

# The Wardens' Wire

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Sun. February 23

8.30 St Mary's the Virgin Independent service  
10.30 Morning Prayer ST GEORGES  
2.00 PM Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

Mon. Feb. 24

12.30-2 pm Friendship Circle  
7 pm On line Prayer meeting  
7.30-9 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Tues. Feb. 25

7-8 pm Reformation History on zoom with T. Power  
*(no Bible Study on Wednesday or Thursday this week)*

Fri. Feb. 28

6 pm Park Group AA

Sun. March 2<sup>nd</sup>

8.30- 9.30 am St Mary the Virgin Independent service  
10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION  
2.30 – 4 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service  
5 PM Conversation group .ESL Café

Mon. March 3

12.30-2.30 Friendship Circle  
7 pm On line Prayer meeting  
7.30-9 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Tues. March 4

11.45-2 pm Pancake Lunch  
7-8 pm Reformation History with Tom on Zoom

Wed. March 5

10.30 am ASH WEDNESDAY  
Morning Prayer  
1.30-3 pm Bible Study

Thurs. March 6

5 – 8 pm Soup, buns followed by  
COMPLINE SERVICE

Fri. March 7

6 pm – 9 pm Park Group AA

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**Sunday March 9 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING following the 10-.30 service. The AGM package will be handed out over the next two weeks after service, so you have time to review before it is presented at the meeting. If you prefer to receive by email, just say so. .**

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-As with last year, there will be a brief "In memoriam" during the AGM. Paul will mention the names of family and friends of our church family who passed away in 2024, followed by a short silence and a prayer. There is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board where parishioners can enter the name of friends and family members to be referenced during this part of the meeting. Please add the names by the end of our service on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

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**PANCAKES EVERYONE?**

*Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 11.45-2 pm  
Come and join us for the traditional Pancake day lunch at St George's Bring your friends, relatives and neighbours. Pancakes, sausage, fruit and beverage .... Freewill offering We'll even do take out upon request.....  
Pick up a poster or two to pass on to friends...  
Thanks for your support.*

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**ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**MORNING PRAYER SERVICE 10.30 AM**

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**During Lent we will hold our traditional Soup and Compline service each Thursday, culminating in a pot luck meal and Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday. Join us for 5 pm for soup, followed by 7 pm compline commencing March 6<sup>th</sup>. Sign up on the bulletin board to provide the soup or all, or partner with someone.**

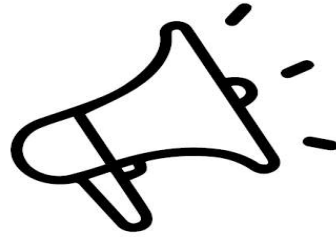
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**SANDRA'S MEMORIES OF ST MARGARETS, CONT'D**

*"Come and get it!"  
Film crews in area, filming The Man Who Had Three Wives, the actors had their meals in the church hall. A member of the church volunteered to watch over group, answer questions, etc. before closing doors when everyone left. He had to stay downstairs. When meal was ready... member and his three wives silently came up and peeked – actors in costumes, seated and eating a feast – what a feast. Fed, they go back to the house near Oldfield Drive.*

*The caterer said dishes etc go in barrels and taken to Toronto – well lucky for man and three wives- but they told us the food is a No No ! but if we want food, take it please. Do you think what the answer was – 'yes please – thank you'! Fish, beef, potatoes you name it - it was probably on the table. We ate like queens all week, and had a rest of planning and cooking meals for the man.*

*Where is the next film –let's join show business! Guess who got the desserts??*

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Dean Robert (aka Bob) sent us some of his notes penned in 1967 when he was preparing for the Lenten season:

“One evening at sunset the psalmist was meditating on one of the flat roofs of his palace. Some white doves had been fluttering among the dirty cooking pots in one of the back courtyards and their once clean white feathers were smudged and blackened. Suddenly the doves flew upward and in the rays of the setting sun they were transformed into golden birds, radiant in their graceful glory!

So David heard God say to his soul, “though you have lain among the pots, yet you shall be as the wings of a dove covered with silver and her feathers with yellow gold (ps 68:13)

In a few days we shall be observing ‘Ash Wednesday’ the beginning of the Lenten Season. Ashes are a symbol of humility and also a reminder of our mortality – ‘ashes to ashes, dust to dust’.

However, one of the glories of the Christian faith is that we do not remain among the ashes. The soil and stain of that which is unworthy is cleansed by the power of Jesus Christ, so that our lives have new purpose and hope! May we exercise a disciplined devotion during this Lent....let us pray that we accept the opportunity of finding new purpose and renewed hope in the lives of all of us”.

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## I’m Fine, I’m Fine ---- a contribution from Janet M

There is nothing whatever the matter with me  
I’m just as healthy as I can be  
I have arthritis in both my knees and when I talk, I talk with a wheeze  
My pulse is weak and my blood in thin,  
but I’m awfully well for the shape I’m in.

My teeth eventually have to come out and my diet I hate to think about  
I’m overweight and I can’t get thin,  
but I’m awfully well for the shape I’m in

Arch supports I have for my feet, or I wouldn’t be able to walk the street  
Sleep is denied me every night and every morning I am a sight  
My memory is failing, my head’s in a spin, I’m practically living on aspirin  
But I’m awfully well for the shape I’m in.

The moral is, as this tale we unfold, that for you and me who are growing old  
It’s better to say, “I’m fine” with a grin, Than to let them know the shape I’m in.

How do I know my youth has been spent? Because my get-up and go got up and went  
But in spite of all that, I’m able to grin when I think of where my get-up and go has been.

“Old age is golden” I’ve heard it said, but sometimes I wonder as I go to bed  
My ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup, my eyes on the table until I get up  
Ere sleep dims my eyes as I say to myself, “Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf??”  
But I’m happy to say as I close , my friends are the same as in days gone by.

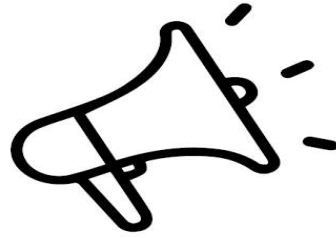
When I was young, my slippers were red: I could kick my heels right over my head  
When I grew older, my slippers were blue, but I still could dance the whole night thru  
Now I am old, my slippers are black; I walk to the corner and puff my way back.

My reason I know my youth has been spent; my get-up and go has got up and went.  
But I really don’t mind when I think with a grin, of all the places my get-up has been.  
I get up each morning and dust off my wits, I pick up the paper and read the “Obits” If I see my name is missing I know I’m not dead,  
So I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed!

Anonymous

That’s hilarious Janet --

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**As you are, I am sure, aware, St George's Church has made a yearly commitment for many years to support a clergy from Cuba. Rev Eric Matteo Perez has recently become a Dean and is responsible for the RE church in Havana area of Cuba .**

## **A NEW INITIATIVE..... from**

The REC/ANiC Latin America Mission Society

Feb.08, 2025

## **New Mission Trip Opportunities in Cuba**

Our Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Reformed Episcopal Church Board of Foreign Missions and the Anglican Diocese of Canada are ministry partners for the Missionary Diocese of Cuba. While this missionary diocese matures into becoming self-sufficient, self-governing, and self-propagating, your continued support and interest are needed to help advance the Kingdom in this nearby neighbour within The Anglican Church in North America.

There is some great news out of Cuba! The REC Diocese of Cuba is now an Associate Member of the Cuba Council of Churches. That recognition has given us Religious Permits for the supervisory & training teams and access to the CCC facilities for meetings and Synod! This is a new and welcome development that gives the Mission Society much more freedom to plant and support new churches throughout the country.

Here are a few new opportunities for people from our Canadian parish partners and others who might wish to discover if God is calling them to participate in the Cuba Mission.

**Short Term Mission Trips:** We are suggesting 7 day trip to various areas of the country, to participate in ministry projects and assistance in a local Cuban parish. The proposal is to fly to an All-Inclusive resort nearby the Cuban parishes, stay the first night at the resort and then travel to and stay for 4nights to minister in the receiving parish. You would return the evening of day 5 and have a whole day at the resort before returning to Canada. These would be self-funded at approximately \$2400-\$2800/person, inclusive of all accommodation, meals and transportation. We would also request that each participant to carry cash for Cuba employee salaries (provided by the mission society).

**Teaching Trips:** These trips are designed for Clergy or Theological Instructors. They would spend one week with one

of the three REC regional ministry centers, delivering lectures, providing liturgical instruction, or offering spiritual formation

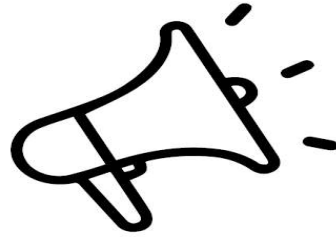
and direction. Accommodations and some meals would be provided in a nearby Guest House. These would be funded by sponsors or by the sending parish, with costs similar to those of a Short-Term Mission Trip. These will require three-month advance notice for preparation of a religious visa. We would also request that each participant to carry cash for Cuba employee salaries (provided by the mission society).

**Provisioning Trips:** These trips are for those who simply want to holiday in Cuba, but may desire to help in some way. They would bring one or two suitcases of medical or other needed supplies, and have them picked up or delivered to one of the regional ministry centers (Western, Central, or Eastern Convocations). We would also request that each participant to carry & deliver cash for Cuba employee salaries (provided by the mission society).

**Vision Trips:** Vision trips are designed to offer a pleasant and informative stay in Old Havana, while capturing the mission of the diocese, and raising funds for its clergy stipends and numerous ministry projects. Participants would stay at the famous La Habana Vieja Hotel, with its Hemingway museum (Thursday through Monday). You could wander the Plaza, Harbor, and 16<sup>th</sup> century streets of Old Havana, visiting its cafes, San Cristobal Cathedral, and museums. Sunday Worship would be with one of the Reformed Episcopal Mission Churches. Donors provide their own airfare, taxi, and meals, while accommodations and an iconic classic car tour are provided by the Joint REC-ANiC Latin American Mission Society. Vision Trips are fund-raising trips designed for wealthy entrepreneurs or philanthropists who are discerning the provision of a substantial donation to the Cuba Mission. As with the other trips, We would also request that each participant to carry cash for Cuba employee salaries (provided by the mission society).

If your parish would like to gather and/or sponsor and team to go, you know of someone who is holidaying and might help out or someone with finances who has a heart for missions, please contact Canon Barclay Mayo at 604-815-8309 or [barclay.mayo@gmail.com](mailto:barclay.mayo@gmail.com) or Bishop John Boonzaaijer at 1-972-741-2837 [jboonz@mac.com](mailto:jboonz@mac.com).

The Reverend Canon Barclay Mayo  
REC/ADoC Latin America Mission Society



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Early one morning this week I opened the blind to see icy feather patterns on the window pane. They were as accurate as if someone had carved them there with a thin blade and were beautiful with the morning light just dawning behind them. There were several of them and they were identical. I wondered how that could happen. What process of nature could be so perfected? It was a lovely way to start the day. I considered it a small gift. In fact I often get small gifts like that in the morning. But it's necessary to look for them. They are there! And I know the Giver! - Judy

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At our Friendship Circle, we start with a selection of hymns from our made to order edition ... here is one that Linda M introduced to us

Lord, Let my heart be good soil  
Open to the seed of your Word,  
Lord let my heart be good soil,  
Where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away,  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way  
Lord, let my heart , Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Handt Hanson 1985

Alison

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I haven't told you about my choice for my Morning Window Hymns for Lent. As soon as it warms up a tad I'll open the front window and play The Requiem by Gabriel Faure. It is uplifting in the way that it swells and builds into beautiful sounds.

After Christmas my neighbour told me that Sadie, their huge Bernese Mountain dog, didn't care for The Messiah I played but stopped on her morning walks to listen when I switched it up to Bach's Christmas Oratorio.

Sadie's opinions are important to me. I hope she likes the Faure pieces.

- Judy

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## BiblioMPower

At the Tuesday meeting, where the main topic quickly turned to S N O W !!! ...those who made it over the snowbanks discussed The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton. There was certainly a variety of comments. Some loved it, some didn't, many couldn't get to the end – a very complex intertwined story of three generations .....As at least three were still in the midst of Cornwall trying to figure things out, I checked with the library and there was 'no rush' to get it back to them (!!)

So, if you are still wading through it, and want to see how it all ends keep reading (or ask Sandra and Dora) ... we'll aim to get the 11 copies back to the library at the end of February.

We are onto The Road to Little Dribbling now ...a much lighter, funny book written by Bill Bryson – will be reviewed at the next meeting – March 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Join us for the fun ! Alison

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Was it my doing, the storm I mean, because I wrote in the last issue of the WW how thankful I am for the ice and the snow?

This past Sunday I was snowed in from my front door to the road as many of you were too.

Staying home felt like a loss. Empty. Something huge missing. I know we can pray anywhere and worship at anytime.

If we lived in the Arctic I think we'd have figured out how to get to any of the Anglican churches in the Diocese Of The Arctic which, by the way is vital, strong, ambitious, sticking to the Bible. I get a copy now and again of The Arctic News. I read it with admiration for their work there and their reliance on Jesus in all things.

The weather doesn't slow them down. But they must have a clever way of figuring out how to get their doors open, a way which I've yet to discover. - Judy