

ST. LUKE'S

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019



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The Rector's Message

Alleluia! Christ is risen! It is just a week after Easter Day that I write this message, but it is still the season of Easter, which lasts right up to Pentecost Sunday (June 9th.) My wife, Katherine, and I returned just the Friday before Holy Week from a visit to Avignon, France to see our daughter, Louisa, who has been teaching there. It was a wonderful opportunity to be together as a family and also to explore so many interesting and ancient places. Some of the things that you see everywhere you look are churches and beautiful artwork and sculptures often related to the Christian faith. At the highest point of just about every village or city is a statue of “our Lady, Mary” or of Christ. Although France has become in many respects a largely secular society, like here, the importance of Christ is still so evident after all these centuries.



We, at St. Luke’s, know that Christ is not only a historical artifact, however. The Christ we celebrate at Easter is the living Christ, who continues to be alive in our own hearts, is our companion on our earthly pilgrimage, and, through the Holy Spirit guides us on. Christ is the reason that St. Luke’s Church is a living Church that is making such a difference in the lives of so many in Burlington and beyond.

Please read ahead in the pages that follow to see what we’re about and to find more ways in which you can be involved. Giving your time and your talent by volunteering in one of our many ministries can make your own life more meaningful and enjoyable.

One of things that I would commend to you is attending the next visiting choir that St. Luke’s is hosting in July. Their performance at St. Luke’s is Friday, July 12th at 7:30 p.m. It is the French Boys’ Choir, Maîtrise des Hauts de France. We will also need help billeting the boys and their leaders. If you would be interested in hosting, please contact Veronica Richards-Miller.

I would also encourage you to come to the One Burlington: celebrating Faith and Culture, on August 5th from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Central Park Band Shell in Burlington – right beside Central Library. It will be a wonderful way to learn more about our own and other faiths and to celebrate so many good values that we share together.

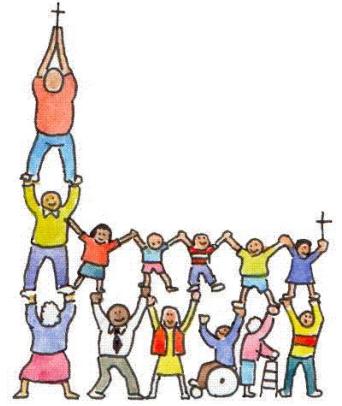
I do hope that you will also find some time in the summer months for rest and refreshment. If you go away during the summer I would encourage you to attend a church wherever you are on Sundays. It is interesting to see what other churches are doing. Let me know something which you have enjoyed at other churches. I wish you all a blessed summer ahead and safe travels if you’re traveling.

Your brother in Christ, Canon H. Stuart Pike.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "S" at the beginning.

Wardens' Report

This report comes to you as we await some warm sunny weather after a frigid winter and hesitant Spring. Easter Friday came in cold and damp but Easter Sunday the sun was shining as we raised our voices in "Halleluiah" as our hearts were filled with thanks and praise for the glory of the resurrection . Our hearts fill with thanks too for our hard - working clergy who lead us spiritually through the celebration of Easter and all aspects of our lives.



As we hopefully move into Spring, we can look back on a harsh winter that brought much snow and ice and consequent increase in costs for snow removal and salt spreading to combat slippery conditions . We are blessed in having received no reports of people falling and injuring themselves. It is part of our mandate as wardens to ensure the safety of all our parishioners and to that end we are constantly upgrading and updating our buildings and grounds .

In keeping with our efforts to keep St. Luke's green , we are asking everyone to respect the decision to ban all one-time use plastic from the buildings and grounds of St. Luke's. You will surprise yourself how much plastic wrapping , containers etc. you use in the course of a day. Please take time to consider what you can do to eradicate plastics that are not reusable.

This year we were fortunate in having several volunteers to repaint the Great Hall and they did a splendid job in making it look fresh and clean again. Please do your part by not hanging or sticking anything to the walls. Remember that we offer our hall as a rental space to the general public and it is a reflection of our church that should be kept clean and neat at all times.

This year we are happy to welcome Marie Danielsen as Deputy People's Warden and Tim Tiernay as Deputy Rector's Warden and know that we will all enjoy working together to ensure that under the dedicated leadership of the Rector we will serve our diverse church family to the utmost of our abilities .

Regretfully we say "Goodbye" to two of our church family. Laura and Sean Tiernay's next stage in their life's journey takes them to B.C . Know that you are both loved and that your mission with St. Luke's was truly appreciated. We will miss you and may God continue to watch over you and bless your every day.

As Wardens, we are fortunate in having the guidance and leadership of our Rector, Canon Stuart.

To him we owe a great many thanks for his dedication and support as we go about our many and varied tasks .

Wardens' Report continued

In this newsletter, you will read of the many activities and programs that take place in our parish on a daily basis. If you are interested in participating in any area, please let the organizers know or contact either of us . There is also a suggestion box in the Narthex where you can leave a note of your concerns, ideas, or wishes. The box is checked on a weekly basis .

As our Mission Statement decrees :

WE SEEK...spiritual growth by living the message of Jesus Christ

WE SERVE...our diverse church family and the broader community through worship , fellowship , mission and outreach

Respectfully submitted ,

Bob Bruce

Carole Prytula

Rector's Warden

People's Warden

Pastoral Assistant Report

Dear friends,

It is now almost eight months since I came to this church community as your Pastoral Associate Priest. There have been many opportunities for work, learning, and getting to know this parish and its members, and it has all been surrounded by the love, care, and support I keep receiving from this congregation. It is my joy to share some reflections with you about my ministry so far in this our parish newsletter.



As a priest in the church and at the service of this local community, I have had many opportunities for exercising liturgical presidency as well as preaching duties, collaborating with other parish members, lay and ordained alike, who carry on with so much of the pastoral life of the congregation.

Pastoral Visits: Whether in the home, hospital, or long-term care facilities, are a regular part of my work. I have been able to represent our congregation in bringing pastoral care to different people in these circumstances, and it remains a joy to enable them to participate in our sacramental communion.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors: A key element in our parish visiting ministry is that of lay Eucharistic visitors.

Pastoral Assistant Report continued

These sisters and brothers, after a brief training, enable our congregation to bring the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist to people who are otherwise prevented from coming to church themselves. They are dedicated, passionate for those on the ‘receiving end’ of this ministry, and devoted to the place that the Holy Eucharist has in our spiritual lives.

Residential Communities: I am among several members of our congregation who visit and enable residential facilities patients to worship, sing hymns, hear the Scriptures, and participate from the sacraments of the Church. This is yet another ministry of deep impact, and needing your prayers and support for both ministers and those being ministered to.

Parish Management and Governance: I get to attend both Parish Executive (excepting *in camera* sessions) and Parish Council meetings and thus to better appreciate the effort and coordination required for managing a parish, especially one like St Luke’s. The commitment, passion, and good humour of our leaders, both lay and ordained, have made these experiences so much more fruitful to me, and have given me much needed knowledge and familiarity (a work in progress on both counts) with these tasks. I very much look forward to further opportunities for learning about parish management, and to learning from our parish church leaders.

Bible Studies: While I am yet to participate with any other group in the parish, so far it has been a blessing to attend the Saturday 9am Men’s Bible Study Group. There is much to learn and reflect upon with such a wonderful group, and our weekly sessions are a source of inspiration and new knowledge for me.

Safe Church: Recently, we successfully completed a first stage of this project, and we hope that for the second installment, we will be able to include all members of the congregation who either require or could benefit from this training.

It has been my joy to both get to know and minister with you all. I am very grateful for the welcome and kind support I have received, and pray to God that I may continue learning, growing, and serving, with you, as part of this wonderful parish church of St. Luke.

In Christ,

Leonel

From the Deacon's Diary



There is a passage from the gospel of Mark that I keep close to me and it is one that I need to refer to every now and again when I feel “overloaded”.

“The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile. For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure time even to eat.” (Mark 6:30-31)

In our highly stressed, busy society it is important that we maintain this picture of Jesus in our minds. He knew when it was time to withdraw to seek a new spiritual landscape and to correct his perspective. There were many occasions where he needed to turn his back on harsh reality and seek rest. Flight might have been prudent, but he chose prayerful withdrawal for replenishment and re-creation. Time and time again, he withdrew from his teaching, his healing and his preaching. He left behind those who wanted to share a meal with him, those who wanted to touch him and those who just wanted to put their hand on the hem of his robes.

Most of us are tightly scheduled and burdened with all manner of obligations so that the idea of walking away, simply withdrawing from the demands of the alleged “real” world seems almost impossible. Jesus shows us a rhythm of going out and coming back, of departure and return almost like the regular life-giving rhythm of breathing.

Did Jesus shirk his responsibilities? Was he chastised for dereliction of duty? In his gospel, Mark tells of how at sundown, all who were sick or were possessed with demons were brought to his door. He cured many of the sick, and then in the morning while it was still dark, he got up, went to a deserted place and there he prayed. The disciples then have to hunt him down and tell him everyone is looking for him. Instead of returning to the town, he tells his disciples “Let us move on to a neighbouring town.” We might well ask what gave Jesus the right to walk away from all those people who needed him. He did not do this out of indifference or being hard-hearted, but he did it out of the need to renew, refresh and redirect himself.

How often do we see today various comic strips that portray a mother escaping to the relative calm and peace of a soaking tub only to be disturbed by children banging on the door with requests and complaints that were nowhere in evidence a short time ago. For us to go away by ourselves to rest and escape the “everyday” is not an exercise in selfishness. It is, however, a practice of self care that is highly beneficial for our well being. How many times do we protest; I don’t have time; I’m too busy; I’ve got a deadline to meet. These should not be used as excuses to prevent self healing because they will always be there. They are a part of our life. Whether we go away for a short time, or long time everything will still be there waiting for us when we come back.

Deacon's Report continued

Just like Jesus, our need to refresh and renew is always placed squarely in the midst of life's demands and "real life" will be waiting our return. Our retreat away is a limited time of engagement from the world's concerns to make possible a deeper engagement with God and our own best self.

A retreat is time away from our work-a-day surroundings. We might picture an ancient monastery or place of great natural beauty. We are more attentive to prayerfulness when the environment is filled with reminders that lead us to prayerfulness. Silence, art, music and worship by a religious community are all things we look for in a retreat. Worship within a religious community can be so nourishing, that prayer soaks into the walls of the chapel and floats in the air. But this type of retreat is not for everyone. We need to learn how to pray, how to be silent and how to let the power of God be absorbed into our very being.

In our busy world, full of external stimuli, we are surrounded by "stuff". As solitary sheepherders, or a lighthouse keeper on a remote island, or the nomads of the desert, or the Inuit eking out an existence in the far north, the idea of going apart would seem absurd. We would have no need to seek solitude and clear the clutter of our souls.

So, just as Jesus did, we need to remove ourselves from everything that surrounds us, walk away, find a quiet place for an hour, a day, a week, or however long we need, to refresh, recreate and nourish our souls. When we come back, everything is still there; we just see it in a different light. The spreadsheet you were working on suddenly falls into place or timetabling our children's sports schedule suddenly becomes more manageable. Nothing changed while you were away, but when you return you are more able to face each new challenge, as well as the old ones with a renewed spirit.

The next time everything is getting you down and you say, "I'm running away!" then do it. You don't have to go far, but the journey back will bring new meaning and a renewed energy to you.

"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile."

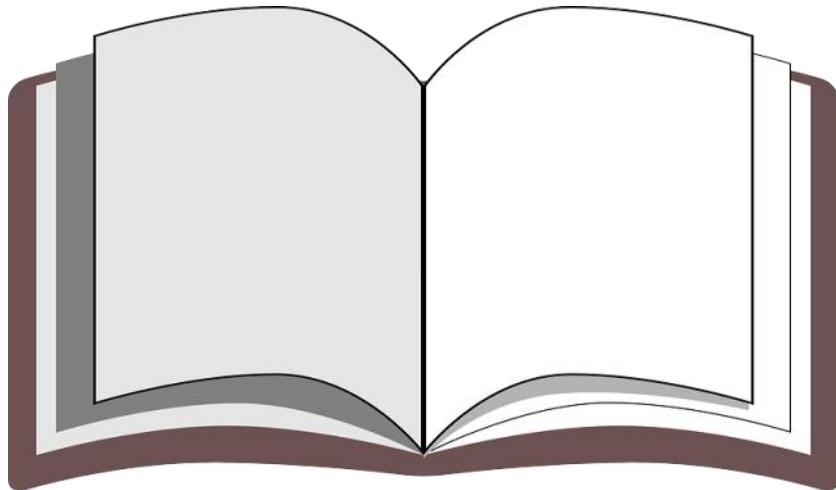
May God grant you peace in your soul and faith in your heart.

Sheila

Rev. Sheila Plant
Parish Deacon



Life Passages



January

Beverley Ann Bamforth
Martin Hazelden
Peter Wayne Elliott
Roy Thomas Johnston
Andrew James Golis

February

Wendy Leigh Wootton
Nellie Irene Hickey
Christopher Raymond Taylor
Stuart John Lyle

March

Edna May Simpson
Michael Thomas James Wyatt
Alice Jean Fell
Helen Margaret Coghill
Helen Margaret Viola Kelsey
Joan Marie Blackwell

April

Cameron Bradley Cook
Robert Rooks
Brenda Pinder Parsons

ST. LUKE'S Summer 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS – June, July, August

Note: Regular Sunday 8:15 and 10:00 and Wednesday 10:00 am services continue through June, July and August. There will also be a 1:00pm communion in the Parish Hall on the last Sunday of July and August. There will be no pub nights in June, July, and August, and no Taize services in July and August.

May

24 7:30 pm Harlequin Singers Concert in the Parish Hall

June

1 8:00am to 1:00pm Giant Indoor Garage Sale

14 7:30 pm Taize service

30 8:15 and 9:30 am Canada Day Services

July

12 7:30pm French Boys' Choir in the Church

28 1:00pm Sunday Afternoon Communion in the Parish

August

5 12:00 to 4:00pm One Burlington Festival at Central Park Band Shell

25 1:00pm Sunday Afternoon Communion in the Parish Hall

28 2:00pm Friends of St. Luke Day

“What a Wonderful World”

Musical Concert



Friday, May 24th, 2019

7:30 P.M.

St Luke's Anglican Church

1382 Ontario Street (Parish hall), Burlington

Presenting

The Harlequin Singers

in a Cabaret style concert

To support children in need, locally in our community and beyond

Tickets \$25

By calling 905-681-6097

(Please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank)

St. Luke's Anglican Church Parish Hall
1382 Ontario Street
Burlington



We need your help with our huge garage sale for St. Luke's

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

VOLUNTEERS,

Children's Items & Toys, Clothing, Books

General Household Items, Furniture

Garden Plants & Treasures,

Goodies for our Bake Table

NO COMPUTERS, TVs, MAJOR APPLIANCES, VCR TAPES,

MATTRESSES, UPHOLSTERED OR CHILDREN'S

FURNITURE PLEASE

**Drop off donations -Thurs May 30th or Fri May 31st, 9:00AM -
7:00PM**

For information or to arrange for pick up call:

Alan 905 634 5483 or Brad 905 331 1928

Friends of St Luke's Day - August 28th — Help Needed!

As we enter into the summer season, many of the activities we normally partake in under the Parish Life Umbrella draw to a close for the season, and people turn their attention to cottage getaways, gathering around BBQs with friends and relatives, and just enjoying the great outdoors.



Before you go though, we would like to draw your attention to an annual event that we hold in August of each year, and that is our “Friends of St. Luke’s Day”, which is being held this year on Wednesday, August 28th.

On this day we will be hosting an afternoon worship service followed by an afternoon tea for elderly shut-ins and those from nearby nursing and retirement homes who are unable to get to regular services. Some of these people were once regular attendees at St. Luke's, who look forward to being able to return each year.

The success of this event is dependent on the participation of many, to help out in all the various roles needed to make this event memorable. If you can help us out in any of the following ways, please contact Lesley Emery @ (905) 639-7222, or echidna77@icloud.com.

Drivers - to pick up and transport people to and from their homes.

People to work curb side - Seeing our guests safely from where they are dropped off, to the church, over to the parish hall following the service, and back to their transportation after the tea.

Welcomers - to greet our guests as they arrive for the service.

Kitchen and Hall Help before/during/after the tea - (contact Martha Hemphill directly @ (905) 632- 6516).

Submitted by Lesley Emery



MUSIC at St.Luke's
Presents a concert
By
La Maîtrise des Hauts de France
("French Boys' Choir")



Friday July 12 at 7.30pm
In the Church at 1371 Elgin Street,
Burlington.

Tickets are \$20.00
Available by calling
905-681-6097

French Boys' Choir July 11, 12 - Help Needed

As announced in the last newsletter
On **Thursday July 11 and Friday July 12**
St. Luke's will be hosting
La Maîtrise des Hauts de France
(“French Boys' Choir”)

The choir will be singing at a concert in the church on Friday evening at 7.30pm.
The Ad hoc committee is now asking for the help of all parishioners .

- Number one to buy tickets for the concert which will be on sale at \$20.00 each starting at Coffee hour on Sunday June 2 or by calling **Jackie at 905-681-6097**
- Number two by offering to host choir members and the accompanying adults. It is going to be a challenge as we have to find billets for a total of 45 people consisting of 38 choir members and six adults. So Veronica needs all the help she can get.
Please give **Veronica a call at 905-637-6341**
- Number three by offering to help on the day by setting up tables and chairs in the hall for the pre-concert meal, by helping serve the meal, by taking chairs from the hall to the church if we have a sell out.

La Maîtrise des Hauts de France (“French Boys' Choir”) is a group of about thirty singers in all regular registers (boy soprano, alto, tenor and bass). These children and young adults come from the town of Lambersart and from the City of Lille. The vocal quality acquired by the choir allows it to perform a vast repertoire of mainly sacred music and harmonized popular songs. Since its creation, the Maîtrise des Hauts de France performs on a regular basis, during the school breaks, in the area of Lille, in France, in Europe and in North America.



Christmas Market Report - Summer Newsletter 2019

The last time the Christmas Market team leaders met was on a very snowy Saturday morning . Our purpose was to get together for a thank you pot-luck lunch and a review of the 2018 market results . In spite of the weather we were able to enjoy a wonderful lunch and to talk about how much we had enjoyed the very successful 2018 market, and to plan for the next one. Our discussions are always lively, with new ideas being suggested and old ones revisited . This year we are planning on producing bibbed aprons for all members of each team. The aprons will be blue , have St. Luke's logo on the bib and have two large pockets at the front. The purpose of the aprons is to identify St. Luke's volunteers to visitors and to present ourselves as the united team we are. The aprons will also be available to other teams working at St. Luke's. We are also looking at carrier bags that are eco-friendly and bear our logo.

Thinking of Christmas Market as we approach what we hope will be a long, warm summer is never easy but many of us are already busy making craft items or collecting articles that might be appropriate for our Treasure Parlour so it is never too soon to make a start. Please feel free at any time to contact one of us if you have something to offer in any form, whether it is your time and energy, a great idea or items for sale at the market, we are always glad to hear from you.

Your conveners : Bob Bruce Leslie Allen Carole Prytula



A Brief History of Group A

I would like to do a little showcasing in this issue of our long standing and beloved “Group A”.

Although it may sound like a mystery group, it really isn’t. For those of you who may be newer to the parish and wondering what “Group A” is, here are a few words of both history and description supplied by Sandra Fox, with input from Shirley



Cooper: “Group A was formed by Reverend Bob Blackwell in 1967 to gather together a group of young mothers who would meet socially and in friendship each month. We started down long years of service to St. Luke’s Church by starting a nursery to look after young children during church services. From there, each year we had fundraising projects, and all funds raised have been given in the spirit of fellowship to the church and community where there was a need. Some of the contributions over the years have included Sunday School, Minister’s Discretionary Fund, Building Fund, a disabled parishioner, Serenity Garden, Kirk Beaver Education Fund, resuscitation kit, prayer books, memorial bench (Mary Doidge), Friends of St. Luke’s, Organ Fund, St. Matthew’s House (Hamilton), Camp Canterbury, contributions to the kitchen and Great Hall (ex. new refrigerator, card tables, storage room ladder, large wooden cross made from the doors of the Old Parish Hall by Ross Gosling), and many other needed items.

Our group has volunteered countless hours helping various activities that take place throughout the year such as funerals, Food For Life, Altar Guild, Greeters, Coffee Hours, etc. Some of the fund-raising activities and social times included rummage sales, dessert/card parties, Christmas Market baking and table (especially chili sauce, red pepper jelly), funeral receptions, serving clergy at diocesan dinners, social evenings with a guest speaker, etc.

Along with working for our church and community, we had lots of fun (and still do)! After 50 years together, we are all still “best friends”. As you can see from the above description, “Group A” is a wonderful example of how fellowship and service can come together, and how the efforts of a small group can make a big difference in the lives of both participants and those who benefit from their efforts, over the course of many years.

Please join me in saying a heartfelt “THANK YOU” to these wonderful women for all their years of service to our Parish Church of St. Luke. THANK YOU, “Group A”!

Lesley Emery

“The Speaker’s Lunch”

The aim of the Speaker’s Lunch group is to foster awareness among parishioners of happenings & endeavours in the wider community that may be worthy of interest & support.



The group meets at 11:30 am on the second Thursday of each month for social time, followed by a “Bring Your Own Lunch” & a talk by the speaker of the month.

All are welcome please call Doug at 905-637-7009. You can also email tim.tiernay@bell.net for more information about the group.

Having just heard from our new mayor, Marianne Meed Ward in May, our committee takes a well-deserved rest over June, July and August, but are already looking at options for the fall and have already lined up a great speaker for September.

Our speaker on **September 12th** will be **Bishop Susan Bell**, the new Bishop of Niagara. We look forward to hearing more about her vision for the future of our Diocese and the church.

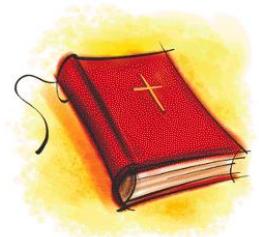
We will soon be able to confirm our speakers for October 10th and November 14th.

We have been pleased at the growing interest and attendance at the lunches and hope that you not only attend, but spread the word as to the fun and fellowship to be had at our meetings.

If you have any suggestions as to subjects or speakers for future meetings please contact Tim Tiernay (905-639-0345) or email: tim.tiernay@bell.net with your ideas,

Ministry of Christian Education

"So Jesus went round all the towns and villages teaching in their synagogues proclaiming the good news of the kingdom.....Matthew 9:35 We live out our daily lives through written word, sacred scripture, our relationship with God and all our brothers and sisters. Our faith and spirituality is the foundation for promoting life-long learning for the church and the wider community."



The last few months have been an exciting time for the Ministry of Christian Education. We include our Bible Studies, the Library, Sunday School, Centering Prayer, Indigenous Awareness and Book Studies, and the Archives. This is just a glimpse of all that is available to our church family. Our Friday morning Bible Study meets to read and discuss the Lectionary for the upcoming Sunday. The Saturday morning Men's Faith and Fellowship group continue to study the lectionary for the previous Sunday followed by discussions and breakfast. Our Monday afternoon Bible Study, at the time of writing, is well into the Book of Judges leading to lots of discussion.

MENS' SATURDAY FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

This past Lent the Men's Faith and Fellowship group followed a different path in our weekly Bible Study. Instead of studying the previous week's lectionary, which is our usual study process, we looked in detail at each of the days in Holy Week. Each Saturday leading up to Easter, one of the members of the group acted as leader by doing in-depth reading and research about each of the final days of Jesus' life. Each week this person then sent out the Bible scripture to be read ahead of time and led the group in discussion on Saturday morning. We all felt that this was an excellent, in-depth way to approach Holy Week and that it made Easter 2019 especially meaningful.

We also presented the 6 DVD set **CHRISTIANITY: THE FIRST 3000 YEARS** to the St. Luke's library in memory of our group's founder, George Williams. This excellent series, produced and narrated by Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, is now available for loan to members of our Parish.

Terry Raybould

Ministry of Christian Education continued

Sunday School

Our Sunday School continues to meet year round except on holiday weekends. I want to express my sincere thanks to Louise Neville for her continued commitment to our Sunday club. Louise works hard, along with her volunteers to provide our children with meaningful, thought-provoking and interesting activities each Sunday. It is lovely to see the children come forward for children's focus and then head back to Sunday Club, only to return to share the Eucharist with our parish family.

This Sunday morning program continues during the summer months.

Children ages 4 and over are always welcome.

Sheila Plant



Children and teacher discussing their Easter lesson

Centering Prayer

Our group continues to meet every Wednesday from 2 pm to 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Newcomers are always welcome. We will soon be starting the new book by Richard Rohr: Universal Christ.

We would encourage those interested in Contemplative Prayer to attend a day-long workshop: Introduction to Contemplative Prayer at the Monastery of Mount Carmel, 7020 Stanley Ave, in Niagara Falls on Saturday, July 13th. For more information contact Canon Stuart Pike at 905-634-1826 and we will organize car pooling.

Stuart

Ministry of Christian Education continued

Indigenous Awareness Group

We acknowledge that St. Luke's is located within the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Our church was built on lands transferred from the Mississaugas of the Credit to the British via the Brant Tract Treaty of 1797. The British then granted the land to Mohawk leader Thayendanegea (Joseph Brant). Some of this land was deeded to build St. Luke's.

National Indigenous Day of Prayer

The arrival of the summer solstice on June 21 is a sacred, culturally and historically significant event for many cultures of the world. Throughout history, Indigenous Peoples gathered on this day to conduct traditional rituals of prayer, thanksgiving and celebration.

According to the Venerable Valerie Kerr, Archdeacon of Truth, Reconciliation and Indigenous Ministry, Canadian Anglicans have observed an Aboriginal day of prayer on a Sunday close to June 21 since the early 1970s. As time went on, a national day of Aboriginal solidarity was supported by what is now the Assembly of First Nations. In Canada, National Aboriginal Day was officially proclaimed in 1996 and renamed National Indigenous Peoples Day in 2017. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples.

The General Synod has established the National Indigenous Day of Prayer in the Calendar of the Anglican Church of Canada under the heading of Other Major Feasts That Take Precedence of a Sunday. In 2018 *A Liturgy for The National Indigenous Day of Prayer* was adapted from a liturgy prepared by All Saint's Church, Minneapolis.

Archdeacon Kerr states that "We, in the Anglican Church of Canada as well as other faith communities, put aside this special day to celebrate the gifts of Indigenous Peoples and give thanks to God who has created the diversities of peoples of the world and gifted Indigenous Peoples of Canada with many gifts of wisdom, spirit and vision."

This year St. Luke's will celebrate the National Indigenous Day of Prayer on June 23.



Photo: The Venerable Valerie Kerr, Archdeacon of Truth,
Reconciliation and Indigenous Ministry

Ministry of Christian Education continued

Indigenous Reading Series

The Indigenous Reading Series will continue in September. *Seven Fallen Feathers* tells the stories of seven First Nations students who were attending high school in Thunder Bay far away from their homes and families.

In this book, award-winning investigative journalist Tanya Talaga looks at each of their lives and situations while they were living in Thunder Bay, as well as the circumstances of their disappearances and deaths. Talaga collects stories from their families and communities, as well as details from police and coroner reports, in order to try and understand not only what happened to these youth, but also how society had failed each of them.

This review will be led by Rev. Pam Couture. A firm date will be announced later in the summer.



Photo: Author Tanya

Summer Book Club

This summer we will study “The Gift of Being Yourself” – A Sacred Call to Self-Discovery by Canadian author David Benner, Psychologist and Spiritual Director. Beginning Monday July 8 for six weeks we will meet in the Boardroom. This book is about the transformational journey of becoming our true self-in-Christ and living out the vocation that this involves. For information and registration, contact Marjorie Latimer 905-639-4386. All are welcome.

Rev. Sheila Plant
Parish Deacon
Chair, Ministry of Christian Education

Sunday Nursery



Did you know that our nursery runs each Sunday for children between the ages of 0 to 3 years? We have a faithful group of parents and 'friends of the nursery' who volunteer each week, so that the little ones have a place to come each Sunday. Parents can have a quiet hour of worship for themselves and there is a consistent place for children of new families to come



each Sunday. We have a wonderful space for the children to enjoy play, stories, puzzles and then when they are four, can go to the 'big' Sunday School. We are in need of volunteers and could use more 'friends of the nursery' to help out the odd Sunday, to give our parents a

break. We work with partners, so you are never alone. This ministry is very important and we want to keep it open each week.



If you would like to help and take the odd Sunday morning shift, please let Janice know at 905-332-0837 or janice.skafel@outlook.com or Heather at heather.benson86@gmail.com

Pie Makers Report

On June 2nd orders will be taken during coffee hour for tourtieres to be picked up on June 16th; and they will begin making pies for the Christmas Market on August 26th."



St.Luke's Coffee Hour

Countless volunteers have been responsible for the popular St. Luke's Coffee Hour held for many years after the 10 o'clock service from September to the end of June.



Early last fall, Tim Tiernay quietly stepped down as co-ordinator for this Coffee Hour, after being involved for 18 years. As co-ordinator, he was responsible each week for setting up, for preparing the tea and coffee, etc., and for cleaning up afterwards. Recently, he had a team of volunteers who shared these responsibilities with him. In addition, he ensured that there were volunteers to serve the tea and coffee during coffee hour and that all the required supplies were available.

I eventually became his replacement and I have quickly realized that we need more people who would be able to share the weekly schedule of coming early to set up and staying afterwards to supervise the cleaning up.

Please contact Nan Bruce at 905-632-6528, nabruce@bell.net or during Coffee Hour.

TAIZÉ Evening Service - A Pilgrimage of Trust in God

In the stillness of a candlelit hour, come and pray with us using the songs and prayers from Taizé.



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"The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer: by his Holy Spirit, God comes to dwell within us. By his word and by the sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can surrender everything."

Ministry of Outreach

Contacts: Co-Chairs – Jackie Maver (905 681-6097) and Rosalind Reycraft (905 6335-3976)

Mission Statement: Moved by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teachings and actions of Jesus the Christ, the ministry of outreach, in partnership with the community of St. Luke's, responds to the needs of our neighbours, locally, nationally, and globally by enabling, empowering, educating, and advocating.

Thank you for your support of the Ministry of Outreach projects. With your help we reach beyond our walls to make a difference in the world near and far.

Advocacy Breakfast Group

This long-standing group of dedicated partners in our Outreach Ministry, continue to offer opportunities for our parishioners and others in our community to grow in awareness of social justice and education. Our Saturday Breakfasts and Speaker meetings give us time to share together.

This past season, our guest speaker shared the history of Sew On Fire, an amazing charitable foundation providing for the needs of those in our society both near and far in a variety of ways.

Plans for our May Breakfast needed to be postponed due to an accident and hopefully will be rescheduled later in the year.

In the Fall, our calendar year will begin, with promising new speakers. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming information.

Submitted by Carrie Raybould

Church Minders



Our dedicated volunteers continue to "sit" from 9:30-12:30 each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning so that the Church can be open for visitors and parishioners. We have had folks come in to see our beautiful and historic building from places far and wide....England, Europe, the US as well as Burtonington citizens who see our open signs and have always been curious. We also welcome some "regulars" who come in for quiet prayer and meditation. Should you be interested in becoming a minder, please contact me at 289-795-0401 or sadhon@bell.net

Submitted by Sharon O'Neil



Ministry of Outreach continued

Community Engagement Facilitator

Summer, 2019

Downtown Burlington Community Lunches

Our Downtown Burlington Community Lunches continue to grow in attendance. We have volunteers and funding from all four church partners: Burlington Baptist, Knox Presbyterian, St. John Catholic, and St. Luke Anglican Churches. We have fun together and contribute to an enjoyable meal. We are always looking for new volunteers and you would be very welcome if you would like to join our team.

The last Spring lunch is June 5, and will feature a picnic menu of salads, burgers, hot dogs, and cake. Our volunteers take a break over the summer. We resume in the Fall with a Welcome Back Volunteers meeting on Wednesday, September 4 and our first fall lunch on Wednesday, September 18.

The Community Lunch will resume on the third Wednesday of September (Sept. 18).

Heather White

Community Engagement Facilitator

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:35



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Ministry of Christian Education Outreach continued

Ubuntu Grandwomen

The Burlington Ubuntu Grandwomen continue to provide support to the Stephen Lewis Foundation through fund-raising and advocacy in regular monthly meetings from September to June.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at Burlington Baptist Church at 7PM.

To date, this dedicated group has raised \$248,245.65 to contribute to the Stephen Lewis Foundation's efforts to enable the Grandmothers of Africa to advocate for their grandchildren who have been orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. Support from our local community is greatly appreciated.

Recent fundraising events have included the April 14 Annual Fashion Show, and the up-coming Annual September Golf Tournament on September 4th.

In the Fall, will be the Spurrell Choir Performance on October 25th with details to be announced closer to the date.

The Sound of Music Parade on June 15th is an annual event.

For further information please call Carrie Raybould at ...905-681-2816

Concert for Children in Need

Friday, May 24, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. - in the Great Hall (doors open at 7:00pm)

A cabaret style spring concert "*What a Wonderful World*" featuring **The Harlequin Singers**. Tickets are \$25 plus a non-perishable food item for Food for Life would be appreciated. Tickets are on sale at coffee hour or by calling 905-681-6097. All proceeds go to support children in need at St Matthew's House, ROAD Youth Recovery for adolescents and suicide prevention in communities in northern Canada.



The Harlequin Singers have been entertaining audiences for over 53 years and bring a special uniqueness to their style of singing. Their repertoire is drawn from Broadway musicals, award winning films, the big band era, jazz, contemporary, folk and pop charts. Join us as we take you on a Broadway musical to all four corners of the world.

Ministry of Outreach continued

El Hogar Service Team Trip 2019

The team has returned absolutely pumped by the wonderfully fulfilling experience at El Hogar in Honduras in March. A few pictures are attached to give a slight taste of how the week went with some of El Hogar's children. They were delighted by the items which we brought down with us - the toiletries you had so generously donated for use at all 3 centres, the crafts that the team made with both the high school girls and boys while we were there, along with some other requested items such as soccer balls and frisbees.

There are tentative plans for a trip in late March 2020. Please contact us if you are interested in this life-changing experience.

2019 Team Video Link <https://vimeo.com/331683727>

¡Muchisimas gracias por su apoyo! Thank you so much for your help in making this all possible!



Janice & Ros with sponsored child Nelsin

Submitted by: Ros. & Rick Reycraft 905 635-3976



Boys enjoying making cookies & doing crafts
in the evening



Great team work making the raised garden beds



The beds being filled with soil & compost before planting

Ministry of Outreach continued

St. Matthew's House



St. Matthew's House is a charitable, non-profit, multi-service agency and an outreach of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara. For over 60 years St. Matthew's House has assisted the people of the North Hamilton area, one of the poorest urban areas in the country, by offering emergency food, crisis intervention, outreach to seniors and other vulnerable people, and on-site subsidized day care.

As we do each year, we held a Lenten Food Drive over 5 Sundays in Lent to help fill the shelves at the St. Matthew's House food bank. This year, through the generous support of parishioners, we delivered a total of 382lbs of food and personal care items to the food bank, along with a cheque for \$1210.

Thank you to all who support this important outreach project. Our next St. Matthew's House food drive will be held on Harvest Sunday, October 6, 2019.

Submitted by: Sandra Tiernay



Greening of St. Luke's - BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Have you heard? A group of garden enthusiasts are planning a Butterfly Garden that will surround the Scattering Garden to the south of the columbarium. This will greatly enhance this area of the cemetery. The area is almost ready for them to begin planting. The ground has been dug. Watch for the flowers growing this summer.

Submitted by Michael Skafel



PWRDF project puts Burundian women's futures in their own hands

In parts of Burundi, a cultural belief persists that the more children a woman bears is an important sign of personal accomplishment. Most women hope to have at least eight children. This means feeding, clothing and caring for all of these children, often on their own.

Alphonsine Akizimana is a beneficiary of PWRDF's All Mothers and Children Count (AMCC) project in Burundi and has seven children. She most recently gave birth to twins. After their birth however, her husband abandoned her. Alphonsine now struggles to keep herself and her children healthy and relies on support from a community health worker from PWRDF partner Village Health Works (VHW).

PWRDF Report continued

Alphonsine's story is not unlike other women's in Burundi, many of whom struggle to provide adequate nutrition and health for multiple children without the aid of a husband or partner. This is why the AMCC project focuses on putting women in control of their own lives.

In her community, Burikukiye Desire has been trained as a model farmer. She shares her new-found farming expertise with others.

"Previously, I had to sit down and put on paper a budget to buy the seeds, and the manure, and then I planted these seeds in piles, I did not know how to plant by digging furrows and in a straight line," said Desire.

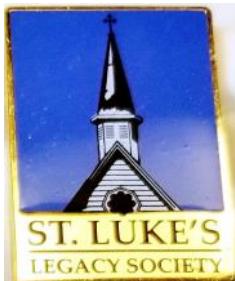
After growing frustrated by small harvests, Desire heard about training happening in nearby Kigutu and asked her local leader about attending.

The training, being run by VHW, helped increase Desire's knowledge about farming and she was even appointed to be a model farmer because of her commitment. After a few days of training, the participants were given seeds, a watering can, a wheelbarrow as well as other farming supplies and before she knew it, Desire's harvests were increasing.

"Those cabbages that you see I will harvest more than 90 kg, whereas before I did not even get 10 kg."

Thanks to these increased harvests, Burikukiye Desire was able to feed her children a balanced diet and sell surplus crops for income. The additional income allowed her to build her family a new home and pay her children's school fees.

Submitted by Jackie Maver 905 681 6097

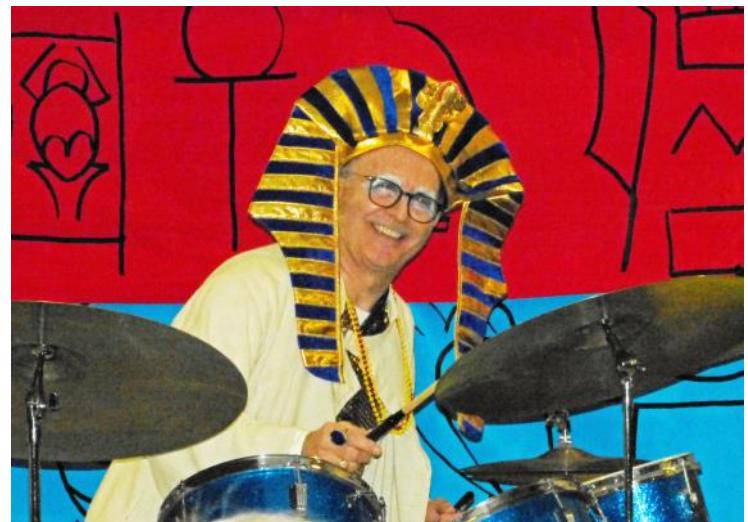
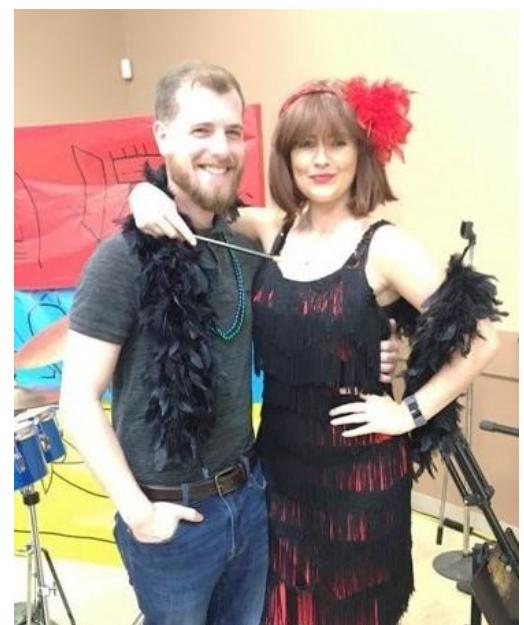


St. Luke's Legacy Society

"The Legacy Society is our way of collectively coming together in a meaningful and concerted commitment to give St. Luke's a future rich in its ability to minister and fulfill its mission."

ST. LUKE'S JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLORED DREAM COAT

(photos by Dorothy Kew, Christopher Atkins & Megan Miller)



News and Views from the Adult Library

The Library is to enhance the spiritual life of its readers

Since the publication of the last newsletter, several new and interesting books have been added to the collection.



If you are a fan of C. J. Sansom's Shardlake detective series, you will enjoy his latest book, **Tomblanc (SAN F)**. Two years after the death of Henry VIII, England faces chaos and unprecedented rebellions. While investigating a gruesome murder, Shardlake discovers a second murder and the mystery continues.

Not in God's Name by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks(201.76 SAS). Through an exploration of the roots of violence and its relationship to religion, and using ground-breaking biblical analysis and interpretation, Rabbi Sacks shows that religiously inspired violence has at its source mis-readings of biblical texts at the heart of all three Abrahamic faiths.

Why we need Religion by Stephen Asma (200.1ASM). This book has been reviewed by Colin Campbell, a member of the library committee, elsewhere in this newsletter.

A History of Christianity – The First Three Thousand Years by Diarmaid MacCulloch (270 MAC) **5 video tapes**. This package of tapes is shelved beside the book by the same author. It is a gift from the Saturday morning Faith and Fellowship group, in memory of George Williams. We thank this group for the significant donation to our library.

Two new books covering the life of St. Peter are now available. **St. Peter, the underestimated Apostle by Martin Hengel (225.9 HEN)** and **Saint Peter, Flawed, Underestimated and Faithful by Stephen Benz (225.9 BEN)**

Watch for a review of one of these books in the next newsletter.

The library is open whenever the church office is open. Come in and sign out a book. Leave the card in the box on the table and return the book within a reasonable length of time.

Jane Milne, Chair

BOOK REVIEW -“WHY WE NEED RELIGION”

Stephen T. Asma , Oxford University Press (Jun 6, 2018) Hardcover \$29.95, 272pp

Described by the author as an historical and social analysis and *defense of religious emotions and the cultural systems that manage them*, this book is not merely an endorsement of religion. It is also not a ponderous plodding academic study. Rather it is an exploration of the role that religions, and Christianity especially, fulfil and how people have evolved to need both its directing standards and suggesting behaviours.

To underscore how people have processed religious teachings, not always correctly, he takes the reader on a visit to the huge creationist museum in Kentucky, with its timeline theories that seek to negate evolution.

Creationists are not swayed by scientific proof but, nevertheless, would assert strong religious-based beliefs. Other less extreme examples of how people process religious information are set out and serve to illustrate that organized religions help human beings adapt to existence and better manage their emotional lives.

But it should be emphasized that, in the words of another reviewer, more aware of religious philosophy than I, the author approaches his subject matter with an open mind and a soft touch that are both helpful in navigating sensitive issues of faith.

Why We Need Religion is not a believer’s manifesto. It surveys religion’s role in human history and its continued importance in the lives of individuals and in society as a whole.

Another important aspect of the book is the effort by Asma to rebut the fundamentalist tendencies of the non-believers, or “New Atheists”, who repudiate all religious activity. I think that, effectively, Asma deals with their faulty thinking that fails to recognize that there are different forms and meanings of human existence and the positive effects of religion for those who are not academics who care more about personal activity and survival in an increasingly more complicated society.

Asma posits that religion as a concept has played a central role in social cohesion, making it a key piece of civilization and an important step in the evolution of human consciousness.

He draws on a huge range of fields—from psychology and neuroscience to anthropology and philosophy—and the thesis he proposes is simple: religion helps with emotion regulation, the ability to assuage negative emotions, to bring about positive emotions more often, and it helps people more effectively serve the greater good of their own community and society in general.

Which leads Asma to the second major point he seeks to make: religion, most importantly, helps to satisfy the emotional part of the brain in ways that scientific rationality simply cannot.

BOOK REVIEW -“WHY WE NEED RELIGION” continued

Science and reason may be effective methods of gaining knowledge about the world, but they provide little comfort or joy in the face of life’s misfortunes.

Perhaps it is best to permit Asma himself to state the overall premise of this very thoughtful and expansive exploration about why we need religion:

In an article written for the New York Times last summer, entitled, **What Religion Gives Us (That Science Can’t)** Asma stated,

“It’s a tough time to defend religion. Respect for it has diminished in almost every corner of modern life — not just among atheists and intellectuals, but among the wider public, too. And the next generation of young people looks likely to be the most religiously unaffiliated demographic in recent memory. There are good reasons for this discontent: continued revelations of abuse by priests and clerics, jihad campaigns against “infidels” and homegrown Christian hostility toward diversity and secular culture. ”

It is this convergence of bad behavior and bad press that has led many to diminish the importance and validity of religious faith.

Asma seeks to remind us that the nay-sayers of religious faith are missing the point.

“It doesn’t operate on the grounds of true and false. Emotions are not true or false. Even a terrible fear inside a dream is still a terrible fear. This means that the criteria for measuring a healthy theory are not the criteria for measuring a healthy emotion. ”

It is not enough to dismiss religion on the grounds of some puritanical moral judgment about the weakness of the devotee.

Religion is the most powerful response to the universal emotional life that connects us.

Colin Campbell

ST. LUKE'S HAPPENINGS

(photos by Dorothy Kew)



Easter



Celebration Brass at Easter



Easter



Laura and Sean Tiernay Sendoff



Parish Archivist

In an earlier newsletter I asked that parishioners who have worshipped at St. Luke's for 50 years or more (from 1969 to the present, or here, away, and returned for a total of 50 years or more) to contact me to let me know who you are. Using the 1989 parish directory I can identify those of you who have been here 30 years. But is your time here 50 years or more? Please let me know who you are, and if possible, a brief outline of your time here and your participation in church and parish activities. We would like to acknowledge all long-standing members of the congregation this October.



To date I have heard from, talked to, or know from my time here the following:
Larry and Brenda Brain, Phyllis Brandon, Marjorie Bryant, Bill and Shirley Cooper,
Karen Cox, Diane Dukes, Doug Finch, Maribelle Gosling, Chris and Terry Hughes,
Bill and Jane Milne, Ruth Milne, Kathryn Rutty, Eileen Spidle, Bill Stafford, Ellen Waugh.

Have I forgotten to list anyone who has emailed me or to whom I have spoken about this? Any other half century parishioners please email me at eacrouch@cogeco.ca or phone me at 905-632-2761 and leave a message if I am not at home.

Elizabeth Crouch
Parish Archivist

St. Luke's Messy Church—April 29, 2019



A WALK THROUGH TIME: THE BASTEDO FAMILY



The stone of Gilbert Cornelius Bastedo and his parents

As you walk along the path to the north of the church leading to Ontario Street, you will see this unusual stone to the left of the path. This is the plot of Gilbert Cornelius Bastedo, 1837-1888, which also commemorates his parents John Thompson Bastedo and Eliza Augusta Magee. Eliza is buried nearby with a broken flat stone marking her burial spot.



Eliza Bastedo stone

Beside these stones is another commemorating Gilbert's sister, Margaret, daughter of John T. Bastedo, "erected by her friend, Mrs. H. Magill."

Gilbert Cornelius Bastedo married Harriet McLeod in 1871, probably after the 1871 Census was taken, since at the time the census was taken, he was still single and living at home with his parents. His bride, Harriet, was from Quebec and indicated she was Methodist on the marriage record.

A WALK THROUGH TIME: THE BASTEDO FAMILY continued

Gilbert was listed as Presbyterian and the marriage was performed in Milton by a Wesleyan Methodist minister. In both the 1871 and 1881 censuses, Gilbert is recorded as a Presbyterian. His occupation was given as dry goods merchant, living in the village of Burlington. He would not be the only Presbyterian buried in St. Luke's churchyard, though it is odd since most members of his family are buried in St. Paul's Presbyterian Cemetery on Dundas Street, just west of Walker's Line. In fact, his grandfather, Gilbert Tice Bastedo, 1777-1866, gave the land for the church and cemetery and was one of the founders of the church, and Gilbert Tice Bastedo is himself buried there with his wife and family.



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Dundas St., Burlington



Gilbert Bastedo Stone St. Paul's Presbyterian Cemetery

A WALK THROUGH TIME: THE BASTEDO FAMILY continued

An early settler in Nelson Township, he was also the founder of the Burlington Masonic Lodge. Dorothy Turcotte, in her book, **Burlington: memories of pioneer days** (Burlington, ON.: Burlington Historical Society, 1989) writes that Gilbert was descended from Spanish Protestants who probably fled the Inquisition and settled in the Netherlands, then England and finally in New York State.

One of his sons, a brother of John Thompson Bastedo, and uncle to Gilbert Cornelius, was David Bastedo who bought land from William Bunton in 1877 and built a house which became 1437 Elgin Street. The property passed to the Bunton family but was finally sold and became a commercial business, Wigsville.



Bastedo House 1437 Elgin Street, courtesy Burlington Historical Society

Recently it and adjacent properties were sold to a developer with plans to build a condominium on the location. Fortunately, the Bastedo House was saved by the efforts of both the City and the developer and transported to a new location on Maple Avenue. On a bright sunny day in February 2016 the house was moved from its location and traveled along Elgin Street on a trailer, accompanied by a large crowd of curious onlookers.



The Bastedo House being moved from Elgin Street to Maple Avenue

It is now settled in its new location on Maple Avenue.

A WALK THROUGH TIME: THE BASTEDO FAMILY continued



The Bastedo House on Maple Avenue

There is another building in downtown Burlington with Bastedo connections, and that is the former Bastedo-Redmond-John Kentner House at 423 Elizabeth Street, which we know as the Dickens Pub.



Courtesy Rebecca Keddy, Century 21 Dreams Inc.

This building was owned by Gilbert Cornelius Bastedo's father, John Thompson Bastedo, from 1855 to 1873.

To return to Gilbert Cornelius Bastedo ... I was puzzled as to why his wife was not buried with him in St. Luke's churchyard. Apparently, his wife Harriet outlived him to the ripe old age of ninety-three, dying at 34 Albany Avenue, Toronto on 8th July 1932. The informant on the death registration was their daughter, Miss Helen Bastedo who was living with her mother. Harriet was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on 11th July 1932.

ST. LUKE'S HAPPENINGS

Photos by Dorothy Kew and Rick Reycraft



Jim Glass Birthday Celebration



El Hogar Team Dedication and Trip to Honduras



Rod with Felix sponsored by a parishioner

Making Cookies with boys at El Hogar
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Editor's Sense of Humour

Your Reward (or Punishment) for Reading to the End



CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



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