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Rector's Message

We are mid-way through the season of Epiphany as I write this. This is the season of light in the darkness, of flashes of insight, and of experiencing the holy even in the midst of our ordinary day-to-day lives.

We are about to enter the season of Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday (26 February). This is a season of fasting, self-examination and prayer in preparation for the great feast of Easter, our celebration of Christ's victory over death.

During Lent, I invite you not only to give up something. I also invite you to take on something new. We will be offering a Lenten program on all the Sundays of March starting at noon until 1:30 pm (following coffee hour) in the Great Hall. It is a program produced by the brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE), where I go on retreat each Spring, in conjunction with Virginia Theological Seminary. There will be a ½ hour video followed by some time for table discussions. The program is called "Signs of Life" and the five Sundays of March deal with the five themes: Light, Water, Food, Shelter and Community. Each week, bring your own packed lunch. Don't worry if you can't make all five Sundays. Come to the ones you can. All are welcome. You can read more about the program on www.SSJE.org.



Katherine and Stuart Pike give home communion to Evelyn O. on her 104th

SIGNS OF LIFE
why church matters

Starting Lent 2020

Join us this coming Lent as we explore the riches of our worship traditions, liturgy and sacraments, and the art and architecture of our worship spaces, revealing the full meaning of these signs, deepening our experience of Christian vocation and guiding us toward ongoing conversion.

Learn more and sign up

Note that in the months to come we will be learning more about a refugee family of four Syrians whom we are sponsoring. They are currently waiting in Beirut, Lebanon, whom we are sponsoring. The young mother is actually the oldest child of the Hajj-Kasem family whom we sponsored a couple of years ago. She is now a mother of two young children of her own and so this sponsorship will reunite a family and allow grandparents to meet their first grandchildren. Please follow this story as it develops and consider joining our sponsorship team to assist as you can.

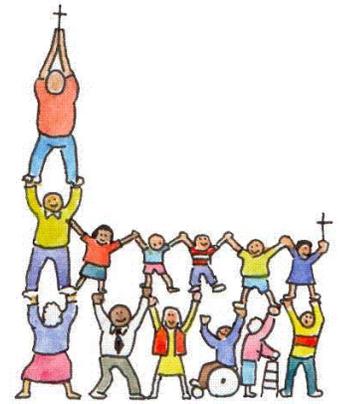
Please read on in the pages that follow to see some of what has happened here in the last few months and to see all the other things which will happen in the months to come. As most of you well know by now, there's a lot happening here, and many ways to get involved in the ministry and outreach that is done in this amazing parish. I give thanks every day to be part of St. Luke's, and to be in relationship with so many truly amazing parishioners here.

Your brother in Christ, Canon Stuart Pike.

Stuart.

Wardens' Report

As a New Year begins, which will mark the 186th anniversary of the establishment of St. Luke's as a parish, we wish to extend best wishes to all members of Parish Council, their families and friends, for a blessed and fulfilling year ahead. We hope that everyone enjoyed a restorative and meaningful Advent and Christmas season.



Financial Matters: Our Treasurer, Chris Miller, recently confirmed that we arrived at the end of the 2019 with a slight surplus. This was the result of a number of factors, including careful management of expenses throughout the year, increased general offerings in the late fall, the considerable success of the Christmas Market, and a greater than expected amount of givings during the Christmas season. At Vestry, Chris will be providing the full Financial Report as of December 31.

Recent and Upcoming Events: As the pace of holiday season activities accelerated prior to Christmas, it was a wonderful occasion when the Harbourtown Singers again presented their Christmas concert on December 14 in our beautifully decorated church. We extend our thanks to Louise and Bob Neville and their team for organizing this event which enabled so many to enjoy the spirit of the season.

Gini Bettger and her team did a wonderful job giving the church such lovely Christmas décor. The four services presented on Christmas Eve attracted a large number of people, many from outside the community, and offered a variety of approaches towards recognizing the importance of Christmas.

The regular course of events at St. Luke's resumed very quickly in the New Year, with the first Food for Life being held on January 7. The Speaker's Lunch series resumed on January 9 with Constable Derek Gray of the Halton Regional Police speaking about the protection of vulnerable individuals from fraud, theft, and other criminal activities. A remarkably large crowd attended, many of whom held tightly onto their purses.

On January 15 our Community Lunch resumed.

Vestry Meeting: The annual Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 23 in the Great Hall following Coffee Hour. The proposed operating budget for the year 2020, as well as election to the offices of Peoples Warden, Deputy Peoples Warden, and members of Parish Council, will be dealt with at the meeting.

The Chairs of all Ministries are asked to confirm with the Rector that they will be continuing to serve in these positions or if there will be any changes in the leadership of a particular Ministry.

Installation of LED Lighting: Most Mondays and Fridays in February have been set aside for the conversion of lighting to LEDs. Jans Electric will try to work around any possible conflicts if other activities are scheduled in areas where they plan to work. Either Bob Bruce or Ray Payne will be on site at those times to assist in any situations that arise.

Housekeeping Matters: The Wardens have created a list of repairs required around the buildings and property. Some of these are small items that can be easily handled by one or two individuals, while others will take a concerted effort in the Spring by a group of volunteers. Still others will require work by contractors. Stay tuned for your opportunity to join a group to clean up and enhance our grounds and buildings.

The Columbarium Committee continues to meet and is wrestling with the number and placement of columbaria in the cemetery.

As the term of the current Executive Committee comes to an end, we wish to express our sincere thanks to our dedicated clergy and lay staff persons, Ministry Chairs and Deputy Chairs, and all those who have contributed their time and abilities over the past twelve months towards making St. Luke's a diverse, vibrant, and welcoming organization which has a positive effect on so many individuals, both in our community and the world beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Bruce
Rector's Warden

Carole Prytula
Peoples Warden

Tim Tiernay
Deputy Rector's Warden

Marie Danielsen
Deputy Peoples Warden



From The Deacon

We have some very talented people in our midst at St. Luke's. This is very evident at the Christmas market when we see tables full of home-made crafts and, in particular, knitted and crocheted items for sale. We have a stitching group that meets every Tuesday morning who quietly work away at individual projects they are doing. We also have a Prayer Shawl Ministry that works quietly in the background mostly knitting or crocheting shawls for people in hospital, or people who are shut in at home...lots of reasons. This ministry began in 2004 and since then we have distributed many, many shawls. Some have even gone abroad. So how did these knitters begin? Were they taught at their Mother's or Grandmother's knee? Did it come naturally to them? Did they learn it at school? It doesn't matter, but learn the skill, they did! Today however, there are online tutorials and there is, of course, YouTube.

A knitting friend of mine shared this story with me and I wanted to share it with you....especially those who had a rocky start to mastering the art of knitting. It was written by Murr Brewster and appeared in the Christian Science Monitor in April 2017. I hope it brings a smile to the faces of those of you who knit, aspire to knit or have no interest in it at all.

The mystery of knitting ... remains a mystery

Knitters create holes with string using sticks and a clickety-clickety noise.

I'll just put it right out there: Knitting is spooky. It's obviously impossible to do, and yet you see people doing it all the time. These people clearly are a superior life-form. If you doubt this, spend a day with a dozen of your friends. At the end of the evening, have a look around: Eleven of you will have cookie crumbs in your laps, and the knitter will have an entire sweater. That's just freaky. Because knitting makes no sense at all. A knitter, by definition, creates holes by surrounding them with string, using sticks, a clickety-clickety noise, locally sourced air, and goodness.

Those of us who suspect we are not innately good can barely aspire to the art. And yet, I so aspired. I wanted a hat.

I bought a ball of string and some sticks and I found a tutorial online. After stopping the video four or five hundred times, I cast on 50 stitches. Then, staring hard, and trying to make my sticks and string match up to the video, I succeeded in making an entire knit stitch.

Then I made another one. And somehow, with great care and deliberation, I soldiered my way to the end of the row, 50 knits in a line. It was a triumph of historic proportions.

Slow, yes; challenging, sure; and yet majestic and powerful. I felt like Hannibal marching his elephants across the Alps into Italy.

I consulted the tutorial. They don't warn you about this when you're learning how to knit, so I'll tell you now: You can't just learn to knit. You have to learn to purl, also.

"Hit the boats!" I heard Hannibal shout. "We're headed to Sardinia!"

Deacon's Report continued

Nuts! I studied the video again, and I manufactured a single purl stitch, and then another, and eventually rowed my way back to the beginning. According to the calm and cheerful woman in the video, that's all there is to it. If you can make a knit stitch, and you can make a purl stitch, you're on the road to glory. You can make cable-knit trousers for an octopus. I was beginning to be suspicious of her, but I carried on.

Something dreadful kept happening to the last stitch in my row and I didn't have a clue how to fix it, so I ripped everything out and started over. Five or six times. Then I got a running start and some momentum and completed several rows. It was awesome. Why, it was starting to look like a sweater! For a pencil. A pencil sweater. But still! My speed and rhythm increased.

Pride goeth before a fall. All of a sudden I noticed a mistake a few rows back. I didn't know what it was, but I knew *where* it was. I could point right at it. My splurket slipped off my nobbin or something. There was a disturbance in the Force. The problem was knowing what to do about it. A knitter will recognize that one little portion of the string needs to go up and under another portion, behind the nether-bits of yet another portion, do the hokey-pokey, and spring triumphantly out the top, but I am not yet a knitter, and I couldn't see this at all. I, in fact, could not have been more baffled if I had been plunked down in front of the controls of the Lunar Module and told to "land this thing."

So I pulled out all the stitches until it was a big pile of wrinkly string and began again. This was like starting a cross-country trip over because you missed an exit in Iowa, but I reasoned it was all good practice. I lumbered through another dozen rows and bollixed it up somehow again, and pulled it all out again. If I keep going backward this way, I'm going to be face to face with the original donor sheep. I will not only have made no progress, but sweaters will begin to go missing from my closet.

I'm not giving up, though. I'm getting better. In fact, now I can knit like nobody's business. Nobody's successful business, anyway. And as soon as I learn to de-bollix, I'll have me a hat.

Sheila



Pastoral Associate Report

Dear friends,

It is now well over one year of my ministry among you as Pastoral Associate, and you have all been so vital in my learning, my service, and my growth as a priest in the Church.

I give thanks to God for this congregation, its many and diverse ministries, and the faithfulness and love of you all that nourish our service and bless our worship.

It has been my joy to work with my colleagues in active ordained ministry in the parish, and I give thanks to God for Stuart's leadership and support, and for Sheila's passion and willingness for service.

Since Vestry 2019, I have continued participating in and coordinating pastoral care delivery in the parish with fellow lay and ordained ministers;

- a) promoting interest and engagement with ministries of pastoral care among the parish congregation;
- b) leading and preaching at Wednesday Eucharistic services and other pastoral liturgies in the church building proper;
- c) preparing and delivering homilies, and sharing in sacramental and liturgical presidency and planning/preparation;
- d) managing pastoral care lists;
- e) preparing and sharing in the leadership of services at residential homes;
- f) participating in weekly liturgical/music planning with rector and Music Director;
- h) pastoral visits at home and hospital;
- i) coordination of the Eucharistic Lay Ministers.

Also, I continue participating in regular meetings for parish staff, Parish Council Executive, as well as Trafalgar region, and diocesan clergy and lay leaders meetings of different sorts.

This past year saw our parish Pastoral Care Committee re-constituted, and it is my hope that it will serve well our work and service in this area.

Respectfully submitted, in Christ,

Leonel Abaroa Bolona (The Rev'd)



Youth Report

Messy Church in January was a huge success and saw nearly 30 people out for a retelling of the parable of the lost sheep. We even had Stuart make a toilet paper roll sheep with the kids.

We have 4 more Messy Churches coming up from February through May, on the 4th Saturday of each month. We can always use more volunteers, and we welcome everyone to invite friends, family, and neighbours to join us.

Messy Church Photos January 2020



Youth Report continued

We also volunteer once a month at Maple Villa, a long-term care residence down the road from the church. We play games or do crafts with the residents there. This too is all ages.

The youth group is continuing with our monthly game night on the 4th Sunday of each month. We are currently playing an on-going game of Dungeons and Dragons, and we welcome newcomers. We have a handful of teenagers joining us from the community for this as well. We will be finishing up our Revelation study soon and moving on to Spiritual Pathways and creative prayer in the spring.

For more information please contact Rebecca at saintlukes.saltandlight@gmail.com.

All of our family events are ALL AGES and we encourage anyone interested to join us. Small children need to bring an adult to events, but adults are welcome to join with or without kids.

Rebecca Vendetti



Do you have an event at the church or the parish hall? Would you like to have pictures taken? Email me at dkew@cogeco.ca and I'll be there with my camera!

Spring 2020 Calendar of Events

MARCH

March 1	12:00 to 1:30pm	Lenten Study in Parish Hall "Signs of Life"
March 7	9:00am	Parish Council Retreat
March 8	12:00 to 1:30pm	Lenten Study in Parish Hall "Signs of Life"
March 12	11:30am	Speaker's Lunch
March 13	7:30pm	Taize
March 15	12:00 to 1:30pm	Lenten Study in Parish Hall "Signs of Life"
March 21	9:00am	Advocacy Breakfast
March 22	12:00 to 1:30pm	Lenten Study in Parish Hall "Signs of Life"
March 28	4:00pm	Messy Church
March 29	12:00 to 1:30pm	Lenten Study in Parish Hall "Signs of Life"
	1:00pm	Sunday Afternoon Communion
	7:00pm	Alpha at Church on Tap

APRIL

April 5	8:15 & 10:00am	Palm Sunday
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Holy Week Services

<i>April</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Holy Monday Service</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Holy Tuesday Service</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Holy Wednesday Service</i>
		<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>Tenebrae Service</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>7:30pm</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday Service</i>
		<i>9:00pm-5:00am</i>	<i>Vigil with the Sacrament</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Good Friday Service</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>7:30pm</i>	<i>Saturday Easter Vigil</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>8:00, 9:30, 11:30am</i>	<i>Easter Sunday Services</i>

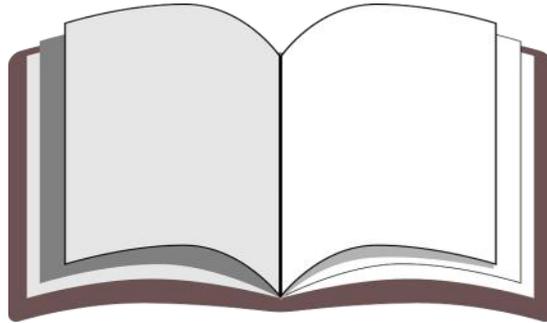
April	9	11:30am	Speaker's Lunch
April	18	6:00pm	Music at St. Luke's
April	25	9:00am	Advocacy Breakfast
		4:00pm	Messy Church
April	26	7:00pm	Alpha at Church on Tap
		1:00pm	Sunday Afternoon Communion

MAY

May	8	7:30pm	Taize
May	14	11:30am	Speaker's Lunch
May	23	4:00pm	Messy Church
May	31	1:00pm	Sunday Afternoon Communion
		7:00pm	Alpha at Church on Tap

June 6th Church Garage Sale !!!

Life Passages



September

**Yvonne Rosser
Dorothy Ross
Doreen Wilson
Marion Day**

October

**Yvonne Brown
Rita Clark
Joyce Willis
June Hamilton
Jane Rugar**

November

**Phyllis Massey
Florence Reed
Katherine Root**

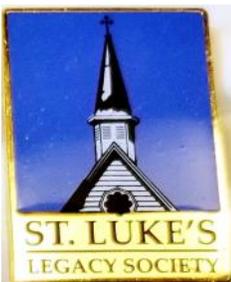
December

Douglas Schofield

January

**Sydney Walkinshaw
Margaret Jones
Sidney Wyatt**

St. Luke's Legacy Society



The Legacy Society is our compact with St. Luke's to ensure that we are doing our part to secure and enhance its future.

Jim Glass



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS - Easter Sunday is April 12

If you would like to remember loved ones by donating to our Easter Flower Memorials

Please submit your wording (print clearly) & donation

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OR

*** **MAIL TO:** Chris Hughes, 1245 Richmond Rd., Burlington, ON L7S 1K5

PLEASE do not put them on the collection plate

DEADLINE for submissions: Sunday, March 29

(cheques should be made payable to St. Luke’s Altar Guild)

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St. Luke's funeral receptions are done to honour those parishioners who have contributed to the growth of our church during their life time. It is our small way of providing closure to the family and friends as they gather to share stories and reminisce about their loved one. We may have anywhere from 6 to 10 receptions during any given year and are very thankful that we can count on a variety of people to help with the food, setting up, serving and/or cleaning up each time especially as it is usually at short notice.

We are always grateful for their contributions.

We are especially honoured to give this last church family send-off to those we had grown to love while they were with us.

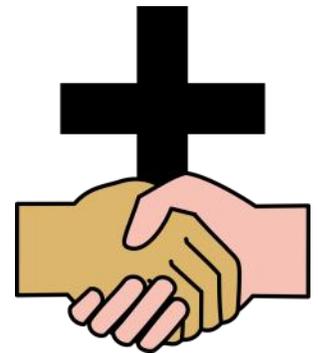
Louise Neville and Cathy Payne



Engagement Committee

Engaging with each other...

We want to open our church community to those who visit, who are church shopping or who need us in some way, and to make them feel at home. Hopefully we may initiate a relationship that will extend for a long time. To make new friendships with newcomers and with each other is engagement. We all have the ability to welcome an unfamiliar face, to extend our ministry of greeting. It may be a small gesture, a few words, but it has a really big impact. We don't get a second chance to make a first impression, so we have to do it right! There is a statistic that 70% of all visitors and newcomers will make up their minds to return to our parish, or not, before the clergy even gets up to speak! The ministry of greeting is one of the most effective forms of evangelism that we can offer. We are all making a difference! At coffee hour or at Newcomer welcoming, we hear about our engagement. Young families or empty nesters all share similar sentiments; we are a genuine welcoming church. It is in the small things like recognizing them as new and most importantly not as brand new. In other words they are recognized as being regular attenders even if they have only recently joined us. Our engagement is genuine and it is appreciated. Please remember, every parishioner is a host to the new people that seek to join us, and not just another guest themselves.



Submitted by Bryan Cox

St. Luke's Anglican Church Parish Hall

1382 Ontario Street

Burlington

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8AM TO 1 PM**

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FURNITURE PLEASE

***** Drop off donations - Thurs. June 4th or Fri. June 5th, *****

9:00AM - 7:00PM

For more information or to arrange for pick up call:

Alan 905 634 5483 or Brad 905 331 1928

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Plants & Garden Treasures,

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Parish Life Report

Parish Life in Spring at St. Luke's is a happening place to be, no less than in the seasons that have preceded it. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Spring season, full of all the hope and joy of Eastertide. We can all look forward to the return of warmer temperatures, and to watching nature come back to life as well.



Christmas Market, Speakers Lunch, Music at St. Luke's reports follow after this report.

Pie Makers - The 2020 pie-making schedule has been set for making & sales. Orders will be taken at coffee hour on February 23, March 22 and May 3. Corresponding pickup dates will be March 8, April 5 & May 17.

The Stitching Circle continues to meet at 10:00am on Tuesday mornings in room 201, and the **Quilters Group** on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 in the parlour. Newcomers are always welcome to both groups, so please do drop in!

Friends of St. Luke's - Please Save the Date - Wednesday, August 19th, afternoon. This is an appreciation tea held annually for those elderly and infirm parishioners who are no longer able to attend regular services, many of whom are now living in nursing or retirement homes. Although this event is not taking place until August, if you could put it on your calendars now and consider contributing your time and talent to making the afternoon a big success for the attendees, it would be greatly appreciated. I will be canvassing for volunteers more actively beginning in June. Contact: Lesley Emery (905) 639-7222; echidna77@icloud.com

Coffee Hour - please remember the coffee hour and its continuing need for volunteers. Sign up sheets are available at coffee hour following the 10:00am service each Sunday.

Men's Cooking Group —The St. Luke's Men's Cooking Group meet throughout the year on the last Thursday from February to October (except for June, July and August). We cook during the morning and invite the office staff to join us for lunch to sample what we have cooked. Each month we base our recipes on a different theme which last year included: Appalachia; Martyrs and Saints; Mediterranean Islands; Food that Schmecks; Pumpkin Recipes; and San Francisco. We held our annual BBQ at the end of June. Once again we would like to thank Ross and Mari-belle Gosling for their hospitality.

Our annual evening January Gala with our spouses/partners was postponed due to a calendar conflict but will be re-scheduled after Easter. This year's theme is The Roaring Twenties.

Submitted by Terry Raybould for Men's cooking

Happy Spring, Everyone!

Lesley Emery
Parish Life

Christmas Market Report - 2019

Our annual Christmas Market in November 2019 was again very successful and the conveners extend their thanks to everyone involved in any way. The day after the market was a day of extreme weather with treacherous conditions that would keep many of us safely at home. That made us realize just how dependent the success of our market is on good weather conditions on our big day! The visitors were lined up outside the Great Hall from 7.30 am and it was a very busy day once the doors opened and many of our well - stocked tables were completely sold out by midday.



In January 2020 we held our usual wind-up pot-luck lunch for all group leaders and anyone interested in anything to do with the market. This time Mother Nature did not hold her cold, snowy weather for 24 hours but several people managed to come and we enjoyed a delicious lunch. We talked about the fact that we are very aware of our need to eliminate plastic containers, wrapping and shopping bags in order to further our mandate to be a "Green " environment. To this end we are making fabric, re-usable shopping bags to be used at the market and we will soon have a basic pattern and instructions if you are interested in using up your fabric scraps. In addition, we will also be re-purposing toilet roll centres and old Christmas cards and we will be placing boxes on the shelf outside the Great Hall office to collect them.

The Christmas Market has been an annual event at St. Luke's for over 50 years and many of our volunteers have been involved since the very early years. Not surprisingly, they are now ready to retire and we give them our most sincere thanks for all that they have done throughout so many years. Their retirement will leave some groups short of volunteers so please give thought to how you might be able to help in any capacity.

A group most often overlooked is the group of men who act as our security people, keeping good order in the hall and outside in the parking areas. They are also involved in setting up, taking down and storing everything away for another year. Many thanks gentlemen!

Christmas Market Report continued

Since we are experiencing so many changes this year, all the conveners have agreed to remain in place for the 2020 market and we encourage everyone to consider joining us in experiencing the fun and fellowship of working together and the sense of satisfaction it brings to successfully continue an old St. Luke's tradition.

With God's grace our next Christmas Market will be Saturday November 28th, 2020.

Conveners : Carole Prytula , Bob Bruce , Leslie Allen

More Christmas Market Photos



“The Speaker’s Lunch”



The aim of the Speakers Lunch group is to foster awareness among parishioners of happenings and endeavours in the wider community that may be worthy of interest and 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” and 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.

Once again, as we enter the Spring, your committee is arranging a diverse and interesting list of topics and speakers.

We had an excellent talk by Det/Cst. Derek Gray of the Halton Regional Police on **January 9th**, as he shared the latest in distraction crimes, many of which are targeted at the purses and wallets of vulnerable seniors. We had a great turnout!

Given February is Black History month, we will have Rob Green from the Black History Awareness Society join us on **Feb. 13th** to tell us about how black slaves escaped to freedom in Canada via the Underground Railroad.

Our **March 12th** speakers will enlighten us on the subject of “climate change”.

Our April speaker is yet to be confirmed, but on **May 14th** we will have Dennis Walker from Canadian Mental Health Awareness help us better understand and appreciate those living with mental health challenges.

No meetings in June, July and August.

We have been pleased at the growing interest and attendance at the lunches and hope that you can 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 email your ideas to Tim Tiernay tim.tiernay@bell.net

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these lunches. New committee members are also welcomed.



Music at St. Luke's



Music at St. Luke's invites you to our final concert of the season on April 18th. Be entertained by the 12/4 Swing Orchestra, back by popular demand and featuring Tony Sciara. Enjoy the golden era of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Perry Como, Harry Belafonte and Michael Buble and hear hits like Strangers in the Night, Ain't That A Kick in the Head, Moon River and Sway. Bring your dancing shoes or just sit back and enjoy!

Tickets are \$40 including dinner. hlennard@cogeco.ca or 905-632-2918

Christmas Decorations





Since 2010, St. Luke's has been a site for Food for Life. Each Tuesday morning we distribute food from all the major food groups to clients in our area who have trouble putting food on their table from week to week and suffer from food insecurities. We generally see about 40 people every week. We provide them with snacks, hot soup (in the winter) while they are waiting to get their food. St. Luke's is

a warm, safe, and caring environment for all who come on a Tuesday. Over the years we have been the recipients of Food Drives held at Burlington Towers, we have had parishioners donate non perishable items to our box in the Narthex and for the last two years we have partnered with the French Ecole Renaissance on Maple Ave. For the last two Christmases, groups of students have walked up to the Parish Hall from school loaded with all sorts of products to help supplement our supplies. We are so grateful for their kindness and warm hearts. They also stayed and helped to sort, package and break down boxes for us. They are truly a blessing!



ST. LUKE'S HAPPENINGS

(photos by Dorothy Kew)

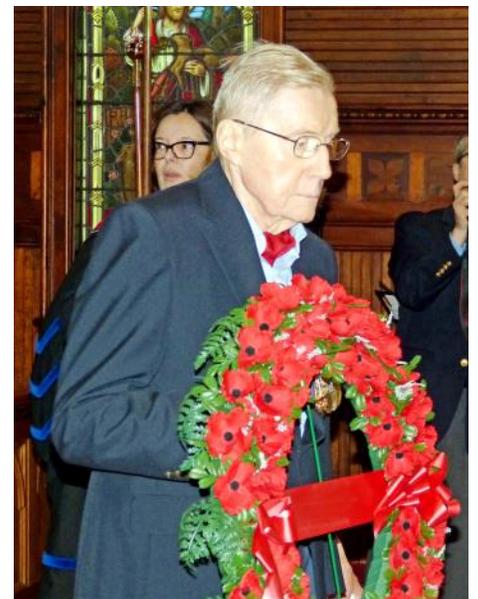


Children's Christmas Pageant



Adult Christmas Drama

Remembrance Day Service



Ministry of Outreach

Contacts: Co-Chairs – Jackie Maver (905 681-6097) and Rosalind Reycraft (905 635-3976)

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

Our Advocacy Group continues to support the missions of Outreach with informative and inspiring Saturday Speakers Breakfast Programme, that provides food for the body and soul. Starting time is 9am.

On Saturday March 21st, we will be welcoming our own Melanie Walker Edwards for a presentation concerning Wellness and Support.

Please mark Saturday, April 24th on your calendar for something different - Peacemaking through Music. More details in the regular Sunday Bulletin. We welcome everyone in our Parish and entire Community.

Should you be interested in being part of this vital part of our Outreach Mission, please contact either Carrie Raybould at 905-681-2816 or Ros Reycraft at 905-635-3976. We welcome any new members for our team.

Submitted by Carrie Raybould



Church Minders

The Church Minders are a group of dedicated volunteers who "sit" Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 12:30 in order that the doors of St. Luke's might remain open. We greet not only parishioners and residents of our city, but also visitors to Burlington who have come in to see our beautiful Church and learn some of its history. We also welcome those who need a quiet time for prayer and meditation.

Keeping our Church open and accessible is an important part of St. Luke's outreach ministry and we are in need of new volunteers in order to continue.

Should you be interested in further information, please contact me at 289-795-0401 or sadhon@bell.net.

Submitted by Sharon O'Neill



Greening of St. Luke's

The Greening St. Luke's committee strives to provide leadership in caring for God's creation, and promoting sustainable practices in the parish and everyday lives of its parishioners.

Guidance and resources are available through the diocesan Greening Niagara committee.

Please visit their website at: (<http://niagaraanglican.ca/green/>), which also contains useful links to Green Partners.

The Butterfly Garden, adjacent to the Scattering Garden, just south of the Columbarium was completed by early summer last year and was thriving by the end of the season. Many thanks to the few dedicated parishioners lead by Carole Prytula for planting and caring for it. Watch for it to mature this summer and to continue to attract butterflies and bees.

This past autumn a committee was called together by Bob Bruce to lead a project to replace all our lights with LED lights. While many of our lights were relatively up-to-date fluorescent bulbs, the latest LEDs will further reduce our energy use, with an estimated pay-back time of less than 4 years. Installation will be completed by the time you read this newsletter.

Earth Hour will be celebrated this year between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28th. Starting as a symbolic lights-out event in Sydney in 2007, Earth Hour is now the world's largest grassroots movement for the environment, inspiring millions of people to take action for our planet and nature. Learn more about Earth Hour at: <https://www.earthhour.org/>

Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22, falling on a Wednesday this year, with events worldwide in support of the environment and to raise awareness for the environmental protection and care of our planet. Learn more about Earth Day at: <https://www.earthday.org/>

Submitted by: Michael Skafel

Madagascar Missions- Mary Sherwood - NEWS FROM MADAGASCAR

Background: Situated off the southeast coast of Africa, Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world. It is one of the most environmentally exceptional places on Earth, with more endemic species than the whole of Africa. At least 80% of the plant and animal species found in Madagascar are unique to the island.

But, despite a wealth of natural resources and a tourism industry driven by its unique environment, **it is the poorest non-conflict country on Earth, with 92% of people living on less than \$2/day**, and is heavily dependent on foreign aid.



Since gaining independence from France in 1960, Madagascar has experienced repeated bouts of political instability, including coups, violent unrest and disputed elections. While still struggling to stabilize the government and to implement economic reforms, the president has identified the national priorities as fighting against poverty, the development of infrastructure, education, and health, and building the energy sector. However, recent natural disasters, political instability, and continued high rates of extreme poverty are hampering recovery efforts.

Traditionally, the Malagasy economy has been based on the cultivation of paddy rice, coffee, vanilla and cloves. However, since 2013, Madagascar has been experiencing a prolonged drought in the south of the country. This crisis has left over one million people without enough food to eat.

Mary Sherwood Update: Mary Sherwood has written to us to report that there is a serious food shortage at the orphanage, Akany Famonjena. **Food has become very expensive and is increasingly difficult to feed the children.** Vegetables have doubled in price. They are seldom able to afford any meat. In addition, the charcoal used to cook what food they have has also doubled in price. It is a very serious situation.

Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help out. Any donation you are able to make is gratefully accepted and will make a difference in the lives of these children who have so little. Please use the donation envelopes in the pews and mark 'Mary Sherwood' on the 'donation for' line. Thank you.

Contact Sandra Tiernay 905-639-0345

Sew on Fire

This group has sent over 350,000 gift bags to undeveloped countries and Canada's north and continues to need many items, baby wear, children and women's clothing, hygiene supplies, school supplies etc.

These items may be left in the white box under the coat rack in the foyer of the Parish Hall.

Thank you for all the donations you have made in the past, they are really appreciated. You may check them out at sewonfire.com or visit their facility at 975 Fraser Ave. on a Monday or Tuesday morning.

For further information call Elsie Haywood 905-336-0105



El Hogar Service Team Trip 2020

The team is preparing in earnest as the time nears for us to travel to El Hogar - March 27th to April 3rd. This year's team has 8 participants, three of whom are new to El Hogar. We are looking forward to introducing them to our sponsored children - Nelsin at the girls' high school residence, Ana Nicolle at the elementary centre and Josue at the technical institute - and working as a cohesive team to make a difference in the lives of the children at all three centres.



Because toiletries are very expensive in Honduras, we will be asking those who wish to and are able to make a donation of items such as soaps, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and razors which we will take with us to donate directly. There will be a basket in the parish hall to collect these items from March 1st to March 15th.

The team is also working on making our delicious chocolate covered fondant Easter eggs. They will be available for purchase starting on Sunday, March 15th at coffee hour. They are the same low price of \$6 per egg or 5 for \$25. We hope you enjoy these sweet treats.

You will also have the opportunity to purchase Marilyn Barnes' beautiful greeting cards.

¡Muchisimas gracias por su apoyo! Thank you so much for your help!

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

Downtown Burlington Community Lunches

Everyone is welcome to attend our Downtown Burlington Community Lunches which continue to grow in attendance. We are always looking for new volunteers and you would be very welcome if you would like to join our team. We have fun together and contribute to an enjoyable meal.

The lunches take place on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays from September until June. Future dates are February 19, and March 4 and 18.

Please contact Heather White: 905 639-2922

Refugee Sponsorship – Al Alem (Hajj-Kasem) Family

The exciting news is that we have started the process of preparing for the last members of the Hajj-Kasem family to come to Canada. During this past year Canon Stuart has been working diligently at filling the applications and documents (and there have been many) needed for the remaining family to come to Canada, who are still in Beirut. The documents were sent to the Canadian Citizen, Immigration and Refugee office. This has been months of work dealing with translators, numerous forms and trying to communicate with the family with their limited English. We have been thankful to the Rev. Scott McLeod, the Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator from our Diocese for his invaluable advice and guidance through this process.

The oldest daughter Karima, with her husband, could not come with the rest of the family in December 2016 because they were married and not dependents. She and Mohamed now have two children, Faten and Ahmad. It is now important to us to help reunify the family in 2020. Their life has been difficult living in Beirut - living in small quarters with curfews, discrimination, harassment and little opportunity for work for any Syrian there. The couple have dreams for their lives when they get here. The good news is that they got their preliminary interview for Feb 27th. There will be health, security and background checks that will need to take place after that initial interview, but we were encouraged by the speed of the appointment for the first interview. The whole process could still likely take many months or even a year.



We know that this resettlement once they get here, will go much easier and faster since they have family already in place here as well as connections with the Halton Multicultural Council and the Mosque, who have been partners with us throughout the first sponsorship. But there is still work to be done as we put together a sponsorship committee for this process. Our goal is to help them in this resettlement process and to raise funds for their first year's resettlement into life in Canada. If you feel that you would like to join us to help in their amazing journey of a new life here, please contact either Janice Skafel at janice.skafel@outlook.com or Canon Stuart at stuartpike1@gmail.com [We need you!](#)

Please pray for this family as they face their interviews and hopefully, eventual travel to their waiting family here in Canada.

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To get an idea of what this family has gone through, please watch this 2-minute trailer of an Oscar nominated film called “*For Sama*”.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cg1bcfshHg4>

The entire film is available to view on PBS.org on this link:

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/where-to-stream-the-oscar-nominated-documentary-for-sama/>

The area that the Al Alems and Hajj-Kasems are from is close to Aleppo where this is filmed. They leave behind many members of the extended family that have lived in devastation with their country falling around them and in fear of their lives daily.

Submitted by: Janice Skafel

Children in Need Cabaret Concert

We are pleased to have **The Harlequin Singers** back for our annual concert which will take place in the late spring.

Watch for details of dates and program in the coming weeks. This concert is our annual fundraiser so that we can support programs that help children in need.



The Harlequins, who bring fun and talent and fine entertainment with their repertoire of pop and Broadway musicals, jazz and the big band era music will delight and entertain you in our cabaret setting in the Great Hall.

Contact Janice Skafel 905 332-0837



Primate's World Relief And Development Fund

PWRDF has responded to the fires in Australia. You can donate by using the envelopes in the pews. Please make cheques payable to St. Luke's Church and mark 'PWRDF Fires' on the memo line. Thank you for your support.

As Canadians watch the fires engulf Australia with no signs of abating, PWRDF has been in contact with our counterparts there: the Australian Board of Mission and Anglican Overseas Aid, both agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia.

While the Australian government has pledged \$2 billion in relief spending, Anglicans in Canada are still keen to support Australians dealing with this disaster. In consultation with both Anglican agencies, PWRDF is today announcing a \$5,000 solidarity grant to be given to the Anglican Board of Mission's bushfire appeal which has been set up to accept overseas donations. Those wishing to give to this cause may do so through PWRDF as outlined above.

Anglican Overseas Aid primarily focuses its funding on overseas relief and development work, but is now supporting the Melbourne Anglican Foundation Trust's bushfire emergency relief fund, says Tim Hartley, Disaster Response and Resilience Coordinator for AOA. "This will provide relief and support to those in need across the Victorian dioceses impacted (currently this is predominantly in the north and eastern parts of the state). It's important to stress that we're only halfway through the bushfire season so we have a few more months to go – the emergency services, volunteers and communities have more trials ahead."

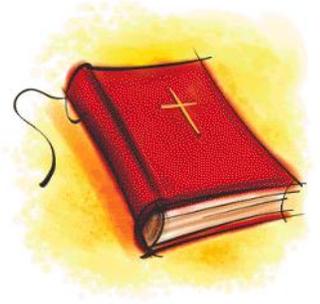
You can also pray for the people affected by this disaster. The primate of Australia, Archbishop Philip Freier, has posted this prayer.

*All things look to you, O Lord,
to give them their food in due season:
look in mercy on your people,
and hear our prayer for those whose lives and possessions are threatened by fire.
Give protection and wisdom to fire fighters and other emergency service personnel.
Encourage our generosity to those who suffer loss.
In your mercy restore your creation and heal our land.
So guide and bless your people,
that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth
and give you thanks with grateful hearts,
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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.



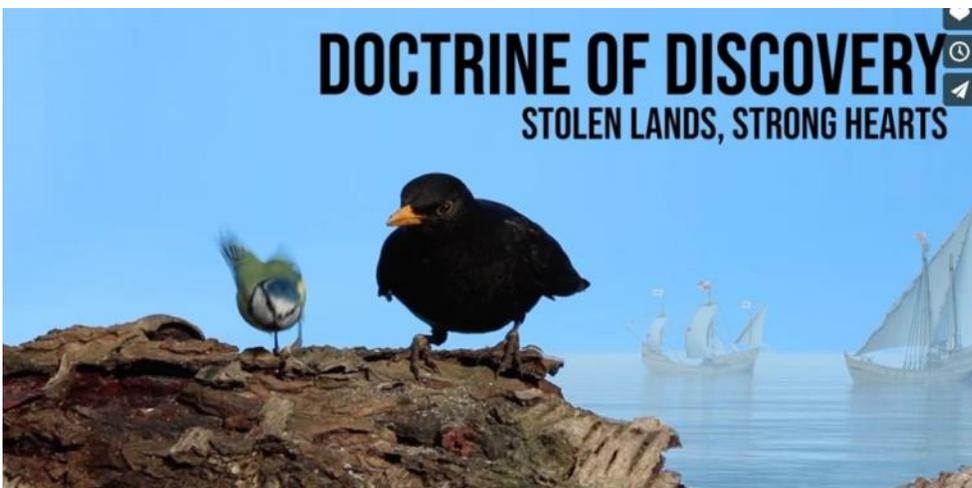
Doctrine of Discovery: Available On-line

The Indigenous Awareness Team presented the Anglican Church of Canada production *Doctrine of Discovery* as the 2019 Advent Study event. Deirdre Pike, Justice and Outreach, Program Consultant for the Diocese participated. The presentation was attended by about 40 parishioners.

The documentary is a film about a proclamation, made over 500 years ago by Pope Alexander VI who ruled that the lands being discovered by European explorers at the time was “empty” land and its millions of Indigenous inhabitants were “non-human”. With a running time of just over one-hour it is a “must see” for all Anglicans.

If you missed the Advent Study the full documentary is available for viewing on the Anglican Church of Canada website at:

<https://www.anglican.ca/primate/tfc/drj/doctrineofdiscovery/>



Parishioners attend the 2019 Advent Study presentation of Doctrine of Discovery

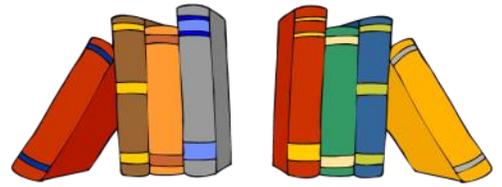


Presenting and Celebrating Jesus' birth in song and action with our Sunday School at the 4pm children's service on Christmas Eve.



News and Views from the Library

The library is to enhance the spiritual life of its readers



I would like to introduce you to three books from St. Luke's library that will provide you with a good understanding of the season of Lent which begins this year on February 26th. Each one has a format that allows you to either read a sermon-like outline for each of the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Saturday, or a biblical account of the forty days or a meditation for each day of the season.

Let Me Go There: the Spirit of Lent by Paula Gooder (263 GOO). To quote from the author in the introduction of the book "I chose as the theme of this book what I perceived to be two interlocking themes-Jesus' temptations in the wilderness and his calling of disciples. These two events stand next to each other at the very start of Jesus' ministry and begin to give us clues not only into who Jesus was and what he had come to do, but also the importance of disciples to this ministry. The forty days of Lent, which mimic the forty days and nights Jesus spent in the wilderness, are a traditional focus for Lenten reflection not only because they reveal to us the deep nature of Jesus, but also they give us a pattern to follow. The question is what kind of pattern do they offer? It is this question asked through a series of reflections on key Bible passages that shape the contents of this book.

It begins with the theme of wilderness and why the wilderness was so important in the minds of New Testament writers. The book ends with two chapters on discipleship-the call and then the character and cost of discipleship."

Daily Reading and Prayers for Lent - Praying the Passion by Ken Taylor (242.37). In this book, Taylor took the four gospels and combined them into a composite gospel. He used Mark as a base and has interwoven details of the other three disciples' gospels to provide a more complete narrative of the days in Lent. He has arranged the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter Saturday so that there is a reading and prayer for each day.

In Appendix 1 – Explanatory Notes, the author describes how when preparing a composite gospel, you will find differences among the four gospels. He asks "Who is right?" What is clear is that their accounts are enriched by each other's accounts rather than confused by their shaping of historical events.

In Appendix 2 – The Last Supper and Passover Taylor outlines the format of the Seder which has remained unchanged for centuries. It centers on the four pieces of unleavened bread, which together with the four cups of wine (and a fifth for Elijah) make up the framework for the meal.

Library Report continued

Christ our Passover by Stephen Reynolds (242.34) was recommended by the former Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Michael G. Peers, for reading and reflection during the season of Lent. These meditations are based on the proper readings for Sunday and “privileged Feriad” in Lent and Eastertide, as appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary. To quote a passage from the back cover of the book “This book is a wonderful companion to anyone looking for a way to pray with the Sunday readings. During Lent and Easter, this book deserves a place beside your Bible.”

The library is open during the week whenever the office is open, as well as Sunday mornings during coffee hour. There is a catalogue of all the holdings in a binder on the table. The books are listed by title, author and subject. Just choose a book and sign the card in the back of the book. There is a box on the table to place your card. Return your book when you are finished and leave it on the table. We will reshelve it. About every 5 weeks at coffee hour, members of the library committee provide a display on new books, topical books for the season, or old favourites. Come and take a look.

Jane Milne, Chair

Book Review

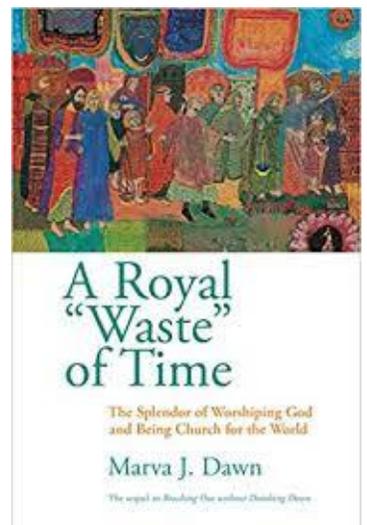
A Royal "Waste" of Time:

The Splendor of Worshiping God and Being the Church for the World.

Author, Marva J. Dawn

Worship is a “royal waste of time.” - Of course, the author is not referring to worship being purposeless, she is speaking of worship as a way of losing our lives, the meaning given in the gospel of Mathew (chapter 10, verse 39). Worship is royal because it invites us to the throne room of God. But worship is a waste of time because in the eyes of most of our cultural mindsets of “what is important”, in the present-day world, it is a trivial pursuit. However, and here is the centre of the irony, Worship, as a “royal waste of time”, enables us to keep heavenly time and place, and earthly concerns into their proper perspective. A royal waste of time is what we need to do more, not less.

The author excels at demonstrating how good worship and good liturgy meet the very needs that drive us to their substitutes. Good worship can free us from our preoccupation with consumerism, our addictive behaviors and our anxieties. Good liturgy does nothing more nor less than help us to give ourselves more fully to God. Dawn has expanded her rich work in the field of contemporary worship into considering the concerns of Generation X—which she sees as a media-saturated and "dumbed down" crowd.



Book Review continued

In her words, the purpose of Worship ought not to be construed in a utilitarian way. Rather, than its purpose being to gain numbers for our churches, to refill the *comfortable pews*, to be seen as successful, the “entire reason for our worship is that God deserves it”. And, “the Christian community, to be a genuine gift to the postmodern world, must deliberately be an alternative society of trust and embodied faithfulness to our story and its God”.

Rather than becoming enculturated and entrapped by the world’s values of materialistic consumerism, of narcissistic self-aggrandizement, of superficiality, our approach, our **Worship**, must be to demonstrate a Church that has chosen the life of sharing, **his** willingness to suffer for the sake of others, and **his** eternal purposes. Our approach to life, therefore, must be supported by our liturgical leaders who, in turn, must “constantly equip parishioners for the mission and ministry of communicating” the Christian narrative, of ‘deliberately choosing and living out the alternative values of the kingdom of God”.

We have to utilize our “royal Waste of Time”, our **Worship**, therefore, as effectively as possible to ask if, and how, it is really possible to have genuinely Christian worship in a culture, as our society is characterized, by individualism (rather than community), consumption (rather than generosity and sharing), and manipulative advertising (rather than the telling of truth). *Ah yes, social media...* - And it is here that the author states her position on the idea of modernizing or making Worship more entertaining in order to encourage a growth of numbers. She argues for an increase of adherents, for honesty about what our worship is, and, therefore, for maintaining tradition in how we “waste our time”.

Once more, in her words - “I believe unremittingly that it is utterly dangerous for churches to offer choices of worship styles. By doing so we reinforce the way of life that worship is intended to expose, disarm, and conquer. We dare not let worship be just another consumer item for which people shop. It is crucial for us to comprehend that arguments about appealing to unbelievers by means of a particular style of worship betray a serious confusion between worship and evangelism, to the severe detriment of both.

We might attract lots of consumers if our worship services are merely entertaining, but, unless we continually increase the emotional hype, we cannot expect consumers not to turn away to other diversions when the difficulties of being a Christian surface, *or else we merely continue contributing to their shallowness.* “

However, the author does not merely take a stance: there follows a reasoned and carefully considered set of reasons for her position. I offer them to you as a thoughtful and careful reader. “I am not rejecting new styles and forms for worship. Style is not the issue. The genuine worship of GOD is. “ In sum, I commend heartily this book. The author and theologian writes in an inclusive and conversational manner.

Marva Dawn has four master's degrees and a Ph.D. in Christian Ethics and the Scriptures from the University of Notre Dame.

Notes from the Bench

From Jennifer Goodine, St. Luke's Music Director



As you know, each Sunday service is made up of liturgy combined with a cornucopia of musical moments, which include everything from preludes and postludes for solo piano or organ, to pieces with guest instrumentalists, to works sung by our choir. Each of these musical items takes several weeks to prepare and rehearse, and this is but one facet to the position of Music Director (which also includes research, administration, management, and other various and sundry such as meetings, worship planning, and the upkeep of our treasured organ and pianos). From the many upcoming musical moments from now until Easter, I wanted to note some highlights:

- February: - On February 2, the choir will debut a new anthem based on African-American tune "Deep River", with solos by Marilyn Allen and Allan Ellingham
- March: - the choir will debut a new anthem based on a hymn by Bernadette Farrell ("Longing for Light, we wait in darkness"), accompanied by Darwin Allen on violin and Rob Laurie on guitar (date TBA)
- on March 26, we welcome guest violinists and recorder players, recruited by and including Dorothy Haartman, to our monthly Celtic service
- Easter: - we will once again welcome the Celebration Brass, our annual Easter guest brass quintet, led by Graham Young

We have also been introducing the Gloria from a new Mass setting, composed by British composer Malcolm Archer. We hope to also eventually introduce the Kyrie ("Lord, have mercy"), the Sanctus ("Holy, holy, holy"), and the Agnus Dei ("Jesus, Lamb of God"), to widen our liturgical music repertoire.

I hope our music will inspire you and enrich your worship experience as we move into the contemplative season of Lent and then into the joys of Easter. If you enjoy singing or if you play an instrument yourself, please know your gift is valuable and you are always welcome to join us! Our choir rehearsals are on Thursdays, in the church, from 7:30 to 9 pm.

Jennifer

ST. LUKE'S HAPPENINGS



More Photos from the
Christmas Market
by Dorothy Kew



A Look Back at St. Luke's Rectors: Reverend Thomas Greene, 1809-1878

By Dorothy Kew

The first congregations of St. Luke's Church had no resident rector but were served by travelling missionaries. According to the early records of the church these were Frederick Mack, missionary at Wellington Square, 1835-1836; Henry Hugh O'Neil, missionary in the Districts of Niagara and Gore, 1836-1837; and J. Gamble Geddes, minister of Hamilton and Barton, 1836-1838. Then, on October 4th, 1838, St. Luke's was consecrated by the Right Reverend George Jehoshaphat Mountain, Bishop of Quebec, and shortly thereafter the Reverend Thomas Green was appointed Rector of the church.



Reverend Thomas Greene

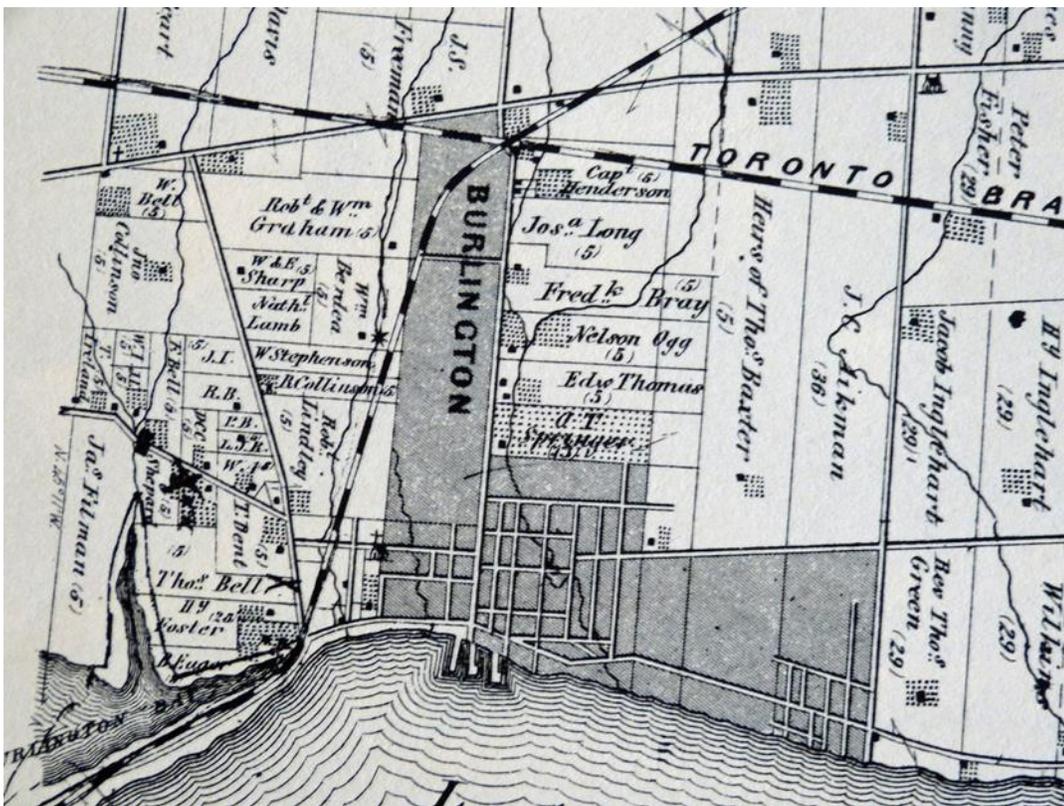
The Reverend Thomas Greene was born at New Ross, County Wexford, Ireland on 2 April 1809. He was educated at the Diocesan School, New Ross, and at Trinity College, Dublin. He was selected as a missionary for the Stewart Mission under Charles James Stewart, Bishop of Quebec, ordained to the diaconate 23 January 1836 and licensed as a travelling missionary to the District of London.

While in the District Thomas Greene married Catherine Jane Emma Killaly, at Waucoosta, London, the residence of her brother, Hamilton Killaly, a civil engineer. On 6 October 1838 Greene was priested at St. James Church, Toronto and was then appointed Rector of St. Luke's, Wellington Square.

As the only Anglican priest in the area Thomas Greene was very busy; not only did he minister to the congregation of St. Luke's but he also oversaw the founding of St. Jude's

Anglican Church in Oakville, which celebrated its first Eucharist on 12 August 1839. He also served as rector at St. John's Anglican Church, Nelson. This church was formed in 1835 and, with the help of the Ireland family the building was completed in 1845. And according to notes I received from Reverend Richard E. Ruggle, Mr. Greene also held the first services at St. Luke's Palermo, St. George's Lowville and St. Matthew-on-the-Plains, Aldershot.

The Greens settled in Port Nelson, to the east of Wellington Square, in a house near the lake on about a hundred acres of land, stretching from Water Street (now Lakeshore Road) to what is now New Street. The Burlington Historical Society has identified the former site of their house as 3078 First Street. There Kate Greene planted rose bushes, so much so that the house became known as "Roseland", the name which was later given to the area itself. Kate Greene also planted rows of acacia trees which lined Church Avenue from the church to the lake.



At "Roseland" the Greens raised a large family, four sons and three daughters. Percy Kelly, in his book about St. Luke's, relates a humorous story of one of his sons who, probably bored with the service one Sunday, was acting up to the consternation of the congregation, in the balcony of the church. His father, furious at this distraction, stopped the service to go after his son, who, attempting to escape, tried to slide down one of the pillars, and got his pants caught on a hook for one of the lights. It is not known if this is one of the two sons of Mr. Greene who also themselves became priests in the Anglican church. Another son became a solicitor in Burlington.

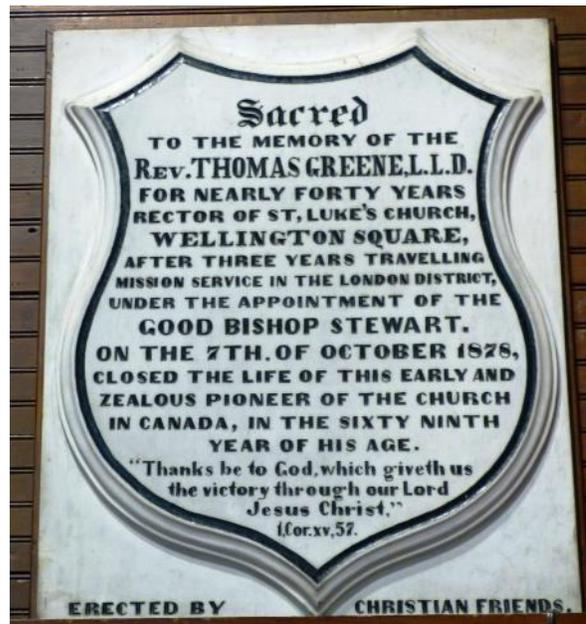
A great grandson of the Reverend Thomas Greene sent our Archives this photograph of Thomas and Kate Greene with, he claimed, one of their daughters, but based on the age of both the Greens in the photograph, it is possible that she is a granddaughter.



The Greens with either a daughter or a granddaughter

In 1857 Reverend Thomas Greene received an honorary doctorate from Trinity College, Dublin. Besides his work as the rector of St. Luke's Reverend Greene acted as tutor to many future prominent men of Canada, such as Sir Edward Blake, the second Premier of Ontario, 1871-1872, and leader of the Liberal Party, 1880-1887.

Thomas Greene served as rector of St. Luke's for 40 years. He died 7 October 1878 and is buried, with his wife, their son, Thomas James Cecil, Thomas's wife, Catherine Patriarche, and three grandchildren in St. Luke's churchyard. He is also commemorated on three other memorials – a memorial plaque by the lectern and the St. John Window on the east side of the nave, as well as the heritage plaque at the foot of Church Avenue on the Lakeshore.



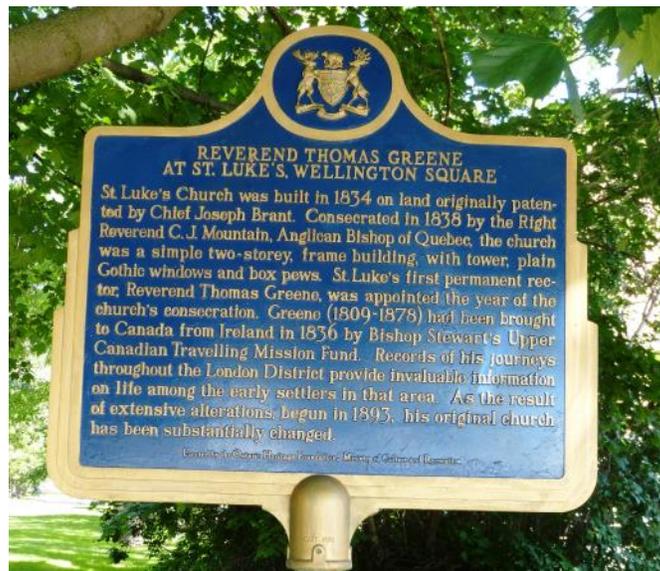
Reverend Thomas Greene Plaque

The St. John Window, at the north end of the east side of the nave, is dedicated "To the Glory of God in memory of Revd. Thomas Greene, LLD, first rector of this parish and Kate J. E. Killaly his wife." The window depicts St. John the Evangelist as a young man with long hair, holding his gospel, and includes the symbol of a chalice with a serpent. This particular symbol is based on a legend that the saint was given a poisonous chalice by a pagan priest in Ephesus and though he drank it he miraculously survived. The window is signed by the maker, A. M. MacKenzie, Hamilton, but there is no date and it is difficult to know when it was made. It could not have been before 1899, when the balconies in the nave were removed. Based on what little we know about MacKenzie, it may have been installed before 1910.



St. John Window

The historical plaque, commemorating the Reverend Thomas Greene and St. Luke's Church, Wellington Square, is located at the foot of Church Avenue, on the north side of Lakeshore Road, placed there by the Ontario Heritage Trust on October 19, 1975.



Ontario Heritage Trust plaque commemorating Rev. Thomas Greene

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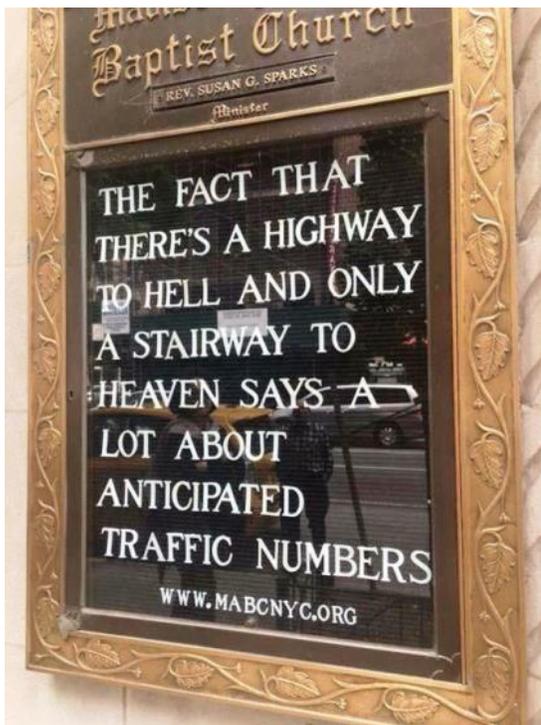
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Here are some suggestions for the wardens.





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