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Diocese of Huron - The Anglican Church of Canada

Bishop: Rt Rev Dr Todd Townshend

Music Director: Rob Aszmies

Organist: John Shaw

Celebrant: The Rev Sharla Malliff

Greeter: Claudette & Ian Bernal

Server: Michael Chine

Warden on Duty: Cindy Kellett

Pentecost XIX

Oct 19, 2025 BAS – 10:00 am

Announcements

Processional Hymn: CP #393 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'

The Gathering of the Community

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

C: Almighty God,

A: to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthy magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of Transition

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish of St George's, that they may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support them in their ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

C: Let us pray.

Eternal God, you remain constant through all of our striving, and patient with our ceaseless prayers. We seek your wisdom, yearn for your justice, and crave your blessing, for our own sake and for the sake of the world. By the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ, who prays with us

A: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

O: A reading from Genesis.

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man^[a] said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

O: The word of the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121**Rev Sharla Malliff**

The Psalm appointed for today Psalm 121.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

**8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

John Shaw

O: A reading from Paul's letter to Timothy.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

C: This is the word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Gospel: Luke 18.1-8

Rev Sharla Malliff

C: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

C: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

A: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

C: The Gospel of Christ.

A: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Response to the Gospel: Green Spiral #128 'Under Your Wing'

VERSE

I will lift up my eyes to the hills;
For I know where my help comes from.
You will sustain my weary soul,
For it's by Your grace I stand here today.
(repeat)

CHORUS

There is no trial, no mountain,
No problem too big for my God.
There is no pain, no doubting
When I rest under Your wing.
(repeat)

BRIDGE

It doesn't matter how deep the valley may be,
I know I'll never be too far from Your reach.
When the water's raging and rising on me,
I call on You, I call on You.

CHORUS

Homily

Apostle's Creed

C: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

A: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Adriana Cronin

O: The flowers in the church today are given in memory of our Mother, grandmother and great grandmother Eleanor Simpkins and our son Jeffery Rothenberg on his 54th birth date, always missed but lovingly remembered by their family, by Fran Rothenberg and family.

God of justice, in Jesus Christ you teach us to pray always and not to lose heart. And so we come.

For your children who suffer under oppressive rulers and greedy tycoons .

For your church that is torn asunder by mistrust and pride . . .

For those who have no water and those whose water is too dirty to drink . .

For those who go to bed hungry and wake each day in misery ...

For those who struggle to believe and those who seek a blessing . . .

For those who are bound by anxiety or depression, loneliness or fear . . .

For the sick and all who care for them and those who will die this night . . .

For all whose burdens we carry in our hearts, who we now name to you. . .

All these prayers we offer with thanksgiving, through the power of your own Spirit, for we know that you hear us when we pray and desire to makes us whole. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

A: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

C: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.
Most merciful God

A: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

C: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

The Peace

C: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

A: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

C: Our God, who provides for our every need, invites us to give of ourselves as we work and wait for the coming reign of Christ. Trusting in the Spirit to sustain us in all things, let us share generously with those in need.

Offertory Hymn: Purple Spiral #54 'Here I Am, Lord'

VERSE 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

CHORUS

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

VERSE 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

VERSE 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

The Prayer over the Gifts

C: Eternal God, may these gifts be signs of your grace, and may our lives
show forth the coming kingdom, that when Christ comes again he will find
faith on earth

A: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #3

C: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of heaven and earth;
You are the source of light and life for all your creation,
You made us in your own image,
And call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore, we praise you,
Joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.**

**A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

C: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
For the goodness and love

You have made known to us in creation;
In calling Israel I to be your people;
In your Word spoken through the prophets;
And above all in the Word spoken through the prophets;
And above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
To be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
To be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have brought us
Out of error into truth,
Out of sin into righteousness,
Out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
To suffering and death,
A death he freely accepted,
Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
And when he had given thanks to you,
He broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
And said, "Take, eat:
This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
And when he had given thanks,
He gave it to them,
And said, "Drink this, all of you:
This is my blood of the covenant,
Which is shed for you and for many
For the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
Do this for the remembrance of me."

A: Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming;

C: and we offer our sacrifice
 Of praise and thanksgiving
 To you, Lord of all;

Presenting to you, from your creation,
This bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
To send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
That they may be the sacrament
Of the body of Christ
And his blood of the covenant.
Unite us to your son in his sacrifice,
That we, made acceptable in him,
May be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
Reconcile all things in Christ,
And make them new,
And bring us to that city of light
Where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
The firstborn of all creation,
The head of the Church,
And the author of our salvation;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
Now and for ever.

A: Amen

Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven hallowed be Thy
Name. Thy King-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is
in hea-ven, Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-
give us our debts as we for-give our debt-ors and lead us
not in-to temp-ta-tion. But de-li-ver us from all
e-vil for Thine is the Kingdom and the pow-er and the glo-
ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread

C: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

A: **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

The Communion

Administrants: George Mundry, Cameron Crassweller

Communion Music: CP #543 'Unto the Hills around Do I Lift Up'

Prayer after Communion

C: Let us pray.

God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

A: **Amen.**

C: Glory to God,

A: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Benediction: 'The Blessing'

The Lord bless you
and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his
face toward you,
and give you peace. (x2)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Blessing

C: Be of good courage, for the Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore. May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit give you peace.

A: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: CP #539 'Come, O Thou Traveller Unknown'

Dismissal

C: Hear Paul's encouragement to the church in Philippi as a charge also to us: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Readings for Next Week

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalms 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 28 10:00 59

Givings

On the plate \$6,872 Auto Debit: \$2,093

Special Book Study – The Advent Conspiracy

We will begin a new book study the week after Thanksgiving! To prepare, please order your copy of *The Advent Conspiracy* and let Rev. Sharla know your preference for either a hybrid study on Sundays over lunch or a weeknight Zoom study. Here's our reading schedule:

Week One – October 19: Chapters 1 & 2 -

Week Two – October 26: Chapter 3 – *Worship Fully*

Week Three – November 2: Chapter 4 – *Spend Less*

Week Four – November 9: Chapter 5 – *Give More*

Week Five – November 16: Chapter 6 – *Love All*

Optional Week Six – Wrap-Up: Chapter 7 – *Reclaim Christmas*

We're looking forward to diving into this meaningful study together!

Sunday Smile

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not get bent out of shape.

Bible Study

Join our Bible Study every Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome!

Name Tags

If you would like a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the cost is \$13.00.

Children's Community Closet – Seeking Donations

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". We are also looking for helpers to assist with laying out the clothing and items on Thursday, October 30 at 6:30 pm and Friday, October 31 at 9:00 am, sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex. Our closet will be open to the public on Saturday, November 1 from 9 – 11 am. For more information, please speak with Debra Barclay

ST. ANDREWS CUPBOARD

THANK-YOU all so much for the amazing donations for St. Andrews Cupboard over the past few weeks and into Thanksgiving ❤️ We are all so blessed and have so much to be thankful for, it is wonderful to share with the less fortunate! All your donations are gratefully appreciated but a few specific things mentioned by Deacon Kay were pasta; pasta sauce and chunky soups.

THANK-YOU for your caring and sharing ❤️

Heather Murphy - On behalf of your Outreach Committee

Office Hours

Mondays 10:00 – 2:00 pm

Tuesdays 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesdays 9:30 – 1:30 pm

Thursdays & Fridays 10:00 – 2:00 pm

A Note from our Treasurer and our Executive

As you are aware, monies can be directed to St. Georges in a number of ways. For accurate tracking of these monies, please ensure that you have indicated the purpose for the payment/donation. This is true for payments/donations received whether they be via cash, cheques, and/or E-transfers. In particular, if you are giving using envelopes, please clearly indicate your wishes for the donation using the available pre-printed lines on the front of the envelope. If you are using cheques rather than cash, please indicate the purpose of the cheque in the comment section to the left of your signature. If you are using E-transfer, please indicated the purpose of the e-transfer in the note section of the E-transfer. If you just use a plain envelope, please put your name, address, amount of the donation/payment, and a note as to the purpose(s) of the donation on the front of the envelope and seal it. Your assistance in these matters is greatly appreciated!

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer - Zoom Meetings

Monday, October 20 at 1:00 pm

Please join us at Let Us Pray this month as our new Primate the Most Reverend Shane Parker joins us as we begin our new season. We are absolutely delighted that Archbishop Shane can be with us as we begin another year. We're sure you'll want to hear what he has to say.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83536726542?pwd=r1Aj0fdW20FDkLjz4dLazF4UqA08jz.1>

Christmas Market Minute 2025

The market is only 5 weeks away.....

Beginning next Sunday, October 19th, there will be boxes in the Narthex to receive your donations/contributions to the Bottle Pull, the Christmas Treasures Room, and the Book Room.

Bottle Pull: bottle of anything with or without the wine bag/wrapping.

Book Room: recent books 5 years or less (no textbooks please), current magazines and intact games.

Christmas Treasures: Christmassy items in good condition that can be loved by others (table or tree decorations, candle holders, plates, tablecloths, etc.)

Additionally for the Craft Table: Deb Chine or Barb would appreciate having items ahead of time with a suggested price.

Questions??? Contact Susan Hipperson -519-654-7023, susanhipp@gmail.com or Cora Lee Little – 519-504-0860, coralee.little4@gmail.com.

FALL CHORAL CONCERT OPPORTUNITY!

The Cambridge Male Chorus and the Kokoro Singers are providing a fall concert of choral singing called "FALL MOSIAC" at Avenue Road Baptist Church, 465 Avenue Road, Cambridge on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 2:30 pm. All of you are invited to attend. We are asking audience members to bring a non-perishable food item to the event in support of the Cambridge Food Bank. There will be a free-will offering. Please contact Nelson Cuthbert at Church or at 519-588-8672 or using "cuthben@gmail.com" if there are any questions. Hope to see you there!

Ladies Lunch

Ladies Lunch for Friday, October 31st. We will meet at 12.30 at the Harvest Moon in St Jacobs. Please let Sue know by October 22nd if you are flying in on your broom to join us! suzie_del-simpson@outlook.com.

FALL CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our fall cleanup of the Church grounds in preparation for winter will occur on Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 9 am to 11:30 am. Please bring your garden gloves and a rake. Coffee/tea/timbis will be available in Thompson Hall. Mark it on your calendar! Hope to see you there.

Murray Gamble for the Property Committee

Bank Fraud Presentation

Fraud can affect anyone, regardless of age or technical know-how. Fraudsters are becoming more sophisticated, but with knowledge, awareness, and a bit of caution, you can take steps to protect yourself. Join us on October 28th, 3:00-4:00pm to learn from Kindred Credit Union staff about what you can do to protect your hard-earned money. Contact person Ruth Pearce.

"Take and Make"

Yarn and fabric have been placed in the Narthex. Please feel free to "Take and Make" something for the Christmas Market or for someone in need. Please return market items to Barb Bailey or Deb Chine.

Ten Thousand Villages Christmas Markets

Ten Thousand Villages and Friends are holding two Christmas Markets this November. Your purchase of these unique, fairly traded and handcrafted product supports employment and skill development. Come check it out at WK United Mennonite Church, Waterloo (Nov 13-15) and MCC Ontario, Kitchener (Nov 27-29). Details can be found on the bulletin board poster.

Photographs

Pictures taken at worship services and special events may be used for the Parish Website, Facebook page or the Dragon Flyer. Please speak to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in a picture.

The Communications Committee.

Selection Committee Formed

On Thursday, September 25, our Archdeacon, Rev Rob Lemon, from Stratford, chaired a special Parish Council Meeting wherein the following parishioners were approved as your Selection Committee whose sole purpose is to realize a new Rector: Adam Ashcroft, Catherine Carlson, Nelson Cuthbert (Chair), Ray Finnie, Kathy Glaser, Yvonne Gingrich, Fran Rothenberg, and Debra Zanon-Barclay.

Here are some key “process” points for you:

- Archdeacon Rob Lemon is our Diocesan Advisor and our direct link to the Bishop. It is under the Bishop’s authority that the work of this Committee proceeds.
- Under Diocesan rules, Rev Sharla is not part of the process.
- The timeframe will be six months approximately.
- All committee members have signed a Diocesan “Confidentiality Agreement” wherein all details of meetings, interviews, etc. are in confidence forever.
- General process milestones will be shared with St. George’s throughout the process.
- We will be meeting regularly to accomplish the following:
 - Create an all-parishioner questionnaire for you to complete and return to us; summarize all of those responses.
 - Use the Summary and other information to compile a detailed Parish Profile.
 - Forward the Summary and the Parish Profile to the Bishop.
 - Await a response from the Bishop including the names of prospective candidates to interview. All candidates get copies of the Summary and the Parish Profile.
 - Interview prospective candidates; decide on the best fit and inform the Bishop. The candidates also report their post-interview decisions to the Bishop.
 - Await the Bishop’s response. Hopefully, all parties (The Bishop, St. George’s Selection Committee, and the chosen candidate) are still in agreement.
 - If successful, announce the name of the new Rector and work out the many details with respect to such items as salary, start date, Rectory, etc.

There you have it! We have a strong team and a definite desire to accomplish our work in the next couple of months. Please pray for us. Thanks very much for your support!

--- Nelson Cuthbert for the Selection Committee