



The Wardens' Wire

ISSUE # 48 FEB.2-16TH 2025

- Sun Feb 2
10.30 am Holy Communion
- Mon Feb 3
12.30- 2.30 pm Friendship Circle
- Tues Feb 4
7 pm **ON ZOOM AT YOUR HOME**
The History of Reformation
- Wed Feb 5
1.30 – 3 pm Afternoon Bible Study
Walking Through Genesis
- Thurs Feb 6
7 – 9 pm Evening Bible Study finishing up the 39
Articles.
- Sat., Feb 8th
2 – 4 pm Hymn sing and soup *
- Sun. Feb 9
10.30 am MORNING PRAYER
- Mon. Feb 10
12.30 – 2.30 pm Friendship Circle
7 pm On line Prayer meeting *
- Wed Feb 12
1.30 – 3 pm Afternoon Bible Study
- Thurs Feb 13
7 -9 pm Evening Bible Study
The Book of James
- Fri. Feb 14
10.30 am Worship service with St Mary's *
Mass celebrating the Feast of Saint
Valentine

Also regularly meeting at St George's Sundays

8.30 am St Mary's Independent Anglican service
2 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh Vietnamese service

Mondays

7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum choir

Fridays

6 pm Park Group AA

+++++

Upcoming events

The History of Reformation – Tuesday evenings – on line
Many of us are enjoying this study. Tom has made the
history of reformation so interesting, there is so much
to learn about the church over the centuries, and some
of us are making notes with dates, names and
events—but I am hoping there isn't a test at the end!
Thank you Tom for this interesting study. *Alison*

+++++

HYMN SING AND SOUP Sat. Feb. 8th 2 – 4 pm

Come and join your friends in the parish hall for an
afternoon of singing your favourite hymns, and then
having a bowl of soup, and some good conversation to
send you on your way. There is a sign up sheet on the
bulletin board.

+++++

MONDAY ON LINE PRAYER MEETING

Do you need prayer for what is going on in your life? Do you
have joys and thanksgivings you want to share with fellow
church members? Join Christiana and Tom for an online
prayer meeting on Mondays at 7 pm, starting on February
10th. Contact Christiana (christianaoluwatobi9@gmail.com)
or Tom (thomppower@gmail.com) for more information and
for the zoom link.



The Wardens' Wire

THURSDAY EVENING STUDY: THE BOOK OF JAMES

Starting on Thursday February 13 at 7 pm join Rev Paul Luth as he leads us in a study of the Book of James. We will be using the guide by Gerlad M. Bilkes, *Reservoirs of Srength: Lessons from the Book of James*. The book of James is a critical book in the New Testament. It opens with a command to count it all joy when we face life's trials. But how can we speak of joy when difficulties bring us so much sadness? James' s letter provides us with the strength we need when things get hard. Bilkes identifies eight "streams" that flow out of the book of James, as follows:

- The Truth of God
- The Lordship of Christ
- The Friendship of God
- The Wisdom of God
- The Grace of God
- The Will of God
- The Justice of God
- The Ear of God

Copies of the book are available from Paul Luth. As well as meeting in person in my home, as an experiment we are going to offer remote/online access to this study. For details speak with Tom Power or contact him:

thomppower@gmail.com

Tom

+++++

FRIDAY FEB. 14TH 10.30 AM CHURCH SERVICE

You are most welcome to join St Mary's on Friday, February 14th at 10.30 am, as they celebrate *The Feast of Saint Valentine with Mass according to the Use of York – in English and Latin*.

+++++

The next Extendicare worship will be Thursday Feb. 20th at 10 am (not the 27th as originally planned). Join us for fellowship with our friends at Extendicare.

This treasure was found in one of the prayer books in our home, which belonged to a family members in the 1930s.

The Masters Way

Not ours to know the reason why
 Unanswered is our prayer
 But ours to wait for God's own time
 To lift the cross we bear
 Not ours to know the reason why
 From loved ones we must part
 Though bleeding to the heart
 Not ours to know the reason
 Why this anguish, strife and pain
 But ours to know a crown of thorns
 Sweet graces for us gain
 A cross, a bleeding heart and crown
 What greater gifts are give?
 Be still, my heart, and murmur not
 These are the Keys of Heaven

(source unknown)

+++++

The BiblioMpower club is reading *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton ... we meet again on Tuesday February 17th. If you would like to read the book there are some in the HPL blue bag on the bookshelf in the parish hall. Just sign your name on the list and enjoy ...then join us for discussion on the 17th.

+++++

Is anyone enjoying the 2025 *The Friendship Book* as I am?. I was given a copy by a lovely friend, and enjoy each day's thoughts, lovely photos, and the few moments I spend reading the day's thought each morning ... what have I been missing all these years?! Thank you.. Alison

+++++



The Wardens' Wire

Whenever I prepare the Sunday School lesson I make a few extra copies of the little things that we are going to stick together with glue to demonstrate the story. I do that because being prepared is better than not and because you just never know. This week Dollarama was on my side. Who knew that they'd have felt cutouts of white Doves just as the story was about the Dove staying near Jesus at the pivotal moment in His life?

Last week we were happy to see Ferdaus and Uriel together again. We missed Soroush and hope that he feels better by now.

The good news is that Sabrina is going to be our Story Time Teacher. Every Sunday after the lesson is finished and before they dive into that pile of blocks Sabrina will read the children a short Bible Story from the book that Tina is going to lend us.

And this past Sunday it was super having Jane Vansickle back with her wonderful children skills and her piano music for us.

God is working His purpose out. It's interesting to see just what shape it will take. - Judy

+++++

MEMORIES FROM SANDRA

Sandra Bentley's family attended St Margaret's all their life ...she has some interesting memories.....

"Eighty years later, January 13, 2025 I showed the church to my uncle. He pointed out the pews on the left side (south) It seems each generation preferred that side. I sat in different pews but they were always on left side – light, breeze, warmth, birds singing when windows opened.

Dad, wanting to be minister, went to every service... but us girls said "not us – once is enough – at 10 am. We would all get up, dress in our Sunday best We wouldn't have breakfast – walk to church. I loved going up stairs, into the enclosed porch (foyer) with a bench on each side (I loved it and still have a memory of that place before entering church). Down the centre till we reached the row – kneeled, blessed ourselves to the cross, stood and sat (had to be quiet and still) in pew and said a prayer in silent.

Sometimes the men would stand at the back, their hats would be placed beside the wall. During sermon children would leave and go outside. ... down the stairs, around corner and down more stairs to the basement to our class. Teachers like Evelyn Rolland would teach us Sunday School. Evelyn was definitely knowledgeable. Quilter Elva Fletcher took me under her wings. . When morning service finished, we went home – had breakfast, freshened up and spent the rest of day visiting relatives or friends.

Mom and dad would attend the bible study held upstairs (attic now). The smaller room has an opening which held the communion. Frank Fletcher who I'm sure was keeping an eye on us in church used to speak in it (the duct went right down to the basement, and would say "I'm watching you" I wonder what went through our minds. I think his spirit is still there. Frank kept an eye on us all – you will still see the duct taped the leg of the old chairs and tables – each Sunday all the chairs and tables had to be packed away and the coloured tapes had to match!

Thanks Sandy for these vignettes of the past ...we'll add a few more, and the whole story will be part of the History Binder

+++++

Fun thoughts ... from Linda

- No, I can't do snapchat or tiktok but I can write in cursive, do math without a calculator and tell time on a clock with hands.
- No matter how long you have travelled in the wrong direction, you can always turn around.
- No matter how talented, rich or intelligent you are, how you treat animals tells me all I need to know about you.
- I said I was good at making decisions. I didn't say the decisions I made were good.



The Wardens' Wire

What makes the Reformed Episcopal church different?

Reformed theology emphasizes the authority of the Bible and the sovereignty of God, as well as covenant theology, a framework for understanding the Bible based on God's covenants with people.

Reformed churches have emphasized simplicity in worship. Within six months of its founding in 1873, the REC grew to about 1,500 communicants, two bishops and 15 other ministers. In 1875, over 500 African-American Protestant Episcopal communicants in South Carolina's low country joined the REC as a group.

Within a year from the founding of the REC, like-minded Canadian Anglicans in New Brunswick and Ontario seceded from that Church and formed Reformed Episcopal congregations. In October 1874, Edward Cridge, dean of the Anglican cathedral in Victoria, BC withdrew with about 350 of his congregation to form the Church of Our Lord and join the Reformed Episcopal Church. Cridge was consecrated a bishop for the REC in 1876. Many of the Canadian Reformed Episcopal Churches joined the United Church at its founding. The Reformed Episcopal Church now has three churches in Canada, two in British Columbia and one in Ontario. St. George's Church, Hamilton is affiliated with the Diocese of the Northeast in the US, and both Holy Trinity Church in Colwood and Living Word in Courtenay are a part of the Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska.

Taken from REC website

Fifteen years ago ACNA was formed with like minded Anglicans around the world. The Reformed Episcopal Church was the largest of the founding members to form the Anglican Church in North America. ACNA now has over 128,000 members with over 1,000 congregations throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

I MISS BIRDS

I don't miss all birds but the ones my mom used to call "the pretty birds". The ones I see most now are great squawking legions of Canada geese when I walk along the lake. They burst over my head as if they hadn't a minute to spare. Then they land in precision and sit staring in exactly the same direction, all of them, like school children sitting at their desks. But the tiny chickadees are still darting about at Cherry Hill Gate and the little nuthatches that walk down the tree trunks upside down are busy too and how I wish they'd come to my place!

So although we're meant to love all of God's creation and not dismiss the geese (mea culpa) I can't wait for Spring and the arrival of the redwing blackbirds with their throaty chortling, the goldfinches, the robins and all of their beautifully feathered others.

I look forward to the lime green of the Dogwood in my back garden, that colour of lime that only thrives in spring before it goes "poof" into summer and then turns darker. I'll be happy to greet the few dozen daffodils, like Wordsworth's "a host, of golden daffodils", that pop up at the front along with the grape hyacinth. With any luck the squirrels haven't removed every last one of the double-tulips I planted. Last spring they made a regular job of seeing that they were dug up and placed elsewhere. Their jig was up when I noticed one growing alone in my neighbour's garden.

In spite of it I'm glad to feel the cold because it's supposed to be that way right now. That's all part of God's plan, all part of the Benedicite that I'm so fond of when we give thanks for "O ye Frost and Cold" and "O ye ice and snow."

You have my permission to remind me of that the next time you hear my impatience for spring. -
Judy



The Wardens' Wire