



The Wardens' Wire

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Sun Aug 25th	
10.30 am	Morning Prayer
Mon Aug 26th	
9.30 -12.00 am	Craft circle
Wed Aug 28 & Sept 4	
2.00-3.30 pm	Bible Study
Thurs Aug 29 & Sept 5	
7 – 8.30 pm	Bible Study
Fri Aug 30 & Sept 6	
6 – 9 pm	Park Group AA
Sun Sept 1 st	
10.30 am	Holy Communion

Also meeting Sundays

8.30 am St Mary's Independent Anglican service
2 pm Hoi Than Tin Land service

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FYI: Bible studies have continued throughout the summer, the Wednesday afternoon group working through Genesis, and the Thursday evening group looking closely at the 39 Articles. The groups are led by Rev Paul Luth. You are welcome to join at any time – there are books available for both studies if interested in participating..

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Sharing Thankfulness Food Drive

Our next Food Drive, again in partnership with Crossfire Assembly, will run from September 1st 'til October 6th (Harvest Home). Full details, including lists and orange bags, will be available starting September 1st.

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THANKS TO DEACON BEN PEARCE FOR THE VISIT TO ST GEORGE'S. IT WAS A PLEASURE TO HEAR YOUR MESSAGES AND ENJOY THE TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER. PLEASE COME AGAIN!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September is just around the corner – here we go again !!...

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 15TH
Invite your friends, neighbors – they will be happy to be in such a joyful place on a Sunday morning .
Hot dogs on the BBQ - sign up to bring salad/dessert

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September 28th 4 – 6.30 pm

**MOVIE NIGHT MORE INFO TO COME .
CIRCLE THE DATE, BOOK THE RIDE ...**

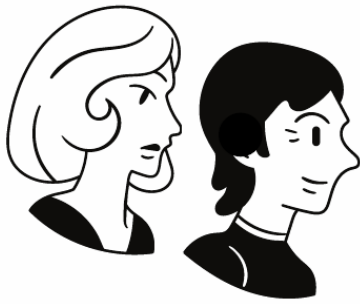
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**HARVEST HOME SERVICE
Sunday October 6th. 10.30 am**

In the traditional BCP way, we will again celebrate Harvest Home, The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow, Cornwall. However, the practice of thanking the Lord for our plentiful harvest has been a season of rejoicing from the remotest times. The Romans had their Ludi Cereales, or feasts in honour of Ceres. The Druids celebrated their harvest on November 1. In pre-Reformation England, Lammas Day (August 1 Old Style) was observed as the beginning of the harvest festival.

In North America, Thanksgiving which has become a national holiday and celebration on the second weekend of October for centuries, modeled on the feasts of celebration of the Pilgrims from the 17th century. The Jewish festival of Harvest is called Sukkot. The Sikh festival of Harvest is called Vaisakhi. Muslims believe in the importance of Zakkah—giving to those who need help. Buddhists believe that wealth is a blessing from God and they should share it with the needy.

Thanking the Lord for His gifts is surely a global prayer.



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THANKSGIVING POT LUCK SUPPER

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH 5 PM

Bring a neighbour, a friend, a loved one....come for an evening of good chatter, good food, good laughter.

More information to come ... Sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in due course.

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WELCOME DINNER FOR OUR SPONSORED YOUNG MAN

No date yet, but we expect it won't be long before we can welcome Hassanand we may not have too much notice Plans are in the works for a get together ... Please keep him in your prayers that he will have a safe journey, and that he will feel loved and welcomed by our generous church family.

Alison

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Sunday School

Our Sunday School has gone missing so we plan to do something about that.

We've been thinking that although every child would be welcomed we will make a special appeal to the children of newcomer families. It's difficult for newcomers to find their place in Canada unless they have been privately sponsored or have relatives here already. In this way we can provide a safe, warm atmosphere for them to learn about Jesus' love for them while at the same time they will be learning English skills. Keep your eyes open for a banner on the front railing that will soon appear and please pray that God in His wisdom will oversee this plan. If you know of any little people that would like to come do invite them.

More to follow! - Judy

I love words.

One of the things we did now and again at the Friendship Circle last year was to choose a prefix and work it to pieces by coming up with every word we could think of that began with it.

One day we used the prefix *tri*. It seemed appropriate considering that we know it refers to the number three and to the Trinity and that we worship the Triune God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In no time at all we had a long list of words including tribe, tribulation, trick, tricycle, trickle, tricky, trifocals, trilogy.

Try it yourself for fun. I think there are three pages of *tri* words in the Roget's Thesaurus, a Christmas present from my parents in 1993.

I have a favourite *tri* word. *Trifecta*. It always sounds to me like something you should bring to a church potluck, as in "I'll bring a chocolate trifecta." But as you know it simply refers to a group of three.

Which brings me to another point. I love the small nuances in nature that have a Biblical connection somehow for me. On the fence I share with my neighbour there is a birdfeeder filled daily with niger seed, with thanks to him. And every time I look out the window at the back of my house I see the perfect trifecta; three startlingly yellow goldfinches having dinner/coffee break/lunch/afternoon tea/dinner/nighttime snack together at the feeder. Those sweet little birds bring to mind Bob Marley singing his Three Little Birds song; "Don't worry, about a thing, because every little things going to be alright."

Better yet however is this. I know exactly Who created those dear little flashes of gold as they race from tree to tree against a bowl of blue sky and then land on the fence. "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them." Mathew 6:26.



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I can't help but whisper a thank you when I see them out there. – Judy

HONING IN ON HYMNS

He Leadeth Me

Joseph Gilmore 1834-1918

He leadeth me, O blessed thought
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's love that leadeth me

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By his own hand He leadeth me,
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand he leadeth me*

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still o'er troubled sea
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Not ever murmur nor repine
Content, whatever lot I see
Still 'tis my God that leadeth me

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the victory's won
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God thru Jordan leadeth me.

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The hymn was written on March 28, 1862.

The author Joseph Gilmore left the following account: "I was speaking at First Baptist Church at the corner of Broad and Arch Streets in Philadelphia about the 23rd Psalm. At the close of service we adjourned to Deacon Watson's home where we were entertained; during our conversation I took out my pencil and wrote the hymn, just as it stands today, handed it to my wife and thought

no more of it. Three years later I was preaching as a candidate for the Second Baptist Church, I took the hymn book, thinking 'what are we singing today', and the book opened to He Leadeth Me, it was the first time I knew that my hymn had found a place among the songs of the church". Although Joseph Gilmore became highly respected in religious and educational circles he is best remembered for this hurriedly written text when he was 28 years of age.

This hymn, perhaps more than any other modern hymn has been translated into many different languages, and was sung during World War II, and even a favourite among Polynesians in the South Pacific.

When the First Baptist Church building at Broad and Arch was demolished in 1925 a bronze tablet was placed on the corner of the new office building containing the words the first verse of He Leadeth Me. And states 'in recognition of the beauty and fame of this beloved hymn, and in remembrance of a distinguished author'.

Joseph Gilmore at age 84 and is buried in Mount Hope Cemetary, Rochester, NY, USA

KW Osbeck 101 Hymn Stories.

William B Bradbury 1816-1868 was an important contributor to the development of early gospel hymnody, He wrote the melody to match the words of this hymn and added the lines 'His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me'.

He has composed the melody to many of our favourite hymns:

"Jesus Loves Me! This I Know," "Just As I Am," "My Hope Is Built," Sweet Hour of Prayer , "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us." "The Solid Rock"

William Batchelor Bradbury is buried in Bloomfield, New Jersey, USA

Alison

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Our own Don Bradbury who played many of these tunes while our organist, was sure to remind us when playing a 'Bradbury' melody.!

Chat & Chew Book Club

Let's resume on Tuesday September 17th.

My apologies for including the Kate Atkinson book. Although we all voted for it, it was upon my recommendation. Since you all have it it's too late to change it now. Her other books have been very enjoyable but seems this one has taken a different turn. You'll all have Jo-Anne's email by now suggesting that an appropriate question might be "What didn't you like about this book?"

A few of the book picks will be changed. I'll keep you posted. Lots have gone on in the world of books and author's reputations over the summer so we'll do our best to source some better ones. The library cannot promise us all of the ones we ordered but has promised us The Forgotten Garden for the October book and Alison will have it at the first meeting for us.

And an exciting read for all of us will be the book 'Outspoken' by Dr. Sima Samar who co-wrote it with Canadian Journalist Sally Armstrong. This book is important for us as Dr. Samar is a member of the Hazara tribe from which our own beloved Afghan friends derive. It's an important way to understand the tribulations that the group still suffers at the hands of the current government in Afghanistan. Dr. Samar was once a Minister in the Hamid Karzai government but has fled for safety reasons and is currently teaching as a Scholar At Risk at Tufts University in New York State.

We will have lots of new learning and great conversations ahead. The dates for our meetings are as follows:

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, no Dec. Meeting, Jan. 21, Feb.18, Mar.18, Apr. 15, May 20, June 17. -

Here's to our next chapter! - Judy

I found this on 'social media' so can't take any credit for it ...but isn't it interesting.... As we all have heard, English is not an easy language to learn !!

- The word queue is just a Q followed by 4 silent letters!
- Jail and prison are synonyms but jailer and prisoner are antonyms
- When you transport something by car it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship it's called Cargo
- Your fingers have fingertips but your toes don't have to tips, yet you can tiptoe but not tip finger
- You can recite in a play and play in a recital
- You can drive in parkways and park in driveways

+++++ Friendship Circle

Let's meet again on Monday, September 9th at the regular time from 12:30-2:30.

Seems that we just parted for summer and here it is autumn already. On a walk this week I noticed loads of acorns off the oak trees all over the road in the Dudes Park. The squirrels are stowing away whatever they can find, the keys on the Amur Maple in my back garden have already turned from green to pink to brown and the evenings are getting cozy again.

If you have any favourite Autumn poetry brings it along to share with us.

It promises to be a good time ahead with Rapine's monthly Bible Study and Linda's music and Sandra's games and my, well, I'll decide soon! Maybe more word games.

If any of you would like to share in planning a meeting you're welcome to indeed.

Do you know anyone who would enjoy a cupper and some friendship? Invite them to come along. Whatever we do at St. George's doesn't require church



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membership. We simply want to share the love that
God has given us with anyone who would like to join in.

See you soon! - Judy

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