

Announcements for Sunday, March 3

Readings for next week

Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-3,17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21

Last Week's Attendance

8:15: 39 10:00: 87 Livestream: 60

Givings

On the plate: \$ 3230 Auto Debit: \$2536

St John's Kitchen Easter Collection

This year for St John's Kitchen we will be collecting Cadbury cream eggs for their dessert. They will have approximately 500 people so we are hoping to collect as many as possible. We will also be collecting powdered juice as this is an easy item to store and prepare when needed and Juice is one of the least donated items. We will be collecting from March 3rd until March 24th. A box will be available in the Narthex for donations. Financial donations are also welcome by cash, cheque or e-transfer to stgeorgefhdonate@outlook.com. Please indicate it is for St John's Kitchener.

Deanery Refugee Family Update – late February

Our deanery committee met on Feb. 20th. As of Feb. 22nd, we have completed our full year of sponsorship for Binyam, Alganesh, Yoursalem and Yonatan. That said, we are going to continue to supplement the family's income to the tune of \$630 a month for at least the next 6 months, perhaps a tad longer. Otherwise, they could not afford their rent, food, laundry, bus passes, etc. Rent (as I have previously indicated) is \$700 more per month than it was for our last sponsored family.

Dad Binyam is volunteering several part-days a week for the *Working Centre*, which is helping him improve his conversational English (on top of his half day of ESL classes). He is also still working on his driver training. Alganesh has conveyed that her ESL teacher is excellent, which is quite encouraging. She now has a sewing machine that she hopes to master.

Both parents are interested in acquiring some part time work between now and the end of the year- e.g. hospitality, cleaning, factory work, etc. If any of our parishioners know of any job openings that might be suitable, I'd appreciate if they would let me know.

Neither parent has a full high school education, but both are bright and highly focused and I think would make solid employees. John Ryrie on behalf of the Waterloo Deanery Refugee Committee

Tying of Palm Crosses

You are invited to join the Altar Guild in tying palm crosses on Thursday March 21st at 6.30 pm, in the Narthex. No experience necessary but please bring a pair of scissors.

Your Sunday Smile

Ask your doctor if a drug with 32 pages of side effects is bad for you....

Purdy's Chocolate

And just like that, we are now HALFWAY! Everyone has been amazing and we're so grateful for our community. If you haven't made your Easter orders or maybe you're still deciding, we DEFINITELY recommend the Hedgehogs and Sweet Georgia Browns. Let us know if you have any questions. **Share the love with friends and family who might be interested – it means the world to us!**



Our campaign number: 67800

Order through our web-shop: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1744623-115675>

Please order your treats by: March 9th

You still have a couple of weeks left to submit, but time flies faster than we realize! 🚀 ⏳ Don't miss out – submit your orders soon!

Happy shopping!

Vacation Bible School

August 12-16. Ages 4-10 years. We are looking for 4 teens to work at VBS. An honorarium is available; speak with Canon Stephen today. Registration is available in the Narthex.

Easter Flowers

Donations toward the flowers for Easter are appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to put your preferred wording for the bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10.

Easter Vigil Sign-up

You are invited to spend an hour of quiet prayer time in the Chapel over the Easter weekend. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please be sure the next person has arrived before you leave as the doors will be locked.

Worship Schedule for Holy Week 2024

Palm Sunday March 24

8:15 Communion & 10:00 Eucharist

Wednesday March 27

10:00 am Eucharist

Maundy Thursday March 28

7:00 pm Eucharist – Foot Washing

Good Friday March 29

8:15 am (BCP) & 10:00 am (BAS)

Holy Saturday March 30 7:30pm

BAS Candlelight Liturgy

Easter Sunday March 31

8:15 Communion (BCP) & 10:00 Eucharist (BAS)