



The Wardens' Wire

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Nov 9 – 30th 2025

Sun. Nov 9th

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

Mon Nov 10th

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

Tues Nov 11th

- Remembrance Day
- 10.45 am Service at the Cenotaph
- Reception to follow

Wed. Nov 12th

- 1.30 pm Bible study – Genesis
- 7-8 pm Early Christian History
- Christian Life & Service: **Organization, Leadership, Worship** –on zoom

Thurs. Nov. 13th

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

Fri. Nov. 14th

- 6.30 pm Park Group AA

Sat. Nov.15th

- 4 – 6 pm MOVIE & pizza
- It's A Wonderful Life

Sun Nov 16th

- 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 Nov 17th

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

Tues Nov 18th

- 1.30 – 3 pm BiblioMPOWER Book Club

Wed. Nov 19th

- 1.30 pm Bible study – Genesis
- 7-8 pm Early Christian History
- . From Pagan to Christian Life: Imperial Christianity - on zoom

Thurs. Nov. 20th

- 2 – 3.30 pm Vestry meeting
- 7- 8 pm Evening Bible Study – The Psalms
- On zoom and at Tom's home

Fri Nov 21st

- 10.30 am The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin – Holy Communion with St Mary the Virgin Independent Anglican Church
- 6.30 pm Park Group AA

Sun Nov23rd

- 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 Nov 24th

- 12.30 -2.30 pm Friendship Circle
- 7.30 pm EVENSONG

Wed. Nov 26th

- 1.30 pm Bible Study - Genesis
- 7-8 pm Early Christian History
- Unity of the Church. Unity of the Empire: Official Theology

Thurs Nov 27

- 10 am Extending Service
- 7-8 pm Evening Bible Study – The Psalms
- On zoom and at Tom's house

Fri Nov 28th

- 6.30 pm Park Group AA



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UPCOMING EVENTS; ALL WELCOME ..BRING A FRIEND

Sat Nov 15th MOVIE AND PIZZA
4-6 PM 'IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE '

Tues. Nov 18th BOOK CLUB –
1.30-3 PM Discussing A Refiner's Fire
by D. Leon

MON NOV 24TH
7.30 PM ELIZABETHAN EVENSONG
With Hamilton Schola Cantorum
Liturgy - Book of Common Prayer

Thurs. Nov 27th
10 – 11.30 am EXTENDICARE SERVICE

Sat. Dec 6th CHRISTMAS POT LUCK SUPPER
(time tba)

PREPARING FOR ADVENT ...(Advent Sunday Nov 30)

ADVENT 2025

Fall can be a busy time. Each year the season of Advent bids us pause and commit ourselves to a period of waiting. It is a time in the church year of preparation for the coming of the Christ child. Apart from the liturgy of the Prayer Book that aids in this preparation week by week, the Matthew 25 initiative supported by the Reformed Episcopal Church has provided us with a resource ([Light Where Hope Falters](#)) to assist us in our reflection on the core themes of Advent— Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. Each week during Advent there are reflections with Scripture, prayer, and action; art, quotes, and statistics that ground our faith in the world's deep need; and language and images you can use. For those with email, copies of [Light Where Hope Falters](#) will be circulated before Advent begins. Print copies will be made available selectively for those who prefer that format.

Tom Power

DID YOU KNOW:

If you ride the HSR you can ask to be let off the bus close to your home if it is on the regular bus route ...

If you are a low-income resident (regardless of source) you may qualify to earn a 30% discount on HSR bus fares. To apply have a 'tax' letter from recent submission, a Presto card and a piece of ID. Those who have not filed income tax (newcomers to Canada, or those under 18) may also apply.
www.hamilton.ca/fareassist

Have you heard of the program run by the City called Seniors Centre Without Walls

Providing recreation programs from the comfort of your home. Join over the phone for free brain games and guest workshops:

Wednesdays

Armchair Travel 10—10.30

Stretch Your Mind 11-11.30 am

Thursday

Table Topics 1 – 1.30 pm

Face the Music 2 – 2.30 pm

Trivia 3 – 3.30 pm

Friday

Family Feud 1 – 1.30 pm

Trivia 2 – 2.30 pm.

Programs are multi person conversations

No special equipment needed – any phone will do

All programs are free to Hamilton residents 55+

You can call in or they will call you – your choice

Each session averages 8-10 people on the call

You are able to hear each other, talk to one another, learn and just have fun.

Register by phone: 905 526 4048 or

Email: scww@hamilton.ca



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I have a picture of my youngest granddaughter trying on her father's shoes. She was four at the time. She didn't know she was having her picture taken but there she was, her sweet, tiny bare feet wriggling around trying to make them fit her. She soon realized that she could not make them fit nor could she walk in them. She left them where she found them and went on her merry way.

I'm thinking about that picture because I've been scrolling through the daily journals I've kept for thirty-five years.

In one of them I found this quote from a Sunday bulletin in June, 2008 that I had glued onto the page. It says "O let me see thy footmarks, And in them plant my own." I love those words. They are in the hymn O Jesus I Have Promised from that 2008 service. It was written by Rev. J.E. Bode, 1868. It is number 572 in The Book of Common Praise, or in "the blue book" as we call it. I read it. I noticed words like pathway, guide, follow, uphold, receive.

Our Heavenly Father has created the journey that He hopes we will follow. He lays out the path ahead. He guides. We follow. He upholds us on our way. And at the end of that journey He is waiting to receive us.

Our footprints are what we leave behind.

Imagine being able to walk alongside His? - Judy

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To all Committee Heads

If you are Head of a Committee please let Judy Smith know your projected budget for the coming year so we can make Vestry members aware of it at the December meeting. Thank you.

Judy's email: judypollardsmith@gmail.com

Home phone: 905 527 9431

English Conversation Circle

We had a stellar turnout last Sunday evening with sixteen people who came to enjoy the company, an evening out and a riveting talk on the uses, the faults and the medical glories of AI, presented by Colin and Arpine's son-in-law, George Bodnar. We even saw an AI photo of Colin and Churchill having an armchair tête-à-tête.

We were happy too to have George's wife Claire with us. Claire grew up in St. George's Sunday School and Youth group.

What a great assembly of people this is. You are welcome to join us any Sunday evening between 5:00-7:00 in the Parish Hall. Perhaps you have a topic you'd like to present.

Judy

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CHRISTMAS GIVINGS;

Get those needles out, and a couple of balls of wool – and start knitting, or pick up those half finished articles which were put away in the warm summer months The tree will be set up next week... We are again collecting for the Streetlight Mission – hats, mitts, scarves, socks, and whatever else we can offer to those who are cold and do not have the comforts we are blessed with. Our love will surround them in the winter months.

The Streetlight Mission needs as many articles as possible the first week of December, giving us time to keep knitting for a second, or third, tree load - as happened last year. If you are not a knitter – do not despair – socks by the dozens are needed also. Your generosity is appreciated by so many.

Alison



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REMEMBRANCE DAY AT THE CENOTAPH

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE West Hamilton Cenotaph.

The history of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance dates back to the Napoleonic Wars, but it was made famous by the poem In Flanders' Field written during World War I. The poem was inspired by the red poppies that flourished on the battlefields of Flanders after the soil was churned up by artillery, a phenomenon that continued throughout WWI.

Following the war, Madame Anna Guerin began making and selling fabric poppies to raise money for war-torn areas, and in 1921, the Great War Veterans Assoc. in Canada adopted the poppy as its official flower of remembrance.

It is estimated that 20 million poppies are distributed each year in Canada. Before 1996 the poppies were made by disabled veterans but they are now produced by a private contractor, and made in Toronto for the Royal Canadian Legion.

The red poppy has inspired the design of other commemorative poppies which are worn in all Commonwealth countries, and in New Zealand are also worn on Anzac Day (April 25th)

White poppy

A white poppy symbolizes remembrance for all victims of war, both civilians and combatants and represents a commitment to peace. It is also a challenge to the glorification of war, promoting the idea that war should not be celebrated and that non violent solutions are preferable. The white poppy was first created by the Women's

Cooperation Guild in the UK in 1933.

www.peacepoppy.ca

Everyone is, no doubt, familiar with In Flanders Fields, by John McCrae, but have you read the poem 'In Flanders Now' written in 1918 by Edna Jaques in answer to Colonel McCrae's immortal poem. Edna Jaques was born in Collingwood on the shore of the Georgian Bay. In Flanders Now was used at the unveiling of the Unknown Soldier in Washington D.C. It was printed on a card with the Belgium National Anthem and sold in the U.S. by the Federation of Women's Clubs. A million dollars were raised and used for the restoration of the Louvain Library in Belgium which was bombed during WWI with at least 230,000 books and 750 medieval manuscripts destroyed.

In Flanders Now

*We have kept faith, ye Flanders' dead
Sleep well beneath those poppies red
That mark your place.
The torch your dying hands did throw
We've held it high before the foe
And answered bitter blow for blow
In Flanders fields.*

*And where your heroes' blood was spilled
The guns are now forever stilled
And silent grown
There is no moaning of the slain
There is no cry of tortured pain,
And blood will never flow again,
In Flanders fields.*

*Forever holy in our sight
Shall be those crosses gleaming white
That guard your sleep
Rest you in peace, the task is done,
The fight you left us we have won
And Peace on Earth has just begun
In Flanders now.*



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Less than 20 years later World War II was again raging in Europe. Belgium's restored Louvain (Leuven) Library was again destroyed.

Alison

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