

# St. Thomas The Apostle Anglican Church

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## “KEEPING IN TOUCH – February 2022”

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**PLEASE NOTE:** With covid restrictions starting to ease up, we are planning to resume “in person” services effective Sunday, February 13th. The services will continue to be live-streamed to our Facebook page for people who would prefer to watch from home <https://www.facebook.com/St.Thomas.the.Apostle.Cambridge> and will be uploaded to our website later on. <https://www.stthomascambridge.ca/>

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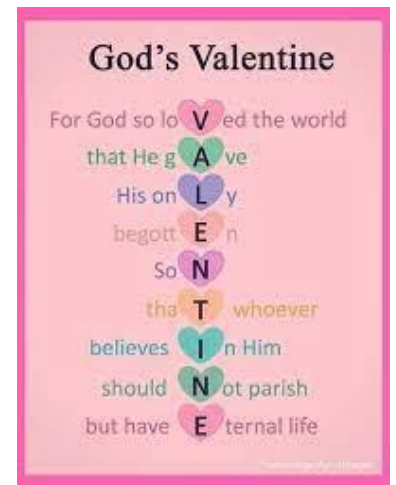
### A FEW DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Thur Feb 10** (4pm)

**Gospel Café:** Tune in and watch another interesting episode of Gospel Café, as Pastor Steve interviews **Irene Moore Davis**. Irene is an avid writer, historian and podcaster and is an important voice for Black History Month. She has been named one of the top 100 black Canadian Women in Canada. Here’s a link to Steve’s Gospel Café facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/275382184028147/>

**Fri Feb 11 – Fri Mar 4**  
(10am – 11:15 am)

**Epiphany Bible Study:** Pastor Steve and Canon Karen would love as many of us as possible to join them as they begin a 4 week “Zoom” discussion on **“The Names of God”**. Please note that everyone is welcome. No prior bible study experience necessary! Please call Pastor Steve to receive your Zoom link.



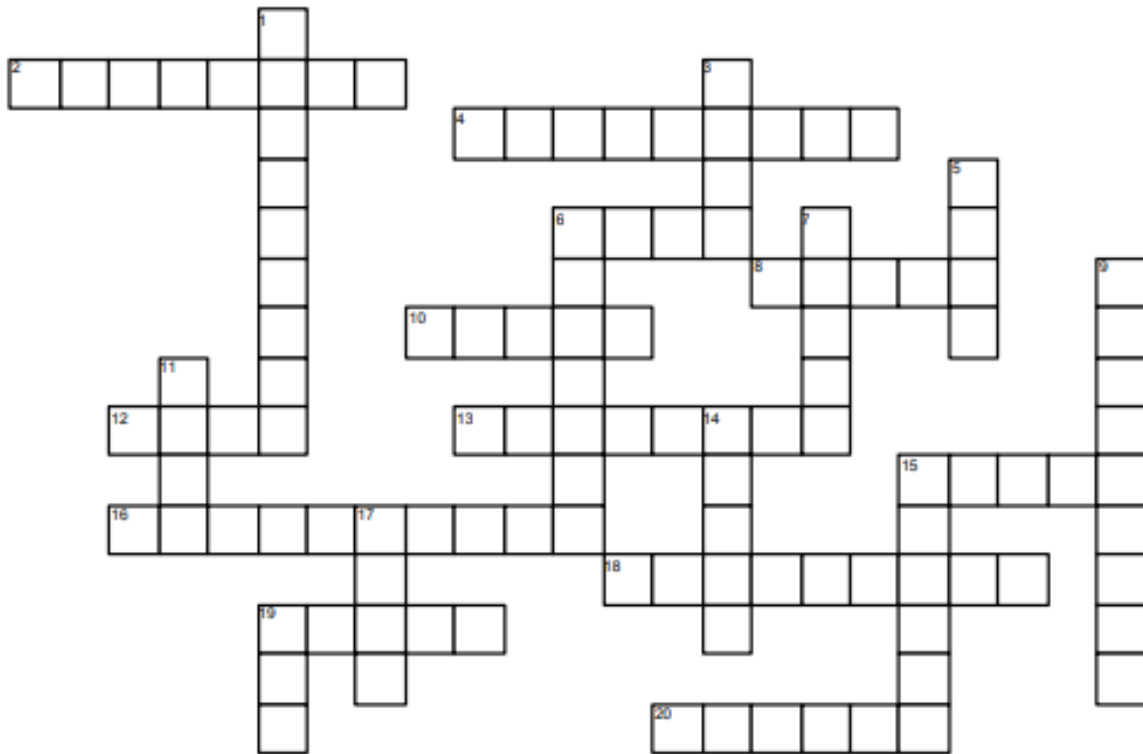
**Thur Feb 17** (11am-2pm)

**Baking for The Bridges:** Break out your Valentine’s recipes and help us send some “baked love” to our neighbours at The Bridges. Goodies can be dropped off in sealed containers on Thurs Feb 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 2pm.

**Thursdays** (1:00-1:45 pm)

**“Mid Week Holy Eucharist”:** Please contact Pastor Steve at (226) 755-0903 if you would like to attend Holy Eucharist on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm for anyone who prefers a smaller service with fewer people.

# Valentine's Day Crossword Fun



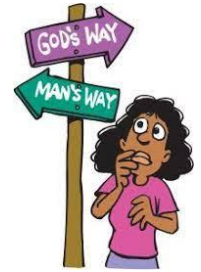
## ACROSS

- 2 A piece of jewelry worn around one's neck.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ and girlfriend.
- 6 "Be \_\_\_\_\_."
- 8 School children often exchange these on Valentine's Day.
- 10 He shoots invisible arrows to make people fall in love.
- 12 The most popular flower for Valentine's Day.
- 13 Valentine's Day falls on \_\_\_\_\_ 14.
- 15 "\_\_\_\_\_ Valentine's Day!"
- 16 A safe place to store jewelry. (Two words.)
- 18 My friend gave me heart-shaped box full of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19 Bees make this substance, which is also a nickname for someone who is loved.
- 20 St. Valentine is known as the patron saint of \_\_\_\_\_.

## DOWN

- 1 "Will you be my \_\_\_\_\_?"
- 3 Husband and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 In "XOXOXOX," an X represents this action.
- 6 Did the mail carrier leave any Valentines in your \_\_\_\_\_?
- 7 School children sometimes celebrate with a Valentine's Day \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 A stuffed animal often given as a Valentine's gift. (Two words.)
- 11 "I \_\_\_\_\_ you."
- 14 Bow and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15 Children may read and eat candy \_\_\_\_\_.
- 17 A man usually gives a woman a \_\_\_\_\_ when he asks her to marry him.
- 19 In "XOXOXOX," an O represents this action.

## Something Worth Thinking About: How to Listen to God?



Suppose I go to the doctor and say, 'Doctor, I have a lot of problems: I twisted my knee... my eyes itch... my finger is swollen... I have backache...' Then, having got through my list of complaints, I look at my watch and say, 'Goodness me, time is getting on. I must be off.' The doctor might say, 'Hang on, do you not want to hear what I have to say?' If we only speak to God and never take time to listen, we make the same mistake. We do all the talking and we don't actually listen to him. But our relationship with God is meant to be a two-way conversation. When I'm praying, I find it helpful to write down thoughts that come into my mind that may come from the Spirit of God. In a media-saturated age we have many voices that come to us on TV, radio, the Internet, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, email and text message. We have the voices of family, friends and colleagues. And sometimes we have the voice of Satan tempting us to disbelieve God's word and to doubt that God has our best interests at heart. How do you hear the voice of God in the midst of the noise and distractions of life? *Nicky Gumbel*

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### **Pastor's Ponderings**

This month we are steeped in Ordinary Time. A liturgical season that teaches and reminds us of the anticipation and hope in the resurrected Christ. Hope and new life are represented by the colour green! It is in this month, that the Vestry reports have been submitted to Church House (thank you all for the faithful and exhaustive work) and Vestries have been completed (thank you all who attended). With all documents submitted, goals and dreams envisioned now comes the work of living out our faith. Now comes the time, we need to exercise James 2 and do the hard work as disciples of Jesus.

The four Gospels this month point us to our overarching theme of 2022, **Discipleship!** February 6 (Luke 5:1-11) is the calling of the first disciples. February 13 (Luke 6:17-26) is Jesus presenting blessings and woes! The next Sunday (Luke 6:27-38) tests our discipleship as we're called to have love for our enemies...YIKES!!! On the last Sunday, we are called up the mountain and get a glimpse of Jesus' glory with His transfiguration! Each Gospel reading points us to the "requirements" of discipleship. Jesus informs and instructs us that He simply cannot be our Saviour, He must also be the Lord of our lives with the following passage:

*Then Jesus said to His Disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, they must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me."*

Matt 16:24

As a disciple, we must decide to follow Jesus. A simple and critical act. A dangerous and joyous choice!

As a disciple, we must deny ourselves. Our lives no longer belong to us. By our Baptismal vows and by the blood of Jesus, we are His!

As a disciple, we are to die daily. WOW! Please remember, the cross is an agent of death; our Lord and Saviour calls us to die for Him, for each other and for our enemies...OUCH!!

As a disciple, we are to let Jesus direct our steps and we are changed (truly changed) as we devote our lives to Him. Discipleship is a passionate, intimate and transformative journey! By His Spirit, we can surrender ALL OF OURSELVES and live a life-changing dependence on Him. A devotion that is greater than life itself and far greater than to family members...WOW!

As a disciple, we must count the cost. We must be determined in our faithfulness and accept the consequences, the highs, the lows, the struggles, the victories, the insults and rewards.

I hope this year, you will accept the daily call of discipleship and I hope we will walk this journey together! We are steeped in this season of Ordinary Time, yet there is nothing ordinary about Jesus nor becoming and living as one of His disciples. Let's intentionally live in the hope and new life of Jesus each day, each month and for the rest of our lives.

Your Pastor,

Steve+

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### QUIZ TIME!!!

1. What tribe is Paul from?
2. Who was the tax collector that climbed up a tree so he could see Jesus?
3. At the time of the census conducted by Moses in the first chapter of Numbers, which of the Twelve tribes of Israel was the smallest?
4. Which king had the longest reign over the Kingdom of Israel?
5. At what age did Sarah, the wife of Abraham, die?
6. How long did Enoch live?
7. What was engraved in the headband of the High Priests?
8. How long did it take Paul to move back to Jerusalem?
9. How many divisions and sections (genres/forms) does the Bible have (according to Protestant theology)?
10. What did Elisha throw in the spring? (Hint: 2 Kings 2:21)



## Answers to Pastor's Ponderings:



1. Benjamin
2. Zacchaeus
3. Manasseh
4. Jeroboam II
5. 127
6. 430
7. Holiness to the Lord: The High Priests wore the **tziz**, a rectangular plate of solid gold with the inscription, Holiness to the Lord, engraved in Hebrew letter
8. 14 years: It took 14 years after his conversion before Paul found his way back to Jerusalem
9. 2 and 8: **2** for the *Old Testament* and the *New Testament*  
**8** for the following:
  - a. The Law (Genesis to Deuteronomy)
  - b. History (Joshua to Esther)
  - c. Poetry (Job to Song of Solomon)
  - d. Prophecy (Isaiah to Malachi)
  - e. Gospels (Matthew to John)
  - f. History (Acts)
  - g. Epistles/Letters (Romans to Jude)
  - h. Prophecy (Revelation)
10. Salt

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### Here's a Life Changing Challenge You Shouldn't Pass Up...



As Canadians, we should be so thankful that we can all afford to own a Bible and that we are free to read it. In many countries, that's not the case. Are you one of the many Christians who have often thought you'd like to read the whole Bible, but the thought of it is so daunting that you've never managed to start? Or maybe you've started but given up after a few weeks because some passages didn't seem to make sense to you and you felt you weren't learning anything? Here's your chance to spend just 15-20 minutes a day being guided through God's word with an explanation of what you're reading and thought-provoking questions that are very relevant to life today. Treat yourself to a cup of tea or coffee and your soul to a life changing experience. I'm willing to bet that if you try it for just one week, you'll find yourself actually looking forward to it.

**read Nicky Gumbel's Bible in one year: <https://bibleinoneyear.org/en/>**

**Susan Grenville is looking for a partner to brainstorm ideas for fundraising for PWRDF. Are you interested? Call 519-897-8563.**

Last month, we told you that you can direct your PWRDF [blue envelope] donations to their general fund or to a project of your choice. In future, this newsletter will feature one such project that might interest you.

**Indigenous Covid Emergency Response:**

PWRDF has been monitoring the situation in Indigenous communities across Canada as they tackle the pandemic. PWRDF has responded with \$50,000 to support northern Indigenous communities coping with recent COVID surges.

The Indigenous People's Alliance of Manitoba-North will use the funds to purchase and distribute face masks and supplies for cleaning and disinfecting. Recently, the Tataskweyak Cree Nation in Northern Manitoba declared a state of emergency due to the rapidly spreading Omicron variant. "Our health staff are tired and overwhelmed," wrote Bishop Larry Beardy, the Indigenous Suffragan Bishop of Mishamikoweesh's Northern Manitoba Area Mission. "The cases are exploding in our communities. Please pray for the sick, and all in the communities."

If you wish to support this initiative, mark "Indigenous COVID response" on the front of your envelope.

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**Words of Wisdom**

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.  
Involve me and I learn.*

Benjamin Franklin



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**Valentine's Day Jokes**



- "What did the paper clip say to the magnet?" "I find you very attractive."
- "What do you call two birds in love?" "Tweethearts!"
- "What did the cucumber say to the pickle?" "You mean a great dill to me."

# Valentine's Day Crossword Fun Answers



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## Diocese of Huron/Deanery of Waterloo Refugee Committees:

Since 1979, the Government of Canada has allowed groups such as the Diocese of Huron to sponsor refugees. We were one of the pioneering groups across Canada who responded in faith to this call. Matthew

25:35 says: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" and it is because of this calling that we welcome over 100 refugees each year to find a new home throughout this diocese. Our Refugee Committee personifies the third Mark of Mission by responding to human need by loving service. In the last decade alone, the diocese has sponsored and settled thousands of newcomers.

Many of our newcomers have seen war and/or violence against their beliefs, sexual orientation and/or themselves and they know what it truly means to live one day at a time. Refugee work is not easy nor accomplished in a short amount of time, money or effort but this ministry in our diocese is ongoing and successful. Our Deanery of Waterloo put our faith into action by welcoming and assisting strangers to settle here and to become proud Canadian citizens. *Do you know that St. Tom's parishioners gave more financial support per capita to support refugee families over the past 5 years, than did any other of the 15 deanery parishes?*

Canada has reopened its doors to refugees in 2022. Our Deanery parishes need to determine if they can once again support one or more refugee families, with financial donations or volunteer assistance. Please pray over this, and we will be asking St. Tom's parishioners in the near future if we will support this ministry.

*adapted from an article by Jane Townshend, Chairperson  
Anglican Diocese of Huron Refugee Committee*

## A Chat with MIKE DOOLEY... Part 1: 2 love stories

by Susan Grenville



When I sat down with Mike Dooley, I intended to ask about his childhood, his work life, his marriage to Kathy, and a story about the past 2 years of his life. However, it is nearly St. Valentine's Day when thoughts turn to love, and the stories of his parents and grandparents were too romantic to ignore. *(I promise that Part 2 will be all about Mike.)*

Mike's maternal great grand-parents grew up in France. His family was wealthy, hers poor. Both sets of parents disapproved of their relationship. One day, they left their respective homes to go to work, and instead boarded a ship to North America. They settled on the islands of Sainte-Pierre and Miquelon — 'the last piece of French territory in North America' — located off the coast of Newfoundland (and not a part of Canada). When WW1 broke out, he joined the French army. Their daughter Louise Geoffros, (Mike's Mum), was born in Sainte-Pierre and Miquelon, and was later educated in French convents when the family moved to Quebec City and Montreal. Eventually, they settled in Bridgeport Ontario.

The Irish Dooley family resettled in England during the potato famine. Len Dooley was born in 1903. After his father's death, Len, age 17, his mother, and 3 siblings came to Canada to live near her relatives. Len was determined to sound Canadian, and within 6 months had lost his Irish-tinged British accent. His first job was as labourer at Kaufmann's in Kitchener. After shift, he worked out daily at a local gym. Someone at the gym encouraged Len to try boxing, and by 1927 he was the Ontario Flyweight Boxing Champion!

Len was not only a boxer; he was also a professional musician. One night, when his band was onstage at the Kitchener Park Pavilion, Louise Geoffros danced past with a date while he was singing "It Had to Be You". He caught her eye just as he sang the words *It had to be you*, and the story goes that a week later, they were dancing together. Louise refused his first proposal of marriage until he would quit boxing, so Len hung up his gloves after he won his Ontario championship.

Len learned butchering when he was hired by Stefflers Meats. According to Mike, he was very outgoing throughout his life, and 'knew everyone'. As a professional singer, he managed to get his own radio program. When the depression hit, he went around town, got 5 sponsors, and arranged 5 half-hour radio shows for 5 different bands. Len himself was the leader and vocalist and sometime-mandolin player for *each* of those bands. The names of the bands were creatively named to favour the sponsor, including *The Bootblacks* [Kiwi Shoe Polish] who played popular music and *The 5 Texans* [Biltmore Hats, who manufactured Stetsons] who played country music. He even had a Spike Jones-type novelty band.

Mike was born in July 1948 at Galt General Hospital, now the site of St. Andrew's Terrace, and only one block up from St. Tom's. He was happily raised an only child, by loving parents in an extended family with lots of aunts and uncles and cousins. His first cousins were all significantly older than he was, so he grew up with their children. As a young child, two of his closest cousins would tell Mike that they were both adopted and so was he. He knew that was not true. At age 10, he went snooping around his parents' bedroom where he discovered papers showing he had been adopted by Len and Louise Dooley from a Catholic orphanage in St. Agatha when he was 6 months old.

Mike's story gets even more interesting...but you will have to wait for Part 2, coming in a future issue of *Keeping in Touch*.