

## Announcements for Sunday, November 24

### Readings for Next Week

Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalms 25:1-9
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 31    10:00 83                      Livestream: 62                      =  
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### Givings

On the plate: \$ 2846                      Auto Debit: \$2536

### Bible Study

Bible study is Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome. Wednesday bible studies have been cancelled.

### 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 e-transfer to St. George's. If sending an e-transfer, 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!

### HOLIDAY REFLECTIONS CONCERT

The Addison Women's Choir directed by Dr. Laura Curtis and the Cambridge Male Chorus directed by Brenda Uchimarú 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](mailto:cuthben@golden.net)

Hope to see you there!

### Christmas Tree

Our large Christmas tree will be assembled next week in the Sanctuary in preparation for the Advent Season. Originally, we had suggested Fri. Nov. 29th at 9 am but that time did not work for folks. So, let us try Thurs. Nov. 28th at 9 am instead. Please see Nelson Cuthbert (519-588-8672) if you are able to help at this new date and time.

In addition, we will decorate the tree the following day starting at 1:30 pm. If you would like to take part in this festive occasion, please let Lilian Cressman know.

Thank you!

### 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!

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### **Christmas Market Success!**

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Market a success. Together, we raised over \$6,000. 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 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**

*The opportunity of a lifetime is seldom so labelled.*

### **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). ☺***

#### **Greetings,**

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have shared in the ministry offered at St George's, Forest Hill over the last 8 years. Shortly after I retired from full time parish ministry, working with Archdeacon Ken Cardwell during a time of parish transition was a distinct pleasure. It was a joy to Baptize both of our Grandchildren at St George's. That experience is a link which I will forever treasure.

Now, as the Parish Family of St George's enters another period of transition, I have been invited to offer ministry in a different setting as another congregation goes through a process of discernment leading to new clerical leadership.

At the conclusion of that appointment, Carolyn and I will be engaging in the life of a congregation closer to our home in Cambridge.

We will be with you for the Christmas Bazaar when Carolyn and her duet partner will be part of the music program of that event. After that, it will time for us to bid you, "Adieu...", which translated simply means, "...to God...". As the Parish Family of St George's steps out into the unknown future, be assured that, with a profound sense of Thanksgiving, I will continue to hold you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Warm Regards,

The Reverend Canon Christopher B.J. Pratt