

### This Week at St George's

Sun AI Anonymous 7:00  
Mon Fitness 10 / MayCourt 6:30 / Soul Sauce 7:00  
Tues Tues Hangout 1:30 / Sparks 6 / Teachers' Choir 6:30 /  
Communications Committee 7:00  
Wed Brownies 6:30 / Bible Study 7  
Thurs Chair Yoga 9:15 / Bible Study 1:30 / EfM 7:30  
Fri Euchre Night 7:00  
Sat Youth Group 5:00  
Sun Cambridge Male Choir Concert 1:00

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#### Used Eyeglasses

If you have any used eyeglasses please place them in the basket provided in the Narthex! Many thanks from the Outreach Committee

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#### Canadian Tire Money

The Property Committee would appreciate donations of Canadian Tire money. It will be used to purchase maintenance items

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#### Grocery Vouchers

Grocery Vouchers for Sobeys, Food Basics and President's Choice are on sale in the Narthex after services. The church receives 4% of all sales. It is an easy way to support our Church.

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#### Toonies for Turbans

To pay for the material needed to make the Cancer Turbans, the Outreach Committee would appreciate your help. Please donate toonies by leaving them in the jar in the Narthex

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#### Food Bank

When doing your grocery shopping why not add an item or two for the Food Bank. There is a blue bin in the Narthex to collect the items. We thank John Ryrie for delivering the donations to the Food Bank for us.

# ST. GEORGE'S OF FOREST HILL



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November 18, 2018

#### Mission Statement

Inspired by Christ, we dedicate ourselves to grow together in faith through active stewardship and ministry to one another and our communities.

*All are welcome here.*

Bagel Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month  
8:15 and 10:00 Sunday Holy Eucharist – Church  
10:00 am Wednesday Healing Service – Chapel

Valerie's Office Administrator Hours are:  
Mon, Tues 1-5pm and Wed, Thurs, Fri, 8:30am -12:30pm

#### Readings for Next Week

2 Samuel 23:1-7	Psalm 132:1-13
Revelations 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37

### **A Christmas Market Thank You**

There were many jobs to be done  
And many did them one by one  
You baked such goodies, delicious treats  
Cookies, pies, squares and of course, mincemeat.  
You created baskets, and wreaths galore.  
And sewed and knitted and so much more.  
The quiches were made, the soups were great,  
And delivered with care, by a team first rate.  
The room was lovely and Santa did shine,  
And the children's table was just divine.  
The songs were played with love and care  
By the piano players with talents rare  
Many manned the tables and greeted our guests,  
Bottle pull, or Lucky Duck, you gave your best.  
The readers were happy on the great book search  
Smiles and fun in the halls of our church  
Then, as if by magic, it was all cleaned up,  
Right down to the very last cup.  
The floors were swept, the tables away,  
Tired but happy, the end of the day.  
So thank you to all, for your efforts supreme.  
However you helped, we made a great team!

### **Advent and Christmas**

Dec 8	10:00 am	Advent Quiet Day
Dec 9	4:00 pm	Service of Remembrance (Blue Christmas)
Dec 16	10:00 am	Pageant with Sunday School & Youth Group
Dec 16	7:00 pm	Service of Lessons and Carols
Dec 24	4:00 pm	Children's Christmas Service
Dec 24	7:00 pm	Family Service
Dec 24	10:00pm	Holy Eucharist Service
Dec 25	9:00am	Christmas Day Service (BCP)
Dec 28		Hosting Lunch for St John's Kitchen
Dec 30	10:00am	BAS service only this Sunday

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### **Share the Warmth**

We are accepting donations of gently used winter outerwear. This includes boots, hats, mitts, etc. Please put in a plastic bag and leave in the back right side of the Chapel. Last year we donated 40 bags.

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### **Call the Office**

Fr Stephen would be pleased to visit your home. He would be pleased to attend special functions or events, but it would be helpful if you could email or call the office with these invitations. Fr Stephen does not have a calendar with him at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

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### **A Festive Occasion**

Please join with us as we decorate our Christmas tree on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am. There will be music and Carol singing and hot apple cider and cookies. All are welcome to help us hang baubles on the tree and join in the carol singing.

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## Refugee Committee Update Nov. 2018

In mid-October, our local deanery (i.e., 13-church) refugee committee made a difficult but encouraging decision. To put this in context, 20-35 individuals from our Anglican churches have been working together since December of 2015 (three years) to support refugee families fleeing violence and socially dysfunctional situations – 4 families from Syria, and 1 from Ethiopia (by way of four years they spent in a camp in Kenya). To date, our committee as a group has met 40 times to accomplish this work. Not surprisingly, we have experienced some volunteer fatigue . . . and none of us is getting any younger!

At our previous September meeting, we literally went round the table and determined who thought they could continue to support our collective efforts, and who – with good reason – could not. Almost astonishingly, most indicated they would be willing to sponsor one more family. Most of us then went back to our churches to look for endorsement of our direction and came to the October meeting prepared to contribute to a decision. Collectively, we decided that we would take a 'break' after our official commitment to our 5<sup>th</sup> family ends in mid-December and not contemplate a new sponsorship until sometime in the spring – say March or April 2019. We also reviewed our finances and determined that – in rough terms – we would need \$20,000 to support a new family of four. As of mid-December we should have about \$7,000 left in our refugee account. Two highly generous Anglican donors have come forward and indicated that they are prepared to contribute up to \$5,000 to help us fund our 6<sup>th</sup> family. This means that our 13 local churches need to contribute roughly \$8,000 over a year for us to be able to finance a 6<sup>th</sup> refugee family. To put this in context, to date our 13 churches have donated over \$86,000 to our refugee outreach, which I consider to have been astonishingly generous; we have been more than up to the task. Another way to look at the financial challenge is to note that the amount that we need works out to roughly \$12 per church per week if spread out over twelve months, which seems eminently doable if our respective parishes buy into the extension of our work.

I am not providing this information so as to ask for funds right now. Christmas is coming, and we have many other places to provide support to those in need – our Angel Tree and our St. John's Kitchen pre-New Year's lunch, to name two. That said, as a member of the committee I thought I owed it to everyone at St. George's to give you an indication of where the refugee committee is headed and what we would deeply appreciate from parishioners as we move forward.

If you have any questions about our committee discussions, you can direct them to me, Wendy Sherlock, or Jim Stirling and we will do our best to answer them. If you have any questions about transportation assistance for our families, you could direct them to Ruth Ann Boos as she has provided some of this support.

John Ryrie

## CHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

COME AND HEAR WONDERFUL SONGS OF CHRISTMAS!

THE ADDISON WOMEN'S CHOIR & THE CAMBRIDGE MALE CHORUS  
JOIN RANKS (75 VOICES) TO PRESENT THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS  
CONCERTS

SAT. NOV. 24 – 7: 30 PM

MARANATHA CHRISTINA REFORMED CHURCH

94 ELGIN STREET S., CAMBRIDGE

GUEST CHOIR: WATERLOO REGION POLICE CHOIR

SUN. NOV. 25 – 3:00 PM

ST. GEORGE'S OF FOREST HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

321 FISCHER-HALLMAN RD. AT MCGARRY, KITCHENER

GUEST CHOIR: CAMERON HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE CHAMBER CHOIR

ADULTS: \$15

CHILDREN UNDER 12: FREE

SEE NELSON CUTHBERT FOR TICKETS OR PURCHASE AT THE DOOR

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### 23.4 KG (51.6 LBS)

This is the total amount of Ground Beef we collected to be donated to St. John's Kitchen for their lunch program. A huge *thank you* to everyone who helped. Susan Butt, on behalf of Outreach Committee

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### Thank You!

While Mother Nature did not cooperate with the timing of the fall clean-up of our out of doors property, we must acknowledge the work of Ivan, Jim and Mike done to freshen up Thompson Hall with a fresh coat of paint.

Thank you as well to the elves who reinstalled the bulletin boards and other display material once the painting was completed.

Our maintenance schedule suggests the floors in Thompson Hall will be stripped and refinished between Christmas and New Year's.

Barring a surprise break in the weather, our spring clean-up will require all hands on deck!

Your Property Committee

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### Used Magazines

I'm hoping to collect magazines from non-smoking homes for patients of Grand River Hospital. Please see Deb Chine if you have some to donate.

Thanks so much

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### **Social Justice Committee Update**

The committee, which has met three times, is very much a work in progress as we gradually determine our focus. We now have a bulletin board in the lower level of the church (opposite the bottom of the stairs) on which you will find thoughtful articles, newspaper columns, cartoons, and letters-to-the-editor. For some of these, we will be printing a few extra copies for any parishioners who would like to take a copy home with them; these copies will be pinned to the board, and easily removed. Please feel free to do so. To date, our intent is to stimulate thinking, discussion, reflection, and understanding. As we are able, we hope to publicize local events, lectures, rallies, etc. that ostensibly highlight significant issues of social concern. The committee next plans to meet in the Fireside Room, Saturday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 a.m. John Ryrie

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### **Welcome Packages**

Welcome packages are available at the entrance. Please take one.

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### **RENISON INSTITUTE OF MINISTRY DROP-IN BOOK CLUB:**

an opportunity to explore church life in our contemporary culture. It will be held on the last Monday of most months at 7:30 PM at the chapel at Renison University College. Our November meeting is on Monday the 26th, and we will discuss David E. Fitch's book *Faithful Presence: Seven Disciplines that Shape the Church for Mission*. Simply get the book, read it, and come and discuss it in a fun and relaxed environment! More info: [www.facebook.com/renisonbookclub](http://www.facebook.com/renisonbookclub)

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### **Meditative Singing**

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates one's being to the heart... We invite you to join us in prayer for world peace and unity among Creation using meditative singing on:

**Sunday, January 27 at 7:30 pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity hosted by Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount road E. Kit**

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### **Calendars**

There are a few 2019 Calendars left for sale in the office for \$5.00.

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### **Please Join Us for Coffee Hour This Morning**

A redesigned website is now up and running. While this revamp is an ongoing process, a quick update on some of its features will be shared during a 15 minute presentation at both coffee hours after the 8:15 and 10:00 a.m. services. Your Communication Committee

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### **Euchre Night: This Friday - November 23rd**

To help with planning, please sign up this Sunday for our fun euchre night. Bring your refreshments to the 7:00 p.m. start in Thompson Hall. Snacks followed by tea, coffee and a light dessert at 9:00 will be provided. Don't forget to bring a toonie to help offset the costs. This is a social event with little emphasis on the result of each game. Your Atmosphere Committee

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### **YWCA Women's Shelter**

The shelter is looking for donations of full and twin size fleece blankets. Please leave any donations in the chapel. Janet Hartry will deliver them.

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### **Book Club**

The November/December book club will be held Wednesday December 5 at 7pm at June Matheson's home. The book is Wonder by R.J. Palacio. For more information, contact Ruth Pearce at [rpearcn625@rogers.com](mailto:rpearcn625@rogers.com).

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### **Join the Greeters Team**

If you are interested in greeting people as they come to church on Sundays, please speak with Ivan or call the office.

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### **St George's Angels**

Will be ready to fly off the **Angel Tree** on **Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>!** For more information see the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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### **Poinsettia Sales**

The youth group is doing their annual poinsettia fundraiser. As those that ordered in the past years can attest, these flowers are beautiful and long lasting. Orders will be taken between and after church services on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>. Payment is due at time of ordering. Delivery date will be Dec. 5 with anticipated pickup of flowers to be available Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will confirm pickup times as soon as possible.

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