

MARCH 2023

# *Connecting with St. Andrew's*

## ST. ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Greetings,

Welcome to the new program year of the Church, and our first year of truly being one with St. Chad's Anglican Church. We look forward to several wonderful events and memorials to celebrate and commemorate that Parish, and our continuing together as one Parish.

As the year passes we will be dedicating a new stained glass window, a memorial chapel, and we will, together, be celebrating St. Chad's 60th Anniversary.

This year promises to be an exciting one and full of growth, surprise, and change—and not only for St. Andrew's. I am very much aware, as we continue to walk alongside the West Winnipeg Viability Group, and as I hear news from the local parishes, that this year will be a year of changes.

Finances and viability continue to be a struggle, with many parishes, including our own—but as we learned at the Annual Meeting, a parish in deficit is not always a dying parish. We at St. Andrew's have projected a deficit budget, as we did last year, yet we have also seen the Hall ministries host around 9000 people last year, and that doesn't even include Sunday services. St. Andrew's is a thriving and growing community, and I anticipate further growth in the coming year's ministry.

Our goal for the year is to expand ministry and outreach, to ensure that there are opportunities for spiritual growth, reconciliation, and parish involvement in the community. It is my hope that St. Andrew's will continue to grow and be a valuable and beneficial part of our community.

I am grateful and thankful for all the people involved in the many wonderful ministries at St. Andrew's. I look forward to a new year and exciting possibilities.

God bless our Parish and ministry,

Reverend Liz Richens

**Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Easter, and a warm and wonderful Spring**

**"The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land" - Songs of Solomon 2:12**

## ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Despite the cold, we had many parishioners join us for our Annual General Meeting on Friday, February 24th. The cold was soon forgotten as we gathered, and our evening began with the traditional ham and scalloped potato meal. The kitchen is always a bustling place during any St. Andrew's event. We are thankful for everyone who organized, cooked, served, and cleaned up our delicious meal.

The AGM is an important time to review the accomplishments achieved over the year. The file of reports shared a great deal of information regarding what the various committees and groups have been up to. We have been busy! Our financials were reviewed and the budget was presented and explained. Although it is hard facing a deficit budget, it was refreshing to hear Reverend Liz present a different way of viewing the Church and our impact on the community; "The numbers are not the only way to look at our parish finance. If you look at what those expenses represent, what they have funded in terms of ministry, outreach, and mission, then we get a fuller picture".

Congratulations to the following people who have agreed to take on new positions, or continue in existing ones at St. Andrew's: Shirley Bender (People's Warden), Susan Chadwick (Deputy Warden), Doreen Pattie (Vestry Clerk), Ken Wardle (Property Maintenance), and Catherine Atkin (Envelope Auditing Chair). Thank you to the following people who will serve on Vestry for 2023-24: Pam Green, Audrey Kelly, Elsie Kent, Betty Snugs, Lynne Spiring Whitten, and Terry Wilson. We also appreciate Anita Cox, Nina Logan, Laura Ryback, and Norma Pittman, who are serving as Synod Lay Delegates for the upcoming year.

The AGM is a time to say thank you to members who have given their time and talents to the betterment of the Church. A long overdue Annual Award was presented to Orvie Ellis. We have been blessed to have Rosemary Seekings, Sheila Keatch, Angeline Cara, and Lisa Churchward add their time and attention to our Vestry this past year, and thank them for everything they have done. Finally, our thanks goes to Lynne Tovell, who has worked so incredibly hard over the past three years as our Rector's Warden.

*Draw the Circle Wide*, one of our favourite hymns, was such an appropriate way to end our review of the work accomplished, celebrate our time together, and look forward to what is to come. We have much to be thankful for as we look ahead to another great year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Marlatt, Rector's Warden

## ANNUAL PARISH AWARD



This year's Annual Parish Award was given to Orvie Ellis. Orvie is a long-time parishioner of St. Andrew's. She has been active in numerous church activities since 1964, when her family moved to Winnipeg. Orvie was one of five leaders that established the Junior Auxiliary in 1964.

She was an active member of the Altar Guild for numerous years. She was my mentor when I was recruited for Altar Guild, and I have always looked to her for advice in everything St. Andrew's. She was encouraging, patient, and instilled in me a respectfulness for the duties performed by Altar Guild women. When Orvie retired from active Altar Guild duty she continued laundering and ironing linens on her rotation. She assisted with the sewing of the complete set of our blue hangings used yearly in the Church. This set includes many pieces—antependium, veil, choir offering pouches, burse, and bookmarks. Her handiwork is also seen in the form of the crosses that adorn the Altar cloth made by members of the Altar Guild.

Orvie was also an active member of the ACW and contributed and worked at the Parish Bazaar for many years. Many have enjoyed the baking and needlework pieces she donated. She is also a quilter and has had a hand in the many beautiful quilts that have been created for the Bazaar raffle over the years, by the Creekside Quilters.

Orvie was active in helping to put Christmas hampers together for many years. She was a parish phoner for different activities in the Church. She was also a member of "Friends of St. Andrew's" - a group that caters to funeral receptions, among other things. She would work the receptions and donate baking. Wherever Orvie was needed, she was willing to go. She worked quietly behind the scenes, going about her duties with no need for fanfare. She has been a valued member and asset of St. Andrew's for nearly 60 years.

This is a much-deserved recipient of our Annual Award—an award that is long overdue. Thank you Orvie for all you have contributed to St. Andrew's over the years. Your dedication, experience, calm manner, and the genuine care and concern you put into all that you do has contributed to making our Church a wonderful place to worship and carry out our faith-based ministries. Thank you!

Submitted by Shirley Bender

(Thank you to all who provided information for this article)

## ST. CHAD'S

### St. Chad's Memorial Chapel

St. Chad's history will be memorialized with the creation of the St. Chad's Memorial Chapel. The chapel will be in the church proper on the level between the Sanctuary and the basement lounge area. It is a quiet and reverent space to house the original altar from the Christian Centre chapel. It will also feature our Chapel cross, Acolytes Candles, donated in memory of Ted Wakeman, Bible, Prayer Shawl Wall Hanging, and Memorial Leaves. Additional items may be added once the altar is installed.

There will be a consecration service, date to be announced. Contact St. Chad's Rector's Warden, Lynne Spiring-Whitten, at 204-888-5512 or by email at [chadwarden@shaw.ca](mailto:chadwarden@shaw.ca).

### St. Chad's Moving Update

Our lease with Messiah Lutheran terminates April 30th. The final transfer of St. Chad's possessions will occur during the last week of April. A moving company will deliver the larger, heavier items to St. Andrew's Woodhaven.

Some of our Holy Hardware has already been delivered to St. Andrew's, as has been the Tabernacle, the Eternal Candle in memory of Dionne Hunter, BAS books, Common Praise Hymn Books, choir robes, and our library of choral music. The keyboard is currently covered and stored in the Parish Hall. It will be transferred to the Choir Room adjacent to the Basement Lounge when the final move occurs. Duplicate items will be examined, and the surplus will go to the Diocesan Office for distribution to churches in need of such items.

### Financial Update regarding the final \$500,000 payment

The Roman Catholic Dioceses has advised that the final payment will be made per the agreement. It will be transferred to the Diocese of Rupert's Land in October.

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

What a great evening we had when once again we could all meet and enjoy the traditional St. Andrew's pancakes and sausages, plus yummy cakes for dessert! We had 84 people attend, and it was so nice to see people from St. Mary's and St. James' Churches join us. We especially enjoyed seeing the adult children of some of our shut-ins, who reminisced about the fun times their parents had at events such as this when they were active members of St. Andrew's.

We are pleased to announce we were able to donate \$400 to the Main Street Project. We chose this charity because their van travels all over the city assisting the homeless. We have seen them helping out some of the homeless that have camped out by our Church.

Thanks so much to everyone who worked so hard in putting this event on. The good news is the committee had so much fun they are already volunteering to work on this event next year!

Submitted by Lynne Tovell



## ST. ANDREW'S MISSION AND MINISTRY

First of all, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for allowing me to lead a very important part of our Parish life as Chair of the Mission and Ministry Committee! Mission is a very important part of today's society—it is not just about what we do within our Church, but it is an understanding of what God is calling us to do outside in the world today. The need is so great that we have many areas to cover.

We have many groups and organizations that we are looking forward to supporting this year! St. Chad's and St. Andrew's have supported a number of various groups, which we will combine and continue to support again this year.

One organization that St. Chad's supported for a number of years is West Broadway Community Ministry. St. Chad's signed a covenant with West Broadway 22 years ago, and we will continue to support it. St. Andrew's has supported St. Matthew's Maryland for many years and we will continue to support this group also.

When you enter the Narthex you will notice two hampers—one earmarked St. Matthew's Maryland and the other earmarked West Broadway. I am pleased to announce that Frank and Pam Bann will continue to deliver items to West Broadway and Grace Mackay will continue to deliver items to St. Matthew's Maryland.

In the coming weeks you will see notices appear in your Sunday bulletin with items needed by both groups and also some of the other groups that we will be supporting throughout the year. We thank you for your support!

As we are all one, and as we work together, I pray that we will always be forever mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves, and that we are stewards going out into the world to love and serve the Lord!

Yours in Christ, Audrey Kelly

Chair, Mission and Ministry Committee

## TRIVIA NIGHT

On Saturday, February 11th, St. Andrew's Church Hall was buzzing with anticipation for Trivia Night, put on by the West Winnipeg Viability Short Term Committee. Participants arriving were randomly assigned a table, to complete 11 teams of 8 members per team/table. It was a great mix-up of old and new friends. Participants ranged in age from youngsters to teenagers to a few old folks. Clever team names, such as "Older but Wiser" and "Ask Me Anything!", were chosen.

Our Quiz Masters endeavoured to stretch our memories and brains with a variety of questions and pictures. Advertising slogans, Bible quotes, movies, classic cars, flags, and places in Manitoba were some of the categories. Competition was fierce and there was a lot of laughter all around.

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Lemonade, coffee/tea, and potato chips were ready at the start of the event. With admission being a non-perishable food item for the local food banks, people were very generous, with most bringing at least two items. Volunteers were only too happy to assist in packing the food into cars to be taken to our local church food banks.

After an hour and a half of wracking our brains, we were invited to share pizza and soft drinks. So many people expressed their thanks for this event and would be looking forward to another get-together.

The West Winnipeg Viability Committee was established by our local Anglican churches to get together and talk about how we are coping in our own churches, and what the effects of declining funds and membership are having. Two groups, the Long Term and the Short Term, meet monthly. Membership is made up of representatives from the 5 local Anglican churches—St. James, St. Stephen and St. Bede, St. Chad's, St. Andrew's, and St. Mary's.

The **WWVC Short Term** has a **Mission Statement**: The overall purpose is to work together in mission and discipleship.

- Goals:**
1. To bring our separate congregations together
  2. To share resources and volunteers in Outreach ventures
  3. To get to know one-another and build trust and confidence in each other
  4. To plan future events together

The first event we planned was a very successful Johnny Cash/Elvis Presley impersonator show. Corney Remple was a great success and we nearly sold out tickets. With the monetary success of this event, money was donated to add more Christmas Hampers to the St. Andrew's Hamper Project. Led by our amazing Hamper Coordinator, Susan Chadwick, 8 hampers were completed in total. Not all the WWVC money was needed to complete the hampers, so it was decided to have a fun get-together and not charge any money. So, the Trivia Night was created.

WWVC also advertises the various services and opportunities available in our local Anglican churches. Watch for more information as to where services and events can be attended through Lent and Holy Week.

We hope to have many more opportunities to collaborate and get together.



Nina Logan, Secretary, WWVC Short Term

## **DECOLONIZING THE MAP—RE-CENTERING INDIGENOUS MAPPINGS**

### **What does “decolonize” mean?**

Decolonize means free (an institution, sphere of activity, etc.) from the cultural or social effects of colonization, and eliminate colonial influences or attitudes from, i.e. “The museum is closing some galleries as it embarks on an effort to decolonize the institution”.

### **Why is decolonizing Canada important?**

Decolonization through mapping is about cultural, psychological, and economic freedom for Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Inuit, and Metis) to accomplish the goal of achieving Indigenous Sovereignty. This is the right and ability of Indigenous peoples to practice self-determination over their land, cultures, and political and economic systems.

In Canada, decolonization is usually discussed in terms of the relationship between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples. This is absolutely associated with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's final report and Calls to Action.

Colonization has taken place in Canada through years of oppression and genocide of Indigenous peoples, and was perpetuated by structures of white supremacy, heteropatriarchy, racism, and capitalism.

For Indigenous peoples, decolonization begins with learning about who they are, and recovering their culture and self-determination.

### **How are Indigenous peoples in Canada accomplishing the above statement?**

Mapping is a powerful tool that holds stories. Mapping was a widespread and well-developed art amongst Indigenous people in what is now Canada.

Indigenous navigational maps were usually drawn on the ground or in the snow. Sketched from memory, they were also verbal descriptions. Indigenous maps required the successful traveler to rely entirely upon memory. Indigenous peoples were trained in this task from childhood!

Indigenous peoples are reclaiming their lands and waters by documenting their traditional place names, creating their own mapping icons, plotting their sacred sites in their own languages, and ultimately sharing their stories.

Indigenous peoples of Canada are not only decolonizing the map, they are indigenizing it!

Respectfully submitted,  
Angeline Cara and Shirley Bender



**PWRDF**

The Primate's World Relief  
and Development Fund

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. With the support of Anglicans across Canada, PWRDF partners with or-

ganizations working to increase healthy pregnancies and births, reduce gender inequality, relieve hunger, and break the cycle of poverty in the world's most vulnerable communities. Against a backdrop of climate change, PWRDF strives to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.

The P stands for **Primate** (the head of the Anglican Church of Canada), but it also stands for our **Partners** in Canada and around the world, **People-centred development** and for the **Parish volunteers** who engage Canadians with our partners' work. Program focus areas include Preventative Health, Food Security, Empowering Women, Indigenous Programs, Humanitarian Response, and Accompanying Refugees.

PWRDF supports partners in Canada and throughout the world who are implementing grassroots solutions relevant to the needs and situation of their local communities. This approach empowers communities to take a leading role in their own development, which ultimately moves them closer to a place of sustainability and self-sufficiency. PWRDF believes this grassroots, capacity-building approach is crucial in fostering a culture where communities are empowered to build their own success and well-being.

PWRDF partners are drawn from Anglican churches, ecumenical organizations, and community-based groups.

### ANGLICAN GROW HOPE 2023

**Grow Hope 2021** raised almost \$25,000 for PWRDF food-related projects in Haiti. Proceeds came from Chris Lea's canola crop, and donations from "Truckloads of Hay Sale", developed by Lea's for livestock producers in Manitoba. The funds were matched 3:1 by the Federal Government.

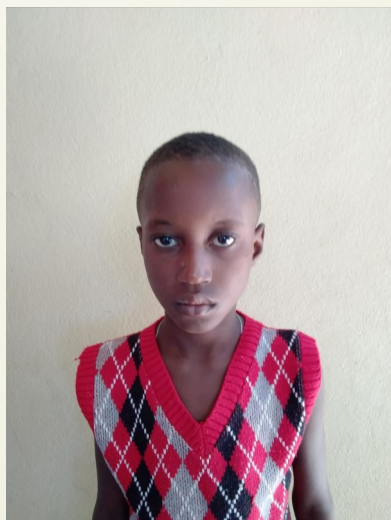
**Grow Hope 2022** had a new farm partner, Fred Wiebe, and his family near Springstein, MB. He grew 15 acres of soybeans to support the Grow Hope program. PWRDF supports his input cost to approximately \$300 per acre. The Wiebe Family did all the work, sold the soybeans, and donated the proceeds to PWRDF through the Canadian Food Grains Bank (CFGB). The funds were used to support a project in Kenya, helping to provide lifesaving food assistance for 3000 households (15,000 people) in drought-devastated areas.

**Grow Hope 2023** is already in the planning stages. The Wiebe Family once again has agreed to participate in the Grow Hope project. St. Andrew's will be joining the Grow Hope initiative in the spring. Watch for details to follow as our local PWRDF finalizes plans.

Let us continue to "grow hope" in the challenging times currently confronting the world.



## MEET OUR NEW FOSTER CHILD—HANTZ-MICHEL JOSEPH



Hantz-Michel Joseph is nine years old and living in the North East of Haiti. The Plan International Project Unit Manager from this area in Haiti writes that since July, violent unrest has paralyzed the country with barricades and burned vehicles blocking main roads, making it near impossible to transport people, goods, etc.

Haiti is the 4th-hungriest place in the world with 4.3 million people in a serious crisis situation. A crisis response program has been designed by Plan International to address the issues of Food Security, Child Protection, Water, Sanitation, Hygiene, and School Closures. These resources are expected to reach 95,000 people with 90% of them being sponsored families.

Hantz-Michel and his family are apparently doing well, and none of these humanitarian efforts would be possible without the support of sponsors like our St. Andrew's parishioners. When you head over to the Hall for Coffee Hour, drop some spare change or bills in the mug dedicated to Hantz-Michel, and your donations will offset the \$50.00 per month which we send to support Hantz-Michel and his community.

## TURKISH AND SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF (PWRDF)

In the early morning of February 6th, a 7.8-magnitude earthquake happened near the Turkish/Syrian border. More than 5000 people were killed and thousands more injured, trapped beneath the rubble. Rescue and recovery work is continuing.

The ACT Alliance has many members working in the area who have been responding to humanitarian needs. "As the scale of the disaster continues to be discovered, ACT members are checking in with their own staff teams, conducting rapid needs assessments, and are already working to provide life-saving supplies to impacted people," says the ACT Alliance.

PWRDF will immediately allocate \$35,000 to the ACT Alliance to support its members working in the area. PWRDF is also accepting funds to support this appeal.

### How you can help

Please keep the people affected by this devastating earthquake in your prayers. Donations can be made to support PWRDF's response [online](#), or over the phone by calling 416-822-9083 (or leave a message toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and we will return your call). You can also donate by mail. Send your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd Floor, Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2. Please indicate Syrian Earthquake in the memo field.

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### St. Andrew's Church Mission

To grow together as a family and community to worship God in the wide and liturgical tradition of our Anglican Heritage. We strive to be supportive and encouraging to the needs of all parish members, and to portray Christ's presence and love in our community.

### *Easter Services 2023*

<i>Sunday, April 2nd</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
<i>(Palm Sunday)</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>	<i>Passion of the Crosses</i>
<i>Thursday, April 6th</i>	<i>5:45 PM</i>	<i>Pot Luck Supper</i>
<i>(Maundy Thursday)</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>	<i>Holy Communion &amp; Stripping of the Altar</i>
<i>Friday, April 7th</i>	<i>9:15 AM</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<i>(Good Friday)</i>		<i>(Meet in the Parish Hall)</i>
<i>Saturday, April 8th</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>	<i>Communal Service</i>
<i>(Easter Vigil)</i>		<i>(At St. George's Crescentwood)</i>
<i>Sunday, April 9th</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>	<i>Easter Service with Holy Communion</i>
<i>(Easter Sunday)</i>		