

The Wardens' Wire

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun_ June 8

PENTECOST

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
5- 7 pm ESL Conversation Café

Mon. June 9

12.30 – 2.30 pm Friendship Circle
7.30 pm EVENSONG

Tues June 10

7 pm Reformation History on zoom

Thurs June 12

7 pm Bible Study off site + on line ++

Fri. June 13

6 pm Park Group AA

Sat. June 14

12 noon- 2 pm BBQ MUSIC IN THE GARDEN and
Dedication of new outdoor library

Sun. June 15

FATHER'S DAY

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

Mon. June 16

12.30-2.30 pm Friendship Circle – off site
7 pm On line Prayer meeting
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum choir practice

Tues. June 17

1.30-3 pm BiblioMpower book club
7-8 pm Reformation History with Tom on Zoom

Thurs. June 19

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

Fri June 20

6 pm – 9 pm Park Group AA

Sat June 21

Baby shower – all invited

MONDAY JUNE 9 TH 7.30 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE WONDERFUL SERVICE
OF EVENSONG, WITH THE HAMILTON SCHOLA
CANTORUM.. always a beautiful service, and
peaceful close of the evening – and because it is
June the sun will still be shining when you leave
the church. Spread the word !

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SATURDAY JUNE 14TH 12 NOON – 2 PM

BAR B QUE AND MUSIC Join us for an afternoon of
food and song. We will be dedicating the new outdoor
library . everyone is welcome - tell a friend to stop by
the corner of Royal and Emerson, they will be
impressed by our beautiful garden, our expert bbq-ers
and our more excellent musicians.

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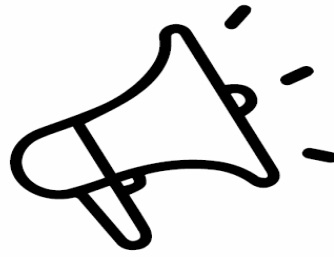
**Tues. June 17th – BOOK CLUB Join us
for the last meeting before the summer
break. We are reading Pilgrims Progress,
and no doubt will have a lively discussion –
as usual – at this joyful book club. Always
accompanied by treats**

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**Saturday June 21st - we'll celebrate and
welcome little baby Reid, grandchild of
William and Isla-May**

Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

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**Saturday June 28th – board games anyone?
more information next page**

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Have you walked around the garden lately There have been some very busy bees there making everything look tidy, we will miss those snowy hydrangeas but 'there is a season '.....they really were hard to manage and the grass will give us more room to invite everyone to rest their weary souls in our peaceful space. Thank you to all who are working hard day in and day out for our pleasure. *Alison*

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Sunday Opportunity

Judy, James, and I would like church members to consider a wonderful opportunity with our Sunday conversation group. This past Sunday, James Gilroy shared with the group his collection of coins, stamps, and other collectibles that he has spent decades putting together. We were all fascinated and impressed by James' enthusiasm as he shared with us and our new friends from Columbia and Palestine.

We feel confident that more folks in our congregation have similar hobbies or interests that they would love to share with others.

- What is a hobby or interest that you feel passionate about?
- Do you like to travel? (if so do you have photos or slides of your journeys to foreign parts?)
- What sport do you like or follow?
- Are you interested in wildlife?
- Do you have a musical ability?
- Is there a book you have read you would like to talk about?
- What about life in West Hamilton in the old days?

- How does quail farming work?
- Do you have a valuable object, unique object, or family heirloom you could show or talk about
- Do you like working with technology?

Whatever it is, we would invite you to consider sharing your passion with our conversation group on Sunday over supper (the pizza is great!), 5-7 p.m. If you have something to share, be in touch with either of us.

Games Night

Mark Saturday, 28 June, 2-4 p.m. in your calendar for our church games day! We will set up the church hall for board games for all to play. Bring your own games (and popcorn if you can) to share. Light refreshments available. Invite your friends. Form teams. Sign-up sheet on the notice board.

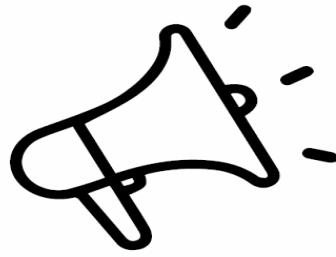
Church Outing to Toronto: July 2

Join Tom Power's Reformation class on an outing to Toronto on Wednesday, July 2. We will visit the rare book library at the University of Toronto where Tom will give an illustrated talk on the role of print in the Reformation. Original, rare books from the time period will be on display. We may also visit an exhibition of Elizabethan hymn books as well as view a copy of the Book of Kells. If you are interested (or you have friends who might), contact Tom for details: 289-489-8697, thomppower@gmail.com

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Sunday School

Thank you to Jane Vansickle for teaching Sunday School last week with three little boys! We've tripled! And thank you to Sobrina who is the regular story teacher and never asks for a break. She always finds the exact right story to mesh with the lesson.



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This Sunday my plan is to teach them the song Fishers of Men and if any of you go back as far as I do in Sunday School you might remember it. And we will find the verse in the Bibles that we hand out each Sunday as you can never start too young and we have lovely paper fish to colour. And since I've found that Fortinos sells Hot Wheels for only \$2.00 each some little boys I know might even get prizes for their beautifully coloured fish. I'm still aiming for six children and when #6 walks in the door you'll hear about it. - Judy

Linda's friend is at it again

....My wife and I got stuck in an elevator and when we got home, we told the story to our kids. They just looked at us and said, "Soo... did ya get out?"

.....I'm the type of wife that will help my husband look for his chocolate – which I ate!.

.....A wasp landed on my bare foot, now I know how to riverdance.

.....If you think swimming with dolphins is expensive. you should try swimming with sharks – cost me an arm and a leg!

.....Whoever said "out of sight out of mind " never had a spider disappear in the bedroom .!

.....All of us older folks know all about living on the edge, we used to answer the phone without knowing who it was.!

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Do you ever find that you missed something and then heard it was 'really good'. So you recall 'why didn't I go?' 'what was I doing that afternoon – nothing – I could have made the effort.' There is so much that goes on around our city, that I miss. Luckily we did not miss a most fabulous show last weekend. Nelson bought tickets – because he was 'talked into it' for the 'Chinese dance show' after watching the dancers practice each week. It turns out that the Hamilton Chinese Arts Group & Hamilton-Halton Chinese Choir pulled together a wonderful exhibition called Music and Dance. The venue was Wilson Hall at McMaster (so convenient) it was a Saturday afternoon (what could be better?) we went hesitantly but were enthralled with the beautiful dancers, the magnificent soprano, and the tenor - the pianists, the sax player, the visual backdrop which included the art from their members, the children with

their violent debuts and the scattered reading of poetry from those in the Chinese Arts Groupall in Chinese of course – but so moving (there were some subtitles and translation). Nearly as impressive were the stage hands who moved that Grand piano several times to different locations on the stage, and ran around with portable mikes, standing mikes, chairs, etc. The sound and light effects were also as good as you'd see on Broadway. What a wonderful show that we didn't miss! Apparently it is an annual event, we'll be watching for it next Spring. *Alison*

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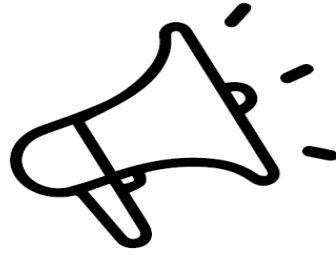
The opening verse at the Friendship Circle this past Monday was Psalm 98:1.

"O sing unto the Lord a new song ; for he hath done marvelous things."

We discussed those very things that seemed marvelous to us this past week including Arpine's soft pink Tree Peony which sat in a vase on the table at which we were sitting with our tea and biscuits.

I had made a list of about twenty alternate words to marvelous from Roget's Thesaurus that pointed to the same meaning. We made our own lists before consulting the ones I'd recorded. The word miraculous was included and it fit the mood of our discussion. Some of us even came up with words that Roget's didn't include. After we patted ourselves on the back we ate the chocolate biscuits and drank the tea because we deserved to.

It's much more fun now that Mark comes with his Alaskan Husky, Max. Max knows how to work the room. He heads straight for the kitchen and stands by the drawer where we keep his water bowl until someone comes to pour him a drink and offer him some dog biscuits that live in that same drawer. We did say that we welcome the neighbours and Max fits right in. And we had a wonderful surprise too when Jordan came with his guitar. I had heard that he has a beautiful singing voice but I must say that I wasn't prepared for either his voice or for the loving song he wrote about his walk with Jesus and the connection he shares with Him having been named after the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized. Jordan accompanied Linda's piano with the prayerful Go Now In Peace.



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We all deserve to hear Jordan sing and play and hopefully he will do that at our upcoming A Little Garden Music and BBQ on June 14 at noon.

The friendship circle will be more informal this summer but that will work well too since it's all about meeting with friends, talking, listening, discussing. I give thanks for each of you, my friends . - Judy

Lest the might of fierce temptation
Snare us into mortal sin

By thy Spirit's rich anointing
Grant us power life's race to run
Till the lure of sense be vanquished
Till the prize of God be won.

HONING IN ON HYMNS

King of Love, O Christ We Crown You
Charles V Pilcher 1935

King of Love, o Christ, we crown you
Lord of thought and lord of will
Each demand of thy high challenge
Dedicated to fulfill

We with thee by grace coworkers
Till, wher'er man's food hath trod
Peoples, Kings, dominions, races
Own the empire of our God

King of Life, who has created
Wheat in golden harvest spread
Make thy servants strong to serve thee
By the gift of daily bread.

Feed us with thy Body broken
With thy blood outpoured sustain
That our souls divinely strengthened
May the life eternal gain

King of Mercy, thou has saved us
From the haunting sense of loss
Nailing in thy vast compassion
Sin's indictment to the Cross

Them who loved, by thy sore anguish
From the past thou makest free
Breathing words of absolution
Where thou reignest from the Tree

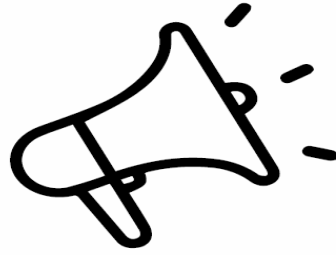
King triumphant, King victorious
Take thy throne our hearts within

I was curious about this hymn when singing it last Sunday – a beautiful hymn I hadn't heard before. What was initially of interest to me was that it was written in 1935. How many other hymns are in The Book of Common Praise from 'our' lifetime? Turns out Bishop Charles Pilcher was in Toronto when he wrote this hymn, a scholar at Wycliffe College until 1936 here's more taken from relevant sources.
Alison

Born in Oxford, England and died and buried in Australia, Charles Venn Pilcher (4 June 1879 – 4 July 1961) was an Anglican bishop, theologian and writer and translator of hymns. He held curacies in Birmingham UK 1903-05 and St James Toronto 1910-1916 and taught theology at Wycliffe College, Toronto from 1916-1936, until he was elected a co-adjutor Bishop of Sydney Australia; he was secretary of the Australian Hymn Supplement Committee, and author of the Preface to the Australian Hymn Supplement to the Book of Common Praise. He wrote hymns and composed tunes for both the original hymn book (produced in Canada) He composed hymn tunes and other music, and long played bass clarinet in the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. He also translated and published devotional material from Iceland (Iceland Christian Classics (1950)) These side interests, like his hymn writing, served to heighten and deepen his influence as a teacher.

The plaque at his burial place reads:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND



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**IN HONOURED MEMORY OF
CHARLES VENN PILCHER 1879-1941**

**FOR TWENTY YEARS BISHOP CO-ADJUTOR IN THIS DIOCESE
HE ALSO SERVED THE CHURCH IN ENGLAND AND CANADA.
A SCHOLAR AND AUTHOR OF DISTINCTION, A MASTER OF
CHURCH MUSIC, AN INTERPRETER OF ICELANDIC POETRY, A
LOVER OF ISRAEL AND A FRIEND OF THE REFUGEE.**

'WHOSE FAITH FOLLOW'

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