

The Warden's Wire

ISSUE 59 AUGUST 3 – 16TH 2025

Sunday Aug 3

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

Friday Aug 8

6 pm Park Group AA

Sunday Aug 10

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

Monday Aug 11

12.30- 2.30 Drop in Coffee group

Thursday Aug 14th

2 pm Vestry meeting

Friday Aug 15th

6 pm Park Group AA

Sat. Aug 16th

5 – 7 pm Pot Luck supper with Ben Pearce

We are happy to welcome Deacon Ben Pearce to St George's again. He will be with us for two Sundays in August. We are planning a pot luck supper upon his arrival – BBQ / meats will be provided, please bring a salad or a dessertsign up sheet will be on the bulletin board next week.

Ben enjoys his summer trips to Ontario for a visit from the RE Church in Pennsylvania

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THE WINDOWS.....

All who have ventured through our red doors have likely heard the story of our windows, I love to show visitors the sanctuary – switching on the light boxes of the stained glass windows depicting The Road to Emmaus, and the incredible story of their journey from St George's Hamilton to a funeral home in Buffalo, NY and then back to Hamilton.

There are others windows at the church, and these are topics of discussion too..... Many of us who arrived at 134 Emerson to join the members of St Margaret's Church in 2004 met Pauline Smith, whose late husband Clarence was the creator of many of them. The stained glass window 10 ft high as you exit the sanctuary is entitled Christ the King is described as follows by Clarence, found on a yellowed sheet of paper in the files...

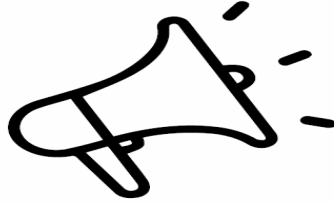
Christ the King

A great many of the important events in our Biblical History have had a bearing on the design and creation of this stained glass window that is being dedicated today. It tells us that The three hours of darkness from mid day till three o'clock has passed. The lightning has stopped and the earthquake is over. The Crucifixion Crosses stand bare and rejected., The tomb is open and empty. It is beyond the third day, Christ has risen to sit on the right hand of God the Father and now fills His position in the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, represented by partial green circles around the Crown. The Crown and Cross are symbols of Christ the King. All has passed as was prophesized and written. Christ is the King of Kings, a living and perpetual promise that true repentance brings God's forgiveness of our sins. We have the Cross, a symbol of God's undying love for mankind.

All the liturgical colours of the church – white, green red, blue, gold, black and purple have been used to create this stained glass window which I have named: Christ the King. Clarence Smith

None of us knew Clarence except perhaps Bev, ... how I wish we did. If only he knew we are lauding him all these years after his masterpiece.

We are so privileged to be able to enjoy the history of this building because of the diligent record keepers over the years. The McMaster Library holds the archives of St Margaret's Church, and there is much to read through their 90 year history.



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We are the history makers now – let us remember to keep thorough records of all our treasures.

In the meantime, let us get to know you? Tom has suggested a brief questionnaire – this will be handed out randomly over the next few weeks; when returned we will add 2-3 to the Warden's Wire over the next few months..... The task for you is to fill it in !! Judy and I will start us off on this little project –

Getting to Know.....

NAME: ALISON BUFFETT

*Tell us an interesting fact about yourself.

My grandparents came from the Isle of Man to Canada in 1904

*How long have you been at St. George's?

23 years

*What do you like about St. George's?

The people

*Do you have a favourite hymn,, and if so why is it meaningful to you?

THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS CRYING I heard this I think for the first time at an Advent service last year ...it has stayed with me – such powerful words sung with strong voices

*Do you have a favourite bible verse and if so why is it meaningful for you?

FOR SOME REASON THE STATEMENTS IN THE PROCESSION OF A BCP FUNERAL ARE ALWAYS A REMINDER OF OUR FRAILITY ... "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord ."

*What is the most recent book you have read?

THE FISHERS OF PARADISE Rachel Preston

*Is there one thing you would like to see happening at St. George's?

Hand outs describing our church and our service to give visitor

NAME: JUDY SMITH

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself:

I'm not sure if it's interesting but I came from a long lineage of British, Irish, and Welsh if you include my great grandmother. They were mainly Baptists and together they built King Street Baptist church in the small town of Preston (Cambridge.) That church still stands. My forbearers brought no wealth to their new land but they brought a strong belief in the Gospel message. They were solid people who worked hard to make good lives in Canada. I owe them a great deal.

How long have you been at St. George's?

The first time we attended was in the late seventies at the church on the corner of Tom and Strathcona. We sifted around a bit trying to find a place that suited our desire for an Anglican Church that stuck to the Gospel message. St. George's was the best fit and it still is.

What do you like about St. George's?

The music, the regard for the truth, the wonderful warm, fun people, the little Scholars in the Sunday School, the various groups, the lunch, the....the everything.

Do you have a favourite hymn and why is it meaningful to you?

I have many favourites but Be Thou My Vision tops the list. It says everything about Jesus that needs to be said. I like to think of

Him as being "my high tower", "my dignity", "my delight".

It gives me hope, something to look up to and revel in. And the tune is beautiful.

Favourite Bible verse:

When I was a young single working woman I wrote out Romans 8:28 and adopted it. I've trusted in that truth ever since. I have plenty of proof that it works. "All things work together for good to them who love God..."

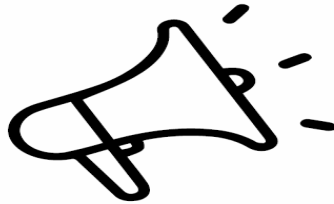
The most recent book you've read?

Ronald Blythe's A Lifetime In the English Countryside. It's full of villages, interesting people, walks through nature.

Is there one thing you would like to see happening at St. George's?

Children! And their parents.

Sending condolences and prayers to Velma, in the loss of her son John. Our thoughts are with



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you at this time, along with warm hugs and our love to help you through these days.

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HONING IN ON HYMNS

VICTORY IN JESUS

Eugene M Bartlett 1885-1941

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins, and won the victory, yeah

*Oh, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood*

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing
How He made the lame to walk again and 'caused the blind to see
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory

*Victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me and He bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood,*

Yes, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me and He bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood
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Eugene M. Bartlett Sr. Born in 1885 in Missouri, a singer, music publisher, producer and a songwriter. Mr. Bartlett began his career as a publisher for the

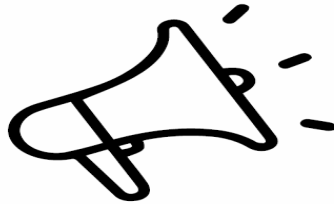
Central Music Company in Arkansas and later formed the Hartford Music Company in 1918 with a few friends. There he would publish his hymnals, periodicals, and magazines.

Life could not have been better for Eugene. He married his sweetheart in 1917 and they raised 2 children. As a publisher his hymn book was in demand, selling over 15,000 copies across the county. He felt his calling was to publish hymns and teach aspiring singers how to sight-read so he traveled the south, holding singing school and singing conventions.

But in 1939 at age 53, his world changed drastically. Mr. Bartlett suffered a paralyzing stroke that left him unable to walk or even speak and for the most part, he was bedridden. Many felt the stroke ended his teaching ministry, yet It was during these dark days that Eugene wrote Victory In Jesus. While looking back over his life he began to think back to the night he was born again and the rich life he had since that night. He picked up a pen and began what would become his best-known song. When he completed the song, he looked back over it and seen it was a story of redeeming power from start to finish. He wanted the song to be joyous. And while written during the darkest period of his life he chose to make the melody full of happiness and enthusiasm.

Since he was no longer able to travel to minister or teach his son, Eugene Jr took over. He would travel around the south continuing his father's ministry. One night, as the story goes, he had traveled to East Texas for a revival service. He had asked a well-known evangelist of the time to speak. The man did and gave a wonderful sermon but when the invitation was given no one came forward. Eugene, Jr. said he felt the Lord urging him to sing his Father's new song which he had not sung publicly before. He did and as he sang many in attendance began to come forward to give their life to the Lord Jesus. At the end of the service over 50 men and women had accepted Christ as their savior.

During his time of suffering there were days where he felt depressed, alone and sad, yet he still found the inspiration to declare, "I cried, Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory". In the midst of all that was wrong in his life he found the



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courage to proclaim Jesus and the Victory he had in knowing Jesus was the answer and source of his joy. Eugene Bartlett Sr passed away in 1941 from complications of his stroke. He was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. In 1973 Eugene Bartlett was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall in Nashville Tennessee.

- *Taken from internet*

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Alison

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UPDATE ON HASSAN

A year ago we were thrilled to see our money thermometer rising week after week to meet our commitment to sponsor Hassan to Canada from Afghanistan. We rejoiced when we met our goal. The bank account is secure, and in fact with each passing month another \$40 is added in interest. A few months ago we, believing that Hassan's arrival would be imminent, also helped Hassan through his sister, providing some money to help him pay his rent and groceries in his waiting place. He waits, we wait, his family waits.... Regular updates let us know that he has passed all necessary criteria, waiting only for security clearance by Canadian authorities. Hurdles such as parliament dissolved, election, new leadership, even at the local level have tried our patience. However, we are hoping that very soon the way will be cleared, he will arrive and will have peace in this country of Canada. Please continue to keep him in your thoughts.

Alison

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Thank you from the UK

Dear Alison

Gill and I were so happy to receive our cards from the congregation at St. George's and would be grateful if you could pass on our sincere thanks to everyone; it was lovely of you all to arrange that and very much appreciated. We are glad to be able to give something back to the people and place that have meant so much to Connie and been so

kind in continuing to support her. It was wonderful to hear about all the things she has been involved in over the years at St. George's and to recognise and remember her energy and enthusiasm. Thank you also for telling us how you plan to use the donation to enhance the life and worship of the church ... we're particularly pleased to be contributing towards keeping the bell ringing for, hopefully, many more years!

All best wishes and thank you again,
Val

BiblioMPower Book Club news-

If you'd like to join the book club please do. In fact if you don't want to read the book you don't have to but you might like the tea, the biscuits, the friendship and the discussion. The schedule for September until March has been set and is below.

There is no book club in December. Members are welcome to participate by presenting a book but it is also fine to just come and enjoy. Grateful thanks to Alison who has arranged the Library Book Kits and picks them up and returns them.

We meet the second Tuesday of the month from 1:30-3:00.

Sept. 16: The Music Shop, by Rachel Joyce (Judy will lead)

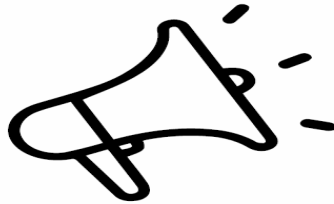
Oct. 21: The Colour Purple, by Alice Walker

Nov. 18: A Refiner's Fire, By Donna Leon (Jo-Anne will lead)

January 20: The Augustine Confessions (Tom will lead)

February 17: Maria Chapdelaine (Linda will lead)

March 17: We need an Irish book or Irish poems that day and maybe we will eat green cookies.



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Suggestions?

April 21: May 19, June 15 are not settled as yet.

Suggestions are.:

- Two Solitudes by Hugh MacLennan (re English/French Canada)
- The Poisonwood Bible, by Barbara Kingsolver (American missionaries in Congo)
- The Fishers of Paradise, by Rachel Preston,(about Cootes Paradise)
- The Underground Girls of Kabul by Jenny Nordberg (Afghanistan)
- The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett written in 1930 (thriller, romance,comedy)
- The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate (Christian Book Award finalist and highly recommended)
- The Gown by Jennifer Robson (the making of the Royal wedding gown)

We'll look forward to another good year of being together to discuss ideas. Come! - Judy
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I had a visit in my home this week with Farrell and Claire Lawrence and their three terrific boys. I'm speaking of the family who were in church last Sunday from Philadelphia. Farrell is a Trustee of the Reformed Episcopal Church in our Diocese. It seems important to me that we restore the friendships with our American brothers and sisters. Previously we had many good friends within our Diocese. Time slips away and without intention so do our links with good people.

And we are set to welcome Ben Pearce who is also a friend of the Lawrence's so we are getting there! Maybe the next time the Lawrences come we can spend some time with them over, dare I say it? Another potluck. - Judy

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REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH HISTORY – NOT SO LONG AGO – WE ARE PART OF THIS !

..... a letter from our Presiding Bishop introducing this historical change ...
Dec. 2008

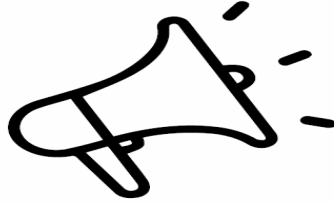
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The new province called for by GAFCON (Global Anglican Futures Conference) is now a reality. On Dec 3, 2008 in suburban Chicago, The Province of the Anglican Church in North America was inaugurated. The GAFCON Primates Council, meeting in London on Dec 6, 2008 welcomed the establishment of the province with their blessing. The REC, as a member of the Common Cause Partnership, stands as a founding member of this new province. This historic event marks the dawning of a new day for faithful Anglicans in North America and around the world. A new reformation of the church is underway, and God has granted us the privilege of participating in it from its earliest stages of planning and development.

It is of significance to note that within the relationships of this new province the integrity of each member jurisdiction is retained and protected. In particular, the following provisions in the Constitution & Canons may be of interest. Article VIII of the Constitution of the Province stipulates that 'the member jurisdictions shall each maintain all authority they do not yield to the Province by their own consent'. The same Article goes on to specify that "The province shall make no canon abridging the authority of any member dioceses ...with respect to its practice regarding the ordination of women. Canon 6 provides that "all books of Common Prayer and liturgies previously authorized by the originating jurisdictions shall be permitted in use for this Church.

It is to be expected that people will soon begin to seek out parishes based on affiliation with the new Province. In order to benefit from this new relationship, our parishes should begin the represent themselves before the public as being affiliated with the Anglican Church in North America.

The Province remains in a formative stage of development with much work still lying ahead. Reformed Episcopalians are actively involved at virtually every level of that process, giving us a vital stake in the life of this new and promising effort. It is my hope that this report on the inauguration of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America, and of our place in this new fellowship, will bring a renewed sense of hopeful



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encouragement, joyful expectation, and deep gratitude to the heart of every Reformed Episcopalian, as we undertake together this new phase of our witness and mission in church. Faithfully yours, in Christ

The Most Rev Leonard W. Riches.

Attendance in the [Anglican Church in North America](#) (ACNA) is up by double digits for the third consecutive year, according to congregational report data released June 19 during the denomination's Provincial Council meeting at Trinity Anglican Seminary in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. "We've grown in every category that we track," said Dan Hassler, director of administration and operations. "We are at highest attendance and membership of all time." The denomination in 2024 reported a net increase of 14 congregations to a total of 1,027, an increase in membership of 1,997 (+1.5 percent) to a total of 130,111 and an increase in attendance of 11,354 (+13.4 percent) to a total of 96,148.

Alison