

St. Thomas The Apostle Anglican Church

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“KEEPING IN TOUCH – October 2023”

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A FEW DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesdays (1pm)



Bible Study: Please join us every Tuesday afternoon for a joint “St. Luke’s / St. Thomas” bible study. We will be meeting here at St. Thomas in October. The studies will be based on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. **Please ask Kathy Brown, Rick Furnival or Pastor Craig if you would like a ride.**

Note: There will be no bible study on Tues Oct 3rd since Pastor Craig will be away.

Thursdays (1pm)

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.

Sun Oct 1 (9am)

Pet Blessing Sunday: Bring your furry or feathered friend to church with you on Oct 1st, and help us celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the environment, animals & birds. Please ensure all pets are securely leashed or caged. We look forward to meeting them!



All of October

Support for our Cambridge Food Bank Seniors Outreach Program: Please see details on page 2.

Thur Oct 12 (10-4pm)

Baking for The Bridges: After a summer hiatus, we are happy to be starting up this much appreciated baking ministry again. If you are able to contribute some goodies, please drop them off at the church between 10 & 4pm and Pastor Craig will deliver them to the shelter.

Tues Oct 17 (7pm)

Congregational Council Meeting: Please note that all parishioners are welcome to attend any council meetings. Please contact Kathy Brown or Rick Furnival ahead of time so we set up for enough people.

Fri Oct 27 (6:30pm)



“Hits of Carole King”: This Jackie Grainge/Celebrity Productions show has all sorts of songs you’ll remember: *Up on The Roof / Go Away Little Girl / One Fine Day / Locomotion / Take Good Care of My Baby / Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow*. Believe it or not, the price is still just \$15 and includes not only your show but also tea/coffee and dessert!

Wed Nov 1 (7pm) All Saints Day service: Please join us at St. John’s Anglican Church in Preston to celebrate All Saints Day together with the rest of our Anglican sisters and brother in Cambridge.

Celebrating Cambridge Seniors – Food Bank Initiative

This Thanksgiving, instead of having a “food” drive for the Food Bank, the *St. Thomas Seniors’ Outreach Group* is asking you to consider making a monetary donation to help pay for expenses incurred in setting up and delivering the new monthly program to local seniors. The funds would be used for things like printing sing-along song booklets and providing a healthy snack at each meeting. If you use weekly envelopes, simply add your donation to your weekly givings and clearly indicate how much you would like designated to the Food Bank Program. If you are a monthly “automatic debit” giver and don’t have envelopes, please use one of the special yellow envelopes in the Narthex and clearly write your name on it. All donations will receive a tax receipt.





A VERY SPECIAL RECIPE... Dick Clifton’s Meatloaf

Potluck meals here at St. Thomas Church over the past years have proved to be very popular. Enjoyed by all, Dick’s meatloaf was always “a winner”.

Dick and Olive Clifton were long time parishioners who resided on Selkirk Street. They were both actively involved in the church’s work, spanning over four decades. Dick was St. Thomas’ verger for a number of years following retirement. Always a faithful worker, Dick kept the church clean and welcoming to all parishioners and visitors alike. For Dick’s 95th birthday, the Ladies Guild (ACW) put on a lovely luncheon, attended by many guests. Dick’s passing was October 2005, at age 97. We remember Olive as a charter member of the Ladies Guild. As social convenor, Olive, for many years, kept the kitchen always well-organized and spotlessly clean. “Olive’s Kitchen” is a plaque placed in her honour following retirement. Sadly, Olive’s passing was February 1994 at age 85.

Please try Dick’s recipe!

(Submitted by Helen Miller)

- 1 envelope Lipton onion/mushroom soup mix
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- ½ cup water

- 1 ½ lbs lean ground beef
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup catsup

Preheat oven to 350°F. In medium bowl, combine all ingredients. Shape into a loaf pan. Bake 45 minutes or until done. Makes 6-8 servings.

OUR "VERGER EXTRAORDINAIRE" HAS RETIRED

As announced in church a few weeks ago, our wonderful verger, Mike Dooley, who has been keeping our church property (inside and out) in tip top condition for many years now, has decided to take a well-deserved retirement from the job in order to enjoy a little more time at his trailer and cottage. A BIG THANK YOU to you, Mike, for your diligence over the years! As you can imagine, trying to fill Mike's big shoes has not been easy. Unfortunately, there are no parishioners able to take on the job so we've had to divide it up into 3 separate positions and hire people from outside to fill them:

1) Cleaning Person:



After looking into a number of options, we've hired a lovely lady named Alisha to take over the cleaning of our church. Alisha currently cleans St. Paul's Lutheran church and has been recommended to us by them. If you see Alisha working in the church, please say hello and make her feel welcome. 😊 We will continue to hire Mike and Kevin for occasional, big jobs such as the annual stripping and waxing of the basement floor.

2) Lawn Maintenance:

Jim Brown (Kathy's husband) has graciously volunteered to take on the grass cutting and trimming in the summer. Whenever he's away on vacation, we will be calling on our new "Church Mice" (see below) to help cover the job.



3) Snow Removal:



The council has decided to hire Nathan Ames, a local contractor, to take on the snow plowing of our driveway, sidewalk and front entrance. Nathan comes highly recommended to us and has gone out of his way to accommodate our needs at a price we can afford.

St. Thomas "Church Mice"

Since we no longer have a full time Verger, we are asking our "younger, physically able" parishioners to add their name to a "pool" of people who are able and willing to help out with occasional jobs around the church, such as:

setting up and taking down tables & chairs before and after events / occasional lawn work / cleaning windows / changing light bulbs / etc.



You don't need to be able to do all of the jobs, but just willing to help out with 1 or 2 once in a while.
From your church council → thank you so much! 😊



A REFLECTION ON HAPPINESS

by a wise person, though the internet is not quite sure who...

"You can have flaws, be anxious and live angry at times, but do not forget that your life is the greatest company in the world. Only you can prevent it from going downhill. Many appreciate, admire and love you. If you thought that being happy means not having a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, working without fatigue, relationships without disappointment, you were wrong. Being happy is



not only enjoying the smile, but also reflecting on sadness. It is not only celebrating successes, but learning lessons from failures. It is not just being happy with the applause, but being happy in anonymity. Life is worth living, despite all the challenges, misunderstandings, and periods of crisis. Being happy is not a destination, but an achievement for those who manage to travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling the victim of problems and become the author of your own story, to go through deserts outside of yourself, but manage to find an oasis in the depths of your soul. To be happy is to give thanks for each morning, for the miracle of life. To be happy is not to be afraid of your own feelings. To be happy is to know how to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is feeling safe when receiving criticism, even if it is unfair. It is kissing children, pampering parents, living poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us. To be happy is to let the creature that lives in each one of us live, free, happy and simple. It is having the maturity to be able to say: "I was wrong." It is having the courage to say "sorry." It means having the sensitivity to say, "I need you." It means having the ability to say "I love you." May your life become a garden of opportunities to be happy. May your spring be a lover of joy. May you be a lover of wisdom in your winters. And when you make a mistake, start over from the beginning. Only then will you be



passionate about life. You will discover that being happy is not having a perfect life. Let your tears water tolerance. Use losses to train in patience. Use mistakes to sculpt serenity. Use the pain to polish the pleasure. Use obstacles to open intelligence windows. Never give up. Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, because life is an incredible spectacle".

Submitted by Susan Grenville

SILLY JOKES OF THE MONTH

- Why did the turkey cross the road? → He wanted people to think he was a chicken!
- What did the turkey say to the computer → Google google!
- What do you get if you cross a turkey with a ghost? → a poultry-geist!

THANKSGIVING WORD BREAKDOWN -> just a few of the possible answers

aging	giving	knight	shaving	sinking	stank	thin
akin	gnash	knighting	shin	skating	staving	thing
angst	gnashing	knit	shining	skiing	sting	think
anti	gnat	nigh	shiva	skin	stinging	thinking
asking	hang	night	sigh	skit	stink	this
gain	hanging	ninth	sighing	snag	stinking	vain
gaining	having	saint	sight	snaking	taking	vanish
gait	hiking	sang	sighting	snit	tank	vanishing
gang	hinging	sank	sign	stag	task	vast
gash	hint	satin	signing	staging	tasking	viking
gashing	hinting	saving	sing	stain	than	visa
giant	insight	shaking	singing	staining	thank	visit
gist	king	shank	sink	staking	thanking	vista

Celebrity Productions presents Jackie Grainge as:

Hits of Carole King



With special guest
Shon Carroll



Friday, October 27th

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You will enjoy all the big hits written by one of the greatest song writers of all times! Songs like Up on the roof, Go away little girl, One fine day, Locomotion, Take good care of my baby, Will you still love me tomorrow and more!

\$15.00

Doors 6:30pm. Includes dessert, coffee/tea

SHOW 7:15pm