

The Wardens' Wire

Issue # 9 **EVENTS: May 27 – June 5**

Sat May 27

4 – 6.15 **MOVIE DAY*****
Come and join the fun, -
includes pizza!

Sun May 28

10.30 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
Guest Mike Tweedle from the
Anglican Relief & Development
Fund will tell us about this very
worthwhile organization
2.30 Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

Mon May 29

9.30 – Craft Circle
1.30 – Friendship Group
7.30 **EVENING PRAYER WITH**
THE HAMILTON SCHOLA
CANTORUM

Their second performance for us –
not to be missed. What could be better
than Evening Prayer with beautiful
accompaniment, and refreshments after

Thurs June 1

7- 8.30 Bible Study

Fri June 2nd

1.30-3 Afternoon bible study
6 -9 pm AA meets in our parish hall

Sun June 4th

10.30 **HOLY COMMUNION**
2.30 Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

Mon June 5

9.30 Craft Circle
1.30 Friendship Club
7.30 HSC practice

June 8 & 9 Thurs & Fri bible studies
cancelled **

****MOVIE LATE AFTERNOON**

Saturday May 27th is our final movie night till the Fall.
This has been a popular event for between 20-25
people on a late Saturday afternoon, along with a
couple of slices of pizza, and popcorn....

THE ULTIMATE GIFT WILL BE SHOWN THIS WEEK.

*A deceased billionaire leaves his spoiled adult grandson
a series of odd tasks to perform in order to receive 'the
ultimate gift' with the resentful grandson having no idea
what that might be ...'*

We will look for appropriate faith-based movies of
about 80 minutes in length for the fall if people would
like us to continue this front porch-social event later in
the year.

Thanks to Pam Wood, Pamela Grlecki & Christine Blair
of the Social Committee for their work.

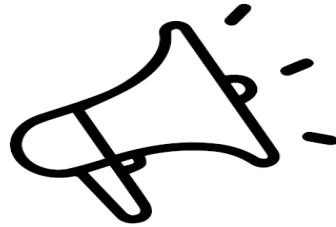
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T'is the season ...

Thank you Jonathan for stepping up with the lawn
mower and tackling the grass that grew so fast in
the last week... you have joined the most active
volunteer group in Hamilton I think!

You are most appreciated. AB

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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

The collection of four cases of medical supplies,
including medications, prescription and over the
counter, as well as much needed bandaids, bandages,
surgical gloves, was delivered with success by
Nelson and Alison to the people of Cuba. Archdeacon
Alexei Gonzelez Rodriquez, Dr. Katharine Hamilton
Gonzelez and Yamilet Hernandez. The treasurer of the
Diocese of Cuba, west convocation. They were so
thankful. A cursory list of what was given to them is
on the bulletin board with the sparse photos we took
(we were standing on the sidewalk outside the
airport in a thunderstorm!) After we said goodbye to
them we boarded a bus and spent the next few days
enjoying Cuba...a wonderful country, with trees laden
with fruits, happy family oriented people despite
their meager lifestyle. We passed universities,



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hospitals, schools, buzzing with young people who are looking for a better life ahead... AB

A couple of years ago I was watching a British mystery on tv. Maybe it was *Midsummer Murders*. The detective said something I've never forgotten.

He said that when he was a child he lived in a small, dull British village. In his early teens his family moved to a new place, this time a very beautiful village. He said, "And suddenly I was living in technicolour."

I've thought a lot about that comment. It's made me think about what technicolour does, how it moves us and literally changes the picture. Movies used to be black and white until technicolour was invented in 1934. It went out of use in 1965. In my teen years in the 1960s MGM was still filling the screens in the Park Movie Theatre in my small town of Cobourg with vivid colour, with life, with excitement. Going to the movies was way more fun when the reds, blues, purples moved in.

Colour is important to me. I love it. My house is filled with colours that clash but how to turn down a red linoleum kitchen floor? It gets dirty faster but it says "Hi! Sit down!"

After I heard that detective's remark I decided that I want to live in technicolour too. And in quick order I realized that holding tightly onto Biblical precepts, by knowing that Jesus really does loves me and has guided my past and my present and will guide my future I am living in real technicolour, not the celluloid variety.

Why choose beige when you can get turquoise? - Judy

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BENEDICITE OMNIA OPERA

Included in the canticles in the *Book of Common Prayer* (pages 26-28) is one entitled *Benedicite Omnia Opera*. The term "canticle" derives from the Latin *canticum* meaning song. Canticles as songs derived from the Bible have different themes and uses. They have been used traditionally as a call to worship and as responses to readings. Many of them are ancient; many derive from biblical passages which were first used as songs; while others are ancient hymns written in either Latin or Greek in the early centuries of the church. Canticles are historic hymns or songs of the church.

The most widely used canticles in Christian worship over the centuries are four in number:

the *Benedictus* or Zechariah's song (Luke 1: 68-79), Mary's *Magnificat* (Luke 1: 46-55), the *Nunc dimittis* or

song of Simeon (Luke 2: 29-32), all three found in the gospel of Luke. The fourth one is the *Benedicite* or Song of the Three Young Men, so called from its opening words in Latin *Benedicite omnia opera* or "Bless all the works."

The Church's Use

The text of the *Benedicite* is not part of the canon of Scripture. The passage is omitted from Protestant Bibles because it is viewed as part of the apocryphal tradition. And so, because it belongs in the apocrypha, it is regarded as optional, or as an addition.

Yet despite its origin as a non-canonical source, it has been included in the *Book of Common Prayer*. At the time of the Reformation, the Church of England retained the three canticles from Luke. It also retained the *Benedicite* as an alternative to the *Te Deum* in the order of service for Morning Prayer, where it can be used following the first scripture lesson.

Although non-canonical, this canticle along with the apocrypha in general is seen to have some value for believers. As article 6 of the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion says of such apocryphal works: "The Church doth read [them] for example of life and instruction of manners; but yet doth not apply them to establish any doctrine." The Church uses this canticle in its liturgy because of its belief that, though deriving from the apocryphal tradition, it can be useful for "example of life and instruction of manners."

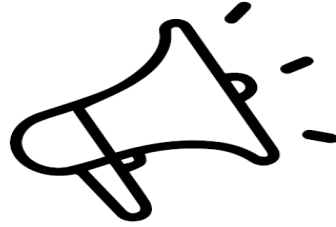
From the Fiery Furnace

In the apocryphal version, the text is inserted between verses 23 and 24 of Daniel 3. Verse 23 says: "And these three men [that is, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego] firmly tied, fell into the blazing fire." Then follows the insert of the *Benedicite*, the words of which are put into the mouths of Daniel's three friends. You will recall that they had been cast into the furnace by king Nebuchadnezzar as punishment for their refusal to worship the golden image he had devised of himself. Their song is a hymn of praise as they stand unconsumed in the furnace.

(Part 2 will appear in the next Warden's Wire)

Thanks to Tom Power

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Poet William Wordsworth believed that our souls existed before our births. In his Ode to Immortality he wrote these beautiful lines about our arrival on earth:

“But trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God who is our home”

In that light thank you several times over to Christine Blair, Jason Blair and Paul Parker for the very thought-filled and beautiful baby shower on Mother’s Day weekend. We have four new lives to celebrate who have attachments to our congregation in a variety of ways.

The Parish Hall looked like one happy place to be with the colourful umbrellas Christine made (Yes! She made them) and the streamers and platters of food and gift boxes.

We were happy to meet Andrew’s new brother Anson who seems to be a cuddly, happy guy. Max and Amy’s new son Ayden will visit soon with his big sister Selena. And we all await the birth of the two little people who are soon to join the Fard family.

Babies are the future of the faith and of the church as well as being pretty sweet little creatures. They need celebrating! - Judy

Book Club

This has been a productive year for the book club. We’ve enjoyed a variety of books, good discussion and camaraderie. Our last session of the season is on June 20th for a chat about Gilead by Marilynne Robinson and a light lunch potluck, 1:30-3:00. We meet in the Parish Hall. Come! Everybody! Tell your friends. It’s not necessary to belong to the church to come. It’s for everyone.

We’ve set up a schedule for next year which can be tweaked if necessary. We will continue meeting on the third Tuesday of the month from September-June, 1:30-3:00. We will not meet in December as it’s a busy church season.

You might like to use some summer days to get a head start on your reading.

Sept. 19- The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, by Agatha Christie. Jo-Anne warns us that it is so intriguing we will all be tempted to read the last page way before the story ends and she has instituted a “no cheating” rule.

Oct. 17 - Three Funeral s For My Father, by Jolie Phuong Hoang

Author Jolie Phuong Hoang plans to join us for the discussion about her book which we have chosen for October. Jolie has told her story of escape from VietNam when she was sixteen years old. She has written it as a loving salute to the lessons her father taught her.

Nov. 21 - The Places In Between, by Rory Stewart.

Colin and Arpine Morris recommended this true book about travels in Afghanistan. Since we have some dear Afghan friends here it seems a good idea to learn what we can.

Jan.16 - The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, by Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer

Feb.20 - The Invention of Wings, by Sue Monk Kidd

March 19- To Kill A Mockingbird, by Harper Lee

April 16 - Peace Like A River, by Leif Enger

May 21 - Lila, by Marilyn Robinson

June 18 – 7 Women And The Secret of Their Greatness, by Eric Metaxas

As always we hope that you or someone you know might like to join us. It’s a large table, we have lots of chairs, several teapots and lots of colourful mugs! Not necessary to read the book. Some of us come for the discussion and the friendship. However you choose to do it we are waiting for you.

We’re pretty sure you’ll love it. - Judy

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