

# St. Thomas The Apostle Anglican Church

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## “KEEPING IN TOUCH – May 2023”

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### A FEW DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Thursdays (1:00 pm)

**Midweek Holy Communion Service:** Pastor Craig invites you to join him every Thursday afternoon for a smaller, quieter gathering for worship followed by a time of discussion and learning.

Sat May 13 (8-11am)

**ACW Garage & Bake Sale:** Come and find some lost treasures at the ACW’s annual garage and bake sale. NOTE: If you have items to donate, please bring them to the church on Friday, May 12 between 1 & 3 pm.



Fri June 9 (6:30-8:30 pm)

**“Made in Canada” Legendary Tribute Show:** see ad on page 2.

Sun June 11 (10:30am)



**Joint Service with St. Luke’s at MacPherson’s Campground:** Bring your lawn chair & sun hat and join us for one of our favourite services of the year! If you need a ride, please speak with Kathy Brown or Rick Furnival.

5th Sunday of the month

**Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer:** In response to requests from a few parishioners, together with Pastor Craig’s love of the old “BCP” language, we have decided to return to our practice of celebrating Morning Prayer whenever a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday occurs in a month.

Sun June 25 (10:00am)

**ACIC Joint Service & Potluck:** As usual, there will be lively worship, uplifting music and great food as we gather with our fellow Anglicans from all 5 Cambridge churches for our annual joint worship service.

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### The Deacons’ Project - 2023

Each year the Deacons of the Diocese choose a project. One year we collected backpacks for students; one year, school supplies. This year the Deacon’s project at Synod is the collection of socks and underwear, all sizes, for all genders to be redistributed across the Diocese to foodbanks, shelters and wherever there is a need. Thank you for helping!



Canon Karen

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



I was asked today about what it means to be *born again* & to begin to answer the question here, I recall a verse from one of the current day's readings:

***“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people” (Acts 2:46).***

I would describe you as *born again* if “church” does not mean simply somewhere you go on Sundays but rather something you take part in through your thoughts, words and deeds “day by day.” I would describe you as *born again* if you devote yourself to God in prayer & reading the Bible. I would describe you as *born again* if you partake of the many blessings you enjoy -- including your daily bread & the Eucharistic feast -- with a “glad and generous heart.” I would describe you as *born again* if you know that it is not enough to receive these and other signs of God’s love – clinging onto them for yourself – but you gladly pass on what has been given, to *all people*. Not because of what they say or do, but simply because you know God’s love is not based on a person’s merit.

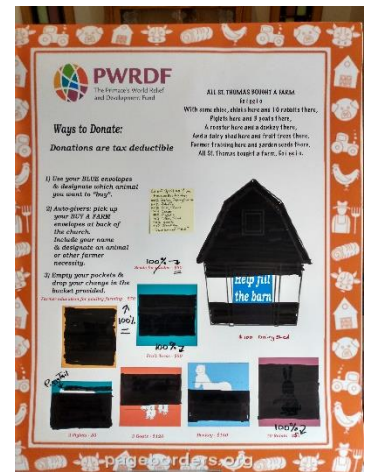
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### “ALL ST. THOMAS BOUGHT A FARM Ei ee io”

As of April 29th, we are close to our goal of \$650 to buy a farm. Along with \$515 in donations for animals, seeds, a dairy shed, and a farming course, it looks like our clean-out-your-pockets coin jar has another \$50. Let’s find another few dollars to finish that shed, buy that 3rd goat, and the other half of a donkey!

Watch the poster, to check our final progress.



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*Celebrity Productions Presents...*

### **“Made in Canada” Legendary Tribute Show**

Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

With Canada Day approaching, let's celebrate many of our most talented singers and songwriters from coast to coast!

Call Marion for tickets 519-653-2587 → only \$15!.

Light refreshments included.

Doors open at 6:30pm / Show starts at 7:30pm



## A Chat with ... CRAIG LOVE *[before he was Pastor Craig]*



Don Love, from Northern B.C., was a pilot in the Air Force who later became a commercial pilot. He met Judy in Winnipeg, where she was doing her Master's degree in Psychology. They married and had 2 daughters. When Don was hired by CP Air, they moved to Kitchener where their 3rd child, Craig, was born. While Craig's Dad flew, his Mom worked at Family & Children's Services. Don and Judy still live in the house where Craig grew up. One of their daughters lives in Kitchener; the other daughter lives in California.

Craig attended Meadowland Public School and Forest Heights High School, where he says he was "disruptive": "I was wild as a child." A lot of teachers (including one he remembers as particularly maternal) were sympathetic, but other teachers were not. In his third year of high school, his mother pressured him into smartening up so he might qualify for university.

Craig took time off after high school graduation to work, save money, and travel. He purchased a Greyhound Ameripass that allowed him to travel around the U.S. for 2 months, from Key West, Florida to New York City, to California, and to visit family in Arizona. He met a wide variety of people on the road, some who attracted him with their ideas and opinions. The boy from Kitchener likely learned a lot about the world when he visited Watts and Compton and Harlem & Brooklyn. Heading back to his hotel in the middle of the night on the New York City subway, he fell asleep "not once, not twice, but three times—like the disciples in the garden." After spending time with one young guy who was studying at the University of Minneapolis, Craig realized he himself was now ready to attend university.

He enrolled at the University of Waterloo. His favourite subject had always been English composition, and later literature, and his goal was to become a teacher. One day, on a bus in Waterloo, he noticed a girl reading a novel that was the prequel of Jane Eyre. He wanted to talk to her, so asked what she was reading. Imagine her surprise when he showed her the book he was reading...the original Jane Eyre! As they chatted, he learned she was also studying Italian. He wanted to get to know her; what could he do to impress her?? He managed to learn a few words of Italian that he could use to ask her out. That must have impressed her, because that is how Craig and Melanie became a couple.

After graduation, Craig went to France for a year to teach English and travel. He and Melanie taught in Taiwan for another year, before coming home to get married. They have now celebrated their 18th anniversary. [Stay tuned for another month when I hope to have "A Chat" with Melanie.]

Their son, Percy, age 17, is in Grade 11. He is disciplined in his work-outs at the gym. While he considers his own post-graduation path, his Dad says Percy is presently "positively challenged" by his math teacher. 14-year old twin daughters, Nora and Elsie, are 8th graders. They love horses. Thanks to generous grandparents, the girls each board a horse at a barn where they work to pay for their riding lessons. Craig wants the girls to learn to stand up for themselves, and says his goal is for his children to grow up confident, knowing that he and God will always love them.

After years of teaching in the English Department at the University of Waterloo, Craig felt the call to study theology. What a change for his family, when he returned to school! He has shared that story with us, and we have been blessed to celebrate his ordination.

Craig loves literature and poetry, and, season-depending, enjoys gardening, swimming, and theatre. He likes to travel, but hates to fly. He still would like to travel to Northern England and Scotland, & to take the train across Canada.

I asked Pastor Craig about the main lesson he has learned in life, and he was quick to answer that his ordination really changed him, opening him up to feel God’s love in a way he prays all people can feel. If his homilies are any indication, he will continue to encourage that change in us.

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## Looking for a GREAT IDEA for Mother’s Day???

Are you looking for something a little more special than chocolates and flowers for Mother’s Day? A “Thankful Jar” is a wonderful way for the whole family to express their thanks for everything that Mom / Grandma / Great-Grandma has done for them over the years. Simply provide small, pretty-coloured strips of paper for everyone in the family and ask them to write a short note of thanks on each one. The more, the better. Fold them in half, put them in the jar and decorate the jar.



We did this a few years ago for my Mom and were amazed at the number of “thankful” notes that our small family came up with. Some of the funniest, and also some of the most meaningful ones, came from our teenaged kids, remembering times that they had spent with her as they were growing up. The jar still sits in her living room, and she says that if she has a day when she’s feeling a bit “down”, she’ll open it up to read through them again and it never ceases to put a smile on her face.

*(submitted by Kathy Brown)*

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## Spring Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find the Spring words.

*(see answers on last page)*

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e s d p d u l \_\_\_\_\_

w n a i r o b \_\_\_\_\_

a e u l m b r l \_\_\_\_\_

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w r e f o l s \_\_\_\_\_

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m o o s b s l \_\_\_\_\_



## A Reflection on Pentecost -> “Let the Word go Forth”

*by Fr. Steny Mascarenhas, OCD*

Today, on this Pentecost Sunday, these five words could also sum up the meaning of today’s great feast: Let the Word go forth. In the dramatic events of that first Pentecost, when the bewildered and excited disciples poured into the streets of Jerusalem, they had one purpose in mind: to let the Word go forth. And it did. The Word went forth from Jerusalem to Judea, and on to Corinth and Ephesus and Rome and Africa and Spain and even, eventually, in succeeding centuries, right here to Canada.



What began with a few frightened people in a darkened room in Jerusalem has spilled out and touched every corner of the earth. The word has gone forth in every language and is felt and understood in the hearts of billions-upon-billions of people. And it all began on this day we celebrate, Pentecost, often called the birthday of the Church.

Birthday is an appropriate image for Pentecost – especially when we look at it in the bigger Scriptural picture. The word “Pentecost” means 50th and was for the Jewish people a celebration that took place 50 days after the Passover. For them, this was a day to celebrate the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. There different tribes of Israel entered into a covenant with God and with one another and became the People of God. Pentecost for the Jews celebrated the birth of this new people. We know that the Holy Spirit gives birth to God’s presence in amazing ways. It is through a different kind of Pentecost – when the Holy Spirit descended on Mary – that Jesus was born into our world. And it is through this Pentecost – the Holy Spirit descending upon Mary and the disciples – that the Body of Christ is once again born into the world; as the Church. And we, too, are part of that miracle, called to continue to bring forth the same Body of Christ into our world today.



It is said that the Church doesn’t have a mission, but that the Mission has a Church. Jesus didn’t come to give us an institution or an organization. Instead, Jesus gave us a task to accomplish. The institution of the Church came about not to serve itself, but to serve that mission; to help organize that work of God.

So, what is that work? Jesus tells us Himself, “As the Father has sent Me, so I send you;” or in the words “let the word go forth.” The mission that the Father gave to the Son is the very same mission that the Son gives to all of us who follow Him. So just as the Son came as the full Revelation of God to us, His people, we are to continue that Revelation, we are to continue to spread the Good News of God’s love and care for us. Just as Jesus came to show us how to live, we are called to be the example of Christian love to our brothers and sisters. Just as Jesus was rooted in Scripture and its life-giving Words for us, we are called to do the same. Just as Jesus reached out to the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned – we are called to reach out to those in most need in our world today. In short, we are called to be that presence of Christ, the Body of Christ, in the world today. The Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and God was born in our world; the Holy Spirit descended upon the gathered disciples and the Church was born. Today, the Holy Spirit

descends upon the bread and wine on our altar, and the Presence of Christ will be born in them; and, today, the Holy Spirit will come upon each of us in this Holy Eucharist and will be born within us; that we might give birth to that Presence in our world.



The gift of the Holy Spirit is a strong reminder to us that God is still right here, in our midst; that God is still truly present to us. We have not been abandoned by our God, rather, He still dwells among us; He dwells in us. “Know that I am with you always until the end of the world.” “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful. Enkindle in us the fire of Your love.” And let the Word go forth.

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### St. Thomas the Apostle’s 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Check-up



Have your household bills gone up? So have our expenses at St. Thomas the Apostle. Our heating bill has more than doubled from previous years and our church insurance for 2023, which we had to pay in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, was a whopping \$6,155.69! Here’s what our income vs. expenses looks like at the end of Q1:

Income 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023 (excluding PWRDF):	\$17,954
Expenses 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023 ( “ “ ):	<u>\$27,256</u>
Gain/shortfall to end of March 2023 (loss for this quarter):	(\$9,302)
<i>Amount needed to operate quarterly, per Budget:</i>	<i>\$18,300</i>

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### Answers to Spring Word Scramble

caterpillar / puddles / rainbow / umbrella / ladybugs / flowers  
butterfly / daffodils / tadpole / fishing / raining / blossom



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### Words of wisdom

“Tell me and I forget.  
Teach me and I remember.  
Involve me and I learn.



*Benjamin Franklin*