

St. George's Anglican Church goes contemporary

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St. George's Anglican Church is introducing a contemporary worship at its 11:15 a.m. Sunday service. Through the use of modern language and music, a more flexible approach to worship is being offered.

"We find that people are in different places today when it comes to their faith lives," said Rev'd Canon Rob Park, Rector of St. George's, "so as part of our complement of Sunday worship services, we wanted to include something current alongside our traditional 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services."

Music will set the tone for the service, with joyful, easy to pick up tunes. The new choir, with considerable assistance from volunteers Jim and Cheri Kelly, features guitar, flute and multi-generational singers, with accompaniment on piano from St. George's Music Director, Ron Greidanus.

"Jim and Cheri come to us with years of experience offering contemporary music at other Anglican churches; we're so glad to



New contemporary singers at St. George's 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service this past Sunday.

Tracy Park photo

have them as part of the music ensemble at St. George's," said Greidanus. "Along with our traditional choir at the 9:30 service and our Men's Group, the Contemporary group gives our parish a diverse musical experience on a Sunday morning—in fact, I've

noticed that some congregants from the earlier service are staying to participate in the contemporary service as well," he added.

"We've examined other Anglican contemporary services and tried to select something which will work for us here in Georgetown," said Rev'd Park. "Anglican worship does not offer pat answers, we approach faith with all of our doubts and all of our enthusiasm; yet we find that together we create a sense of belonging to something greater than ourselves."

"Through the bread and the wine that Jesus shared with his closest friends, we invite others to touch and taste the Divine," he added, "We're trying to celebrate that same intimacy in our own lives."

The Contemporary 11:15 service is the newest addition to the St. George's worship experience, following upon the successful introduction of the monthly Saturday evening "Messy Church" services this past spring. Messy Church is a totally unique, all-ages creative worship service and shared meal. Under the direction of theological student Nancy Rowe, Messy Church has consistently attracted new members to this distinctly fun and informal style of worship.

"Our building may be old, but our approach is definitely not," said Rector Rev'd Rob Park of his Victorian era edifice.

St. George's Anglican Church is located on 60 Guelph St., and offers Sunday worship at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., weekly Thursday worship at 10 a.m. and monthly Messy Church worship next October 13th. For more information, contact the Church Office at 905-877-8044.



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