

# The Wardens' Wire

ISSUE # 57 JUNE 22 – JULY 4, 2025

## Sunday June 22

8.30 am St Mary's the Virgin Independent service  
10.30 am MORNING PRAYER ST GEORGES  
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service  
5- 7 pm ESL Conversation Café

## Mon. June 23

7 pm On line prayer meeting – ask Tom for details

## Tues June 24

7 pm Reformation History on zoom

## Thurs June 26

10 am Extendica service

## Fri. June 27

6 pm Park Group AA

## Sat. June 28

2 – 4 pm GAMES DAY AT THE CHURCH

## Sun. June 29

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

## Mon. June 30

7 pm On line Prayer meeting

## Tues. July 1<sup>st</sup> CANADA DAY

## Thurs. July 3

5.30-7.30 pm Bible study off site + on line \*\*

## Fri July 4

6 pm – 9 pm Park Group AA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Games day

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.

**Saturday July 12th & Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop Jenkins and his wife will be visiting. There will be a pot luck supper on Saturday evening where all can enjoy a social time with the Bishop. The following morning there will be a Service of Holy Communion and Confirmation. It will be a wonderful weekend of celebration – please be sure to keep this time available.**

## July 3<sup>rd</sup>

### New Bible Study on the Psalms

The Psalms are the song book of the Bible. Christians are drawn to the psalms because they speak the universal language of the human soul. Whatever our spiritual mood may be, there is sure to be a psalm which reflects it: whether success or defeat, excitement or depression, joy or sorrow, praise or sorrow, wonder or anger. Above all the psalms declare the greatness of the living God. As we come to know God better through the psalms, we will want to fall down and worship Him.

Led by Paul Luth, our study of the Psalms begins Thursday, 3 July at 7 p.m. at the home of Tom Power in Dundas. Join us in person or by computer (ask Tom for the link): 289-489-8697 or [thomppower@gmail.com](mailto:thomppower@gmail.com). We will be using the book by W. Robert Godfrey, Learning to Love the Psalms. Ask Tom for a copy.

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### **BiblioMPOWER Book Club**

We held our last session until September this past Tuesday afternoon. We thank Tom Power for his kindness in providing us with copies of Pilgrim's Progress and for leading our discussion on the book this past week. Alison has set up the first few books for September-November sessions with the Library Book Kits. It is suggested that members might like to lead a session so if you wish to please let Alison or Judy know ahead of time. The dates will be as follows: September 16, October 21, November 18, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 15. Mark your calendars.

If you'd like a head start the first book up is Rachael Joyce's The Music Shop. It's short and pleasant to read. It will be available at the church by mid-August.

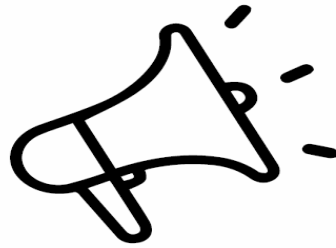
October 21 is The Pilgrimage of Harold Fry also by Rachael Joyce.

Jo-Anne will lead in Nov. 18 with a Donna Leon mystery A Refiners Fire and on January 20/26 Tom will lead with the Augustine Confessions.

We have acquired ten copies of Maria Chapdelaine, the 1916 Quebec novel by Louis Hémon. We can save that for a winter's day, perhaps for February 17<sup>th</sup>. Reminder - there should be hot chocolate. There are a few more suggestions that can be decided upon for the following months. We'll keep you posted.

Enjoy the summer and thank you for your participation.

We learn from one another. - Judy



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## Dedication of Garden Library

On Saturday, 7 June as well as our wonderful BBQ and hymn-sing, we dedicated our new Garden Library. Thanks to Judy Smith, Sandra Bentley, Alan Powell, and Paul Luth for his words of dedication. Our friend Eugene holding the poster which he helped to decorate, is originally from Siberia and attends our Sunday afternoon conversation club. Neal Larsen of Aitchison Lumber who assembled and installed the garden library could not be present for the dedication. We will be giving him a special gift from St. George's for his work. Please pray that God would use the garden library to draw people to Himself and for his glory!



Here is the prayer by Rev Paul Luth at the dedication. You can recite it too as part of your prayer time.

*Lord God, Heavenly Father  
God of truth and mercy, Bless this garden library  
That the people who visit this space would feel the need  
to draw from it some resources to bring them into a  
Saving relationship with you and also into the fellowship  
of your church.  
Grant this for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus  
Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
One God, forever and ever Amen.*

## Garden Library: Bible Donations

If you have a spare bible (the Message, NIV preferred) that you would like to donate to the Garden Library, talk to Tom Power. If you would like to make a financial donation to purchase bibles for the Garden Library, mark your donation envelope: Garden Library

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## Friendship Circle

Many thanks to Colin and Arpine for inviting the Friendship Circle to spend an afternoon in their beautiful garden.

We sat on the deck, under the dogwood tree, beside a rose arbour filled with deep coral blooms, near the gate at the side of the house which the brown rabbit guards and just in front of the other gardens that are full of the glory of God. It was an afternoon in Eden.

We ate Arpine's wonderful food including the chocolate cake from the Turkish bakery.

We discussed what we would enjoy doing in the next season and have concluded that in September and following each session we will:

- have a short devotional with Arpine
- more word games/ crosswords/ word search puzzles and unusual words from The Word A Day website

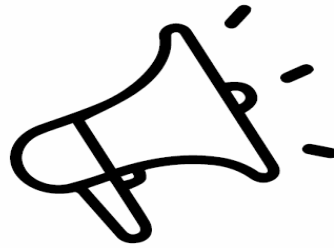
- more sessions about our favourite art work
- and we will find more beautiful hymns to sing with our sincere appreciation for Linda.

Maybe there are other people who might like to join us in September. Thank you all. - Judy

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**You will notice the altar cloths are now changed to green to celebrate the season of Trinity, which will extend to Advent. On special occasions the altar cloths will be white.**

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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.

What's the weather for June 23<sup>rd</sup> ? ....The Friendship Book 'thought for a day' has the following

Is rain in the forecast??

How jolly the brolly when clouds throng the sky  
A safe little shelter for keeping me dry?  
The rain hammers down but I'm never alarmed,  
Admittedly though, when the wind's blowing strong  
It catches my brolly and pulls me along  
It can be a battle, of that there's no doubt  
To stop my poor brolly being blown inside out  
A boon in bad weather- a wondrous device  
It will save you a soaking and that's never nice  
I know it's not perfect, but still I will sing  
How jolly the brolly, an excellent thing !

R McKenna

Whether the weather is bright or dull, this little poem caught my fancy!

Me, being the google girl, had to find out more about 'the brolly' the name was first used in 1875 in Britain, and in this new fashioned world we live in is often shortened to 'the broll' ...only in Britain, it seems..

Now , the umbrella, which we all are familiar with, was first noted as being used in 3000 BC in China, with bamboo sticks and animal skins to keep away sun and rain. Who knew !!

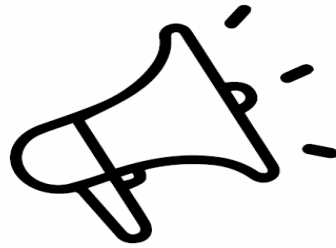
**Alison**

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Do you know what a contronym is? (some of you English majors likely do).... Words that have their own opposite

- Left – departed from or remaining behind
- Bound – going somewhere or restricted from going
- Clip – to attach or to cut off
- Fast – quick or firmly fixed
- Bolt – to secure or to flee quickly

.... How many can you think of ? I have a list of 50, a challenge for our next Friendship circle? **Alison**



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## HISTORY JUNE 2004

What were you doing 21 years ago this month ????

Some of us were in the throes of excitement ....a very big move was in the offing.!

Here are some excerpts from the Vestry minutes:

*A special meeting was held on February 22, 2024 wherein it was presented that Rev David Long, ACC and part time minister of St Margaret's Anglican Church had invited interested parties to view the property of St Margaret's with a view to making an offer to purchase, as the members of St Margaret's had voted to disband their parish church in June 2004. There were opinions and reports presented, financial statements viewed, and in time there was a motion made by April Loughran, seconded by Bob Eydt, that we proceed with the offer to purchase St Margaret's Anglican Church, 20 voted in favour, 5 opposed.*

Discussion then led to how to pay for this. With over \$50,000 in the building fund, it was determined we could handle a mortgage up to \$100,000 and a motion from Bob Eydt, seconded by Richard Palmer, was That St George's Reformed Episcopal Church offer to the Niagara Diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada \$150,000 subject to financing. Things moved along quickly after funding was secured.

*A special meeting was then held on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 The purpose of which was to pass a resolution authorizing four trustees to action behalf of the members of St Georges' RE Church to comply with the Religious Organization Lands Acts. Sixty people gathered at the special meeting, 48 of whom were regular attending members of St Georges.*

*A motion was made by David Loughran, second by Bob Eydt that the following members: John Smith, Rector, Lola Cheesman, Rectors Warden, Penny Wray, People's Warden, and Alison Buffett, Vestry Clerk, or their incumbents, be nominated as trustees of St George's Reformed Episcopal Church Approved unanimously*

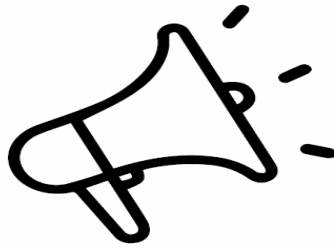
At the June 1<sup>st</sup> vestry meeting many members volunteered to be 'the movers'. No need to pay for professional movers when you have men and their trucks on the ready! commenced the move on Monday June 21, 2004, the day after the final service in the basement of King St. Baptist Church. By the end of the week everything was in place and two services were held Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> 2004, 10.30 and 7 pm. ....greeters were assigned to make a point of asking everyone who came through the door that Sunday where they would like to sit - keeping in mind those from St Margaret's church would have their familiar seat. There were 108 at the morning service, and 76 at the evening service. Strawberries and ice cream were served, followed by cookies and refreshments each Sunday after service until September when having lunch available for everyone after service would be re-evaluated ----- you guessed it - lunches will be served each Sunday and no cost to those who attend... and so it goes!

That is what we were doing 21 years ago this month !

Alison

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*Sending love and good wishes to all our members who are no longer able to come out on a Sunday. Enjoy reading the newsletters, bulletins, listening to the recordings, and feel our prayers for your safe keeping.*



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