

St George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church

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Diocese of Huron – The Anglican Church of Canada

Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Todd Townshend

Music Director: Rob Aszmies

Organist: John Shaw

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Server & Crucifer: Michael Chine, Jennifer Millar

Greeter: Claudette & Ian

Warden on Duty: Debra Zanon-Barclay

17th Sunday after Pentecost - September 20, 2026

Holy Eucharist – Book of Alternative Services (BAS) – 10:00 am

Announcements

Please stand, as you are able.

Processional Hymn - CP #565 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah'

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

People: And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Almighty God,

People: To you all hearts are open, all desires 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 (John Bell setting)

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-15

Sue Simpson

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

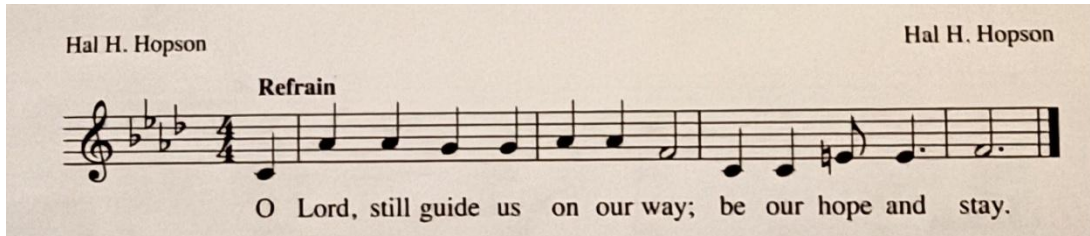
The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

THE PSALM - 105:1-6, 37-45



THE SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

Tolu Adersakin

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul's to the Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 'Thy Word'

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

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL: 'Come Just As You Are'

VERSE ONE

Come just as you are;

Hear the Spirit call.

Come just as you are;

Come and see, come, receive;

Come and live forever.

CHORUS

Life everlasting,
And strength for today;
Taste the Living Water
And never thirst again.

VERSE TWO

Come just as you are;
Hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are;
Come, receive Christ, the King;
Come and live forever (more).

THE HOMILY

Please be seated.
The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for

**the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen**

Please kneel, or sit, as you are able.
MaryLynn Forrest

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor:

The flowers in the church today are in loving memory of Gary, a wonderful husband and father, given by Gerry McGregor.

God is a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy, generous and forgiving to all who cry for grace. With confidence, let us turn to our God in prayer, responding to: 'let us pray to the Lord' with 'Lord, have mercy.'

For people throughout the world who are suffering at this very hour from drought and famine, from economic distress and social disruption, from violence and war, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church throughout the world, that we, together with all our brothers, sisters, and siblings in Christ, may be effective agents of social transformation and reliable messengers of hope, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all bishops and those in Church leadership, especially Bishop Todd, our diocesan bishop; Archbishop Anne, our Metropolitan; Archbishop Christopher, National Indigenous Archbishop; Archbishop Shane, our Primate; Archbishop Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own country, that its wealth, power, and potential might be constantly transformed into a force for peace, rather than conflict; a source of hope, rather than discontent; an agent of friendship rather than enmity, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in civic leadership and elected office, for Charles our King, for Mark our Prime Minister, for Doug our Premier, for Barry our Mayor, and for all who serve in the parliaments, legislatures, and councils of our governments, that they may make wise and just decisions for the common good, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our parish - the neighbourhoods of Forest Hill and Forest Heights - for our own communities, for our city, and especially for those living among us who are dispirited and broken-hearted, or who find no hope or meaning or purpose in life, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves, that we may have the grace to rejoice with those who rejoice, to weep with those who weep, to grieve for others' losses rather than our own, to be quick to forgive and slow to take offence, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in need of healing and hope, (*especially...*), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, (*especially . . .*), that they might rest in the peace of Christ's presence and rise in glory on the last day, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: Lord God, in your presence none of us can boast, and all must ask for mercy; yet your Son has embraced us and called us to share in his labours for the salvation of every human being and all creation. Grant us the grace to see what needs to be done and the wisdom and resources to do it, through the same Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Please remain kneeling, or sitting, as you are able.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider: 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.

A moment of silence is held as any sins of thought, word, deed, or omission are recalled.

Presider: Most merciful God,

People: 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.

Presider: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

Presider: Come, everyone whose heart is stirred and everyone whose spirit is willing, and bring the Lord's offering.

Offertory Hymn: CP #474 'Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet'

Please remain standing, as you are able.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (Holy)

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your 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 delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. 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 for the 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 new 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People: **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: 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 new 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.

People: **Amen.**

Our Father in Heaven

Unison

A D A

1 Our Fath - er in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most
 2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant
 3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from

Bm D A

ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -
 food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As
 on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er we pray! For

D Bm G

tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On
 we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with
 yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in

D A Bm G D

earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!
 all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.
 past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

THE FRACTION RITE

THE AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

All: 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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION

Administrants: Lilian Cressman, Cameron Crassweller

Communion Music: CP #73 'One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All'

Choir Anthem

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

Presider: Glory to God,

All: 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.

THE BLESSING

Recessional Hymn: CP #388 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken'

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Readings for Next Sunday

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2: 1-13

Matthew 21: 23-32

Last Week's Attendance: Sunday: 8:15 34 10:00 94

Givings: On the plate: \$ 2,645 Auto Debit: \$1,990

Sunday Smile: Adam and Eve: the first people not to read the Apple terms and conditions.

Sunday School

Sunday School Start-Up – TODAY!

Come join us for a new year of faith, friendship, learning and fun.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back and meeting new friends.

Sunday School Helpers Needed

Sunday School would love your help! Whether you think you might be interested in teaching or in being an assistant, you would be so welcome. A police check is needed. Thanks for your consideration of this important ministry. Please speak with Catherine Carlson, Valerie Cuthbert, or Father Brendon. Thank you.

FALL CLEANUP - SAT. NOV. 7 (9 AM - 11:30 AM)

Yes, it is time again to do our annual fall cleanup of the property. Please set aside Sat. Nov. 7 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Bring your garden gloves and a rake. Coffee, tea and timbits will be provided.

Thanks in advance. If you have any questions, please speak to Murray Gamble, Chair-Property & Maintenance Committee.

Bible Study

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

St. Andrew's Cupboard

Thank-you all so much for your generous donations to St. Andrew's Cupboard 🙌 Every week I am able to take much needed supplies to the Cupboard to help those less fortunate! Anything you are able to give is most appreciated, but a few things mentioned this week were: pasta; pasta sauce; granola bars and snacks for school lunches! They are always in need of cleaning supplies and shampoo. THANK-YOU ❤️

Heather Murphy, on behalf of your Outreach Committee

Ice Cream Update for Sept 6 2026

By the end of lunch this past Friday, Sept. 4th, we will have served up 34 large tubs of ice cream, plus oodles of syrups, peanuts, chocolate chips, and jelly dots to the folks at St. John's Kitchen. Our church has been terrific in providing these desserts during our summer Fridays, and providing the funding for this outreach. In particular, I'd like to thank our volunteers for their outstanding efforts: the Butlers (Alf and Roberta), Catherine Carlson, Elizabeth Ceres, Kathy Glaser, Ivan Mariapen, Brent Matheson, Jan Melega, and Dominique van Gent. Way to go St. George's !!!!

John Ryrie

Community Children's Closet

Thank you for your generous donations to this outreach project. We are sorting through everything we have now and organizing it. We are asking if you would please hold on to any other children's items you may have until Sept. to give us time.

PLEASE do not send us adult clothes even if they are smaller sizes unless a teenager wears them. This outreach is TOTS TO TEENS...sizes infant to size 18. We really cannot accommodate adult clothing, under garments or odds and ends of things. Please send children's clothing and toys only. Do not send used car seats, cribs or items like that.

We do appreciate your donations of children's items. Thank you.

Your Outreach Committee

Reminder

"Fragrance-Free" Space: We are a "fragrance-free" space as we have those who suffer from sensitivities or allergies to fragrance. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT STAGE 3 OF 3 UPDATE

As you know, together we have been fundraising to complete our 3-year Accessibility Project and have reached \$50,000 approximately in funds to enable us to proceed with the upgrades. **Thanks so much for all of your help in this regard.**

To this end, we have signed a contract with Brick & Co. Restorations Ltd, Kitchener, which specializes in concrete repair and restoration; masonry repair and restoration, building envelope repair, waterproofing and coatings in Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional settings.

This stage is the last in this project and consists of two parts:

1. Remove and replace the concrete pads/thresholds with new, poured concrete pads having proper gradient into the entry ways in front of the outside Main Entrance doors on the upper level and outside Thompson Hall doors on the lower level. This will be done on **Thursday, September 24**. It means that these two entrances/exits will be **off limits from Thursday, September 24 through to the following Monday, September 28 inclusive – 5 days. Access to our church will still be through the rear door nearest the parking lot.**
2. Perform extensive concrete rehabilitation work on the large stairs at the rear of the church. The date for this is unknown at the moment but **it will occur shortly** before the weather gets colder. While the concrete work will be completed in a week roughly, the new aluminum handrails that we have ordered as part of the contract will need to be fabricated through a secondary sub-contract which **could take until mid-November – 2 months**. If there are no handrails, then usage of the steps is prohibited. Thankfully, **access to our church from the parking lot will still be through the rear door next to the large stairs.**

Thanks for your understanding as we complete these renovations.

If you have any questions, please contact Murray Gamble or Nelson Cuthbert

Pastoral Care

If you are in the hospital or ill and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 519-744-4751 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Office Hours

Our weekly office hours are:

Monday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

For appointments with Fr. Brendon, please feel free to email him (brendonbedford@diohuron.org) or contact the Church Office.

Refugee Family Update as of August 24

Our refugee committee is incredibly warmed and proud that we successfully brought Mapenzi and her three boys to Canada from Tanzania for what we deeply hope will be bright and successful futures for them all. We are also very proud that we worked hard through the Immigration and Refugee cutbacks and delays to get Mapenzi's file advanced, and that for the last month our Team has strongly supported her to the very best of our ability. The family's life story has been incredibly hard and hers probably more so than we had understood from afar. As you might guess, a new family is occasionally deemed to have a higher chance for success by a different form of both financial and guiding support.

Due to legitimate and unforeseen circumstances which neither us nor Mapenzi anticipated, and discovering that she has family in Montreal who are prepared to have the family there, and in working with the Diocese and IRCC to fully vet the situation, Mapenzi has decided that she and the boys will join her family in Montreal to live.

Our Diocese has reached out to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada requesting “a breakdown in the sponsorship relationship.” They have granted that request, recognizing that we as a team have done everything possible to fulfill our duties as sponsors. As of August 20, 2026, we are no longer responsible for any financial or settlement support.

We are very proud of our committee and of all of you, for your continued support and compassion for refugees from around the world.

Ladies Lunch

Welcome back ladies. Our lunch for September will be at the Harvest Moon Restaurant in St Jacobs. We will meet on the 25th September, at 12.30. Please let Sue know by email if you plan to attend : suzie_del-simpson@outlook.com

Looking forward to hearing about all your summer adventures!

Position Replacements:

- a. **Deputy People's Warden:** Cindy Kellett is leaving KW to move to North Bay mid-October. As a result, we will lose our Deputy People's Warden. We really do need a replacement given the busy church that we have. Please let one of the Wardens know if you or anyone you know may be interested.
- b. **Treasurer:** Chris Wagner has resigned as Treasurer effective Vestry, 2027 or earlier. She will assist with the transition to another Treasurer. We need a replacement for this position. Please let one of the Wardens know if you or anyone you know may be interested.
- c. **Envelope Secretary:** Valerie Clarke informed us in the spring that she was stepping down as Envelope Secretary. Pierrette, as Office Administrator, does 90% of the work. Please let one of the Wardens know if you or anyone you know may be interested.

Name Tag

Help Fr Brendon to learn your name by wearing a name tag each and every Sunday. Remember, Fr Brendon is not the only person who might need to have their memory jogged! A Name Tag is great for fellowship and gentle reminders for exchanging the Peace and encouraging conversation with one another! If you already have a Name Tag, please wear it. If you are new to St George's , or have never ordered one--or have lost yours--please, put your name on the list for Name Tags posted on the bulletin Board in the Narthex. Cost is \$13. Place your money (and name) in an envelope marked *Name Tag* and place the envelope in the Collection Plate any Sunday.

Your Communications Committee

Coffee Hour after the 10 a.m. service:

Coffee hour is usually quite well attended and is a great time for parishioners to connect. To facilitate this, would you please consider getting together with a group of friends to make the coffee and tea. Although some bring their own treats, we do provide peanut-free cookies in the kitchen for this purpose. Coffee, tea, milk, cream, sugar etc. are provided.

It is being proposed that a schedule be set up. If you would be willing to be on the schedule, would you or your group please sign the list in the Narthex. For October, we will continue with the sign-up that is on the door of the kitchen. Hopefully, we will have enough volunteers to proceed. It is not intended that holiday weekends will be included on the schedule.

If you have any comments or questions, they can be directed to Valerie Cuthbert(519-578-8671). Thank you.

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

OUTREACH OCTOBER 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.

ST. ANDREW'S CUPBOARD

Over the past couple of years, St. Georges has been helping support the St. Andrew's Cupboard!

Through your generous weekly donations, we can help so many less fortunate individuals and families.

The cupboard is only open 3 days a week and it is by appointment only. It is very well organized so everyone on their list gets a chance to come in once a month to pick out needed items with limits on how much can be taken. The many volunteers are there to keep things running smoothly! It is estimated there will be 500+ visits in 2026 and there were 450 last year. There are currently eighty clients on the active list and sometimes they get emergency requests as well. None of this would be possible without the amazing support of our St. Georges congregation!

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR CARING AND SHARING

INNISFREE

Every year in June, the Outreach Committee collects most needed items to help support Innisfree Hospice. This year our wonderful parishioners have come through again and we were able to deliver a significant quantity of food items needed at Innisfree. These items are to help the chef at Innisfree in making wholesome soups and baked goods for the patients and families visiting their loved ones! They do such a wonderful service for families going through such challenging times! They are so appreciative of everything we can supply to help support them.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

ST. JOHN'S KITCHEN WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES PROGRAM

Thanks to all of you who so generously donated many items to St. John's Kitchen Shoes Program in support of those experiencing homelessness. Since June, we have been able to donate to St. John's Kitchen an additional twenty-six pairs of shoes.

These donations have made a significant difference in the lives of many; thank you so very much!!!

ICE CREAM

Once again, this year our volunteers served thirty-four tubs of ice cream along with syrup and toppings to the clients of St. John's Kitchen. They

appreciated it very much. Thanks to John Ryrie and Catherine Carlson for leading the team, for the many volunteers from St. George's that helped serve the ice cream as well as the parishioners who donated to this great event.

GROCERY VOUCHERS

Did you know that by purchasing grocery vouchers/gift cards each Sunday, you will be supporting our Church financially? If you purchase a grocery voucher, roughly 4 per cent of the face value of the card is kept by our parish. It is a simple, easy and painless way to support St. George's, so please consider buying the vouchers in the Narthex each Sunday. Charlotte and Wendy will be very pleased to look after you. Thanks for your support!!!!

CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CLOSET

We will be hosting another CCC event on the morning of Saturday, October 24th where we donate gently used children's clothing and used children's toys to members of our community. If you have some items to donate, please bring them into the church and place them in the bin marked CCC in the Narthex.

Set-up for this event in Thompson Hall will begin on Thursday, October 22nd at 6pm. Volunteers are needed to fold and sort the clothes and toys. If you can help or have any questions, please contact Debra Zanon-Barclay.

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). ☺

Office Closure

The office will be closed on Monday, September 28th and reopen to regular scheduled hours on Tuesday, September 29th.

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