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# THE DRAGON FLYER



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My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we approach the end of our Lenten journey, it is with great joy that we look towards the celebration of Easter!

As Easter people, we are always looking to the joy of the resurrection, but at this time of year, we look with even more expectation to the promise of God that he will make all things new!

As we begin to see the grass greening, and the bulbs beginning to poke their heads out of the soil, as we greet the return of the birds' songs and watch with hope and joy the buds about to burst on the trees, we are reminded that we have been blessed by the new covenant in the blood of Christ, a new life made possible through the resurrection of Christ and have become chosen people- gifted through grace and held strong in God's promise of salvation.

As we head towards this heavenly celebration, we know that God is working to create new possibilities here in at St. George's as well. While awaiting the call of a new priest, we continue to share the Good News, participate in the building up of the Kingdom, and grow in faith trusting and watching, expectantly for the arrival of the risen Christ.

The Easter season is a time for us to renew ourselves in our personal worship as well participating in all we are doing offers us an opportunity to show the local community, what the resurrection means to us. Our worshipping community has a great deal to offer to our friends and families who have yet to gather with us each week to praise God. I encourage you to invite someone to join us for worship during this Holiest of times as we give thanks for the great gift of grace found in the promise of Christ's sacrifice.

While we can never fully comprehend or repay the sacrifice that was made for us, we can offer our praise to God for that sacrifice by making a sacrifice of our own. As we prepare for our worship and celebrations this year, I invite you to consider making a special offering to the church in thanksgiving for His wonderful gift in Christ's sacrifice.

For now, as we continue our journey towards our Easter Celebrations, continue to praise God for the gifts He gives us as you journey through the rest of your own Lenten observance. Offer your own sacrifice, offer your own confession and offer your thanks to God as you feel called to do. This is a great time for us to grow in our relationship with God and a great time to take on that share of our promise; that we will praise him in all we have and all we do.



Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Sharla*

Rev. Sharla Malliff

# Parish Profile

## Getting to Know you – Welcome our Office Administrator Pierrette!

Last April, when Valerie Clark announced that after 21 years of working for St George's she would retire, the wardens began their search for a new Office Administrator. While we wished Valerie all of the best in her pursuit of more vacation plans and time with her family, we were faced with the challenging process of trying to find a perfect fit for the parish of St George's. According to the Diocese--and the Bishop's instruction--we may no longer recruit anyone from within our parish to serve in this capacity, so we turned to advertising. The response was overwhelming! We had well over 100 applicants express an interest in this position! It was no easy task, but the Warden team narrowed our choices down to 8 applicants and interviewed each of them. The decision to offer Pierrette Mangiardi the job was unanimous...

Pierrette was born and raised in Oakville and has two older sisters who are 4 years apart. In her own words this was her “humble beginnings”. Her mother was the receptionist and partner with her father in a family business there. Over the years Pierrette has also worked alongside her mother in office administration in the family business.

In high school, Pierrette readily admits she was a very social person. She played field hockey and soccer and after graduation, she still maintains close ties with that group of lifelong friends.

The two year programme offered at Sheridan College in gerontology and social work became her calling and her passion. Upon graduating, she worked for the Meadowcroft –now Riviera—organization in Mississauga for 6 years. It was her job to provide suitable physical and mental stimulation in that setting for the seniors. She organized exercise classes and dart tournaments in the residence as well as bowling outings. Pierrette simply loved her clients and her profession!

With the birth of her first daughter, Samantha, who was seriously ill, Pierrette returned to Oakville. Twenty one months later she gave birth to a second daughter, Vanessa. And six years later her son Joshua arrived!

Pierrette recently decided to downsize as her daughters were attending university and with that decision came a move to Paris, a 40 minute commute to St George's. Currently, her daughter Samantha is enrolled in Mechanical Engineering at Windsor U and her other daughter, Vanessa, is enrolled in university with an eye to becoming an elementary school teacher. Joshua, who is in grade 10 this year, is unsure what he will pursue. Perhaps a career in the military? Perhaps training to become a vet? Whatever the future holds, there is certainly lots of time for him to commit to a career path.

What made her apply for this job, we wondered? Firstly, she was looking for something which was part time and provided flexible hours during the week. One of the first things she shared with the interview panel was she is a child of God. Compelling and evocative first words! Pierrette was looking for a job which would give her variety and opportunity to work with people in a close knit community like ours. For a whole month Valerie mentored Pierrette and showed her how versatile, unpredictable and rewarding such a job might be.

Pierrette has chosen to get involved when she can with our events. She and Josh travelled to the church to help with our 2nd Annual Block Party last June. In this Advent season, she has helped with the Christmas market set up, as well as purchasing grocery vouchers to assist with our community Christmas outreach.

At the moment, she stills enjoys exercising at home or doing Zumba and kick boxing as well as working in her parents' family business one day on the weekends. She regularly spends time with her old friends numerous times each month when she is not driving Joshua to all of his sports practices and games. And just to make sure she had no time to be bored, Pierrette finished her business degree at Mohawk College. Whew! Life is busy!

Pierrette's quick and genuine smile welcome all who enter. Over the first months of her time here we have come to see that her infinite patience and resilience and flexibility and her innate ability to interact with others are part of her strength and a gift to St George's. She deals with various tradespeople as well as parishioners and people in the community who have enquiries about the events at St George's. May we continue to be blessed with such a sweet and sincere person who is first and foremost a child of God!



*A Great Team- Pierrette & Nelson*

# Wardens' Easter Message

## Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

Every church longs for one thing: a moment when faith becomes vibrant and palpable. Not routine. Not repetition, but the kind of moment when people sense something marvelous is about to happen! That moment between expectation and the miracle which happens and the Holy Spirit fills us. We have moved solemnly through the Lenten season, through the short-lived joy of Palm Sunday, reverently to Maundy Thursday, painfully into Good Friday and jubilantly to the Saturday evening Easter Vigil! The Holy Spirit fills us and we proceed expectantly into the sanctuary, light the aisle candles to begin our worship, lift our voices in song with the choir, ring the bells and celebrate the good news when we finally herald in the risen Christ on Easter Sunday. Yes, the Holy Spirit surely arrives at each of these blessed services. Indeed, we are an Easter People!

When, dear Readers, you look at some of these photos of parish life from last fall and into the winter and now spring, you will see much has happened at St George's each and every month!

The automatic doors were installed last fall at our front entrance as well as the entrance to Thompson Hall. It is our hope that the fine tuning/adjustments have finally given us the best possible features to make us more accessible. There are still some minor things to be done, and those will happen as the spring weather allows. We look forward to the completion of the new stairs at our rear entrance. None of this work could have happened without the generous financial contributions of all parish members!

Our Christmas Market was a hugely successful fundraiser and was our first official launch of our new Tap machine. (Thanks Sue!) We may now use the Tap machine for our Grocery Voucher purchases each and every Sunday. Did you know that we have gift cards for all grocery stores and have added Giant Tiger to the programme? Consider this easy option as a simple way to put funds into our Operating Account and chat with Charlotte and Wendy each Sunday.

We are one busy and vibrant church community. Our choir enhanced our Christmas season and has been

busily preparing music for Lent and our wonderful Easter services. We give thanks that Rob and John inspire and lead by us with reverent joy and quiet dedication. Perhaps the only thing that might enhance the music might be the odd tambourine accompaniment???

As the Wardens and Treasurer prepared for Vestry, we were careful to trim budgets where we could and maintain other budgets for groups and committees in the parish. With generous donations at Christmas, we just barely managed to finish the year slightly out of a deficit situation. We encourage all members to prayerfully consider a modest increase in weekly or monthly donations, so we may continue this year in a healthy and vibrant manner. Keep in mind that once we have a permanent Rector, our budget for our priest's salary will definitely increase and that will also impact our Operations and finances at George's.

It is hard to believe that Rev Sharla has been our interim priest for over a year now. We are so grateful for the joy and vitality she has brought to worship and Bible Study groups all while juggling new responsibilities in her full time work at Woodstock's Indwell organization. Luckily, by God's grace, the commute to and from Rev Sharla's home in Scotland has not been too, too treacherous in the last two winters. It is also worth noting that the Bishop has permitted MaryLynn and her team to visit those who require pastoral care and home communion. This practice has allowed Rev Sharla to feel supported and appreciated.

Our Rectory now stands ready to welcome a new Rector and family soon and sooner. The Selection Committee has spent many hours preparing and analyzing parish surveys, compiling necessary requested documents for the Bishop and Archdeacon to study and get ready to put forward the names of potential candidates for selection. As this newsletter goes to print, the committee will have had a TEAMS meeting with Bishop Todd and we will hope to be ready to interview candidates very soon and consider the best possible fit for our parish. We know there is a longing to have a permanent incumbent to lead us at St George's.

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# Parish Life

The All Faith Expo held in February was a chance for fellowship and instruction about all the ways people can become involved here in this parish. In case you missed it, we will offer the Expo again in the fall. Check out our latest fundraiser which will be an Artison Fair. Keep Saturday May 23rd on your calendars. If you need more information, speak with Cindy Kellett.

Stay tuned to new initiatives to be announced for fellowship and fun! Perhaps you would like to participate in our weekly Thursday afternoon bible study or join Rev Sharla on Sundays in the Fireside Room to delve a little deeper into your faith. If you are looking for fellowship and crafting, you can join Amina and Coralee each Sunday following the second service and coffee hour in Thompson Hall.

The Outreach Committee has been busy with fundraising initiatives that benefit the KW community, our parish families and international outreach as well. Remember our initiatives since Vestry? Weekly donations for St Andrews Cupboard, The \$5 Tim Cards for St John's, our Pancake Supper for our 2 foster children, Soup Luncheon following Vestry, Stew Luncheon and Ploughmen's Lunch that raise money for our sister church in Amazonia, Alongside Hope, and the Migrant Farm Workers of Norfolk County, and lastly the Lenten Coin Holders for Alongside Hope....For a complete update, check out the News Bytes in this issue. Again, we are proud that St George's generosity is legendary.

The Wardens wish each and everyone a blessed Lenten and Easter season. While we are grateful for those who watch our service on Livestream, we gently invite you to come and experience in-person service and fellowship for any or all of our Holy Week Services. Invite a friend or neighbour to accompany you. We give thanks for your presence and your energy and your steadfast faith and gifts that enrich our parish. When people encounter the power of Jesus Christ, something begins to move inside them again: hope rises, hearts open and faith strengthens.

*Your Wardens: Deb Barclay, Catherine Carlson, Nelson Cuthbert, Cindy Kellett*

## Before AI...To Err is Human...

The following are from Actual Sunday Bulletins...enjoy!

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang I Will Not Pass This Way Again, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For all those who have children and don't know it, there is a Nursery downstairs.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment and gracious hostility.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: I Upped my Pledge—Up Yours!

## HOLY WEEK: SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - 2026

<b>Palm Sunday (March 29/26) Celebrant: Rev Sharla Malliff</b>	<b>8:15 am</b> Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms <b>10:00 am</b> Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms
<b>Maundy Thursday (April 2/26) Celebrant: Rev Canon Christopher Pratt</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Handwashing, Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
<b>Good Friday (April 3/26) Celebrant: Rev Sharla Malliff</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> Good Friday Service (no Eucharist)
<b>Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (April 4/26) Rev Canon Christopher Pratt</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b> The Great Vigil of the Resurrection <b>9:00 pm (approximately)</b> Wine/Cheese hosted by the Sr Choir after the Service. All are invited.
<b>Easter Sunday (April 5/26) Celebrant: Rev Sharla Malliff</b>	<b>8:15 am (BCP)</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 am (BAS)</b> Holy Eucharist

# Parish Profile

## OUTREACH MARCH 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 amazing things in support of others in our community and beyond.

### CHILDRENS' COMMUNITY CLOSET

On November 1, we held another Children's Community Closet event. Thanks to our many fantastic volunteers, we were able to donate Children's clothing and toys to 90 families in need in our community. Thanks to all those who donated items and helped with the event. We will run this event once a year in the fall. Donations can be placed in the Youth Room for sorting and storage. Speak with Deb Barclay or Dianne MacCandless for more information.

### ST. ANDREW'S 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 can give is appreciated. As we approach Easter, please consider placing children's colouring books and markers or small books in the bin for distribution.

THANK-YOU for your generosity.

### USED EYEGLASSES

Thanks to all who donated used eyeglasses that will be reconditioned and forwarded to those in need in third world countries. So far this year, we have collected 54 pairs! Many thanks.

### ST. JOHN'S KITCHEN

St. John's and the Working Centre have gone through a major transition and expansion and are now called "Making Home". The new facility has 44 housing units and a multi-layered support system to support those suffering from homelessness.

We continue to support this charity in many ways, and this fall we donated 19 pairs of boots and shoes towards their "Walk A Mile in my Shoes" initiative. At the beginning of each season there is increased need for gently used footwear. Place donations in the Grey Bin in the Narthex.

For the month of February, we ran an Out of the Cold \$5 Tim Card programme to benefit clients. With your generosity we collected 143 Tim Cards!

### SHARE THE WARMTH

Thank you once again to our St. George's Family for their generous donations to "Share the Warmth". This program is provided by the Salvation Army to people in need. Items of winter apparel are donated to over 750 individuals in our community.

Thanks to Mabel King, Sandy and Sheila (friends of Heather Murphy), and Roberta Finnie for their numerous donations of hand-crafted knitted items.

### PANCAKE SUPPER

We are very grateful that we raised a total of \$2147 in support of our 2 Foster Children in Ghana. The annual cost of supporting our foster children is about \$1200 per year. We had over 30 volunteers participate in serving 120 diners that supported this fundraiser. We had a lot of fun preparing and serving the meal and really appreciate the volunteers who made the evening possible. Thanks to Susan Hipperson and Ray Finnie for organizing the event.

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# Parish Life



Linda & George- Good Morning!



Ericka Tying Palm Crosses



Faith in Action Expo- Your Communications Committee



Coralee & Cheryl at the Christmas Market

## THREE LUNCHES FOR CHARITIES

Under the leadership of Charlotte Cromarty, we have served a Soup Lunch and a Stew Lunch at the church that have raised \$467 and \$672 respectively. These proceeds-- as well as the proceeds from a Plowman's Lunch scheduled for Sunday, April 26th--will be split evenly among three charities: Amazonia, Alongside Hope and the Migrant Workers. Thanks to Charlotte and the amazing volunteers who helped to prepare and serve the lunches.

## ALONGSIDE HOPE

Once again, this year we are raising funds for "Alongside Hope" through the reusable cloth coin (or cheque) holders during Lent. You can donate either using the holders that are in the Narthex and placing them on the offering plate, using your offering envelopes or e-transferring funds to the church. Many thanks to Wendy Sherlock for arranging this important fundraiser as well as to those of you that support this great cause.

## 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). ☺*



Catherine & Rebecca at St John's Kitchen with 132 Tim Cards for February Outreach



Stew Luncheon Outreach



CCC Set Up



Pancake Supper Outreach for our Foster Children

# Parish Life

## SELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE – MARCH 12, 2026

In the summer of 2025, our Bishop, Rt Rev Dr Todd Townshend, gave the “green light” to St. George's to form a Selection Committee whose mission it is to realize a new Rector for our Parish.

In early September, a first meeting was held with your Executive and chaired by our Territorial Archdeacon, Rev Canon Rob Lemon, the purpose of which was to review the complete selection process as defined by the Diocese of Huron. A number of support documents were provided at that time as well.

In mid-September, Rev Canon Rob Lemon chaired a meeting with our Parish Council to review the entire process and answer any questions/concerns. At the same meeting, the first step in the process began in forming the Selection Committee through our Parish Council. By the latter part of September, the following congregational members agreed and were accepted by Parish Council as your Selection Committee members: Adam Ashcroft, Catherine Carlson, Nelson Cuthbert, Ray Finnie, Yvonne Gingrich, Kathy Glaser, Fran Rothenberg, and Debra Zanon-Barclay with Nelson being selected as Chairperson.

The Selection Committee has met fairly regularly since the end of September. The first item on the agenda was that of obtaining input from our parishioners. To that end, the standard Diocesan Survey was published and distributed. However, the Committee also felt that a more specific “St. George's” survey was needed. This second survey was created, published, and distributed with the return of both completed surveys under definite timelines. Summarization of these surveys occurred throughout the latter part of November and December for ultimate publication to our congregation in January which did occur then.

The Committee has incorporated the surveys' results and many other “St. George's” informational items into our “Parish Profile”. This and other related documents were to the Bishop in mid-February. This proved to be a significant task to accurately represent our Parish now and into the future. The submitted documents are a significant part of the documentation provided to prospective clergy candidates.

As of the time of writing, we are awaiting a short-list of prospective candidates from the Bishop. Our focus has shifted now to crafting the important interview questions so that we are ready to interview the prospective candidates.

We want to complete our work and present a successful candidate to our parish as soon as possible; however, a definite date is difficult to forecast at the moment.

We would like to extend many thanks to our parish for completing our surveys, for ongoing support and prayers, and for patience through the many elements of the process. We would also like to thank our Bishop, Rt Rev Dr Todd Townshend, and our Territorial Archdeacon, Rev Canon Rob Lemon for their direct support of our Selection Committee. Significant thanks goes to Rev Sharla for her work and continued support of our Parish throughout. Finally, sincere thanks to the members of the Selection Committee for their focus, commitment, and work.

*Respectfully,  
Nelson Cuthbert, Chair-Selection Committee*

Deanery Refugee Update March 11 2026

We have been expecting our newest refugee family for at least six weeks. Regrettably, the government has slowed down its immigration process. We still don't know when Mapenzi and her three young boys will arrive.

That said, around noon on Saturday Feb 21st, a host of volunteers from our various churches turned up at the newly rented apartment near Pioneer Park and moved in the large furniture - beds, dressers, a sofa, side tables, lamps, a TV stand, etc. plus kitchen items and two brand new children's car seats. A smaller crew has revisited the apartment and sorted out donated clothes, kids' toys, sheets and blankets and towels, and the kitchen items. The apartment is pretty much now livable, and leased until the end of April 2027.

Our committee chair told us on Feb 25th that the youngest child is in fact 2, not 3. This means we need to acquire a backward-facing infant car seat for this boy. We are hoping that a parishioner in one of our churches has a used car seat of this type that we could use, and will donate it.

Financially, for the moment we are in good shape – roughly \$31,000 in the bank. However, rent is going to cost us about \$21,000, and the family's living expenses will be impacted by on-going inflation. The current estimate is that our churches will need to come up with \$5000 to \$10,000 over the next twelve months or so.

Many thanks for your continued support.

*John Ryrie*

May 23rd



## Milestones



*Jim Horne*



*Kenn Dunn Memorial Service*



*Funke and her Friends Celebrate her birthday in Nigeria*



*Tim & Wesley*



*Luciano Celebrates his 83rd with Debra!*



*Deb Celebrates A Fabulous 50 with her family*



*A Blessed Baptism- Mayowa & Kehinde*



*Celebrating Reta's Birthday!*



*Linda & Terry- A St George's Welcome!*