

## TWRF SENTINEL

### RESTORATION OF ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Willie Redhead Foundation understands that the Brotherhood of the St. George's Anglican Church would be holding a Power Point Presentation on the Restoration of the St. George's Anglican Church on Thursday 4th February 2010 at 5:00 pm, at The Grenada Museum. We also understand that this event is not only of interest to the Anglican Community island-wide, but also all other Religious interest in state, and the public at large, all of whom are invited. It would be recalled that the previous meeting scheduled for 12th November 2009 had to be postponed.

The St. George's Anglican Church was built circa 1825. It is steeped in history and is similar to many other Anglican Churches built in the second half of the 18th Century. It is a unique example of a Georgian style constructed church.

Grenada was ceded to Britain in 1783 by France under the Treaty of Versailles, and it is recorded that in 1690 there was a wooden building on the present site of the St. George's Anglican Church. It is believed this might have been a Catholic Church constructed by the French.

Following the Fedon rebellion of 1795, a number of Historic Plaques were installed in the Church in memory of those who perished as well as those who survived, and not too long ago, our own Ray Smith gave a very informative Lecture on all the Historic Plaques in the Church to the Brotherhood of the St. George's Anglican Church.

The interest of the Willie Redhead Foundation in the Restoration of the four main Churches in St. George's is evident from our "Faith with Action Project" whereby we have been mobilizing funds to assist in this effort. So far we have made four disbursements to the Churches, and we hope to make another fairly soon.

After hurricane Ivan, the Foundation assisted the Anglican Church in obtaining the services of Mr. Tony Short, a Church Restoration Architect from England, to visit Grenada to assist particularly the Anglican Churches in this regard. We understand that he may have looked at other Churches as well, but we are not sure whether his recommendations are currently being followed by the Anglican Church, since we are aware that Drawings etc. were left with the Church Authorities before he left Grenada. It is our understanding that if requested, Mr. Tony Short is willing to return to help in the Anglican Church Restoration effort.

This heritage building belongs to the people of Grenada, and everything should be done to ensure that its original character and ambiance, both externally and internally is preserved.