

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: Grayson Barclay, Alfred Butler

Greeter: Mary Ann Millar, Barbara Bailey

Warden on Duty: Catherine Carlson

18th Sunday after Pentecost - September 27, 2026

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

Announcements

Please stand, as you are able.

Processional Hymn - CP #497 'Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round'

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: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

Alfred Butler

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no

water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

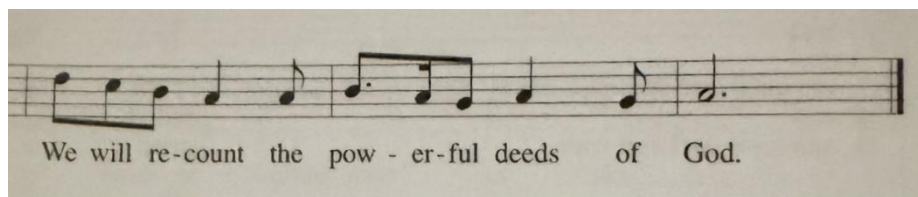
Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated.

Cantor: Rob Aszmies

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16



THE SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

Roberta Butler

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that

at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 21:23-32

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.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the

kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL: 'No Other Name'

No other name but the name of Jesus,
No other name but the name of the Lord;
No other name but the name of Jesus
is worthy of glory, and worthy of honour,
and worthy of power and all praise.

His name is exalted far above the earth;
His name is high above the heavens.
His name is exalted far above the earth;
give glory and honour and praise unto His name.

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Catherine Carlson

Intercessor:

The flowers on the altar this morning celebrate the positive differences our children make not just in our own lives, but in the lives of the communities they call home. My own child sews seeds of kindness, compassion and good humour wherever their life journey takes them. Flowers are given in deep love and pride on the occasion of Caitlyn's 32nd birthday by Catherine Carlson. Praise God!

God is a father to those who obey God's word and to those who ignore it. With great humility, then, and with great confidence, let us confide to God the hopes and needs, the pains and the labours of the whole world, responding to "let us pray to the Lord" with "Lord, hear our prayer."

For all in this world who do not know Christ as the faithful Son who did the will of his Father and revealed to us his Father's kindness, that God's love may be known among them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the churches of the world, that they might prove in their collective witness and action the obedience to God that they profess, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For 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, hear our prayer.**

For this parish, that our unity might be strengthened by genuine commitment to God's will and by faithful obedience to God's word, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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 the leaders of the nations, that they may make wise and just decisions for the common good, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For traitors and drug dealers, for con artists and sex workers, and for all who live in the underworld of our society, in the shadows, or outside the pale of respectability, that they might continue to be the special object of God's love, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, that we might be delivered from all illusion of superiority, from all pretense of righteousness, from all arrogance and hardness of heart, and that we might know the meaning of compassion, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in need of Christ's healing and hope, (*especially...*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, both those who have professed faith in Christ and those whose faith is known to God 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, hear our prayer.**

Presider: Holy and Gracious God, you are a God of mercy, not making your love contingent on our good behaviour but instead lovingly calling us to do your will. Be merciful to your people everywhere, and hear our prayers for those who are in need. We ask this through Jesus Christ the 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: CP #270 'Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise'

Please remain standing, as you are able.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same 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."

People: Therefore, Father, according to his command,
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: Catherine Carlson, MaryLynn Forrest

COMMUNION MUSIC: CP #445 'God the Creator'

CHOIR ANTHEM

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world.
We ask this in the name of 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: CP #431 'Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said' (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

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 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3: 4B-14

Matthew 21: 33-46

Last Week's Attendance: Sunday: 8:15 25 10:00 67

Givings: On the plate \$ 1,425 Auto Debit: \$1,990

Sunday Smile: Our Sundays are better than Dairy Queen's.

Special Vestry -October 18

There will be a Special Vestry meeting on Sunday, October 18, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service, for the purpose of electing a new Deputy People's Warden. All members are encouraged to attend.

Deanery Stewardship Event – Saturday, October 17

Rev. Kevin Dickson will lead a day of stewardship on the theme "Rewarding Stewardship of God's Gifts." Lay leaders, parish members, and clergy are warmly invited to attend this Deanery Stewardship Workshop on Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Cambridge, 12 Blair Rd., Cambridge. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday School

Sunday School is Back on!

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.

Altar Guild Request

Thank you to all who contribute to the prayer candle ministry. On average, we use forty candles per week so keeping a stock of 'Tea' light candles is a priority. If you are able to contribute to this ministry, we would appreciate it.

Bible Study

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

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.

St. Andrew's Cupboard

Thank-you all so much for your generous donations to the St. Andrew's Cupboard! They are so appreciative of everything we can give and it helps so many less fortunate ❤️ For the next few weeks for their Thanksgiving Drive, they are looking for canned fruit and cake mixes to help toward a special meal!

THANK-YOU ❤️

Heather Murphy, on behalf of your Outreach Committee

Book Club

Book club will resume on Tuesday, October 15th at 1:00 pm in the Fireside room. The book we will be discussing is: The Things We Never Say by Elizabeth Strout. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Market - Nov. 14th

We have a date for this year's Christmas Market - Nov. 14th. Mark your calendars and start your prep work!!! Each week in October we will highlight an aspect of the market for your consideration. Please remember to consider donations from books, baking, jams, pickles, jellies, unopened bottles, craft items and loved Christmas treasures.

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

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.

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.

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 will also be looking for helpers to assist with laying out the clothing and items on Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 pm and Friday, October 23 at 9:00 am, sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex. Our closet will be open to the public on Saturday, October 24 from 9 – 11 am. For more information, please speak with Debra Barclay.

Your Outreach Committee

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 by Augsburg Fortress