



The Wardens' Wire

ISSUE 25 JANUARY 21st to Feb. 3RD

SUNDAY Jan. 21st & 28th st

10.30 Morning Prayer

Monday Jan 22nd & 29th d

9 .30 – 12 noon Craft circle

12.30-2.30 pm Friendship circle

6.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum

Wednesday Jan 24th & 31st

1.30 pm Bible study

Thursday Jan 25th & Feb 1st

6.30 pm Bible Study

Friday Jan 26th

10 am Extencicare service **

6.30 pm AA meets

Friday Feb. 2nd

6.30 AA meets

7 pm Evensong with HSC **

Saturday Feb 3rd

4 pm Movie & pizza **

Sunday Feb 4th

10.30 am Holy Communion

NB:

St Mary the Virgin Church meets on Sundays 8.30 am

Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh church meets on Sundays at 2 pm

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Friday January 26th 10am Extencicare (note Friday this month)

Please join us for our monthly get together with the residents of Extencicare (Jane's home)... An hour of as many hymns as can be managed, a short lesson and prayers following the Book of Common Prayer, and a chat later.. Your heart will be warmed seeing how much this service is enjoyed by the 30 or so residents who are wheeled in around the piano by the wonderful staff.

Sunday January 26 – Sun Feb 17th

FOOD SHARE -- JoAnne is once again using her terrific organizational skills to help us help them at Crossfire. SOUP FOR THE SOUL is the theme for this Love Thy Neighbour collection. The red bags will be available on the 26th, due back Feb 17th. Thank you in advance

Friday, February 2nd 10.30 am

St Mary the Virgin church will hold a Blessing of Candles and Communion Service for The Feast of Presentation of Christ in the Temple, at St George's. All welcome - come and enjoy.

Friday February 2nd 7 pm Evensong

St George's and the Hamilton Schola Cantorum invites you to an Evensong . The marvelous voices of the Hamilton Schola Cantorum will make Evensong another memorable evening in the sanctuary of St George's. . Coffee/tea and chatter will follow.

Saturday, February 3rd 4 pm - movie & pizza

The movie **OVERCOMER** (2 hrs) will be shown, pizza & popcorn will be served. No

What's happening soon? – circle these dates..



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charge – bring a friend. The reviews say: *The simplicity of the Christian faith portrayed here will inspire your heart and help your soul.* (Kleenex anyone?)

Dove Cottage is at 15 Kenmore Rd, Hamilton, L8S 3T8. (Princess Point).

Thank you! Alison and Judy

Saturday February 10th - 2-4 pm The Warden's Lunar New Year Tea.

Save Saturday February 10th any time between 2 pm & 4 pm for The Warden's Tea at Judy's house for tea, sandwiches, sweets and a free will offering in the pot so we can wrap up our refugee sponsorship as we need to get our friend's name on the list for the coming year.

It is true that the Lunar New Year's part is just an excuse but what else are you doing on Lunar New Year that could possibly be more fun than this?

Think of it as a bit of comfort in midwinter. It's a tiny house so please RSVP (judypollardsmith@gmail.com or 905-527-9431). We might do this on shifts.

But tiny houses are cozy houses and like a good book and a cup of hot chocolate on a winter's day being together to help someone else is just what we need. (Except we're not having the hot chocolate.)

What do you think? Can you come? The Warden's insist that you do because we like you all so much.

Tuesday, February 13th 3.00-5.45 pm PANCAKES EVERYONE?

Note change in time - *tell your friends, it is early dinner rather than lunch this year ...*

St George's will again be serving pancakes and sausages, fruit, beverage for a 'pay what you want' admission ... This year the donations will be going to our Refugee Sponsorship Fund... Hoping to have lots of friends, neighbours, students, families coming by to enjoy this annual tradition. . Always a success, always worth the hard work it entails... thank you to all St George's members who will be preparing, frying, cooking, tossing, serving, cleaning up for.

Compline - Thursdays during Lent: Feb 22,29, Mar 7,14,21st 5.30 for soup, 7 pm for service

For as many years as I can remember, Compline services have been held throughout Lent at St George's. Commencing Thursday Feb. 22nd there will be soup and a bun, and a lot of camaraderie before the short service at 7 pm.

Join us any Thursday, or all Thursdays.

Sunday March 3rd Annual General Meeting – after morning service.

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JONATHAN MARLER

Our hearts are sad to have heard of the sudden passing of Jonathan Marler. ... We



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have come to know Jonathan over the past year or so through his beautiful voice in the choir, his interest in St Georges, his generosity and quiet humour... He is going to be missed by so many of us who feel we were just getting to know this gracious man. Alison SEE BULLETIN BOARD

Have you noticed the changing colours of the seasons in the past several weeks ? not in our environment only but also at the altar.

Trinity (green) was prevalent until Advent Sunday, between Advent and Christmas we have blue (or purple), Christmas is white and at Epiphany the colours turn to green until Lent, after Ash Wednesday the altar will be donned in purple. Through these seasons the Altar Guild is busy keeping up with the tradition that is first recorded in the Christian church in 1198. The linens and frontals we have were made by members of the congregations of St Georges and St Margarets many decades ago, and are still lovingly stored in the large cabinet in the hall,.

LENT – AS A CHILD WERE YOU GIVEN A LITTLE BOX TO PUT YOUR PENNIES IN DURING LENT? My box was filled with the proverbial English penny as each day I did something I regrettedand forfeited half of my weekly shilling ‘pocket money’! (I never questioned where the money was to go towards!) Alison

Thanks to Thomas Luth for the following jokes that were alleged to be found in a church bulletin somewhere. I call Thomas the “Junior” Rector’s Warden because he’s such a help to me and he’s an awfully good guy. Here goes.

1. This being Easter Sunday we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
2. Thursday night potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
3. This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends
4. For those who have children and don’t know it we have a nursery downstairs.
5. The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.
6. Remember In prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

Judy

Knowing our parishioners

If you have been a member of St George’s for the past 35 years (!) you will remember Brian Fearnley. Brian was always the quiet tall, serious looking (until he smiled) fellow handing out the bulletins. The pandemic era over the past few years took quite a toll on Brian. Glad to say things are looking up for him – he has spent the last couple of months in hospital, and is a new man... he will be moving into a lovely room at Aberdeen Gardens this weekend, with new furnishings, new clothes and a new start on life. Brian’s interest in history, geography and world affairs will stand him in good stead when as he meets new fellow residents. He will be close to those who care about him, and will visit him, and we are looking forward to him



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enjoying the companionships he will be able to form. Good luck, Brian.

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HONING IN ON HYMNS

Jesus Loves Me Anna B Warner 1820-1915

Undoubtedly this hymn has influenced children for Christ more than any other. Written in 1860 by Anna Bartlett Warner in collaboration with her sister Susan as a part of a best selling novel of the day, entitled Say and Seal, the plot of the novel is remembered by few, but the simple poem spoken by one of the characters remains a favourite hymn of children around the world to this day. The popularity of Jesus Loves Me spread quickly and numerous stories are told by missionaries of the appeal this hymn text had with children of every culture, and even heard in Buddhist Temples singing 'Yes, Buddha loves me'.

The sisters were born in New York, highly educated and deeply devoted Christian young women, who lived alongside the Hudson River close to a military academy. They taught Sunday school classes for young cadets.

After their father's death they were left with little income and turned to serious literary writing; of their most popular books was The Wild, Wide World, considered only second to Uncle Tom's Cabin in the best seller category.

Both sisters were given military honors on their death in recognition of their spiritual contributions to the lives of young military officers.

The tune was composed by Dr William Bradbury, a familiar name attached to many of our favourite hymns.

Info taken from 101 Hymn Stories K W Osbeck You (will note an extra verse here)

**Jesus loves me This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
The Bible tells me so.**

**REFRAIN: Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."**

**Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.**

**Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.**

**Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee.**

+++++Alison

Thank you for writing about Jesus Loves Me Alison. I've been singing it since I was three years old. I even remember my Sunday School teacher at the Baptist Church in what is now called Cambridge. Mrs. Drinkwater called us her "little lambs" and when I saw her on the church's special anniversary celebration and I was probably in my early fifties she said " Well here's one of my little lambs!"

Even when I was tiny I knew it was true that Jesus loved me. I never once in my life have questioned that idea although there have been times when I've had a serious chat with Him asking about why things didn't work out the way that I thought they should have. But then that's why He is God and I am not. I believe that He is fine with our questions. He understands our humanity because that's the way He made us.

I especially like the line in the last verse that says "He will stay close beside me all the way."



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The reason I like that line is because I know it
to be true. - Judy

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