

# The Wardens' Wire

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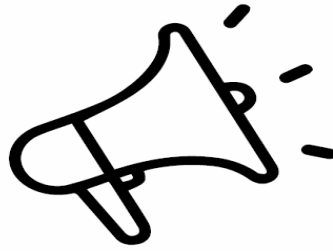
## **He is risen**

**“On the third day He rose again.” What does that mean? In the words of To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism (2013): It means that “Jesus was not simply resuscitated. God restored him physically from death to life in his perfected and glorious body, never to die again. His tomb was empty; Jesus had risen bodily from the dead. The risen Jesus was seen by his apostles and hundreds of other witnesses.”(47) What effect did it have on them? Before the resurrection Jesus’ followers were meek, doubting, and fearful, taking refuge behind locked doors. After the resurrection they were transformed into confident believers who fearlessly wanted to share the good news and who were prepared to die as martyrs in its cause.**

**The evidence for the resurrection is clear and irrefutable. It wasn’t the case that the apostles were deceived by some kind of hallucination. It wasn’t that they constructed some kind of myth or made up some bogus story. It wasn’t the case that the apostles were deceivers engaged in some kind of conspiracy. It wasn’t the case that Jesus didn’t die, i.e. that we was in a swoon from which he woke up. No: the hard evidence of the New Testament texts is clear and irrefutable: Jesus died and Jesus rose again.**

**At the time and ever since, the news that Jesus had risen set people’s hearts on fire and changed lives. In comparison, the precept that we should “Love our neighbour” was not real news, then or now. What was great news (the essence of the gospel) was that the man who claimed to be the Son of God and Saviour of the world had risen from the dead.**

**So we celebrate joyfully and thankfully this day. We are delivered from sin and restored to**



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eternal life. Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. Earth and heaven are joined. God and man are reconciled. God's mercy to us is exceedingly joyful and beyond our comprehension. For you and me this day, here is the assurance Jesus gives us: "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:40). Alleluia!  
Tom Power

## EASTER .....SUNDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

8.30 am St Mary the Virgin Ind. Anglican service  
10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION – St George's  
2.00 pm Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service  
Conversation Cafe cancelled this Sunday

**Mon April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
12.30 pm Friendship Circle – casual drop in  
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

**Tues. Apr 7<sup>th</sup>**  
6.30-8.30 pm Alpha Study – at Tom's house & on line

**Wed. Apr 8<sup>th</sup>**  
1 – 3 pm Bible Study:Genesis - church hall

**Thurs. Apr 9<sup>th</sup>**  
7 pm Bible Study – The study of John  
At Tom's house and on line

**Fri. Apr 10<sup>th</sup>**  
6 pm Park Group AA

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**Sun Apr 12<sup>th</sup>**

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. Apr 13<sup>th</sup>**  
12.30 -2.30 pm Friendship Circle  
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice

**Tues. Apr 14<sup>th</sup>**  
1.30= 3 pm **BIBLIOPower BOOK CLUB+**  
6.30-8.30 pm Alpha studies at Tom's house and on line

**Wed Apr 15<sup>th</sup>**  
1 – 3 pm Bible Study – Genesis – church hall

**Thurs. Apr 16<sup>th</sup>**  
7-9 pm Bible Study – John - at Tom's house and on line

**Fri. Apr 17<sup>th</sup>**  
6 pm Park Group AA

**Sat. Apr 18<sup>th</sup>**  
2 pm – 4.15 pm **MOVIE .... Refreshments & treats**  
**Northwest by Northwest ++**

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## SUNDAY Apr 19<sup>th</sup>

8.30 am St Mary the Virgin Ind. Anglican service  
10.30 am **EASTER LESSONS & HYMNS – St George's**  
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2.00 pm **Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh service**  
5-7 pm English Conversation Café

**Monday Apr 20<sup>th</sup>**  
12.30 pm Friendship Circle  
7.30 pm Hamilton Schola Cantorum

**Tues. Apr 21st**



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**6.30-8.30 pm** Alpha studies at Tom's house & on line  
**Wed. Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**1-3 pm** Bible Study – Genesis – in church hall  
**Thurs. Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7-9 pm** Bible Study – John – at Tom's house & on line  
**Fri. Apr 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**6 pm** Park Group AA

**SUN. Apr 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**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. Apr 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.30-2.30PM** Friendship Circle  
**7.30 pm** Hamilton Schola Cantorum practice  
**Tues Apr 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**6.30-8.30** Alpha studies at Tom's home and on line  
**Wed Apr 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**1-3 pm** Bible Study – Genesis – at church hall  
**Thurs Apr 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**7-9 pm** Bible Study – John at Tom's house & on line  
**Fri May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**6 pm** Park AA Group

+ April 14<sup>th</sup> The Fishers of Paradise, Rachael Preston - review of this local novel about the boat community in Cootes Paradise.

++ April 18h Movie – afternoon ....join us for the suspenseful movie Northwest by Northwest **A classic 1959 Alfred Hitchcock spy thriller starring Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, and James Mason.**

+++ April 19<sup>th</sup> Easter Lessons & Hymns  
 If your neighbours and friends tell you they are 'sorry they missed Easter Sunday, let them know it's not too late. A beautiful worship service celebrating Easter lessons and hymns should not be missed!

## Upcoming events:

### The Spirituality of the Book of Kells

The world-famous Book of Kells is an illustrated copy of the four gospels in Latin. It dates to c.800 AD. The original is in Trinity College Dublin. Join Tom Power for four classes (online) to explore the spiritual riches of this jewel of Western Art.

**Wednesday 13 May, 7-8 pm:** The Book of Kells in its Context: Celtic Monasticism

**Wednesday 20 May, 7-8 pm:** Book of Kells: Background and General Features

**Wednesday 27 May, 7-8 pm:** Book of Kells: Portraits and Full-Page Illustrations

**Wednesday 3 June, 7-8 pm:** Book of Kells: Eucharistic and Christological Symbolism

Class outing to Toronto to view an exquisite copy of the Book of Kells. Date to be confirmed.

Email Tom Power for the zoom link and the resource pack: thomppower@gmail.com

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## BIBLIOMPOWER BOOK CLUB

**19 May *Waterlilies: Stories by young Afghan Women who came to Canada with The Shoe Project in 2021.***

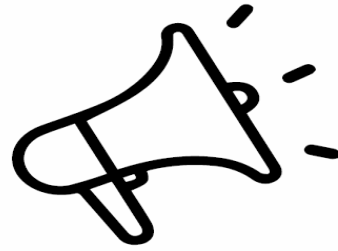
**15 June *The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith* by Tim Keller (Tom Power)**

Join us for the final two book club selections for this year. The final June meeting will include a light pot luck lunch – come at 1 pm for a social chat over our lunch – what was your favourite book of our BiblioMpower 2025-2026? After which we will delve into serious discussion on *The Prodigal God*, Tim Keller. Led by Tom Power

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## USED CLOTHING FOR BANGLADESH

Do you have any gently used clothing items you could donate to a worthy cause? During April and



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May we are collecting as much as we can for folks in Bangladesh.

Here is the background. Aladin of Gino's Pizza provides our Sunday afternoon English Conversation Club with pizza. In conversation, he told me that twice a year in May and December he brings back used clothing to distribute in his home country of Bangladesh. Why would he do that you may ask. He tells me that many folks in Bangladesh work in the large clothing factories operated there by companies like H&M, Zara, Gap, Walmart, Tommy Hilfiger, Calvin Klein, and Levi. The working conditions in these factories are deplorable. What's worse the workers in them can't afford to buy the clothes they work to make. That is why our friend, Aladin, brings back used clothing twice yearly. As a neighbourly gesture, I think it would be a good thing for St. George's to help Aladin out as he is a good friend to our Conversation Club.

Here is a list of what he requires:

Adults: shirts, pants, shoes, sweat shirts, jackets. No Canadian winter wear.

Children: long-sleeved shirts, sandals, trousers, tee-shirts, slippers. No Canadian winter wear.

Also needed: soap, toothpaste.

A large tree will be available in the parish hall to receive your donations. Tom.

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## Sunday School

We will take the children downstairs during the last verse of the children's hymn. This way they can sit upstairs as an integral part of the church family and learn the music of the hymns that were written expressly for them.

They will remember those words forever as did my late father-in-law who, in his nineties, told me that he used to sing Jesus Loves Me to get to sleep at night. - Judy

TREES.....I love trees. Just now I see the promise of deep green leaves in those tiny buds, leaves that will burst into bloom all summer and then drop all over the place come autumn and expect me to rake

them up. It's perhaps a bit of a surprise for the trees that I don't rake them. I let them sit there all winter in an effort to make myself look like an environmental whiz kid who knows something about leaving them on the lawn that churns them into rich, dark humus that will in turn make the daffodils that pop up in spring into splendid tributes to horticulture. I know nothing about horticulture so I made that up. Truth is that I'm lazy about raking. There will soon be so many rich, dark leaves on that tree at the back of my house that I have complete privacy when I'm reading. Nobody can see me except the guy in the house next door who tells me he sees me nodding off from time to time. Otherwise it's my own private green library, away from noise and bother.

The thing is this. A neighbour chopped it down for us ten years ago because it appeared to be dying. He left a part of the trunk which threw up several shoots. I decided that I'd save one and keep cutting the others down to give the one shoot extra strength. And it worked. This new tree is healthy and huge. It fills up the sky. It throws down its green tracery on me as it weaves itself in and out of shade and sun.

I think about that tree and remember how weak, pathetic it was not long ago and with a bit of TLC it came back into a better life than it had in the first place.

Nature is all of a Heavenly designed bundle. And sometimes when I'm sitting there I stop reading to look at it and I wonder if all of life reflects all of life, if you get my meaning.

The tree was weak and wanting. It grew new shoots. It needed some help when I chopped off the extraneous shoots. Then it sprang to new life and new purpose, a much healthier, happier tree in every way than it was in its previous incarnation. All of nature dances to the same tune.

We sprang from a Heavenly hand by design. It's not accidental that shoots and wounds bounce back with new life. The trick is that we ourselves have to ask for help with new growth.

It's part of the grand plan. I wrote about this tree last spring too so do forgive, but It is a great blessing to recognize that God and nature are one. - Judy



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English Conversation Circle -  
The Conversation Club is growing. The young people who come are becoming friends with one another and helping each other in a variety of ways. The attendance runs at about 10-12. Many thanks to one of our McMaster friends for his interesting presentation on Confucius and Christian thought in terms of how the concept of love is expressed. We discussed the idea of benevolent love (Confucianism) and loving our neighbours as ourselves (the Christian concept.)

Many thanks also to our good friend who came to Canada from Afghanistan. He works on refugee issues and has introduced us to a petition that will go this month to the Government of Canada regarding the expediting of Afghan refugees. Many riches of human connectivity of the Gospel variety unfold right here in our Parish Hall. - Judy  
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- .. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.**
- .. Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.**
- .. Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.**
- .. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.**

Those who have attended Compline this year during Lent, or attend the Evensongs at St George's will know of the beautiful hymns for Evening that are in the Hymn Book. There are 30 of them ! All written centuries ago when those enjoying the hymn hardly knew of the turmoil in distant lands. A favourite for all I think is The Day that thou Gavest Lord is ended. The third verse in particular makes me think of those in distant

lands who may be waking after a difficult restless night, not ever knowing the peace. In our lifetime we have blessed with peace, but have seen 'empires pass away' We thank God for our blessed life.

## HONING ON HYMNS

THE DAY THOU GAVEST, LORD

HYMNIST J. Ellerton

*The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.*

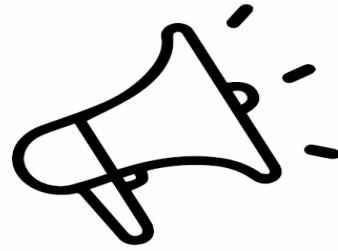
*We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping  
and rests not now by day nor night.*

*As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.*

*The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.*

*So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway*

On searching out the biography of John Ellerton I feel very connected: John Ellerton was born in 1826 in Clerkenwell (then Middlesex) My great-grandparents on my mother's side grew up in Clerkenwell, now part of London, and the last time I was in England I walked that whole area, looking at houses and addresses taken from the census' of



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the day (and peeked into an 18<sup>th</sup> century 'pub' called The Three Kings which I imagined a distant relative of mine visited !) John Ellerton then moved to the Isle of Man and attended King William's College there – behold I will be there in three weeks, searching out the ancestry of my father's side – my paternal grandparents came to Canada from the Isle of Man. Rev John Ellerton returned to Surrey, England (where I grew up !!) and passed away in Torquay, Devon in 1893

Alison

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Thanks to Sandra for making 75 crosses from the palm strips for Palm Sunday. This is very time-consuming and we are so fortunate that Sandra is willing to do this. She has tried to show others (myself included) how to do this – but it seems to me it takes years of practice .... And having to do so just once a year I think it is something I will never manage!

Thanks also to Louise for the palm display at the altar on Palm Sunday, and also for the beautiful arrangements that just magically appear on our lunch tables each Sunday - so lovely – thank you.

Alison

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