

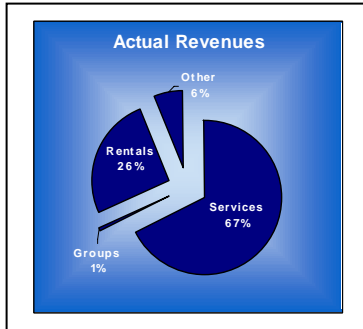
## WHAT DOES OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION LOOK LIKE

### Some Statistics

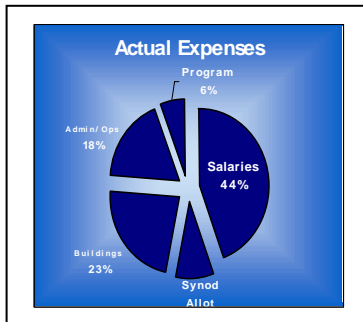
#### Revenues

The Wardens and Long Range Planning Comm have looked closely at what is required to meet our ministry and program goals.

The need to position ourselves for growth has certainly challenged St. George's financially. We now have the land necessary to move ahead but not the ministry programs that will take the church from potential to realization.



Building and money are the fixed resources that enable us to do the true task of the church, ministry. What is needed to take us to the next step is the dynamic resources of people and programs empowered by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, for St George's to be a spiritual home it needs a place to gather, the finances to develop and maintain that place and people to live in it. The building we have and can develop. The finances are there to keep it open but not much more. What we need is more committed, active, supportive individuals ready to serve God and their neighbour - people like the seventy sent out by Jesus who returned to celebrate what can be accomplished in the name of Jesus Christ.



So consider this . . . . . pray, participate and support . . . . . and include your spiritual home in your scheduled (automatic-debit) monthly payments.

Sometimes it is uncomfortable not to place something on the collection plate, if you chose this method of support we have prepared a card for you to use to replace the current envelope.

#### Services

##### Sunday

8:00 AM

Holy Communion BCP

9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist - BCP & BAS

10:30 AM

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Holy Eucharist BCP & BAS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Morning Prayer BCP

Sunday School (Sept to June)

##### Wednesday

10:30 AM

Holy Communion BCP

Summer Sundays

8:30 & 10:00 AM

#### Seasonal (fall) Services

Harvest Home

Thanksgiving

Remembrance Sunday

Advent Lessons & Carols

Christmas Memorial Service

Rector: The Reverend David Warren

Rector's Warden: Mark Kernen

People's Warden: Vicki Marentette

# St. George's Anglican Church

## Building for the Future

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#### *Mission:*

*To worship God in dynamic contemporary and traditional Anglican ways, caring for people and the community because of our commitment to Jesus Christ*

## What Does St. George's Mean to You?

### THE WORD FROM THE PEWS

We put this question to some of the parishioners at St. George's. Here is what they said.

"St. George's has been a comfortable, homey place of worship for many years. Our incumbent is a wonderful, charismatic individual. Every sermon (delivered without notes I might add) leaves you with food for thought - and a lesson learned."

Joyce

"I came to St. George's 39 years ago; it was time for my daughters to start Sunday School. I was happy to be in such a pretty little church but felt very much a stranger; wishing I knew someone to talk to. All of a sudden from the end of the pew an older lady came up to me and said, 'isn't it a lovely day, dear?' At that moment St. George's was the church for me. Thirty-nine years later I still feel I made the right decision."

Barb

"St. George's is my anchor - in worship, in fellowship and in involvement. Without my church family I'm sure I would be completely at sea."

Doris

"St. George's is a small, warm and comfortable church where new people are quickly made welcome. We have a dedicated organist and a good choir. There is always a little humour present at our services which keeps the congregation relaxed and attentive. The sermons are invariably thought-provoking. Like the City of Barrie; this is the place to be!"

Alfred

"The friendliest church I have been to. After a couple of weeks here you feel right at home. People care. The sermons are the greatest; they don't preach, they teach."

Joan

"St. George's is homey

John

## SOME QUICK FACTS AND FIGURES

### A Message from the Wardens

*In the coming year the St. George's family will be under-taking a number of fresh challenges to enhance our parish life. They will need support and active participation from all of us.*

*The Diocesan-sponsored study completed in 2002 reported on the potential and expectations for St. George's in the south Barrie community. Our challenges are exciting; our need for support and participation has increased.*

Our committee chairs are developing exciting "programs" for 2004. Some areas where they could use your help are listed below. Please contact a Chair directly or the office for more information.

- **Pastoral**: to provide spiritual, emotional and practical support; especially to the elderly, shut-ins, youth and others in need.
- **Property**: to ensure our church properties, health and safety programs, security meet our standards and prepared for expansion of our community
- **Worship**: to continue to hold our three Sunday services in both the traditional and contemporary format
- **Outreach**: to look for ways to expand our support programs and to evangelize within our ever and rapidly growing community
- **Communications**: to develop innovative and effective ways to expand the awareness of our St. George family in the community.

*Together we CAN make a difference as we work to satisfy the spiritual needs of our community.*

- The number of envelopes used to October 2003 was 142 (153 issued)
- 19 parishioners contribute monthly; 6 use direct deposit
- 25% of parishioners responded to the call to equalize weekly giving
- The average donation per envelope received per week is \$17.85

## WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR ST. GEORGE'S?

### Word From the Rector

**We have had 5 very good years**

*The list on the right helps us to recall those achievements. We thank God, first of all, for His blessings and challenges. We also thank those who volunteer their time and talents in so many dynamic ways. But your financial help has also made it possible to accomplish these things.*

**It is time to look 5 more years into the future.**

*We have a long range planning committee to help us look at opportunities in the community as well as at the resources and needs within our membership. The Diocesan Study has confirmed what we already knew . . . Barrie is growing. St. George's is part of God's plan to meet the spiritual needs of this growing population. Doing ministry today requires a level of sophistication that demands creativity, dedication and a consistent level of financial support.*

*We plan to be visibly present and active in our community and invite you to be part of this ministry. The movements in the Eucharist portray that very well. Our offering represents our entire life in Christ. With Him, we are offered, blessed, broken and given to the world in God's name. As always, and in His name, I invite you to be faithful and generous in supporting St. George's ministry. By God's grace,*

#### What have we accomplished?

- Added more services
- improved the mission and focus of committees
- Major repairs and improvements to buildings
- Manage properties to facilitate expansion
- Established the Memorial Gardens
- Develop a framework for Program-based ministry

#### What is ahead for us to do?

- Youth ministry
- Increase "program" spending
- Rebuild ministry to young families
- Incorporate new members
- Engage in evangelism to our neighbourhood
- Upgrade our facilities
- Hire a curate

Fr. David Warren