

strategic plan. Starting this fall with an intense period of self-study and ending in the summer of 2019, this is a real opportunity to work together for future growth and stability.

- After ten years of planning and fundraising, the Miller-Scott Organ has been installed – possibly the finest instrument in the world. This is a glorious milestone for the Church and Choir School.
- Founded in 1919, the Saint Thomas Choir School will celebrate its Centennial starting in March 2019. Headmaster Charles Wallace and the Alumni Committee have scheduled several months of meaningful events to highlight what our school has to offer that no other can.

This next year will be a very special time in the life of Saint Thomas. We have much to look forward to and I hope you will celebrate these successes with us. I ask that you join our 2019 Annual Appeal Co-Chairs, my wife Alison, and me in supporting the 2019 Appeal as generously as possible. I urge you to make Saint Thomas Church and its School your first priority in charitable giving; let us all work together in this exciting next phase of parish life.

With best wishes,



The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*
and on behalf of

Ms. Robin Humble, *Co-Chair*

Mr. Gregory Zaffiro, *Co-Chair*

Mrs. Ann Hall Kaplan, *Director of Development*

2019 Annual Appeal Committee

If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Annual Appeal Committee. Every Sunday during the Appeal, Committee members are identifiable by their red-ribboned nametags.

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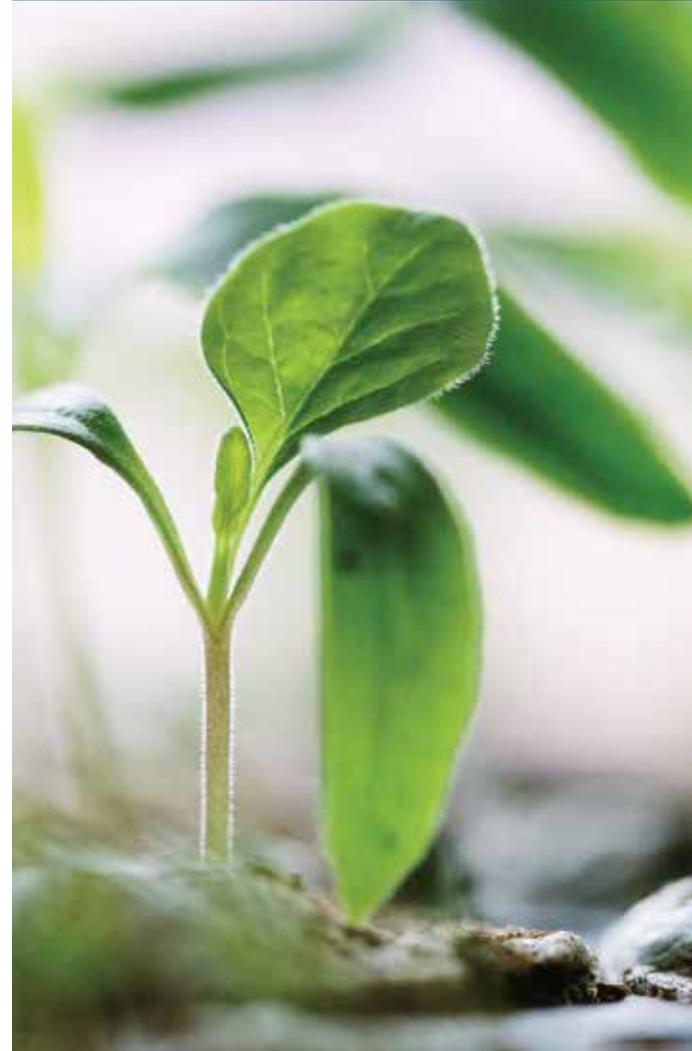


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*Neither the one who plants
nor the one who waters is anything,
but only God who gives the growth.*

– 1 CORINTHIANS 3:7

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Dear Friends,

COME STAY GROW GIVE

These four simple words capture the theme of the 2019 Annual Appeal and my vision for our parish as it seeks to live its mission statement to worship, love, and serve our

Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage. As we begin this year's appeal we will embark upon a major strategic planning exercise which will explore those four words and our mission as we seek to grow our church, balance our budgets, and secure the future of our choir school in perpetuity.

Wherever you may find yourself in this progression, I encourage you to read this brochure and think about the roles that Saint Thomas Church and Choir School play in your life. Please consider joining over 500 of our loyal members and supporters by making a pledge to the 2019 Annual Appeal. The Annual Appeal is the financial backbone of Saint Thomas Church and a Choir School that changes children's lives.

Throughout the country, houses of worship of all denominations are being challenged by the new realities of lower attendance and fierce competition for contributions and our parish is no exception to this struggle.

Our future will be filled with challenges, both expected and totally unforeseen, but with the challenges also come opportunities:

- In April 2018, the Vestry voted to engage with Wellspring Consulting to produce a 5 to 10 year

Saint Thomas is on a journey and we invite you to join us as we look forward in hope. Together, let us seize the vision below and continue to make Saint Thomas a place where people want to **COME**, where people want to **STAY**, where people **GROW** and where people learn to **GIVE**.

COME Jesus is at the center of life at Saint Thomas Church, a church where people want to come. Our buildings, worship, music, Choir School, pastoral care, adult education, Sunday school and outreach are welcoming. We strive to be a community where the Apostle Philip's words "Come and see" ring true. A church and parish where families want to bring their families, their co-workers and friends.

STAY Once they come, people will want to stay because they feel a sense of belonging. People will know that they are valued, not for what they might bring but for who they are. This will require all of us, the priests, staff and parishioners, to be the best we can be and provide services, programs and love in abundance.

GROW Our parishioners will grow as disciples of Christ and we will never stop growing. Nurtured in faith, deepened in our spiritual lives, enriched by the Saint Thomas liturgy and music, we will be nourished by exposure to things both old and new. All of us can rise to meet the challenge of Anglicanism centered on Christ as we respond to an ever-changing world.

GIVE We will be a church where people want to give in many ways – their time, talent and funds. They will want to give and help both those within the parish and outside of it. A church where members want to give in order to stay and grow.



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