

Announcements for Sunday, October 8

Readings for August 27	
Exodus 32:1-14	Psalm 106:1-6,19-23
Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14

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 – 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

Update - Our Deanery Refugee Family

I indicated recently that our deanery committee was looking for ongoing contributions for costly dental work (which both parents need) and perhaps covering the cost of the airplane flight the family took from their refugee camp in Africa to arrive in Canada in February.

I am absolutely thrilled to report that on-going offerings at our church from April on for our refugee family have amounted to \$4,000, which means that our committee at its next meeting will in all likelihood be able to move forward in providing the dental care Binyam and Alganesh very much need. Way to go St. George's!! Remarkable generosity!

John Ryrie



A “Spooktacular” Invitation! - Oct 28th



The Social Committee invites everyone to our **Halloween Potluck Party** on Saturday, Oct 28, at 4:00 pm. For a Spooky Good Time dress up in your favourite costume and be prepared for some Halloween Mirth & Merriment. Sign Up Sheets will magically appear on the Narthex Bulletin Board! Boo!!

Update – Choir Gowns

Our senior choir started talking about acquiring new choir gowns roughly 4 years ago. COVID then stymied the discussion and the initiative. We indicated recently that we have moved forward in ordering 21 new gowns, which we hope will arrive prior to Christmas and perhaps prior to Advent.

The anticipated total cost is \$4410, of which \$3500 will be covered by funds set aside some years ago. I am very much encouraged to report that in just the last two weeks, more than \$500 has come forward to help pay for the difference. We very much appreciate the response we have already had from the parish and are very hopeful and optimistic that additional offerings will come forward to help us pay for the new gowns.

Marg and John Ryrie, on behalf of the Senior Choir

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 or (519)500-0769

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!

Something New at the November 18 Christmas Market: We would like to have a “Christmas Treasures” area. If you have Christmas items in good condition that you no longer need, we would like to have them. They may be candle holders, plates, ornaments etc. We respectfully ask that items be delivered in saleable condition to assist those who will be organizing this section. There will be a table in the Narthex to leave your items beginning October 29th. Thanks for your consideration.

The 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 for the bottle pull and books will be in the narthex beginning next week. Thank you for your support.

Kitchen Cleaning

We consider ourselves a church family and the church building belongs to us and needs to be taken care of. We need people to keep our kitchen clean. It is a busy place and a monthly cleaning is essential. We need volunteers for this duty for October, November and December. It only takes about 2 hours of your time whenever it is convenient for you. Please contact Fran Rothenberg by phone 519-744-2502 or email francesrothenberg@gmail.com if you can help in this ministry.

Ground Beef Round-up

We are collecting ground beef for St John's Kitchen. Please have donations delivered to the church before November 5.

Fall Cleanup

Saturday, November 4 from 9am – noon. Please come to help get our property ready for winter. Bring your gloves and rakes. Coffee, tea and timbits will be provided.
Thank you, Murray Gamble

McINTOSH, Donna Carol died peacefully in her own home after a lengthy illness on Thursday September 28. Beloved wife of John and loving Mother to daughter Christine (deceased) and her partner Gary, sons David (deceased), Paul, Eric and to her daughter Sarah and her husband Andrew, and Nana to Cailyn. Predeceased by her parents Edward and Veneda Brown and brother Stephen, she is survived by her brother Edward (Ted), sister-in-law Frances, and a niece Heather.

Born in Sherbrooke Quebec, she grew up in Caledonia. Donna and her brothers spent many happy days at her aunt and uncle's farm. Donna enjoyed travel, especially Hawaii and the Caribbean.

She developed her famously pleasant speaking voice as a supervising operator at Bell Canada. A life-long volunteer, Donna was especially dedicated to helping children and families including working with Girl Guides, La Leche League, women's shelters and students in her children's school. Always active in the church, she was a member of the choir and altar guild and was the first female server in her home parish as well as a first elected woman lay delegate to synod.

At Donna's request cremation has taken place. A service will be held at her Parish of St. George's of Forest Hill Kitchener, Ontario on Saturday October 14 at 10:00 AM.

The Family expresses sincere thanks to friends and relatives for their kindness and thoughtfulness at this time, her Parish Family and Father Stephen, and to the extraordinary care given by personal support workers, nurses and physicians during her illness. In lieu of flowers Donna asks that gifts be given to Operation Smile Canada [contact Corbett Funeral Home 519- 740-0669] or a charity of choice.

Funeral for Dorothy Butterworth

The memorial service for Dorothy Butterworth will be held on Friday Oct. 13, 2023 at Erb & Good Funeral Home, Waterloo at 10:30 am. There will be no visitation prior to the service.