

The Wardens' Wire

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SEPTEMBER 10 – 23TH 2023

Sunday September 10

10.30 AM MORNING PRAYER
& welcome back BBQ after
2.00p Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

Monday September 11

9.30-12 noon Craft & Social morning drop in
7.30- 9.00 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum choir

Tuesday September 12

2 pm Vestry meeting

Wednesday September 13

1.30-3 pm Bible Study

Thursday September 14

7.00-8.30 Bible Study

Friday September 15

6.30 – 9 pm AA group meets

Sunday September 17th

10.30 Morning Prayer
2.00 Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

Monday September 18th

9.30 – 12.00 Craft & social drop in
12.30-2.30 Friendship club resumes ++new time
7.30-9.00 HSC Choir

Tuesday September 19th

1.30-3,00 BOOK CLUB RESUMES ***

Wednesday September 20th

1.30 – 3pm Bible Study

Thursday September 21st

7.00-8.30 Evening Bible Study

Friday September 22nd

6.30-9 pm AA group meets

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WELCOME BACK – SUNDAY SEPT 10TH 12 OCLOCK,
AFTER SERVICE; BBQ IN THE GARDEN TO
WELCOME EVERYONE: NEWCOMERS TO THE
AREA, STUDENTS, FRIENDS, COME AND ENJOY .
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**++FRIENDSHIP CLUB RESUMES, ...AFTER A
SUCCESSFUL FIRST SEASON, WE ARE READY
TO START AGAIN.....IT WILL NOW BE HELD
FROM 12.30 TO 2.30 EACH MONDAYBRING
YOUR LUNCH, SHARE YOUR LUNCH, BRING
ENOUGH FOR OTHERS...YOUR CHOICE.....
FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION LED BY JUDY ...
OPEN TO ALL, BRING SOMEONE WHO NEEDS
A FRIEND OR JUST WANTS AN AFTERNOON
OUTYOU'LL FIND LOTS OF FUN AND**

**LAUGHTER HERE ON A MONDAY
AFTERNOON.**

*****Book club ---First of the season - TUES.SEPT 19**
The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, Agatha Christie If you
want to read it and haven't a copy of the book let us know; if
you don't want to read it, you can still come and listen to what
other people thought of this first mystery of Agatha Christie
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**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY... If you saw the Church
Bulletin of September 3rd you will have read of our
consideration to make a refugee sponsorship
application for an Afghan friend Your questions
and concerns are requested before we go ahead with
this monumental initiative, which may take 3-4 years
... If you were in church on September 3rd you will be
struck by the irony that the lessons and sermon for
Trinity 13 were based on the parable of the Good
Samaritan ...how amazing is that ! If you wish more
information, contact the Rector, or a vestry member.**

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**DATES TO CIRCLE ON YOUR CALENDAR ... MORE INFO
TO COME IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS**

Sunday October 1st

HARVEST HOME SERVICE

Saturday October 7th

POT LUCK THANKSGIVING DINNER

Saturday October 21st 4-6 pm

MOVIE AFTERNOON STARTS AGAIN

Saturday October 28

QUIET DAY LED BY TOM POWER

Early November

HAMILTON SCHOLA CANTORUM EVENSONG

Sunday November 4

REMEMBRANCE DAY CHURCH SERVICE

Saturday November 11

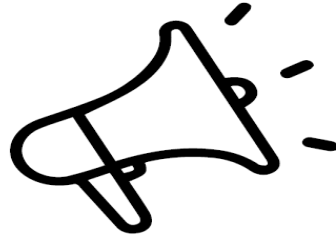
**REMEMBRANCE DAY NEIGHBOOD SERVICE AT
THE CENOTAPH**

Saturday November 11

POT LUCK DINNER TO WELCOME OUR BISHOPS

Sunday November 12

**CONFIRMATION of THOMAS LUTH and
INSTITUTION & INDUCTION OF OUR MINISTER BY
OUR BISHOPS**



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FOOD BANK COLLECTION. We are again collecting for our Crossfire friends on King St.W to assist them with their mission of helping the people of Hamilton who need nourishment. Take a bag and a list, do what you can, return by October 8th for Thanksgiving Day delivery to Crossfire.

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KNITTERS ..GET THOSE NEEDLES GOING ...we will be gathering mittens , hats, scarves and socks over the next couple of months, to be displayed after November 11th, and distributed to Streetlight Church in downtown Hamilton early in December. . For the past several years St George's has given an abundance of warm outerwear for those in need; seeing all the beautiful handcrafted items from those who are clever crafters warms our soul, and offers warmth and comfort to those in need. Thank you to all who contribute with their expertise, transforming a pair of needles and a ball of wool into a work of art, or by purchasing a pair of extra warm socks.

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Janet M gave this very interesting article to me from The Sachem & Gazette, by Bruce MacDonald - we don't know the date it was published – some time ago I would say!.

WHY GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY/

'If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs b giving sermons at all". This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column., Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher" :

"I've been married for almost 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals But for the life of me I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I

had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead".

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible. Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment".

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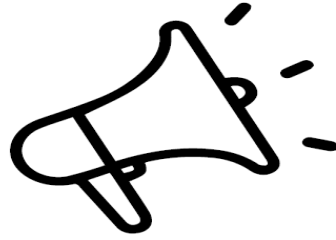
Continued from last newsletter;; our favourite verses/phrases

God is with you even if you feel stuck BA
Believe who Jesus is Love who Jesus loves BA
I do what Jesus says DA
There are 3 things that will endure, faith, hope and love
And the greatest of these is love Corith 13;123 AB
I love St George's church -ANON

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Knowing our parishioners:

Bev Dring has been a member of West Hamilton neighbourhood and St Margarets church for most of her life. She and her friend Bev McIntosh were the Afternoon guild leaders, decorating, and doing all that needed to be done at St Margarets in the 1980s Bev and Bev were the first St Margaret's members we were introduced to, as they came quite bravely into the service at St George's Church when we were on King St. having just purchased their beloved church. They just wanted to check us out. They decided St George's and their members would be welcome at 134 Emerson St. , and even though they were 'St Margaret's people' they were not going anywhere else!. Bev's knitted dolls and little animals have travelled far and wide and are appreciated by so many little children. Whenever a bag is going to a needy country, a few knitted toys are stuffed in there. Bev is now the one who opens the door and puts on the coffee for the Craft morning, every Monday, . She knows the history of West Hamilton and proudly tells all of the early days in West Hamilton and the neighbourhood involvement in writing the book A Village and a Church. Featuring St Margarets Church. Thank you Bev for your faithful service to the church.



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"She hath done what she could."
That is all that is required of us. - Judy

HONING IN ON HYMNS

No hymn writer has offered as much to Christian hymnology as has Fanny Crosby. She is said to have written in the vicinity of some 8-9,000 hymns in her lifetime. This she did in spite of her blindness from infancy.

She also wrote under various pseudonyms including Mrs. Vanalstyne, her married name.

Pre-pandemic my brother-in-law discovered that he was related to Fanny Crosby. He and my sister invited me to go on a car trip with them to Bridgeport, Connecticut to find her grave.

It was moving indeed to see two stones that marked her place. The smaller stone says "Aunt Fanny- She hath done what she could." The upright tablet has her beginning and ending dates (1820-1915) with the words of her most famous hymn of all "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine..."

Most interesting was the fact that the famous circus man, PT Barnum, (who helped publish some of Fanny's hymns with financial aid) has the grave across from Fanny's. His is a larger affair, just as one might expect, with his name writ large on a tall imposing plinth. And just across from that is a statue of the man he made famous in the person of Tom Thumb who is taller in death than he ever was in life (three feet tall) where he stands in perpetuity in granite. A strange trifecta I thought, with the humblest grave reserved for the woman who gave the world the most.

A few years ago our friend Don Bradbury, who played the piano at Evensong for us each month, commented one day that he was amazed at how Fanny Crosby, without sight, could visualize the things she wrote about. He quoted her words "He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock".

Don asked "How would Fanny have known what a cleft looked like, or a rock?" I'll remember Don and his salient question always.

Fanny said that never did she resent the Doctor whose actions possibly caused her blindness . "I have always believed that the good Lord has consecrated my work."

So much to learn from Fanny.

When I asked Judy what her favourite Fanny Crosby hymn is she said He Hideth My Soul, I had to admit I was not familiar with that one .. I listened to the words, so wonderful, powerful and soothing. .
ALISON

HE HIDETH MY SOUL

**A wonderful savior is Jesus our Lord,
a wonderful savior to me
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
Where rivers of pleasure I see**

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
that shadows a dry thirsty land,
He hideth my life in the depth of his love
and covers me there with his hand.**

**When clothed in his brightness transported I rise,
To meet him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, the wonderful love,
I'll shout with the millions on high..**

YOU MIGHT ASK? **Where in the Bible does it say he hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock?**

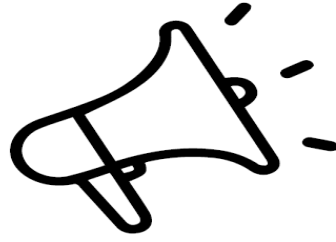
"I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand" (Ex. 33:22). Did you feel the comfort that emanates from that verse in the Bible? It's just a short verse but the sense of how much God cares for us is so immense

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Thoughts from Janet:

B.I.B.L.E. simply means "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth"

Whatever we have we must share. We have the responsibility to do our very best (Col 3-22-24)



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