



The Wardens' Wire

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Fri Sept 19th

10..30 am Friday in the Ember Days of Sept.
Mass according to the Use of Sarum
St Mary the Virgin Independent
Anglican Church

Sat.Sept 20th Parish hall in use

Sun Sept 21st

8.30 am St Mary's the Virgin Independent
Anglican service
10.30 am MORNING PRAYER - ST GEORGE'S
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service
5- 7 pm English Conversation Cafe

Mon Sept 22nd

12.30 – 2.30 pm Friendship Circle
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Wed. Sept 24rd

1.30 pm - Bible study The study of Genesis
7-8 pm Early Christian History –The birth of
Christianity - on zoom

Thurs. Sept 25

10 am Extendicare service
7 pm Evening Bible study - The Psalms –
on zoom and at Tom's home

Fri. Sept 26th

6.30 pm Park Group AA meeting

Sat, Sept 27th

9.30 – 1 pm Congregational Meeting

Sun. Sept 28th

8.30 am St Mary's the Virgin Independent
Anglican service
10.30 am Morning Prayer – St George's
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service
5- 7 pm English Conversation Cafe

Mon.Sept 29th

12.30- 2.30 pm Friendship Circle
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Wed. Oct 1st

1.30 pm Bible study – Genesis
7-8 pm Early Christian History – The expansion
of Christianity - on zoom

Thurs. Oct. 2nd

7-8 pm Adult education course **
History of the Early Church
On zoom – see below for details

Fri Oct. 3rd

6.30 Park Group AA

Sat. Oct. 4th

5 pm – 7 pm Thanksgiving Pot Luck dinner

Sun. Oct 5th

8.30 am HARVEST HOME
St Mary's the Virgin Independent
Anglican service
10.30 am Holy Communion ST GEORGE'S
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service
5- 7 pm ESL Conversation Café

+++Sign up sheet on the bulletin board for Congregational
meeting of Sept 27th, and Thanksgiving Dinner of Oct 4th.

For zoom co-ordinates check with Tom Power



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SHARING THANKFULNESS FOOD DRIVE

In Matthew 25 we read "I was hungry and you fed me." It's that time of year when we offer up our own harvest to our friends at Crossfire so that many folks will be fed. Our annual food collection begins this Sunday and ends on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 12th. Jo-Anne has again supplied us with suitably coloured orange bags to match the season. The bags will gratefully receive your donations of pasta, sauce, canned goods, etc. They are available today so don't forget to pick one up. When they are full we leave them on (and under!) the pew in the front hall.

Crossfire does a wonderful job of feeding hungry folks at mid-week dinners. Volunteers are always welcomed and if you are interested Rev'd Luth can tell you who to contact.

Jo-Anne will answer any questions you might have. Thank you, Jo-Anne, for arranging for St. George's to share the living Jesus with our brothers and sisters in the community in this way. – Judy

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Thursday evening Bible Study

We are growing! There were sixteen people there last week, not all of us at Tom's house as some were online.

We are enriched with prayers, finding treasures in the Psalms and discussion.

Everyone welcome. - Judy

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Minutes of the most recent approved vestry meeting is now available on the hall table, as well as being posted on the bulletin board. Feel free to take a copy and if you have any questions regarding any of the actions, etc or comments, feel free to talk to of our wardens or Minister about it.

Alison

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English Conversation Circle

Many thanks to Colin Morris with help from his son-in-law George who gave us a wonderful canoe trip through the Agawa Canyon via a slide show last Sunday evening. Everyone enjoyed the scenery and the history of how the Indigenous people used birch bark to build lighter canoes which made for easier portages.

There were sixteen there which is a new record and included several people from our congregation. Julianna, from Paris, (not the Ontario Paris but the more exciting one), brought us her homemade crepes and along with the pizza we all had lots to eat.

Hakima came with two friends who are also from Afghanistan and we had three small people who played with blocks and the toys in the back corner.

Anil has brought his wife, Mejas, from Germany to Canada and they enjoyed it too. We were so happy to welcome Mejas and everyone who came to enjoy paddling down the canyon, paddling with genuine French crepes in fact. What a great combination. - Judy

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CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH 4 – 6 PM

Alfred Hitchcock's

REAR WINDOW

Starring

James Stewart and Grace Kelly

A classic movie, pizza and treats – no charge .. what more can you ask for on a Saturday afternoon?

A message from our councillor, Maureen Wilson



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Bird migration season is well underway. This is an important time for many birds, occurring between August and November, as they migrate to their wintering grounds.

You can help birds arrive safely by turning off non-essential lighting and/or closing blinds at night (11:00 PM to 6:00 AM) from now until mid-November. Many bird species migrate at night and rely on natural cues, such as the moon and stars, for navigation. Artificial lights disorient them, luring them into urban areas where they collide with glass or become exhausted from circling. By turning off or dimming unnecessary lights during migration, cities can help birds navigate safely and conserve their energy for their long journeys.

In addition to turning off non-essential lights at night, you can also help birds this fall by keeping your feline friends indoors and by making your windows bird-safe.

The folks at [Bird Friendly Hamilton Burlington](#) offer tips and tricks on how to make your house and community bird-friendly, as well as other resources related to bird conservation efforts.

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A note in the latest Board of Foreign Missions newsletter:

Women's Day Project: The Board of Foreign Mission is once again a grateful recipient of the annual Women's Day Project. The 2025 goal is to print 1,000 copies of the first handsome copies of the Spanish translation of the Reformed Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and deliver them to the Missionary Diocese of Cuba for its synod during the first week of Advent. Thank you WCC

As you will recall, St George's contributed a significant amount towards this project through their Easter envelopes. Thank you to all.
Alison

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Our vacation this year took us back four decades. While driving through Quebec we decided to take a detour 50 miles north and drive into the small town community of Rawdon, Quebec where we lived from 1980-82. (Our reason for moving there was because it was an English speaking community, 20 miles from Joliette – which was (and still is) 100% French speaking where Nelson was working. Yes, a lot has changed, definitely more French speaking, the main street has stretched out to the highway, with big stores, gas stations, restaurants, two Tim Hortons!. We drove by the magnificent house that we were able to rent while there – a two storey, five bedroom house, with tennis court in the back, surrounded by large trees and bush...(extravagant yes, but the ONLY house for rent in this sleepy town at that time) What was most noticeable was the size of the trees, bushes, etc. Evergreens can grow many, many feet in 40 years! Some of the neighbours houses cannot be seen from the road, some roads have completely disappeared from view because of the large overhang of greenery. One thing that hasn't changed is the church we attended. This beautiful stone church still sits on a main corner of town with circular driveway, and a cemetery going a full block, the memorial stones now reaching the edge of the property. We wandered in and saw some familiar names .. 40 years ago we literally knew all the English people in town, as they ALL went to the Anglican church, and their children all attended the English school. As a young mother I was involved in the Sunday school, the school parent association and the Brownie group, as well as parish council. (Not many English speaking young people moved into Rawdon in those days....we were soon 'signed up') On approaching the cemetery there was a sign posted on a tree 'Cemetery enquiries contact Brent Parkinson or Wendy Asbil;', they were both among the young teens in my Sunday school class! Thanks to a 'new' historical plaque I see that the church was built in 1870 (a parish started in 1820) still a magnificent building. The parish hall, down the street a way, was busy, lights on, windows open at 7 pm.. I was tempted to just peak in the door – but who would I know, and who would recognize me after 40 years ?? If we venture that way again we will plan to be there on a Sunday for their 11 am service.
Alison



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Many of the members met during the summer weeks which kept the group intact. Thank you!
It was nice to regroup however. There were nine of us on Monday. We had a short devotional about joy based on Romans 15:13. We noted that joy leads to hope according to the verse. We talked about ways that we hold onto joy, especially the small ways, many of them found in nature, like the soft, mauve Autumn croci that Arpine brought in a vase.

James gave us some interesting information about the Irish Immigration to Hamilton and the new monument to commemorate it on Pier 8. Thank you James. You used your recovery time well looking through those news items and clipping them for us. We are thankful for your return to good health.

Linda played us several beautiful hymns. She has taught us the lively "You Shall Go Out With Joy" that has a distinctly Israeli sound and we love it. Thank you Linda. With thanks to James, Alison got her wish for a piece of apple pie!

Next week Arpine will lead a devotional, we will share our autumn poetry. Linda will present something about the development of the English language and James will give us another piece of Hamilton history.

You are welcome to join us! 12:30-2:30 Monday afternoons. Enjoy tea, biscuits, and whatever happens to come our way. - Judy

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How many times can we say how much all of us appreciate the beautiful garden this year. Thank you for Alan and Louise who have 'dropped by' nearly every day to make sure the flowers and grass are watered and trimmed. The benches (the fine idea of our loved John Smith 16 years ago) have made this area a wonderful place to be for an hour, or just a few minutes. Thank you to all who spend time there, working, chatting, or just enjoying the splendor.

Alison

When I was a little girl in Sunday School we sang a song about making a difference in the world.

"Jesus bids us shine" is the way it begins. It ends with "you in your small corner and I in mine." I even remember the tune although I won't be singing it for you.

Wondrous things happen every week in this church. Have you noticed?

There are more and more people coming in the doors on Sunday mornings and during the week. They come for various reasons: for food, for a cold drink on a hot day and for a hot drink on a cold day and they come to be with their fellow humans, as we all do. Loneliness is endemic to the culture, perhaps more so than ever before. People come to check out the service, the music, the preaching, and us. Some stay. Others go. Matthew 25 is where we look for guidance. It is a direct command to care for one another. "I was a stranger and you took me in." (Verse 35.)

We are all in this life at the same time, in the same place, seeking the same acceptance. It is not happenstance when people walk through those doors.

We stretched our imaginations, the limitations we thought we had and we became our best selves when we put together a plan to get Hassan here. The outcome remains firmly in God's hands.

We owe this neighbourhood the best of ourselves too.

Jesus gives us such great love and asks us to simply return it Him and share it with others.

More and more people are coming to the Bible studies, to the Friendship

Circle, to The English Conversation evenings. It is thrilling.

Please continue to pray for every soul who walks through the door. We are all on equal footing when it comes to needing God's Grace.

Thank you for being the loving, generous, kind people you are. You're making a huge difference in this small corner.

"You in your small corner and I in mine." - Judy



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