

ST. LUKE'S
NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2022 2023



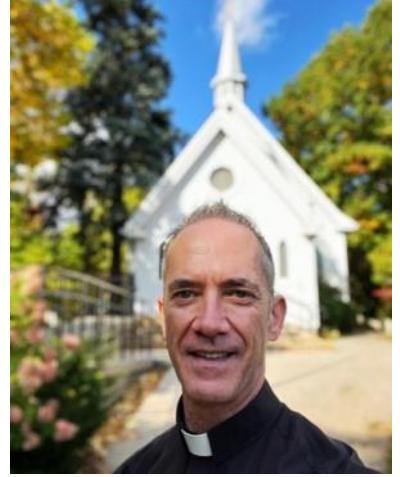
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Rector's Message

I write this to you on All Saints Day, when we celebrate not only the great saints of the Bible and history, but also our own personal saints, our family members and loved ones who have passed before us, and also the saints that are among us to this day. We also celebrate that we are all called to be saints: the beloved of God and members of the Church. It is the same faith that unites us all in one great communion of saints.



The ways that we live out our faith actually display what membership in this communion of saints really means. Well, we are about the things that Jesus was about. And Jesus announces what his mission was at the beginning of his ministry, when he quotes Isaiah:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Read on in these pages to see some of the ways that we are living out this mission through our many outreach initiatives and parish activities. We are so excited to be able to do more and more together and to experience what we love about being this community of faith. In the following pages there are dates to make note of, groups and people to get to know, and hopefully some ministries that you might want to join.

As the days darken, we will soon start the days of Advent when, with each darkening week, we light one more candle until, on Christmas Day, we light the Christ candle proclaiming Jesus to be the light that has come into the world. I wish you all a blessed Advent season and that you may be brought to truly celebrate the joy of Christmas with us.

Your brother in Christ,
Canon Stuart Pike

Stuart.

Wardens' Thoughts for The Winter Newsletter

As I write this, the colours of Fall are still vibrant, the sun's warmth fills the afternoon autumn air, and a sense of excitement prevails as preparations are being made for the long-awaited return of our Christmas Market that will take place **in person** on December 3rd.



We have had an exciting season of planning with our Executive, Parish Council and other parishioners giving thought and ideas into forming our Mission Action Plan (MAP). This is meant to be a 'living' document, open to input and planning as we move along. St. Luke's is an active parish with many great programmes and opportunities already in place, to which the number of announcements in the weekly bulletin will attest. Please read and take advantage of these as you are able. Some new initiatives that have already been implemented are the weekly online Alpha course with 15 participants from St. Luke's, a newcomers' reception, coffee and conversation time (open to everyone) after Community Lunch on Wednesdays, Instructed Eucharist and renewed enthusiasm for development of Church Avenue as an open place of gathering and reflection—a gift from St. Luke's to our community.

We have attached the MAP with its 5 Key Initiatives for our parish as we reach to strengthen our faith through worship, study and fellowship, and then reach out to our community.

Mission Action Plan 2022 – 5 Key Initiatives

Initiative	Rationale	Tactics
1. Know and engage our local community lovingly and knowledgably	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are not conscious enough of our neighbours needs• We can't love them if we don't know them• Our mission needs to be community based	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete a needs survey• Design outreach based on survey• Build new bridges / invitations
2. Enhance accessibility for worship, prayer, music, service make it easy to start participation and grow with us	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is too big a step to get started with us• We need trial, checking, orienting and learning phases• Anything we can do to simplify and clarify and connect	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan for worship / prayer• Plan for music• Plan for service
3. Build on the platform of the online world we have started	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are not going back to what we were• We have a start which is a bridge to enable attendance• Speak /connect to this community more intentionally	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stronger web site bridge• Offer more invites to act
4. Create a community spiritual resource (prayer and worship) through the development of church avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have not realized the value of this space• The space is "in the city" but a sacred separate space• The community can speak to what they would like to see• Public prayer and invitation to worship at our door	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solicit inputs – hire designer• Hold a design sessions• Hold a capital campaign• Create an avenue that leads in
5. Create the expectation and tools to invite > Welcome > Connect	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resources have been developed to help:• Https://www.invitetowelcomeconnect.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the tool kit available

We welcome your thoughts and participation as this initiative belongs to the entire parish.

Reach out to your wardens in person or through our secure email, warden@stlukesburlington.ca

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Armstrong, Rector's Warden

Daryl Wilson, People's Warden

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Terry Raybould, Deputy Rector's Warden

Helen Bittner, Deputy People's Warden



**St. Luke's Church
1382 Ontario Street Burlington**

**Christmas Market
Saturday December 3rd, 2022
9.00am to 2.00pm**

Featured items at the Market include:

Parlour Treasures

Delicious Tourtières

Beautiful Wooden Handcrafted Christmas Decorations

Ornaments

Christmas Cookies

Apple Crisps and Mincemeat Tarts

Gingerbread Church & House kits

Knitted and Sewn items

Food Emporium with pre-cooked and frozen

Chili con Carne, Vegetable Chili, &

Gourmet Macaroni and Cheese

You can help save the planet by bringing your own bag for your purchases or cloth bags are available for a donation!

From Rev. Michael Coren

At the end of October Statistics Canada released new figures showing that a third of Canadians have no religious affiliation, and that the number who identify as secular or atheist has doubled in 20 years. Within Christianity, a mere 53.3% of the population now follow various churches, down from 67.3% in 2011 and a huge 77.1% in 2001.

Which has led to many Christian leaders explaining how concerned and even shocked they are. Leading me to wonder why they're concerned and shocked! I'm not surprised at all.



There are seemingly endless stories of abuse, examples of hypocrisy, gruesome tales of historic oppression, anti-vaccination hysteria, mobs proclaiming their faith as they scream support for Donald Trump in the US and rightist leaders in Canada, and celibate men telling women what to do with their bodies or condemning people for their God-given sexuality.

That, of course, is not the church I know and love. I see daily sacrifice, care, hard work for the poor and marginalized, and a genuine commitment to the teachings of a 1st-century Jewish man who was born in poverty to parents who were refugees, who owned nothing, lived with the rejected and powerless, warned and criticized the rich and rigid, and preached a permanent revolution of love, grace, and forgiveness.

Here's the thing. Whenever I write or speak about this man who – I believe – came as the Son of God for all of us, people react not only positively but also with amazement. "That's not the Christianity I was taught" or "If that was true, I'd come to church." But it is true, meaning that too many churches are promoting religion rather than Jesus.

So, this new announcement of what should have been obvious to anybody with open eyes shouldn't be intimidating but encouraging. The playing field is being leveled, nothing can be taken for granted, and the message of the Gospels has to be explained anew. That's excellent news. Just as in the early church, before it was corrupted by imperial adoption and soon became an instrument of persecution and forced conversion, we need to persuade by compassion and example.

Christians must get their hands dirty, sometimes literally, but never with aggression. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The rose doesn't have to propagate its perfume. It just gives it forth, and people are drawn to it. Live it, and people will come to see the source of your power." The evangelism of the rose.

Rev. Michael Coren continued

Jesus didn't speak of abortion and homosexuality, didn't side with the rich, and certainly wasn't a friend to those who judge the different, desperate, or destitute. He called for a world turned upside down yet so many of his ostensible followers seem intent on keeping it just as it is, or used to be.

So it's no wonder that people identify as atheists, or have left churches. All I would ask is that they give Jesus another chance. Virtues rather than vestments, giving rather than getting, and becoming part of a great dance of liberation that can and must free and fulfill all of us. For St. Luke's and for those like us, this should all seem less a crisis than an opportunity.

Jesus was crucified not for complacency but for offering a vision that terrified those who had moral, political, financial, and religious investments in a stale and failed world. That world is still with us, and unless Christ-followers present the joyous alternative the next census will show further and deeper decline. That needn't be the case, and it's up to us to guarantee that it isn't.

Michael

From the Deacon's Diary

This season of Advent is all about waiting.....

I love this story and I know I've shared this with you before, but it never gets old. It speaks to us about how, if we wait, good things will come. As we begin our Advent journey leading up to that magical night in Bethlehem, we wait, but we also watch.



Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver, and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty."

Then the second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the far corners of the world. Everyone would feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally, the third tree said, "I want to grow up to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree. I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter" and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree, the woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree, so I'll take this one." And he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenter's, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for. The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings and queens had come to an end. The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark. The years went by and the trees forgot about their dreams.

Then one day a man and a woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box made from the first tree. The man wished he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it held the greatest treasure of all time.

Deacon's Diary continued

Years later, a group of men got into a fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man and He stood and said, "Peace" and the storm stopped. At his time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat. Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined. We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best. Trust in God leads to great gifts for each and everyone of us. What better gift could we receive than that of the love of God.

As we approach the season of Advent and all that it is, may we all share in God's gifts and may we all take those gifts and share with one another. May all your days be blessed and may God cradle you in the palm of his hand.

Rev. Sheila Plant
Parish Deacon



October 16th
Sheila Plant Invested as a
Verger

A Special Gift to the Parish Church of St. Luke

On September 2, 2022, I had the honour of officiating at the funeral of Betty A. Smith of this Parish. Betty and her late husband were long time members of St. Luke's and they raised their family here.

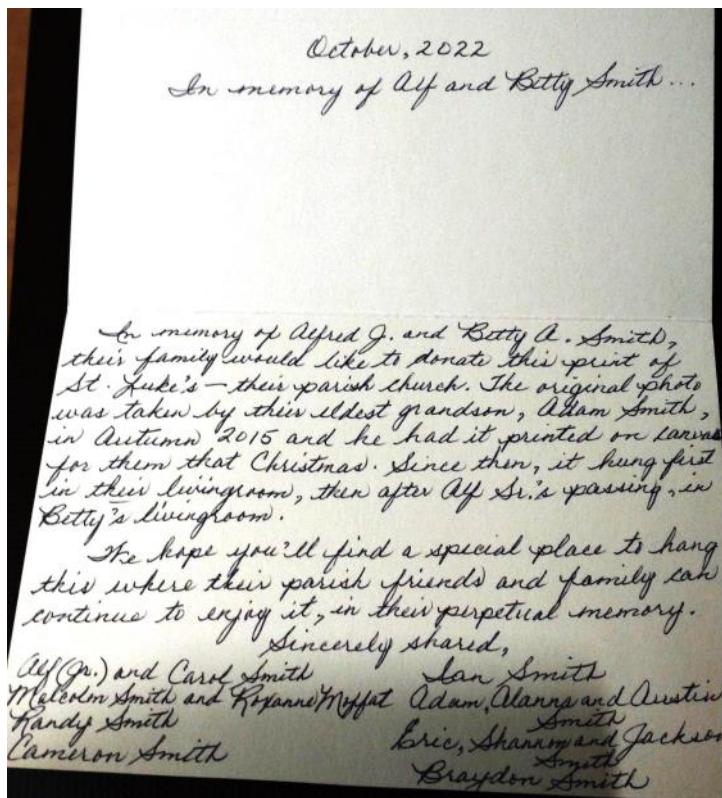
In the days after her passing and leading up to the funeral, I had the opportunity to hear some wonderful stories about both Betty and Alf, but mostly about Betty herself. For those of you who knew Betty she was indeed a very special lady.

Shortly after the interment, her oldest son Alf and his wife Carol spoke to me about a special gift they wanted to donate to St. Luke's in memory of Alf and Betty. This is a beautiful photo of St. Luke's in all its autumn glory taken by their grandson Adam. Adam then had the photo canvas mounted and gave it to his Nan and Grandad as a Christmas gift. It hung in their apartment on Regency Court and then later in the living room of Betty's home at St. Luke's Close.

Because St. Luke's was such a special place to Alf and Betty, Alf , Carol and Adam wanted to gift it to the church. They have asked for it to be hung in the parlour and we will honour their request. There will be a small memorial plaque attached to it.

Carol wrote about the picture and I have included her card in this article.

To all the Smith family....we say thank you. We are honoured by your gift and it will be a reminder of all that Alf and Betty gave to the church.



Submitted by Sheila Plant



Monday Afternoon Bible Study

Our Monday afternoon Bible Study group has continued to meet weekly even during Covidtide. After taking a pause at the onset of Covid, we decided we could do this via Zoom. Our group has been meeting this way for well over a year now and it is working out very well. There were a few Mondays last winter when we probably would have had to cancel because of wintry conditions, so there is a lot to be said for being able to gather with a cup of tea and warm slippers. We are reading our way through the Bible and at the time of writing we are well into Proverbs. We meet for an hour and a half, and we use our beginning as a chance to check in with each other and chat. Then we get down to business. We read from various versions of the Bible and this encourages much discussion and learning. We relate many passages to our daily lives and often use other resources to supplement our readings and discussions. We have also included references to hymns on occasion. We are so grateful that Zoom allows participants from out of town to join in.

Did you know that:

The Pharisees were the most influential of the three prominent societies of Judaism and that the word “Pharisee” means “separatist”.

The proper name for the Lord’s Prayer is the “Disciples’ Prayer” since it was taught to them by Jesus.

The “Septuagint” is the first and most important of a number of ancient translations of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek.

The hymn “Abide with Me”, a favourite of King George V, was included in a community singing programme prior to the start of the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley Stadium in April of 1927. The King joined in the singing of this hymn, and it became so popular that it has been included in all Cup Finals ever since. It is also considered to be a hymn of comfort and consolation and is used at many funerals and memorial services. The words were written by Henry Lyte in just under an hour and a music teacher from Lyte’s village wrote the music in a mere 10 minutes.

Sheila

Rev. Sheila Plant

Parish Deacon

A Cascade of Poppies

In November, 2021 we decorated the church on Remembrance Sunday with poppies that were made by members of the knitting group. Over the past year, our collection of poppies continued to grow and so it was decided that we would try to come up with a more effective and dramatic way of displaying them. After seeing posts on Facebook of churches in Britain displaying huge cascades of poppies, we thought: "We can do this!" Obviously not on the same scale as, say, Coventry Cathedral, but we thought we'd start small.



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So, netting was ordered and the poppies poured in. We spent a couple of mornings "tying" poppies. We tied some 300 poppies and came to realize that this is a project that will continue to grow. Thanks to all the poppy makers, we will be able to add to our Cascade each year. Our small Cascade for Remembrance Sunday 2022 is just the beginning.

Many, many thanks to the poppy makers, the poppy "tyers" for making this happen.

Rev. Sheila Plant
Elizabeth Crouch



See the results in
Remembrance Day
photos on page 18



Time and Talent Sunday

Time and Talent Sunday has been a long standing tradition at St. Luke's. In the service, leaders of various church events and outreach groups bring a token of their group to the altar. After the service, many groups set up a display in the Parish Hall to explain their work to parishioners and give people a chance to see where they might want to get involved. The procession of groups and their coffee hour displays are always impressive.



Photos by Dorothy Kew



FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

This has been a busy Fall! In fact, it is for us the first “normal” Fall since 2019, and we have had the blessing of experiencing all our varied liturgies again, such as Harvest, Thanksgiving Carol service, St. Luke’s Sunday (which included Time and Talent this year) and Remembrance Sunday (which, as I write this, is a week away). This included a visit from Dorothy

Haartman and Darwin Allen on violins for our St. Luke’s Sunday, which also happened to be a Celtic service. Thank you to you both for once again blessing us with your time and talent, and we hope to see you again soon! Thank you as well to all our faithful choir members for always giving of your time and talent! We also had an instructed Eucharist, with commentary by Deacon Sheila, which took parts of the service and gave a history of and reasons why we do what we do in our liturgy.

I would like to share with you how music plays a role in the liturgy by giving the background of the selection of hymns and the choir anthem. In general, the hymns and the anthem are inspired by the lectionary for each Sunday, and intended to be a reflection on themes within the readings, especially the Gospel. The choices are made through a combination of my reading through the scriptures of the day, consulting theme and scriptural indexes in Common Praise, and keeping in mind the wider theme of the Sunday, if it should be a special liturgy such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest, All Saints’, and so on. Additionally, the anthems are chosen with the choristers in mind, with consideration for numbers (how many choristers will be present), musical abilities, and time available for rehearsal. This planning process is approached carefully and prayerfully and is an important part of a Music Director’s responsibility.

Another responsibility of the Music Director is making sure the pipe organ and other musical instruments belonging to the church are kept in tune and in good working order. I have good news, the pipe organ has recently been given some repairs by our local Casavant Freres team from Toronto. Some of the stop knobs on either side of the organ console (which are drawn to allow airflow into appropriate pipes for them to sound when the keys are played) had developed hairline cracks in the rods that feed deep into the console. Two of these were already manifesting issues, as they were sluggish to push in and pull out.

Music Director continued

The decision was made to not only replace these two stop knobs/rods, but to ensure that if there were other cracks, these would be replaced as well. It was a successful visit and this part of the organ seems to be functioning much better now. Here are some photos from the day!



We have another Celtic service on November 20, which will feature tenor Rob Laurie on guitar and soprano Rebecca Pike on bodhrain (Celtic drum). We also will have a familiar face back with us, Graham Young, at our Remembrance Sunday service on November 6. He will be lending his trumpeting talents to our Act of Remembrance and other parts of our service (likely you will have heard him by the time this newsletter is produced!).

Music Director continued

Advent and Christmas are coming soon! Our usual musical traditions will continue, such as replacing the Gloria with the Kyrie (Lord have mercy) and using a more sedate version of the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy). We will have our Advent Carol service on November 27, and our Christmas Carol service on December 18, with many hymns to sing and with special music from our choir – and the same for Christmas Eve! We will continue with an online version of our Blue Christmas service, a meditative liturgy with reflective music for those for whom Christmas is a difficult time of year.

After Christmas, on January 8, we will continue our tradition of the Epiphany Carol service, inspired by our Advent and Christmas versions.

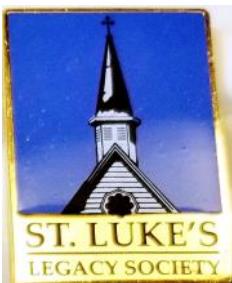
On a personal note, I will be involved in the first concert in two and a half years for the Burlington Civic Chorale! The concert is at St. Christopher's Anglican Church (Burlington) on November 19 at 7:30 PM. Please visit the Chorale website for more information:

www.burlingtoncivicchorale.ca . I will also be playing a noon-hour organ recital at St. James Cathedral in Toronto on December 6 at 1 PM!

In the meantime, I wish you all a safe and happy Fall, and a joyous holiday season!

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Goodine, Music Director.



St. Luke's Legacy Society

"The Legacy Society encourages us to think forward, to dream, and with our commitment to give visions of service life and substance."

Jim Glass



HARVEST SUNDAY - OCTOBER 2, 2022

"Come ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;"



Wonderful decorations
by the altar guild.
After the service, the
produce goes to those
who need it.

Photos by Sheila Plant
and Dorothy Kew

Calendar of Events and Services

Date	Event	Time	Description	Notes
27-Nov-22	Advent Carol Service	10:00 am	Decoration of Advent Wreath	
3-Dec-22	Christmas Market	9:00 am	Parish Hall	Closes 2:00pm
9-Dec-22	Taize Service	7:00 pm	Taizé	Online Only
10-Dec-22	Advent Labyrinth Walk	10:00am to Noon	Parish Hall	
11-Dec-22	Advent III	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist	Setting up of Nativity Scene
11-Dec-22	Blue Christmas	4:00 am	Bereavement Service	Online only, available after 4:00pm
18-Dec-22	Christmas Carol Service	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist	
24-Dec-22	Christmas Eve	6:00 pm	Holy Eucharist	With Children's Focus
	Christmas Eve	8:00 pm	Holy Eucharist	
	Christmas Eve	10:00 pm	Holy Eucharist	Traditional with Book of Common Prayer
25-Dec-22	Christmas Day	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist	
8-Jan-23	Epiphany Carol Service	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist	
12-Jan-23	Speaker's Lunch	11:30 am	Bring Your Lunch	Parish Hall
13-Jan-23	Taize Service	7:00 pm	Taizé	Online Only
28-Jan-23	Music At St. Luke's	6:00 pm	Dinner and Music	Parish Hall
22-Feb-23	Ash Wednesday	10:00 am & 7:00pm	Holy Eucharist	
26-Feb-23	First Sunday in Lent	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist	

For schedule of the Community Lunch and Social Hour see page 35.

- Evening prayer twice a week is available online only.
- Regular services Wednesday 10:00 am, Sunday 8:15 am and 10:00 am are in-person. The Sunday 10:00am is live-streamed on the church YouTube channel. Watch the church bulletin on the website for changes.
- Sunday 10:00 am, Evening Prayer services, Taize, and other online services can be played **at any time** after the time indicated. Go to www.stlukesburlington.ca and click on "Virtual Service". 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 video so that you can follow along.

Remembrance Day at St. Luke's



St. Luke's Children's Page

We have been asked not to identify pictures of children by name when posting content online, a sad sign of the times.



50th Anniversary Friends of St. Luke's Day - Wednesday, August 31st

St. Luke's Day is an annual event aimed at bringing some of our more senior congregants, past and present (who may now have difficulty coming for regular services due to advanced age or infirmity), for a short afternoon service followed by an afternoon tea in the Parish Hall.



On the right a
rememberance of
Lillian Lomas who
started Friends of St,
Luke's Day in 1970
and coordinated it for
many years



From the Indigenous Peoples Awareness Team

Winter Learning Opportunity

Expand Your Knowledge of Indigenous Canada

Here is an opportunity to make use of the cold winter days that are headed our way.

The University of Alberta is offering an online course “Indigenous Canada”. This is a 12-lesson course from the Faculty of Native Studies that explores the different histories and contemporary perspectives of Indigenous peoples living in Canada.

From an Indigenous perspective, this course explores complex experiences Indigenous peoples face today from highlighting national and local Indigenous-settler relations. Topics for the 12 lessons include the fur trade and other exchange relationships, land claims and environmental impacts, legal systems and rights, political conflicts and alliances, Indigenous political activism, and contemporary Indigenous life, art and its expressions.

The course is taught by Chelsea Vowel, a Métis writer and lawyer from Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta, You can enrol for free and time is flexible. You can get more information at

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada>

More than 500,000 people have enrolled.



Submitted by Bob Osbourne

Chelsea Vowel

Life Passages

Every year during All Saints Tide we remember all who have died in this parish and whose services were conducted by our clergy over the past year. This goes from Nov. 1, 2021-Oct. 31, 2022

October 30, 2022 All Saints Day

Lloyd Grant Walker	Tammy Mary Louise Chumley
John McCoy Hamilton	Lucas James Scullion
Dennis William Bryant	William Ralph Paynter
Martha Smyth	Robert Douglas Barnes
Roderick Perry Ellison	Adam Houston
Thelma June MacFarlane	Kenneth William Raymond Thomson
June Partridge	Gordon William Partridge
Beatrice Weir Hunter	Mary Rennie Lorraine Canning
Robert James Root	Rosamund Clarendon-Hyde Houison Craufurd McClenahan
James Cameron Montgomery	James Elmer Biggar
Doreen Valentine Spencer	Sam John Fasullo
Kenneth Harvey Folkes	Jennifer Sylvia Kyle
Yvonne Beverley Jones	Douglas William Alexander Muir
Merle June Osman	Terrance William Hughes
Kathleen Lydia Harmon	Jane Alexandra Gatcke
Thomas John Williams	Violet Marie Ballantine
Eileen Gertrude Cossens	Geoffrey William Overell
Betty Ann Smith	Audrey Mary Beaumont Graham
Peter Mansbridge	Mark Kempthorne Sangwin
Carol Jane Anderson	Michael Thomas Henry Whyte
Ian Ham	Carol Jane Anderson
Hugh Bantleman	Amero George
Valerie Woods	David Potter

**O Father of all, we remember those whom we love but see no
longer; Grant them thy peace, and in thy loving wisdom and
almighty power, work in them the good purpose of thy perfect
will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Monday Notes from the Centre for Spirituality and Nature

O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
 Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,
 Should waste them all.
The crows above the forest call;
Tomorrow they may form and go.
O hushed October morning mild,
 Begin the hours of this day slow.
Make the day seem to us less brief.
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,
 Beguile us in the way you know.
Release one leaf at break of day;
 At noon release another leaf;
One from our trees, one far away.
Retard the sun with gentle mist;
Enchant the land with amethyst.
 Slow, slow!

-October by Robert Frost



Rev. Sheila Plant

Parish Deacon

Parish Life Reports

Greetings to you this beautiful Fall Season! The focus of this issue of our newsletter is on events to come in the winter months of December, January and February. At the time of its deadline (October 31) we are still enjoying some beautiful Fall colours, and leaves have just begun to fall.



After two plus years of seeing not very much of each other, it has been wonderful to be coming together in person for worship and fellowship once again. Welcome Back!

Under the Parish Life Umbrella, many groups and activities have either continued on in some form or started again. We look forward to the continued momentum of our re-opening. Our first in-person fellowship event was the Friends of St. Luke's Afternoon tea, held on August 31. Although this event had fewer guests than usual, attendees and volunteers alike enjoyed re-connecting in person, and it turned out to be a successful day. Many thanks to all who volunteered, and who attended!

Music at St. Luke's, an event many of us missed and now look forward to again, is holding its first evening of dinner, fellowship & live entertainment on November 12, with more to come in the New Year.

We also look forward to the return of the Speakers Lunch event in January.

Knitters and Friends have been busy creating items for the Missions to Seafarers in nearby Hamilton; I am sure you will also be seeing some of their handiwork at the Christmas Market.

The Christmas Market will be held on Saturday, December 3rd live and in-person for the first time in three years. We are confident of a successful re-start, which I'm sure will include another opportunity for customers to stock up on meat pies made by the loving hands of our very own Pie Makers group. If you are new to St. Luke's and haven't had the chance to attend the Christmas Market, it is an event you do not want to miss! In many ways, it is a perfect example of how so many parishioners come together at St. Luke's with the common goal of having some fun & fellowship, while at the same time raising funds for St. Luke's. This has always been our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we welcome its return. Please do set this date aside and come check it out - you will be glad you did!

It is not always pleasant to anticipate the arrival of winter, but at St. Luke's there is always a warm and cozy place to come together.

Wishing You All a Healthy and Blessed Winter Season!

Lesley Emery
Parish Life Chair

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 Flett (905-637-7009) or Tim Tiernay (905-639-0345).

As we enter the winter, your committee is hopeful we will resume our monthly meetings. We will be arranging a diverse and interesting list of topics and speakers.



The current status of the pandemic now allows us to meet in person and to be able to use the parish hall facilities, so we are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to resume our lunches on January 12th. This of course will need to be confirmed as we get closer to the date, dependent on the status of the pandemic and public health direction.

We have confirmed with our "Climate Change" speakers that January 12th will likely be resumption date. We are also lining up other interesting topics - "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 attendees will be comfortable with returning. Please 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, please contact Tim Tiernay (phone: 905-539-0345; email: tim.tiernay@bell.net).

Also, if you have not provided your email address or text number in the past, please do so we 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 even more cautious and stay well.

Submitted by Tim Tiernay

Knitters & Friends Look to a Cozy Winter of Projects

by Mary Taslimi

First order of business: hearty congratulations to Mavis Brown, who entered seven items at the Aberfoyle Fair and won seven firsts and a Best in Show! Please see photos for a couple of Mavis's prizewinners: an owl, done in needle lace and needle weaving, and her beautiful "The Owl and the Pussycat" picture created with a variety of threads and stitches in an experimental style. Simply beautiful work.



By the time this newsletter appears, readers attending the Remembrance Day service on Nov. 6 will have seen what some others of the Knitters & Friends have been up to: knitting and crocheting poppies to commemorate Canadian military personnel who died in war. Truly a stunning tribute.

Many of us are also working on items to sell at the Christmas Market. Please see photos for an example: Jane Milne's beautiful, intricate child's sweater, with a yoke of ladybirds with hand-embroidered features.

Over the past few months, some of us made some cozy woollies for sailors, and a first instalment of these went to Pastor Daniel Phannenhour of the Missions to Seafarers in Hamilton. He was most grateful for the contributions of hats/toques, scarves, and mitts/gloves, some of which will go in Christmas packages for sailors and some of which will be handed out simply to keep sailors warm at sea. We will continue to create for this worthy cause and possibly Pastor Dan will pick up the next batch of woollies on a Tuesday morning so he can meet some of the makers.

Mary Taslimi's mitred square for summer for her 2022 temperature project is complete and she is now working on the last one, for autumn (see photos for progress on this one). Once it is complete in December, Mary will attempt to knit the four seasons together by gently pulling out the provisional cast-ons for each square, picking up the live stitches as she goes, and then using a three-needle bind-off to join the edges. With luck her effort will appear in the spring 2023 newsletter...?! For more on mitred squares, provisional cast-ons, and three-needle bind-offs, see the Knitters & Friends piece in the winter 2022 newsletter.

Knitters & Friends welcomes all friendly knitters and all friendly fibre-workers who crochet or work with yarn, thread, embroidery silk and similar. Come for the crafting, stay for the company! We meet in person, 10am - noon, Tuesdays, in Room 201 of the church hall. Some of us also continue to Zoom from 2-4pm, Fridays. To join the Zoom, please email mary.taslimi@cogeco.ca to receive the invitation. All Knitters & Friends are welcome to join either or both of these meetings.

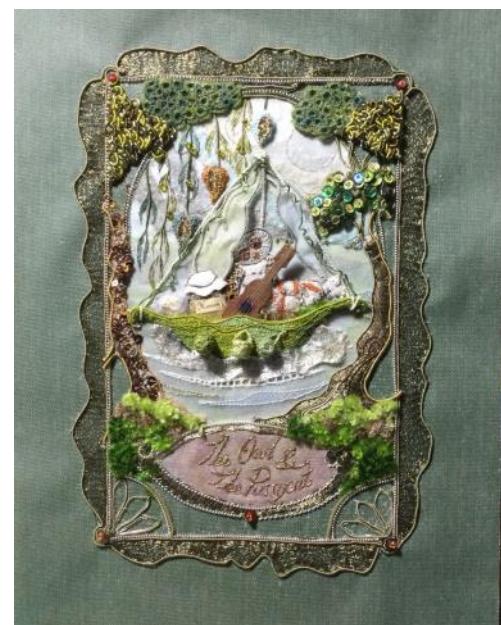
Knitters & Friends continued



Knitters L-R Marion, Jackie,
Lois, Sam, Barbara, Jane, Eliz-
abeth, Norma



Mavis Brown's prizewinning owl



Mavis Brown's prizewinning owl and pussy cat



Jane Milne's Ladybug
sweater



Mary Taslimi's mitred square for autumn in progress

Music at St. Luke's

Music at St. Luke's invites you to our Robbie Burns Supper on Saturday

January 28. The skirl of the bagpipes, Scottish tunes, haggis and much more. George Grieve will address the haggis. Allan and Juliet Ellingham will do the toast to the lassies and the reply. Jennifer Goodine will accompany us in a singalong. If you can say "It's a braw, bricht, moonlicht nicht" (and even if you can't) you won't want to miss this authentic Burns Supper and evening at St. Luke's.



Tickets are \$40 and are available at 905-632-2918 or blennard@bell.net.

News from the Library

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

During the Time and Talent Sunday on October 16th, we hope some parishioners stopped by to see our new books at our display table! We plan to have a display table once a month now that coffee hour has begun again! You may also visit our church library during office hours Monday to Friday.



The following are the titles of books that will be available to sign out this winter:

Sacred nature: restoring our ancient bond with the natural world.

Why gather?: the hope and promise of the church.

Queen Elizabeth II: a glorious 70 years.

The kite runner.

True reconciliation: how to be a force for change.

Promises to keep.

Bluebird: a novel.

We hope you will consider some of these for your winter reading!

Book Review for St. Luke's Library Committee

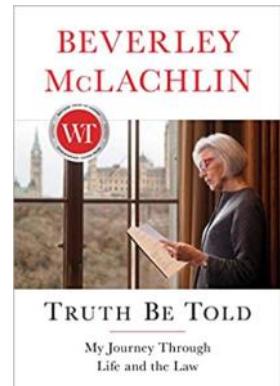
Truth Be Told: My Journey Through Life and the Law by Beverley McLachlin

From the very beginning of this book, the reader is treated to the writings of an individual who demonstrates openly, without pretension, the gift she possesses of being able to speak directly, clearly, with an insight into her story and for her reader. A rare quality.

And so it is that this very well-educated person, with a wealth of experience gleaned from being a "former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada", sets out to share her story beginning. As a young girl, her world was often full of wonder at the wide and open prairie setting of Pincher Creek, Alberta. She wears openly the influences she came to recognize that had stimulated and nurtured her. Her strong curiosity, her desire to learn, her bravery to overcome the impediments of those times of her youth, her economic placing, and, of course, her gender: all were influenced by the stories she discovered in the books at her local library and the diverse people who passed through her parents' door. The assertion made here is made straightforwardly but without rancour: her family was poor but their lives were rich in the ways that mattered most.

Even at a young age, she came to realize that she had an innate sense of justice, reinforced by the lessons her parents had taught her: everyone deserves dignity, all are equal at birth. The metaphors founded in an agricultural upbringing abound: working hard reaps rewards. Wilful, spirited, and gifted with an above the normal dose of the "fertilizer" of intelligence, she discovered her ability to take in an extraordinary variety of people and perspectives that informed and nurtured as she grew into adulthood. And perhaps that is the key for the reader. We come to understand that our writer has had a unique combination of self-awareness coupled with a modesty that spared being distracted by the very unique gifts she possessed. For example, we learn or are reminded that access to higher education, particularly for girls of rural background with limited financial resources, is difficult. As a young woman, she describes moving to Edmonton to pursue a degree in philosophy. However, she learned about herself once more a crucial characteristic: her strongest interests would not be satisfied in an academic setting. She was more driven to exist in a real world, aiding people to find solutions for real problems.

And so it was that her learning and her ultimate driving force to contribute took her to the study of Law. The art of compassion required the science of finding the tools to accomplish.. Once more she describes the barriers in her own compelling straightforward way. Her description of not being "recognized" in her first court appearance is riveting, even on the printed page. The reader cannot help but be moved by her determination to prove not only her worth as a lawyer but her equitable right to be accorded status as a counsel.



Book Review continued

Ultimately, of course, our writer shares her journey of elevation through the courts to becoming the first woman named Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. By any objective standard of assessment, the author distinguished herself as a judge, not only of the law but also of the co-existing necessity of clear analysis and moral weighing of competing interests. Her next eighteen years required her to preside over a myriad of complex cases presenting diverse issues concerning our new Charter of Rights and Freedoms and new and developing social definitions of gender, marriage, and medical intervention. And so it is that Beverley McLachlin shares with the reader her personal and professional development. Her unique combination of warmth and wisdom, fed by her intellect and ever grounded pragmatic sense of place, has guided her well and has served our country with a stronger development of our law and justice.

"Truth Be Told" indeed. It is a good and illuminating read.

By Colin Campbell

Columbaria Update

The extended construction time of the two new columbaria is finally drawing to a close. This last month 49 face plaques were delivered and installed. As worldwide manufacturing ramps up the remaining 95 plaques are scheduled to be installed before Christmas. Niches are now available for sale and may be arranged through Elaine Black in the church office. The photo below shows two of the six sides of a columbarium with completed faceplates.



Bob Bruce
Committee Chair

St. Luke's Quilters Guild

On Tuesday, October 18th we celebrated Barbara Adamson's 90th birthday! We were so thrilled to be able to recognize this milestone birthday with tea, cake and singing Happy Birthday!



Submitted by Melissa Kennedy

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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.

Members of Outreach continue to meet via Zoom, especially as the weather starts to cool, however, we are delighted that activities are opening up more and we get to see each other's cheery faces in person. We are very grateful to have new people helping with the various groups but there is always room and need for more.

Advocacy Breakfasts

Our Advocacy Group has a strong mandate to support and encourage action for many areas of Social Justice across communities throughout the world. Presentations have been held via Zoom on a Saturday morning and have been very successful.

On September 10, 2022, we welcomed Meagan Cooper, who shared her experiences with the international organization, Doctors Without Borders. The presentation was amazing and offered an opportunity for an understanding of the complex and world wide features of this successful and caring team assisting the world's most needy people.

In pre COVID times we would have offered a modestly priced breakfast preceding the presentation in the Parlour in the Great Hall. At the conclusion of our Zoom presentations we invited those present to make a donation in the name of the particular cause. With immense gratitude and awareness of the impact of Doctors Without Borders, we are happy to report that we received 960.00!

The planning team is investigating future topics and welcomes ideas and suggestions from everyone. Please continue to note new dates in the weekly bulletins and in the This Week at St. Luke's, posting. Thank you for supporting and encouraging this journey towards understanding and advocacy. Submitted by Carrie Raybould for the Advocacy Team

Christmas Families

Once again this year we will be helping 4 families from St. Matthew's House. Without our help, they would have a very gloomy time without food and gifts.

The list of families and items needed will be in the bulletin soon.

You can always call me in a few weeks to find out details. Many thanks!

Verónica Richards-Miller

905 466 6031. Cell, 905 637 6341, or richmill@cogeco.ca



Downtown Burlington Community Lunch

GREAT NEWS! The Community Lunch has started again. Join us for a good meal and some conversation. We are open on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month except in the summer (and Christmas Market week).

The lunch is hosted and led by St. Luke's with financial and volunteer support from our partners and community members. Many guests also donate towards the cost of their lunch. Guests are mainly seniors from Burlington and include members of our congregation, our partner churches, and our community.

We still need more volunteers to prepare food and to serve food. No experience is required.

We have fun working together and hope you will consider joining us.



Roast potatoes & Chef Colin's Harvest Chicken

Heather White, Community Lunch Coordinator

dheatherwhite@gmail.com 905-639-2922

Community Social Hour

We have added a community social hour following the community lunch, from 1:30-2:30. Coffee and tea are served. Games and conversation will be available.

We are looking for donations of games and volunteers to help out.

Contact Rosemary Armstrong (289-783-2110) or Heather White (905-639-2922).



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Esperanza event held for El Hogar after coffee hour on October 30th. It was a great morning with a video that featured a primary school student and a high school student studying electricity. Life is difficult in Honduras. Weather and poverty are only two of the many factors that have so much impact on the lives of Hondurans. El Hogar steps up to provide a comprehensive education to more than 200 children in grades 1 through 12 and is a loving home for children and youth from vulnerable situations.

El Hogar eliminates the barriers to education and supports its students and their families as they learn the values and life skills necessary to become productive and independent members of Honduran society.

By checking out the website—www.elhogarcanada.ca—you can learn of the partnership programmes that support the work with the children.



To support El Hogar the team here at St. Luke's has a number of fundraising efforts. We have been working on our gingerbread church and house kits. They can be preordered now, ready for delivery in early December. The cost is \$35 for one kit or 2 for \$60.

Our delicious Belgian chocolate bark is available in 3 flavours - Skor Bar bits on dark chocolate, toasted almond with seasoned sea salt on milk chocolate, and peppermint on layers of dark chocolate and white chocolate. The cost is \$10 for a 100 gram package or 4 packages for \$35.

We have 540 ml tins of Quebec maple syrup at a cost of \$15, 2 for \$25 or a carton of 8 for \$65.

Delicious Honduran coffee will also be available. A 12 oz. packet is \$18 and 2 packets for \$32.



We are so grateful for all your support. You have made and continue to make a world of difference to El Hogar's children.



Very busy days in the kitchen making gingerbread & bark but many hands make light work.

Thank you to all our volunteers!



Newcomer Family

On a recent Sunday, our newcomer family, who arrived in Canada last December 22, were finally able to meet the rest of the congregation of St. Luke's. With the pandemic, there was just not an opportunity to do so until now. They were anxious to meet you for they knew all about you. They understand how there was a whole community of people behind them, that had supported them with donations of food, clothing, gift cards, fundraisers and love to get them started into a life here! In the past, they have shared that the war in Syria destroyed their dreams but now, they have a start to a better life here. They both shared their thanks in meaningful and personal messages that Sunday and we were very proud of their messages and of their English!



We continue to be grateful for the continued hard work of our BDRA committee. They come from Knox Presbyterian, some Burlington community members and much appreciated St. Luke's folk which includes: Canon Stuart Pike (vice chair) Heather and Roger White, Veronica Richards-Miller, Carrie Raybould, Michael Skafel.

Submitted by Janice Skafel

Climate Justice -TruEarth Laundry Strip Project Update

We have been working on this project since the spring and although we do not know how many detergent bottles we have saved from the landfill, we do know how much we have raised so far for PWRDF's Mishamikoweesh Water Partnership in Northern Ontario & Manitoba—\$237.19. We receive 20% of the amount paid by customers.

If you would like to support this project please check out St. Luke's account at:

<https://fundraising.tru.earth/StLukesAnglicanChurch>

Thank you so much for helping with Climate Justice

For more information please contact:

Rosemary Armstrong at rosemarymarmstrong@gmail.com



UPDATE FROM MADAGASCAR

More than 25 years ago, Mary Sherwood founded 2 projects in Madagascar and St. Luke's Church has been a loyal supporter since that time. Although Mary is no longer able to travel to Madagascar, having suffered a stroke 2 years ago, both missions continue to be in operation providing help for the children there. The orphanage, *Akany Famonjena*, is currently home to 46 boys and girls and our donations support their daily needs and help pay for their schooling. *Akany Tafita* is an inner-city school that helps street children learn the valuable skills and knowledge that they need.



Anglican Missions Service Committee and Global Teams has a long and strong history of supporting the two projects and has been actively looking for someone to replace Mary. Until such time as someone assumes that position we will not be receiving regular updates but please know that our support is still desperately needed. Madagascar is the world's poorest non-conflict country with over 92% of its citizens earning less than \$2/day. Without help from outside the country these missions can not survive. Please prayerfully consider making a donation. Any amount is greatly appreciated and donations can be made at any time. Please mark 'Madagascar Missions' on the donation envelope and include your name and envelope number (donation number).

Thank you so much for your support.

Submitted by Sandra Tiernay



St. Matthew's House offers help to seniors who are homeless, facing eviction, have an empty fridge, or do not have the means to pay their next month's rent. Some of the people they help are living rough and scattered across the city. Street outreach workers are outside 7 days a week, checking in on them, providing what support they can, encouraging people into shelter or at least staying alive for another short spell.

St. Matthew's House currently supplies seniors 55+ that live in wards 1 through 5 with an emergency food delivery once a month. They service 20 to 25 seniors a day and welcome any food drives and donations as food prices soar and basic income remains the same.

Thank you for your support!

Shani Doherty, Seniors Program Manager, St. Matthew's House

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The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. With the support of Anglicans across Canada, PWRDF partners with organizations working to increase healthy pregnancies and births, reduce gender inequality, relieve hunger and break the cycle of poverty in the world's most vulnerable communities. Against a backdrop of climate change, PWRDF strives to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.

The P stands for Primate (the head of the Anglican Church of Canada) but it also stands for our **partners** in Canada and around the world, **people**-centred development and for the **parish** volunteers who engage Canadians with our partners' work. Programs focus areas include Preventive Health, Food Security, Empowering Women, Indigenous Programs, Humanitarian Response and Accompanying Refugees.

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Burlington Ubuntu Grandwomen

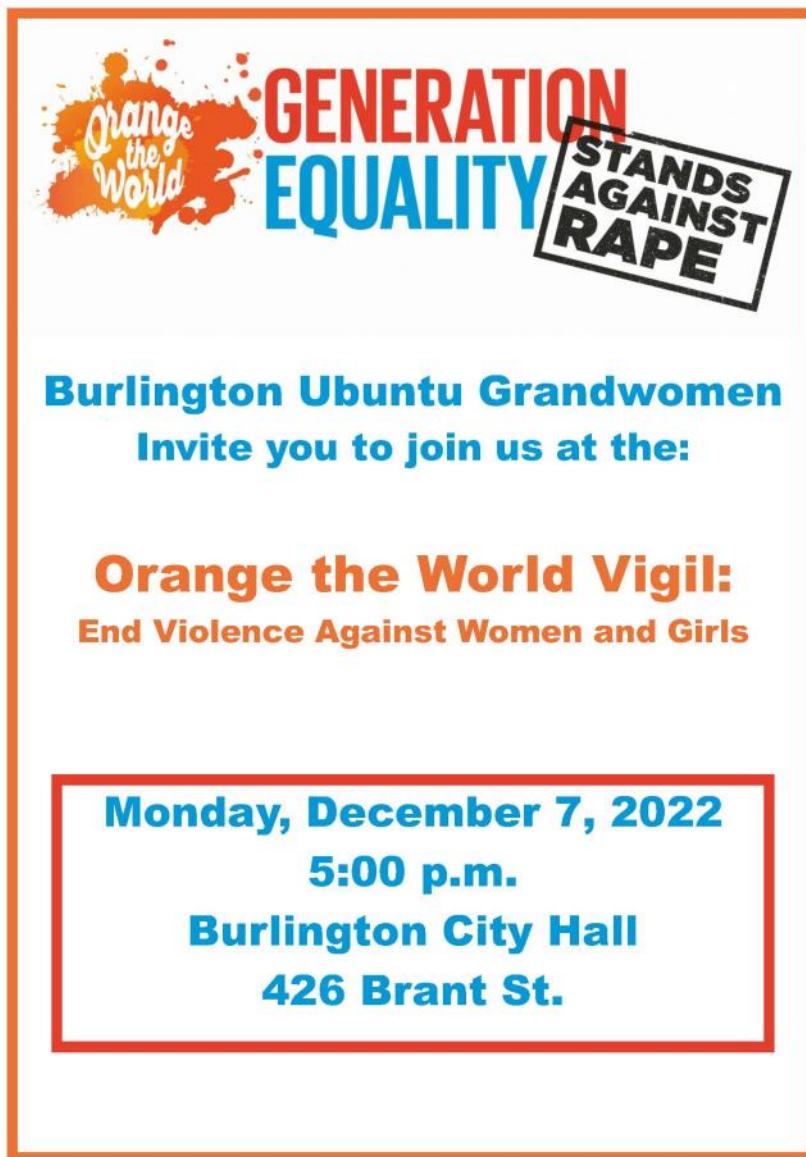
Burlington's dedicated chapter of Ubuntu, part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers, has been actively working together to present their mission in our community.

Regular meetings occur at Burlington Baptist Church on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

This amazing group always welcomes new members. For more information and current events please see their website www.thebug.ca

Please consider joining in the Orange the World Vigil to end violence against women and girls.

Submitted by Carrie Raybould



Stories Behind the Nave Plaques: St. Luke's Grant of Arms

By Dorothy Kew



On the east side of the nave, about half-way down, you will see this striking stone plaque, with a small brass plaque beside it. The stone plaque commemorates the grant of arms to the Parish Church of St. Luke by His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General of Canada, in 1991. The wording of the brass plaque beside it reads:

"The stone carving of our coat of arms is placed here to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the life and witness of REGINALD 'REX' G. HICKEY U.E. (1898-1989). Given by his wife, Beryl."

More about the Hickey family later. For now, let us find out more about the Grant of Arms to St. Luke's and how it came about. I'm sure that many of our older parishioners reading this will not be surprised to know that the person behind the Grant of Arms was our former Rector and the former Bishop of Niagara, the Rt. Rev. Ralph Spence, who is a renowned expert on flags as well as having a deep interest in heraldry. I had the pleasure some time ago to speak on the phone with Bishop Ralph who gave me a great deal of information about the Arms of St. Luke and how it came about. As well, like all Arms that have been granted by the Governor General's office, there is a webpage devoted to the Arms which you can find at <https://www.gg.ca/en/heraldry/public-register/project/1529>

The Arms of St. Luke's have been beautifully recreated on our banner which stands in the sanctuary on the west side beside the cross. The work was done in 1992 by parishioner Norma Watson, at the request of Ralph while he was our Rector. With the permission of the Governor General's office, I am reproducing their image of the Arms in colour:



Courtesy of the Governor General of Canada

Here is the description of the Arms from the website in the language peculiar to heraldry:

Blazon – i.e., the formal description of a coat of arms

“Barruly undy Argent and Azure on a pile reverse Gules the haloed winged bull of St. Luke passant Or on a chief Gules a pale Argent charged with a cross Gules between dexter and open book proper edged and bound Or and sinister a white trillium flower Argent barbed Vert seeded Or.”

The pile is a wedge, which is usually shown point down, so in this case reversed. Gules is the heraldic term for the colour red; Argent is blue; Or is gold; Vert is green. The winged bull which is the symbol for St. Luke is shown passant, i.e., walking with right front foot raised. The terms, dexter and sinister, mean right and left, as seen by the person wearing the shield, so the opposite to what we see. The red cross, symbolizing St. George, is center, with a book, the Bible, representing the Anglican faith on the right side, and the trillium, representing Ontario, on the left, as if seen from behind. The background for the winged bull consists of wavy blue lines signifying the lake. As Bishop Ralph told me it's meant to remind us of Church Avenue showing a clear line of sight down to the lake. Finally, the Motto, which I'm sure many of you are familiar with, is the first three words from Psalm 122, “I was glad”.

The design of the Arms was done by Ralph, and was painted by Gordon MacPherson, a heraldic artist and a St. Luke's parishioner. Ours is not the only church in the Diocese of Niagara with a grant of arms – altogether there are 14 churches in the Diocese with their own coat of arms, all of which Ralph had a hand in. They are:

- Christ's Church Cathedral
- St. John's, Ancaster
- St. George's, Guelph
- St. John's, Elora
- St. George's, Georgetown
- St. Jude's, Oakville
- St. John's, Nassagaweya
- St. Luke's, Burlington
- St. Mark's, Niagara on the Lake
- St. George's, St. Catherine
- Christ Church, Niagara Falls
- St. Barnabas, St. Catherine
- St. Paul's, Dunnville
- St. Andrew's, Grimsby

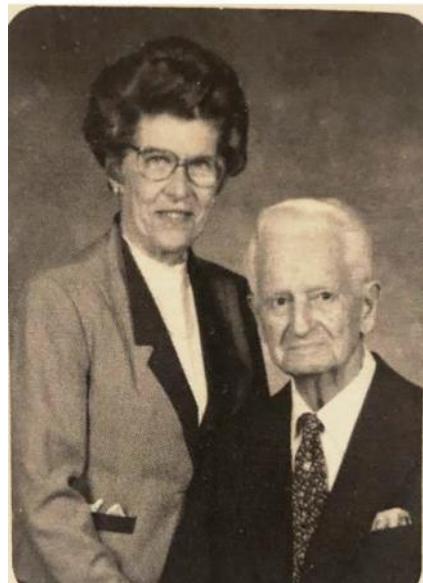
St. Luke's, St. Mark's, and St. Andrew's all received their Grants of Arms in September 1991 at a ceremony at Niagara on the Lake. Here is a photo from the Archives showing Ralph with Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn and his wife.



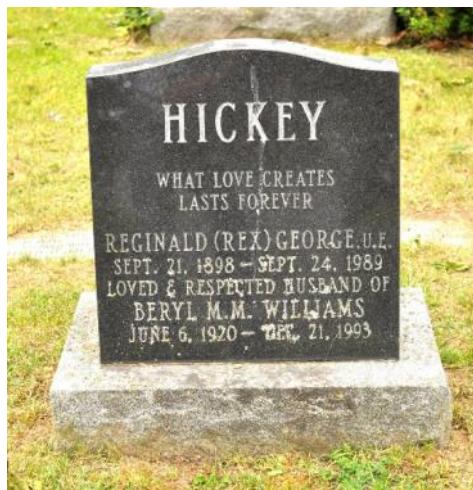
I'm sure St. Luke's parishioners will be pleased to know that Ralph has his own Wikipedia page which describes his expertise in vexillology (the study of flags) and heraldry. He has his own coat of arms which he himself designed. And he is proudest of all of having been created Albion Herald Extraordinary in 2008 by the late Queen!

As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, the stone plaque commemorating the Grant of Arms was given in memory of Reginald "Rex" Hickey, U.E., by his wife Beryl. I wasn't able to find out much about the Hickeys. Ralph said they were pillars of the church, but didn't know much about Reginald Hickey except that he was a retired businessman. He was born 21st September 1898 to George W. Hickey and his wife, Lottie Harrison. I couldn't find a birth record for Reginald but did find him with his family in the 1901 census in Ward 1, Hamilton. The 1901 census gives the complete birthdate. Beryl was his second wife, and much younger than Reginald, having been born 6th June, 1920.

*Rex and Beryl Hickey, St. Luke's
1989 Directory, courtesy Heather White*



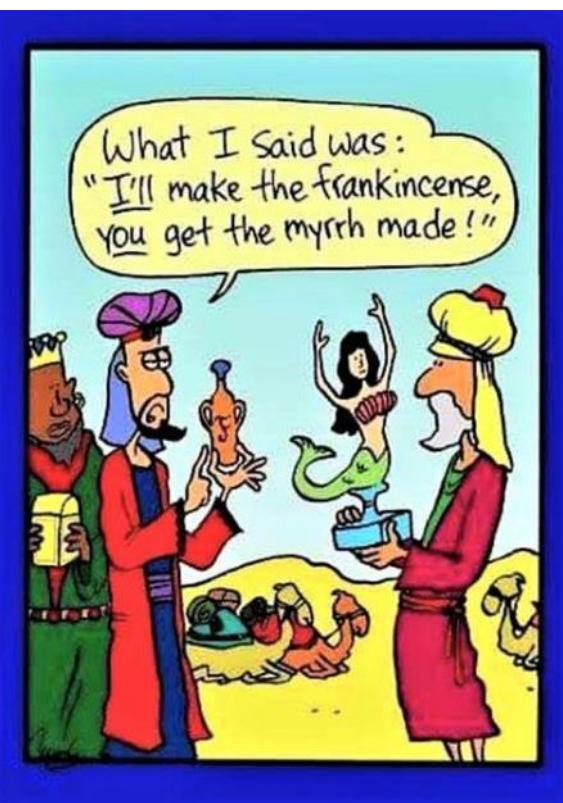
Reginald Hickey died 24th September 1989 and his wife, Beryl, passed away 21st December 1993. They are buried in Woodland Cemetery, in Hamilton.



Courtesy Find a Grave

Editor's Sense of Humour

Your Reward (or Punishment) for Reading to the End



Overheard Marine Communications

Canadians—You are on a collision course.
Please alter your course 10 degrees south.

Americans—No, you alter your course 10 degrees north.

Canadians—No you alter your course 10 degrees south to avoid collision.

Americans—We are the US aircraft carrier Lincoln accompanied by 4 destroyers. I insist you alter your course or severe measures will be taken.

Canadians—We are a lighthouse. Your call -!

What did Big Ben say to the Leaning Tower of Pizza? I've got the time if you have the inclination!

Thanks to Bob Bruce and Rosemary Armstrong for contributions



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