

# The Wardens' Wire

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SUNDAY Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

8.30-9.30 am St Mary Independent Anglican service

10.30 am MORNING PRAYER  
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

2. pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

MON Nov 6

9.30 - 12 noon Craft & Social circle

12.30 - 230 pm Friendship Club

7.30-9 pm EVENSONG WITH HSC

WED NOV.. 8

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

THU NOV. 9

7-8.30 pm Bible Study – The 39 Articles\

FRI NOV 10

6.30 pm AA group meets

SAT NOV 11

10.30-12 REMEMBRANCE DAY AT  
THE CENOTAPH

5 – 6.30pm POT LUCK DINNER WITH  
THE BISHOPS

SUN NOV 12

8.30-9.30 am St Mary's service

10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION –  
CONFIRMATION

2. pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lamh service

MON NOV 13

9.30-12 noon Craft Circle

12.30-2.30 pm Friendship Club

7.30-9 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

TUES NOV 14

2 pm Vestry meeting

WED NOV 15

1.30-3 pm Bible Study

THUR NOV 16

7.00-8.30 pm Bible Study

FRI NOV 17

6.30pm AA group meets

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Welcome to Bishop Chuck Gillin and Bishop Bill Jenkins, who will be visiting St George's on Saturday & Sunday November 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> from the Diocese of NorthEast & Mid Atlantic. Please join us at 5 pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> for a pot luck dinner - sign up in the hall bulletin board ..and have the opportunity to meet and chat with the Bishops.

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If you missed the Quiet Day on the Lord's Prayer, you can listen to the two talks, review the Scripture passages, and contemplate the reflection questions.

Talk 1: [The Heavenly Petitions Readings and Meditations](#)

Talk 2: [The Earthly Petitions Readings and Meditations](#)

The are now on the church website under Quiet Day: <http://stgeorgehamilton.ca/quiet-day> Ask for a free copy of the booklet, *The Lord's Prayer* ed. Karen Stiller from Rev. Paul Luth ([revpauluth@gmail.com](mailto:revpauluth@gmail.com)).

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The Extencicare service was again a huge success on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> with approx 36 resident s– such a worthwhile outreach, to those who are so appreciative. Their enthusiastic singing of the hymns and reciting of The Apostle's Creed are an amazing sight to behold. Thanks to St George's members who came to support Rev Paul Luth and Wm Renwick. Next service planned for Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
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After the service on Sunday Nov 19<sup>th</sup> we will have a presentation on Afghanistan. This will be of interest to those who are reading the book *The Places In Between*, by Rory Stewart..., and of further interest as we follow the journey of Mohammad Hassan as he looks for a safe place and freedom to fulfil his dreams.



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John Donne (1571-1631) was both a metaphysical poet and the Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral. The following lines are excerpted from his poem that imagines the bliss of Heaven. I do not have permission to use the entire poem so a few lines will do. The entirety of his beautiful poem can be found on the internet.

*"...there shall be no cloud nor sun, no darkness no dazzling but one equal light, no noise nor silence, but one equal music..."*

At present I am reading Vikram Seth's 1999 book *One Equal Music* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson). It has been sitting on my bookshelf unread for ages. I also have the cd to match the music within the book. An elegant read and wonderful music. Seems like something that might appeal to our book club next year depending on available copies. Give me time to finish it and I'll be happy to share it so you can enjoy both the book and the beautiful music too. Just say the word. - Judy

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CHRISTMAS MARKET ..... MARK THE DATE SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>. 10 AM -2 PM TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO  
DROP BY OUR LITTLE CHURCH ON EMERSON & ROYAL  
.... HAND MADE CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS, KNITTED  
GOOD, FLORAL WORKS, TREASURES, GIFTS FOR  
GIVING, BAKE SALE, TEA ROOM, ETC. PLANS ARE NOT  
YET FINALIZED, BUT WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND HELPERS ON THE DAY.  
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE REFUGEE  
SPONSORSHIP FUND

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Streetlight Collection -- socks, mitts, hats, scarves, all needed to don the Christmas tree that will be set up on November 12<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime there is a basket filling up in the hall, just waiting to get on to the tree! The goods will likely to sent off to Streetlight about the second week of December -- so get those knitting needles doing their good work .....warm purchased socks and gloves are also needed. Thank you to all who can help.

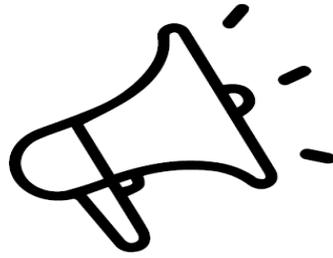
THANK YOU MARGARET, FOR THIS WONDERFUL ADDITION TO OUR NEWSLETTER. ....

On October 28, 2005 my husband, Frank, passed away a few days following cancer surgery. He kept a daily journal that I started reading shortly after his death. In one of his daily entries I found the following prayer pasted in (author unknown). I cut it out and have carried it with me, in my purse, for the past 18 years, and I would like to share it with you. Over the years it has given me great comfort on several occasions. I believe he left this prayer for me knowing that I would read it in my time of sorrow and grief to assure me that the Lord was there to comfort and sustain me. Being a Christian does not mean that life will be "peaches and cream" (as the saying goes). Sometimes we are faced with events in our lives when we say -- Why, Lord? Whatever we face in life we have the assurance that Jesus, who suffered and died on the cross, for our sins, is beside us today and forever.

I hope this prayer brings you comfort when you need it. One of my favourite hymns is "What a Friend we have in Jesus"

Margaret B

*Dear God, I thank you that I am always surrounded by Your love, even during the times when I fail to realize it. Thank you for all the occasions when You have intervened in my life, putting me on the right path and directing all my ways. Increase in me an awareness that You control the universe and that nothing is too big or small to bring to You in prayer with assurance of Your help. Let my mind and heart be uplifted with the joyous truth that if I were to take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea even there You would be present to love and sustain me. I know that all my tomorrows are safe with You, and I thank You for all Your blessings. In Jesus' name. Amen*



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**As of October 30, the Sponsorship Fund has reached 35% of their goal ....thank you to all who have made this happen in one month.**

## HONING IN ON HYMNS

### **What A Friend We Have in Jesus, J. Scriven**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry,  
Everything to God in prayer  
Oh what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry,  
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share  
Jesus knows our every weakness,  
Take it to the Lord in Prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden  
Cumbered with a load of care  
Precious Saviour still our refuge,  
take it to the Lord in Prayer  
Do thy friends despise , forsake thee,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In his arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven was born in Ireland in 1819, a graduate of Trinity College. He estranged himself from his family due to Plymouth Brethren influence, and In 1843 he suffered immensely due to the accidental drowning of his fiancée the day before they were to be married. At age 25 he emigrated to Canada and settled in the Port Hope area. He developed a life of limited possessions, sharing everything he had to help the poor and sick. In 1844 he again suffered a great loss with his 2<sup>nd</sup> fiancée Elizabeth dying of pneumonia. In 1857 on hearing of his mother's illness and unable to be with her in Dublin he wrote a letter of comfort consisting of the text of the hymn What A Friend

We Have in Jesus. . It is not considered to be a great literary work, but has brought solace and comfort to so many, with its simplicity.

Joseph Scriven died a poor man in 1866; a small collection of his Hymns and Other Verses was published in 1869. Joseph Scriven was buried in Bewdley Ontario in 1866, next to his beloved fiancé. .In 1919 the people of Port Hope erected a monument on the Peterborough Highway with the words of the hymn, and stating that 'in Pengally's cemetery lies the philanthropist and author of this great masterpiece, written in Port Hope in 1857'

ALISON - FROM 101 Hymn stories

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**WHO AM I? I AM SECURE**

Rom 8.1.2

I am free forever from condemnation

Rom 8.28

I am assured that all things work together for good

Rom 8.31f

I am free from any condemning charges against me

Rom 8.35f

I cannot be separated from the love of God

2 Cor.1.21.22

I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God

Col.3.3

I am hidden with Christ in God

Phil .1.5

I am confident that the good work that God has begun in me will be perfected

Phil.3:20

I am a citizen of heaven

2 Tim.1:7

I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love , and a sound mind

Heb.4:26

I can find grace and mercy in time of need

1 John 5:18

I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me.

**THANKS JANET FOR THIS CONTINUING CONTRIBUTION ...NEXT NEWSLETTER 'I AM SIGNIFICANT'.**



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***And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the Heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.” Genesis 1:14 KJV***

I've been outside this afternoon walking in a peaceful place, bundled up against the chill with my winter jacket already and a toque. The longer I stayed out the colder I got. The colder I got the better it felt to get home and put the kettle on. That hot cup of tea offered me total comfort.

And *how* we depend on comfort. Without the difference between hot and cold, or hungry and full, we'd never know what comfort was. Imagine having the same thing at all times? Life without contrast would be dull indeed.

The changing seasons offer up a magnificent way to appreciate contrast.

Only two weeks ago the maple tree in my garden burst into orange, just as it does every year, a huge bright balloon lighting up the yard. A few days later now and there's not a leaf left hanging. Time to sweep off the porch, cover over the outdoor chairs, toss out the beautiful ferns in the planters.

And then we'll trust that what comes next is the usual: snow, ice, lower temperatures.

We hear so much about the changing environment, the failing ecosystem.

We can focus on what is wrong or we can focus on timeless truths. I never remember an Autumn when the trees forgot to change colour or a night sky without stars, or a spring without new growth.

I am not a scientist. (Ask any of my former teachers if they're still alive. They will corroborate my claim.) But I do know that there remains Someone in charge, Someone much greater than myself Who created the planet in which we live.

There is much to take our minds away from trusting in the promises we have straight from the Bible, so much to cause us to worry about world news, about the things we hear about climate conditions.

The choice is ours. We mustn't shut our minds to realities but worrying about it does not help any part of the problem. We need to focus on the things that never change, the comfort of the things that

have been happening in orderly sequence straight off the pages of Genesis.

We can be assured that the moon will come out tonight and go back to bed in the morning to let the sun go at it for the next twelve hour shift.

In a world that currently feels off kilter in too many ways we have been given Hope for those things upon which we can depend.

We've been promised that "it was so".- Judy

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY – SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> 10.45 AM  
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE CENOTAPH TO  
REMEMBER THE WEST HAMILTON BOYS  
WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY.**

**FOR 98 YEARS THE COMMUNITY HAS  
GATHERED ON NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, SOME  
TIMES ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE,,  
TUNING INTO THE BROADCAST ON CBC  
FROM OTTAWA. AT OTHER TIMES GREAT  
CROWDS WITH MUCH FANFARE, MUSIC,  
HYMNS AND SPEECHES.**

In World War I West Hamilton was reputed to have the highest enlistment rate of any community in Canada. In the book West Hamilton A Village and a Church, all residents who had served overseas or in home service in the Great War were listed – 154 of them.. Those who didn't return have their names etched in the granite on the cenotaph ...they will always be remembered.

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