

# St. George Standard

**March 31, 2024**



**April 7, 2024**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!!!

What a statement. What a profound pronouncement. It goes without saying that we are living in a day and time, whereby disaster, discomfort and suffering seems to make news headlines daily. However, Easter reminds us that joy comes in the morning. It is a time that speaks to the darkness, sadness, and disappointments of and in our lives. It is a time that strengthens and rejuvenates our faith - in the hope that in Christ Jesus all things can be made new. Pope Francis is quoted as saying that, "The resurrection is at the core of our beliefs as Christians. Without it, our faith is meaningless".

Indeed, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior is a pivotal moment in human history. Through this act, God in Christ Jesus highlighted that death is not the end of our story and that all things will be made new. As believers our hope is that even as we journey through the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us, and is even now helping to redeem the lost, the disheartened and troubled soul.

However, the reality for some and myself included - recognizing signs of hope when we're in the midst of disaster can be difficult. The disciples had trouble recognizing the resurrected Jesus after the disaster that was his execution. But God's redeeming love is still at work, even in our troubles, sorrows, and despair.

In the Anglican burial rite, the priest normally says at the grave side as the casket is lowered into the ground, "even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia." This is why, even in the midst of an Eastertide that still outwardly feels like Lent, when considering mental illness, the wars between Russia, Ukraine, Palestine and Israel the ongoing reconciliation with the Indigenous Nation, Racism and Discrimination - we still proclaim with confidence: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" This is why, even in the midst of the fear and uncertainty in our world today, we reply with sure and certain hope: "The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

From my family to yours, I wish each and everyone of you a happy Easter. And be assured that even though weeping may endure for a night, JOY still comes in the morning.

blessings to all,  
Alvardo xo

## Important Info!

### WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday: 8.15 am Holy Eucharist BCP  
10.00 am Choral Eucharist  
Wednesday: 6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
Thursday: 10.00 am Holy Eucharist

### To visit our website click on this link

<https://stgeorgesoshowa.org>

### Flower Donation Order Info

Please fill out a '**Order Form**' located at the back of the church or at the church office if you wish to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one. Requests and funds must be received **at least 2 weeks prior to placement**. Forms must be returned to the church office or placed on the offertory plate. Thanks so much!

### THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

#### MARCH 31

**World:** The Church in the Province of the West Indies

**Diocese:** Easter Day

**Oshawa Deanery:** St. Peter's Oshawa The Rev. Dr. Monique Taylor

#### APRIL 7

**World:** The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

**Diocese:** The Season of Spiritual Renewal

**Oshawa Deanery:** Christ Church Memorial Oshawa  
The Rev. Canon Christopher Greaves

### READINGS

#### MARCH 31

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
John 20:1-18

#### April 7

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2,2  
John 20:19-31

### Church Wifi Access

We have Wi-fi throughout the buildings! The GUEST network is named **Church Hall** and the **password** is our phone number **905-723-7875**.

### NEW OFFICE EMAIL LOOK

ANY EMAIL COMING FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL NOW SAY  
**'ST. GEORGE'S ADMIN'**

### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY -THURSDAY 10AM-3PM FRIDAY 10AM-2PM

### PARKING SPOTS WE CAN USE

1,2,4,10,14,15,16,17

### GIVINGS THROUGH E-TRANSFER

PLEASE USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS  
'TREASURER@STGEORGESOSHOWA.ORG'  
SECURITY QUESTION— CHURCH SECURITY ANSWER—GIVINGS

### Church Leadership

Bishop of Toronto—The Rt Rev. Andrew Asbil  
Suffragan Bishop—The Rt Rev. Riscylla Shaw  
Suffragan Bishop—The Rt Rev. Kevin Robertson  
Incumbent-- The Rev. Dr. Alvarado Adderley  
Rector's Warden—Barb Wotton  
People's Warden—Shelley Kossatz  
Rector's Deputy Warden—Kevin Lianage  
Organist/Choir Director—Carmine Lappano  
Parish Administrator - Cassandra Duncan  
Bookkeeper—Zsafia Halmai  
Envelope Secretary—Barb Callery  
Sexton—William Erwin

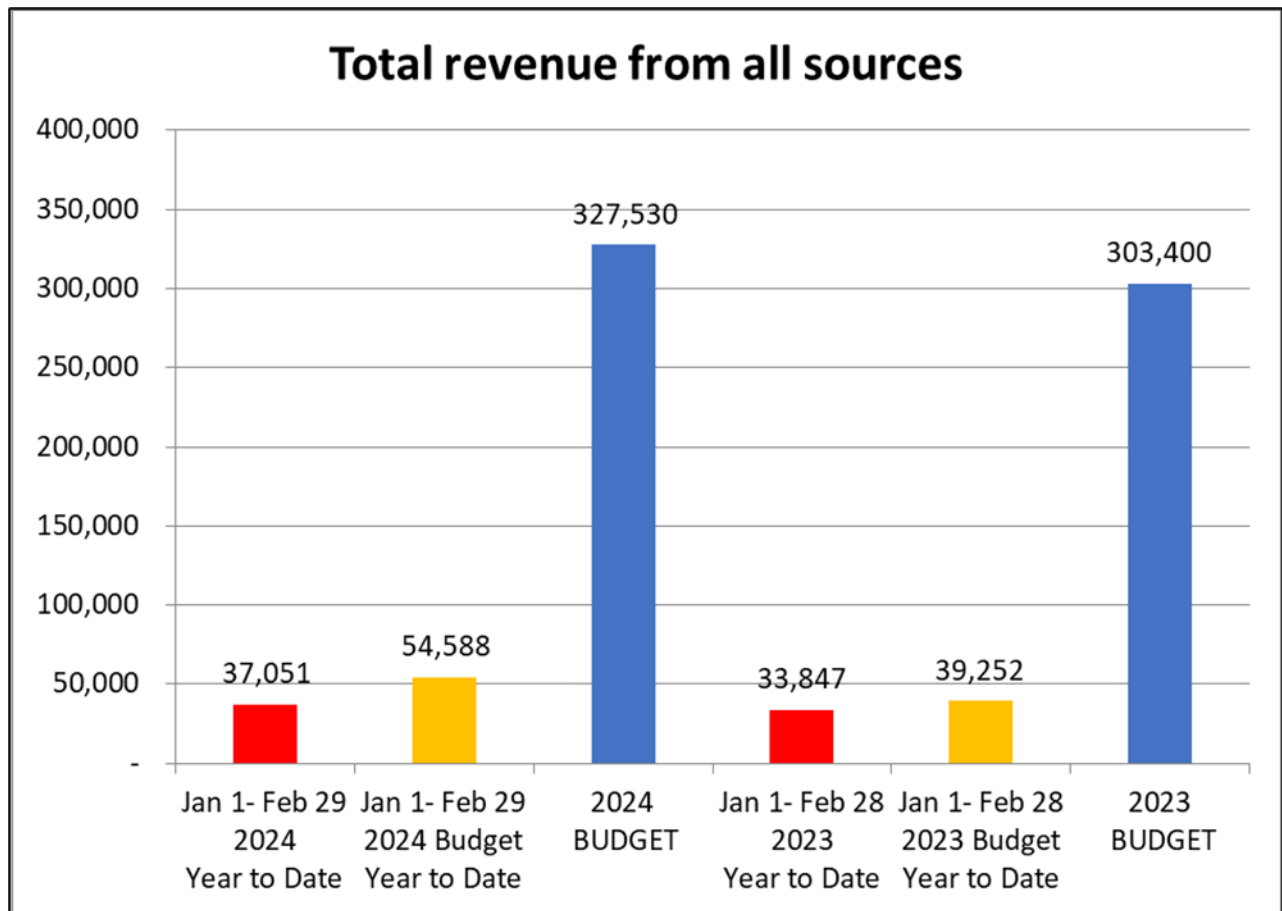
# Financial Information

## St. George's Memorial Financial Update September 2023

*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17)*

As God's family, we are stewards of God's gifts to us. At St. George's we are a caring and compassionate family and we share our gifts with those in need.

This is an update on our financial picture as of the end of August. The chart below provides an overview of where we stand financially at the end of February 2024. It shows our actual revenue as compared to our budgeted revenue both for 2023 and 2024. Currently we are a little over \$3,000 in revenues as compared to this time last year. As we approach the glorious resurrection let us remember the gift that Easter brings - hope, renewal, and new life. We encourage you to prayerfully consider your faithful financial contributions and thank you for your continued support of the work we are doing in our church, our community and beyond. Blessings to you all.



# St. George's 2024 Budget

REVENUE	
White Envelopes & PAR	\$ 205,000
Special Donations	\$ 65,000
Open Offerings	\$ 3,500
Memorial Donations	\$ 3,000
Community Groups	\$ 15,000
Parish Groups	\$ 4,000
Cemetery	\$ 1,000
Restoration & Maintenance	\$ 3,000
Donations for Flowers	\$ 1,200
Donations for Church Outreach	\$ 1,200
Ministry Allocation Grant	\$ -
FaithWorks Donations	\$ 630
Donations to Specified Project	\$ 5,000
100th Anniversary Donations	\$ 20,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 327,530</b>
Interest from Investments	65,000
<b>Revenue with investments</b>	<b>392,530</b>
EXPENSES	
Stipends + Visiting Clergy	\$ 125,000
Community Minister Stipend	\$ -
Community Minister Outreach	\$ -
Staff Salaries and Benefits	\$ 31,000
Office and Admin	\$ 15,000
Telephone	\$ 4,500
Insurance Premium	\$ 32,000
Professional Fees	\$ 13,100
Utilities	\$ 12,000
Fuel	\$ 17,000
Contracted Services	\$ 45,000
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$ 30,000
Sanctuary Supplies	\$ 900
Flowers	\$ 2,000
Music, Musicians, Organ, Piano, Bells	\$ 4,500
Archives	\$ 500
Worship and Mission	\$ 700
Allotment	\$ 55,130
Church Outreach	\$ 4,500
Bursaries	\$ 9,000
Faith Works Submitted	\$ 505
Cowan House Sales Exp	\$ -
Capital Improvements	\$ 5,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 407,335</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$ (14,805)</b>

# Upcoming Events & Services!

## Holy Week Services



**Maundy Thursday: March 28 - 7:30p**

**Good Friday: March 29 - 12:00pm**

**Easter Vigil: March 30 - 7:30pm**

**Easter Sunday: March 31 - 8:15 & 10am**

**The students of Durham Youth Orchestra will be joining us on**

**Easter Sunday at the 10am service**

## Save the Dates



- **Sunday April 7:** Special Vestry after the 10:00 service to vote on accepting Betty Hogeterp as Deputy People's Warden
- **Sunday April 28**— St George's Day Recognition Sunday—10:00 service— Volunteer Appreciation, Dedication of new frontal designed and created by Bill Fitches
- **Saturday May 4**— Doors Open Oshawa—St George's will be open!
- **Saturday May 11**—Our actual 100th Anniversary Day—Festive Evensong—3:00 followed by reception—location TBA

## Prayer Shawl Blessing Service

On Sunday, April 7 at the 10 a.m. service, Father Alvarado will bless completed prayer blankets, shawls, and pocket crosses. Please bring your crafted donations on or before that date, so that they can be included. Contact Deborah Zimmerman our, prayer shawl ministry coordinator (905-571-6106) if you bring a donation or would like your gift picked up.

Should you wish to share a previously blessed prayer shawl with someone for Easter, Deborah can arrange this for you. Pocket crosses are always available free at the back of the church.

Thanks to all our dedicated crafters for their lovely contributions to this bountiful ministry of sharing and supporting others. May God's love abide with everyone who crafts and/or shares prayer shawls.

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## ***Property & Roof Updates***

Good news...construction on the new roof will begin on **Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. There will be some set up activity during the week of March 25 – 29. Dalren Limited is the General Contractor, Aged Wood is the company doing the roofing and Barry Bryan and Associates (BBA) is our Architect and Project Manager.

The completion date is set for August 1st. Depending on the amount of weather delays, completion could be as early as the end of June. The work will be starting from the north (the Parish Hall) and working towards the south (the main church). We will keep you updated as work progresses.

**Parking:** Starting on April 2nd the Bagot Street parking area will be closed to the public.

**Fencing:** All areas of work will be fenced to prevent the public from accessing the work areas.





## ***Property & Roof Updates***

**Our graffiti is almost gone!**

**Thanks to the experts at 'Goodbye Graffiti' and their specialized processes, our beautiful building will be cleaned and restored!**



**Special thanks to Don, William, Bill and special guest Property Guy Jason Frechette! for repairing our upper parish hall doors!**



# 100th Anniversary Celebrations!

We are so excited to mark this incredible milestone of our church building here at St. George's Memorial Oshawa!! Please continue to test and build your knowledge of this place we call home by following our 'Did You Know.....?' below.

Our team has met to begin planning of events and activities throughout 2024 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary year of our church building! See **save the dates** on page 6 of this standard and stay tuned for upcoming details.



## Did You Know.....?

The year 2024 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the current St. George's Memorial Anglican Church building. There were two previous locations for the church.

**Q-7:** The other bells in the tower are fixed bells and they are the bells that produce the music. How many of these bells are there and how does our chimer, Deborah Zimmerman, produce the music?

**A-7:** Our chimer, Deborah Zimmerman has provided this answer.

St. George's chime consists of 15 bells, which were installed in the spring of 1924, when our current church was opened and dedicated. So, 2024 is also the year we celebrate 100 years of bell ringing.



Since I read music and had some piano lessons as a child, it was fairly easy for me to learn chiming. Our user-friendly "keyboard" of wooden pegs works like a piano keyboard, with all 15 notes ranging between Middle C and the F an octave and a half higher, minus a few sharps and flats. The hymns, peals, and secular music you hear are based on simpler keys; however, a good deal of musical variety is possible. On Sundays I play appropriate hymns based on our liturgical calendar. Peals are the glorious, celebratory bell variations heard on special occasions such as weddings and the King's coronation. Tolls are rung using the "Big Ed" stationary bell on occasions such as funerals, when we celebrate the number of years that person lived.

Over 200 years ago, the Reverend Ellacombe in England devised a new method of ringing that one person could manage from a keyboard with wires or ropes connected to the bells high above. This simplified the ringing process considerably and made it easier to develop one's repertoire of playable music. In 2021 I was honoured to participate in the 200th anniversary worldwide celebration of the Ellacombe chiming system.

In order to chime, I climb 56 steep steps to a little room known as a "cabin". Although, for safety reasons, people are not allowed into the bell tower, please contact me should you wish more information or feel agile enough for a guided tour.

St. George's bells continue to invite people to church. They offer joy and comfort to people listening outside. They announce to the world that the Lord lives and St. George's Memorial Anglican Church is open for worship.

**Q-8:** What was the approximate cost of building the current St. George's and how was the money raised?

Read all about it in the next Standard!



# ***100th Anniversary Celebrations!***

## **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations and Activities**

*‘Honouring our past, Renewing our present  
and Building our future in Christ’*

- ♦ New Frontal Dedication
- ♦ Signing of the Roof ‘Ridge Cap’
- ♦ Dedication of the Cadet Corps Colours
- ♦ Commemorative Book Marks
- ♦ Commemorative Mugs
- ♦ Church Calendars and Cards
- ♦ Slate Coasters and Cheese Boards
- ♦ Archives Tours
- ♦ Hymn/Carol-Sing Fundraiser
- ♦ Advertising Pledges
- ♦ Festive Evensong and Celebration to follow

Details of the above activities are in the works!

If you are interested in helping out with any of them,  
please contact Shelley Kossatz at:

[smkossatz@gmail.com](mailto:smkossatz@gmail.com) or 905-404-3089

# ***100th Anniversary Celebrations!***



## **Alvaro's 'Anniversary Challenge!'**

***"I challenge you to donate an extra \$100 this year in celebration of our anniversary!"***

Funds donated will be directed to:  
Updating our space (projects including sound system, exterior lighting, outdoor digital sign and more!) Events that celebrate our parish family and the surrounding community

Donations can be made by cheque, in cash or through e-transfer to:

[treasurer@stgeorgesoshawa.org](mailto:treasurer@stgeorgesoshawa.org)

Security Question – Church

Security Answer – Givings

Please indicate that your donation is for our **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

# Happy Easter!



***The flowers beautifying the sanctuary  
this Easter have been given to the  
glory of God in thanksgiving and  
loving memory of the following:***



*Jenny & George Marmara*

*Joan Weales  
Tinworth Family  
Marmara Family*

*Debbie Anderson*

*Don & Dorothy Anderson  
Don Anderson Jr.  
Morgan & Elita Helliwell  
William & Ethel Anderson*

*Irene Rahme*

*Family & Friends*

*Pat & Greg Heffering*

*Loved ones*

*Shirley Van Buren*

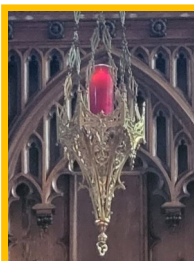
*Olive & Cliff Jones  
Don Van Buren  
Mary Silverthorn*

*Winifred Desmond*

*Lester & Sophie Budden  
Edward & Sally Budden  
Pauline & Harry Mullins  
Mr. & Mrs. H. Desmond & Denis  
Mr. & Mrs. C. Winter & Richard  
John Desmond*

*Cassandra Duncan*

*Maurice Fullerton  
Emelda Veira  
Grace Mapp  
Terry Mapp  
Zelda Moore  
Thom Park*



*The Aumbry Memorial Candle is lit to  
the Glory of God and in loving memory  
of:*

*Victoria, Lily, Jim & Frank Helliwell*

