



The Wardens' Wire

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AUGUST 27-SEPT 9

- Sun. Aug 27 10.30 MORNING PRAYER with Ben
- Mon Aug 28 9-12 Craft Circle Drop In
- Wed Aug 30 1.30-3 Bible Study
- Thurs Aug 31 2.00 Vestry meeting *
7-8.30pm Bible Study
- Fri Sept 1 6-9 pm AA group meets

- Sun Sept 3 10.30 HOLY COMMUNION
- Mon Sept 4 9-12 Craft circle drop in
- Wed Sept 6 1..30 Bible study
- Thurs Sept 7 7 pm Bible study
- Fri Sept 8 6.00 AA group meets

+Vestry meeting will be at another location this month

- AAWCA Board meeting Mon Sept 11th
- HSC choir restarts Mon Sept 11th
- AAWCA AGM Mon Sept 18th

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Thanks to the Social Committee – Pamela Grelecki, Christine Blair and Pam Wood, and their families, and others who made the Indoor Picnic such a success. There were 51 people there and nearly as many prizes, thanks to Christine. Door prizes galore, and lots of fun with prizes at the games. Amazing food, thanks to the BBQ handlers Michael W and Jason B – perhaps there were others, so many people to thank. Special mention to Geoffrey Aktas and family who brought delicious ‘Church’s Chicken’ but left with an abundance of prizes - Mary and Berry both won a prize in the guessing game (I then found out that Deren also picked the same number as her mom) – so I am sure the 127 candies were shared equally!! The little ones also had lots of fun. Thanks to all in attendance who made it the best party ever!

Some interesting messages gleaned from the invitation to write your thoughts:

- Remain in me and I will remain in you – EL
- My God is an awesome God* B & S
- Follow Jesus here, there and everywhere BA
- I do what Jesus says* DA
- If you believe you can achieve BM
- A friend is the nicest things you can have and one of the best things you can be* AB
- Continued in next newsletter-ALISON*

I love clouds. But not all of them; only the soft white cumulus clouds that look as if you should be able to jump on them and not fall through.

I don't love the dark ones but who does?

My favourite walk is along Lake Ontario in Bronte. I try to go twice a week at least. It's peaceful and a good thinking time. The lake in all its moods is beautiful, even when it's splashing and spraying and spuming

One day last week the minute I got onto Dundurn Street en route to my walk the rain clouds gathered.

“ Nuts!” I thought. I kept going anyway.

I drove all the way under a dark cloud. I got to Bronte and out came the sun. I had a beautiful walk.

Life's not always quite that lovely but sometimes I think we can make things better just by believing it will be.

Of course that doesn't happen through our own will. Sometimes we can just ask Him for an extra jolt of joy and bingo. There it is. - Judy

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HEAR YE, HEAR YE !!
AMAL IS ARRIVING IN CANADA SEPT 14TH
HONING IN ON HYMNS

JUST AS I AM Charlotte Elliott 1836 England



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Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am though tossed about, With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within without,
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind, Sight riches healing of the mind,
Yea all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come

Charlotte Elliott of Brighton England was an embittered woman, her health broken "If God loved me he would not have treated me this way". Hoping to help her a Swiss minister, Dr Cesar Malan, met her in 1822. Over dinner Charlotte lost her temper and railed against God and family in an outburst. Her embarrassed family left the room and Dr Malan was left alone with her. "You are tired of yourself, aren't you? You are holding to your hate because you have nothing else in the world to cling to. Consequently you have become sour, bitter and resentful", he said. "What is your cure?", asked Charlotte". He answered, "The faith you are trying to despise". Charlotte softened, "If I wanted to become a Christian and share the peace and joy you possess, she asked, what would I do?: "You would give yourself to God, just as you are now, with your fears, hates and loves, pride and shame". "I would come to God just as I am, is that right?" asked Charlotte.

Charlotte did come just as she was, and her heart changed that day. Years later her brother was raising

funds for a school and Charlotte wrote a poem, "Just as I am" which has become the most famous invitation hymn in history.

Charlotte lived to be 82 and wrote many hymns but never enjoyed good health. After her death over a thousand letters she had kept which people expressed their gratitude for the way this hymn had touched their lives, were found by her family.

Excerpt from Then Sings My Soul, RJ Morga

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LUNCHES AFTER SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S

For as long as I recall, lunch has been served at St George's after service every Sunday. I remember first attending St Georges (in the gym at King St Baptist in November 2002 standing bewildered after the service as everyone jumped into action moving tables and chairs and bringing out plates of sandwiches, and other goodies! I had never seen anything like that in all my church going. Being new and 'just dropping in' type of people, we chose not to join in the luncheon – however, it was only a couple of weeks later we too were moving the chairs and tables, and contributing to the luncheon. The tradition continues! Every week the congregation of St George's enjoys lunch together, I usually tell the 'newcomers', don't worry '98% of the congregation stay – you are definitely welcome ' Thanks go to all those who prepare and serve the lunches, make the coffee tea, etc. and to those who bring a variety of goods each week for us all to enjoy. Over the years there has been discussion about whether we should discontinue, downsize, or continue ... how could it be anything else we must keep this going. Sitting beside someone, hearing their stories, their worries, their wishes, sharing in their successes is what makes St Georges the most caring church I know.

Thank you all.....ALISON

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SO NICE TO HAVE BEN PEARCE WITH US, I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A CHANCE TO CHAT WITH HIM OVER HIS TIME WITH US.... THANK YOU BEN. GOOD LUCK IN YOUR JOURNEY WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN

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Thank you to Brian Beck for supplying the WW with this lovely reminder about how to get the most out of life. This information was in the newsletter of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews. I have not quoted it directly as do not have permission to do so.

Abraham lived by kindness. In Genesis 18:1-5 we are told of a day when although he was suffering physically, he looked for an opportunity to be kind. It's important that he actually looked for opportunities to be kind. He didn't simply stumble across opportunities to practice brotherhood. He made it happen by personal will.

It was in the heat of the day when he was unwell and sitting by his tent when he saw three strangers standing nearby. He told them to come near and he would bring them water to wash their feet. He invited them to sit in the shade of his tree. He brought them something to eat.

In this way Abraham practiced goodness. He went out of his way to do so even in his own suffering.

I noticed the resemblance to the New Testament story of The Good Samaritan. We are not called to serve only those of our own tribe, but every human who needs our help. That's a great challenge for the coming week.

Next WW tell us how you made it happen.

Thank you Brian. - Judy

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thankful to receive many antibiotics from HPIC as well as numerous over the counter meds. She sent an extensive report to the committee members, relaying several stories: here is just a brief summary:

"A lady with a child with furunculosis and adenopathies . Mother said she was not able to get any medicines, there was nothing at the pharmacy. She couldn't afford to buy anything from social network sources. I gave her what antibiotics I had, and hoped they would work; a few days later the mother sought me out to tell me her son had improved.

A mother with two children knocked on my door. Her 7 year old girl had cellulite on her face, worthy of admission for intravenous treatment. The mother asked me for help. The girl was unrecognizable, she could not open her right eye from so much inflammation. I gave her antibiotics and told her to pray for God to help her. You have no idea how big my surprise was when the little girl ran up to me on the street, hugged me and said "Doctor, doctor, I am fine now" Her face was beautiful, perfect, without inflammation:..

The same day I was queuing for food standing behind a woman with a huge tumour on her leg draining, and was asking her child to pour water on it to relieve the pain; I asked what antibiotic she was taking. I have nothing, she said. I treated her right there, I haven't seen her since but I am sure it worked.

Dr Navarro concludes with *'although we have been working with the donated medicines for several months now, every day the Lord surprises us with new opportunities to change the reality of many people in need.*

Thank you to all who have donated to the REC-ANiC Cuba Mission SocietyALISON

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News from Cuba

Dr Navarro received numerous medications from the REC-ANiC Cuba Mission in April & May, she has been so