

The Bellringer



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SOME THINGS NEW TO COME!

It's time for *The Bellringer* to enter the electronic age! This issue will be hand-delivered the same as always. But, in the fall, we hope to have *The Bellringer* put on St. George's website. All parishioners with email addresses will then be informed that it is there on the website, ready for you to read. All those parishioners without computers, and anyone else who would prefer it, will still receive their *Bellringers* in hard copy which will be delivered as usual. Over the next three months, our list of email addresses will be completed. If you have email but do not wish to receive *The Bellringer* electronically (i.e., through the website) please let us know by phoning the church office (222-1942) or the editor (Liz at 222-1610).

The second 'something new' concerns the format of *The Bellringer*. Probably the biggest change that you will notice is less pictures and drawings, etc. The hope is to make *The Bellringer* more compact to save on paper and, therefore, to be 'greener.' However, this doesn't mean that your news items are now unnecessary – we need them just as much as before!

Please let us know what you think of our 'some things new.' After all, *The Bellringer* is your newsletter, and we try to please.

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Vera Sherman*

Dan Thagard

REGULAR SERVICES

SUNDAY
MONDAY

10:30 AM
10:30 AM
7:00 PM

HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY SCHOOL
HOLY EUCHARIST

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EDITOR: Elizabeth Beazley (222-1610)

The Feast of the Resurrection 2009

This will be my last Easter message to you, since my three years at St. George's will be completed at the end of June when Helen assumes full time responsibilities as your incumbent. In our discussions early on, it was apparent that many were concerned that the parish was dwindling and would not survive the lives of those who had served over the years 'through the burden and heat of the day'. There was a deep longing for the faith that had informed the life of the congregation to be passed to a new generation. There was also a sense of pain that the style and time of worship, which had sustained us over the years, no longer seemed to appeal to those people. One suggestion I offered was that among the gifts you had to offer was a building and a staff person. When I left, why not search for a priest who could plant a new church. Set them free to do that work with your support and let a new flowering of the faith take place among a new group of people. There were those who set to prayer around this matter, that we would be led in discernment of God's will and purposes for the future.

At that point we had no idea that God was sending us Helen Manfield to do her Diaconal training with us and who would be just the kind of person we were looking for in such a role. It is fascinating to see how the various shifts in time and allocations of staff placements have made it possible for us to move forward to this point. While I will be sorry to leave the parish, it is comforting to have this new ministry in place and to see the promise it holds coming to birth. I hope I'm not being overly dramatic in saying that I think I know how Moses felt when he could see the promised land but knew he would not be able to go there with the people who would move on with new leadership. The road ahead has plenty of pitfalls and struggles but that is the nature of a community of faith, which takes its ministry in Christ seriously. Nothing ventured, nothing gained, or as Jesus put it, the one who seeks to save their life will lose it but the one who gives up their life for my sake and the gospel will save it to eternal life.

Surely this demonstrates for us the power of Jesus' resurrection. God surprises us with new life in ways we cannot ask or imagine. No one would have guessed in the midst of Good Friday's pain, that the resurrection reversal was so near, so powerful, and so disruptive. Lives, plans and understandings were turned on their head. Nothing would ever be the same again. May it be so for you.

Bob

Meet the New 'Vicar', Rev. Helen Manfield

As it seems I am going to be around for a while I guess you should get to know a bit more about me, who I am and where I come from.

I was born in a town called Nuneaton in Warwickshire. Nuneaton began as a Saxon farmstead (ton), by the water (ea) - the River Anker runs through it. By the time of the Domesday Book (1086) it had grown into a fairly large village. In the middle of the twelfth century the Lord of the Manor gave the village to a French abbey. They built a priory for Benedictine nuns there. The nuns, of course, gave Nuneaton its modern name. In the late twelfth century Nuneaton grew into a town. In 1539 Henry VIII closed the convent, which had given the town its name. By the seventeenth century the population of Nuneaton had risen to about 2,000, with a diverse industry, from silk ribbon weaving, iron working, brick and tile making to coal mining. The railway arrived in 1847, which again boosted population and industry. Nuneaton suffered badly from German bombing raids in the years 1941-42, and 131 people were killed. My Grandma opened her curtains one morning after a troubled night to find an un-exploded bomb in her front garden. She took her cup of tea with her as she left, so the story goes. The closest thing to a 'claim to fame' that Nuneaton has is the writer George Eliot, 1819-1880; her real name was Mary Ann Evans. She was born in Chilvers Coton, which was then just outside Nuneaton. Chilvers Coton is now an area of Nuneaton. In 1948 a hospital was named after her. It is where I was born, as were my two brothers, and where my Mum died in 2000. A statue of George Eliot was placed in the town centre in 1989, where the market happens every Saturday to this day.



I met Mick when I was 22; I was working as an ambulance driver/attendant with Coventry Ambulance Service, getting ready to do my paramedic training. Mick's Auntie also worked there; we are good friends and she introduced me to her nephew one evening. Two months later, Mick and I were married in Alton Registry Office in the south of England. Mick was a soldier with the British Forces, Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers, based in Bordon in the south of England. I moved there two weeks after we were married; I had to give notice at work! After a year in Bordon, he was posted to Paderborn, Germany. I had both of the children in Germany, Stephanie in BMH Iserlohn, and Jack in BMH Rinteln. Because they were both

born in British Military Hospitals they were considered British citizens – no citizenship problems there.

After having five years in Germany we were hoping to get a posting to Canada; Medicine Hat, AB, has a British Army training ground there. Because of a very small technicality we were posted back to Deepcut, England. There we began the process of emigrating. The process took us nearly two years, with applications, assessments, medicals, interviews and screenings of all kinds. We had an opportunity to send all of our furniture across to Canada for the grand total of a 'two-four' of beer. Army trucks came over to Canada by boat every October for the next year's training session. We just put all of our belongings in the back of a truck, which was on that boat, and waved it good bye. We did not have our visa at that point but saw an opportunity we couldn't pass up. Our visa arrived in January and we arrived in Calgary after an Army flight (that cost us \$100 each) on 10th April 1999, to find snow on the ground! We rented a U-Haul, picked up all of our belongings from the Army base in Calgary and headed to Winnipeg. Our first 'home' was on Gunn Road in Transcona! We stayed at a bed and breakfast there, which we found in an immigration newspaper. We then rented in St. Vital, and Mick had to go back to England; he did not leave the Army until August, so he left me and the kids to figure out this new country. I began the house hunt and bought the house in St. Andrews we still live in. We moved in 1st July 1999; Mick banked holiday time and was there to move in with us. He began the job hunt and got a job with New Flyer. He began on 24th August '99; he officially left the Army on 22nd August '99, and so loves to tell people that I let him have one day off! He worked at New Flyer for seven years and would drive the old New Flyer buses in the 'Hi Neighbour' Parade, and also in the Santa Parade. He now works as the Quality Manager for a company in Selkirk which make grader blades for CAT.

During this time, I was working with Youth for Christ in Winnipeg, and then became the director for the Selkirk Drop-In Centre. I was with YFC for nearly five years. That is where I began taking courses in theology at university. After YFC, I worked for Marymount as a youth care worker and continued my education. As some of you may know I graduated and was ordained on the same day. That was a good day! Now I am here!

For our family, Winnipeg is now home; our traveling days are done. We love it here and think that Winnipeg is a diamond in the rough of Canada. I miss England much more than Mick does; I miss family lots. I have nieces and nephews who have never met their Auntie Helen, and that weighs heavy at times. This makes our visits and holidays together all the sweeter when they do happen.

I can't tell you how pleased I am to be the Incumbent of St George's; it will not be a smooth ride - life never is - but it will be a fun one. We will share laughter and tears, joys and disappointments; there will be times when I exceed your expectations and times when I fail you miserably. I pray that grace, forgiveness and love are the hallmarks of our relationship together.

Blessings
Helen

VISION 2019: Your turn to tell your story

By Ali Symons, General Synod Web Writer

Now it's your turn. It's your turn to tell the leaders and the planners of the Anglican Church of Canada what you want your church to be.

This Vision 2019 – a church-wide survey, a kind of virtual listening tour where every Canadian Anglican's voice will be heard, and, we promise, listened to and appreciated. You – Canadian Anglicans – are invited to discern, dream, and decide where you think God calls your church to be in 2019. What road must we travel to get there?

From coast to coast to coast, you are all invited to chime in on a two-part question, "Where is your church now, and where do you think the Anglican Church of Canada should be in 2019?" Think big and be creative. Responses can be sent as videos, letters, or even voicemail.

This second part of Vision 2019 is called "Tell us your story." What does the church mean to you? What does it mean to be part of it? How does the Anglican Church meet your spiritual needs and where does it fall short? When things seem wrong, how can they be changed? Where they are good, how can they be made even better, livelier, more responsive to living God's will? From now until October 1st, Canadian Anglicans can submit their thoughts to the national office. The results will be analyzed and presented at General synod 2010.

The project was launched February 4th with the release of a downloadable mission study called "Engaging God's Mission." The six-session study is organized around the five Marks of Mission, mission priorities used widely throughout the Anglican Communion. Each session includes scripture, a theological reflection, discussion questions, and a story from an Anglican partner.

You are invited to use the Five Marks of Mission and the mission study as a launching pad. As well, you may be inspired by a collection of video stories that share how General Synod's work lives out the Five Marks of Mission.

The possibilities for your participation in Vision 2019 are endless. We want to hear about your community, your local church, your theology, your worship, your passions, your dreams, your nightmares. Think big about the Anglican Church of Canada: Where do you think God wants it to be?

You are invited to reflect, to work and to speak. This is our promise to you: You will be heard.

Archbishop Fred Hiltz, the Primate, has said that "Vision 2019 is an opportunity to say, 'here's what I think our church needs to be about.'" Let's hear from you – in whatever way you wish to talk to us.

**For more information, email the Vision 2019 team at
vision2019@national.anglican.ca**

We Need Your Help!!!

The **A.C.W.** has undertaken a project to honour past members of the Women's Auxiliary, as it was formerly known, and the Anglican Church Women as it is now known.

We are particularly interested in ladies who have been presented with life memberships. We do have several names, but we don't want to miss anybody.

We are hoping to prepare a display of the Life Membership Pin, and other pins, along with the names of those long-term members who have earned that distinction. We welcome any suggestions toward the completion of our project. There is a lot of interesting information in the history of our A.C.W. We just need to "dig it up."

So . . . if you or your mom or grandmother or someone you know was a member, we would love to hear from you. We would like stories, pictures (which we will return after making copies) or other items of interest.

Anything you are willing to share with us can be left at the church office, attention to the A.C.W.

For any more information, I can be reached at home (222-2912).

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Gwen Hoare, Pres. A.C.W.

More A.C.W. News

The A.C.W. will be having a speaker at their next meeting. On Wednesday, April 15th, a speaker from Healthy Living will give the A.C.W. ladies a talk on "Ten Healthy Habits." We invite you all to join us to hear her. Refreshments will follow the presentation. The meeting will begin at 1:30 in the church.

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Parish Milestones

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| Baptisms | Alexander Thomas Garret Buxton |
| In Memoriam | William John Lyons Kathleen Parker Elizabeth Fuller |

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

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We, of St. George's, are a family of Christ.

We desire to live our faith through joyful worship by providing Christian nurture for all ages and by enabling each person to participate actively in our life together.

We seek to encourage that way of life in others through ministries of witness, education, outreach and service in the wider community.

Garden Centre 2009

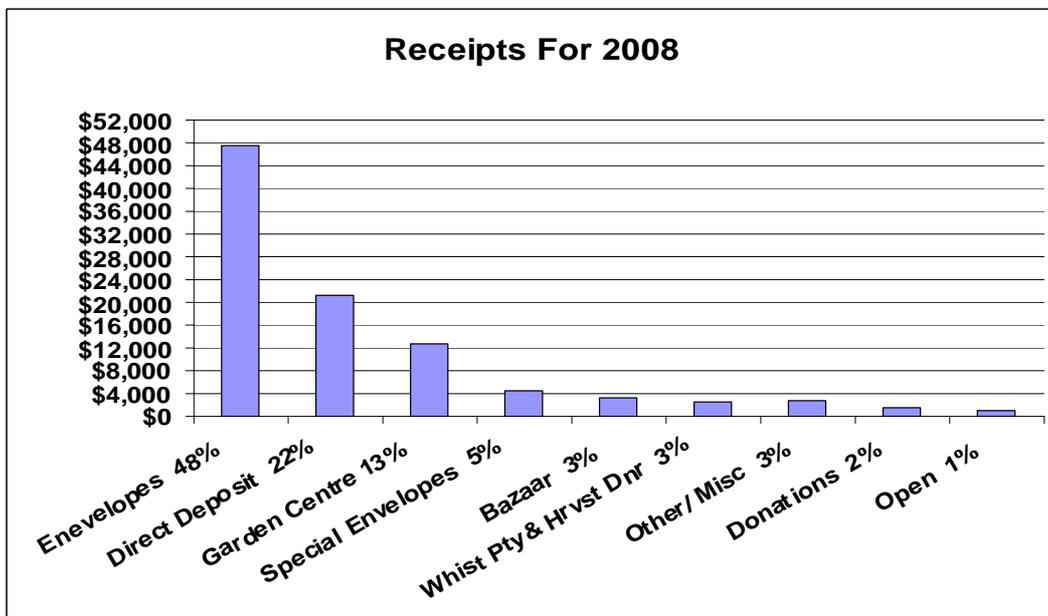


As I sit here this morning seven days into the season of spring and look out the window at the latest snow fall, I look with anticipation for warmer weather and the beauty that spring brings. With that comes our major fund raising project of the year for our parish, the Garden Centre.

To date the site at Brewster and Regent has been booked. Thanks to Rancho Realty Management for keeping the rent the same for the past three years and allowing us the use of this location for our Garden Centre. The application has been submitted to Service Canada, Canada Summer Jobs 2009 for funding for a summer student for eight weeks. We need you to remember this in your prayers as I am not sure how we would continue to function and keep this project operational. One thing for sure we would not be able to raise the funds we presently do which contribute to the mission of our church in the community.

Our plans are to set up on Tuesday & Wednesday April 28th and 29th with an opening date of Saturday, May 2nd. If one is wondering this is the window of time that the volunteer mover of our greenhouse material has available to transport the material to the site for setup. So mark these dates on your calendar and come and give us a hand. Many hands will ensure this part of the project goes quickly and smoothly.

We are planning on having bagels and coffee on Sunday April 19th after church. So hope to see you there, and with your prayers and support people will sign up for shifts at the Garden Centre. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**, just come and help out. Our combined effort will again make this project a success.



As previously mentioned this project is a major contributor to the operation of our parish. It contributes **13%** of total funds (**\$106,472**) needed for the operation of our parish and mission in the community. I have included a chart above to give you an idea where all

funding comes from for the yearly operation of our parish. I am hoping that you will find it in your heart and come out and help out this year. We have many tasks that are not physical in nature and some even allow you to sit and help out. I announced at the BBQ windup last year that 2009 would be my last year for coordinating the Garden Centre. The Vestry will be looking or someone to step forward to manage this major fund raising project. At this time we are still looking for someone to step forward and work with me this year to see how thing are coordinated for this project. Actually a couple of individuals or a group could share responsibilities for this project.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Abel,
Garden Centre Coordinator



**Open 7 days
a week**

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Hours:
Mon – Fri:
10 -7.30*
Sat – Sun:
8:30 – 6.00*

*weather & volunteer
support permitting

Bagged Soil Bedding Plants
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Vegetables and Seeds

Here and There

It seems ridiculous to be talking about the **Christmas Bazaar** before even Easter is over! But we just want to remind you to think of the bazaar over the summer and do a little crafting while you sit in the sun or save us a few jars of that jam you made with fresh-picked blueberries. We need ideas, too, which can be relayed to the bazaar coordinator, Norma, at 661-6008. The bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 14th.

Park Manor Services are held on the second Wednesday of each month. They begin at 2:00 pm and last approximately an hour. We need **ANYONE** who can sing! If you can help, please call the rector at 222-1942.

If you have special **prayer needs** and would like them included in the prayer circle, please call Penny at 853-2006.

The **Shut-in Committee** is asking members of the congregation to please notify the church office if you become aware that a church family member needs a visit.

The **Transcona Food Bank** is always in need of non-perishable food contributions (and cash donations are always welcome, too). Contributions may be left at the back of the church in the basket marked Food Bank. As you know, food prices are on the rise, and given the present economic climate, your contribution will help to make a big difference to the disadvantaged in our community. The Food Bank operates on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

Garden Centre News

***Lots of volunteers are needed for the success of the Garden Centre!
Even if you can only manage an hour or two, we need you!***

***On Sunday, April 19th, there will be a bagel lunch after church and
a Garden Centre meeting where operations will be discussed
and volunteers can sign up.***

ST. GEORGE'S BRIDGE AND WHIST LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD AT 11:30

TICKETS: \$12.00

COME ON OUT FOR GOOD FOOD, GOOD GAMES, GOOD PRIZES!!!

Sign-up sheets for food donations are posted on the bulletin board.
Donations of prizes valued at \$5.00 - \$15.00 would be greatly appreciated.
For tickets and to reserve tables: Charlotte at 222-9205 or Barb at 256-2304.

St. George's Children's Church and Youth Ministry

Wonderful News from the children's church youth ministry team at St. George's. This summer we are happy to offer children's church throughout the summer so that any child who would like to learn more about the wonders of a close living relationship with God can.

Also, St. George's and Transcona Memorial United Church have again decided to go forward with a joint Vacation Bible School for the week of July 13th to 17th. It will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with no charge to the participants. The program is geared for children entering kindergarten to finishing grade six, approximately ages 4 to 13. Last year over 30 children enjoyed a chance to learn and play closer to God under the direction of a wonderful crew of volunteers. We will again be looking for volunteers for kitchen, crafts, games, so come out and offer your talents to shine before the children in our community. Any help would be appreciated. Half day or whole, one day or two, there is always something someone can do. Many hands make light work. If you are able to help, please get in touch with Vicky Taylor, Rowena Slater or Helen.

Coming Events

Holy Week

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| April 5 | Palm Sunday | 10:30 am | Palm Sunday Eucharist |
| April 6 | Monday | 7:00 pm | Eucharist |
| April 7 | Tuesday | 7:00 pm | 'Slavery to Freedom' |
| April 8 | Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Closing of Lenten Series and Movie |
| April 9 | Maundy Thursday | 7:00 pm | Tenebrae Service |
| April 10 | Good Friday | 10:30 am | Good Friday Devotions |
| April 12 | Easter Sunday | 6:30 am | Easter Vigil with Breakfast to follow |
| | | 10:30 am | Easter Eucharist |
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| April 18 | Saturday | 9:00 am | Men's Breakfast |
| April 23 | Thursday | 11:30 am | Bridge and Whist Lunch |
| May 2 | Saturday | | Garden Centre Opening |
| July 13-17 | Monday-Friday | 9:00 am-3:00 pm | Vacation Bible School |

From the Editor

A tip of the hat and many thanks to all who helped in any and all ways in the production and distribution of this issue of *The Bellringer!!!* Please let us know what you think of the new format. And a special thanks to Pat for her skills!

Now that the worst of the winter is over (we hope!) we look forward to spring and summer. But let us keep in our prayers all those who are threatened by flooding.

To one and all, a Joyous and Blessed Easter!



ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN PARISH

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

| GROUP/COMMITTEE | CONTACT PERSON | PHONE |
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| Adult Education | Rev. Canon Bob Webster | |
| Advertising | Pat Allan | |
| Altar Guild | Anne Leibl | |
| Anglican Church Women | Gwen Hoare | |
| Collection Count | Peggy Rentz | |
| Communications | Alison Ward-Westervelt | |
| Ecumenism | Elizabeth Beazley | |
| Food Bank | Doug & Florence Madden | |
| Flowers (Altar) & Hymnals | Maureen Duncan | 222-1942 |
| Funeral Ministry | Rev. Canon Bob Webster | 222-1942 |
| | Charlotte Wells | |
| Healing | Rev. Canon Bob Webster | 222-1942 |
| Memorial Fund/Board | Dan Thagard | |
| Men's Group | Dan Thagard | |
| Newly Baptized | Barbara Gustafson | |
| Parish Newsletter (<i>Bellringer</i>) | Elizabeth Beazley | |
| Phoning | Alice Stewart | |
| Plant Stand | Dave Abel | |
| Prayer Circle | Penny Single | |
| Property & Maintenance | Dave Abel | |
| Servers | Rev. Canon Bob Webster | 222-1942 |
| Shut-in Visiting | Claudine Thagard | |
| Sidespersons & Welcoming | Gerald Hillier | |
| Social Events/Parish Activities | Charlotte Wells | |
| | Elizabeth Beazley | |
| Stewardship | Dave Abel | |
| Sunday School | Vicky Taylor | |
| Web Page | Kirby Pearson | |
| Worship | Rev. Canon Bob Webster | |

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**Welcome to all newcomers to St. George's! If you are a newcomer
 and wish to be part of one or more of the groups listed above,
 please call the appropriate contact person or let one of the clergy know.**