

Online Bulletin

The Parish Church of St Luke
Burlington, ON

Week of Sunday September 17th

✱ PARISH OFFICE HOURS ✱

Monday 9 am – noon, **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:** 9 am to 3:30 pm, **Friday:** Closed

Worship Services

We are open for in-person worship.

We no longer need to pre-register for services so simply come and you will be welcomed!

Sundays 8.15 & 10am – Holy Communion

WEDNESDAYS 10AM – HOLY COMMUNION

A quiet mid-week, low-key liturgy of Holy Communion.

Share this info with anyone whom you think may be interested.

~ CHANGES TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ~

Our epidemiological guidelines have been updated.

It is highly encouraged -although not mandatory- that you wear a mask while inside the church or parish hall buildings -

Mandates Lifted

All COVID (masking, vaccination for volunteers, distancing) are now officially paused. We hope this will be a permanent pause, but the Diocese will continue to diligently monitor the course of the pandemic.

Sunday Coffee Hour On Zoom! At 11:30a.m. At this address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85696727081?pwd=YTVPVFN4RWkrWnhjbVo0bEcvM21CZz09>

RUTH AND NAOMI

Sunday September 10th at 11:30 then Sunday October 15th. Please bring your lunch

Friends of St. Luke's

Friends of St. Luke's Afternoon Hymn Sing and Social Tea - This Coming Wednesday, September 20th at 2pm : Many thanks to all of you are are volunteering to help make this event happen. Just few more volunteers would be helpful. Please call or email Lesley Emery at (905) 639-7222 (home). or (905) 802-7198 (cell), or email echidna77@icloud.com.

Time & Talent Sunday

On Sunday, September 24th we will be holding our annual Time and Talent Sunday. This is a celebration of all the wonderful things that go on at St. Luke's. Apart from displays in the Great Hall, we also bring gifts to the altar that represent our various ministries. A reminder to please let Sheila know if you require tables for your group and reminder to also have someone bring a symbol of your ministry to the altar.

MUSIC AT ST LUKE'S

Music at St. Luke's looks forward to hosting you at our first event of the season, "Shades of Blue" on Sept. 30 at. 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and are available at coffee hour or 905-632-2918 or blennard@bell.net and include a delicious dinner catered by Millcroft.

Marketing posters for our September event are available in the Narthex. Please take one and post in your building or office;

Bonnie Lennard will be in the Great Hall after the 10AM service with tickets for Music at St. Luke's events.

HARVEST SUNDAY - OCTOBER 1, 2023

- › **NEEDED:** Donations of fruits (apples, pears), vegetables (squash, cabbage, pumpkins, etc.), corn stalks, gourds etc.

To decorate the church – the Altar Guild decorates with the donations received from parishioners.

We need your help to make our church festive for Harvest & Thanksgiving Sundays!

- › Please bring donations to the church on
Saturday, September 30 - from 8:30am
(NOTE: we are usually finished by 10:30am)

Perishable fruits & vegetables go to our Food for Life programme following the Harvest Sunday services. The remainder decorates the church for Thanksgiving Sunday and then goes to our Food For Life programme.

Questions? – contact Chris Hughes (905-632-9535)

St. Luke's Annual Parish Dinner and Silent Auction
We welcome everyone to come out and enjoy

Saturday, October 21st, 2023

Doors open at 5:30pm
Hors D'oeuvres at 6:00pm
Potluck Dinner at 6:30pm

Registration will take place at Coffee Hour every Sunday, beginning Mid September

We are looking to refresh our website and are looking for volunteers to provide feedback and review any options. Please email warden@stlukesburlington.ca if you are interested ...Helen

The Fall Newsletter is now available on-line. Thank you to our many contributors. Check it out at: <https://stlukesburlington.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/News-and-Views-Fall-2023-Final2std.pdf>

Church Minders – Volunteer Opportunity



New recruits are needed to welcome visitors to St. Luke's during the week. We are currently only able to open the church one morning per week for those who come by for an opportunity of quiet meditation, prayer or to wander through our beautiful church and learn more about its long history. Visitors benefit greatly from this place of peaceful refuge & our volunteers enjoy sharing their love of St. Luke's.

We are fortunate to have a small group of dedicated volunteers but would love to have more so that we could open the church on more weekday mornings.

If this is something that appeals to you, please contact Avril Drake at peggycopas@gmail.com

Here is a link to an article written by one of our Minders Mavis Brown to give you a better idea of how important this ministry is. [Church Minders Article](#)

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PWRDF launches in-Canada Emergency Response Fund

In this year of unprecedented wildfires from coast to coast, PWRDF is establishing a fund specifically for in-Canada emergency response.

In recent years, Canada has experienced an increase in the frequency and severity of natural disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes and floods, affecting thousands of families and individuals. Some communities have been particularly devastated. Time and time again, Anglicans have generously offered their financial support through PWRDF.

Currently, PWRDF accepts donations when a disaster happens, then works with the dioceses affected by the emergency to disburse the funds. This new fund will allow us to respond quickly when a diocese asks us for support, rather than wait to raise funds for individual disasters.

While we cannot respond to every emergency in Canada, we consider the severity and impact of the situation, response of other agencies including the government, availability of insurance coverage, and the extent to which additional support is needed. We look to fill gaps not covered by others, avoiding duplication of services. Dioceses can access the new In-Canada Emergency Fund by requesting short-, medium- and longer-term support. This could include emergency accommodations, gift cards to purchase food, water and essentials, counselling and post-trauma supports, or locally identified long-term recovery activities to help rebuild community assets and increase community resilience.

Together, we can make a significant impact in the lives of people in Canada affected by disasters, offering solidarity and hope for those who have lost so much. For more information about how PWRDF responds to emergencies in Canada.

How you can help: Make a cheque payable to St Luke's and on the memo line put PWRDF emergency fund or go to PWRDF.org and donate on line. Thank you, Jackie Maver 905 681 6097

Restarting Sunday School

We are working hard to determine how we can restart Sunday School and make it easier for young families to take part in Sunday services. One of the suggestions that came out was having the families who are interested sign up and have a rotation where each family takes a turn each month in looking after the kids activities/Sunday School. This way parents get a chance to follow church service freely on the weeks they are not on duty. We would want to include fun learning materials as appropriate by age to balance play and learning with the prepared materials that are available. For more information, suggestions, or to get involved, please contact Mahira Samarasinghe, deputy people's warden at warden@stlukesburlington.ca.

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue

As this year's Christmas Market approaches, we are now looking forward to receiving donations of a variety of good quality items to be offered for sale in the Treasure Room. We are collecting such items as silverware both sterling and plate, china, pottery, serving boards and platters, figurines, sculptures, paintings, lamps, mantle clocks, ladies' evening bags, and hats. Teacups are high on our list, especially those made by Paragon or Aynsley.

We regret that we are not able to accept carpets or pieces of furniture this year. We can arrange to inspect the items you are willing to donate at your home, or you can bring them to the Parish Hall at a convenient time. All items must be received before Monday, November 13.

Thank you in advance to everyone who may be willing to donate their cherished items for this year's Treasure Room. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Dave Beck
(905) 632-0489

Debra Roberts
1-905-279-3600

OUTREACH CLIMATE JUSTICE PROJECT

The Outreach committee has an on-going project to help reduce waste & pollution. *Tru Earth* is a Canadian eco-friendly company which manufactures small packets of laundry strips to replace large jugs of liquid detergent. One strip will wash a load of laundry. You can check out *TruEarth* through the St. Luke's account at : <https://fundraising.tru.earth/StLukesAnglicanChurch>

Place an order and St. Luke's will receive 20% of the amount paid which will go to PWRDF's Mishamikoweesh Water Partnership in Northern Ontario & Manitoba. Thank you so much for helping with Climate Justice! For more information, please contact Rosemary Armstrong, at rosemarymarmstrong@gmail.com

2 Great Opportunities from our Ubuntu Group (Grandmothers to Grandmothers)

Firstly, a fundraiser to benefit Halton Women's Place on Friday, September 22nd at 6:30pm. It promises to be a fabulous evening filled with wine tasting, food, and fancy desserts and featuring the George Amone Big Band. All this is taking place at the Burlington Baptist Church for the cost of \$54.58.

The link for tickets is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-of-impact-fundraiser-for-halton-womens-place-tickets-686273010047?aff=oddtcreator>

Secondly, *Women Aging with Wellness and Purpose*, a day of speakers and workshops filled with information, inspiration, positivity, and humour, at Port Nelson United Church 3132 South Drive, Burlington on Saturday, October 21st from 8:30 to 3:30 pm. For information contact: ubuntuevents20@gmail.com, trandles@rogers.com, or 4ggggs@gmail.com

Men's Faith and Fellowship

We meet every Saturday morning from 9 am to 10:30 pm, now using hybrid model: You can come in-person at the board room in the Parish Hall, or you can attend from home viz Zoom. We look at the readings for the week, or sometimes we watch a short video and discuss a book of the Bible. All men are welcome.

KNITTERS & FRIENDS...continues to meet in person in Room 201 of the Parish hall, 10 am – noon, Tuesdays. **Anyone interested in joining is welcome to drop in. Come for the crafting, stay for the company! All skill levels and hand crafts are welcome.**

Online weekly gatherings (Zoom)

Outreach –Thursdays 10a.m. Contact rosreycraft@hotmail.com

Men's Faith and Fellowship Saturdays 9a.m. Contact stuartpike1@gmail.com

Bible Study – Mondays 1:30p.m. Contact sheilaplant134@gmail.com

(Note that there will be no Bible Study in August...resumes Sept 11th)

Calling on Your Clergy

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from a phone call, a visit or any other form of support from your parish clergy, please do not hesitate to make it known to any of them or to the parish office.

Worship Services Online

At our parish blog www.stlukesburlington.blogspot.com...Tuesday & Thursday Evening Prayer after 4:00p.m., Sunday Holy Communion 10:00a.m. **We live stream our 10 am Sunday service on this link:** www.youtube.com/channel/UC03TRMBsM7-AH8-XU_ZBXAg/live **You can find all our online services at our Youtube channel,** www.youtube.com/stlukeburlingtonniagara