

The Wardens' Wire

ISSUE # 21

November 19 – December 9

Sun 19th

8.30 am St Mary's Independent Anglican service
 10.30 am MORNING PRAYER followed by slides of Afghanistan presented by Fahim3
 2 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

Mon 20th

9.30 am -12 Craft circle
 12.30 pm -2.30 Friendship Club
 7 pm – 9 Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Tues Nov 21st

1.30-3 pm Book Club "discussing The Places in Between R. Stewart

Wed 22nd

1.30 pm -3. Bible Study-Book of Revelation

Thurs 23

10 am – 11 Service at Extencicare
 7 pm - 8.30 Bible Study The 39 Articles

Fri 24th

6 pm -9.30 AA group meets

Sun 26th

8.30 am St Mary's Independent Anglican service
 10.30am ADVENT LESSON S& HYMNS
 2 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

Mon 27^h

9.30 am -12 Craft circle
 12.30 pm -2.30 Friendship Club
 7 pm – 9 Hamilton Schola Cantorum

Wed 29nd

1.30 pm -3. Bible Study-Book of Revelation

Thurs 30th

7 pm - 8.30 Bible Study The 39 Articles

Fri DEC, 1st

6 pm -9.30 AA group meets

SAT. Dec. 2nd

10- AM – 2 PM CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Sun Dec 3rd

8.30 am St Mary's Independent Anglican service
 10.30 am HOLY EUCHARIST
 2 PM Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

Mon. 4th

9.30 am -12 Craft circle
 12.30 pm -2.30 Friendship Club
 7 pm – 9 Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Wed 6th

1.30 pm -3. Bible Study-Book of Revelation

Thus. 7^h

2 pm Vestry meeting
 5.30 – 6.30 pm Soup & a bun followed by
 7 – 8 pm Compline Service (BCP)

Fri 8^h

6 pm -9.30 AA group meets

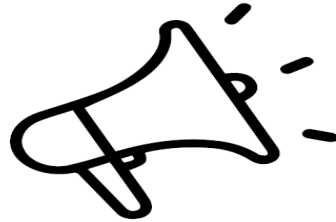
CHRISTMAS MARKET SATURDAY

DECEMBER 2ND 10 AM -2 PM

Hand made crafts, bake sale, treasures and trinkets, flowers, wreaths, gift baskets, book sale – new & used, good used clothing, tea room.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE MARKET WILL GO TO OUR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP FUND.

COME ALONG, BRING A FRIEND, A NEIGHBOUR, A FAMILY MEMBER – LET'S DO THIS IT HAS BEEN ABOUT 15 YEARS SINCE ST GEORGE'S HAD A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR/FAIR/FAYRE /SALE/MARKET – CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL – IT WILL BE FUN, ALL HANDS ON DECK PLEASE !! VOLUNTEER, PURCHASE, SET UP, CLEAN UP, SPREAD THE WORD THERE IS A ROLE FOR EVERYONE HERE ! CONTRIBUTIONS ACCEPTED COMMENCING NOV 23. – (baked goods on event day) THANK YOU



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If you are at church early on a Sunday morning you will see that we have new guests; St Mary's Independent Anglican church was looking for a place to have their services; being able to offer our facilities to another group is heartwarming for us; our Organist, Dr Wm Renwick is very happy that he is now able to stay in one place on a Sunday, playing at 8.30 and 10.30 and not having to dash out the door for his next 'gig'. If you are still at church at 2 pm you will see our friends from Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh come in and find a warm space in our sanctuary.

So, welcome to the people of St Mary's Independent Anglican, and Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh
Enjoy the warmth of St George's on a Sunday
Alison

The members of St George's will surely admit that we have been thoroughly enriched over the past few weeks by the activities of St George's. The Quiet Day led by Tom Power with focus on The Lord's Prayer was so well planned and presented with rewarding results for the participants; the All Souls Day and Evensong earlier this month have given those who attended all they could ask for through the beautiful performances and combined voices of so many. For those who did not venture out of their warm homes for these events, you need to hope that there will be another opportunity. Dr William Renwick and John Laing have given us so much joy with their expertise. There are many people at St George's who are doing all they can to make the church a vibrant church, not only on Sundays, but through the week. Please plan to support those who are giving their all for the spiritual growth of the people of St George's. Thank you to our Minister Paul for his enthusiasm and willingness to expand his learning along with us.
ALISON

Please welcome Fahim, Anis, Ferdous & Souroush as well Hakima and Helen for our service on the 19th. Fahim often joins us for the Friendship Circle. He offered to show us slides of their home country, Afghanistan, initially because the book club members were reading the book set in Afghanistan – The Places in Between and would be discussing it on Nov 21st. We then found it Nov 19th is Hakima's brother's birthdayso we are celebrating our new friends , their loved ones and memories of their beloved country after our service on the 19th.
Alison

EXTENDICARE – 99 CHEDMAC DR THURS. 23RD 10 - 11 AM

MORNING PRAYER --- Please join the Rector and several St George's members as they celebrate this outreach initiative with the Residents of Extendicare. The Staff have invited us to stay for coffee after to chat with the residents.

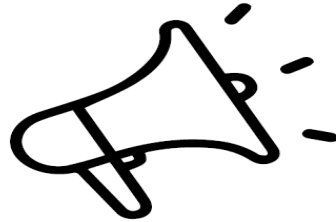
EVENSONGNovember 6

Beautiful words and beautiful music together make for something as close to Heaven as you can find on earth. Our gratitude to Conductor Dr. William Renwick, Organist John Laing, the Schola Cantorum choir, Jonathan Marler for the lovely service booklet, the choir for their after-treats, Rev'd Paul Luth for his fine sermon and everyone who attended Choral Evensong on Nov. 6

It was perfection at day's end.

This time the hymns, canticles and anthems of Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) were featured. This Wesley, was, yes, related to *that* Wesley. Charles was his grandfather.

What better words to sing at night than "Till in the ocean of thy love We lose ourselves in heaven above."
JUDY



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Janet's contribution continued from last newsletter....

On the 21st there will be a pot luck supper, time to be confirmed.

Friendship Circle

There was something missing at the Monday afternoon meetings but I wasn't sure quite what until Linda Mourot came along with her beautiful piano music. We had the people, the tea, the fruit, the sweets, the verbal games, the quizzes and even a new member who had seen our welcome sign, but now, with Linda's piano, we are complete and singing like nightingales. (Well...sort of.) Someone chooses a song and we've now perfected three: The King of Love My Shepherd Is, Thy Word, I Come To The Garden Alone and next week someone will suggest another one. The intent is to staple the copies together for our own little hymnary.

> We've added another bit of goodness too. Everyone will come equipped each week with a Good News story. Could be about anything at all but we need small snippets of goodness to remind us that although the world seems out of control He Who is in charge is not. – **Judy**

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I live less than 2 km from St. George's and pass 4 churches on my way . . . How many churches do you pass on the way to Sunday service at St George's ? They may have their doors open at the very time you are passing by, but you have chosen to be at St. George's. St. George's has been a special place since its beginnings , welcoming people who have driven far distances to attend Sunday service and listen to great orators of their day. . . Look around, we are from all walks of life; let's enjoy our uniqueness, accept our differences , coming together each week and rejoicing in our common goal as we make St George's the best that it can be . Thank you for your support and love .
ALISON

I AM SIGNIFICANT !

Matt 5:13/14

I am the salt and light of the earth

John 15:1.5

I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life

John 15:16

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit

Acts1:8

I am a personal witness of Christ

1.Cor.3:16

I am God's temple

2 Cor.5:17f

I am a minister of reconciliation for God

2 Cor.6:1

I am God's co-worker (1Cor.3:9)

Eph.2.6

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm

Eph.2:10

I am God's workmanship

Eph.3:12

I may approach God with freedom and confidence

Phil 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

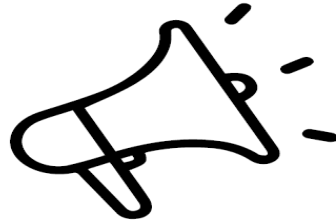
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REMEMBRANCE DAY ceremony at the Cenotaph was again very well attended, people pausing as the service began and many staying to chat after the service... Approximately 50 neighbours and friends of West Hamilton were in attendance. Thank you to all who participated.

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MARK YOU CALENDARS ...

During Advent there will be our familiar Compline services on three Thursdays – Dec 7,14 and 21 at 7 pm.. The services will be precluded by a light supper of soup with service of Compline commencing at 7 pm. A beautiful short service to end your busy day.



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is preferable to do this verbally than through an email at this time. ALISON

Update from the Refugee Sponsorship Committee.

We will try to bring you up to date as things move along, but at the time we are not in a position to give you any information, suffice it to say, that our friend is still in Afghanistan. The risk involved in travelling out of the country, and the exorbitant cost of leaving are a deterrent. He will then be required to support himself in the country where he awaits sponsorship. This is a journey of a lifetime for him.

We are thrilled with the success of our funds which are now at approximately 30% of the necessary amount, and we are optimistic that by the time the money is needed our fund will be in a good position. Tom Power, who is the chair of our committee can give you verbal updates upon request. Some questions posed may be cleared up by the following information: The amount we raise will be used to provide a monthly support payment for one year (which is based on the same calculation that Government sponsors are given). This covers rent, clothing, food and transportation primarily. We will be responsible for providing this monthly once the refugee arrives here; health care and other services are provided by the Government. We do know that refugees are required to pay their own way from the country where they have refugee status to Canada; however the Government has provided a tax free loan to the amount of the fare, with payback starting a year after arrival in Canada. The committee has produced a letter to be completed and signed by donors which gives them options for the dispersal of their donation if the sponsorship quest does not materialize. All donors will be issued a tax receipt for their donation, (other than amounts used to purchase something.) Ask Alison Buffett or Tom Power if you require such a letter with your donation. There are a number of fundraising opportunities coming up, including the Christmas Market on December 2nd.

Please feel free to ask questions of the committee members, and Tom Power in particular. Phone him at 289-489-8697. It

HONING IN ON HYMNS

I NEED THE EVERY HOUR Annie S Hawks 1835-1918

**I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord
No tender voice like Thine, Can peace afford**

***I need Thee, O I need Thee, Ev'ry hour I need Thee, O
bless me now, my Saviour, I come to Thee***

**I need Thee ev'ry hour , Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh**

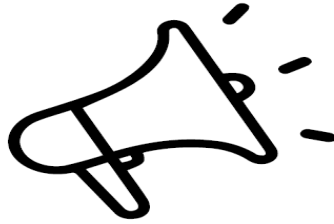
**I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain**

**I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One; O make me
Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.**

I checked this hymn out because it appeared to be the only one in the hymn book written by this hymnist. True enough, on searching it is the only hymn text still in common usage after over 400 poems and verse she wrote while living in New York and a member of Hanson Place Baptist Church.

She wrote: One day in 1872 as a young wife and mother I was busy with regular household tasks during a bright June morning. Suddenly I became filled with the sense of nearness to the Master, and I began to wonder how anyone could ever live without Him, either in joy or pain. Then, the words were ushered into my mind and these thoughts took full possession of me.

Sixteen years later on the death of her husband she wrote "I did not understand at first why this hymn had touched the great throbbing heart of humanity. It was not until long years later, when the shadow fell over my way, the shadow of a great loss, that I understood something of the



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comforting power in the words, which I had been permitted to give to others in my hour of sweet serenity and peace."

Taken from 101 more Hymn Stories

ALISON

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