



# The Wardens' Wire

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## Events for week of march 19<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am Morning Prayer  
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

### Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

9.30-11.30 am Craft Circle  
1.30-3 pm Friendship Group  
7.30-9 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum Practice

### Thursday, March 23 *lenten event*

5.30 - 8.30 Soup and a bun preceding  
Compline at 7 pm -

### Friday, March 24

1.30-3 pm Bible study with Rector Luth  
6-9 pm AA group meets in hall

### Saturday, March 25 QUIET DAY *lenten event*

10 am Morning Prayer  
11.15 Coffee and fellowship  
11.45 Talk with Thomas Power  
"Thomas Cranmer: Life & Collects"  
12.15 pm Quiet reflection  
12.45 Lunch  
1.45 Talk with Thomas Power  
"The Collects for Lent: Meditations"  
2.15 Quiet reflection  
2.45 Evening Prayer

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If you haven't picked up your yellow bunny bag for collection during lent, there are still some on the pew in the hall... collect what you wish from the list enclosed to help those in need.. a Crossfire collaboration

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If you would like flowers on the altar on Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one, please talk to Alison

## Events - week of march 26<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am Morning Prayer  
2 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

### Monday March 27<sup>th</sup>

9.30-11.30 am Craft Circle  
1.30—3pm Friendship group  
7.30-9 pm HSC choir practice

### Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>

5.30 - soup and a bun  
7 pm Compline service

### Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>

1.30 -3 pm Bible Study  
6-9 pm AA group meets

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## Why do we love St George's ?

" I appreciate the fact that St. George's Church is based on the Bible. I wouldn't be there if it wasn't.

And I love the wonderful people. I believe in the power of fun and laughter because it brings joy, a much needed commodity the world over. And we have a lot of laughter if you listen to what goes on in the lunch room. It's medicine. At St . George's we don't dwell in the drab, we dwell in technicolour! Given the choice I'm all for the technicolour." -Judy

The Book of Common Prayer is why I come every week .... Knowing that those before me have recited, heard and sung praise with these same words for centuries is important to me ... the memory of those who have shared these pews and have passed on, comforts me . Tradition .....no matter where you have travelled, you know if you come here on a Sunday you will have a comfortable, familiar, welcoming place. Alison



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## HOANING IN ON HYMNS

If you have attended St George's anytime in the last 40 years you will be familiar with the hymn "God Be In My Head" – it has concluded every service in the 20+ years I have attended. It was sung by four of us as Hilda Drummond closed her eyes for the last time in 2014, and she knew it, squeezing my hand with her last Amen.

The Sarum Prayer was introduced as early as the 15<sup>th</sup> century in monasteries, being included in the 1514 Book of Hours, and published in the 1558 Sarum (Salisbury) Primer. The author is unknown. Credit is given to Lytlington for the tune, and to Sir Henry Walford Davies and others for the choral settings in the early 1900s. It was first printed on a leaflet in 1910 used in the Festival Service Book (1912) of the London Church Choir Association of St Paul's Cathedral. Wouldn't it be fascinating to know how many times and how many people have sung this beautiful prayer through the centuries.

**God be in my head, and in my thinking.  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.  
Oh, God be in my heart, and in my understanding.  
God be at mine end and at my departing.**

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## Book Club

**Many thanks to Liz James who led the book club discussion of Amazing Grace while I was away. You got rave reviews Liz!**

The discussion for March 21 will revolve around Thomas Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, published in 1886. It is a most wonderful novel with a powerful narrative, including all conditions of men reflecting the prayer in our Prayer Book. The novel highlights deceit, jealousy, vanity, greed.

Marlene and Tom uncovered a worthy piece of material in their Norton's edition regarding the idea that the novel is built around the Biblical Saul/David story in the Book of Samuel.

Some of the books we read are more difficult than others but we don't let that stop us from leaning in to the new thoughts and ideas that light up our worlds. Having read the book is not necessary. But the tea and chatter is. Come!

1:30-3:00, Tuesday, March 21, Parish Hall. ~ Judy

The Friendship Club drop-in on Monday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 is going well. It would be a good idea to put up a sign outside so that more neighbours might see it as they too are the object of our Front Porch Ministry intent. It is casual at best. We laugh a lot. We eat fruit or biscuits and drink truckloads of tea. It's all good. Our Syrian friend Mayson thinks we are great. Ditto! She told us her story recently which was weighty to hear but if we strive to be a global church we need the information. We were able to congratulate Mayson because both she and her husband have just passed the Citizenship test. It costs just over \$600.00 to try the test and it is not easy. If one fails the fee must be repaid in order to try it again. We had ten sample questions from a reliable source to try it ourselves last week. What could possibly go wrong? Lots, as it happens. Congratulations to James Gilroy who was the star and would have been the only one of us allowed to gain citizenship. The rest of us spent some time wondering what we would do next if this was a part of our own reality. Do you know which province is the only official bilingual one? (Good on you Alan Powell.) If you want a sample copy I'll make you one. Answers on the back page. No peeking. ~ Judy (judypollardsmith@gmail.com)

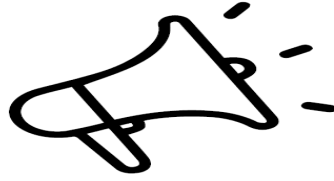
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**Quiet day – Saturday March 25 –join us for contemplation and fellowship ....**

Morning Prayer at 10 am, two talks by Thomas Power, Lunch & Evening Prayer service at 2.45, ..music with Wm Renwick.

No cost-bring a non perishable food item

**Sign up @905-540-1240 or email stgeorgequietday@gmail.com**



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