



# The Wardens' Wire

**MAY 4 – MAY 20, 2025**

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**++ THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

**Sunday May 4**

8.30 am St Mary's the Virgin Independent service  
10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION ST GEORGES  
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service

**Mon. May 5**

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

**Tues May 6**

7 pm Reformation History on zoom

**Wed. May 7**

1.30-3 pm Bible Study

**Thurs May 8**

Bible Study off site + on line ++

**Fri. May 9**

6 pm Park Group AA

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**Sun. May 11** **MOTHER'S DAY**

8.30- 9.30 am St Mary the Virgin Independent service  
10.30 am St George's MORNING PRAYER  
2 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service  
5-7 pm ESL Conversation cafe

**Mon. May 12**

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

**Tues. May 13**

7-8 pm Reformation History with Tom on Zoom

**Wed. May 14**

1.30-3 pm Bible Study

**Thurs. May 15**

2-4 pm Vestry meeting  
5.30-7.30 pm Bible study off site + on line ++

**Fri May 16**

6 pm – 9 pm Park Group AA

All welcome to join Rev. Paul Luth as he leads us in a study of the Book of James. We will be using the guide by Gerald M. Bilkes, *Reservoirs of Strength: 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](mailto:thomppower@gmail.com) for the zoom link.

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**Sunday School is coming along slowly but surely in God's timing.**

If there are other women out there who might like to take a turn sometime be sure to let me know. The children who come are The World's Best Kids. Uriel is always there and his little brother is getting his legs so it won't be long. Sometimes Ferdaus and Soroush come and now Sophia is joining us. Once there was no Sunday School and now there is, and that's how it works. That's the evidence that God is working His purpose out. I always prepare for six children and someday there will be six! Keep you posted on that.

Judy

Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>

**Easter lessons and hymns ...beautiful readings  
and music to celebrate the Easter season**



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## **FIVE FINGER PRAYER – From Janet**

1. *Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C S Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty'*
2. *The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.*
3. *The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for all leaders, in politics, in business, industry and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.*
4. *The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.*
5. *And lastly, comes our little finger. The smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you'. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.*

*How easy it would be to make this prayer part of our lives.*

**Thank you Janet for this**

## **Change for Life**

Support the Atwell Centre ([atwellcentre.ca](http://atwellcentre.ca)) by putting your donation in a baby bottle! Between Mother's Day (11 May) and Father's Day (15 June) St. George's will be fundraising for this worthy cause. The Atwell Centre is a life-giving, healing, and compassionate presence for those facing unexpected pregnancies, sexual health issues, and post-abortion trauma. Support the lives of babies and mothers by filling your bottle with change, bills, and cheques. Your donation will be used to save the lives of babies and make a positive impact on their mothers

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## **THE SPRING THING !!.....**

Twenty-five showed up for The Spring Thing on Saturday afternoon. We had lovely food with thanks to all of you. We were happy that Hakima, Helen, Anis, Fahim, Ferdaus and Soroush could come too as the music we sang was new to them and they enjoyed it. Thank you to Alison for organizing it, for Sandra who worked in the kitchen along with Dora and James and Arpine, to Linda for providing her wonderful piano music for every Spring song you can think including I Love Paris In The Springtime, Singing In The Rain, All Things Bright And Beautiful, In the Bulb There Is A Flower, Go Now In Peace and many more. Jordan and his beautiful voice held up the chorus. Thank you Melanie for your beautiful teacups planted with pansies for the tables. It was a happy gathering to celebrate the season.- Judy

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BIBLIOMPOWER -- MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

We will be reviewing Heart So Hungry, a true adventure story about a woman who travelled through Labrador at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> C. Those of us who have already finished it, found it hard to put down ...Also on the go is Pilgrim's Progress for those who want to get started on it early...

On the 20<sup>th</sup> we will meet at 12:30 instead of our usual 1:30 because we have decided to have a very light lunch together so if you can think of a small snack or something that doesn't require Martha Stewart's cookbook bring it to share please. Thank you.

Jo-Anne has some fun book-related quizzes for us and also made a great suggestion... We all think of a favourite book we've read at some point in our lives or even in our book club. Now pretend you're directing a movie of same book. Decide who you'd hire to play the starring roles. Tell us who you've chosen and why.

You'll be able to pick up a copy of Pilgrim's Progress for the June 17th meeting, thank to Tom and Marlene for providing numerous copies for our use several months ago. Tom will lead that session.

*Judy*

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The flowers in the church this Easter were magnificent. After a dull, cold winter, the beautiful hydrangeas displayed have been enjoyed by all. Lilies were in short supply for Easter and apparently arrived at garden nurseries later than usual.

Thanks to Sandra B who, as always, is there to assist in this lovely task. And thank you Louise for putting the finishing touches on our efforts.

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*Christine B told us how much she loves this hymn – here you are Christine, just for you .....*

## HONING IN ON HYMNS

### MYJESUS, I LOVE THEE

My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life and I will love Thee in death  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

### William R Featherstone 1846-1873

William was born in Montreal Canada, whose family were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Montreal. It is thought that the author may have written these words at the time of his conversion experience when only 16 years of age. Some say he may have been only 12 when he first penned this. It is said that he sent his text to his aunt in Los Angeles who had it published. There is not much known about this young lad, and it seems he wrote no other hymns. he died at age 27, in Montreal,, from an unknown cause, It was many years after his death that the melody was written by composer Dr A J Gordon, a well known evangelical pastor from Boston, Mass. He had found the anonymous hymn in the London Hymn Book in 1870 and was dissatisfied with the original melody, he said 'in the moment of inspiration a beautiful new air sang itself to me'

*From 101 More Hymn stories KW Osbeck*



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First Peter 2 verse 9 reminds us that we have been “called out of darkness into his marvellous light.” It further reminds us to “shew forth the praises of him” who provides that same light.

What a tender thought that is.

Every time of year has its special features. I think if we took a vote for favourite season many of us might put our hands up to vote for Spring.

I love that Spring unfolds at Easter when we have two kinds of Resurrections to look forward to. First, the Life-saving one, the main event, the life-changing, joy-bringing event that brought Jesus back from the dead and Created Heaven for mankind.

Spring also brings other kinds of joys, ones that are lesser than the Resurrection of our Lord but redolent with their own specific beauty as reminders of renewal and starting over. I noticed this past week that the forsythia seems deeper yellow this year and the Magnolia buds on the big tree in the Dundas park are pinker than pink. The hellebores have spread, take up more room, have more nodding maroon heads bobbing in the breeze. The willow trees are greener than I ever remember them, or is that because I’ve missed all of these things?

Nothing can thrive without light, neither trees nor ducklings nor the vegetables that nurture us nor daffodils nor children, nor you, nor me.

When we walk in the light that God invites us into the shadows will fall behind us. The requirement is that we recognize the “marvellous” in it and will share it, will spread it and nurture it like a gardener tending to the weeds. We will be purified and grow upright. And we will sing of His praises.- Judy

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Here’s a great little story for cat lovers . from Internet sources - true or not ? ? but those of us who have cats know how smart they are !

‘Most people know the tragic story of the Titanic, but few have heard of Jenny, the cat who lived on board and was perhaps the only one who sensed what was coming.

Jenny was no ordinary cat. She was the Titanic’s official rat hunter, brought aboard to control the rodent population. During the ship’s sea trials, she gave birth to a litter of kittens and was lovingly cared for by a workman named Jim Mulholland.

Jim prepared a cozy nest for her and her babies near the galley, warmed by the boiler. He even shared scraps of food with her during breaks. The quiet routine gave her a sense of calm amid the chaos of preparing the most luxurious ship in history for its maiden voyage.

But something strange happened.

A few days before the Titanic set sail from Southampton for New York, Jenny’s behavior changed. She began to get restless. Then—without warning—she began picking up her kittens one by one, gently grabbing them by the neck... and leading them out of the boat.

She walked them down the ladder over and over again, until all the kittens were safely on dry land.

Jim stared. And in that moment, something became clear.

“This cat knows something... something we don’t.”

Trusting his intuition—or perhaps the woman’s intuition—Jim packed up his things and quietly stepped off the boat. He never returned to the ship.



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The Titanic sailed without him. We all know what happened next.

Years later, Jim, told the story to a journalist. He credited Jenny with saving his life. His instinct—old, silent, and unwavering—may have been the only real warning anyone ever received’.

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