

# The Wardens' Wire

ISSUE # 8

## EVENTS: MAY 13 – 27

### Saturday May 13 2-5 pm

Baby shower to welcome new little ones;  
All welcome, come and enjoy the fun.

### Sunday May 14 Mothers Day & 21

10.30 am Morning Prayer  
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

### Mon. May 15 & 22

9.30-11.30am Craft circle  
1.30-3pm Friendship group  
7.30-9 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum

### Tues May 16

10.30 – 12 noon Vestry Meeting  
1.30-3 pm Book Club -- *your favourite book?*

### Thur. May 18 & 25

7.00—8.30 pm Bible Study

### Fri. May 19 & 26

1.30-3.30 pm Bible Study  
6-9 pm AA group meets

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### Upcoming events:

*Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> – 4 pm. Movie & Pizza*

*Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm Evensong with the  
Hamilton Schola Cantorum*

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## BISHOP CO-ADJUTOR WM JENKINS, SR

**Celebrating our greater parish family, laity & clergy of the diocese (NEMA) along with other distinguished guests, gathered in Catonsville (Baltimore), MD 29th April. The occasion was to affirm and welcome our newly consecrated Bishop CoAdjutor, the Rev. Canon William Jenkins, Sr. The Service of Consecration (BCP) was presided over by Archbishop Foley Beach (ACNA), Archbishop Raymond Sutton (REC) and our diocesan (NEMA) Bishop Charles Gillin. The spectacular colour and music gave a joy of expression that was only**

outdone by the sunshine that graced the Lord's Table. Pictures are posted in our fellowship hall to share with you.

Melanie and I express our thanks for the support and encouragement from the vestry and so many at St. George's. Throughout the weekend we enjoyed connecting with many wanting to know more about our Canadian connection as part of the NEMA family. Rev Canon Robert Harrold, Dean

### The Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

At Morning Prayer we regularly recite the prayer of St. Chrysostom, as follows:

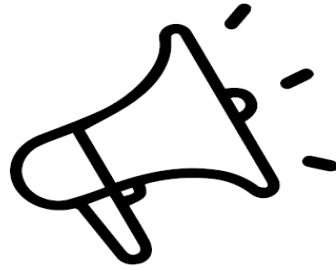
**ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Who was St. Chrysostom and how did this prayer find its way into the Prayer Book? St. John Chrysostom (c.347–407), who became bishop of Constantinople (398–404), was born and educated at Antioch, the city on the eastern Mediterranean where believers in Jesus were first called Christians.

Following, study of Scripture and theology, he was ordained deacon in 381, and later priest. He gained a reputation as a competent preacher. It was because of the excellence of his preaching (which focused on spiritual instruction and moral reformation of the nominally Christian society of his day), that he had the term Chrysostom (from chrysostomos (Greek) meaning golden mouth) attached to his name.

The prayer has a number of important features. Firstly, it brings together two sayings of Jesus: Matthew 18:19-20 (“where two or three are gathered”) and John 14:13-14 (“if you ask me anything in my name, I will do it”). Secondly, the phrase, “our common supplications”, is presented as a gift of grace; in other words, worship and prayer is not so much due to our efforts but the power of God working in us. Thirdly, even if we falter in our prayer we trust that God will respond “as may be most expedient” .

The prayer was included in the Byzantine or Eastern



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Orthodoxy Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, but according to one source it has been wrongly ascribed to the saint himself, and its authorship is unknown. Yet Cranmer included it in his Litany of 1544, which eventually found its way into the first Prayer Book of 1549 where it has remained until this day.

*Thank you Tom Power for this interesting article*

## Honing in on hymns **Onward Christian Soldiers** **Sabine Baring-Gould 1834-1924** BCP # 412

This hymn regularly sung with such fervour in the congregation at St George's ..no longer heard at many other churches....

Sabine Baring Gould was a truly gifted preacher and noted writer throughout his life. It is said that the British Museum shows more titles by him than any other write of his time, yet amazingly, the work for which he is best remembered today is this hymn. The author left this account of the writing of his hymn: *"It was written in a very simple fashion, without thought of publication,. Whit Monday is a great day for school festivals and it was arranged that our school should join forces with that of a neighbouring village. I wanted the children to sing when marching from one village to the other, but couldn't think of anything quite suitable, so I sat up one night, resolved to write something myself. Onward Christian Soldiers, was the result, written in great haste and I am afraid that some of the rhymes are faulty. I am certain that nothing has surprised me more than its popularity". SBG*

**Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus,  
Going on before.  
Christ the Royal Master,  
Leads against the foe,  
Forward into battle,**

**See his banner go.**

***Refrain: Onward Christian Soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus, Going on before.***

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*Do our neighbours complain??? Do we sing too loudly?  
The music coming from our sanctuary on Sunday  
mornings is a wonder ... thank you to all who make  
Sundays such a joyous celebration... spread the word!*

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"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

Some aspects of the Christian life are difficult to discuss but this one is important to me and perhaps to you.

Fully surrendering ourselves to Christ sometimes calls for radical changes in our lives. It might involve a loss of former friendships. There are new friends to welcome us through this process. Our new church friends are like a family. We need to support one another in every way.

Our two homes here on earth involve both the house we live in and the house in which we worship. Both homes hold equal importance and deserve to be treated that way.

To that end I have been thinking about the future of St. George's church once I am no longer here.

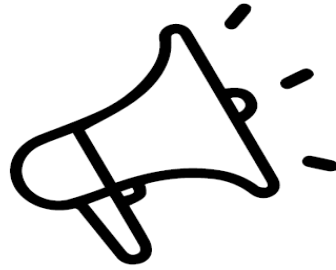
Christendom, you might say, is in crisis. Two beautiful, large local churches in this neighbourhood have recently closed. Several of the largest churches in the inner city have gone.

There is good work going on at St. George's. We need to ensure the future. Once I'm no longer here I want to know that this Ministry will continue.

I'm planning to provide funds after my death for this church so that the Ministry can carry on. You might like to think about this too.

It won't be towards our own glory, but will give glory to God. In this way we will be ensuring a solid place to worship for others who might find peace here in the future.

May God be with us.



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Brian Beck

*Thank you Brian for your most meaningful  
contribution to our WW*

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