

# The Wardens' Wire

## WARDEN'S WIRE .....ISSUE # 14

### EVENTS:

#### Sunday August 13

10.30 am MORNING PRAYER  
2 pm. Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

#### Monday: Aug 14

9.30 – 11.30 am Craft Circle  
7.30 – 9.00 pm HSC Choir practice

#### Wednesday Aug 16

1.30 - 3.00 pm Bible Study -- *Revelation*

#### Thursday, Aug 17

7.00 - 8.30 pm Bible Study - *The Holiness of God*

#### Friday, Aug 18

6.00 - 9.00 pm AA group meets

#### Saturday Aug 19

12-3 CHURCH PICNIC \*\*

#### Sunday Aug 20

10.30 am MORNING PRAYER  
2 pm. Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

#### Monday: Aug 21

9.30 – 11.30 am Craft Circle  
7.30-9.00 HSC Choir practice

#### Wednesday, Aug 22

1.30 – 3 pm Afternoon Bible Study

#### Thursday, Aug 23

7- 8.30 Evening Bible Study

#### Friday, Aug 24

6.30-9 pm AA group meets

I was happy when Alison came up with the idea of having a newsletter from the Wardens. It's a chance to be both grateful and thoughtful when writing. I also wonder if other people might like to contribute so you're not hearing the same voices all the time. Please do. JUDY

**WELCOME TO BEN PEARCE, a graduate MDiv and postulate of the RE Church in Pennsylvania.... Ben will be here for three Sundays, working with our ministers and**

learning more about St George's and its people ....

CHURCH PICNIC SAT. AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> 12- 3 PM

HOPING TO SEE MANY HAPPY FACES AS WE BRING BACK THE OLD FASHIONED CHURCH PICNIC - BBQ lunch, games, prizes, singing ... inside and outside of our little church on the corner of Emerson & Royal.... Come and enjoy some time together on a Saturday afternoon.

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Last Sunday Tina and her sisters sang my new favourite hymn which is actually old considering that The Book of Common Praise dates the words and music at 1824 and 1832. If you'd like to sing it again I'll bet we could convince the Rector and Dr. Renwick and the choir to make it happen.

Come Ye Disconsolate is to be found in the blue book (The Book of Common Praise) hymn #756.

Hymns, the old ones, use bolder, more powerful language than some of the newer Gospel hymns. The place where we find Jesus as our Listener is at his "mercy seat." No judgement, no interruptions there, but a listener.

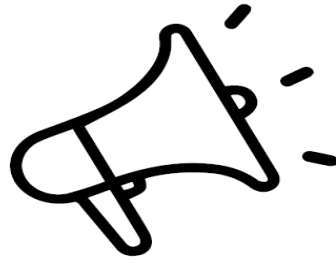
Jesus is described as joy, as light, as Hope, as the Comforter, as the Bread of Life. He invites us to "the feast of love."

Can't imagine looking for something else.

*Better* does not exist. -Judy

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**Our parishioners** ,... Janet Massie ... Anyone who has ever left a message on Janet's phone, received a phone message , or a handwritten message from her



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will be reminded "**Remember, God Loves You ...** even the mailman will read it on the envelope ...thank you Janet, for always reminding us ...

My son and his family came for Chinese food last night. Chinese food is fine but my favourite part is the fortune cookie afterwards.

This past winter I got a fortune cookie that said " Keep your feet firmly planted on the ground." That was two days before I was about to get on an airplane so I traded fortune cookies with my daughter-in-law. I liked hers much better. It promised all kinds of fun ahead. I kept it and stuck it on my refrigerator.

Last night my fortune cookie said "You are inclined to be serious." It's true but I was annoyed as who wants the truth about oneself? I was after something more exciting so I asked Elizabeth again if she had a better one that I could trade for mine.

"Nope!" she said. (They're on to me.)

I know what you're thinking. "What's a serious woman like her doing wanting to trade fortunes from cookies for something better?"

Must admit to being thankful that I know my future is held in far more meaningful promises than those little typed papers inside cookies.

And I know in which Book to find them.- **Judy**

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## Honing in on hymns:

*I love to sign this beautiful hymn, ..learning the story behind the verses makes it more meaningful. The beautiful melody with 'ups and downs' are a challenge . I breathe a sigh of relief when at the end, I think 'I got it' (as you can see I am not a singer, nor a musician!) .....* Alison

### **O, THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS**

**Samuel Trevor Francis**

**Thomas J Williams**

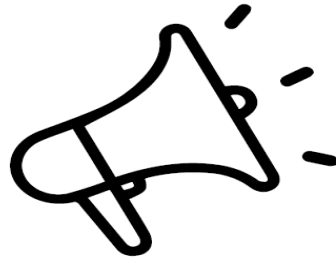
**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured boundless free  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me**

**Underneath me, all around me, Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward leading homeward, to my glorious rest above.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore  
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore  
How He watches o'er his loved ones, Died to call them all His own  
How for them He intercedeth,, watcheth o'ver them from the throne.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best  
'Tis an ocean full of blessing, tis a haven giving rest  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.**

'Few hymns paint such a vivid picture of God's love as this one by Samuel Trevor Francis.. Born in 1834 in a village north of London UK, Samuel as a young child compiled a volume of his own poetry. He developed a passion for music and was a member of the church choir at age 9. As a teenager he struggled spiritually and knew things weren't right in his heart. He wrote "on my way home from work crossing the Hungerford Bridge in wind and rain, I cried to God to have mercy on me". He looked into the dark waters and whispered 'Make an end to all this misery". Suddenly a message was borne into his soul "Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ" He answered, "I do believe and put my whole trust in him as my saviour". Samuel went on to become a London merchant but his real passion was Kingdom work, hymn writing and open air preaching. He traveled widely and preached around the world for the Plymouth Brethren, dying at age 92 in 1925.



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The rolling melody for this hymn is called 'Ton Y Botel (tune in a bottle) because of a legend that it was found in a bottle on the Welsh coast, first appearing in hymn tune in 1890 in a Welsh hymnal entitled Llawlyfn Moliant.

*Excerpt from 'Then Sings My Soul' R J Morgan*      *Alison*

## 2023-24 CHAT & CHEW BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

- Sept. 19- The Murder of Roger Ackroyd  
by Agatha Christie
- Oct. 17 - Three Funerals For My Father  
by Jolie Phuong Hoang
- Nov. 21 - The Places In Between  
by Rory Stewart.
- Jan.16 - The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society,  
by Annie Barrows & Mary Ann Shaffer
- Feb.20 - The Invention of Wings,  
by Sue Monk Kidd
- Mar 19- To Kill A Mockingbird,  
by Harper Lee
- Apr 16 - Peace Like A River by Leif Enger
- May 21 – Lila by Marilyn Robinson
- Jun 18 – 7 Women And The Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas

**JOIN US FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE DISCUSSIONS.  
1.30-3 PM THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

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**GARDENS** ..... Through many Warden's Wire newsletters in the last few months 'gardens' are mentioned – in poems, in hymns, in funny stories, and as a location for activities.

The Memory Garden beside St George's is quite a gathering place, the five benches donated (at \$1300 each) by community and church members, are often occupied, sometimes with just one person and his dog enjoying nature, another with four people squeezed together having fun; old, young, neighbours, students, visitors, passers-by, those waiting for their appointment at the barber ...and

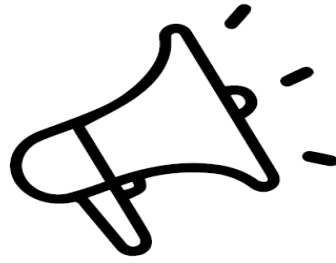
some waiting to enter through the red doors to hear what they are hoping for.

The plan for a Memory Garden was initiated by our dear Rev John Smith to celebrate the 100th anniversary of a church at 134 Emerson in 2009. The Garden Society was asked for advice, (and donated their time) with St George's friend Phyllis Tresidder working out the initial lay out, then purchasing, transplanting, planting, maintaining the lovely treasure. Included in the initial plans were the boxwood shrubs which number the names on the cenotaph, the Blue Spruce tree, described in the plan as a 'mini blue spruce' (have you seen it lately ??). The blue spruce was planted in honour of our member Sieg Tiefenbach who had been a St George's member for decades – a tall, strong man who was a motorcycle dispatch officer during WWII – and told numerous stories of his hazardous journeys to get important messages to very important people.

A plaque was placed beside the cenotaph commemorating the opening of the Memory Garden, which was celebrated with great fanfare at the Remembrance Day service 2009.

The Memory Wall followed, on the north side of the church building - so many names – at least 90 currently, and now a continuing reminder of those who have come through our church and the community of West Hamilton. Thanks to Richard Palmer, there is now room for many more, as two extra boards were installed last fall. Check with Alison if you would like a plaque added at any time.

In 2019 the garden was rejuvenated by the Mountain Garden Society, in memory of our dear Rev John Smith, and a matching stone plaque placed beside the cenotaph.



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The garden continues to grow thanks to many wonderful people who care for it weekly. Each month there are new flowers, plants, and pathways cared for.... Enjoy this beautiful piece of nature, which surrounds the cenotaph and sits as a welcome to St George's. **Alison** *JPS/AB 14*