

St. George's Standard

August 24, 2025

August 31, 2025



RELATIONSHIPS

If we were to think about the countless number of people we have met over the course of our lives, we begin to realize the importance of our unique relationship with each of those persons. Whether it is a lifelong friend or family member, or someone we have known for a fairly short time, or an individual we met once, our interactions with one another have the potential to make a significant impact on our lives. At the same time, we are given the opportunity to make a difference to them. Hence, none are to be taken lightly.

Interpersonal relationships are complicated. They can make us or break us. No two are exactly alike. The minute we get complacent about a relationship, the dynamics change. A significant amount of trust is required. They take time to develop and mature. With most relationships, we get ample opportunity to practise forgiveness.

Our interactions with others can shape us in a positive way. They can renew us, strengthen us, give us insight and vision. There are people in our lives who can change us, help us grow, learn lessons, develop our communication skills. We are motivated by these people, drawing on their encouragement and understanding, and their example. Even as we see the need to make changes in ourselves, this becomes a means of personal growth.

On the other hand, there are people who can bring us down, fill us with anxiety and stress, testing our patience and ability to compromise. Personalities clash, goals and expectations differ. Attitudes and moods may vary widely leaving us frustrated and annoyed. To top it off, most of us cannot be pigeon-holed into one group or the other. It depends on the day! Which do you want to be?

I have spoken about faith being about the development of our relationship with God, through Christ, in the power of the Spirit. By faith we have a solid foundation on which we can stand, a relationship with God who is reliable, loving, and forgiving. That is where we turn when we need help with our interpersonal relationships. That is where we go to give thanks for the wonderful people that have been put in our paths. That is where we go with the willingness to become better people, better friends, mirrors of how Jesus related to others. That is where we ask for forgiveness and blessing, and then by grace, offer that to another.

Peace be with you,

Rev. Janet

Important Info!

Weekly Worship Services

Sundays: 8.15 am Holy Eucharist BCP
10.00 am Choral Eucharist
Tuesdays: 6:00 pm Bible study
Wednesdays: 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Thursdays: 10.00 am Holy Eucharist

Memorial Flowers Placed on Altar

'Order Forms' are 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

AUG 24

World: Church of the Province of South East Asia
Diocese: Bishop Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishop
Oshawa Deanery: St. John Port Whitby -The Rev. Diane Lee

AUG 31

World: The Church of South India (United)
Diocese: Bishop's Committee on Creation Care
Oshawa Deanery: St. Paul on the Hill Pickering
The Rev. Canon Stephanie Douglas - Bowman

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
Curate: Rev. Rajini Lyman
Honourary Assistant - Rev. Janet Stephens
Rector's Warden—Barb Wotton
People's Warden—Shelley Kossatz
Deputy Rector's Warden—Kevin Liyanage
Deputy People's Warden - Betty Hogeterp
Director of Music - Carmine Lappano
Parish Admin. - Amanesi (Ama) Maleghemi
Bookkeeper—Zsafia Halmay
Envelope Secretary—Barb Callery
Sexton—William Erwin

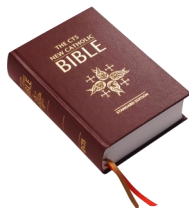
READINGS

AUG 24

Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Psalm 71:1 - 6
Hebrews 12: 18-29
LUKE 13: 10-17

AUG 31

Jeremiah 2: 4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7 - 14



Givings through E-TRANSFER

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

Church Wifi

The GUEST network is **Church Hall** and the **password** is **9057237875**.

Office Hours

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



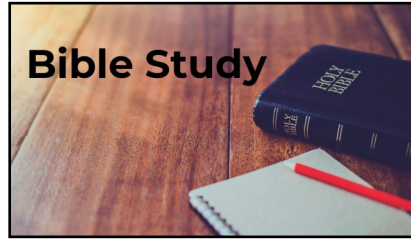
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telephone: 905-723-7875 email: church@stgeorgesoshawa.org

What's Happening!

Weekly Bible Study

Bible study is on break for summer.

Bible Study



Prayer of the week



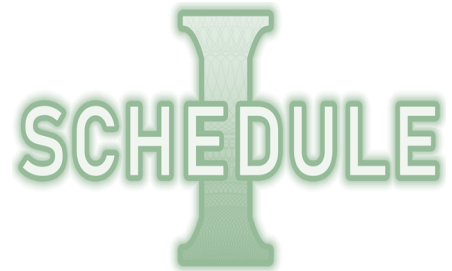
Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Give me a greater desire to seek you in prayer and in the study of your Word. Build in me greater humility, holiness, and love for others. Please fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit so I can be a witness to others. Teach me to walk with you daily and to glorify you in all I do. Amen.

Pastoral Schedule

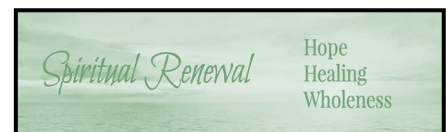
Fr. Adderley: Monday OFF, Tues, Wed and Thursday 10am-3pm, Friday Pastoral Visitation.

Rev. Rajini: Thursday 10am-2pm, Friday Pastoral Visitation.

Rev. Janet: Available upon request.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study • Evening Prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Week in Prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Labyrinth (Fall 2025)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Spiritual Renewal Quotes in the bulletin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laying on of Hands and Anointing (1st Sunday of every month) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healing Service (Fall 2025) • Prayer Breakfast



Financial Update

Treasurer's Message – August 2025

Thank you to everyone who attends, donates, volunteers, and supports St. George's Memorial Oshawa. Your generosity keeps our church a vibrant place of spirituality, fellowship, and service.

Each year, our church requires about **\$400,000** to cover clergy, staffing, utilities, music, insurance, and diocesan fees. This must be raised through the faithful giving of our congregation.

At the end of 2024, we faced a **shortfall of \$108,309**. For 2025, the approved budget anticipates a smaller deficit of \$27,032, thanks to higher revenue and reduced expenses.

So far this year (as of July 31), revenue and expenses are nearly balanced, with a net difference of \$1,223. However, **we remain roughly \$80,000 short of our year-to-date budget target.**

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and ask you to prayerfully consider your financial contributions to help sustain our mission in the church, community, and beyond.

Blessings,
Shannon Bott, Treasurer



For You.....



Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart.

There was a time when going out for an afternoon walk was a simple, easy way to see the neighbourhood and get some exercise. You might look at the sky first and decide whether you might need an umbrella or a sweater, but that was it.

Then came COVID, and it was good to have the foresight to bring a mask in case you wanted to drop in to a nearby store or visit a neighbour on the front porch. Then it became apparent that putting on some sunscreen would be a good idea for skin protection, along with sunglasses for eye protection.

Sturdy shoes were recommended for foot protection, and a collapsible pair of walking sticks would help burn more calories. And then be sure to wear a hat in case a little tick falls out of a tree and on to you, subjecting you to Lyme Disease. For the same reason, wear some white socks in case you wander into long grass where those ticks lay in wait.

Now we must check the Smoke Index and the AQI (air quality index), and yes, there are Apps for that, or it's on the Weather Channel, before stepping out, because we might need our asthma puffers, or else need to turn back. Seriously, where will it all end?

I'll tell you where it ends for me. An hour between my treadmill and stationary bike, in a cool basement, watching Father Brown on television at 3 pm. He transports me into a good mystery with his abiding faith and unending patience and helps the time pass. Hang in there, folks, we got this. We are required to take care of our bodies; we might live a long time.

Rev. Janet

What's Happening!

Readers, Intercessors, Chalice Admins, Servers, Lay readers & MCs who will be unavailable anytime between October 5, 2025 to January 25, 2026 should inform Barb Callery before **September 12, 2025**. She can be reached on 905--718-0141 or callery@rogers.com.



Newcomers' Welcome Get-together!

Thankyou to those who came out Saturday August 16th to enjoy our Newcomers' Get-together! We look forward to seeing all of you in the upcoming weeks and worshipping with you as part of the St. George's family!

Celebration of Life of Fred Thompson

We ask your prayers for the family of **Fred Thompson** who passed peacefully on **July 31st, 2025**. Fred was a quiet, faithful, dedicated family man who always had a pleasant smile for anyone he met. A celebration of his life will be held on **August 30, 2025 from 2pm to 5pm** at **500 Lawlor Ave Oshawa**. All are welcome.



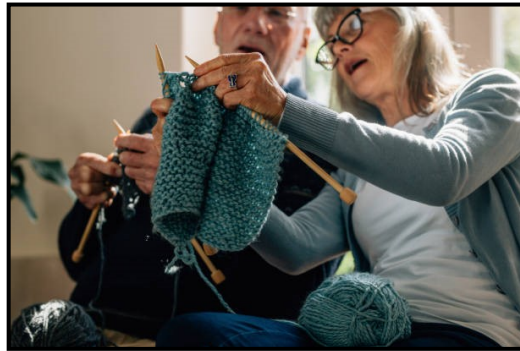
What's Happening!

Calling all Crafters!

Come and knit or crochet with us in the Gallery on Thursdays between 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Free lessons for beginners; supplies provided. Completed items benefit cancer patients at Lakeridge Oshawa, patients at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto c/o their Anglican Chaplaincy program, and many grateful individuals known to members of St. George's.

Please contact Deborah Zimmerman through the church office for further information.

Hoping to see you soon,
St. George's Prayer Shawl Ministry



'Coffee Hour' Refreshment Teams!

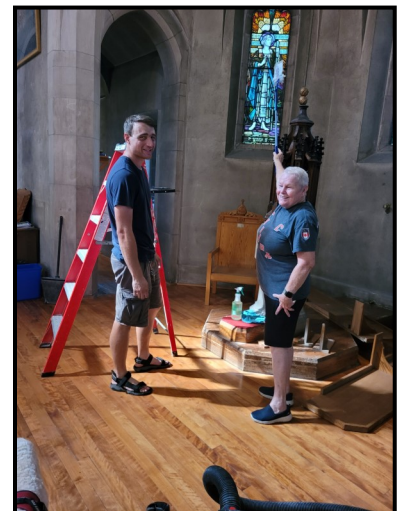
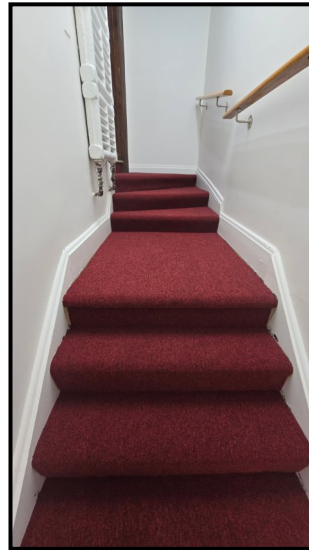
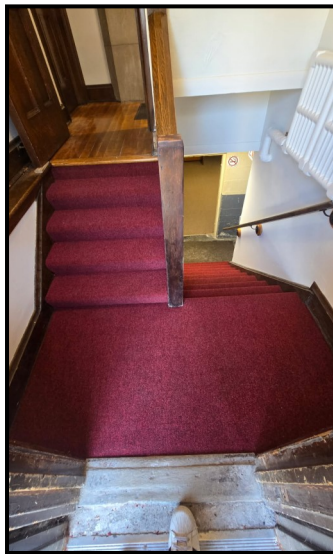
It's almost that time again! Special thanks to those who provided cold drinks and cookies this summer after the Sunday services at 10! Starting Sunday September 14th, we will be returning to coffee, tea, cold drinks and snacks in the lower hall after the 10am service. **Our teams NEED YOU to help out please!** Each team is responsible for set-up and clean-up of coffee, tea, cold drinks and providing light snacks. Many hands make light work! If you are interested in joining a team, adding a team of your own, providing snacks or finding out more information, **please contact Shelley Kossatz at 905-404-3089 or smkossatz@gmail.com.**

This ministry is an integral part of our Christian fellowship! Our incredible volunteers have done a wonderful job last year! THANKYOU! Looking forward to many people getting involved!



Church Restoration.....Complete!

A huge thankyou goes out to ***Fleming Heritage Restoration*** for taking great care and pride in restoring our beautiful building! The final touches have now been completed! New carpets have been installed on the gallery stairs and backs stairs making them clean and safe! Special thanks as well to volunteers who gave their time to give the church a final clean before our first service back in!



Parish Hall Project Update

We're making progress!

Our plans for the new elevator /lift and parish hall renovations are moving forward!

The motion (see below) from the Special Vestry Meeting held July 6th was passed unanimously. Thank you to everyone who turned out for this meeting and offered your valuable input.

Special Vestry Motion for the second phase of our Parish Improvement Project at St. George's Memorial Church, Oshawa

Whereas, the Corporation of St George's Memorial Church, Oshawa has proposed a Parish Improvement Plan, the second phase of which encompasses renovations to the upper and lower parish hall, installing an accessible washroom in the upper hall, installing a lift (LULA lift) to access all levels of the lobby and hall and refurbishing the Centre Street lobby.

Whereas during the Vestry Meeting held on July 6, 2025, comprehensive documentation regarding the proposed project was duly presented and reviewed;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that St George's Memorial Church:

1. Commits to initiating Phase 2 of the Parish Improvement Project as described herein;
2. Allocates a budget not to exceed \$1,310,433.00
3. Plans to finance the project via funds remaining from the sale of our Cowan House Property and Funding Sources from the Diocesan Baker Fund and Ministry Allocation Fund.
4. Undertakes to proceed with the project in accordance with the Anglican Diocese of Toronto's Canon 6 approval process for building or structural alterations; and,
5. Ensures that the project execution will be subject to a competitive procurement process, aimed at securing the best value for money.

Motion Moved By: Earl Wotton

Seconded By: Wendy Bott

In favor: all (54)

Opposed: none

Motion was carried unanimously.

We have received the 90% submission project report from our Architect, BBA (Barry Brian and Associates).

We have approximately \$600,000 left over from the sale of the Cowan House property (corner of Athol and Mary Streets). We anticipate the budget for the project to be approximately \$1,300,000.

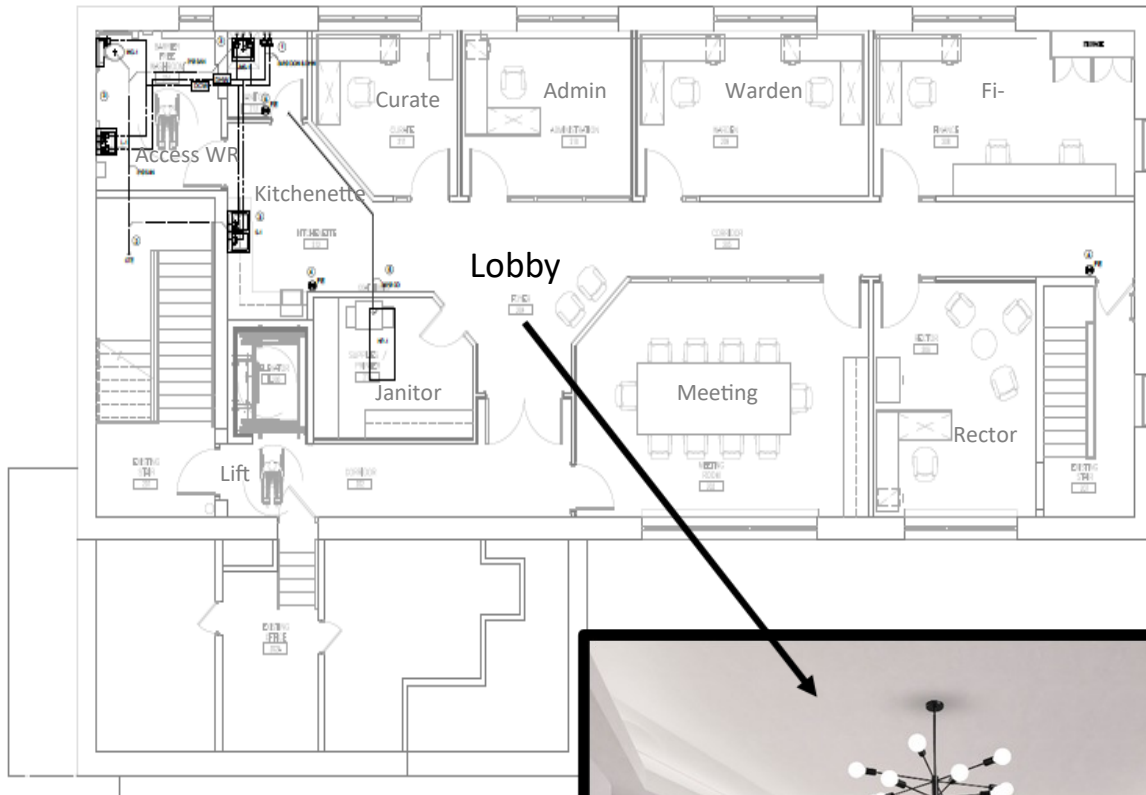
We have submitted applications to the Diocesan Ministry Allocation Fund and the Baker Fund for the remaining funds.

Parish Hall Project Update (cont'd)

Please see the project wall in the Lower Parish Hall

Some Renderings of our Future Spaces

Upper Parish Hall



Parish Hall Project Update (cont.)



New Kitchen

**New lift/
elevator**



Organ Restoration Project

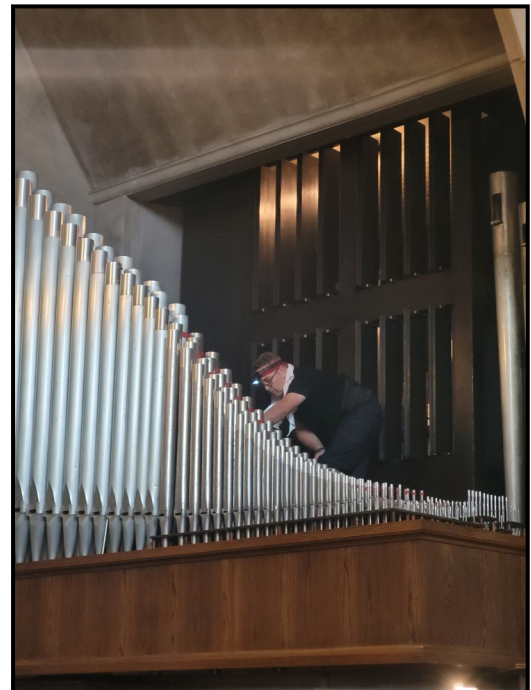
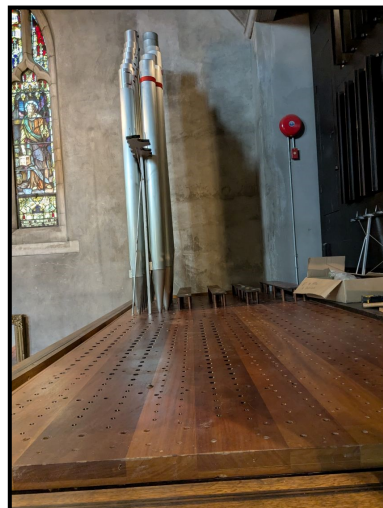
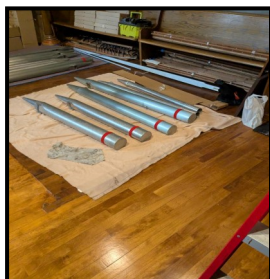
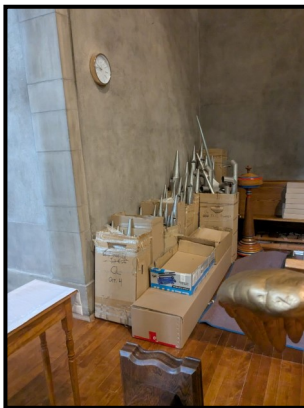
Overview of your Organ Restoration Project, which began in February of 2023.

Projected Cost per Division (section of the organ) and Status

- Swell \$65,535 + HST - **COMPLETE**
- Positiv \$35,523 + HST - future
- Pedal \$38,335 + HST - future
- Great \$59,150 + HST - **work is COMPLETE** - see below for cost info

\$15,423 + HST still needed to finance the Great Division!

Thankyou for prayerfully considering a donation.



Events



To help out, see sign-up sheets at the back of the church!

Events



St. George's Memorial Church

Presents

A Taste of the Cultures **Fundraising Dinner**



Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm

Venue: Lower Parish Hall

Tickets: - Dine In \$30.00

Take Out \$25.00

Events



ST. MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF MINISTRY

PRESENTS AN EVENING

IN CONCERT WITH



Directed by Abby Zotz

With special Guests: The Local Honey Band

When: Thursday, September 25th, 2025

Where: 135 Wilson Road South, Oshawa

Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Tickets: \$20.00 each at the door or call
905-723-6494 for advance tickets**

Refreshments

Door Prizes

For more information, please call St. Matthew's Anglican Church - 905-725-9841 (Tuesday or Thursday only) or e-mail office@stmatthewsoshawa.ca

**Come celebrate with us and enjoy an
evening of energizing & uplifting music!**