

St. Thomas The Apostle Anglican Church

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“KEEPING IN TOUCH – January 2022”

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the rising numbers of covid cases, we have decided to go back to “on line only” services until at least January 23rd. The services will be live-streamed to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.Thomas.the.Apostle.Cambridge> and will be uploaded to our website later on Sunday afternoons. <https://www.stthomascambridge.ca/>



A FEW DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Thursdays (1:00-1:45 pm) “**Mid Week Holy Eucharist**”: Please note that our mid-week service is currently on hold until we return to “in person” worship.

Sun Jan 30 (time TBA) **Annual Vestry Meeting** will be held after the church service. Depending on how the Covid situation is, we will decide at that time whether to hold the meeting in person (distanced of course) or online.

The time of the service and meeting are both yet to be determined.

WE HAVE A WINNER!!!



Congratulations to Karen Kovats who has won a \$25 “Ultimate Dining Card” for completing the most activities on this year’s “Advent Activity Challenge”!

Pastor's Ponderings



What just happened?! I distinctly remember celebrating the New Year of 2021 and trying to stick handle through the uncertain waters of COVID! Now, we're celebrating 2022 and much of the landscape hasn't changed. In certain situations, it's worsened.... again. As it is a new year and we have entered a new liturgical season, the richness and mystery of Epiphany, we are called to continue to walk a disciplined life. Yes, we will have the numbers of people exposed to COVID rise and fall. Yes, we will have people unable, uncomfortable to attend Sunday service which will affect our hearts, minds, our relationships/fellowships and budget. Yes, we will have to endure the daily or weekly changes of protocol and procedures, yet with all this swirling about, God is **with** us, God is **for** us and God is **in** us. We sing with gusto:

***O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord***

We, like the Magi come with adoration and offer our gifts to the Christ-child. We come with our tithes, our offerings, with our songs of praise and tears of sorrow. We come with the most important gift to the Incarnate God, ourselves! It is a new year with many hopes, dreams, goals and intentions. May 2022 be a year that we deepen our relationship with the Triune God and live a life that is faithful, fruitful and disciplined.

***O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!***

Happy New Year! Steve+



QUIZ TIME!!!!

1. What does *Epiphany* mean? Why is the day and season important to our faith?
2. Why do we celebrate *The Holy Innocents*? When is this Holy Day?
3. When does the season of Epiphany (*Epiphanytide*) end?
4. How many days in January are liturgically "white" **AND** are High Holy Days? Can you name them?
5. What is the time/period covered from the call of Abram in Genesis 12 to the end of the Old Testament?
6. The books of Tobit, Sirach, Maccabees, etc. are known as what?
7. How many books are in the Catholic versions of the Old Testament? Protestant versions?

LOTS OF "Thank You's"

Thank you to everyone who participated in our "Christmas Outreach to Neighbourhood Seniors" initiative. Together, we were able to send a substantial number of treats and small gifts to the **Fairview Seniors Community, St. Andrew's Terrace** and **Riverbend Place** to make their Christmas a little bit brighter!



And thank you to everyone who gave either cash or food items to our collection for the **Cambridge Self Help Food Bank**. We raised a very generous \$510 plus a basket of food to contribute.

Winter Word Scramble

Instructions: Unscramble the letters to find the Winter words from the list below.

z r z b i l a d	_____
o b l a w n l s	_____
c e l c i s i	_____
i a e r e t n z f e	_____
s o w i o e l n m b	_____
e g l e h l s l s i b	_____
u a e r m s f f	_____
n i e r e g z f	_____
l f l n a n e	_____
y d h i a l o	_____
i a n k g t s	_____
w e r t e h a	_____



A Quote from Billy Graham to start off the New Year:

I have a friend who says, "When the devil comes knocking, I just send Jesus to the door."

Does Jesus live in your heart? Make sure of your commitment to Him, and then when temptations come (and they will), ask Him to give you the strength to overcome them. The Bible promises, "*Resist the devil, and he will flee from you*" (James 4:7).





Answers to Winter Word Scramble

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| 1) blizzard | 2) snowball | 3) icicles | 4) antifreeze |
| 5) snowmobile | 6) sleighbells | 7) earmuffs | 8) freezing |
| 9) flannel | 10) holiday | 11) skating | 12) weather |

RECIPE OF THE MONTH → QUICK & TASTY SHEET PAN SAUSAGES

Ingredients:

- package of sausages (*I use mild Italian*)
- chopped vegetables (*peppers, onions, mushrooms, cauliflower & sweet potatoes work well*)

Ingredients for "herb sauce":

- chopped parsley / lemon zest / lemon juice / grated garlic / fresh chopped thyme / salt / pepper / olive oil

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Mix all veggies together in a bowl and sprinkle with olive oil, salt, pepper & thyme.

Brush a little oil (not too much or it will splatter) on a baking sheet & place raw sausages on sheet.

Add veggies around the sausages, in a single layer.

Baste sausages with oil left in bottom of bowl.

Add a few fresh thyme sprigs to pan, then bake for 25 minutes.



Meanwhile, mix all ingredients for "sauce" into a paste.

When sausages are cooked, spoon the herb sauce over everything and serve with rice.

Q: DO YOU USE YOUR BLUE ENVELOPES?

A: I see them, but I don't know what to do with them.



*"Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2*

Everyone needs a little help sometimes. For Christians, that's first and foremost where God comes in — He's always by your side. But after God, comes **You**, because if life has given you blessings, it's important to share those with your community.

With the support of Anglicans across Canada, The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (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. 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.

Program focus areas include **Preventive Health** (improved quality of life through access and education for all), **Food Security** (agricultural education initiatives in the face of climate change), **Empowering Women** (including micro-finance and gender-based violence prevention), **Indigenous Programs** (Reconciliation support through language recovery, responsive grants, and more), **Humanitarian Response** (short and long-term disaster relief at home and abroad), and **Supporting Refugees** (accompanying displaced people abroad and at home).

Q: Can you help others by supporting PWRDF initiatives through a one-time or monthly financial donation?

Many of our parishioners already share their own fortune through PWRDF donations. Some give to the general fund, and some ask that their donation go to a particular project. One person asked for the monthly donation to go to the purchase of mosquito nets. What might you choose?

A donation can be large or small. Some monthly givers give \$5 a month, some \$20 or more. If everyone in our diocese gave the price of one Tim Horton's coffee a week, think how we might support clean water for a village in the Canadian North or in an African country. **Blue envelopes** are a great reminder for those of us who use envelopes, and the auto-givers can make their donations either by cheque or automatic withdrawal.



To read more or watch videos about PWRDF projects across the world or to see videos of partnerships that are working, check <https://pwrdf.org>. If you are interested in seeing any of these but don't have a computer, give Susan Grenville a call, to arrange a socially-distanced viewing at a place of your choice.

ANSWERS to Pastor Steve’s “Quiz Time”

1. The appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity. This is critical day and season because it is God breaking down the barriers (Gentiles and Jews, scripturally). It is God still breaking down today’s dividing walls (ethnicities, languages, etc.).
2. The day commemorates the execution of the innocent, male children in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:16). The Western Church celebrates (either) December 28 or January 11 and the Eastern Church celebrates on December 29. Holy Innocents Day is also known as **Childermas**.
3. The last day of the Epiphany season is the Presentation of Jesus (or Candlemas), February 2nd.
4. 5. They are: the Naming of Jesus (1st), Epiphany of the Lord (6th), Baptism of the Lord (9th), Confession of St. Peter the Apostle (18th) and Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (25th).
5. 2000 BC to 400 BC. The call of Abram probably dates from around 2000 BC. Events from Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Joshua occurred around 1250 BC. Events from Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezra and Nehemiah are from the period 700-400 BC.
6. The Apocrypha. The Apocrypha (“hidden things”) is a collection of Jewish books dating from the period 150 BC to 70 AD, which are traditionally included in the Old Testament of Catholic Bibles but are excluded or put in a separate section of Protestant Bibles.
7. Catholic: 46 (Tobit, Judith, First and Second Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) and Baruch). Protestant: 39



SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022 AT 2 PM
Brian Smith's 90th birthday

Please join us for a reception at the Grand Valley Golf & Country Club (1910 Roseville Road) on Saturday, May 7th at 2:00 pm to celebrate Brian’s 90th birthday!

Please RSVP to David Smith (519) 497-2283. See you there!

PS. Don’t forget that you must be double-vaccinated to attend the indoor event. ☺