



The Wardens' Wire

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<u>Sun. March 9</u> LENT 1	
8.30	St Mary's the Virgin Independent service
10.30	Morning Prayer ST GEORGES FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2.00 PM	Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service
<u>Mon. March 10</u>	
12.30-2 pm	Friendship Circle
7 pm	On line Prayer meeting
7.30-9 pm	Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice
<u>Tues March 11</u>	
7 pm	Reformation History on zoom
<u>Wed. March 12</u>	
1.30-3 pm	Bible Study
<u>Thurs March 13</u>	
2 pm	Vestry Meeting
5.30 pm	Soup and Compline Service
<u>Fri. March 14</u>	
6 pm	Park Group AA

<u>Sun. March 16th</u> LENT 2	
8.30- 9.30 am	St Mary the Virgin Independent service
10.30 am	St George's MORNING PRAYER
2.30 – 4 pm	Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service
5 PM	Conversation group .ESL Café
<u>Mon. March 17TH</u>	
12.30-2.30 pm	Friendship Circle
7 pm	On line Prayer meeting
7.30-9 pm	Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice
<u>Tues. March 18th</u>	
1.30-3.00 pm	BiblioMPOWER book club
7-8 pm	Reformation History with Tom on Zoom
<u>Wed. March 19th</u>	
1.30-3 pm	Bible Study
<u>Thurs. March 20th</u>	
5 – 8 pm	Soup, buns followed by COMPLINE SERVICE
<u>Fri. March 21st</u>	
10.30 am	The Feast of Saint Benedict Mass according to the Use of Sarum St Mary's Independent Anglican service All welcome
6 pm – 9 pm	Park Group AA

COMPLINE: Thursday evenings at 7 pm during Lent. Preceded by soup and buns at 5 pm for those who want a light dinner with friends. Everyone welcome. Sign up on the board if you would like to provide a pot of soup to share. If making soup is not manageable, a few buns or bread would be welcomed, but be sure your presence is all that is required...just turn up and enjoy a bowl of soup with friends, and this peaceful end of the day service..

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Craft Circle is having a hiatus over these cold winter months. Sandra says, "If there are a few more interested, we will start up again in the spring ; a change in the day and time is possible " ...

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MONDAY ONLINE 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. Contact Christiana (christianaoluwatobi9@gmail.com) or Tom (thomppower@gmail.com for more information and for the zoom link. Tom

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Linda has passed on her friend's 'lesson for the day' PARAPROSDOKIAN : a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part! Example:
..... 'Since light travels faster than sound some people appear bright – until you hear them speak.
.....If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
.....Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
.....I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was blaming you.
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MOVIE: Singing in the Rain
March 22nd ... 4 – 6 pm
Sign up on the bulletin board so we buy enough pizza and treats for everyone. Alison

Thanks Thomas L for this amusing joke:



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A woman flying with her husband and two month old daughter for a family wedding met up with her father on a connecting flight. He was sitting in business class and felt guilty because the rest of his family were in coach. To compensate he made his way to the back of the plane after take-off, bringing with him some first-class goodies and taking the woman's fidgety daughter up front with him for a few minutes. Just then, a woman behind her who had seen the whole thing, leaned forward and asked, "Did you just trade that baby for a couple of packs of pretzels and some cookies?"

Robert Herrick was born in London in 1591, the 7th child of a Goldsmith, became a vicar in 1623 and died in London, England in 1674 .

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LOOK OUT, OUR RESIDENT BUNNY IS BACK...

Jo-Anne is gathering bags and lists for our next Easter Food Drive. We will again be in partnership with Crossfire Assembly to augment their stores of food for those in need. This has become a very successful venture at St George's. Crossfire is thrilled that we will, at least twice a year, provide them with what we can for those in the city who are not as fortunate as we. Full details will come with the bags commencing begin March 16th and going through to Easter Sunday, April 20th Your personal Lenten project, perhaps – pop something into the bag, once a day, once a week, or only once – all will be much appreciated.

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BIBLIOMPOWER next meeting March 16th. We are reading "The Road to Little Dribbling", a light hearted look at travels around Britain. (I am right into this book, Bill Bryson is travelling all over South West England at this time – where my childhood memories lie. Alison

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WE'RE 50 . THE FIFTIETH ISSUE OF THE WARDENS' WIRE.... WHAT DO YOU THINK.? Do you have a favourite story from Judy, a favourite hymn, should we continue? Every two (and occasionally three) weeks for two yearshow much more can your Wardens have to talk about??? Thanks to all for their contributions keep sending us delightful pieces to share. Alison

To Keep A True Lent.

Is this a fast, to keep
The larder lean?
And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragg'd to go,
Or show
A downcast look and sour?

No; 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat,
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate;
To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.

Robert Herrick

Thanks Judy for this centuries old poem;

I've been reading Canadian artist Emily Carr's letters to her great friend, CBC Radio's Ira Dilworth.



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Emily must have been a wonderful sort. I wish I'd known her. She had a rebellious nature but in a worthwhile sort of a way. She knew when something wasn't quite cricket. I sense that in her flip-side there lived a lonely and loving soul who needed some soothing reassurance as to her worth in the male-dominated world of her swirling, glorious art. Emily was a devoutly spiritual Christian who sang the hymn "Breathe on Me Breath of God" before she began each new painting of the beauties of the B.C. forests and the swirling skies of which she was so fond. Her family helped to build The Church of Our Lord in Victoria, B.C. , a tribute to the Carpenter Gothic style. For many years it was a Reformed Episcopal Church and later became a part of ACNA. In her letter to Ira on Sunday evening, Jan. 18, 1942, Emily told Him how much she enjoyed his Sunday evening CBC radio program, 'Sanctuary.' It was a program of poetry and quiet music. She told him that what she loved about it was its "Sunday-ness."

"Sanctuary is such real Sunday-ness. I am sure it settles many peacefully into quiet nights as it does me", she told him. "The beautiful places! Oh the loveliness that we forget and neglect!", she continued.

It has made me think about my own Sunday-ness and how the pattern of my childhood Sundays followed me into rearing our own children with Sunday School and roast beef and Yorkshire puddings with visiting grandparents at dinner.

Sunday did have a pattern of its own. The Sunday feeling was a complete stepping away from everydayness. The television never went on in the Sundays of my childhood. It was a day for church followed by afternoons at home playing Snap! or reading a Nancy Drew mystery or playing quiet games.

We went to evening church as well where my Uncle would play his violin and the music soared Heavenward up into the rafters of that little wooden

sanctuary that my grandfather and dad and uncles had helped to build with their hands-on labour. I'm thankful for Emily's concept of Sunday-ness. I am refreshed with the cadence and the loveliness of the words in the Prayer Book and with the power of our hymns as the music enfolds us. Together the words and music recharge me and point me forward to the week ahead.

Sunday-ness is a pretty special idea.- Judy

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The Church of Our Lord in Victoria, BC is a beautiful Carpenter Gothic style church built to be a Reformed Episcopal Church, taking four years to build and completed in 1870 at a cost of \$9,700. It is designated as a National Heritage site. It is said that on October 29, 1874 Bishop Cridge walked down the hill with the congregation that wanted to break away from the Anglican church. Emily Carr was part of that group. When the REC Diocese of Western Canada was closed about 8 years ago, the members of the Church of Our Lord elected to join ANiC. The church is active and celebrating its 150th year in 2025 and a great supporter of the work of the REC-ANiC in Cuba.

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PANCAKES WRAP-UP: Shrove Tuesday was buzzing at St George's, and thanks to those who set up, cooked, served, cleaned up, and enjoyed the pancakes, sausages and blueberries topped with pure maple syrup provided by Janet Massie....Thanks Janet, for providing from Richardsons Farm two large jugs.... Thanks to Walter for making the apple sauce again – delicious ! Thanks to Linda for entertaining us with nearly non-stop tunes ...such a wonderful way to keep everyone smiling and to Louise for the beautiful table décor. Thanks to Esther and James G for greeting everyone. To those 'on the floor' Sandra, Judy, Tina, Melanie, to Father Bob, Michael, Pamela G on the grills, to Pam on the counter, and Walter on the stove, and to the Powells and friends who I think bought and ate many, many pancakes . It was a great event Thank you all who came and enjoyed the time together. We couldn't do it without you, and thank you to Paul for being there for everything and everyone that needed him.

Alison

LINDA WRITES:

"Heartfelt thanks to the generous folk who took the time to give me transportation after my knee operation in



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January. It was wonderful to feel their companionship during this time of isolation, being snowed in and unable to drive. I am referring to Rev. Paul, Alison, Judy, Dora and Bill. Thank you, too, to Bill and Pastor Bob & Melanie for their visits to my respite. And to my friends in the Friendship Group for their warmth and caring. Thanks to all of you who signed the beautiful "Good Recovery" card. It has a permanent place in my Bible now".

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HONING IN ON HYMNS

As has happened before, we at the Friendship Circle are introduced to a thoroughly modern hymn by our friend Linda M. It rumbles around in my head for days, and finally I get out the hymn book, and the '101 Hymn Stories, and Then Sings My Soul books passed on to me by Tina L.... and I can't find it anywhere. ... Why ?? This hymn was written in 1966 ! long after our most loved hymns. It has been recorded by many groups over recent years and is popular as a backdrop to videos in areas in the world where there is conflict and depravation

Taken from Internet sources I found

Peter Raymond Scholtes was a priest, consultant, and author. In the 1960s, as a parish priest and choral conductor in a South Chicago church he wrote the hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" for an ecumenical event for his youth group.

By the 1980s, Peter Scholtes had left the priesthood and become a business management consultant and author. He co-authored The Team Handbook, which was named one of The 100 Best Business Books of All Time. His best-known book is The Leader's Handbook, from 1998. In 2006 he was a recipient of the Deming Award .

The words of this hymn seem just the right message for us in this world of upheaval.... The music, written for guitar, has a haunting melody, maybe someone we

know will perform it for us one day??
Alison

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

Peter Raymond Scholtes (1938-2009)

We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
*And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride.
*And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love*

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the News
that God is in our land.
*And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

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