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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

8.30 am St Mary the Virgin Independent Anglican service Morning Prayer
10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION – St George's
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lan service
4-6 pm English Conversation Café

Mon Feb. 2nd

12.30 pm Friendship Circle
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum

Tues. Feb. 3

6.30-8.30 pm Alpha Study – at Tom's house & on line ++

Wed. Feb 4th

1 – 3 pm Bible Study: Genesis - church hall
7 pm Early Church History: Life Together: Benedictine Monasticism – on line

Thurs. Feb. 5th

7- 9 pm Bible Study: The Gospel of John*** at Tom's house & on line

Fri. Feb 6th

10.30 am ST MARY'S SERVICE:
Mass of the Saints (Sarum)
6 pm Park Group AA

Sun Feb. 8th

8.30 am St Mary the Virgin Independent Anglican service Holy Communion
10.30 am Morning Prayer – St George's
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lan service
4-6 pm English Conversation Café

Mon. Feb. 9th

12.30 pm Friendship Circle
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum

Tues. Feb. 10th

1.30- 3 pm BiblioMpower Book Club
Maria Chapdelaine ..

6.30-8.30 pm Alpha studies at Tom's house and on line

Wed Feb 11th

1 – 3 pm Bible Study – Genesis – church hall
7 pm Early Church History: Rise of Islam –on line

Thurs. Feb. 12th

2 pm Vestry meeting
7- 9 pm Bible Study: Gospel of John -Tom's house & on line

Fri. Feb 13th

6 pm Park Group AA

Sat. Feb. 14th

2-4 PM MOVIE ++ *note new time*
Witness for the Protection (1957)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

8.30 am St Mary the Virgin Independent Anglican service Holy Communion
10.30 am MORNING PRAYER – St George's
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lan service
4-6 pm English Conversation Café

Monday Feb. 16th - FAMILY DAY

12.30 pm Friendship Circle
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum

Tues. Feb. 17th SHROVE TUESDAY 12 NOON - 2.30 PM PANCAKE LUNCH

6.30-8.30 pm Alpha studies at Tom's house & on line

Wed. Feb. 18th ASH WEDNESDAY

Services tba
7 pm Early Church History: No class this week

Thurs. Feb. 19th

7- 9 pm Bible Study: Gospel of John at Tom's house & on line

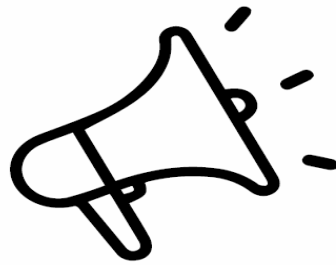
Fri. Feb 20th

6 pm Park Group AA

***The Thursday Evening Bible study on the Gospel of John is with the study guide "But Now I See", by Gerald M. Bilkes. Ask Tom or Judy for details

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++Everyone welcome to Join the Alpha Studies – Tuesday evenings an introduction to the basics of the Christian Faith. Weekly sessions – either on line or at Tom's house – talk to Tom for details – and check the flyer at the church. – no charge. **The series** began January 20, 2026 but you are still welcome to join

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+++ MOVIE..... SATURDAY FEB. 14TH 2-4 PM

Time has been changed ... you'll be home before dark!

WITNESS TO THE PROTECTION WILL BE SHOWN

EVERYONE WELCOME – TREATS WILL BE PROVIDED. – NO CHARGE

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PANCAKES TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH FROM 12 NOON TO 2.30 PM

PANCAKES, SAUSAGES, FRUIT, BEVERAGE ...PAY WHAT YOU WISH

THE BEST PANCAKE LUNCH IN TOWN – INVITE YOUR FRIENDS MUSIC, FUN, FRIENDS, AND A DELICIOUS LUNCH

FOOD SHARE : SOUP FOR THE SOUL

When: Feb 15th – March 8th

The food drive will again be partnering with Crossfire Assembly Soup for the Soul/Love Your Neighbour – bright red bags. The focus will be on providing soup, but all non-perishable food items and other supplies on their wish list will be most welcome. Bags and lists will be available after the service on Feb. 15th.

Jo-Anne

SOUP AND COMPLINE –at St George's

When: 5 pm. Thursdays during Lent commencing Feb. 26th Come for family style soup and bread.

Stay for Compline service at 7 pm.

Concluding Maundy Thursday, April 2nd with pot luck dinner, followed by Holy Communion service at 7 pm

Sign up sheet will be available for those able to bring a pot of soup.

BIBLIOMPOWER.....

The Book Club would like to thank Tom Power for our intriguing question and answer book chat concerning Augustine's Confessions. We look forward to his next chat on C.S.Lewis' Mere Christianity.

So much to learn and so many books yet to read!

The February book (Feb. 10th) is Maria Chapdelaine by Louis Hemon, with Linda leading. It seems appropriate to have a French teacher leading the discussion about a novel concerning early Quebec.

It is not necessary to read the book if you think you would like to come and just listen as that is also a good way to soak up new ideas. - Judy

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Our (retired) missionaries, Bill and Norma Jean have brought us up to date on the work that is ongoing with their team:

Translation of the Naskapi* Bible is a long term project, To date and previously published is:

New Testament 2007

Genesis 2013

Psalms 2019

Exodus 2023

In progress:

The Book of Judges - being audio recorded - 9 chapters done

The Book of Esther - finished to chapter 5

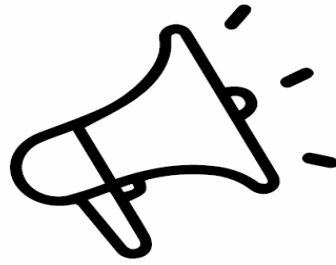
The Book of Jonah - community checked to chapter 4

The Book of Ruth - community checked to chapter 4

The Book of 2 Samuel - back translated – finished to chapter 24

The Book of 1 Kings currently being back translated – finished to chapter 15

- *The Naskapi (Nascapi, Naskapee, Nascabee) are an Indigenous people of the Subarctic native to the historical region St'aschinuw (ᑭᑦ ᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ, meaning*



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'our [inclusive] land'), which was located in present day northern Quebec, neighbouring Nunavik. They are closely related to Innu People, who call their homeland Nitassinan.

The Friendship Circle was full of interesting tidbits this past Monday afternoon and as we watched the snow blowing at the window the hot tea was better than ever. There were eleven of us including Max The Dog. We were happy that Mejas came too. Mejas is known to some of you and is a regular attendee at the Sunday evening Conversation Club. She and her husband are here from Germany. Alan and Louise joined us too. Somebody please tell them to keep coming. They do a good job in raising the comic relief factor.

This is how it worked:

- opening prayer in thankfulness for each other, and we especially remembered our dear friends Marg Boehm and Arpine and Colin Morris.
- we learned two brand new words: Doomscrolling, and nepo-baby. Ask James to tell you what they mean.
- we talked about the ancient Chinese women's language they invented to express themselves when they were seen and not heard. This was in the nineteenth century in Hunan Province. It was called Nushu. (Someone commented "Trust a woman's language to be called New Shoe.") It is interesting to know that it is making a comeback.

We read some of the poetry that we have tried to model after Celtic poems with thanks to a small guide book. I have permission to share some with you so keep reading.

We sang our own favourite hymns with our wonderful pianist Linda.
We chose O Zion Haste, They'll Know We Are Christians, As the Deer and Go Now In Peace.

Our three thankfulness poems are here. They are meant to be simple, small rhymes based on some examples from Celtic Prayers in poem form.

*Lord, I thank you for this day.
Guide me in your way, I pray.
Never let sin me from you stray.
I will do whatever you say.
(Linda M.)*

*Red sunrise spreads east
His welcome to feast.
Sun sinks, east to west.
Goodnight. He offers rest.
In the middle noon appears,
Son of Man holds close our fears.
In days, in moments, through time
Jesus offers the sublime.
(Judy S.)*

*I come to you with thanks abound
For all I see when I look around.
The sky so vast, for birds to fly free,
The earth so deep to root each tree.
Beauty that surrounds us, a sight to behold
We thank you Lord for the gifts yet to unfold.
Please help me to be forever in your praise
As I look upon your Heavenly grace.
(Alison B.)*

There are promises of more poems to come this week. We had a good afternoon together in the freezing temps. We would be happy to see you if you'd like to join us.

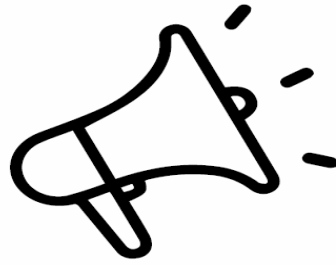
Want to enhance your vocabularytry these expressive and impressive words on your friends

Instead of : everywhere' – say **Ubiquitous**
generous, kind – say

Magnanimous
persistent, determined say

Tenacious
mysterious, unreadable- say

Inscrutable
talkative, chatty say **Loquacious**
wise, intelligent say **Sagacious**



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The Oak Study Centre has recently moved their office and library into space in our lower level.

The Oak Centre is a Christian organization created to encourage a life of the mind and a thoughtful approach to all academic disciplines from a Christian perspective.

The members of St George's will be welcomed to their workshops and guest speakers. Watch for postings.

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More of the Funnies – from Linda's friend

'This getting old is a terrible thing. I blacked out for twenty minutes this morning, then I realized I'd put my hoodie on backwards

'Last night my wife asked me if I'd seen the dog bowl. I said I didn't know he could'

'When I was little I didn't care what I wore. I just went along with what my parents chose.

When I look in old photo albums, I realize that they didn't care either '!

' It's perfectly OK to talk to yourself and it's perfectly OK to answer our self. But it's totally sad that you have to repeat what you said because you weren't listening'

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The very definition of 'sweet' best suits the Sunday School choristers who sang Jesus Loves Me two weeks ago for the congregation. There were three of them and four if you count Vessel who toddled up the aisle on his own to stand with his mom.

Thank you to Sabrina for the idea, to Christiana for teaching the children to sing and to Jane for playing the piano for them. Thank you to Ming, Ferdaus and Uriel for singing and to Soroush who might like to be in it next time.

Due to popular request they might even be singing again at Easter. What a jolt of joy they brought us.

When other families start to come how the little choir will blossom. It's something to look forward to. It will be interesting to see how this works. The pattern has been laid out and offered up so it will work. - Judy

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I recently bought a book of The Major Works of Gerard Manley Hopkins which includes his poems and selected prose.

I must share with you some of his unique thoughts from his sermon on Sunday evening, Nov. 23, 1879 in his church at Bedford Leigh (Greater Manchester, England.)

He has described Jesus in various ways, in different ways from which we usually think of him.

He describes him as "the hero...of the divine Gospels."

He also describes Jesus as a warrior, a conqueror, a King, a statesman, a thinker, an orator, a poet, "the desire of nations," "the greatest genius that ever lived."

He placed his comments in context which I do not have room to do here.

This, below, I thought, summarized Jesus beautifully.

"There met in Jesus Christ all things that can make man lovely and loveable."

- Judy

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Getting To Know...

William (Bill) Renwick our organist.

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

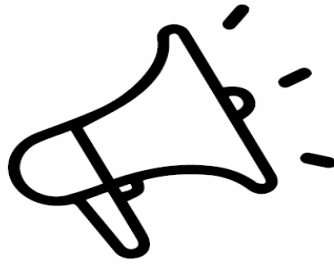
***What do you like about St. George's?
St. George's is full of very genuine, loving people.**

***Do you have a favourite bible verse or passage?
John chapter 1, or John 3:16.**

***Do you have a favourite hymn?
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven.**

***Is there one thing you would like to see happening at St. George's?
I would like to see our refugee find his freedom.**

***What is the most recent book you have read?
Eastern Approaches by Fitzroy Maclean. Fitzroy Maclean (11 March 1911 – 15 June 1996), was a British Army officer, writer and politician. In his, memoirs, Eastern Approaches, he recounted three extraordinary series of**



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adventures: travelling, often incognito, in Soviet Central Asia just before the outbreak of WW II; fighting in the Western Desert campaign, where he specialised in commando raids behind enemy lines; and living rough with Josip Broz Tito and his Yugoslav Partisans while commanding the Maclean Mission there. It is thought that Ian Fleming used Maclean as one of his inspirations for James Bond.

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