

Announcements for Sunday, December 1

Readings for Next Week

Baruch 5:1-9	Canticle 19
Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 27 10:00 77 Livestream 78 = 182

Givings

On the plate: \$ 1503 Auto Debit: \$2527

Bible Study

Bible studies are Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome.

Big Box Fundraiser

You can purchase a box of beautiful 35 cards for \$35 dollars. Choose from an All Occasion Box, the Birthday Box or the Holiday box. You can view our sample boxes in the narthex after service and place an order with cash, cheque or etransfer to St. George's. If sending an etransfer, please indicate it is for the Big Box Fundraiser in the message area.

Livestream is Changing

As you know, we have been livestreaming some of our Services for quite a while now using a platform by the tradename of LiveStream which is now known as VIMEO. It has worked very well for us and, best of all, was free! However, in the past year, there have been fundamental changes within that company and we find that we would have to pay more than \$1,000 per year, soon, for the same level of service as we have enjoyed in the past. After some research, we have decided to switch platforms and move from LiveStream (VIMEO) to **YouTube** which is free to all on the internet and widely accessible. This change will be occurring in the coming weeks and we will give you notice beforehand. More information will be available soon. If you have any questions, please see Nelson Cuthbert. Thanks!

Blue Christmas Service

December 7 at 3pm, you are invited to attend a service to celebrate the lives of Parish members who have passed away in the last four years.

Lessons and Carols

A service of Lessons and Carols will be held on December 15 at 3:00pm. All are welcome.

HOLIDAY REFLECTIONS CONCERT

The Addison Women's Choir directed by Dr. Laura Curtis and the Cambridge Male Chorus directed by Brenda Uchimaru are presenting their annual Christmas Concerts featuring both massed and individual choirs!

Sat. Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm

Avenue Road Baptist Church, 465 Avenue Rd., Cambridge AND

Sun. Dec. 8 at 3:00 pm

St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church, Kitchener

Advance Tickets: \$15/adult; children under 12 are free.

Tickets at the Door: \$20/adult; children under 12 are free.

For information or tickets, please contact:

Nelson Cuthbert at 519-578-8671 or cuthben@golden.net

Hope to see you there!

Sunday December 22, 2024

Christmas Piano Drop-In between 2 pm and 5 pm

What does a guy do when he has dozens of different collections of Christmas piano arrangements and not enough opportunity to play through them all? He plays through them on a Christmas-y December Sunday afternoon! An afternoon where you can drop in to the sanctuary to sit and relax and listen to sounds of the season, perhaps a time for silent worship and reflection on the meaning of Christmas! No bulletins, no announcements, no applause - it is NOT a concert! Just an informal afternoon of Christmas piano music! Come early! Come late! Come and go

as you please! Stay a little while! Stay a long while! Stay as long you would like! Bring a donation for the food bank!

Thanks!

Rob Aszmies

The Advent Wreath

Lighting candles on an Advent wreath is an old custom. The wreath itself is a circle, reminding us that in God there is no beginning or end. The wreath also stands for the circle of loving community, in which every one of us is an equal member. The wreath is traditionally made of evergreen boughs, a sign of the ever-greenness of God's love, which never dies.

Traditionally, Advent was a season of repentance, like Lent, although now most people see it more as a time of waiting and anticipation. But we keep the old penitential colours in the candles: three blue or purple and one rose (the rose candle stood for a relaxation of penitence - like a rest stop in a marathon). The last candle, the white one, is the Christ candle and is lit on Christmas Eve to symbolize Christ's birth.

The four Advent candles represent four Advent themes: hope, peace, joy, and love.

Vestry Reports

Our annual Vestry meeting will be on February 23. If you plan to submit a report, please email it to the office by January 26, 2025.

St Andrew's Cupboard

THANK-YOU for your continued generosity with all your donations to the St. Andrew's Cupboard ❤️

Every week they are overwhelmed with everything I bring to the cupboard! This week they mentioned toothbrushes and toothpaste again. They are also looking for small items that would fit in a stocking that a parent could give to their child. For example: small cars; small dolls; playing cards; crayons; colouring books etc. As always, anything you would like to give is most appreciated ❤️

THANK-YOU SO MUCH!

Heather Murphy

On behalf of your Outreach Committee

Missing a container?

A number of containers have been left following the Christmas Market. These may have been from baking or Christmas Treasures. They will be placed on a table in the hall outside of the Fireside Room. Thanks so much for picking these up.

Christmas Market Success!

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Market a success. Together, we raised over \$6,300. Lots of pre-day preparations occurred. It takes so many talented people to create the beautiful offerings from knitted items to stained glass pieces, cards, woodcrafts, sewing, decorations and more. The bake table was able to offer an abundance of delicious goodies and preserves due to the efforts of so 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 amazing 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!

Sunday Smile

A problem shared is a problem halved.

Purdy's Chocolate

Thank you so very much to all who purchased Purdy's Chocolate. Our sales totaled \$2823 giving us a profit of \$797.50!

New YouTube Channel

As you may have heard, we are changing the process for watching our livestreamed Services soon and this is a further update for you.

We have used a company called **LiveStream** for quite a while which was free. However, this company has restructured itself as **VIMEO** and a new monthly or annual charge would follow for the services we require beginning in the New Year if we carried on with them.

After some research into alternate solutions and to keep our costs as low as possible, we have elected to migrate to **YouTube** which is widely available on the internet and incur no additional or new costs for the services we require. We will use our own St. George's **YouTube** Channel which we have already!

To try this out, we recorded a short video with Catherine Carlson earlier this week.

Here are two ways to view it:

Method #1: Use the following

link: <https://www.youtube.com/@stgeorgesfh>

- Just click on the hotlink above and it will take you to our Channel.

- Once you get to the Channel, you will see four options mid-screen:

HOME

VIDEO

LIVE

PLAYLISTS

Select the third option, LIVE, and you will see the video entitled "YouTube Announcement".

- Click on that icon to view the video that has been posted of Catherine.

Method #2: Type the following into your internet browser:

YouTube St. George's of Forest Hill

- This will take you directly to our channel and you will see Catherine's video entitled "YouTube Announcement." Simply select it to view it.

And that is all that there is to it to enable you to watch livestream broadcasts using **YouTube**!

We will continue to send out the appropriate internet links via e-mails on Sunday mornings as we have been doing.

Once again, the switch from LiveStream (VIMEO) to YouTube will occur on Sunday, December 8, 2024, for the 10 am Service.

Thanks to our newest livestream operator, Noah Cronin, for his work on this migration to **YouTube**!

Nelson Cuthbert

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

The PWRDF provides support to many projects in developing countries around the world. Each year at Synod, each parish in the Diocese makes an annual contribution to this important fund. At Synod in October, we donated a total of \$ 5127. Thanks to all of you who so generously donated to this great cause!!!!

Community Clothes Closet

On Saturday, November 2, we were able to support many local families by donating to them children's clothing, diapers, toys, play mats, 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

Thanks to all who contributed generously to St. John's Kitchen in support of their special summer "Holiday from Hunger" program. This year we contributed \$200 to the program. We also contributed 54 pounds of ground beef in October.

St. Andrews Cupboard

St. Andrews Anglican Church is 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 many other personal and household items. Each week in the church weekly bulletin, we publish the items currently in demand. The support of this program has been overwhelmingly successful, and the people of St Andrews are very grateful of our support for this program. Thanks to Heather Murphy for organizing this program and to so many of you that have stepped up in support.

St John's Kitchen Ice Cream

We ran again this summer a successful program of supplying 33 tubs of ice cream and lots of toppings to St. John's Kitchen. This program is greatly appreciated by those who utilize the services that St John's Kitchen as it provides them a great break from the summer heat. Thanks to all who donated financially to this program and specially to those who helped serve the ice cream at the facility.

Share the Warmth

Thanks to so many people who donated over 80 winter coats to the Salvation Army 'Share the Warmth" program. This Program supports many families in need in our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bells of Christmas/ Angel Tree

This Christmas, we will be supporting those in our community who would have little Christmas cheer. We are supporting two families with children, one young adult and three youth as well as 35 seniors. This program has a huge positive impact on these individuals at Christmas. To donate, please pick off a bell or angel off of the Christmas tree located in the narthex of the

church. Many thanks to so many parishioners who have stepped up in support of this initiative and to those who organize the program.

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). ☺