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Bishop: Rt Rev Dr Todd Townshend

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Organist: John Shaw

Celebrant: The Rev Sharla Malliff

Greeter: Mary Ann Millar

Server & Crucifer: Jennifer Millar, Catherine Carlson

Warden on Duty: Nelson Cuthbert

**First Sunday of Advent – BAS 10:00 am**

**November 30, 2025**

## **Announcements**

**Processional Hymn: CP #89 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' (verses 1, 2, 4, 6, 7)**

**Lighting of Advent Candle: Hope**

Reader 1: "I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;

In his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more  
than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen

for the morning." (Ps. 130.5-6)

Reader 2: Hope is watching in the darkness waiting for the Light to come. Hope has faith, even in the darkness.  
Hope trusts in God's faithfulness and love.

Reader 1: Lord, we wait for your advent at Christmas  
like watchers waiting for morning.

As the candle is being lit:

**All: Lord Jesus, we wait and hope for your coming.  
Come into our ordinary lives  
to be a living presence in us every moment of the day.  
Be our light in the darkness of sin and despair.  
Bring us to the Light that you showed the world,  
the light of the knowledge of God's love for us.  
We ask this in your blessed name. Amen.**

### **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 worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Glory to God**

#### **Refrain:**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people, people of goodwill.

#### **Verse 1:**

We praise You, we bless You,  
We adore You, we glorify You,  
We give You thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

**Refrain** (same as before)

**Verse 2:**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You  
are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

**Refrain** (same)

**Verse 3:**

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.

**Refrain:** (same) and add "Amen, amen."

**Prayer of Transition**

C: 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.  
A: **Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

C: God of glory, we know that you are coming at an unexpected hour.  
Come to us now, in spirit and truth. Take us up into your presence, and  
make us ready for your reign of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
A: **Amen**

**The Proclamation of the Word**  
**The Readings****First Reading****Isaiah 2:1-5**

Alfred Butler

O: The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the  
highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall

stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms 122**

**Rev Sharla Malliff**

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*

**"Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

2 Now our feet are standing \*

**within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*

**that is at unity with itself.**

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \*

**the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgement, \*

**the thrones of the house of David.**

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*

**"May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls \*

**and quietness within your towers.**

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*

**I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*

**I will seek to do you good."**

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.**

**Second Reading Romans 13:11-14**

Roberta Butler

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION: 'Ancient Words'**

Ancient words, ever true,  
changing me, changing you;  
we have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,  
give us strength, help us cope  
in this world where'er we roam,  
ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true,  
changing me, changing you;  
we have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.

**The Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36 - 44**

Rev Sharla Malliff

C: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>36</sup> 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

### **The Response to the Gospel: 'Soon and Very Soon'**

#### Verse 1

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

#### Verse 2

No more crying there- we are going to see the King!  
No more crying there- we are going to see the King!  
No more crying there- we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

#### Verse 3

No more dying there- we are going to see the King!  
No more dying there- we are going to see the King!  
No more dying there- we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

#### Verse 4

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

**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.**

**Prayers of the People**

Adriana Cronin

O: The flowers in the church today are in loving memory of our dear daughter, Una, who passed from us 23 years ago; and in celebration of our 52nd wedding anniversary -- given by Jack & Marilyn Graham.

Today we pray for:  
(Silence for reflection)

Sisters and brothers in Christ, for the sake of the world that God so loves, let us pray.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

**We pray for peace in every nation—**

**that people will turn their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and study war no more.**

Pray for the peace of the church.

**We pray for peace in Christ's body—**

**put an end to fear and fighting, and help us to proclaim in word and action the good news of salvation to all.**

Pray for the peace of this community.

**We pray for peace in this place—**

**for safety in our homes and streets, for the prosperity of our neighbours, and for the health of family and friends.**

God of the future, make us ready for the coming of your reign, when you will bring everlasting peace and renew the face of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

Come with gratitude and joy to the table of the Lord.

Bring the works of your hands and the gifts of your lives as an offering of praise.

**Offertory Hymn: CP #593 'O God of Every Nation'**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **Eucharistic Prayer: 1982 Scottish Rite**

**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 our thanks and praise.**

**C:** Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be, and still you draw the universe to its fulfillment. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your Son, the life of heaven and earth were joined, sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit, we, who bear your threefold likeness, look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured and the earth transformed.

As your children of your redeeming purpose who await the coming to your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry' are written below the staff. The second staff starts at measure 11 and continues the melody with lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the'. The third staff starts at measure 22 and concludes the piece with lyrics 'Lord Ho - san - na in the high-est Ho - san - na in the high-est'. The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry

11 Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

22 Lord Ho - san - na in the high-est Ho - san - na in the high-est

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one. Obedient, even to accepting death, He opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, a light with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come, at supper with his disciples, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son; and may we be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body, to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

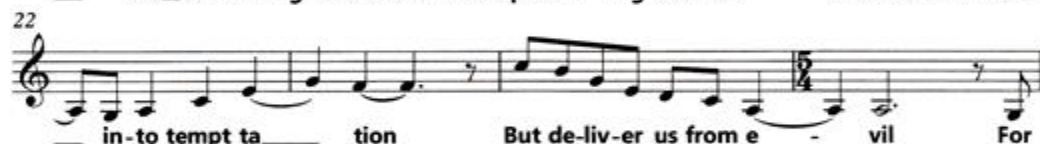
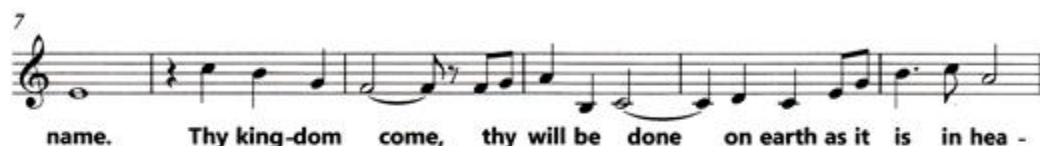
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages.

**A: Amen.**

**C:** And now, as our Saviour has taught us, we are bold to pray:

# An Anglican Lord's Prayer

John Ryrie



## The Breaking of the Bread

C: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

A: **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

14  
God, you take away the sins of the world, grant - us - peace.

## The Communion

**Administrants:** John Ryrie, Roberta Butler, Mary Lynn Forrest

### Communion Music: 'Emmanuel'

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel:  
God with us, revealed in us!  
His name is called Emmanuel.

### Choir Anthem: 'Longing For the Light'

### Prayer after Communion

C: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.  
We ask this 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: May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the Spirit's joy surround you as you walk in the light of the Lord.  
And the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all.  
A: **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn: CP #97 'Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring'**

C: Be strong in the truth of God.  
Bear witness to the gospel.  
Persevere in the face of evil.  
Persist in your commitment to Christ.  
Live without fear.  
Love without reserve.  
A: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Dismissal:**

C: About that day and hour no one knows.  
Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Be ready, for the Lord will come at an unexpected hour Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
A: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Readings for Next Week**

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalms 72: 1-7

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

### **Last Week's Attendance**

Sunday : 8:15                  65    10:00

### **Givings**

On the plate    \$4,040                  Auto Debit: \$2,093

### **Sunday Smile**

If you are lost come inside, we have the map to get you home.

### **Advent Lesson Readers**

The assigned Readers List for the four Sundays in Advent has now been placed in your mail folder in the Narthex. In addition, information on the need for volunteers to read lessons at our special Christmas services has been shared. The sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted in the Narthex. There have been a couple of changes to the master list of those able to read at our regular Sunday services so that updated list has been printed on the back of the assignment list for Advent. Questions?

Contact: Cheryl Fox @ 519-579-0684.

### **Office Hours (Pierrette)**

Mondays: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesdays: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Wednesdays: 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Thursdays & Fridays: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

### **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

## **Upcoming Festive Soul Sauce Christmas Concerts ... TWO (!)**

1 – at St. George's, Wed. December 10 - 7 pm

No cost – goodwill offerings gratefully accepted.

2 – The Jazz Room, Waterloo Wed. December 17 - 7:30 pm

Doors open at 6. Admission - \$20 at the door.

Lots of great Christmas carols and festive songs!

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

The Addison Women's Choir, directed by Dr. Laura Curtis, and the Cambridge Male Chorus, directed by Brenda Uchimarú, will present their annual **Christmas Concerts on Sat. Dec. 6, 2025 at 7:30 pm at Avenue Road Baptist Church, Cambridge, and on Sun. Dec. 7, 2025 at 3:00 pm at St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church, Kitchener.** Advance tickets are available from choir members for \$15 each and \$20 at the door. Children under 12 are free.

Donations (non-perishable food and/or cash) are also welcome. See Nelson Cuthbert (519-588-8672)([cuthben@gmail.com](mailto:cuthben@gmail.com)) for tickets. Thanks!

## **Something was Missing!**

When attendees at the 8:15 a.m. service arrived this past Sunday, something was surely amiss. We did not hear the joyful sounds of organ music. We learned from our Wardens that our organist, John, was ill and unable to attend. Until something like this happens, we often fail to appreciate the time and effort so many put into the staging of our weekly services. Suffice to say that those who attend the 10 am service would indeed miss the contribution of our choir, Music Director, Rob, and of course John as well. Take a moment to thank all who support our worship activities – long overdue.

A Parishioner

## **“Worship Fully”**

Through Advent, we will engage with scripture as we “Worship Fully”.

All you need is your Bible.

**Nov. 30** please read Mark 1: 1-11 and Matthew 1:18–25; 2:13–15, 19–23

**Dec. 7** - we break for Charlotte's brunch for Kid's Ability

**Dec. 14** - please read Luke 2: 1-14

**Dec. 21** - please read John 1:1-5, 14

**Bring along a bag lunch. Studies will begin following the 10am service --- about 11:45 ish.**



## SHARE THE WARMTH

Matthew 25:36 “I was naked and you clothed me”.

This is what we did by all of your wonderful donations of Winter Outerwear to be distributed to those who can use them. We do this to follow the words of Jesus, to take care of others. Many, many thanks for your contributions.

Your Outreach Committee

## QUESTIONNAIRE # 2 – ONE WEEK TO GO!

There's one week to go to hand in your completed Questionnaire #2. Thank you very much for your work in completing and submitting these Questionnaires over the last couple of weeks. Our Committee is summarizing the submissions now. If you haven't had a chance to obtain “Questionnaire #2”, it is still available in the Narthex now! Please obtain one today, complete it at home, and return it to the Church (deposit it into the box in the Narthex) **on or before Sunday, December 7, 2025**. Your thoughtful input is valuable and required to best represent the needs of our Parish in the search for a new Rector. The results from both Questionnaires will be summarized and incorporated into our Parish Profile – a significant document which is sent to our Bishop in the next part of the Selection Process. If you have any questions, please see me. Thank you!

Nelson Cuthbert, Chair-St. George's Selection Committee

## December 15th – The Season of Advent

As we enter this season of Advent, we are pleased to be welcoming back the **Lieutenant Colonel Judson Bridgewater** who spoke to us several years ago. Padre Judson will bring to us his thoughts on “***Life in all its fulness: Prayer from Sea to Sea to Sea***” in relationship to the situations he faces and those he serves as a military Chaplain.

Mary Ann Millar

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Rep.

**2025-2026 Zoom link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83536726542>

## Christmas Flowers

Sign-up sheets for the Altar Guild's Christmas flowers are now available in the Narthex. If you would like to contribute flowers in honour or memory of loved ones, or simply help beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas season, please take a moment to add your name to the list.

## ST. ANDREWS CUPBOARD

A HUGE thank-you for your continued support for the St. Andrew's cupboard this year! With our help, they have been able to help so many families in need ❤️ Anything you are able to give is so appreciated! For the next few weeks, St. Andrews will be running a program they call "Fill the Sills". These are donations of small items that could be given as Christmas gifts. For example, anything that would fit in a stocking that a parent could give their child. Things like small cars; colouring books; crayons; playing cards; stuffed animals, etc. If it fits in a stocking, it is perfect!

THANK-YOU for your generosity ❤️

Heather Murphy  
On Behalf of your  
Outreach Committee

## 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.

## Christmas Worship Services

*In addition to our regular Sunday 8:15 am and 10 am Services, we are inviting all to attend the following additional special Services of Worship as listed.*

Sunday, December 14	4:00 pm <b>Advent Lessons and Carols</b> Guest Priest: Rev Barry Ferguson
Wednesday, December 24	5:00 pm <b>Christmas Eve Family Eucharist</b>
Wednesday, December 24	8:00 pm <b>Christmas Eve Traditional Eucharist</b>
Thursday, December 25	9:00 am <b>Christmas Day Morning Prayer</b>
Sunday, December 28	9:00 am (single Service) BAS Eucharist

## **Deanery Refugee Update**

Our committee met (half in person at our church, half on ZOOM) on Tuesday evening, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Some good news. Three churches (including our own) have contributed \$6800 since mid-October. We now have \$20,850 in our Deanery Refugee account! If we add in the anticipated contribution from the Diocese, we should have at least \$27,000 to begin our sponsorship of a new family.

We have not yet chosen a new family, as no families of four have cropped up on the recent lists that the Diocese has received and provided to us. Consequently, we think we will likely defer our selection to the new year. All of the cutbacks that the federal and Ontario governments have made to immigration quotas has impacted our own possibilities.

Looking ahead, to fully sponsor a new family of four we probably need roughly \$1000 in 2026 from each of the eight local churches who are actively participating in our refugee outreach. Seems like a fair bit to raise, but if 10 parishioners at each church give \$2 a week toward our refugees for 50 weeks, we get to \$1000 from each church!

Many thanks for your continued support of this outreach.

John Ryrie