

The Wardens' Wire

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SEPT 22 – OCT 5 2024

SUNDAY SEPT. 22nd & 29th
10.30 AM MORNING PRAYER

MONDAY SEPT 23rd & 30th
9.30 AM CRAFT CIRCLE
12.30-2.30 PM FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY SEPT 25th & OCT 2nd
2 PM BIBLE STUDY

SATURDAY 28th
4 – 6 PM MOVIE & PIZZA

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OTHERS USING CHURCH

Sundays
8.30 am St Mary's Independent Anglican service
2.30 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lan Vietnamese service

Mondays
7.30–9 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum choir

Fridays
6-9 pm Park Group AA meets

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FOOD DRIVE ... REMEMBER TO HELP US FILL THE ORANGE BAGS FOR OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE, DUE OCTOBER 5TH.

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Our organist, William invites any interested to come early on a Sunday to join the choir practice which typically starts at 10 am. or just come a little early, sit in a pew and enjoy listening to the choir practice. Thanks William for all you do.

'MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday September 28th 4 pm
The Call of the Wild

Join us for movie and pizza – bring a friend – no cost Sign up sheet on board – so we know how much pizza to buy!

The **Call of the Wild** is a 2020 American adventure film based on Jack London's 1903 novel. A highly emotional adventure (*bring tissues !!*) that delivers a message of loyalty, courage and resilience and teaches us a lesson in humanity.

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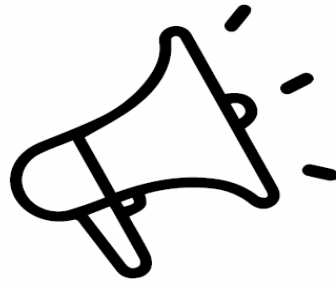
Knitting with love...

With thanks to Melanie Harrold we have a project ready to go for Advent which begins December 1!

Melanie has brought in several bags of coloured wool which will be offered to the knitters who fashion wonderful things with the clickety-click of their needles all year through. The wool will be available at the Friendship Circle on Monday and if you'd like some and can't come on Monday let us know and we'll save some for you.

Melanie's idea is that you knit Joseph Scarves. Think the "coat of many colours" and use the different colours of wool to fashion your scarf into something that would make Versace look like a failure. These bright scarves will decorate the Christmas tree! It's lovely to think about how your Joseph Scarves are going to keep somebody who is cold wrapped in the warmth of your efforts. What a lovely project.

Melanie reminds us to get cracking! Advent is coming quickly. We send you our thanks Melanie and to all the craft people who are going to make a difference for someone. – Judy



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In the last WW I asked if anybody has an idea what the early Christian's definition of Morning and Evening Window Hymns referred to. Sandra suggests the following lovely thoughts.

When you open your windows in the evening you are also opening yourself up to worship as you watch the evening slowly arrive: moon, stars, time for rest, a chance to give thanks for the day.

And we give thanks when we open our windows to every new day. It offers us a chance to show the Lord our appreciation for the sleep we've had, to watch the sun rise in the east, to hear the birds welcoming the day and to give thanks for the good things He will provide for us during the hours ahead.

She suggests that the hymn **In The Garden** might be the perfect way to greet a summer's day. It's a good choice. Thank you Sandra.

Dolph suggests **Abide with me** ...fast falls the eventide' is the perfect hymn to end the day And Alison thought of **The Day that thou gavest** ' fits the bill perfectly too.

Any more suggestions for either morning or evening window hymns? Let us know so we can include them in the WW. It is a good thing to focus on what is positive.

There is always New Every Morning Is The Love so I'll add that to my list.

I'm thinking about Christina Rossetti's In The Bleak Mid-winter as Advent nears. Let Alison know your ideas. This turns out to be a calming project right on my own little street. It's calming for me at least but I haven't heard a peep out of my neighbours as yet and there are no new For Sale signs up.

Maybe we should all play some soft window music to our neighbours.

Judy

Friendship Circle...

Rumour has it that Linda Mourot had another terrific afternoon of Name That Tune. We are thankful for Linda and for the musical gifts that God gave her to share with us.

Arpine will do a Bible Study with us on Monday afternoon September 23. We meet at 12:30-2:30 for tea, treats, fun and new learning. Arpine does a lovely job of presenting God's message to us. We are thankful for her presence.

The following week Sandra will share some board games she has been collecting. Sandra worked hard for years in the Senior's Club that met here before the pandemic and we are glad that she is willing to pitch in.

Thanks to all who come! - Judy

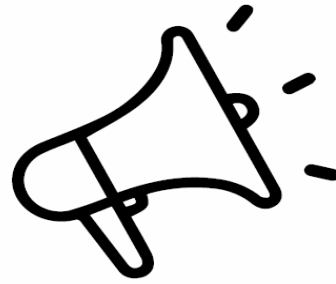
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A NEW LOOK YOU WILL NOTICE THE SUN PRODUCING BEAUTIFUL COLOURS AS IT BEAMS THROUGH THE WINDOWS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE HALLWAY.

The Stephenson windows which were along side the outside doors to the church have been moved to fit perfectly into the new windows in the hall. Thanks to Alan P for making this happen, giving us a clearer look out to the sidewalk and road and an emphasis on the windows as we walk alongside them into the friendship hall to enjoy socializing with our church family.

Note also a nice photo of Bishop Charles and his wife Jan in the nave. *(I have only just seen it, don't tell me if it has been there for ages and I didn't notice !!)*

Alison



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Children's Program...

You've noticed the bright happy banner on the outside railing. With prayer and God's Will we are working on building a program for children on Sunday mornings. It offers their parents a chance to be upstairs for the service while the children learn a Bible lesson and some Bible songs. If you hear the tinkling of the Parish Hall piano give thanks because it will indicate that some children have come. We cannot be without children and families so we all have to dig in on this one.

So far we have four teachers. Jane will be available now and again and Pat, Christine and myself are willing to take turns too. We have lesson books, crayons, a plastic box full of stickers (which one little darling who shall remain nameless loves to stick all over his face), and some fun goodies that Pam put in there for us to give to the children. Sandra is always cheerful about helping out when we call on her. And then there is Esther who brings a bit more joy to the time with the children. Thank you Esther for agreeing to help. It wasn't too long ago that you were one of the little people yourself!

It won't happen unless we keep the idea in our prayers. We want to keep this church going way into the future. Look at how long it's been on this corner. Think about all the zealous teaching that has gone on since its inception, all the years of ringing the bell, all the beautiful singing that's poured out the windows. Pure joy. It's nothing to take lightly.

I think we're in for a surprise. I think in a few months we will see how God has worked. He never fails.

It needs our effort and His timing. Thank you everyone for being on board with this! - Judy

REMINDER;

Saturday October 12th 5 pm
Thanksgiving dinner – pot luck – watch the bulletin board for details....
All welcome

Chat & Chew Book Club...

Two things to tell you. The book was Kate Atkinson's 'Left Early- Took The Dog' (note the reference to Emily Dickinson's poem).

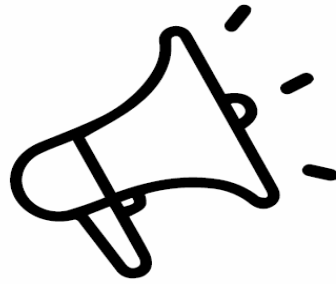
Jo-Anne led the book club discussion last week which was a trick and a half since only one person finished reading the book and enjoyed it. Jo-Anne's question was " Why didn't you like the book?" That question produced approximately three tons of good conversation and then we got to "What do you usually respond to positively in books?" which led us down another rabbit hole. It was a terrific discussion as it turned out.

The library has given us "Little Red Chairs" by Irish writer Edna O'Brien for the October 15th meeting. It is about the war between Kosovo- Serbia so not a happy book to read either but important information as to how things work. The next books are going to suit us much better.

Our loving thanks to Tom and Marlene for providing us with several copies of Eric Metaxas' book 'Seven Women'. The stories are those of deeply committed Christian women who made remarkable contributions to the world.

And we also have several new copies of Dr. Sima Samar's book 'Outspoken' about her past political career fighting for women's rights in Afghanistan. We can read this in conjunction with the hopefully soon arrival of our young Afghan man.

But another happy bit of news to share is this! I had a lovely introductory email this week from a McMaster international student from China who hopes to join us for book club and perhaps for other things. So I have responded with a welcome email and we can look forward to having a new friend amongst us. - Judy



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HONING IN ON HYMNS BE THOU MY VISION Dallan Forgaill (560-640 AD)

A favourite of many from St George's, sung so beautifully by the members. It is one of the oldest hymns still sung regularly today, and unless you are a scholar in medieval Gaelic, a little bit of a mystery. There seems to be no heart wrenching story to be told, just a beautiful poem by a pious medieval poet who was sainted in the 11th century.

It is said he founded numerous churches in Ireland, likely because of friendship with clergy, and to ensure a place for wanting souls to have masses..

'Be Thou My Vision' is based on a 6th-century poem titled 'Rop tum o Baile' by Irish poet Eochaid Forgaill, (536 AD) **Eochaid** later earned the nickname 'Dallán', which translates to 'little blind one', after he lost his sight. It is said that after completing the poem his sight was restored.

Centuries later, In 1905, Forgaill's Gaelic words were translated into English by Irish linguist and journalist, Mary Byrne. Several years later Eleanor Hull, a scholar in Old Irish, adapted Byrne's English translation into verse, giving us the lyrics most commonly sung today and crafted into rhyme using the Irish folk tune 'Slane'..

As expected, all things being Irish, St Patrick figures well into the history, Slane is the area where Patrick reportedly challenged local druids with the gospel.

It is said to be a favourite of King Charles III and a newly set version of the hymn was

performed at his coronation at Westminster Abbey last year.

- Adapted from internet sources and
• Then Sings My Soul r J Morgan

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

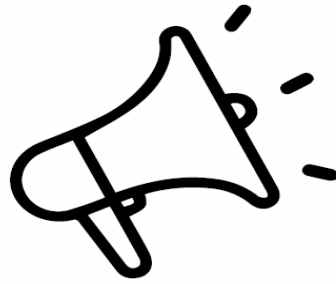
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tow'r:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Did you know, the sermons for the past many months are available on our website www.stgeorgeshamilton.com If you ever want to hear a sermon again, or you missed it one Sunday just click on the link! Or if you or someone you know has that sort of 'browsing curious person there is lots to read, thanks to Tom P who has brought the website up to snuff, and does it well. .



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If you wish to hear Rev Walter Eversley's excellent sermons from the Gospel Revival they are not posted, you can ask Minister Paul for a digital copy.

And on the subject of all things electronic and socially savvy. Pamela G has revived the St George's facebook page which was used fairly often during covid lockdowns) please add it to your favourites, and press 'like' whenever you can, which will spread the word to others...

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