

Announcements for Sunday, September 24

Readings for August 27

Genesis 28:10-17

Revelation 12:7-12

Psalms 103:19-22

John 1:47-51

Bible Study

Wednesday 7pm via zoom and Thursday 1:30pm in the Fireside Room

Seniors Lunch

The next lunch is on Wednesday September 27 after the 10:00 service.

Intercessors

We are looking for volunteers to read the prayers on Sundays. If you are interested, please speak to Canon Stephen.

Turkey Dinner

St George's will host a Turkey Dinner on Friday October 6 with 5:30 and 6:30 sittings. Tickets are available in the Narthex today and from the office this week. **Please contact the office by Sept 24.** Adults \$25, Children \$10. Take-out will be available.

Today following the 10:00am service we will celebrate the continuing ministry of Valerie Clarke who has been serving this parish as the Parish Administrator for 20 years. There will be a reception after the service and we invite you to join us. During the reception there will be treats and a gift offered to Valerie in deep appreciation for her continuing ministry. Blessings
Canon Stephen

Deanery Youth Retreat

A Youth Retreat is being held on November 4 and 5 hosted by Trinity Church, Cambridge. Adriana and Adam are involved in planning a fun event for our youth groups for the entire Deanery.

Youth Group QR Code for Registration 2023/2024



Scan me!

Children's Community Closet – Seeking Donations

We are thrilled to be able to open our closet to the community again in 2023! Our CCC event will be open to the public on Saturday, October 21 from 9 – 11 am. We are now collecting donations of clean and gently used children's clothing (newborn to teens) and items (diapers, toys, books, strollers, highchairs, pack n' plays, exersaucers, play mats, etc...). We cannot take cribs, potty seats, bathtubs. Please do not bring broken toys or things that have missing pieces.) Items can be brought to the church office or left outside the Fireside room marked "CCC". For more information, please speak with Debra Barclay. If you have time to help set up, that will be done on Friday October 20.

Piano Lessons

Rob will be offering piano lessons starting in September for a limited number of students and if interested, please contact Rob via email randaszmies@hotmail.com or (519)500-0769



Messy Church

Families are invited to Messy Church on Saturday, October 14 from 3 – 6pm. This is a Deanery event.

Photo Directory

November 7 – 11th the photo directory company will be at St. George's to take pictures of our parish families. We will be setting up in the Narthex every Sunday in October for you to pick a time and date for your turn; Tuesday – Friday 2:45 – 8:15pm and Saturday 9.45am – 2:45pm.

At your appointed time you will fill in an information card and then meet the photographer in the Fireside Room.

'Shut-in' parishioners will be contacted separately for a photo opportunity.

The directory will also include a complete parish list with names, address, phone and e-mail contact information that the office has. If any of your contact information has changed, please contact Valerie in the office to update as soon as possible.

If you are unable to attend on Sunday mornings /or a member of our Livestream congregation please contact Mary Ann Millar at 519-744-6292 between noon – 3pm or 6-8pm in the evenings to book your appointment.

Mary Ann Millar

Communications Committee

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market will be held on Saturday, November 18th. Please mark your calendars. More information will be coming soon on a variety of ways of helping. Thank you.

Children

An Infant and family bathroom is located beside the office. It has a change table and supplies. The Nursery is available each week downstairs. There is also a play table at the back of the church with toys if families want to keep their children in church.

Nursery

Presently, we only have a few volunteers for the nursery. Please contact the office if you would be prepared to be in the nursery with our infants one Sunday a month or even every other month. Thank you.

Choir Gowns

Our senior choir started talking about acquiring new choir gowns roughly 4 years ago. COVID then stymied the discussion and the initiative.

This summer, we resumed our intent and our research. On Sept. 14, we finally came to a decision. We are planning to order gowns for the current roster of 17 choir members, plus 3 or 4 more gowns (S, M, L, XL) in anticipation of a few more voices over time joining the choir. The robes will cost \$210 each, which means we need \$3570 to buy 17, \$4410 to purchase 21. There is graciously already \$3500 set aside for the gowns from the Dorcas Folds legacy. So that means we need \$910 to accomplish our current goal.

From various conversations we have had with various parishioners on various occasions, we know there are members of our church who are genuinely interested in supporting the acquiring of the new gowns. We would greatly appreciate if these individuals could contact the office in the next week or two and indicate what kind of support they think they could provide. We would also be very very appreciative if any other members of our current church family think they can provide a bit of

financial support, and can indicate this to the office, our rector, our choir director, or one of our choir members.

We are genuinely excited about the prospect of wearing new gowns! We are hoping that they will arrive in time for our Advent and Christmas services.

John and Marg Ryrie, on behalf of

the senior choir

Our Deanery Refugee Family

I am thrilled and encouraged to report that our Deanery Refugee Committee believes it now has enough money donated by our 13 churches to support our refugee family through to February, which would be the end of their first full year. That said, we are still looking for ongoing contributions because our year of deanery support does not include money budgeted for costly dental work (which both parents need) nor – looking ahead - does not cover the cost of the airplane flight they took from their refugee camp in Africa to Toronto this past February. The federal government will begin to charge them for the airfare in the new year. For our previous refugee families we have been able to pay off most (or all) of this family expense, so they are not burdened with the debt when they become independent and self-sufficient.

Thank you for all of your support to date. The two children have had a good summer, biking and learning to swim. Both parents have resumed their English classes.

John Ryrie

Our Ice Cream Outreach – Summer 2023

I am delighted to report that we served ice cream (and toppings) at St. John's kitchen on ten (10) Fridays in July, August and early September. The patrons were delighted; some came back to the counter for seconds (and thirds!). Over the ten weeks, we went through 36 tubs (which is a *lot* of ice cream!!). During our summer Sunday services, parishioners very generously donated \$1187.85 to support this outreach, which all but paid for the costs we incurred. Because of some additional funds left over from last year's ice cream outreach, we are in a positive financial situation, going forward.

Our volunteer list this year was substantial and included the following:

Alfred Butler, Roberta Butler, Catherine Carlson, Elizabeth Ceres, Kathy Glaser, Marilyn Graham, Ivan Mariapen, Brent Matheson, Jan Melega and her grandson Vincent Marshall, Gerry McGregor, Claudette Meyer, Funke Talabi (plus a couple from Spain visiting Catherine)

I'd like to express a huge thank you to all of the highly enthusiastic volunteers who helped out, and an equally big thank you to everyone who provided funding for this initiative

John Ryrie

Holy Hostas

A huge thank you to EVERYONE who donated all the wonderful plants for our garden on Sunday. The new garden looks stunning. Thank you too, to all the hardworking members of the Garden Guild especially Tim and Anne who kept us organized. Thank you to the volunteers who pitched in to help.

SHARE THE WARMTH

From the beginning of October until Mid- December we will be collecting gently used WINTER OUTERWEAR, which includes WINTER COATS, WINTER SNOWPANTS, WINTER BOOTS, SCARVES, MITTENS/GLOVES.

There will be plastic containers in the lobby at the top of the outside stairs in between the doors. These items will then be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution to those in need.

Homily Notes and Quotes

Notes:

Jesus is talking about the "Kingdom of God".

How would the world be if the rule of God were obeyed universally?

Our concepts of justice and God's concepts of justice.

A denarius was minimum wage for a day's work.

God's ways, not our ways.

God's way is much more generous than our understanding of universal justice.

Regular prayer and worship are important.

A life with faith brings joy and purpose.

Everything can change in a moment.

God gives the Holy Spirit generously.

Quotes:

"Matthew writes for a mixed congregation that includes both longtime Jewish Christians (who may have known Jesus personally) and others who have joined only recently, many of whom are Gentile converts." Kathryn Blanchard

"There is no room for human pride, since one's only choice is either to answer the call to work in God's kingdom, or to stand idle and waste one's life altogether." Kathryn Blanchard

"Assumptions are planned resentments. Whenever we assume anything, we set ourselves up for possible disappointment or even worse, as we set the other person, place or thing up as the object of our disappointment, anger or resentment." Charlotte Dudley Cleghorn

"Do we find ourselves envious of another's gifts, talents, abilities, possessions, social status, and so forth? How often am I envious of other's good fortune? Envy can cause us to diminish our own gifts and talents and secretly to rob others of theirs. God is the giver of every good gift, whether it is ours or someone else's." Charlotte Dudley Cleghorn

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