

St. Thomas The Apostle Anglican Church

110 Francis Street, Cambridge ON, N1S 2A1

“KEEPING IN TOUCH – October 2021”

Visit our new website: www.stthomascambridge.ca

We are so excited to be once again holding indoor services, in a “Covid-safe” manner. In order to comply with Covid protocol, we need to know in advance how many people will be attending.

If you are already attending regularly, we will assume you will continue to attend each week unless we hear otherwise from you. Please let us know if you will not be there one week, so we know that we have extra seating space available.

If you have not yet joined us for an “in person” service but would like to attend, please RSVP to Rick or Sharon Furnival at 519-620-1272 or ricksharon@icloud.com so we can ensure we have a seat ready for you.

A FEW DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR



1. Sat Oct 16 **Volunteering at the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank:** Please call Pastor Steve if you are able to join him and the Furnivals as they volunteer at the Food Bank on Saturday October 16th.
2. Thur Oct 7 (11am – 2pm) **Baking for the Bridges:** If you feel like baking along a "Thanksgiving" theme that would be wonderful but any goodies, themed or not, are greatly appreciated. Please drop off your baking in a sealed container anytime on Thursday Oct 7th between 11am & 2pm.
3. Sun Oct 17 (9am) **Blessing of the Pets Service:** In honour of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, we will be holding a "blessing of the pets" service. Please bring along your furry or feathered friends, making sure they are leashed or caged and under control. For those of our viewers watching from home, please email a picture of your furry family member to us and we will be happy to add a blessing for them into the service.
4. Mon Oct 18 (4pm) **Cooking With the Greens:** Tune in to Facebook and join Pastor Steve's family as they prepare a traditional Greek lemon beef stew in honour of St. Luke's feast day. If you're not already a member of the "Cooking with the Greens" Facebook group, email Steve in advance at stevegreene@diohuron.org to be added.

A FEW SILLY “THANKSGIVING” JOKES



- 1) What did the turkey say to the hunter on Thanksgiving Day?
- 2) What do you get if you cross a turkey with a ghost?
- 3) Why did the turkey cross the road twice?

Pastor’s Ponderings

What comes to your mind when you think of “*Thanksgiving?*” Is it family? Is it sitting at a table with laughter and copious amounts of food? Is it the myriad of creations and odd concoctions one tries to indulge (i.e., pumpkin spiced cold brew coffee, pumpkin spiced cookies, Graeter’s pumpkin ice cream or how about a supposed “can’t miss” pumpkin pie ale)?

As the leaves beautifully change colours and as the temperature slowly approaches the freezing mark, we are reminded that we need to give thanks...*why?* Besides the immediate response, “that it’s just polite”, why should Christ-followers give our thanks and praise in all situations and circumstances (1 Thess. 5:16-18)?

Thanksgiving glorifies God as we exalt not the wonderful gifts, yet the immeasurable Giver. When we begin to intentionally focus on God, this will open our spiritual eyes; this enables us to be part of His incredible reclamation and redemptive process and story.

It is in thanksgiving that we are drawn to God and into a space of authentic joy and contentment. When we pause and give God His glory, honour and praise, we are reminded that He has always been faithful, which will deepen our loyalty to Him, His Kingdom, His Will and His Word!

Wherever you may be this Thanksgiving, I hope you will remain safe and the many blessings we have been afforded by God Almighty will embolden you to acknowledge with gratitude and proclaim a personal and caring God to your neighbourhood and to the world around you.

With Gratitude, Steve+



Answer to “A Few Silly Thanksgiving Jokes”

- 1) Quack quack!
- 2) A poultry-geist!
- 3) To prove he wasn’t chicken!

Mix N' Match

How well do you know the Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada and their Dioceses? Try to correctly match a Bishop with his/her Diocese. I hope you know ours!! Have fun!!

Bishops

1. Geoff Woodcroft
2. Anne Germond
3. Sandra Fyfe
4. Lydia Mamakwa
5. Susan Bell
6. David Parsons
7. William Cliff
8. Mary Irwin-Gibson
9. Shane Parker
10. Anna Greenwood-Lee
11. Stephen London
12. Sam Rose
13. Todd Townshend
14. Gregory Kerr-Wilson

Dioceses

- A. Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh
- B. Montreal
- C. Calgary
- D. Ottawa
- E. Moosonee
- F. Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador
- G. Rupert's Land
- H. Brandon
- I. Arctic
- J. Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
- K. Edmonton
- L. Huron
- M. Niagara
- N. British Columbia

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

CAN YOU MATCH THE PARISHIONERS WITH THEIR PETS???



(1) Chris Coady



(2) Dick & Mary Jo Murphie



(3) David Vann



(4) Doreen Kelly



(5) Leah Bassford



(6) Jim & Kathy Brown



(7) Joan & Robert Stanley



(8) Pat Anderson



(9) Lois Rosenberg



(10) Kevin & Chris White

CAN YOU MATCH THE PARISHIONERS WITH THEIR PETS???



(A) Guido



(B) Lily



(C) Tyler



(D) Priscilla



(E) Xandy



(F) Fergie (#1)



(G) Fergie (#2)



(H) Travels & Freddie



(I) Butterscotch



(J) Roo

Dear PWRDF Supports,



On October 2, Team PWRDF Huron is fundraising in the annual Ride for Refuge to call attention to some people and priorities that we feel really strongly about. And although it only takes a few hours of time, we know it will make a difference. In 2021, Team PWRDF Huron is working for the “Light for Every Birth” project (Solar Suitcases for birthing clinics – Read more at <https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-to-bring-solar-power-to-50-more-mozambican-clinics/>), with PWRDF partner EHALE in Mozambique, and We Care Solar, makers of the solar suitcases. Please help us contribute to the program goal of installing 50 more suitcases and protecting the lives of mothers and newborns. By fundraising, I'm supporting a charity who is bringing hope and refuge to those same people.

The London Team (Canon Greg Smith, Canon Keith Nethery and Sarah Chase) will be participating by walking a loop between the three historic core London Anglican Churches: starting at 10 A.M. from 80 Ridout (The Gartshore) we will walk first to St. Paul’s Cathedral (Queen’s Ave.) then to the former Christ Church (Wellington St.) and then on to St. James Westminster (Askin St.) and closing the loop returning to 80 Ridout St S.

You can support the walk by clicking on the link below. Also, importantly, a private PWRDF donor is matching gifts to this project through September up to \$100,000 so any gift may be doubled. Thank you for considering. <http://ride.w-ith.me/PWRDFHuron>

Answers to “Mix N’ Match” the Bishops & Dioceses

1G, 2E, 3J, 4A, 5M, 6I, 7H, 8B, 9D, 10N, 11K, 12F, 13L, 14C

Answers to “Parishioners & Their Pets”

1 - J 2 - C 3 - I 4 - F 5 - B 6 - A 7 - H 8 - E 9 - D 10 - G

GOSPEL CAFÉ with PASTOR STEVE



Did you know that every month Pastor Steve does a candid, personal interview with some very interesting people? He delves into both their personal lives and their theology and always throws in some crazy questions at the end, just for fun. Past interviews have included: Bishop Todd Townshend (Bishop of Huron) and Bishop Linda Nicholls (Archbishop & Primate) just to name a few. Anyone can sign up for the “Gospel Café”

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/275382184028147/> which will let you watch new interviews “live” or you can watch past episodes at any time, either via the Facebook page or on the “video” page of our St. Tom’s website: www.stthomascambridge.ca. So, grab a coffee, pull up a chair and get to know some really interesting people!