



2015 Stewardship

“It is more blessed to give, than to receive.”

(Acts 20:35)

ST THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Stittsville, Ontario

Stewardship - A Message from Our Wardens

Stewardship 2015: What can it mean to you and your church?

“Each one should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things and at all times, having all you need, you will abound in every good work.”

(Corinthians 9:7, 8)

Quite frankly, the gifts each one of you gives to St Thomas, whether your time, your talents or financial support, are literally the lifeblood of this parish – a parish now approaching 150 years (2016) of ministering to its members and the community. We continue to be grateful to all those who have faithfully supported parish life over the years and to those who continue to do so.

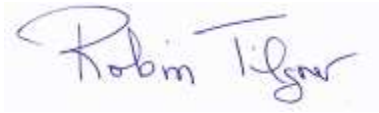
In the Narrative Budget package you will find stories of the extensive work that begins here at St Thomas and the positive impacts made by our Church and our volunteers. We believe you will be astonished to see how our dollars are actually allocated to the work of our Church and perhaps humbled by the sheer number of volunteer hours freely given. Finally it will be clear that we are dependent almost completely on the personal giving of parish members – the missional life of the church, the beauty of the worship, the ability to offer the church building freely to those who need our space – all and more are made possible by each individual gift.

We would like to see our missional work continue to expand in 2015 and to do this we must have stable funding. One way you can help is to become a member of PAR – which means a predictable donation each month whether one is on holiday or unable to attend every service. Please indicate your preference on the pledge sheet. One can also help by purchasing from the Grocery Certificate program which allows a 5% return to St Thomas. One can have a meal at Hurley’s in Stittsville or shop at the Bridlewood Home Hardware. Each of these organizations allocate a 10% and 5% return to the Church when you ask for this to be done while concluding a purchase (mention you are from St Thomas).

We urge each member to prayerfully consider ways to support the life of the parish of St Thomas. Perhaps you might attend one of our study groups, deepening your understanding of God’s word, engaging in thoughtful discussion and expanding friendships. You might choose to take part in one of our fellowship ministries or to join in the rota presenting prayers or greeting on Sunday morning. And, if you are able, please consider increasing your personal financial support which will allow the work and ministry to the world around us to grow and be even more meaningful.

Please know that the gifts you give to St Thomas will help to ensure that the life and ministry of this parish will continue for the years to come.

Yours in faith,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Tilgner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Pat McNally

Robin Tilgner

Rector's Warden

People's Warden

2015 Financial Pledge and PAR Change Form

Thank you for your support of St Thomas – a place of community, compassion and hope. Real stewardship begins with the understanding that all that we are and all that we have is a gift from God. Christian stewardship is a vital and integral part of any Christian walk. It is the use of our gifts towards the goal of following Christ's example of goodness, compassion and justice for all people. Each of us needs to do what we can so that together we will meet the challenge of providing ministries to a multitude of people not only in our parish, but in our neighbourhood and around the world. So I thank you for being generous with your gifts of time, talents and finances.

Please complete and return this form by mail or by placing it on the offering plate in the enclosed envelope by **March 31, 2015**. Individual pledge information is confidential and you may alter your pledge information at any time. This information is an important guide for budgeting purposes and our goal is for 100% participation. Everyone is asked to complete Section A. Those on pre-authorized remittance (PAR) who wish to authorize a change to your PAR at this time should also complete Section B. Should you wish to move to PAR please complete the PAR form available from the Church office.

Bob Lomas
Chair, Stewardship Committee

Section A

Because God calls us to be good stewards, at this time and with God's help,
I/we (name) _____
intend to make the following financial offering to the ministry of St. Thomas in 2015:

\$ _____ per _____ for an annual offering of \$ _____

I/we plan to make this offering through

- a) Post dated cheques (attached) _____; b) Weekly offering envelopes _____;
c) PAR _____.
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Section B

I/we authorize a change to our PAR as follows: beginning on or about the 20th of (month) _____ ,
(year) _____ , I wish to give _____ dollars to St. Thomas; _____ dollars to the
Primate's World Development Relief Fund (PWRDF); and _____ dollars to other (please name)
_____.

Signature/s: _____; _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your generous offerings given in faith to the vital Christian ministries of St. Thomas Anglican Church.
