

St George's of Forest Hill Anglican
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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, Jennifer Millar
Greeter: Linda Dancey
Warden on Duty: Nelson Cuthbert

Harvest Thanksgiving Festival – October 4, 2026
Holy Eucharist – Book of Alternative Services (BAS) –
10:00 am

Announcements

Please stand, as you are able.

**PROCESSIONAL: CP #262 'Come, Ye Thankful People,
Come'**

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.

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.

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Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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

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.
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;
in the glory of God the Father;
Amen.

Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us steward of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Nelson Cuthbert

Reader: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹² When you

have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶ and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

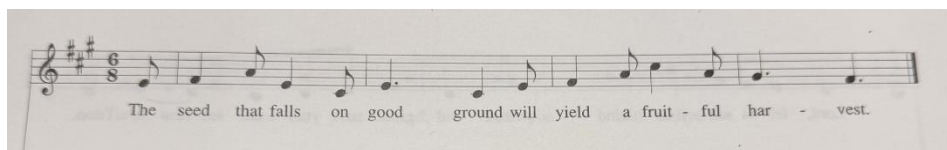
Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated.

Cantor: Robert Aszmies

PSALM: 65 REFRAIN "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." (Michel Guimont)



THE SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Valerie Cuthbert

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

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up

your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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: Luke 17:11-19 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 Luke.

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

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE to GOSPEL: 'Shout to the Lord'

VERSE

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my Shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You.

CHORUS

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the sea will roar
at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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.

Intercessor:

The flowers on the altar are given with gratitude and thanksgiving for the health and happiness of our family and friends. Susan Hipperson and Ryan Steele.

Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying, "We thank you, Lord."

For the beauty and wonder of creation, for water, plants, and animals, for all humanity, for the earth and for the expanses of the universe. For all this, **We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of all people, revealing the image of Christ. For instances of love and relationship, for examples of generosity, mercy, and forgiveness; for kindness, righteousness, and justice. For all this, **We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food, for crops and harvests, enough for all to share, and for all you provide to meet our needs. For fields of grain, orchards of fruit, and the food the earth brings forth by your will. For all this, **We thank you, Lord.**

For our homes, our friends and for our families – those families we have received and those whom we have chosen - that we might reflect your character in all our relationships. For all this, **We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think and hearts to love. For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play. For all this, **We thank you, Lord.**

For your presence with those who are suffering and those in the midst of adversity. For your gifts of bravery and courage, for patience and faithfulness, and for your promise that you would be with us always. For all this, **We thank you, Lord.**

For our bishops and those in Church leadership and for your guidance in their lives and ministry, especially Bishop Todd,

our diocesan bishop; Archbishop Anne, our Metropolitan; Archbishop Christopher, National Indigenous Archbishop; Archbishop Shane our Primate; Archbishop Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Fr. Brendon, our rector, and for all the clergy and people. For all these, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the healing and hope you provide, (*especially for...*). For all this, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the lives of those we have loved by see no longer, and for your promised care for them, (*especially...*), that they may rest in the peace of Christ and rise in glory on the last day. For all this, **We thank you, Lord.**

Presider: Heavenly Father, you have promised through your Son Jesus Christ, that when we meet in his name, and pray according to his mind, he will be among us and hear our prayer: in your love and mercy fulfil our desires, receive our thanksgivings, and give us your greatest gift, which is to know you, the Holy One, and your Son Jesus 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: CP #259 'For the Fruit of All Creation'

Please remain standing, as you are able.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and

love which we offer you this day, in the name
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; by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people in Jesus
Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in
bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth
your glory in all the world. Therefore, with
angels and archangels, and with all the holy
people who have served you in every age, 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.
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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

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

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

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

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: Debra Zanon-Barclay, Cam Crassweller

COMMUNION: CP #601 'God, Whose Giving Knows No
Ending'

CHOIR ANTHEM

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the
source of all your blessings. Nourished in these
holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you
continual thanks and praise. This we ask 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 #258 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter'

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 32:1-14	Psalm 106:1-6,19-23
Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14

Last Week's Sunday Attendance: 8:15 (33); 10:00 (67)

Givings: On the plate: \$ 4,444 Auto Debit: \$1,990

Sunday Smile: When life isn't a bowl of roses, remember who wore the thorns.

Weekly Office Hours

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.

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. If it is a Pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Brendon at 226-898-2884.

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

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 replacement Deputy People's Warden until Vestry occurs. All members are encouraged to attend.

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, October 13 – Deanery Council at St. George
- Saturday, October 17 from 10:00-2:30 pm - Deanery Stewardship Event
- Sunday, October 18 – Special Vestry
- Friday, October 23 – Saturday, October 24 – Diocese of Huron Synod
- Saturday, October 24 - Children's Community Closet
- Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 pm – Evensong and Celebration of New Ministry
- Saturday, November 7 from 9:00-11:30 am - Fall Cleanup
- Sun. Nov. 8/26: Deanery Confirmation Service at St. John the Divine, Cambridge – 2:30 pm
- Thursday, November 12 from 7:00–9:00 pm
Anglican/Lutheran Conversation about Changing MAID Legislation in Canada
- Saturday, November 14 - Christmas Market

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.

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.

A Lutheran-Anglican Conversation about Changing MAID Legislation in Canada

Thursday, November 12 | 7:00–9:00 PM

Mount Zion Lutheran Church

29 Westmount Rd. S., Waterloo

Please register online in advance: <https://tgo.sh/q3OXbwTV>

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.

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.

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.

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!

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. 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 ❤️

Heather Murphy from your Outreach Committee

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 provide such wonderful service for families going through such challenging times! They are so appreciative of everything we can supply to help support them. THANKS 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!

SHARE THE WARMTH

As winter approaches, we wish to keep all people warm during our cold Ontario winters. We are collecting good used OUTERWEAR, adults and children's. Just outerwear please, which includes winter coats, winter boots, mitts, gloves, hats and scarves. If you have any of these items that you no longer need, please leave them in the Chapel and the Outreach Committee will collect them weekly and take them to the Salvation Army on Tillsley Drive in Kitchener where they will be distributed to those who are in need of them. The Salvation Army works in conjunction with other community organizations to ensure the people of this city can stay warm. Many thanks to our congregation for always helping with this important outreach.

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.

The Outreach Committee

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). ☺

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!

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT STAGE 3 OF 3 UPDATE

Brick & Co. Restorations Ltd, Kitchener, has completed the removal and replacement of the concrete pads/thresholds to improve the gradient to the Main Entrance doors on the upper level and the outside Thompson Hall doors on the lower level.

Extensive concrete rehabilitation work is occurring on the large stairs at the rear of the church. The concrete work and finishing coat will be completed in the next few days.

The new aluminum handrails will need to be fabricated through a sub-contract and could take until mid-November. Until these are installed, the rear steps will be blocked off. 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.

Refugee Committee Update Sept. 29, 2026

As of last night, our committee has agreed to let our last sponsored refugee family become occupants of our now empty apartment, for December through to the end of March

(the end of our lease). They will be moving from their current apartment on the 2nd floor to ours on the 9th. The family (a mom, a day, a son, and a daughter) will then apply to secure a new lease on the same apartment. This move to our apartment will save them a modest but to them significant amount of money. (There is a fairly good chance that their new lease in April 2027 will be similar to our own current lease - 14 months for 12 months' rent.) In the process, we (our committee) will be paid for their four months as occupants and consequently retain roughly half of the funds we started with when we began to sponsor Mapenzi and her three boys back in February. (As you may recall, Mapenzi and her boys have moved out of Ontario to extended family in Montreal).

As our committee works through this process, I will give you further updates.

John Ryrie

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.

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PSALM 65 REFRAIN: "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." (Michel Guimont)