

THE WARDENS' WIRE

...ISSUE 2

Week of February 12th

Sunday Feb 12th 10.30 am Morning Prayer
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh Service

Monday Feb 13th

9.30 – 11.30 am Craft Circle
You don't need to be a 'crafter' to join this group, come for the camaraderie, bring a puzzle, or something to chat about, over a cup of tea or coffee-

1.30 – 3 pm - Friendship Group -
Week four – come and join us whenever you are able. Good conversation & refreshments.

7.30 pm **EVENSONG WITH
HAMILTON SCHOLA CANTORUM ***
all welcome**

Tuesday, February 14th -Valentine's Day

1.30 – 3 pm Monthly book club
Reviewing **Amazing Grace** by Eric Metaxas ... come and contribute to the conversation, or just listen. Having read the book is not a requirement! There is a copy on the Krucker bookshelf if you are interested.

Thursday Feb 15th

7– 9 pm Bible Study with Rector Paul Luth

Friday Feb 16th

1.30 – 3 pm Bible Study with Rector Paul Luth
6-9 pm AA group meets

***** YOU ARE INVITED to enjoy the Hamilton Schola Cantorum on MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH AT 7.30 pm FOR A SERVICE OF EVENSONG (BCP p. 17) The group regularly practices at St George's on Monday evenings.**

Under the direction of William Renwick Hamilton Schola Cantorum (HSC), founded in 2008, is a non-denominational choir of men and women dedicated to the study of Gregorian Chant and to its performance in concert and in liturgy. PLEASE COME

ANGLICAN RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND

Check out this informative website to find out what Anglicans around the world are doing at this moment to help those in crisis in Turkey & Northern Syria

www.ardf.org - or check with Rector Paul

A review of *Amazing Grace, William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery*, Eric Metaxas, HC 2007

The book choice for Valentine's day was apt. It was about Love, Love with a capital L, the Love upon which Christians believe all other forms of Love are based.

Amazing Grace is the true account of the life of British Anti-slaver William Wilberforce (1759-1833) who spent his entire political career as a Member of the British Parliament focused on two things. First he aimed to rid Britain of their active participation in the slave trade where shiploads of west coast Africans were stolen and shipped across the Atlantic to become enslaved at the other end of their journey. Wilberforce's second goal was to abolish slavery itself in Britain altogether. It was only upon his death bed that his end goal was reached. His fortitude and determination speak to his all encompassing commitment to Christ. He never let go of his vision. There are other notables also mentioned in the book who became known as the Anti-slavers, and John Newton was one of them. He wrote the words to the hymn Amazing Grace. He had been captain of a slave ship himself. His own story is a long, complicated one but it is alleged that a terrible storm at sea was one of several moments that eventually brought him to Christianity. The next time we sing "I once was blind but now I see" we will know that he was referring to those salient moments over time when God woke him up.

The work of the Anti-slavery movement continues today, working with slavery issues that continue in various forms around the world, even in 2023. Their work runs out of a small office space in Brixton, London, England. On the walls are pictures of William Wilberforce, Thomas Clarkson, John Newton, and others who dedicated their lives both of the Gospel message and to the rescuing those who deserve mercy.

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HONING IN ON HYMNS.....

Amazing grace - john newton 1725-1809

One of the most popular hymns ever written – John Newton began this eloquent writing in 1772 and it was published in 1779 .

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
This grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home**

**When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun**

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

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Events week of February 19th

- Sunday: Feb 19th
10.30 Morning Prayer followed by
Annual General Meeting
2 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh
- Mon: Feb 20th
9.30-11.30 am Craft Circle
1.30- 3 pm Friendship Club
7 pm HSC Choir practice
- Tue: Feb 21st
11.30—1.15 pm Shrove Tues. Pancake Lunch **
- Wed. Feb 22nd
4 pm Ash Wednesday – Evening Prayer
- Thursday: Feb 23rd
7-9 pm Bible study
- Friday Feb 24th
1.30 -3 pm Bible Study
6.30 pm AA group

***** PANCAKES AT ST GEORGES.....** Yes, we're back ...
our popular Shrove Tuesday luncheon is a go in 2023. Join us
for 3 pancakes, 3 sausages, fruit & syrup, served between
11.30-1.15 Feb. 21st .. Everybody welcome.

COMPLINE SERVICES; (BCP p 722)

Thursdays evenings in Lent: Come early for soup & a bun, followed by Compline; dates/time to be confirmed
Sign up on bulletin board for soup

QUIET DAY

Saturday March 25th – more details to follow
Morning Prayer, Guest speakers, luncheon, Evening Prayer

Contact JoAnne NR for details

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Do you need something to give focus to your efforts this upcoming Lent? Then consider what the Reformed Episcopal Church is offering. Under its Matthew 25 initiative, the theme for Lent 2023 is on giving of ourselves and our resources to our neighbours. Over the 40 days of Lent we will learn in practical ways what it looks like to extend mercy to our neighbours, especially those living in poverty. Taking our example from the Good Samaritan who first saw the vulnerable man, then stopped his own journey, and then showed him mercy, we will learn how to see, stop, and show. To learn each day you will receive a reflection on Christ's heart for those living in poverty, at-risk families,, refugees and immigrants. The weekly rhythm of reflections is as follows:

Monday: Unpack topic: why Anglican Christians care/should care about this topic, starting from Scripture and Biblical theology.

Tuesday: Statistics to paint the scope of the issue

Wednesday: A story from the life of an Anglican champion

Thursday: Ministry highlight, encouraging engagement with an established ministry doing work in that area

Friday: Content from ARDF (Anglican Relief and Development Fund), offering a global perspective on the week's theme

Saturday: A focused prayer for those suffering and/or ministering under that theme

Sunday: No reflection. Day of rest for you to reflect on what has been received in the past week..

Sign up
here: <https://www.anglicanjusticeandmercy.org/lent-2023-reflections-email-sign-up>

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