



The Wardens' Wire

ISSUE 60 AUG. 16TH -31ST 2025

Upcoming events:

Sunday Aug 17

8.30 am St Mary's the Virgin Independent
Anglican service
10.30 am MORNING PRAYER - ST GEORGE'S
Deacon Ben Pearce
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service
5- 7 pm ESL Conversation Café

Mon. Aug 18

12 – 2 pm Drop in coffee circle
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Thurs. Aug 21

7 pm Bible study on zoom or at Tom's home

Friday Aug 22

6 pm Park Group AA
75TH ANNIVERSARY BBQ
ALL WELCOME

Sunday Aug 24

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

Monday Aug 25

12.30- 2.30 Drop in Coffee group
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Thursday Aug 27

7 pm Bible Study on zoom or at Tom's house

Friday Aug 28

6 pm Park Group AA

MOVIE NIGHT --

September 6, 2025 4 -6 pm

Casablanc a

PIZZA sign up sheet on the bulletin board. AND
GOODIES FOR ALL no charge

sign up sheet on the bulletin board. harge

Circle the date for the next two movie showings:
October 18th & November 15th.

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Friendship Circle

The Friendship Club will reconvene on Monday, September 8th from 12:30-2:30 as usual. It has been great that so many of you have kept meeting over the summer. It is proof that we value one another. We should talk about what kind of structure we would like in our meetings so please give that some thought so we can discuss it on the 8th. It's lovely having Arpine's



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input with devotions and Linda on the piano for the hymns we love. Let's keep that going. I am happy to find interesting topics to discuss and I am hoping others will do the same. If you'd like to lead a meeting please say and if not that is ok too.

Together we make St. George's stronger and livelier in the faith as well as providing a space where everyone is welcome.

Although it has looked like a women's group it wasn't intended to be. Like everything else at our church friendship is for everyone, neighbours included.

Thanks for being you. - Judy

History of the Early Church (Fall 2025)

Have you ever wondered how the early church grew and developed? Consider taking this course this fall to learn more. We will trace the development of Christianity from its origins to the year 843 CE. Themes include: the geography of Christianity; the relation of Christian faith to its cultural settings; Christianity and the rise of Islam; the development of doctrinal and ethical positions; forms of Christian life, worship, and organization.

The full list of classes is on the church website: stgeorgehamilton.ca under the Adult Education tab.

Time: Wednesday evenings, 7-8 pm.

First Class: Wed. 10 Sept. 2025

So sign up: Contact Tom Power at thomppower@gmail.com for the zoom link.

Tom

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Mark Your Calendars: Saturday 27 September

We will gather as a church on Saturday, 27 September from 9 am to 1 pm. to discuss the next steps coming out of the SWOT (now called Mission Action Plan) which we did last

November. Further information including a sign-up sheet will follow. For now reserve this date in your calendar. Lunch will be provided. TOM

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If you arrive at the church at 10 am or at 10.30 am on a Sunday you will hear the bell ring - again - after many months of it being still. Thanks to Alan P who found someone who knew exactly how to fix it.... The bell has been ringing in West Hamilton since 1909, stirring people out of their sleep, not only for church services, but as a fire warning bell in the early days.

Dear Dolph and Jane,

I'm writing you this letter in the Warden's Wire because I know everyone of us would agree. I hope that is ok with you.

There is so much I admire in you both.

I see the commitment you both share to Christ and I see how that reflects in your lives.

Dolph, I love the way you eagerly wait for Jane's ride to arrive each Sunday.

I love the way you talk quietly to each other.

I love that in spite of having to live apart you remain totally committed, excited, enjoying each other.

Jane, I love the way your eyes light up when you come into the hall and see your friends.

I admire the way you have both shared in the ministry here by inviting friends to church, by handing out flyers for upcoming events, for sharing the exciting things we do here with others.

Thank you for being exemplars of whom we were meant to be.- Judy

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CONTRONYMS: words that are their own opposites!



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Help: to assist or to prevent (e.g. I can't help it)

Model – a replica to copy or an example to avoid

Trimmed – decorated or reduced

Left off – started again where you stopped, or excluded

Ravel – to tangle or to untangle

Off – not functioning or activated '(e.g. the alarm went off)

Weathered – withstood or worn down by exposure

Trip – to stumble or to travel

Pop – to suddenly appear or disappear

Hold up – to support or to delay

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BIBLIOMPOWER BOOK CLUB

The book kit for our September meeting is now on the bookshelf at the church. **The Music Shop**, by Rachael Joyce, was a selection for the past year, a popular choice, which made us # 8 on the waiting list -- and it is our turn now. We will get the book to those who don't pick up in the next week or so, so there is time to read it before the September 16th meeting. If you know anyone else who would like to join our book club, let us know and just bring them along. Lots of fun, some good reads and always some treats – the third Tuesday of each month from 1.30-3.00

The 2025 schedule is not yet complete, we are open to suggestions for March-May 2026....

To conclude our 2025-26 schedule we are adding Mere Christianity by famous Christian writer, theologian and teacher, C.S.Lewis. The book will be available for pick up at the May meeting. It should lead to good discussion about why we are who we say we are. Tom will lead that session.

Alison

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HONING IN ON HYMNS

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

Horatius Bonar 1808-1899

I heard the voice of Jesus say, Come unto Me and rest

Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon My breast

I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad,

I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say, Behold I freely give

The living water – thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live.

I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him

I heard the voice of Jesus say, I am this dark world's light

Look unto Me thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright

I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my Star, my sun

And in that light of life I'll walk, till traveling days are done.

Horatius Bonar was born and died in Edinburgh, Scotland a man of boundless energy, a Presbyterian preacher, and avid student of the scriptures. He was active in promoting the Free Church Movement at the time of upheaval of the Church in Scotland.

In 1856, he undertook a long tour in Egypt and the "Holy Land"



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He is considered one of Scotland's most gifted and powerful evangelical ministers and hymn writers, having written approximately 600 hymns. This hymn was written with children in mind, he was always concerned that boys and girls learn the work of Christ. Interestingly, he did not use his own hymns in his worship services since his congregations insisted on singing only the Psalms.

In 1843, he married Jane Catherine, daughter of Rev. Robert Lundie, also of Kelso. They had a family of nine children..

CHOOSE THOU FOR ME

Thy way, not mine, O Lord, however dark it be!
Lead me by Thine own hand, choose out my path
for me.

I dare not choose my lot, I would not, if I might
Choose Thou for me, my God, so shall I walk
aright.

Choose Thou for me my friends, my sickness or my
health

Choose Though my care for me, my poverty or
wealth

Ot mine, not mine the choice, in things both great
or small

Be Thou my guide, my strength, my wisdom and
my all;.

Horatius

Bonar

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Thanks to Michael for the delicious
hamburgers which were served at our '
welcome to Ben BBQ '.... Lots of salads, too,
and as usual an enjoyable time with the people
of St George's on a very warm summer
Saturday evening .