to Michael, Talar, Marita and Abraham.

It is our sincere hope that you, the generous people at St. George's, will see this not just as a Christmas project, but as an ongoing ministry where we show the face of Christ to this family. Blessing for all you do.

Vestry

Our annual vestry meeting will be held on February 11, 2018 after morning worship. All submissions for the Vestry Report must be sent to the office by January 14th, and the report will be available in the narthex on January 28th.

Several parish position become vacant at this time and we are looking for volunteers to fill them. These include: Deputy Rector's Warden, Cemetery Board Member, Prayer Chain Leader, Worship Minister

Coordinator. If you are interested in finding more about any of these positions, contact Jan, who can send you position descriptions. Please consider whether you can participate in one or more of the ministries such as Reader, Prayer leader, Chalice bearer; it is important to the style of worship in our parish to have many and varied voices leading the liturgy. Additionally, our Lay Delegate to Synod (Peter Mercer) does not wish to stand for re-election; we must elect a new lay delegate at our parish meeting on January 14 in order to meet the deadline notify the Diocese in time for the election of the new Bishop.

Christmas Concert – A Child’s Christmas in Wales (by Dylan Thomas) and other readings and music

St George’s, in conjunction with the Lowville Festival, are presenting a selection of Christmas stories and songs on December 17th at 7 pm. Tickets (\$25) can be bought at *A different Drummer* Books in Burlington or online at [Snapd](#). We have a few tickets available at the church.

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)

Paving of the Parking Lot is complete. We are grateful to the family of the late Claude Twiss, for this gift in memory of Claude, Frances, and Douglas.

Finances

The gap between operating income and operating expenses continues to widen as givings from parishioners lags further behind what was budgeted. A generous donation from the bazaar takings by the ACW will help alleviate this budgetary short fall, but we ask parishioners who are able to consider whether they wish to donate further.

Pew cushions

For those who find our pews uncomfortable – we have purchased a dozen cushions which will be left at the back of the church. If you need one, please help yourself on the way into church and return it when you leave