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ISSUE 71 --- MARCH 15-APRIL 6TH

SUNDAY, March 15, 2026

8.30 am St Mary the Virgin Ind. Anglican service
 10.30 am MORNING PRAYER – St George's
 FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service
 Conversation Cafe cancelled this Sunday

Mon Mar. 16th

12.30 pm Friendship Circle
 7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Tues. Mar. 17th

1.30- 3pm BIBLIOMPOWER BOOK CLUB
 6.30-8.30 pm Alpha Study – at Tom's house & on line

Wed. Mar. 18th

1 – 3 pm Bible Study:Genesis - church hall
 7 pm Early Church History: Carolingians
 Papacy & Empire – on line (see Tom P)

Thurs. Mar. 19th

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

Fri. Mar.20th

6 pm Park Group AA

Sun Mar. 22nd

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

Mon. Mar 23rd

12.30 pm Friendship Circle
 7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

Tues. Mar 24th

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

Wed Mar 25th

1 – 3 pm Bible Study – Genesis – church hall
 7 pm Early Church History: –Summation of
 Course & Legacy of Early Christianity
 – on line

Thurs. Mar26th

10-11.30 am Extencicare service
 5.00- 6.30 pm Soup and bread meal together
 7 -7.30 pm COMPLINE SERVICE

Fri. Mar27th

10.30 am ST MARY'S SERVICE THE ANNUNCIATION
 6 pm Park Group AA

SUNDAY, MAR 29TH

PALM SUNDAY

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
 5-7 pm English Conversation Café

Monday Mar 30th

12.30 pm Friendship Circle
 7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum

Tues. Mar 31st

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

Thurs. Apr 2nd

MAUNDY THURSDAY

5 PM Pot luck supper – all welcome
 7.pm HOLY COMMUNION

Fri. Apr 3rd

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30 AM ST GEORGE'S MORNING PRAYER SERVICE
 1 PM ST MARY'S SERVICE The Passion according
 to Saint John and the Adoration of the
 Cross
 6 pm Park Group AA

SATURDAY APRIL 4th

7.30 pm ST MARY'S THE VIGIL OF EASTER\

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH EASTER SUNDAY

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



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EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDAY THURSDAY - APRIL 2ND

7 PM holy communion
ST GEORGE'S
Preceded by pot luck supper

Good Friday – april 3

10.30 am morning prayer –
st george's

1 pm the passion according to
saint john and the adoration
of the cross st mary's

SATURDAY – APRIL 4TH

7/30 PM THE VIGIL OF EASTER
ST MARY'S

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5TH

10.30 AM HOLY COMMUNION
ST GEORGE'S

an infant was the strongest imagery possible for Jesus as the Alpha and Omega. I didn't know Charlene well but what I did know was that she was pleasant, kind and lived in harmony at the foot of the mountain with the creation she loved surrounding her. It was perfect that she chose All Things Bright And Beautiful to close her funeral service. We learn so much from one another. Her funeral spoke clearly to me about what a life of unwavering faith looks like. – Judy
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At my Scottish dancing class last week an unusual event at our warm up to stretch our limbs, instead of a grand marching tune or a bagpiper's tune our instructor introduced us to Love and Mercy This is not the original song by Brian Wilson (formally of The Beach Boys) but a 2025 version with Roger Daltrey (formerly of The Who)some of you will remember both these names from the 60s) This recording was recorded as a project of theirs to support a non profit organization called Miraculous Love Kids (est.2010) whose aim was to support young impoverished girls with music education in AFGHANISTAN . The non profit organization has collaborated with many artists and served as Afghanistan's only school of music for girls and young women until August 2021 when everything changed ...the guitar lessons, the recordings, the videos and the hope for a better life – all gone in a flash. The instruments destroyed, their dreams shattered. Let's hope that the music they learned still beats for them and helps them through this difficult episode of their young lives. Alison

Charlene's funeral service last week spoke of her love for her Saviour and of his love for her. Her request that at her funeral she lie beside the Baptismal font where she was baptized as

As a newcomer to St. George's Parish, I see an environment where people know they belong to a family of FAITH . There is a firm commitment to teaching the Bible



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clearly, with passion and conviction. (Thank You to ALL the members that make this happen)

The messages connect biblical truth to everyday life! I feel the community that encourages one another, and builds each other up..

There are so many God-given talents in the church;) There is also a focus on helping believers mature in their faith!! (not only during Sunday Worship , but Bible study, Friendship gathering, series during Lent etc...)

By highlighting these qualities (and there are more) I can understand as a new member, the value of joining and feel encouraged to contribute to the church's mission . *Sonya H*

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Soup for the Soul.

As in the past, the front hall pew was filled with bright red bags of food and supplies for our friends at Crossfire to share with their community. Thank you to all the generous people at 134 Emerson St again. ...**32 bags and 2 cases of soup.** Thank you to those wonderful Powell brothers – Keith, Alan and Chris who delivered the goods this week. I remember Mary Ellen so well and know she would be so happy to know that 'her boys' are so generous with their time and energy at St Georges'. And Thank you to Jo-Anne for again committing us all to this worthy cause .

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APRIL 10TH 1.30 (note new date) ..YOU'VE ONLY GOT THREE WEEKS TO READ

THE FISHERS OF PARADISE (pick up Mar. 17) a must read for us Hamiltonian's a local novel based on real life living in Cootes Paradise in the 1930s ...fascinating history of our city.

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BIRTHDAYS GALORE

March is a great time for birthdays at St George's. A fine fiesta was hosted by James G for the ladies of St George's who have March birthdays. Thank you James for your generous gift of lunch for all – and more – last Sunday.

And continuing on that theme.....thanks to Marg Boehm who for many years has provided the monthly birthday cake for our lunch (and thanks to Pam & Michael for picking it up each month). Celebrating birthdays is important to many who have no one to give them best wishes for the coming year and share a piece of cake with their St Georges' friends.

The tradition continues, as of April James G has offered to provide the monthly cake – how could we not celebrate our birthdays with a raucous Happy Birthday greeting the last Sunday of each month? Alison has agreed to pick up the cake monthly.

Here are the lovely March babies. Velma, Dora, Sandy, Bev, & Jo-Anne



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- You know you're getting old when you look at the clock to see if it's late enough to go to bed.
- .. **When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate**
 - .. **A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.**
 - .. **The batteries were given out free of charge.**
 - .. **A dentist & a manicurist married. They fought tooth & nail.**
 - .. **With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.**
 - .. **A boiled egg is hard to beat.**
 - .. **The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.**
 - .. **He had a photographic memory which was never developed.**

- Selfish – what the owner of a seafood store does**
- Relief – what trees do in the spring**
- Parasite s- what you see from the Eiffel Tower**
- Heroes what a man in a boat does**
- Avoidable – what a bullfighter tries to do**
- Counterfeiter – workers who put together kitchen cabinets**

Thanks to Linda's friend

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I've been scrolling through my ancient recipe book and came across this dessert recipe from Mrs. Margaret MacLennan, wife of the late Rev'd Donald MacLennan who was the greatly loved Rector at St. George's, Tom Street. The recipe was passed along to their daughter, Mary, who is the late mother of Fides Krucker. It is the Krucker Foundation family who give us generous help for our friends in Afghanistan. It is very easy to make and I thought it was a recipe worth celebrating so I'm sharing it with you.

- Judy (P. S. I conducted a taste test. Good!)

Mrs. Mac's Fruit Dessert

1. Grease pie plate
2. Layer all kinds of fruit in the bottom: apples, pears, whatever you have. I used strawberries, blueberries, black berries. (Thought the colours would look good!)
3. Whip together: 2 eggs
 - 1/2 cup margarine
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 cup flour
4. Then spread on top of fruit.
5. Bake at 325 for maybe 1/2 hour to 1 hour depending on your oven and keep an eye on it.
6. Delicious with whipped cream or ice cream.

(NB: I doubled it in a 9 x 12 pan.)

P.S. just took a spoonful out of the corner. Delicious. I'm going out to buy whipping cream.

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I don't know if you've tried to thread your way into the traffic lane you need at rush hour downtown. Main Street after Dundurn is a nightmare in the early morning.

I had occasion to go to the east end this week during heavy traffic time. And although it is not always the case in big traffic I noticed something different. In a piece of well choreographed consideration we all made it work and created a new traffic pattern, one that kept us all safe. If I needed in the left lane the person behind me slowed, stopped and gave me the get-go. I in turn did the same for the person behind me. On it went until we all found a comfortable place and we carried along together. It did make me think about inviting newcomers into our church. It made me realize the importance of making way for one another until we all find our happy place, a good fit, a safe belonging. You might say that this is a bit of my tendency to over-think kicking in but it amused me all the way to where I was headed. It taught me a little lesson in welcoming.



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We can just pull over to let the next person in too
and we all win. - Judy

Honing in on hymns

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tow'r:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always Thou and Thou
only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

A beautiful hymn, a favourite of Marg Boehm, I was able to find out quite a bit about the authors, but still don't know the story behind the wonderful words penned so many centuries ago.

The text originated as an Old Irish poem called "Rop tú mo Baile" (Be Thou my Vision), attributed to the 6th-century Irish Christian poet Dallán Forgaill, though some scholars debate this attribution. For centuries, it existed as a traditional Irish monastic prayer. The poem was

translated from Old Irish to English by Mary Elizabeth Byrne in 1905, and later versified by Eleanor Hull in 1912, creating the hymn text that is widely known today. The melody, known as "Slane," is a traditional Irish folk tune named after the Hill of Slane where, according to legend, St. Patrick defied a royal edict by lighting an Easter fire in 433 AD. The hymn gained widespread popularity in the English-speaking world during the early 20th century through various hymnals and has since become a staple in Christian worship across denominations, beloved for its poetic expression of spiritual devotion and its distinctive Celtic musical character.

Mary Elizabeth Byrne was born on 2 July 1880. Her father, Charles, was a stationer at the time, and by 1901 they were living in his news agency. He died on 17 March 1909.

Mary attended the school which was the first Catholic girls school to provide university classes for women. She attained a Masters Degree with first class honours in 1905 and was awarded the Chancellor's gold medal for English prose. She spent a lot of time working on a Dictionary of the Irish Language and her research work included work on cataloguing the manuscripts of the Royal Irish Academy.

At the time of her death she was working on a 10th century Irish version of The Destruction of Troy. Her translation of Early Middle Irish verse was the basis for hymn. Mary died on Jan. 31 1931 in Dublin having contracted an illness while attending a Celtic Congress in London.

Eleanor Hull, born in Manchester UK in 1860 and moved to Ireland as a child. She became a significant hymn writer within the Irish community. She founded the Irish Text Society and served as President of the Irish Literary society of London. Her contribution in hymn writing gained great recognition with her versification of Be Thou My Vision in 1912. Her dedication to Gaelic culture left a lasting impact on Irish Literary and Heritage. She died in Wimbledon England in 1935.

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