



The Wardens' Wire

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Sunday Nov. 10th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.30 AM Morning Prayer

Mon. Nov 11th

10.45 am Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Wed Nov 13th

1.30 – 3pm Bible Study

Fri Nov 14

6 pm, Park Group

Sun Nov 17th

10.30 am Morning Prayer

Mon Nov 18th

9.30 -12 noon Craft Circle
12.30-2.30 pm Friendship Circle

Tues Nov 19th

1.30 – 3 pm Chat & Chew Book Club
Reviewing **7 Women** by Eric Metaxas

Wed Nov 20th

1.30 – 3pm Bible Study

Thurs Nov 21st

2 pm Vestry meeting

Fri Nov 22nd

6 pm Park Group

Sat Nov 23rd

4 – 6 pm Movie & Pizza 'Thelma'

Sun Nov 24th

10.30 Sunday Before Advent
Advent Scripture & Hymns

Also each Sunday:

8.30 am St Mary the Virgin Independent Anglican service

2.30 am Hoi Thanh Tin Lang Vietnamese service

Please join the West Hamilton neighbourhood and friends at the Cenotaph at 10.45 am on Monday November 11th. Hosted by St George's church, and in the 99th year of gathering at 134 Emerson St to honour the West Hamilton young men who gave their life for our country.

Nov 23 4-6 pm MOVIE & PIZZA

Sign up sheet for the movie will be on the bulletin board shortly. Bring a friend to this regular no-charge event which is supported through the Front Porch effort, and funded from the previous Seniors Program at St Margaret's & St George's. THELMA - review says it is a feel-good, hilarious and exciting movie --- who can ask for more -- the pizza and refreshments are good too!

Nov 24 10.30-12 Advent Lessons and hymns ...

Our traditional Sunday before Advent service. If you would like to read a lesson, please speak to Rev Paul or Tina.

Nov 30 9 am – 1 pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE: CHURCH GATHERING, SAT. 30 NOV.

We all love St. George's Church! But why? What is it you like about our church? What are its strengths? Its weaknesses? What new opportunities might be out there for us to grow? We want to hear from you. So, we are coming together as a church family on Saturday, November 30 at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall so that we can hear from you. We will finish up with lunch at noon. To help with numbers, there will be a sign-up sheet on the notice board as well as one circulated at Sunday lunch on November 17 and 24. Join us for this important event in the life of our church. *Tom Power*

Dec 2nd Evensong 7.30 pm

A joint service for St George's, St Mary's and the Hamilton Schola Cantorum come and enjoy the beautiful Evening prayer service in the Book of Common Prayer, A less than an hour service, with (of course) refreshments after.

Dec 7th – 5 pm – 7 pm Annual Christmas dinner...

bring a dish to share, bring a friend if you wish, come and enjoy a meal with your church family ... sign up sheet will go up on the bulletin board closer to the date.



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Poetry

I am fan of the late English poet John Betjeman. He was described by Kevin Gardner, Associate Professor of English at Baylor University in Texas as “ one of the great makers of the Christian imagination.”

I don't know enough about him to agree or disagree but I have a book of his poetry that I enjoy very much.It is called 'The Faith and Doubt of John Betjeman.'

It is hard to imagine that the First Sunday in Advent is coming soon. Only yesterday I was buying plants for the front porch.

Betjeman, in his poem 'Advent 1955', says how “ the world seems travelling into space, And travelling at a faster pace...”

It seems that way to everyone I talk to.

Advent should be a thoughtful, reflective time. It's not meant to be a time to rush and fuss even though that's exactly what we do every year to keep up with the commercial demands of how the season should look.

I like these simple lines from his above-named poem. I like them because they are the awful truth.

“Some ways indeed are very odd

By which we hail,the birth of God.

We raise the price of things in shops

We give plain boxes fancy tops.”

He finishes his lengthy poem with

“The time draws near the birth of Christ,
a present that cannot be priced...”

I can be as Martha Stewart as the next woman when it comes to Christmas planning but I'm going to ditch that reputation. Advent is one of my favourite seasons in the church calendar year. I've determined to focus more intentionally on the Birth of our Saviour this year.

In a world of conflict He is the only answer. I'm going to tame my heart to greet Him with the Joy that His arrival deserves. If you see me getting off course I give you permission to remind me of my own words. - Judy

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Friendship Circle, 12:30-2:30 Mondays, Parish Hall (with the exception of this coming Monday due to our Cenotaph Service.)

We had fun on Monday with two birthday cakes for Linda, our wonderful pianist. We even had the nerve to ask her to “play Happy Birthday for yourself” so we could sing to her. She's taught us some beautiful new music to enjoy before we start our meetings.

Arpine gave us two more Psalms to read and discuss. It's enlightening to look deeper at material we've read since childhood and find new strength in the light of today. We learn so much about one another through these discussions.

The lovely news is that some of the women who attended Christian Women before the pandemic might like to join with us on Mondays. That possibility is under discussion with them and we hope to welcome them in.

If you know of someone, man or woman, who would like to come please tell them. James could do with some company! - Judy

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If Monday afternoons is a bit of a drudgery for you, think of coming to our Friendship Circle, lots of discussion, laughs, and the brain is often challenged by the presenters' topics..... Two hours of fun, and always a bit to eat

Friendship Circle 12.30-2.30 on Mondays ...bring someone with you who just needs to get out. Alison

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The 'mitten' tree will be in place soon, in the meantime, socks, hats, mittens, scarves, can be



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dropped off anytime soon for the Streetlight collection. Keep those needles clicking !

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Thank you, thank you it seems we never run out of amazing contributions our members make to keep St George's the best church around....

Thank you to Paul Parker for the 'first official' portrait of our King Charles III, which is now hanging in the fellowship hall.

Thank you to Verna Coomber for the beautiful baby blankets she has knitted over the last few months which will be passed along to the Atwell House.

Alison

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When I was very young, under ten years of age, we lived in a cosy town with my English grandparents three doors down and all of my grandmother's siblings who arrived one by one, a paper trail of my relatives-to-be from what they referred to as "the Old Country."

My own family of five and everyone of those English relatives and every kid I knew all went to the Baptist Church. And many of those kids I knew also went to Mrs. Ross's house on Vine Street one day a week after school for a Bible story.

If we were very well-behaved we were chosen to stick the paper flannel- backed Bible people onto a board covered in scenes drawn onto flannel. That's what made them stick. So as she told the story I might be the chosen one, the one who got to put the colourful paper drawing of the boy Samuel in his little bed listening to God whispering to him in the night. Or maybe my little sister would be picked to add Jesus on the donkey in his triumphal ride into Jerusalem.

Although those stories were, and remain, the core of what I came to believe , what we really liked then was that we got fed licorice and chocolate milk

just for showing up. (I'd still show up for red licorice and chocolate milk.)

What I've carried in my heart since those visits to Mrs. Ross is that huge, all embracing Love about which she taught us. I've never let it go. The older I get the warmer it feels.

Judy

Those of us who attend St George's regularly are so thankful for the beautiful services of Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist each Sunday – the lessons, the canticles, the psalms, the hymns. Just knowing these are the same words and music that has been sung around the world for centuries is heartwarming. You'd be hard-pressed to find another church like St George's!

Alison

Here are the hymns we have reviewed since our beginning to publish the Wardens Wiredo you have a favourite? Do any of their stories stay with you?

And can it be

Be thou my vision

Hallelujah what a saviour

He leadeth me

Abide with me

I heard the voice of Jesus ...

Safe in the arms of Jesus

The day though gavest Lord has ended

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Breathe on me breath of God

Oh Love that will not let me go

Jesus Loves Me

The 12 Days of Christmas

I need thee every hour

What a friend we have in Jesus

Go Now in Peace

Come thou fount of every blessing

Here I am Lord, Is It I

He Hideth my soul

Oh the deep deep love of

Take my life and let it be

Oh God our help in ages past

Blest be the tide that binds

Onward Christian Soldiers

There is a fountain filled with blood



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*I come to the garden alone
God be in my head
It is well with my soul
Amazing Grace*

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ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day, a significant feast within the catholic tradition, is celebrated on November 1st. It is a day to honor all the known and unknown saints who have gained everlasting life in Heaven. It also aims to recognize all the saints who may not have a feast day in the liturgical calendar, celebrating their profound impact on the faithful

The importance of All Saints Day (also known as All Hallows Day) in Catholicism, a Holy Day of Obligation, lies in its focus on the communion of saints—a key belief that saints continue to intercede for those on Earth.

The origin of All Saints' Day cannot be traced with certainty, and it has been observed on various days in different places. A feast of all martyrs was kept on May 13 in the Eastern church according to Ephraem Syrus (died c. 373), which may have determined the choice of May 13 by Pope Boniface IV when he dedicated the Pantheon in Rome as a church in honour of the Blessed Virgin and all martyrs in 609. The first evidence for the November 1 date of celebration and of the broadening of the festival to include all saints as well as all martyrs occurred during the reign of Pope Gregory III (731–741), who dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's, Rome, on November 1 in honour of all saints. In 800 All Saints' Day was kept by Alcuin on November 1, and it also appeared in a 9th-century English calendar on that day. In 837 Pope Gregory IV ordered its general observance. In medieval England the festival was known as All Hallows, and its eve is still known as Halloween.

Despite the regional variations, several traditions are universally observed on All Saints Day:

- Visiting Cemeteries: One of the most common practices is visiting the graves of deceased loved ones. This act of remembrance honors and prays for the souls of the departed.
- Offering Prayers: Special prayers are offered during Mass and at gravesites. Many families gather to pray for the saints and the souls of the deceased.
- Lighting Candles: Lighting candles is a common tradition, symbolizing the light of faith and hope in the lives of the departed. In many cultures, candles are lit in churches and at gravesites, creating a beautiful and solemn atmosphere.
- Creating Altars: In some cultures, families create altars in their homes, featuring images of saints and deceased loved ones and offerings of food, flowers, and candles.

These diverse traditions highlight the universal themes of remembrance, community, and spiritual connection that define All Saints Day across different cultures. They illustrate the day's significance as a time for honoring those who have achieved eternal life in Heaven

Alison – from internet sources

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We are fortunate to have St Mary the Virgin Independent Anglican Church in our midst, who remind us of these important feast days and welcome all to attend their scheduled services: As well as the service on November 1st to celebrate All Saints Day, the following services are scheduled.

The Feast of Saint Machutus,
Bishop & Confessor

Friday Nov. 15th at 10.30 am at St Georges

Service of Holy Communion
according to the use of Sarum, in Latin & English.

And

Friday in the Ember Days of Advent

Friday December 20th at 10.30 am

Service of Holy Communion



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according to the Use of York, in Latin & English.

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