

The Wardens' Wire

Issue #64 October 26 – November 9, 2025

Sun. Oct 26^h

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 Oct 27th

12.30-2.30 Friendship Circle
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Wed. Oct 29th

1.30 pm Bible study – Genesis
7-8 pm Early Christian History
Development of Doctrine II:
Deposit of the Faith –on zoom

Thurs. Oct 30th

7-8 pm Evening Bible Study – The Psalms
On zoom and at Tom's home

Fri Oct.31st

6.30 Park Group AA

Sun Nov 2nd

8.30 am 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 English Conversation Cafe

Mon Nov 3rd

12.30-2.30 Friendship Circle
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Wed. Nov 5th

1.30 pm Bible study – Genesis
7-8 pm Early Christian History
Christian Life and Worship 1:
Growth, Social Composition, and
the Marginalized - on zoom

Thurs. Nov. 6th

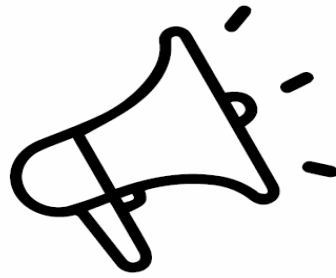
7-8 pm Evening Bible Study – The Psalms
On zoom and at Tom's home

Fri Nov 7th

6.30 Park Group AA

Sun Nov. 9th

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



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Upcoming events: mark your calendars

Tuesday November 11th REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please join us at the Cenotaph where we will remember the young boys and men from the West Hamilton area who lost their lives in the Great War and World War II. Service begins at 10.45 am, followed by a short reception.

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Saturday November 15th Movie & pizza 4-6 pm It's a Wonderful Life

James Stewart & Donna Reed

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Friday November 21st 10.30 am

St Mary's Independent Anglican Church -

The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin
Holy Communion All welcome

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Monday November 24th 7.30 pm

St George's Church

ELIZABETHAN EVENSONG with
Hamilton Schola Cantorum

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October – the month of birthdays.

You will notice if you have been at church on Sundays for the last few weeks, there is an abundance of cards laid out for your greetings. A banner month for St George's family birthdays. Some of our 'family' are not able to get to church now. I was thrilled to visit Connie Stitt and bring her greetings on her 99th birthday. Also, Charlene Robitaille celebrated her 91st birthday on the 23rd, and I planned my visit perfectly and arrived as her daughters came bringing a birthday cake! It was nice to be part of the celebration and Charlene was pleased to receive the card and goodies from St Georges. These ladies were part of the fabric of our church for decades and brought their talents and willingness to contribute in so many ways for so many ways. Sending love to them on their special days reminds them of how much we appreciate them.

Thank you to James G for keeping us on track.

Alison

On Wednesday, Tom Power and I delivered St George's food donation to Crossfire Assembly church on King Street in downtown Hamilton. There were 52 bags of food and pantry items. I was very proud of you all when I saw your generosity towards their food bank.

The staff at Crossfire were overjoyed to receive your gifts especially since they were just in time for their Wednesday food distribution.

A special thanks to Jo-Anne for leading the charge to make this happen again.

It was a privilege to see the inner workings of the Crossfire system of food distribution. It was very organized and well planned. The staff were wise and compassionate people who are dedicated to helping those in their community who struggle to provide food for themselves and their families.

We are privileged to be part of such a wonderful ministry. I hope that we can continue this in the future. Thank you all for your givings. Well done good and faithful servants.

Alan Powell.

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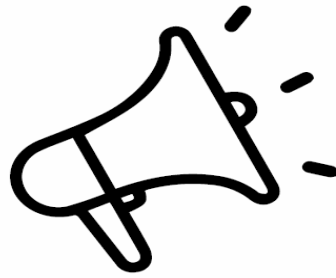
Don't you just love the autumn colours around the city?. The trees are spectacular this year .

*The herbal scent of autumn,
The splendor on the bough,
A flag of green surrender
To golden jewels now,
A taste of pumpkin magic
And orb of harvest moon;
Sip the sweet and mellow wine
And the breeze's gentle tune.
Little by little, tree by tree,
The brush of burnished flame:
Orange, russet, saffron ,red,
To light the world again.
This fiery carpet over all
And woven richness through,
With dappled rose by firelight's glow
To welcome me and you.*

Dorothy McGregor The Friendship Book 2025

BIBLIOMPOWER Book club

Thank you to all



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Ten of us had a long discussion on Tuesday afternoon concerning the book entitled "The Colour Purple" by American writer Alice Walker.

Some of us found the book confusing, difficult, and not to our taste. Others spoke about the profoundly honest pain in the voices of the women characters, all of whom had been connected in some way, past or present, to slavery in its various forms from state sanctioned to domestic slavery. It was a difficult book to read until the second half when it discussed the missionaries who came to Africa with a message of God's love.

The book dovetailed nicely with some pictures one of the members brought along taken by a missionary to Congo in Victorian days who had photographed several relevant things that were mentioned in the book.

Two special, related things to tell you about are that a new member came and we welcome Sharon. She added greatly to the conversation and plans to come again.

And the other special thing was that we got to eat up Colin's chocolate birthday cake that said on it "Aged to Perfection." And we agreed that indeed he is aged to perfection.

If you have never thought about coming to the book club it's time you did. Don't worry about sounding clever. I happily admitted today that I found the book under discussion a conundrum.

Next book up in November is Donna Leone's "A Refiners Fire", a mystery set in Italy, and Jo-Anne will lead the discussion.

Many thanks to Alison who picks up and returns the books to the library..- Judy

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What a rewarding time we have on Sunday evenings. It is rich and full. People from a variety of places around the globe fill the room with interesting thoughts and fun. There are usually about eight young people who come regularly and others who come when they can.

Last Sunday evening we had an informative talk by a young man of Afghan descent who was at a United Nations conference in Geneva this summer to discuss refugee issues. We learned so much from Qais and were happy that Hassan's sister was there with us.

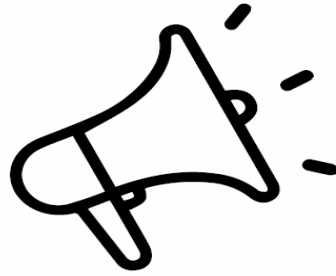
This coming Sunday evening Linda Morout will talk about how the English language was formed by borrowing from various languages. The following Sunday (Nov. 2nd) George Bodner, Colin and Arpine's son-in-law, is coming to speak to us about AI.

We have pizza and pop first to set the mood for chatter.

I have never met a nicer group of people than these folks. Join us any Sunday evening at 5:00. They'd love to meet you. It would add up to more friendships for them. In fact the speaker from last Sunday evening said that it is small friendship groups like ours that are the perfect remedy to address newcomer isolation.

Speak to Tom or Judy.

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I'm asking each one of us to mindfully pray that the Sunday School we desperately need to carry us into the future will come to fruition. We have everything in order and now we need an extra jolt through our petitions. Our heavenly Father created these children and He welcomes them into His fold. We need the children and the children need us. Churches without children do not stay in business perpetually.

At the present time we have terrific helpers in Anis, Christiana, Sabrina, Tina and Jane. In fact we couldn't ask for better helpers.

Two weeks ago there were seven wonderful children with us.

Please keep the Sunday School in your prayers so we can carry God's work in west Hamilton far into the future. It will be interesting to see what unfolds if we all pray about this. I'll keep you posted!

Thank you friends. I know you care about this as much as we do. Judy

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HONING IN ON HYMNS

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour

William Doane 1868

Pass me not, O gentle savior, Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by
Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at Thy throne of mercy, Find a sweet relief
Kneeling there in deep contrition, Help my unbelief
Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by

Trusting only in Thy merit, Would I seek Thy face
Heal my wounded broken spirit, Save me by Thy grace
Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by

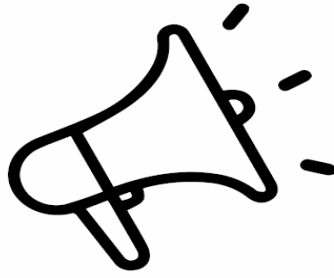
Thou, the Spring of all my comfort, More than life to me
Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heaven
but Thee

Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by

William Doane, 1832-1915

Born in Connecticut he grew up in a devout family, and turned to Christ as a young teenager. At age 18 was hired by one of America's largest woodworking machinery factories. By the age of 30 he was President of the company. At that time he had a heart attack and nearly died; he felt his illness had not been caused by long hours or hard work. He felt God was chastening him for not devoting more time to the gospel. He began writing music and eventually published volumes of Sunday school songs, but was frustrated because he didn't produce quality poems; he needed a godly lyricist. He was asked to write the music for an important mission's university, he needed the words... He knelt in his room and laid out his request before the Lord. There was a knock at the door and the messenger brought a note from Fanny Crosby saying "Mr Doane I have never met you but I feel compelled to send you this hymn. May God bless it." Thus begun a wonderful partnership. He wrote about 2,000 times. He died on Christmas Day 1915. His vast estate went to his two daughters who used it to fund Christian missionary and educational causes in the 20th century.

Taken from Then Sings My Soul book 2 R J Morgan



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