

## Announcements for Sunday, October 1

Readings for August 27	
Deuteronomy 8:7-18	Psalms 65
2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Luke 17:11-19

### Bible Study

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

### 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 group.

### Messy Church

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

### 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.

### 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 return this Fall and be open to the public on Saturday, October 21 from 9 – 11 am. We are now collecting donations of gently used children's clothing (newborn to teens) and items (diapers, toys, books, strollers, highchairs, pack n' plays, exersaucers, play mats, etc...). Items can be brought to the church office or left outside the Fireside room marked "CCC". For more information, please speak with Debra Barclay.

### Photo Directory

November 7 – 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### 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 [randzaszmies@hotmail.com](mailto:randzaszmies@hotmail.com) or (519)500-0769

### 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

### **Financial Update – as of August, 2023**

Revenue from Donations Jan-Aug, 2023

Actual	\$160,253
Budget	<u>\$170,739</u>
Below Budget	\$ 10,486

At our vestry meeting in January 2023, we approved a budget with an increase in donations of 4.3% from the prior year, and

we have not seen any increase. Unfortunately, the church operations are experiencing the same inflationary pressures as are being felt everywhere, and our costs for salaries, utilities, and other items have risen.

Thank you to all who have responded to the increased budget, and we encourage everyone to continue to consider how they can support St. George's financially.

Anne Taylor, Treasurer

### **Intercessors**

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

### **OUTREACH**

#### **Supporting St Andrews Memorial Anglican Church**

St. Andrews Church is one of our Anglican churches that is located in a high needs area for donations of food, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, knitted hats, scarves and mitts are always needed. The outreach committee has voted to support St. Andrews "Food Cupboard" on an ongoing basis. On the 3rd Sunday of each month, we will be collecting two or three much needed items to help support their outreach initiative.

**For the month of October we are collecting the following three items:**

**Pasta and sauce Cereal (all kinds) Drink boxes**

If you have any good used glass casserole baking dishes they are always in need of those also.

There will be a drop off container under the outreach bulletin board in the Narthex. Nobody should have to go hungry. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **FALL CONCERT**

The Cambridge Male Chorus and Kokoro Singers are presenting a fall concert on Sat. Oct. 21, 2023 at @ 2:30 p.m. at Avenue Road Baptist Church, 465 Avenue Road, Cambridge. Under the direction of Brenda Uchimaru, both groups will sing massed numbers and individual chorus numbers. Come out and hear us! There will be a free-will offering and refreshments will be served after the

performance. Please contact Nelson Cuthbert for more information. Thanks!

**Mark your calendars!**

The Christmas Market is November 18<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for this the ever-popular bottle pull will require donations of any bottled item, whether it be ketchup, shampoo, dish soap etc. Of course, our guests are always delighted if they choose the bag with a bottle of wine. Bottles may be wrapped or placed in a wine bag. Also, if you have more wine bags than you need, they would be appreciated.

We will again be having a book room. We welcome your donations of recent fiction and non-fiction books. (no textbooks please).

Bins will be in the narthex beginning the week after Thanksgiving. Sign-up lists will be coming too. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Valerie Cuthbert at 519-578-8671 or email at [cuthben@golden.net](mailto:cuthben@golden.net).