

The Wardens' Wire

ISSUE 19 SUNDAY OCT. 22 - NOV 4

SUNDAY OCT 22

10.30 am MORNING PRAYER
2 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

MON OCT 23

9.30 - 12 noon Craft & Social Circle – drop in
12.30 - 230 pm Friendship Club
7.30 - 9 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

WED OCT 25

1.30 - 3 pm Bible Study...Book of Revelation

THU OCT 26

10 - 11 am Extencicare Worship Services **
90 Chedmac Drive
7 - 8.30 pm Bible Study – The 39 Articles

FRI OCT 27

6.30 pm AA group meets

SAT OCT 28

10 am – 3 pm QUIET DAY - see next column

SUN OCT 29

10.30 am MORNING PRAYER
2 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lamh service

MON OCT 30-

9.30 - 12 noon Craft & Social Circle
12.30 - 2.30 pm Friendship Club
7.30 - 9 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

WED NOV 1

1.30 - 3 pm Bible Study

THUR NOV 2

9 - 11.30 am All Souls Day with the Hamilton Schola Cantorum **

7 - 8.30 pm Bible Study

FRI NOV 3

6.30 pm AA group meets

EXTENDICARE VISIT; THURSDAY OCTOBER 26TH
10 AM 90 Chedmac Ave Hamilton (Chedoke hospital area)

Last month a most successful Morning Prayer worship was held at Extencicare Home where numerous residents and many of St George's people attended. This month there will be a Service of Holy Communion for the residents and a short bible study for those who wish to stay. . You will find great joy in their presence, and they in yours! Please join us, come early to get a seat and chat with the residents.

QUIET DAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

Please join us for a day of learning, quiet reflection and fellowship as we study The Lord's Prayer together

10 am MORNING PRAYER

11.15 am Refreshment and Fellowship

11.45 am TALK :
The Lord's Prayer I
The Heavenly Petitions (Tom Power)

12.15 pm Quiet Reflection in the Sanctuary

12.45 pm Lunch – provided

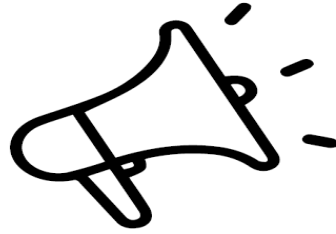
1.30 pm TALK:
The Lord's Prayer II
The Earthly Petitions (Tom Power)

2.00 Quiet reflection in the sanctuary

2.45pm EVENING PRAYER

ALL SOULS DAY ... NOVEMBER 2ND The Hamilton Schola Cantorum . under the direction of Dr William Renwick, invites you to their performance on Thursday November 2nd. The service commences at 9 am with Singing of Matins & Lauds, followed by Holy Communion at 10.30 am All are welcome to hear this beautiful service, and enjoy a peaceful morning in the sanctuary of St George's church.

EVENSONG ...NOVEMBER 6TH We are thrilled that the Hamilton Schola Cantorum will again have an Evensong on Monday, November 6th commencing at 7.30 pm. If you missed the last one you will not want to miss another – we are so happy to have this wonderful choir in our midst who invite us to enjoy their beautiful voices periodically.



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Freewill offerings at our special events over the next month will be donated to the Refugee Sponsorship Fund. If you chose to donate, please include your name and address or envelope number, so a tax receipt can be issued early in 2024. Thank you for supporting us in our quest to bring Hakima's brother to Canada from Afghanistan.

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 Thank you to those who decorated the church for our Harvest Home & Thanksgiving Services... The decorations augmented by the 50+ orange bags filled with food for Crossfire, made a lovely display. Louise – thank you for the welcoming front door wreaths, Sandy for the parish hall and hallways, Pat A, Pam W, Christine B and Sandy B all lent their creative hands in the decoration of the sanctuary.

Thanks for Alan Powell for delivering the food bags to Crossfire during Thanksgiving week.

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How many churches get fresh flowers every week on the altar? I have heard many don't. Thanks to Brian B who has provided wonderful arrays of flowers from his garden each Sunday from the first Sunday in May to the first Sunday of October. Thanks Brian for being willing to go into your garden early each Sunday morning, rain or shine, to brighten our altar. Your effort is appreciated a thousand-fold.

If anyone wishes flowers placed on the altar any Sunday in memory of a loved one, let Alison know.

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 NOTE: Remembrance Sunday, November 5th, will be a Morning Prayer service. Holy Communion will be the following week with Confirmation.

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 St. George's Book Club discussions are informative and offer up new ways to look at text but the one we held on October 17th with the author present was the best yet. Thank you to Jo-Anne Nicholas Ray whose idea it was to invite Jolie Phuong Hoang to talk about her recent book, Three Funerals For My Father, (Tidewater Press).

Jolie has written about her harrowing escape from VietNam with her siblings. She has told her story partially in the voice of her father who sadly died en route in the South China Sea as did her little sister. The chapters in her father's voice are followed by a chapter in her own voice talking about their lovely early childhood in Vietnam followed by stories of the harrowing times during the war.

Considering how difficult it is currently to find a trade publisher in Canada she has done extremely well to have been taken on by Tidewater.

Jolie spent much of her talk walking us through the writing, the editing and the publishing process. The artwork in the book was provided by two of her daughters, Charlotte and Christie. Every stroke of the artist's pen was done with intention to demonstrate a part of the story in the most unusual, beautiful ways.

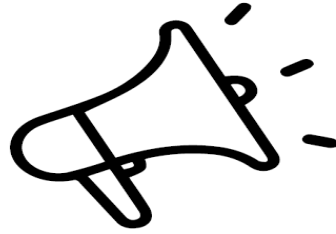
There were seventeen present to hear her and Jolie made a lot of new friends here. That tends to happen at St. George's functions as it has throughout our church's history.

Jolie hopes to come back for services when she can and we will be happy to welcome her. Thank you Jolie. Thank you Also to Phu, who is leading the Vietnamese worship here on Sunday afternoons, for taking the videos for Jolie. - Judy

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 St. George's Book club will be discussing Scottish writer Rory Stewart's "The Places In Between" at the meeting on Tuesday, November 21 from 1:30-3:00. This is a riveting read about his twenty-month long walk from Herat to Kabul. The book talks about the hospitality of the villagers he stayed with en route and the various customs, dangers, geography, politics, and fascinating characters who came his way.

His book provides a wonderful education about the state of geo-politics in that part of the world. And as always everyone is invited to join us for discussion. Reading the book is an option as is *not* reading the book and coming just to enjoy the discussion.

Thank you to Colin and Arpine Morris for the suggestion. – Judy



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OUR FRIEND CONNIE

Connie celebrated her 97th birthday at her Edgewater Nursing Home in Dunnville this week.

For those who know the story, you will be happy to know that Connie is now happy, secure and feeling loved amongst the wonderful staff of Edgewater. She rarely has a visitor, but Nelson and I manage to get to see her every 3-4 weeks.

Thanks also to Father Bob, and John & Gillian Ferns who have also visited.

She does know that her friends of St George's think about her, and thanks to James G for his gifts of flowers, chocolates and a card signed by all, she was – in the moment – thrilled. I arrived as they were having their worship service, her expressionless face lit up with the biggest smile and a tear running down her cheek when she saw me and said 'how did you get here?'. We sang together the wonderful hymns that the worship leader played, recited Psalm 23, and heard a story about sheep being cast-down with a demonstration of what a cast down sheep looks like. (*Now when reading about cast-down sheep, you might think downcast – not the case!*)

At some point in the very interesting talk Connie announced 'this is boring' !! she asked how many people were there – we counted (as quietly as we could that 'there are 17 - on October 17th- that's funny'. When the service ended with the most beautiful hymn, it was me who had tears in my eyes.

**Go now in peace, never be afraid
 God will go with you each hour of every day
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
 Know God will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in Love, and show you believe,
 Reach out to others so all the world can see
 God will be there, watching from above
 Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

We went back to Connie's room, she opened the Walkers Chocolates and immediately enjoyed three choosing carefully. She admired the flowers. After a short time I set up the flowers, cards and chocolates on the window sill, and said 'if you sit in the chair beside them I will take your photo. She said "I am not sitting in the chair, I am going out the door!" I decided it was time for me to leave. We had a hug and said and waved goodbye as the doors closed and locked behind me. So sad, so sorry, so glad, so grateful ...

Connie who played the organ and piano faithfully for St Georges each week for so many years in her own little place in this world of ours, cheered momentarily by little acts of kindness.

Alison

WHO AM I ?

I am accepted.....

- I am God's child *John 1:12*
- I am Christ's friend *John 15:14*
- I have been justified *Rom 5:1*
- I am united with the Lord, and I am one spirit with Him *1 Cor.6:17*
- I have been bought with a price I belong to God *1 Cor 6:19-20*
- I am a member of Christ's body *1 Cor.12:27*
- I am a saint *Eph.1:1*
- I have been adopted as God's child *Eph 1.5*
- I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit *Eph2.18*
- I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins *Col 1:14*
- I am complete in Christ. *Col 2:10*

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Thanks Janet for this contribution.

Commencing November 5th St Mary's Independent Anglican Church will be meeting in our sanctuary from 8.30-9.30 am. Say hello to this small group if you see them.

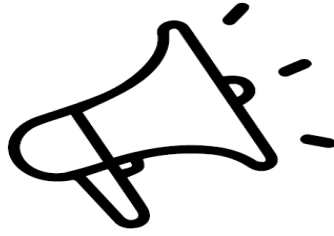
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Tom Power has been using his skills and time to update the website Be sure to check it out. Check out the Sermons Page, a new addition. If you were at a recent service you will have heard the following, if you missed it – it is here for you at the click of your mouse!

- "Are you rich toward God?" (Luke 12:21)*
- "What do you seek?" (John 1:38)*
- "What is your purpose in life?" (Deut.8:6)*
- "What would life be like without Jesus?" (John 6:31)*
- "How are you looking forward to Jesus' return?" (Titus 2:13)*

website: www.stgeorgehamilton.ca

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