

Announcements for Sunday, May 5

Readings for next week

Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 8:15: 28; 10:00: 64	Wednesday 15	
	Livestream: 39	= 146

Givings

On the plate: \$ 1480	Auto Debit: \$2536
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Pentecost Retreat

Canon Stephen will host a Pentecost Retreat on May 18 from 9am -1pm to pursue "The Gift of the Holy Spirit". A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

St Andrew's Cupboard

For the month of **May**, the items most needed for St. Andrew's Cupboard are peanut butter and snacks for lunch boxes. For example: bear paws; fruit snacks; granola bars; Ritz snack packages; Rice Krispie squares-all individually packaged. They cannot be re-wrapped. If anyone has gently used children's books, they would be most welcome as well! As always, any food items are welcome and much appreciated! St. Andrew's Cupboard is so grateful for all the generous items donated by the congregation of St. George's-THANK YOU

Sunday Smile

*It is of no use to spread time, labour or manure too thin.
(submitted by Catherine Carlson)*

Soul Sauce Concert

The *Soul Sauce Vocal Jazz Ensemble* (8 women, 7 men), who performed a Christmas concert at our church, are putting on two spring shows. The first will be on Sunday **May 5th** at St. George's, beginning at 3 p.m. No ticket is required. Free-will donations will be gratefully accepted.

The second show will be on **May 8th** at **The Jazz Room** (bottom level of the Huether Hotel – 59 King St. N., Waterloo). Doors will open at 6 p.m. for those who might enjoy ordering dinner. Singing begins at 7:30. Admission - \$15.

If you need more information, give me a shout.

John Ryrie

Cambridge Male Chorus Spring concerts

The Cambridge Male Chorus will present its annual "SPRING CONCERT" on Sat. May 11, 2024 at Avenue Road Baptist Church, 465 Avenue Road, Cambridge Ontario from 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm with refreshments afterwards. There are no tickets but simply a free-will offering.

The Cambridge Male Chorus will host a 120-voice massed chorus singing event "ONTARIO SINGS 2024" on Sat. June 1, 2024 at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 94 Elgin Street South, Cambridge at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for teens, and free admission for pre-teens.

Come along and enjoy these performances!

For more information and/or tickets, please contact Nelson Cuthbert, cuthben@golden.net, 519-578-8671.

Mother's Day Flowers

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to donate toward Mother's Day Flowers. The suggested donation is \$10.

Photo Directory

I am very thankful for the team of folks who helped make the 2024 Photo Directory happen. I appreciate the support of the Communications Committee and chair Catherine Carlson throughout the process. Thanks to everyone who came out for the photo shoot and those that welcomed our parishioners to their appointments and phoned to remind everyone of their timeslot. Finally, to my daughter Sue who helped proofread the parish list information for corrections and missing information. Thank you to Graeme Welsford for the design of the cover page. IPC was an easy company to work with and always returned emails and phone calls for clarification. We certainly lucked out

with our photographer John who was professional, attentive to detail and funny!

Mary Ann Millar,
Communications Committee

You were asking...

“Is the prayer chain group a closed group?”

No, as a matter of fact I would like to invite you to consider joining us on Monday May 6 at 1:30pm.

St. John's Kitchen - Easter Campaign

Thank you to everyone that donated drink mixes and chocolate to St John's. We received 10 large packages and 20 smaller packages of drink mix, enough to make 271L of juice!!! We collected an amazing 257 large and 144 mini Cadbury eggs as well as a few other chocolate goodies. St. John's Kitchen was very grateful to receive your generous donation.

Spaghetti Dinner

Thank you to everyone that attended or donated to the spaghetti dinner. We are happy to announce we raised \$490 that will go towards the building project. A special thank you to all the volunteers that helped with set up, clean up, cooking and drinks. Your help is greatly appreciated. - The Stewardship and Fundraising committee.

Pentecost Dinner and Evening Prayer

May 25 at 6pm will find us at the Rectory for a BBQ dinner followed by an Evening Prayer service at 7pm. Please sign up for the dinner on the sheet in the Narthex.

Chili Cook Off and Silent Auction

We are happy to announce that our annual Chili Cook Off and Silent Auction is happening Friday June 7th. More information to come. We are currently seeking silent auction donations. If you have or know of a small business that would be interested in making a donation, or if you have a gift basket, craft or artwork that you would like to donate, please contact Ann-Marie Shaw at

annmarie.s.shaw@gmail.com. All proceeds from this event will go towards the building project.

Mother's Day Celebration

May 12 at 8:15 and 10:00 services. Please join us.

Spring Clean-Up

Please join us on May 25 to prepare our gardens and yard for the Spring/Summer season. Please bring rakes and gloves.

St George's June Neighborhood Block Party

We wish to invite everyone from St George's to participate in our first annual Neighborhood block Party which will take place on Saturday, June 29, 10 -3.

We will feature a Dunk Tank, Bouncy Castle, Sno Cones, Ice Cream, Games, Food Trucks and special guests/ visits from various community groups. This joyous event will be a chance for us to invite all who live in the neighborhood here to learn more about who we are and how we make a difference in our community. We will be looking for many volunteers to make this event a huge success! This is our opportunity to demonstrate how we are *Faith in Action!*

Drayton Entertainment Outing

The outing to the theatre this year will be to see:

Doris and Ivy in the Home.

Thursday, June 27th at 2 p.m. at St. Jacob's Playhouse Theatre
We will have a Potluck lunch in the hall before and we will meet there at 11:45.

Tickets will be approximately \$50. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome and it is always a fun time. Rides from the church to the theatre can usually be arranged. For information, see June Matheson, ph. 519 7462881.

Invitation to Bishop's Friends Dinner

This is your invitation to attend the Bishop's Friends Dinner at Renison College at the University on June 8th, 2024. Ticket cost

is \$100. You can get your tickets on Eventbrite or contact St. George's of Forest Hill at 519-744-4751.

The Eventbrite web address is

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bishops-friends-dinner-saturday-june-8-2024-tickets-888026018727?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

We are requesting donations of items for the silent and live auction. You can take these to your local church and the Regional Dean will pick them up three days before the event.

Children's Community Closet – Seeking Donations

Our Spring CCC event will return and be open to the public on Saturday, June 1 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.

Waterloo Deanery Refugee Committee Financial Update

April 18, 2024

As of the end of February, our Deanery Refugee Committee completed its full year of sponsorship of our most recent refugee family: Alganesh, Binyam, Yoursalem and Yonatan. Technically, our job is done. That said, we are continuing to provide some monthly financial support to the family – perhaps up to the end of their second year in our Region: the end of February 2025.

To date, our churches have been very generous and supportive. Since May 2022, our deanery's churches have made 51 contributions for our refugee family, totaling \$39,829.03. Our committee recognized from the outset that because of inflation we would need more funding than in the past. For example, current rent for the family's two-bedroom apartment is \$700 more per month than the rent we paid for our previous family. As well, government support has not kept up with inflation. Consequently, our committee has made a commitment to supplement the family's income, as necessary, up to the end of their second year so they do not go into debt or become impoverished and homeless. We are hopeful that in the next six months or so one (or both) parents will find part-time or full-time employment, thereby earning income that can then take the

place of our own supplemental funding and make the family genuinely self-sufficient.

At our recent committee meeting on April 17th, we estimated that we may need as much as \$7000 to get the family through to Feb 28 2025. This amount would include anticipated further dental work for the parents, on-going support for the family for ten more months, and the repayment of their airfare in coming to Canada on Feb 22, 2023. We can defer some of the airfare cost and we may only need to provide monthly supplements until September or October. Time will tell. Our best guess is that roughly \$7000 would cover all the anticipated expenses. If spread across all of our churches, this works out to \$500-\$600 per church between now and next February. I recognize, as I always have, that some churches may be able to provide additional funding; some may provide less.

Since May of 2022, our church has contributed \$5930 (in addition to four other donations since December of 2015 in support of our previous refugee families). We are very thankful for this support.

I have been asked to convey this information to you to both let you know where we (as a deanery) stand and to ask you to consider contributing some additional funding over the next ten months, as you are able, so we can fully integrate our family into our region.

If you have any questions, I'd be happy to do my best to answer them.

John Ryrie, Treasurer- Waterloo Anglican Deanery Refugee Committee