

The Wardens' Wire

JUNE 25 – JULY 8 2023ISSUE 11

Sunday June 25

10.30 am **MORNING PRAYER**
2.00pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

Monday June 26

9.30-11.30 Craft Circle
1.30-3 pm Friendship Group (last before summer break)
7.30- 9 pm Hamilton Schola Cantora practice

Wednesday June 28

1.30-3 pm Bible study – *Revelation* **** new DAY**

Thursday July 29

4 pm Council meeting
7-8.30 pm Bible Study *The Holiness of God*

Friday June 30

6 -9 pm AA group meets

Sunday July 2

10.30 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh Service

Monday July 3

9.30-11.30 Craft Circle
7 – 9 pm AAWCA board meeting
7.30- 9 pm Hamilton Schola Cantora practice

Wednesday July 5

1.30-3 pm Bible study – *Revelation*

Thursday July 7

7-8.30 pm Bible Study *The Holiness of God*

Friday July 8

6 -9 pm AA group meets

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Mark your calendarfor A SPECIAL EVENT AT St George's with the Hamilton Schola Cantora

The Feast of Saint James

Monday July 24 & Tuesday July 25th

See information on the bulletin board ... all welcome for the worship services Register for the lectures,...

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Plans are underway for a church picnic ...

Saturday August 15th 1 – 3 pm - on the church groundsmore info to come

A LITTLE GARDEN MUSIC ...

SATURDAY JULY 15, 1.30 – 3PM



Hope you can join us for A Little Garden Music (think Mozart's A Little Night Music only ours is in the afternoon) on Saturday July 15th at 1:30-3:00

We started this idea a couple of summers ago to cheer up the neighbourhood. We sang rollicking lovely hymns along with violin, viola, cello, banjo, guitar, harmonica and Tim Olson's harmonium that he brought all the way from Pakistan. The first time we did it a Mac student ran home and brought back his guitar.

All instruments and voices welcome!

Refreshments to follow. Tell your neighbours. - Judy

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KNOWING OUR PARISHIONERS

JAMES GILROY 'most everyone knows James! On a Sunday morning he is at the door when you come in, at the elevator, getting you to sign the greeting cards he has purchased for our friends,, on the street helping people into their cars, and even in the kitchen doing the dishes ! And oh yes, you'll also find in him the church garden during the week, weeding, watering, planting James has been a member of St George's for 8 years, and we can't imagine how we managed with out him... He is also a member of Vestry, giving readily of his knowledge, ideas, and praise ...

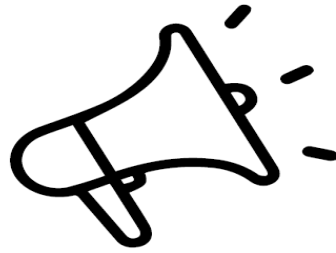
Thanks James for all you do for us.

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You can hear a piece of poetry or the words to a song a thousand times and they don't hit you until they do.

I've been thinking about friendship lately. You can't put a price on good friends.

Baby Boomers can still sing the words to songs that accompanied us through the years when we were on the road to becoming whatever it was we were thinking about becoming.



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You Tube is my best friend when I'm wanting to hear something from "back in the day" as my kids refer to my youth.

James Taylor's You've Got A Friend was, is, a special song I've always thought. It refers to the kind of friendship that stays close, the kind that says "You just call out my name and you'll know wherever I am I'll come running to see you again..."

One Sunday in Morning Prayer this month we sang How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds

I've sung it a million times. At least. Ever since I was old enough to hold a hymn book on my own. But when we sang it this past Sunday the definition of forever Friendship danced right off the page. It lists the qualities of Jesus as a lifelong companion: Shepherd, Brother, Friend, Prophet, Priest, King, Lord, Life, Way, my End.

I'm not about to drop my 1960s favourites but this you cannot beat. It says it all.

Let Alison know if there is a hymn that speaks to you. <

JUDY

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Keith shared with us this most beautiful poem that was a keepsake of his mother, Mary Ellen Powell; all who knew her loved her, ...Mary Ellen first came to St George's with her sister Libby Stevenson, , and came back every Sunday after that – she was a stand-out with her lovely red coather heart would be so warmed to know that her sons now attend St George's tending the garden and all other things that need tending....

**WEEDS THE BEAUTIES OF MY GARDEN
Weeds, to some, are like memories long past,
Needing to be plucked of the shadows they cast
But I see their beauty, for God place them there,
So that's where I leave them and tend to their cares.**

**Their roots, growing deeply, hold fast and true,
As my faith, my love and my hope must do –
To garner my strength for another day,
To weather life's storms that come my way**

**Where I see a flower and you see a weed,
Its presence and purpose fulfills my need –
To do what I can to manage the earth,
In my small garden, regardless of worth.**

**As I nurture my weeds and watch them grow,
There's something I've often wanted to know
Could the loveliest rose, cursed with its thorn
Be simply a weed – imperfectly born?**

Colours of Celebration – The Liturgical Year

Have you noticed that the colour of the hangings on the Altar, Pulpit, Lectern, and the colour of the stoles worn by the Celebrant change ?

Do you know why??

Churches in the Anglican tradition use these colors to help us focus on where we are in the church year, or notice special celebration services. If you have an Anglican Church calendar you may have noticed that the dates show the 'colour of the day ' and season. Colours may also indicate special days in the church year.

Right now we are in the season of Trinity and the colour is green, which helps us think about growth and learning. It covers the long stretch of time between Easter and Advent and is meant to represent anticipation and hope.

For Advent and Lent we use the colour purple representing penance, preparation and sacrifice. Rose may be used on the third Sunday in Advent and the fourth Sunday in Lent to represent joy and love in Christ. And Blue to celebrate the feast of Mary , the mother of Jesus.

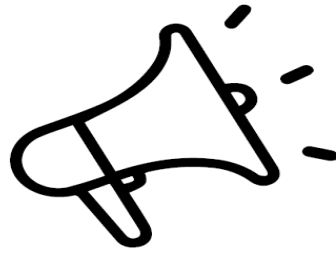
White and Gold are used for the celebrations of Christmas, Easter, baptism and weddings and are also seen at funerals and memorials. Red is used to represent the passion of Christ and the Holy Spirit at Pentecost , Ordination, Confirmation , Consecration of a Bishop and celebration of Martyrs.

The beautiful hangings we use every week were lovingly hand made by our church family of the past, and are faithfully changed and cared for by the Altar Guild.

Be sure to watch for the colours as they change, and if you have any questions, feel free to check with our Altar Guild, or Alison

Thanks to Melanie for this contribution to our WW

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HONING IN ON HYMNS.....

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

*O God our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home*

*Under the shadow of Thy throne, Still may we dwell secure
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure*

*Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame
From Everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same*

*Times, like an ever rolling stream, Bears all its sons away
They fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the opening day*

*O God our help in ages past, Our hopes for years to come
Be though our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home..*

Considered one of the grandest hymns it is a paraphrase of Psalm 90. It is considered one of the finest of the more than 600 Isaac Watts wrote, and the one hymn that is still sung at all festive occasions. Written by Isaac Watts, he was born in England, when his father, a learned deacon, was in prison for his non conformist beliefs. Isaac displayed a literary genius at a young age, and had an annoying habit of rhyming everyday conversation.. When scolded by his father he cried out, "Oh Father, do some pity take, and I will no more verses make". His father challenged him to write something for the congregation. He willingly accepted the challenge and for two years wrote a new hymn every Sunday. Much of his life he was in ill health. His writings in several different fields had a powerful influence upon the thinking of the 17th & 18th centuries, although he was considered a radical churchman in his day. His grave is at Bunhill Cemetery in London where many Dissenting Preachers were buried I the 17th & 18th centuries; however later a monument to Isaac Watts was placed in Westminster Abbey, the highest honour an Englishman can achieve .

TAKEN FROM 101 Hymn stories KW Osbeck

FRIENDS

Monday afternoon Friendship Club has morphed from the idea of a drop- in centre to help lonely McMaster students or anyone who needs help with English to a sort of drop-in-and-stay-for-tea event. It works well and we always have a good time. We have one meeting left on Monday, June 26 from 1:30-3:00 before we close for the summer.

It's been fun for church members but has also been fun for two newcomer families from Afghanistan. We've enjoyed them so much and love to hear the children having fun together too.

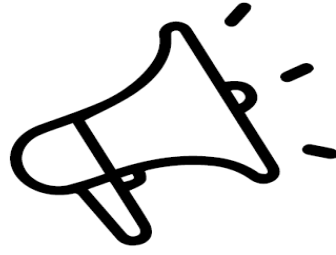
We begin every session with a question that draws us into conversation, helps us get to know each other and makes us laugh. Today's question was "Do you have a daily routine? What shape does it take?" That simple question took eighteen people one full hour to answer. Next week's question is " Do you have a favourite piece of music? When was the first time you heard it? What makes you love it? The words? The melody? Both?"

Fahim or Hakima give us a short lesson in the Dari language to close off the afternoon session. This week we learned family nouns:

Family = famil
Father= padar
Mother = madar
Brother= bradar
Sister = Khahar

To our surprise we noticed a connection with Latin in words such as 'Padar'. Languages travel the world with every incursion and new words from the invaders are introduced

Thank you to everyone who comes. You make it fun. It strengthens our bonds at St. George's with one another and as a family.- Judy
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