

St. Thomas The Apostle Anglican Church

110 Francis Street, Cambridge ON, N1S 2A1

“KEEPING IN TOUCH – March 2022”



It is SO wonderful to be worshipping “in person” again! (*with masks & distancing, of course*) The services will continue to be live-streamed to our Facebook page for people who would prefer to watch from home and will be uploaded to our website later on. Website: <https://www.stthomascambridge.ca/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/St.Thomas.the.Apostle.Cambridge>

A FEW DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

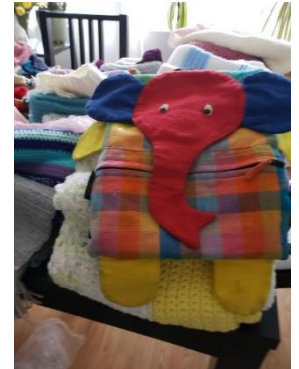
- Thursdays (1:00-1:45 pm)** “**Mid Week Holy Eucharist**”: For anyone who prefers a smaller service with fewer people -> please contact Pastor Steve at (226) 755-0903 if you would like to attend.
- Thursdays (3:30-4:30 pm)** ****SOMETHING NEW**** “**Music with Leah**”: Every Thursday in Lent (*except Mar 17*), Leah will be playing music in the church. Come and sit back, listen to the music and enjoy some independent prayer and reflection time.
- Sat Mar 12 (10am-12noon)** **Death, Dying and Grief**: As Christ-followers, we believe that we are children of the resurrection, children of the resurrected God and Messiah. With this in mind, we must die, we must grieve the loss of a loved one, we all must come to grips with our mortality. Join Pastor Steve and Dr. Eunice Gorman, as we learn how to faithfully wrestle with death, dying and grief, where can we find help/resources, how we have been affected by a death. Weeks 1, 2 & 3 will be at St. Thomas and weeks 4 & 5 will be at St. Luke’s.
- Tue Mar 15 (10:30-11:30am)** “**Soup’s On!**”: Join us for an hour at St. Tom’s while our guest cook, Rick Furnival, prepares one of his favourite soups “barley & white bean” and shares the recipe. This is a free event, just to give us a chance to start getting together again and catching up with each other. Remember to bring your mask.
- Thur Mar 17 (11am-4pm)** **Baking for The Bridges**: We would like to share some St. Patrick’s Day goodies with our neighbours at The Bridges. If you are able to help, please bring your baking to St. Tom’s in a sealed container on the 17th.

A Great Big THANK YOU !!!



...to everyone who so generously donated wool to the Grand Valley Institution for Women's minimum security knitting programs. When the prison chaplain sent the items knitted by the ladies to Reception House in Kitchener, for refugees in our region, they sent back their thanks and requested more knitted slippers.

The women were so happy to know their efforts were appreciated and to receive the request that they immediately knitted up 40 (!) more pairs of slippers, along with scarves, mittens, hats, newborn baby bonnets & sweater sets, baby blankets and even a back pack! Now that's a win-win project!



Plink... plonk... plink...



Lord Radstock was staying in a hotel in Norway in the mid-nineteenth century. He heard a little child playing the piano downstairs in the hallway. She was making a terrible noise: 'Plink... plonk... plink...'. It was driving him mad! A man came and sat beside her and began playing alongside her, filling in the gaps. The result was the most beautiful music. He later discovered that the man playing alongside was the girl's father, Alexander Borodin, composer of the opera *Prince Igor*.

God calls you into a relationship that involves cooperation with him. The Christian faith is primarily about what has been done for you by God in Christ. However, we are not mere spectators. You are called to respond. God involves you in his plans. God comes and sits alongside you and 'in all things... works for the good' (Romans 8:28). He takes our 'plink... plonk... plink...' and makes something beautiful out of our lives.



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. ☺

Looking for some Fun Fellowship and a way to help out at the same time?

Would you like to do something different to help pay it forward? Ladies from various churches meet here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (on Grand Ave) to make mats out of milk bags. That's right, I said mats out of milk bags. They would like you to join them for some social time while helping to make these mats. You could be a bag flattener, a bag cutter, a chain maker or a mat weaver. They meet every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Davidson House part of the Church. Their next get-together is on Tuesday, March 1st and are hoping to see some new faces. If you have any questions you can call Barb Gamble at 519-624-2099 or Marlene Mercer at 519-623-4736."



The Huron Hispanic & Migrant Farmworkers Outreach Ministry

The Huron Hispanic & Migrant Farmworkers Outreach Ministry is a new initiative in the diocese of Huron commencing in spring 2022. It is a ministry committed to making our migrant workers visible in our community. Migrant farmworkers are a long way from home and sacrifice their family life, support network, and their culture, coming to Canada to work and support their families back home. As Christians we want to welcome, support, include, and make them visible in our Canadian community. The first phase of this outreach ministry will begin in Norfolk County, though it is hoped that this will eventually expand to include other areas of the diocese where there are large communities of Hispanic and Migrant Farmworkers.

As we prepare to launch the first phase of this new diocesan ministry in Norfolk County, we are seeking support from parishes across the diocese. **We are seeking donations of men's clothing such as pants, sweaters, T-Shirts, warm jackets, socks, gloves and toques. Items should be in the small to large size category, clean and in good condition.** Financial donations are also warmly welcomed. Cheques should be made payable to: **St. John's Port Rowan Anglican Church** and marked as "Huron Hispanic & Migrant Farmworkers Outreach Ministry". Most importantly we need the support of your prayers as we embark upon this new and exciting ministry initiative in the diocese of Huron.

Your servant in Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Enrique Martinez - Long Point Bay Parish, Rector
enriquemartinez@diohuron.org / 519-868-5614

NOTE: If anyone has clothing or monetary donations which they would like to send along, please bring it to St. Tom's and we will arrange to get it to Father Martinez.

St. Patrick's Day Sudoku Puzzle

In case you've never tried Sudoku, you need to fill in all of the blanks with a number. Within the "rows" and "columns" are 9 "squares", made up of 3 x 3 spaces. Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) must be filled in with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square. A tricky process of elimination! Good luck.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SUDOKU

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Trivia Questions

1. True or False: Buying a new outfit for Easter is based in the Bible
2. True or False: The dying of eggs is to represent the blood of Jesus
3. Why is the "Anointing at Bethany" (Mark 14:1-9) so important?
4. Jesus wore which colour of cloak when He went to the cross?
5. What does Gethsemane mean?
6. How long was Jesus on the cross?
7. Why is "30 pieces of silver" important to Matthew? (Matt 26:14-16)

Pastor's Ponderings

Thank God for Lent! You may be saying, "What? Thank God for a season of penance, a season of fasting, a season of prayer? I understand and agree, that we thank God for Advent, for Easter, for Christmas and for Thanksgiving! Yet to thank God for this somber season?"

Yes, thank you Almighty God for Lent!

To many, this season is nonsense. To many, when we die we are simply dust and ashes. Lent is a season that reminds us of our past, our sins, our indifference and our apathy. It is a season that reminds us that God is of the past. A God who communicated, convicted, counselled and comforted His people. Do you remember Jonah and Ninevites? As soon as they heard Jonah's rebuke they wore their clothes, bathed themselves in ashes and mourned, grieved of their sins. But not Jonah! He pouted and (from our Scriptures) did not repent that he wanted the Ninevites to die and was angry with God because He wanted them to be saved and given new life.

Lent is a season of the present. As we are at the beginning of a 40-day journey, we are to be mindful that God is always present, always providing and that He is our refuge. Moses spent 2 bouts of 40 days with God. Elijah spent 40 days in the wilderness as Queen Jezebel sought his life. Jesus was driven into the wilderness for 40 days to be tempted by Satan.

Lent is a season for the future. The ashes on one's forehead is an overt sign that we are Christ's own forever. There are many who believe that when we die, that's it! Our death is the end and the grave is the dusty dead end. The cross on our foreheads reminds us that we live in a broken world and we are broken creatures. Lent allows us to call out, to invite the Holy Spirit to give us His life-giving Spirit and that death does **NOT** have the last say!

Thank you, God for Lent!!!

Our Scriptures for the next several weeks (Psalm 51, Deuteronomy 26:1-11, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13) point us that we need to change our indifferent attitudes, apathetic intentions and callous motives. Our actions must be connected to our faith and our faith rooted in a reconciling and redeeming life and love. A life that is teeming with grace, mercy, sacrifice, self-discipline, faithfulness and prayer.

The ashes which commence our Lenten journey, deem us anointed. An intentional and divine call to serve, to listen and to yield to the Almighty.

This season of Lent reminds us of the rich and powerful symbol and significance of the ashes. A marking that we are given a new life and a belief that we are made new.

Lent calls us and commissions us by a holy God to live out a holy and righteous life. A life and a relationship that death does not have the final say and that the last Adam has given us eternal life and has cleansed us from all unrighteousness.

Indeed, thank you God for Lent and for this need journey to the Cross! Steve+



ANSWERS to the QUIZ

1. False: Back in the 1800s in New York, people believed that buying new clothes to wear on Easter would bring them good luck for the rest of the year.
2. True: In Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, eggs were dyed red to represent the blood of Jesus. They were blessed and then distributed to the congregation.
3. The Sanhedrin (the Jewish Council that condemned and killed Jesus) ensured that a corpse is to be buried in accordance with the Jewish law, alas a body could be left exposed overnight. A critical piece to the observance of the law is that the body needs to be washed and anointed before burial. He was anointed **before** the Lord' Supper, **before** Peter's denial, **before** the betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane. A critical and fascinating omen that He must die!
4. Purple (Luke 15:16-20)
5. Oil press-it derives from the Hebrew word *gat shemanim*, which suggests that the Garden was a grove of olive trees
6. Six hours (Luke 15:25-39)
7. When Matthew speaks about the 30 pieces of silver and has Judas throw it back into the treasury, it is an allusion to the story in Zechariah, in which the unfaithful Jews undervalued a prophet of the Lord with an insulting amount of money. It is the value of a slave. Matthew is presenting that the priests were willing to pay almost nothing for Jesus. They were irate at Jesus for the scene He had made at the Temple (exposing their hypocrisy, idolatry and corruption) and they were jealous on how the crowds (Jews and Gentiles) were clamouring for Him.



**St.
Patrick's
Day
Sudoku
Answers**



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A Chat about ... **THE HISTORY OF ST. THOMAS LADIES GUILD / ACW ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Respectfully submitted by Helen Miller



St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church will celebrate its 70th Anniversary in 2022. The ACW [Anglican Church Women], also known as the St. Tom's Ladies Guild, has been active in our parish for all 70 years. Ladies Guild historian, Helen Miller, recalls previous anniversary celebrations.

50th Anniversary, Sunday, September 15, 2002

St. Thomas the Apostle Church was filled to capacity on the occasion of the Ladies Guild 50th Anniversary celebration. The guest speaker from the Diocesan office, London, gave an interesting presentation of the orphanage she supports in her native Ethiopia.

A highlight of the Anniversary Eucharist was the presentation by Rev. Don Davidson of a gift pin from St. Thomas Church to Vera Bassford, a Guild charter member, the only original member to maintain her membership over the past 50 years.

Following the service, a bountiful luncheon featuring a large anniversary cake took place in the parish room. This provided an opportunity for all to visit and to reminisce about the many happy events over the past fifty years.

Of interest, for the anniversary invitations, member Joan Ledingham provided a lovely picture of the Guild Memorial Window, dedicated in the year 1984. Joan, a resident of Riverbend Place will celebrate her 106th birthday on May 3, 2022. Congratulations from all her St. Thomas Family.

60th Anniversary, Sunday, September 16, 2012

Rev. Vickie Edgeworth-Pitcher conducted our anniversary service, followed by a cake celebration during coffee hour. About 20 gathered at the Napa Grille at 1pm for a luncheon get together.

65th Anniversary, Sunday, November 26, 2017

Rev. Paul Silcox welcomed all to the special service. In recognition of the 65th Anniversary, a humorous skit entitled "*Guild Planning Meeting for Frosty Fair, Nov. 26, 1960*" was presented. It was an organization meeting to plan the day's events. Our members took the persona of the 1960 Guild members. It is interesting to note that these meetings were quite formal; members then addressed each other as "Mrs". They did an excellent job in planning and all the proceeds helped to maintain "the fabric of the church", back then and for the years going forward.

For this special celebration, a cake reception followed in the parish room.

70th Anniversary, year 2022

There are no plans at this time to organize our 70th Anniversary celebration. As Rev. Steve states in his report to Vestry 2022, "Again, we go through mass uncertainty and again, we don't have any concrete answers on what to do and how to do it."

God willing, our 70th Anniversary celebration will indeed become a reality. All Ladies Guild members will be contacted in the near future to hear their suggestions. Stay tuned!