

Announcements for Sunday, November 26

Readings for next week

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Matthew 13:24-37

Last Week's Attendance

815: 30 10:00: 92 Livestream: 48

Givings

On the plate: \$ 4275

Auto Debit: \$2445

Bible Study

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

Share the Warmth

Until mid-December we will be collecting gently used Winter outerwear. There are plastic bins between the doors in the coat rack area. These items will be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution to those in need.

Christmas Concerts

The Cambridge Male Chorus and the Addison Women's Choir are presenting two Christmas Concerts as follows:

Sat. Dec. 2 at 7:30 pm at Avenue Road Baptist Church, 465

Avenue Rd., Cambridge. Guest Choir: Cambridge Girls' Choir

Sun. Dec. 3 at 3:00 pm at St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church, Kitchener

Guest Chorus: The Quintessentials Quintet

Tickets are \$15 each. See Nelson Cuthbert for tickets and information.

Come and hear the Choirs sing solo and massed numbers! Thanks!

Walker available

Do you know someone who needs a "walker"? There is one available in the Narthex. Please speak to Canon Stephen.

Carol Sing

Please join us for a friendly Carol Sing at **7pm on December 10**. Sing all your favourites and enjoy this Christmas tradition.

BELLS FOR CHRISTMAS

This outreach project is to support two units at Winston Park Long Term Care Facility. This does not necessarily mean that all the residents we provide a gift for have no family. Many seniors have outlived their family members, or they are not in close proximity to their family members. Sometimes the family cannot financially afford to provide Christmas gifts for their loved ones. To ensure that each resident in these two units has a gift to open at their Christmas party, we at St. George's have, for a number of years helped the staff and the residents by providing simple gifts to help bring a smile to the faces of those who live in long term care. Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself. Many thanks from your Outreach Committee!

Instructions for the Bells For Christmas

Go to the Tree and look at the Bells

Choose the Bell with the gift you wish to purchase

Take the Bell off the tree and come to the bulletin board marked "Bells For Christmas"

Find the coordinating name on the Bell with the same name on the bulletin board list. Eg. Nelly (on the Bell) Find Nelly on the bulletin board

Once you have found the name on the board, print your name and phone number where it is indicated

Take the Bell with you. Purchase the gift printed on the Bell. Put your gift in a gift bag with tissue paper on top and attach the Bell to the bag.

Bring your gift back to the church and place it under the tree

Please have all gifts back no later than Sunday, December 17

That is all there is to it!

There will be someone from the outreach committee on hand before and after each service to assist you with any questions you may have.

Thank you and happy shopping.

Soul Sauce Concert

On December 20, *Soul Sauce* (a vocal jazz ensemble of 14 women and men) will be performing in our church, starting at 7 p.m. The concert will likely last about 90 minutes, and consist of various new and well-known traditional Christmas music, sung in interesting arrangements – e.g. “Let it snow, let it snow,” “Mary, did you know,” “Happy Holidays”. Come out and enjoy some fun music!

No ticket is required, but we will be gratefully accepting free will offerings.

John Ryrie

Christmas Memorial Service

You are invited to a gentle service of remembrance of family members and friends who have died.

Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Officiant: The Rev Canon Dr Stephen Hendry

Refreshments to Follow

Lessons and Carols

A service of Lessons and Carols will be on December 17 at 7:00pm. All are welcome to this beautiful service of music and scripture.

Christmas Worship Services

December 17	7:00pm	Lessons and Carols
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December 24	9:00 am	Family Eucharist Fourth Sunday of Advent
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December 24	4:00pm	Children's Eucharist
December 24	7:00pm	Family Eucharist
December 24	10:00 pm	Traditional Eucharist

December 25	9:00 am	Traditional Eucharist
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Financial Update – as of October 31, 2023

Revenue from Donations Jan-Oct, 2023

Actual	\$204,674
Budget	<u>\$215,306</u>
Below Budget	\$ 10,632

As of the end of October, our donations for operations are below budget by \$10,632. 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. We are fortunate to have had rental income of about \$5,000 to help offset this shortfall in donations, but some of that rental income may not recur.

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. The budget for donations for rest of the year are Nov \$20,500 and Dec \$42,375

Anne Taylor, Treasurer

Christmas Tree

Our big Christmas tree will be in place on Friday December 1st during the morning. We plan to decorate it starting at 1.00 pm Friday afternoon. If you would like to be part of this fun annual event, you would be most welcome to join us. Thank you.

Christmas Market Success!

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Market a success. Together, we raised over \$5000. Lots of pre-day preparations occurred. It takes so many talented people to create the beautiful offerings from knitted items to wreaths, cards, decorations and more. The bake table was able to offer lots of delicious goodies due to the efforts of many. The café group gave our guests a chance to relax and enjoy a treat. Thank you for your generous donations towards our Christmas Treasures and Bottle Pull. Thank you to all who donated books

or offered our lovely Lucky Duck items. Thank you to all who welcomed our guests and performed a variety of jobs on the day. Appreciation to those who handled the cash and all who cleaned up! Thank you to our customers. It takes a team for an event like this to happen. Thank you, St. George's team! Glory to God!

OUTREACH NEWS BYTES

St. George's Outreach – a community working together to do God's work

Collaborate to lead initiatives supporting those in need in our community

Aid to KW agencies

Reaching those in need in the world around us

Environment of caring

Your Outreach Committee has been very busy over the past few months. Thank you all so much for your caring and generous support. We have been able to accomplish together some amazing things in support of others in our community and beyond.

Primates World Relief and Development Fund

Your Outreach Committee is proud that our congregation was able to contribute over \$8900 this year in support of this important national Anglican Charity. Thanks to all who contributed for their generous support.

Community Clothes Closet

On Saturday, October 21 we were able to support many local families by donating to them children's clothing, diapers, toys, play mats, exersaucers, and other items. Many parishioners kindly donated gently used items and generously donated their time to make this event successful. Thanks to all that donated and assisted.

St. John's Kitchen Ground Beef Collection

Thanks to all who contributed nearly 50 pounds of ground beef that has been donated to St. John's Kitchen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrews Cupboard

St. Andrews Anglican Church is located in an area that has many newcomers to Canada. They have established a cupboard of food and supplies to support individuals in need. Thank you to all who have donated dry goods, food and other items. We are currently collecting donations of peanut butter and cleaning supplies, which would be greatly appreciated.

Share The Warmth

The Salvation Army collects coats, hats mitts, gloves, boots and snow pants for adults and children. We will be collecting these items for donation until the end of December. For those interested, a box is located in the Narthex to place these items. Thanks so much for your support.

Angel Tree and Bells of Christmas

We will be supporting families in need, youth and seniors at Christmas again this year via the Bells of Christmas and the Angel Tree programs. This program makes an immense difference to the recipients at Christmas. Please see the bulletin Boards in the Narthex that explains how you can contribute to this important activity.

Outreach Financial Support

The Outreach continues to be overwhelmed and impressed by the generosity and support by parishioners to our many outreach programs. We truly are making a significant difference in many people's lives in many different ways. Last year, our parish made financial contributions to 8 charities in the amount of \$300 each for a total of \$2150. This year, due to the incredible financial support of so many, we have contributed \$750 each to 11 different charities for a total of \$8300. We were able to add 3 additional charities to the list this year, with increased focus on local youth in need. In these difficult and turbulent times, the extraordinary Christian generosity that you all have shown is amazing. THANKS TO YOU ALL SO MUCH.

YWKW

We will be collecting again this year from January 14th to January 28, items in support of the YWKW emergency Shelter. Please see the bulletin boards in the Narthex for information about these items needed.

The Outreach Committee

Thank you for your continuing support! Your generosity has been amazing!!

Just a reminder, new members are always welcome. If you would like to get involved in Outreach, please contact Heather Murphy (519-998-4975) or Dianne McCandless (519-807-9205). ☺