

ST. LUKE'S

NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2021



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Rector's Message

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Luke's,

As I write this in early February, I know that there might be lots of development in the months ahead, the months covered by this newsletter. We are still in some of the most dangerous days of the pandemic, particularly with the news of more virulent strains of Covid-19 circulating. However, we are also in a period of great hope, given the roll-out of the vaccine. For many of us, the duration of this pandemic has been physically and emotionally exhausting.



However, we are a people of hope, even as we are about to enter into the season of Lent, a period of self-examination and deprivation (similar to the experience of the last year!) our identity is essentially as an Easter people. We believe that new life follows death and loss. And there have been plenty of experiences of that this past year! It feels like Good Friday, but we know Easter is coming!

Please read this Newsletter to see all that continues to go on during the months ahead. There are some things we don't know yet, such as when we will be able to open our Church building again for in-person services. However, we are offering 7 online services each week (Sunday mornings by 9 am, and a 20-minute Evening Prayer every evening except Fridays.) All of our on-line worship experiences can be accessed at the same blog site:

www.stlukesburlington.blogspot.com

We assume that all of our Holy Week and Easter services will still be exclusively on-line, but we will certainly update everyone through our regular email before we start to re-open for in-person worship.

During this past year, we have been trying to reach out to our parishioners through our on-line worship and also through telephone calls. Many of our parishioners have been involved in making those calls. I would encourage you to reach out to other parishioners in our telephone directory, with special attention to those who live alone, or who are undergoing stress at this time.

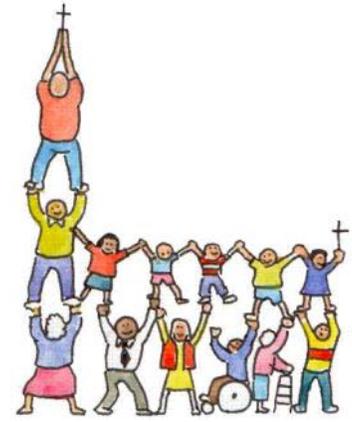
Please remember, we are never spiritually alone. The spirit of the living Christ is with each of us. Even though scattered, we still form a spiritual communion, and sometime this year I fully believe that we will once again be able to safely gather and celebrate together. For me, it will feel like returning from exile: like entering the promised land! Blessings and peace be with you.

Your brother in Christ,

Stuart.

Wardens' Report

Another springtime is upon us and it was a year ago now that we had to suspend in-person services. Would any of us have imagined we would still be in the state we are at this time???? Regardless, we have journeyed on with continual improvements in our virtual services, so we are able to remain connected to our parish and feel spiritually engaged. With the rollout of the COVID19 vaccine, we are more optimistic that things will begin to improve. As they say, maybe the light at the end of the tunnel is not a train coming at us! We have to be realistic at this time and expect that we will miss another in-person Eastertide.



Most importantly for your Executive team and the clergy, you are staying well and observing the provincial health protocols. As we write this, “stay at home” is the mantra. Our Diocesan leadership has again suspended all in-person services and placed limitations on other interaction.

We are all learning how to connect with friends, family, parishioners, etc., through the incredible advances in technology. A year ago, would you have known what a “Zoom” meeting was? Applications like Zoom, Skype, Facetime, WhatsApp and Duo are invaluable at this time. We continue to use them for the business of running the Parish and remarkably, it has become very effective and time-efficient. Not only the Executive and Parish Council continue to meet this way, but numerous church groups keep their connections active through these tools.

We are blessed with the strong financial support you have provided during this uncertain time. Many of you responded with additional or special gifts to help us meet our financial commitments and as such, we finished the year in a much stronger financial position than we could ever have imagined. The support from the Diocese and the levels of government helped as well. What we are very unsure of at this time, is how this year will unfold, as the available government support will be less. We pray that you will continue to provide your strong financial support and possibly supplement it as you are able. We do not expect to see the return of any parish events until early summer, so the revenue from these will most likely be again lost. Events such as our annual Garage Sale, parking revenue from the Sound of Music festival, Music at St. Luke's, Tourtiere Pie sales are examples of significant parish revenue that may be lost again. To aid in offsetting this loss, should you wish to make an additional contribution, for those that use web-banking, an e-transfer is the most efficient way of making a donation. The email address to use for this is: office@stlukesburlington.ca.

Wardens' Report continued.....

Of course a cheque through the mail will also be welcomed.

As previously reported, the new columbaria project continues to progress, yet hampered by the difficulty in working with city officials who are not in the office during the pandemic. Consequently, approvals take longer to get, but we are making progress under the diligent work of the committee, chaired by Bob Bruce.

As you know, the need for food does not take a break during a pandemic, so our local community is blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers who continue to deliver the Food for Life program. The response to this program is a testament to its need.

We always ask that you make your Parish Executive, Wardens, Parish Council members and Clergy aware of issues, questions and views, both positive or constructive, so we can continue to represent you in the best way possible and continue to make St. Luke's a welcoming place. We also ask for your continued prayers for us to serve in the best interests of this parish.

Over the last year, the Executive and Parish Council have been preparing a three-year plan for the church. We have been working to take a longer-term view and attempting to address some of the long-standing challenges facing aging churches. We appreciate that we will need the support and understanding and contributions of the whole congregation to tackle these challenges. In one way this is daunting; in another way it is exciting to think about what we might do to thrive well into the future.

Lastly, we will have held our "virtual" annual Vestry meeting by Zoom and reported on the year gone by and new leadership and plans for the next year.

We hope and pray that you are well and look forward to being able to share our love of Christ in person soon.

Rector's Warden – Tim Tiernay

People's Warden – Daryl Wilson

Deputy Rector's Warden – Rosemary Armstrong

Deputy People's Warden – Helen Bittner

Please contact the Church Office should you wish to obtain contact information for any of your Parish Wardens.

Pastoral Assistant's Report - Praying Afresh



Spring greetings, my St. Luke's friends! Don't you love this time of the year?

My birth country, sitting as it does much closer to the globe's equator line, has two basic weather seasons: summer and summer.

And this only makes me appreciate even more the seasons of Spring and Autumn here in Canada. Springtime here is like a yearly second-chance for all living things that made it through the winter. Water, leaves, soil, animals, and even we humans ourselves - it'd seem that all living things show forth the signs of Springtime.

For us humans, just stepping towards the end of this nightmare of a pandemic makes the sounds and colors of Spring even more noticeable. I found myself looking at daylight calendars and temperature charts -and long before you could call the weather anything but 'winter'. And, in more than one way, this season of Spring promises more than the renewal of nature, but even the renewal of our life on Earth -if only on account of surviving this virus pandemic.

For many, way too many, this is not just a philosophical exercise. So many have seen their health compromised, or that of their loved ones. So many have died, and as many have seen their loved ones taken away by this virus. For many, this time has been one of financial and vocational turmoil. Many of us have seen our relationships challenged by the emergency measures, and often enough, our physical and mental health as well.

These are facts and nearly inevitable outcomes of such an extended period of being assailed by a virus, not to mention living under emergency measures of the sort we have endured. Which is why it is almost natural to assume that our life of prayer, beginning with my own, has been affected by these times we have and continue living through. And, often enough, 'affected' really means 'diminished'. And understandably so.

How is your own life of prayer going these days?

It is understandably hard to pray in these times we are living in if, for example, we used to do most if not all of our praying while 'in church'. Which is not terrible, but neither sustainable.

It is also understandably hard to pray these days if we are otherwise too busy trying to stay healthy, or sane, or trying to keep in our care sane and healthy, or to even carry on with our personal, emotional, and vocational concerns if not burdens. It is difficult finding a time and space in our days where the silence, calm, and concentration we might associate with prayer can really be found.

The church, your parish church, seeks to provide different opportunities for you to pray, not because we somehow believe you must, but because we are persuaded that you should pray, especially in the company (even virtual) of others. Our Sunday morning services, daily evening prayer, and other opportunities for our common prayer, are there, not because God would be angry otherwise, but because we as Christians just have got to pray. It is part of our vocation.

How is your prayer life these days? Do you think you could use any help in finding new ways for feeding your prayers? Have you thought of reaching out to your fellow parish members or clergy, and ask for assistance as you pray? The challenges are many, yes—but so are the opportunities.

Your friend, Leonel

“Speaker’s Lunch”

The aim of the Speaker’s 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 typically 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 Flett (905-637-7009) or Tim Tiernay (905-639-0345).



Once again, as we enter the spring, your committee is arranging a diverse and interesting list of topics and speakers. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, we remain in our second lockdown and do not realistically see a return until September 2021. We do have a list of very interesting speakers lined up for when we are able to resume. Once we are confident that we are safely able to do so, we will be communicating as widely as we can, so be ready to attend to hear about “Climate Change”, “Mental Health Awareness”, “Burlington Transit” and “The work of the Salvation Army”.

We have been pleased at the growing interest and attendance at the lunches and hope that you can continue to spread the word as to the fun and fellowship to be had at our meetings. If you have any questions, suggestions as to subjects or speakers for future meetings or wish to join our organizing committee, phone or email Tim Tierney through newsletter@stlukesburlington.ca

Also, if you have not provided your email address or text number in the past, please do so and we will alert you to when we will be resuming. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these lunches in the future. For now, continue to be cautious and stay well.



From the Deacon's Diary

The last time I flew I was on my way to England to officiate at the funeral of my aunt. I needed to prepare myself for this event and so, for some reason, I decided to book a window seat instead of my usual aisle seat. You get a whole different perspective through the window of an airplane. Looking at the countryside below, reminded me of just how much I love flying and I know that when the world returns to a “new normal” we will be flying again. Seeing things from the window of an airplane reminds me of the word “spirit”

The word spirit means several things—wind, breath and spirit. Sometimes it can mean a headwind slowing us down until we feel we are hardly moving. Sometimes it's a glorious tailwind speeding us on our way. Sometimes it's downright bumpy-- enough to cause that dicky tummy we might get. And sometimes when we are downstream from one of those mountain ranges on a good windy day it's even like surfing.

Life is like that. The wind and the spirit blow where they will, and we rarely know the direction or how the wind will carry us until we are in the midst of it. Yet that wind and spirit help us to do things that we couldn't or wouldn't do alone; it guides us to move forward in our own community or gives us patience in those long lines at the airport or in the grocery store.

Sometimes that wind, breath and spirit moves us to bring comfort in the face of death, tragedy, destruction or helplessness. So how will the spirit move us to respond?

The spirit of God is called a “paraclete” and “comforter”. Paraclete is the Greek word for a supporter who will come and stand by our side us in times of need. Comforter means more than a cosy quilt; it actually means “to strengthen much”. This spirit brings solace and strength and when we gather together to worship we say that we come to the table “not for solace only but for strength.” That is the comforting spirit.

This spirit is also life giving breath, the energy that literally drives our breathing in and breathing out. Life soon flees without it. So how does the spirit bring new life to us? What is the energy that keeps our community lively and growing?

This growth is part of what it means to live in God and just as the disciples were visited by rushing winds and tongues of fire, and filled with the spirit they became more than they were before. This is why we at St. Luke's are looking for that spirit to guide us both in the church and in the community, to bring that sense of “oneness” as we draw the community in.

Deacon's Report continued

Our task and the task of every community of the spirit is openness and eagerness to receive that spirit whether it feels like surfing or battling up wind. Our task is a willingness to being changed and being re-created and being filled with boldness. As we embark on the liturgical season of Pentecost, may we allow that spirit to guide us and direct us.

Our task is to be willing to partner with our inspired community to change the world one step at a time. We don't know what God will do in our communities, but it will have something to do with peace and strength. Let us keep listening and responding.

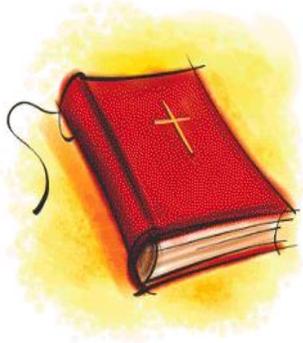
Let us go forward with the spirit—breathe deeply, knowing the wind of God is always beneath our wings, receive the spirit and embrace change.

Thanks be to God.

Sheila



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.*

Bible Study

Both of our women’s bible studies have been suspended since last year due to Covid. Many of the participants have been doing independent studies of the bible, reading, journaling, or finding other creative ways to explore their interpretations of scripture and their faith. We look forward to the time when we can gather once more.

Faith and Fellowship

The Faith and Fellowship men’s group continued to meet each Saturday morning throughout the past year using Zoom technology. Although we can no longer meet for breakfast afterwards, we continue to have a lively discussion of the first reading and the gospel from the previous Sunday’s liturgy. Greatly appreciated is the knowledgeable input from our clergy. We average from eight to ten men each week although we welcome new members at any time. The group is also planning some Saturday morning sessions on interesting liturgical topics during the year. These will be open to anyone who is interested so please watch the St. Luke’s website and Stuart Pike’s weekly emails for more information.

St. Luke's Sunday Morning Children's Program

Unfortunately due to the closure of our church, there has been no Sunday Morning Children’s Program. However, over the last year Louise Neville has kept in regular contact with the families and has had them submit stories and art work that have appeared in the newsletter.

Contemplative Prayer

St. Luke’s has continued throughout the pandemic to meet weekly on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. for Contemplative Prayer through Zoom. Each week we practice silent meditation (Centering Prayer) followed by watching a short video with discussion following. We end by 3:30 p.m. We invite anyone who is drawn to silence, or to explore meditative prayer to join us. All are welcome. This is led by the Rector, Canon Stuart Pike.

Rev. Sheila Plant
Chair, Ministry of Christian Education



food for life

The fall and winter months have been challenging ones for our Food for Life program at St. Luke's, but thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, we have effectively distributed good food bags to our friends who are food challenged. Although we are not able to hold food drives in our normal way, we are so

appreciative to our Montessori children who held their annual Christmas Drive in December and provided us with some much needed staples. We realize going forward that we have now got the "new normal" of food distribution down to a fine art. Directives from Food for Life now have us doing volunteer check ins each week with contact information as well as contact tracing for our friends. Over the last few weeks, we have had almost 20 people coming for food bags, so our numbers are increasing as we journey through the winter months. Many special thanks to our parishioners who have made financial contributions....this has enabled us to purchase items that we wouldn't normally receive. Blessings to you all for this.



Submitted by Sheila Plant

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Hello friends,

I want to begin by saying a huge thank-you to the choir – especially Chris Hughes, Vicky Micks, Marilyn Allen, Bonnie Lennard, Dorothy Haartman, Rob Laurie, and Allan Ellingham – for their hard work, especially at Christmas time. Special thanks go to Vicky and Marilyn for their duet, Dorothy for her violin playing, Rob for his guitar rendition of “Silent Night”, and Paul Pizzolante and friends – including Rebecca Pike, Vicky, and Rob – for the prelude music, as well as other pieces which I was able to use just after Christmas. Looking forward to having all of your talents for Holy Week and Easter as well! (If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive my Covid-time addled brain!) If anyone else would like to add their singing voice or instrumental playing to our services (virtually, of course), either during regular time or during Holy Week and Easter, please contact me at jgoodine@stlukesburlington.ca. We would love to have you!

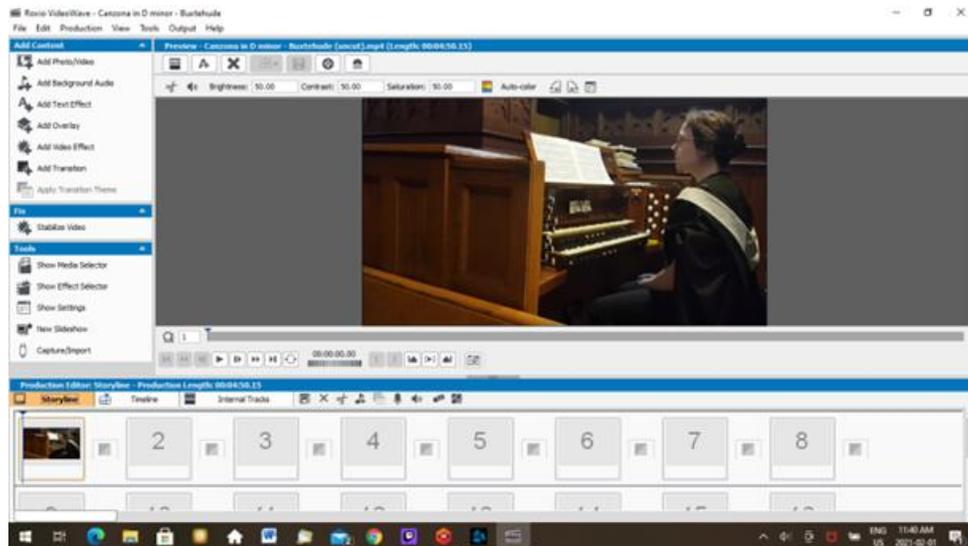


We were fortunate to have our incumbent trumpeter, Graham Young, on Remembrance Day, through the magic of video, and he is on board to add his talents to our Easter celebrations as well, albeit virtually.



I included a screenshot of one of my editing programmes, Audacity, in the last newsletter. It is an audio editing programme I use to bring together the voices of our choir and my organ or piano accompaniment and adjust balance and timing. I’m including below a screenshot from my other programme, Roxio, which I use for a number of purposes, including converting audio files into different formats (Audacity only takes a certain type of audio file, e.g.) and editing my video postludes.

Music Director Report continued



I also wanted to show you my set-up for recording my postludes. I do the video recording myself, using my smartphone and a small adjustable tripod. I then transfer the rough video recording to my computer, and then into my Roxio video editing programme (seen above), where I trim it, save it, then turn it into an easily-transferrable file format.



Music Director Report continued

In addition to my St. Luke's work, I was involved in two other Christmas-themed musical adventures, one for the Burlington Civic Chorale (for which I am the accompanist) and one for the Hamilton chapter of the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO). These two virtual events can still be viewed by going to the following YouTube links:

Burlington Civic Chorale Christmas medley: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvkHsOFHLFzV2q0LzLXvBETr81D_60s11

Channel link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4MVp0tiht40q4W2aZpusUw>

RCCO Hamilton concert: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTCM9dAPmIY>.

Channel link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdEXn5IJDoSbQ5X0LLXipnA>

Enjoy!



I've also given you a link to the RCCO channel itself, in case you are interested in our upcoming Holy Week-Easter concert. The exact date is TBA, but it will be premiered sometime between March 28 and April 4. Please feel free to contact me closer to the time for more information (jgoodine@stlukesburlington.ca).

Speaking of virtual concerts, I am planning one for our St. Luke's family (and beyond!) for late May/early June – please stay tuned for more information!

There will be more anthems, hymns, and musical offerings to come from now until Easter which I hope will uplift you in these challenging times. In the meantime, stay safe and God bless.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Goodine, Music Director.



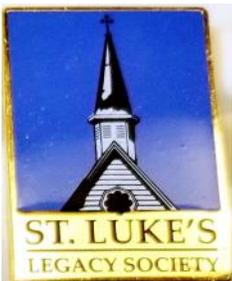
Eagle Wings



*When the "storms of life" gather darkly ahead
I think of those wonderful words I once read
And I say to myself as threatening clouds hover
Don't fold up your wings and run for cover.
But like the eagle spread wide your wings
And soar far above the trouble life brings.
For the eagle knows the higher he flies
The tranquil and brighter become the skies.
And there is nothing in life that God ever asks us to bear
That we can't soar above on the wings of a prayer.
And in looking back over the storm you passed through
You'll find you gained strength and new courage too.
For in facing life's storms with an eagle's wings
You can fly far above earth's small petty things.*

---Anonymous submitted by Sheila Plant

St. Luke's Legacy Society



"The Legacy Society invites us to prayerful action, to bind ourselves to the future of St. Luke's church, to declare that we are doing all that we can to keep it vital, engaged, and active."

Jim Glass

Spring 2021 Calendar of Events

All Sunday and mid-week worship (in-person) services remain cancelled until further notice because of Covid-19.

We will resume in-person Church services when we are able to do so.

Please join our community gatherings through

VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship at 9am

Evening Prayers at 7pm

Every evening, except Fridays

A list of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Services follow on the next page.

All above services are in the form of podcasts that can be played **at any time**. Go to www.stlukesburlington.ca and click on “Virtual Worship and Sermon Podcasts”. You can then click on the picture of the service you want. For services, the words for the hymns and the liturgy are included in the podcast so you can follow along.

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And, from the Niagara Anglican Diocese

Sunday Prayers with Bishop Susan

Every Sunday at 10:00a.m.

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Save the Date!!

March 13th, 10:00am -The history and meaning behind the Apostles Creed and other creeds by Rev. Leonel Abaroa Boloña

Watch for more details on this and other upcoming events in the weekly church bulletin on the website under News and Updates.



Lent, Holy Week and Easter Services

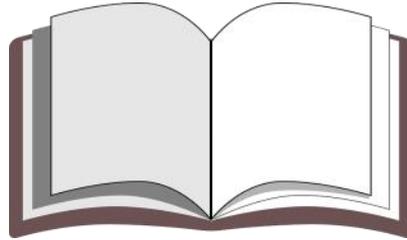
All of these are on-line and will be posted by the time indicated (possibly earlier.) They can be viewed at your convenience at any time after posting.

Every Sunday, posted by 9 a.m. – a service of Spiritual Communion

Every Evening (Except Fridays) posted by 7 p.m. – a 20-minute service of Evening Prayer

Date	Day/Service	Time
17 Feb	Ash Wednesday	7 p.m.
28 Mar	Palm/Passion	9 a.m.
29 Mar	Holy Monday	7 p.m.
30 Mar	Holy Tuesday	7 p.m.
31 Mar	Holy Wednesday	7 p.m.
1 Apr	Maundy Thurs Holy Eucharist	7 p.m.
2 Apr	Good Friday Solemn Liturgy	10 a.m.
3 Apr	Holy Saturday New Fire/Exsultet	7 p.m.
4 Apr	Easter Sunday Spiritual Communion	9 a.m.

Life Passages



November

Robert Sim
Barb Ham
Joan Brider
Mark Gilmore
Donna LaRose
Alan Kirby
William Young
Elizabeth Howlett
Betty Goman

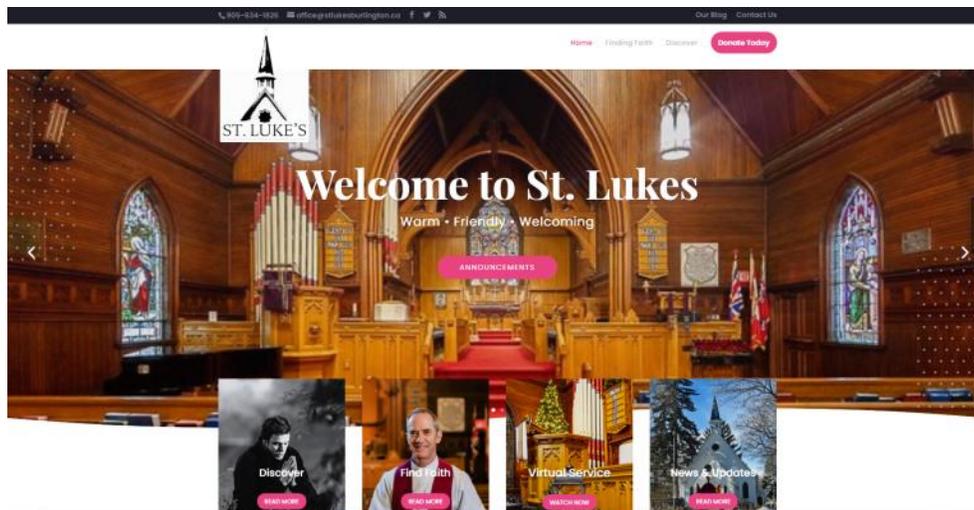
December

Great news, nothing to report
for December!

January

Nenad Dordevski
Frank Szewczyk
Connor James

St. Luke's Website Has a New Look!



The website at www.stlukesburlington.ca has been updated by a team led by Daryl Wilson. There are some great interviews of Stuart and Leonel under “Find Faith”. “Virtual Services” is a great way to link to the on-line services and “News and Updates” gets you to the latest weekly bulletin and Newsletter. There is more work to be done but it is looking good. Check it out.

PROPERTY REPORT

Other than a back flow and water line situation, things at the Parish Hall and Church have been fairly quiet, with the exception of a family of squirrels taking up residence and building a nest in the Church roof cavity.



In December, I heard scratching noises in the ceiling above the organ. I proceeded to the west side of the church and observed a squirrel

scampering up the north side of the roof, then disappearing inside the roof at its peak. Some metal flashing was pulled away from the edge of the roof, allowing the critter access to the roof cavity.

I did not have the answer as to who gave them permission to take up residence in our roof. I know it was not me and I cannot think of anyone else who would give them permission. Obviously, they went behind the back of everyone and went through a Squirrel Realtor. (The nerve of them).

I also observed some metal flashing pulled away from the edge of the roof over the Altar window.

So, arrangements were made with a wildlife company to come and install two one-way doors at both roof peaks. The technician was amazing. He had to get on the lower roof (over the organ pipe) and then make his way up the steep part of the roof to the roof ridge vent. Standing on the ridge vent, he fastened down most of the loose metal and then installed the one-way door. To gain access to the other peak, he lay down on his stomach and inched his way along to the end of the peak. Much to his surprise, "OUT" scampered two squirrels. "They scared the be jeepers out of me", he said, but he managed to hang on to his perch. (Thank God, for it's a long drop to the sidewalk).

After a couple of weeks, the technician came back and removed the one-way doors. I guess the eviction has been successful, as no one has heard any more noises coming from the ceiling above the organ. (I will keep my fingers crossed).

Ray Payne,
Property Manager.

ST. LUKE'S ACTIVITIES

Decorating Gingerbread St. Luke's Churches Sold in Support of El Hogar



Shevaan and Saraya Samarasinghe

For 13 years, St. Luke's has made and sold gingerbread replicas of the church to raise funds for the school for poor children we support in Honduras. This year 78 were sold, mostly as kits because we could not get together to do the decorating. This proved very popular for old and young.



Holly Laird and Niece Holt



Darla Steven's Grandkids— We were not fast enough to get a picture before the eating started!



Newsletter Editor



Lesley Race



Zachary, Jocelyn, Melina Reycraft



Julie and Andrew Reycraft

ST. LUKE'S PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

SOME GROUPS MEETING BY ZOOM



Given that the COVID restrictions are likely to continue well into this year, more groups are going on-line. Outreach, Advocacy Breakfast, Knitters & Friends, Men's Faith and Fellowship, Parish Council, Coffee Hour, Centering Prayer and others have moved on-line. Send the newsletter a screen shot of your group.

The technical challenge may be concerning to some considering taking their group on-line. Please contact newsletter@stlukesburlington.ca if you need technical help or have the skills to offer help to others and we will try to make the connections.



Parish Life Spring Report

Hello All!

It is a pleasure to write the word “Spring” above, and to look forward to its arrival in the not too distant future! I’m sure we will all breathe a sigh of relief when we can once again sit outside in the warmth of some sunshine, with a little company perhaps, even if we still have to maintain a little distance. I can hardly wait!



First off I want to say a big Thank You to Rick Reycraft and the Newsletter team for keeping us connected in this way. It is always a pleasure to keep in touch and informed about everything happening within the various parish groups, but it has been an especially appreciated touchstone during the past year while we have all been unable to come together physically. What a challenge!

Parish Life ministries that are continuing while our doors remain closed are the Newsletter, Coffee Hour (@11:00am Sundays via Zoom), and Knitters & Friends (previously the Stitching Circle), who meet on Tuesday mornings @ 10:00am via Zoom. Most other groups are on hold for the time being. I’m sure those among us who attend coffee hour virtually via Zoom appreciate that we are able to meet in this way, and Nan Bruce, our coffee hour co-ordinator, wants you all to know that she looks forward to seeing you all again in person, a sentiment shared by all of us I am sure!

Lesley Emery
Parish Life Chair



Coffee Hour via Zoom every Sunday at 11:00am. Look for the Zoom invitation in the Church Email with the Sunday service links.

Knitters & Friends—A Brief History

by Mary Taslimi



Back when I first had the idea to start a knitting group at St Luke's, word travelled swiftly. People sidled up to me at coffee hour and said things like, "I hear you're starting a knitting group, but I crochet. Can I still come?"

It was in an effort to make those who crochet feel welcome, that I first called us the Needle Group. A silly decision, really, because crochet requires a hook, not a needle.... Over time the name morphed into the Needlework Group, which also did not give an accurate picture to anyone unfamiliar with our gathering. We discussed a name change that would still be inclusive, and came up with Stitching Circle. Alas, although both knitting and crochet employ stitches, this name was also confusing to anyone not "in the know". Then Vestry for 2020 appeared on the horizon, and we discussed one more name change so our Vestry Report could reflect how we wished to be known.

Knitters & Friends it is!

We felt this indicated right away, to any newcomer to St Luke's, what the group primarily engages in, while also being friendly to those who create other handcrafts. We are knitters; we are friends; we are knitters who are friends to those who are not knitters but want to join us with their craft of choice. Perfect! We invited Stuart to our Zoom on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, to bless our new name and our endeavours going forward.

As I write this, we have a core group of about six to eight knitters who join our 10 am - noon Zoom on Tuesdays. New members are always welcome; please email me through newsletter@stlukesburlington.ca to get the Zoom link. We hope to be able to meet in person again, at a social distance on the church lawn, when milder/warmer weather returns.

We are all working on a variety of projects but two of us have embarked on something a little unusual: temperature blankets.

To knit (or crochet) a temperature blanket, first you ascribe yarn colours to blocks of temperature. For example, Marlene Marks' colour for 0°C to 4°C is blue; mine is cream. Marlene's choice for -1°C to -5°C is white; mine is grey. To make the blanket, we check the high for the day and knit two rows in the corresponding colour. Temperature projects can take place over any length of time the creator desires; often a year is the preferred length of time, but some choose to cover a month, a season, a pregnancy, or any other period significant to them.



Marlene Marks' temperature blanket. Marlene is working with 300 stitches. She has given her blanket a garter-stitch border and edging, and is using stockinette for the rest of the blanket.

Similarly, although early temperature projects (which could also be scarves or sweaters) often used the rainbow for the colours on their temperature scales, many people now choose their colour palette according to where they will keep or use the finished product (e.g. someone who plans to keep their new temperature blanket in their living room, where the colour scheme is browns and blues, will ascribe various shades of those colours to their temperature brackets). Some also choose to indicate special events within their temperature projects. I am knitting a gold crochet thread along with the colour for the day on family birthdays...and if I can only get my hands on some silver crochet thread, I'll be using that on the first of each month, so it will be easier to see where the months are on the finished product. Watch this space for updates....



Mary Taslimi's temperature blanket. At the top of the photograph is the cast-on edge, representing New Year's Day. The thin dashes of gold above the third set of grey rows indicates Peter's birthday on January 19. The last row visible on the needle is from January 25. Mary is working with 275 stitches, using blanket moss stitch.

Music at St. Luke's 2020/21

Music at St. Luke's regrets to announce that we are unable to host the 12/4 Swing Orchestra on April 17 because of the coronavirus pandemic. Our next event will be "Cruisin'", an acclaimed a cappella male group who perform great rock, pop and gospel classics in their unique vocal style. We invite you to join us for that evening on November 20, 2021 by calling 905-632-2918 or emailing Bonnie Lenard through newsletter@stlukesburlington.ca.

Submitted by Bonnie Lennard

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Columbaria Committee Looks Ahead

Covid-19 with its work from home requirements has slowed municipal approval for this project considerably. While this has caused frustrations, we are looking ahead to being able to get installation of the columbaria underway.

We have filed an application with the city's Committee of Adjustment for approval of a Minor Variance in zoning for the installation of two 72 niche columbaria. This committee's members and their staff are working individually from home and all documents must be circulated to them only in Adobe format. We expect their collective final approval will come in the early spring. Once we get this we can begin to finalize contracts and get on with the installation.

We have just had two trees removed: a dead Pine tree near the Parish Hall and an injured Black Locust near Elgin Street that is in the path of a large crane that will be used to insert the columbaria. In the coming months we will be grinding out tree stumps and repairing a sidewalk prior to erecting fences around tree protection zones. Our expectation is that foundation work and installation of the columbaria should commence in the late summer, barring unforeseen circumstances.

Bob Bruce, Committee Chair



Sunday School Report

Sunday School and the Youth Program are on hold of course but some of the children/youth still enjoyed their Christmas activities and wanted to share them with the newsletter.



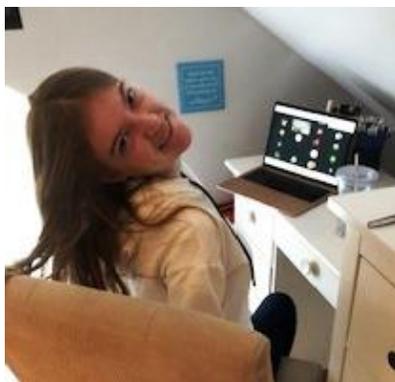
Saraya and Shevaan Samarasinghe



Miller Family Christmas



Walker– Edwards Family “working from home”. Thomas, Olivia, Ava and Jacob (Clockwise from above right photo).



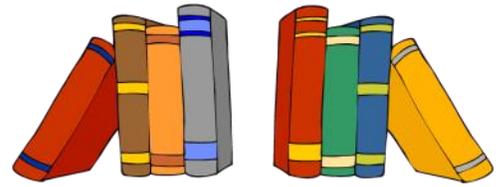
A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS AT ST. LUKE'S

A quiet church on Christmas morning (courtesy of Leonel), but lots of on-line activities through the Christmas Season.

Decorated Church for Christmas Eve service and for Christmas morning, Advent candle lighting videos for Advent services.



News and Views from the Library



The library is to enhance the spiritual life of its readers.

As is everyone, the library committee is looking forward to the reopening of the Parish Hall and particularly the library. Since March 2020, we have purchased some interesting books that are just waiting to be read. All of these books have either been reviewed or briefly described in the newsletters of last year. When the library reopens, they will be placed on the New Books shelves in the library so you can easily locate them.

I understand that there are quite a number of donated books that have been left in the library during the year. Once the library committee has had an opportunity to sort through them, any that are suitable for the collection will be catalogued and made ready for circulation. When we are able to have a coffee hour again, we will spotlight as many of these books as possible.

Two titles that were very recently purchased have not yet been reviewed. Dorothy Kew, a member of the library committee, has reviewed them following in this report.

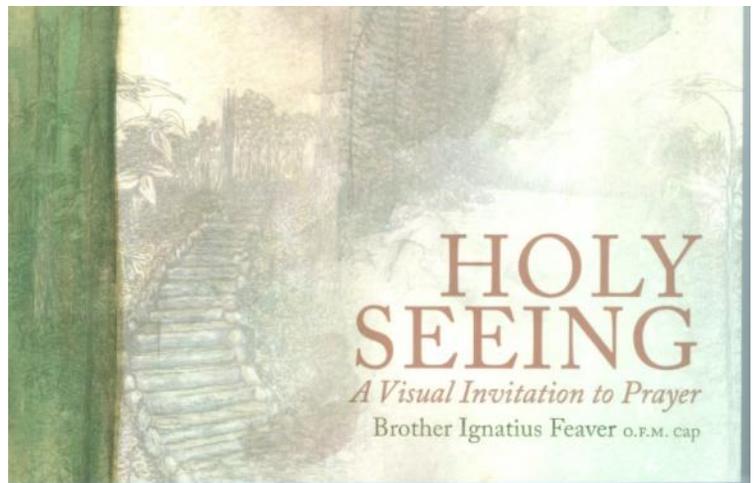
We hope we will be able to be up to full service in the near future.

Jane Milne, Chair

Book Review — Holy Seeing - Reviewed by Dorothy Kew, Library Committee

248.3 FEA Brother Ignatius Feaver. **Holy Seeing: a visual invitation to prayer.** Novallis, 2020

Visio Divina, or Holy Seeing, is a Franciscan technique of contemplative prayer in which one uses all five senses to go deeper into the images before one. It is related to Lectio Divina, or Holy Reading, but places its emphasis on contemplating an image such as a drawing, a stained-glass window, an object such as an icon, or even a view of nature itself.



I first came across this book in a review by Max Woolaver in the November 2020 issue of the *Niagara Anglican*. Brother Ignatius Feaver is his personal friend and spiritual director and has been a member of the Capuchin Franciscan Order for over fifty years.

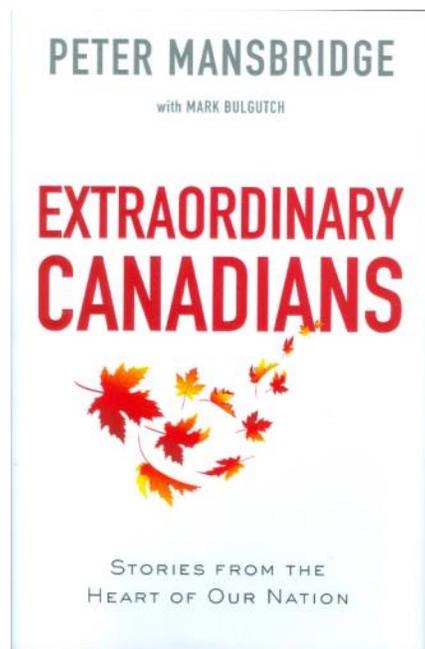
Book Review — Holy Seeing continued

As well, he is an accomplished artist, who has worked with the Art Gallery of Ontario on the exhibit, *Mystical Landscapes*. This little book is a collection of his drawings and paintings of landscape and nature in both Canada and other countries. Along with these illustrations he has incorporated various passages from Scripture, including the Psalms and the Gospels, as well as a few poems and quotations from Pope Francis and invites us to contemplate each image along with its accompanying text.

I recommend this little book to anyone who takes part in contemplative prayer or wishes perhaps to begin doing so.

Extraordinary Canadians - Stories from the heart of our nation. Peter Mansbridge, with Mark Bulgutch, Simon & Schuster, 2020 971 MAN
Reviewed by Dorothy Kew, Library Committee

Everyone knows Peter Mansbridge as one of Canada's most respected journalists and the former chief correspondent for CBC News, as well as the anchor of *The National*. He and Mark Bulgutch, a former CBC journalist and editor of *The National*, have put together an amazing collection of stories by ordinary Canadians, each of whom in his or her own way, is extraordinary. These are not well-know people ... the only name I recognized was that of Cindy Blackstock, of the Gitxsan First Nation, a staunch advocate for First Nations children. All of them at some time or other were interviewed by Peter Mansbridge, but in this book, they tell their own stories in their own words.



They are a range of personalities, men and women from all walks of life – educators, health professionals, advocates – who have experienced hardships in their own lives and who have not only conquered them but have gone on to help and advocate for others. Meet the soldier, a member of Joint Task Force 2, who, under an assumed name, describes the works of the JTF2 to protect Canadian troops in Afghanistan. There's the paraplegic advocate, founder of DisAbled Women's Network who fights for disabled Canadians; the indigenous surgeon and the Asian-Canadian nurse working in the front lines of the COVID pandemic; the lesbian teacher fighting homophobia in her native Newfoundland – and many others whose stories are just as riveting.

The one thing that stands out for me in this collection is the selflessness of each person. Each one at some point or other has to overcome some sort of barrier, either interior or exterior, and in the process, they move on to work towards helping others. They are indeed extraordinary and their stories will move you.

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.

All of the ministries under the Outreach umbrella continue to work as best they can in their ministry areas given the restrictions of Covid-19. The group as a whole continues to meet weekly to support each other, learn from each other, and enjoy each other's company.



Advocacy Breakfasts

The Advocacy Group continues to explore new Social Justice issues to share with our Parish. Communication concerning coming events will be shared through the St. Luke's website, bulletins, announcements and by email to past participants.

Also, look for outcomes following our last breakfast with Renée Wetselaar, the Executive Director of St. Matthew's House. We are exploring ways that we can support their efforts to make sure each person touched by their programmes can reach their true potential.

For the foreseeable future, our presentations will continue to utilize the Zoom format.

We always welcome new ideas from everyone. As well, we are happy to welcome new team members as well as participants for our events.

Please let us know of your thoughts and interested topics.

Submitted by Carrie Raybould

The Advocacy Breakfast Group (Dave Beck, Holly Laird, Jackie Maver, Gay Powell, Carrie Raybould, Ros Reycraft, Janice Skafel)

Climate Justice (formerly Greening St Luke's)

New Name and Mandate: The Greening Niagara committee has changed its name to Climate Justice and has updated its mandate. Following the diocese, Greening St. Luke's has also adopted the new name, Climate Justice and the same mandate. The mandate is available on the diocesan website: (<https://niagaraanglican.ca/climatejustice/terms-of-references>):

The people of the Diocese of Niagara have long expressed a concern for creation consistent with the Fifth Mark of Mission of the Anglican Communion, "to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth." In 2019, the synod of the diocese declared a climate emergency; Bishop Susan Bell urged Niagara Anglicans, "to live up to our responsibility as the protectors of God's earth."

Climate Justice Niagara will equip the leaders and people of the diocese to live more deeply into the Fifth Mark of Mission and our diocesan Mission Action Plan within our parishes, homes and communities and to be strong advocates for local and global change in the following ways: **Prayer; Education; Action; Advocacy.**

Those with a passion for Climate Justice and wish to help the parish move forward on climate justice are invited to contact Michael Skafel.

Earth Hour will be celebrated this year between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27th. Starting as a symbolic lights-out event in Sydney, Australia, 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/take-part>

Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22, falling on a Thursday 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

Outreach continued

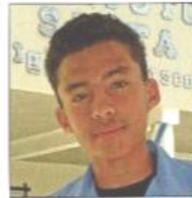
El Hogar Service Team

¡Muchisimas gracias! A big thank you to everyone who has supported our latest fundraising efforts for El Hogar. Due to all the Covid-19 restrictions and not being able to use the church's kitchen, we did a much-modified version of our gingerbread and bark making.

We had to request that all orders be submitted by November 1st so that we could make sufficient amounts of gingerbread and bark. Sales totaled 78 gingerbread kits, 410 chocolate bark, numerous packs of Marilyn Barnes' cards, and 36 packs of Honduran coffee supplied by El Hogar Projects Canada in Toronto. Thank you so much for once again supporting El Hogar!

With the money raised, we were able to send the \$4500 payment for the three sponsorships on behalf of St. Luke's.

Our sponsored children are all at the Technical Institute. They are Rony, Victor, and Yeferson. We will look forward to meeting them in person once we can finally travel to El Hogar. We will not be going on the trip we



had rescheduled from last year for April 9th, 2021. What does go unabated however is our desire to work to support El Hogar's children. Thank you so much for your part in that!

Our next fundraising effort will be our famous chocolate covered Easter eggs. We will be sharing details soon and again it will be done on a pre-ordered basis. All Covid-19 protocols will be used in the preparation and packaging. By popular demand, we are hoping to offer the same delicious Honduran coffee we sold in November and greeting cards by our own Marilyn Barnes.

For more information please contact Ros. & Rick Rey craft 905 635-3976 or Janice Skafel 905 332-0837.

Halton Fresh Food Box

In March of 2020, because of the restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Halton Fresh Food Box program suspended its regular monthly operations of packing thousands of orders of fresh fruits and vegetables and distributing the orders to delivery sites throughout Halton Region for pick-up by customers.

In the past six months, the Board of Directors of the HFFB has been involved in discussions with the Kerr Street Mission in Oakville to have that organization assume responsibility for delivering the program. Those discussions are ongoing, and plans are currently being developed for resuming the program at the earliest possible opportunity. Kerr Street Mission recently received an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant which will enable them to hire a full-time staff member to assist with the transition.

St. Luke's has served as a convenient central Burlington drop-site for this program for over ten years. We look forward to resuming the HFFB program at St. Luke`s, and to encouraging parishioners and others in the community to use this valuable resource, whenever that becomes possible.

Keep an eye on the weekly on-line bulletin for information about how to place an order for healthy and nutritious local produce through the HFFB program. We will enjoy seeing our regular customers once again, as well as anyone who is interested in obtaining high quality fresh fruits and vegetables at a very reasonable price.

Submitted by Dave Beck

Mary Sherwood—Madagascar Missions

As has been reported in the bulletins, Mary suffered a stroke in July 2020 which left her with paralysis in her left hand, arm and leg. After a time in Ottawa Civic Hospital and at a rehab centre, Mary is now at her new home, Victoria Manor Long Term Care, near her son in Lindsay, ON. Once she receives the specialized care that is provided there, the hope is that she will recover more use of her arm/hand and leg and be more socially engaged.

If you would like to contact her via email, her address is marysherwood@sympatico.ca. You may send a card or letter to her at Victoria Manor Long Term Care, 220 Angeline Street South, Lindsay ON K9V 0J8; (Telephone: 705-324-3558).

Please keep Mary and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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As Mary is no longer able to travel to Madagascar, Anglican Mission Services is actively looking for someone to fill her role there. In the meantime, the need for support for the orphanage and the inner city centre is still as great as ever, if not more so because of the pandemic. They are facing shortages of basic goods, and these shortages in the market have made costs rise even more sharply. In addition, they must find a way to subsidize the cost of COVID vaccines for the children, staff & families.

They are looking for ways to sustain the funding of these projects as well as how to proceed without Mary's unwavering support.

Please remember all the children and staff at both centres in your prayers. Also, please prayerfully consider if you are able to help support these important outreach missions. All monetary donations are most gratefully accepted at any time. Thank you for your support.

Submitted by Sandra Tiernay

St. Matthew's House

St. Matthew's House has been through a renovation, restructuring and refocus over the past year. On January 24th, a Zoom Advocacy Breakfast meeting with the Executive Director and 2 board members provided us with a more in-depth look at what has been happening and future plans. The main focus is now on young children at the daycare centre and on support for older, marginalized adults (55+).

We will be connecting with them for further discussions and will be exploring ways for St. Luke's to support the mission in new and meaningful ways. Please watch for updates!

Submitted by Sandra Tiernay

Ubuntu

This caring group continues to regularly meet virtually and is involved in preparation for a major Spring Event scheduled for April 15 2021.

Entitled 'TOGETHER IN CONCERT IN SOLIDARITY WITH AFRICAN GRANDMOTHERS'.

This virtual Tapestry of Canadian talent includes vocal, instrumental, dance, spoken word, storytelling artists and more to celebrate the 15 year anniversary of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

More information will be presented via the main website www.cdngrandmothers.com as well as the bug.ca

For further information about this or any other areas, contact Carrie Raybould (905-681-2816).

Refugee Family Sponsorship

A new year brings hope that we will be welcoming our new Refugee family soon. The Al Alem family, Karima, Mohamad and their two children, Faten and Ahmed are looking forward to joining the rest of their family, the Hajj-Kasems who have now been here for 4 years arriving in December 2016.

On January 29th, we co-hosted a virtual movie night with Knox Presbyterian, where we introduced the delightful Al Alem family through a Zoom interview and enjoyed being in touch with the family. To communicate with them in this way is a bonus which we were unable to do with the Hajj-Kasems 4 years ago. We were so happy you could “meet” them as well. We felt their happiness at connecting with us and knowing it is more than just a dream now to live in a safe country where they can have hope for a future for their children.

You can see that interview with the Al Alems and other parts of the evening on this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/7wgvGWGCnNk>

Many have asked how they can help and indeed it takes a village of support.

1) We need your prayers for the safety of this family, for the process of the application to go quickly in this pandemic.

2) We need your financial help as we must cover their living expenses for a year after their arrival here.

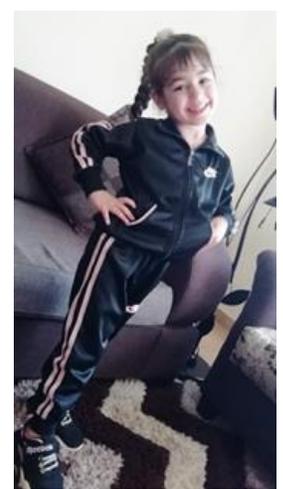
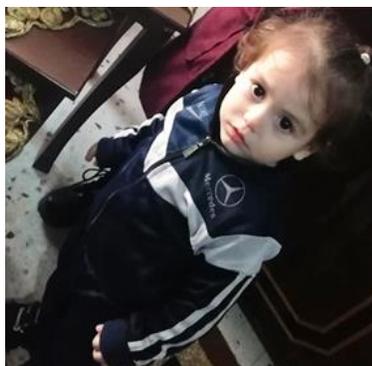
3) When we know of their definite arrival, we will need donations of household items, furniture, clothing, car seats for the children.

4) You can donate by cheque to St. Luke’s with Refugee Family in the memo line, through the St. Luke’s website (Canada Helps) or by e-transfer to St Luke’s, always indicating it is for the “Refugee Family”. We thank you for your support to this amazing opportunity we have to make a difference in the lives of these two families.

Since pictures are worth a thousand words, we thought we would add some great photos of all the kids.

The Al Alems

Our little Faten, soon to be 4, loves to be a little fashionista! Ahmed is described as a busy little boy (not quite 2), a contrast to this quiet moment we find him in here.



The Hajj-Kasems

Rayan, Maria and Omar have started their new schools in Mississauga since they moved there in the late fall. They are doing online learning so haven't really met the rest of their classmates yet. They are doing well in their courses and Rayan has received some awards for very high marks in her classes. Ahmad who lives with his dad in Burlington, continues at Central High School and is very studious. He has had a lot of catching up in his education since leaving Lebanon, and he is doing well. He is a very mature young man.

Submitted by Janice Skafel



Ahmed, age 20



Rayan, age 16



Maria, age 14



Omar, age 11



Ahmed, Omar, Said and Maria on Omar's 11th Birthday



Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

The wait is on... a message from PWRDF's Executive Director

We have all done a lot of waiting this year. Waiting to enter into grocery stores, waiting to see if schools will be safe, waiting for COVID tests and COVID results, waiting to visit parents and grandparents in long-term care homes, waiting to hear whether our hospitals will be able to meet the needs of sick people.

We continue to wait for peace in Yemen. For all boiling water advisories to be lifted in Canada. For a decrease in the number of hungry people all over the world, especially given the tragic increase we have seen in 2020 among those already vulnerable and exploited.

It's been a difficult year. In January, we would begin conversations with 'how are you?' By the end of the year, it has become 'how are you managing?'

We are waiting to get to the other side of this pandemic.

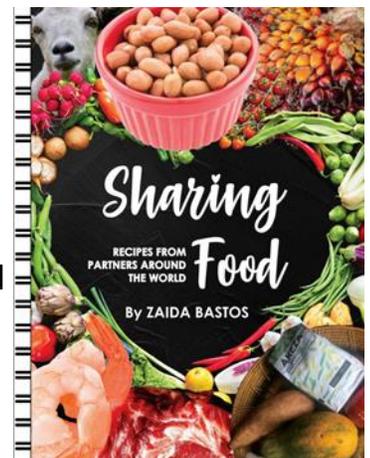
Even in these pandemic times, how warm it has been to see smiling eyes behind face masks, to have conversations with otherwise strangers in long curbside pick-up lines, to have more time to spend with neighbours, to virtually join and share about PWRDF and our partners at church services and diocesan volunteer gatherings all across Canada.

May these moments of togetherness encourage us to keep reaching out to our neighbours in Canada and around the world. And let us be mindful, prayerful and thankful for the people that drive our public health systems. I know too well from the work of our PWRDF partners and my family's time spent in Asia and Africa that equitable access to quality public health care varies ever so tragically across the globe.

Join former Director of PWRDF's Development Partnership Program Zaida Bastos as she shares stories and recipes from PWRDF partners around the world. From the Philippines to Burundi, Tanzania to Cuba, partners share their tables and invite you into their culinary stories. In her own words, "Sharing food with partners made me feel that I tasted a slice of their lives."

Available with a suggested minimum donation of \$25.

To order, contact Mike Ziemerink at mziemerink@pwrdf.org. Please allow six to eight weeks shipping.



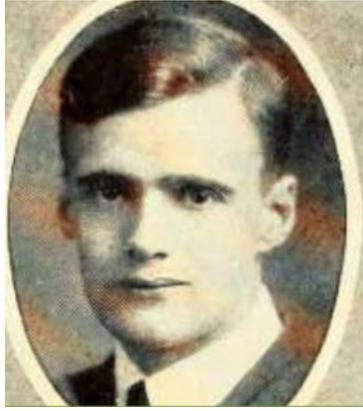
A Look Back at St. Luke's Rectors: A Continuing Series by Dorothy Kew

The Reverend Clarence Frederick Heathcote



Reverend Clarence Heathcote, St. Luke's Archives

With the retirement of Reverend George Tebbs in 1942, as a result of ill health, Bishop Lewis Broughall appointed the Reverend Clarence Frederick Heathcote as the sixth rector of St. Luke's Anglican Church on New Year's Day, 1943. Clarence Frederick Heathcote was born in Banbury, Oxfordshire, in late 1901. He, with his older brother, William Joseph, were sent to Canada by Barnardo Homes in 1912 on the *ss Corinthian*. They arrived at Saint John, N.B. on 1 April and were sent to a farm in Little Britain, Kawartha Lakes. I have not been able to find out why the two boys were sent to Canada as British Home Children. Their father, William Heathcote, was described in the 1901 English Census as a traveller age 49. They were not orphans, as their mother, Florence, was still living in 1926 when Clarence visited her. Possibly the family fell on hard times and the boys were sent for a better life in Canada. Both did very well – William worked for many years as a clerk with the Canadian National Railway, while Clarence attended Wycliffe College, University of Toronto where he obtained his theological degree.



Clarence Frederick Heathcote, Wycliffe College, Torontonensis 1928, Internet Archive

Clarence Heathcote was ordained deacon in 1928 and on 6 October of that year he married Elizabeth McKirgan Wallace at St. James Cathedral, Toronto. He was priested in 1929 and served at Christ Church McNab, Niagara-on-the-Lake and also at St. George's, Homer, till 1935, and then as rector at St. Paul's, Palmerston, till 1942. While at Palmerston he performed the marriage ceremony for his brother, William, to a widow, Alice Evelyn Lamont.

Reverend Heathcote was 42 years old when he came to St. Luke's. Percy Kelly, in his booklet, **St. Luke's Church, Burlington, Ontario, 1834-1967**, describes him as "steadfastly loyal to 'low church' Anglicanism and a stickler for routine and discipline". Those members of the congregation who knew him certainly agree with that description. Mr. Heathcote was small in stature and had a soft speaking voice. He and his wife were very popular with the congregation. During his tenure as rector many improvements were made at St. Luke's. In 1950, at a special vestry meeting, plans were made to extend the chancel towards Ontario Street by nine feet and the nave towards the lake by thirty feet, which doubled the seating capacity. These extensions, along with repair to the church foundations, were carried out in 1952, and finished in time for the re-opening of St. Luke's on St. Luke's Day, October 17th, for the church's 118th anniversary and the re-dedication of the church by the Rt. Rev. Walter Bagnell, the Diocesan Bishop.

Further construction was carried out with the extension of the then parish hall in 1955, and in 1959, for St. Luke's 125th anniversary, members of the congregation gave many memorial gifts, including a new pulpit, a memorial gift from the Women's Auxiliary. Rev. Heathcote suggested the inscription which may be seen on the pulpit: "Sir, we would see Jesus." He and his wife also donated a small stained-glass window, representing the apostle, Timothy, which can be seen in the sanctuary and bears the inscription: "Fight the good fight of faith."

Along with his pastoral duties at St. Luke's Reverend Heathcote also began a mission to a small congregation in the south-east corner of Guelph Line and the Q.E.W., using a one room building, the former Fisher's Corners School. He named it St. Christopher's Mission and the first service was held 2 March 1952. Membership increased, outgrowing the building and the Bishop declared it a parish. Rev. Heathcote turned the sod for the foundation and St. Christopher's Anglican Church was built in 1954 and opened in 1955 with its own rector. In 1962 the Reverend Clarence F. Heathcote was installed as an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral.



Bill Milne, a long-time parishioner, told me a couple of amusing stories about Canon Heathcote. One Halloween night some noisy children were playing in the churchyard and Canon Heathcote told them to leave. They ignored him, so he went into the church, put on his white surplice, came out and hid behind a large monument. He then jumped out suddenly, scaring them so much that they scattered immediately. Another story from Bill relates that he would attend the weekly counting of the collection after the Sunday service, and if there were any United States coins in the offering, he would exchange them for their Canadian equivalent. Canon Heathcote was a baseball fan and saved them to attend the World Series every year in the States.

Canon Heathcote announced his retirement at the end of 1966 and preached his last sermon 29 January 1967. He died 11 November 1988 and is buried, with his wife, in St. Luke's churchyard.



Heathcote stone, St. Luke's Churchyard. D. Kew

In 1989 the present steeple of the church was installed in memory of the late Canon Heathcote and his wife, Elizabeth Wallace.

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Editor's Sense of Humour

Your Reward (or Punishment) for Reading to the End

At this time we deserve 2 pages of humour!



An inexperienced preacher was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workmen say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."

At the pearly gates again, a taxi driver and minister are waiting in line. St. Peter consults his list and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

St. Peter next greets the minister saying, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Just a minute," says the minister. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff while I get a cotton robe and wooden staff. How can this be?"

"Up here, we work by results," says St. Peter. "While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."



Father O'Malley answers the phone. "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"

"It is"

"This is Canada Revenue Agency. Can you help us?"

"I can"

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

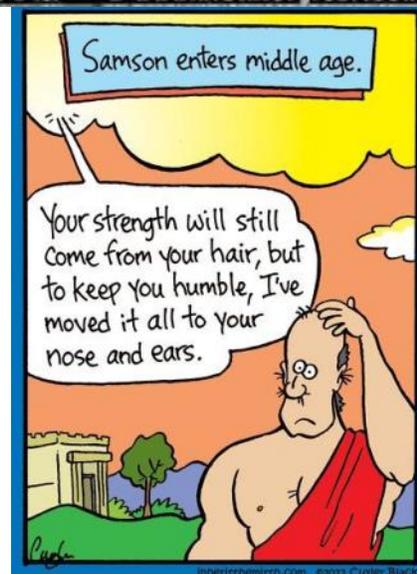
"I do"

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is"

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will".





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