

The Wardens' Wire

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

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

Mon Feb. 23rd

12.30 pm Friendship Circle
7.30 pm CHORAL EVENSONG SERVICE with Hamilton Schola Cantorum

Tues. Feb. 24th

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

Wed. Feb 25th

1 – 3 pm Bible Study:Genesis - church hall

7 pm Early Church History: Life Together: Byzantine Christianity– on line

Thurs. Feb. 26th

10 am EXTENDICARE SERVICE
5- PM Light meal SOUP & BREAD followed by
7 pm COMPLINE SERVICE

Fri. Feb 27th

6 pm Park Group AA

Sun Mar 1

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

Mon. Mar 2nd

12.30 pm Friendship Circle
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum

Tues. Mar 3rd

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

Wed Mar 4th

1 – 3 pm Bible Study – Genesis – church hall
7 pm Early Church History: –The Cappodocians

Thurs. Mar 5th

2 pm Vestry meeting
5 - 7.45 PM Soup and bread and COMPLINE SERVICE

Fri. Mar 6th

10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION - St Marys
Feria in Lent in Latin & English all welcome
6 pm Park Group AA

SUNDAY, MAR 8th

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

Monday March 9th

12.30 pm Friendship Circle
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum

Tues. Mar 10th

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

Wed. Mar 11th

7 pm Early Church History
The Expansion of Christianity inside and outside the Empire

Thurs. Mar 12th

5 PM SOUP & bread
7.pm COMPLINE SERVICE

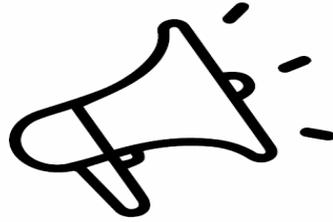
Fri. Mar 13th

6 pm Park Group AA

Sat. Mar 14th

2 – 4 pm **MOVIE ... 12 Angry Men**
All welcome – refreshments inc – no charge

ST GEORGE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
After service on SUNDAY MARCH 15th.



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LENT 2025 FEB. 18-APR 3

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

St George's is participating in a new resource from The Anglican Diocese of Canada (formerly called Anglican Network in Canada) on Matthew 25. The program has been sent via email to all church members and there are printed copies available for those who prefer hand held copies.. This publication is very attractive and easy to work through. It is hoped that everyone will participate, either at the Compline evenings, Friendship Circle or alone in their home. Tom will lead a discussion during the Lenten Thursday evenings prior to the Compline service and will also be available to those who have questions. Alison

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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR /SOUP FOR THE SOUL FOOD DRIVE

What a great opportunity to once again share through a food drive in partnership with Crossfire Assembly. The food drive emphasis is on soup, so warming and comforting on a winter's day. Red bags from Longos emblazoned with "From Our Family To Yours" are on the pew bench in the hall, pick up one (or more), take it home, fill it up, and return it before March 8th. Thank you to all

SOUP FOR THE SOUL FOOD SHARE

Jo-Anne's red bags which we will fill with soup and other food items to help those who find their cupboards empty puts me in mind of the poem I like to read each Lenten season. It was written by Robert Herrick (1591-1674) in 1648. I thought that you might like to read it too. The poem is called To Keep A True Lent. Thank you Jo-Anne for reminding us what keeping a true Lent should look like. - Judy

To Keep a True Lent

Is this a fast, to keep
The larder lean?
And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragg'd to go,
Or show
A downcast look and sour?

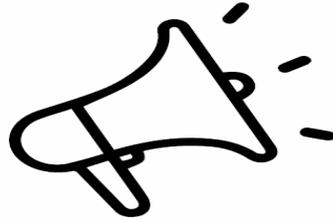
No, 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate;
To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.

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New friends are our shared treasure. It's our joy to welcome Sonya into our midst. She has agreed to do a regular short presentation on a piece of Scripture at the Friendship Circle, she is an enthusiastic book club member and she enjoys the Bible study. I think we should clone her and fill up the church with her brand of enthusiasm. She admits that she has already looked at the end of the next month's book club book to see how it ends and I have begged her not to tell me, even when I plead with her. Welcome Sonya!



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BOOK CLUB REVIEW FEBRUARY BIBLIOMPOWER

This month we read Maria Chapdelaine, described as the quintessential novel of French Canada. Written in 1916 by Louis Hemon, a French author who arrived in Northern Quebec in 1911 it gives us a very realistic view of Northern Quebec in the 1850s. Thanks to Judy for purchasing a number of these books for our pleasure.

We were all treated to a review of this novel by Linda M who set the stage, bringing a beautiful painting by Clarence Gagnon who had a series of paintings around this story. There was much discussion about the book and the questions Linda gave us broadened our thoughts on the harshness of the land, the characters and our personal stories of our forbearers coming to this land. All of us loved the book, the characters who came to life with Linda's prompting. Even though this year's winter in Southern Ontario has been less desirous than we would wish, we are indeed thankful we did not live in Northern Quebec in the 1850s! The meeting ended with Linda on the piano introducing to us two French songs which were mentioned in the book – along with English translation.

Thank you Linda for an excellent book discussion with us not so hardy Canadians.

The next book The Wonder by Emma Donoghue will be reviewed on March 17th – an Irish novel. The discussion will be led by Valerie Moore. If you would like to read it before March 17th, ask Judy or Alison for a copy.

Alison

UPCOMING BIBLIOMPOWER DATES;

April 14th *** note different day than originally scheduled*

THE FISHERS OF PARADISE - Rachel Preston – novel around the boathouse community in Cootes Paradise In the 1930s.

May 19th

WATERLILIES – stories told by young Afghan women who were brought to Canada in 2021.

June 15th – Mere Christianity – C S Lewis

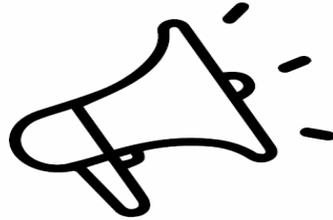
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PANCAKES240 pancakes, 275 sausages, apple sauce from Walter (thank you fine man), bountiful blueberries (just lucky there I think) and delicious maple syrup donated by Janet Shrove Tuesday at St George's was the place to be.... The doors 'officially opened' at 12 noon – but by 11.56 am the hall was packed!! We welcomed our Extencicare friends and their plates were ready for them by the time they were seated. Father Bob, Michael W and Pamela G had the grills hot in good time and the pancakes on the plates immediately. Thomas did a great job of looking after the oven, and it is SO much easier if there are two people at the stove – one to bend down to get the sausages out of the oven, and on to the plate, the other to pass the plate to Pam W at the counter greeting everyone in her lovely calm way. There are many, many jobs to run a smooth operation, and if it weren't for Judy, Melanie, Tina and Sandy helping everyone find a seat, helping with their plates, cups, etc. and then cleaning up the tables after they had left, there may have been 'a zoo' in there. James and Esther greeted everyone as they came in the door and graciously thanked them for coming and their donation. Linda M spent at least two hours playing every tune in the book - so many comments on how wonderful it was to have her piano accompaniment to the lively lunch hour. A mention also to our minister Paul for being willing to do every request asked of him !

Clean up in the kitchen, thanks to Michael and James, and others, went so smoothly we were out of the church by 3.15.

Thank you to all. It is so much work, but certainly the best place to be on Shrove Tuesday thank you for all who came for the luncheon, and our members who chatted with the visitors. One of my friends said 'you have a lot going on at St George's don't you ?'

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Of Local Interest

Some great history was recently found in the newsletter of our City councillor, brought to my attention by Jacquie DR For those of you in Ward 1 you may have already read the newsletter; I found it most interesting, there is more and I will glean other information for a later Wardens Wire:

Ainslie Wood was once a popular picknicking path outside of Hamilton's city limits In 1838 George Howlett Ainslie purchased 24 hectares of land in Barton Township, extending from Main St West to the Escarpment between Longwood Rd and Dow Ave. There he established a small farm and sturdy stone farmhouse (where Bond St S is today) leaving much of the 24 hectares of property untouched and known for its meandering creeks, stunning waterfalls and views of the Chedoke ravine .

The popularity of Ainslie's Wood was helped by the opening of the Hamilton & Dundas Street Railway in 1873,, the train travelled from Main and James Sts through the Durand and Kirkendall neighbourhoods before heading along Aberdeen to the far south west corner of the city. The intersection of Longwood and Aberdeen was the end of the city , people would get off there and venture out 'into the country for their picnic .

Forty years later, the son of George, Colonel Robert Ainslie, inherited the property and began transforming it into a peaceful rural retreat He added a pavilion and boat swings similar to what are seen today at amusement parks .

By 1881 25,000 people each year were visiting the park, known as a pleasure resort In 1885 the Hamilton & Dundas Street Railway bought the park and expanded it to include baseball diamonds, cricket patches and lacrosse fields Animals were exhibited, local bands played there, and stalls were set up to provide refreshment

Due to expansion of industry in the city of Hamilton, with railroad yards built between Chatham and Aberdeen, the popularity of Ainslie's wood began to decline around the turn of the century.

Remember?

by Miss M.E. Campbell

Remember? Well, every old-timer should,
The chief attractions of Ainslie's wood;
The eagle cage and the baseball green,
The old log bridge that crossed the ravine,
The paths that lured us, the Army band,
The luscious wares of the popcorn stand!
Then, tired and happy,
And full of lunch,
Home on the dummy*, a rollicking bunch.

REF: Hamilton Public Library archives

**A dummy was a low powered steam engine disguised as a coach; the disguise so the horses wouldn't bolt at the sound of the engine*
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POSITIVE THOUGHTS FROM LINDA

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

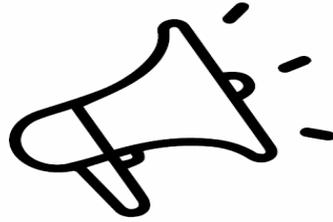
Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.



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HONING IN ON HYMNS

Jesus Saves!

Priscilla Jane Owens 1829-1907

We have heard the joyful sound:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land,
Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward!—'tis our Lord's command;
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Waft it on the rolling tide,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Tell to sinners far and wide,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Sing, ye islands of the sea,
Echo back, ye ocean caves;
Earth shall keep her jubilee,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.

Sing above the battle's strife,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
By His death and endless life,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Sing it softly thru the gloom,
When the heart for mercy craves,
Sing in triumph o'er the tomb,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.

Give the winds a mighty voice,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Let the nations now rejoice.
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Shout salvation full and free,
Highest hills and deepest caves,
This our song of victory,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.

Priscilla Jane Owens, born July 21, 1829 in Baltimore Maryland, of Scottish and Welsh descent dedicated nearly 50 years to teaching in the Baltimore public system. She demonstrated a life long commitment to teaching and fostering faith in children and nurturing their spiritual growth. Most of her hymns were written specifically for use in Sunday schools. Her hymns are known for simple, accessible language and joyful, marching style melodies, enabling congregation participation. A prolific hymn writer she contributed lyrics to numerous hymns, some of which have endured. Another favourite of Ms Owens is 'Will Your Anchor Hold' (1882) which has become the official hymn of The Boys' Brigade in Scotland. Her hymns continue to influence Christian worship, revival meetings and Sunday schools. Priscilla Owens passed away on Dec. 5, 1907 in Baltimore and is buried at Green Mount Cemetery

Alison

from Hymnology.com

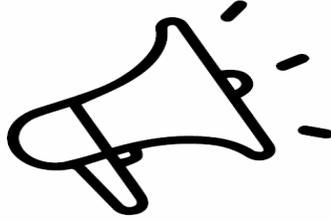
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And MORE POSITIVE THOUGHTS

**We could learn a lot from crayons:
some are sharp, some are pretty,
some are dull, some have weird names,
and all are different colors....but
they all exist very nicely in the same box.**

**A truly happy person is one who
can enjoy the scenery on a detour.**

**Have an awesome day, and
know that someone who thinks you're great
has thought about you today!..**



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