

# St. Thomas The Apostle Anglican Church

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“KEEPING IN TOUCH – April 2024”

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## A FEW DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Wednesdays (1pm)**

**Bible Study:** Our weekly joint bible study will resume in April and they will be held at St. Luke's this month. Note: The study is based on the upcoming week's readings, so you do not need to have attended in the past to join in. It's a very lively group and everyone is welcome!



**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.

**Thur Apr 11 (1 - 3pm)**

**Baking for The Bridges:** Once again we would like to show our love through the gift of baking to our neighbours at the Bridges. If you are able to contribute some goodies, please bring them to the church between 1 & 3pm, to be delivered later that afternoon.

**Sat Apr 13 (12 - 2:45pm)**

**English Tea & Bake Sale:** The ACW cordially invite everyone to come and enjoy a traditional English Tea, along with one of their popular bake sales. **Tickets are \$12 and must be bought in advance.** There will be 3 seatings, starting at 12, 1 & 2pm. Please call Marlene at (519) 623-4736 for tickets. They're selling fast so grab yours quickly!



**Thur May 9 (11:15am)**

**Toyota Plant Tour:** Just a reminder for everyone who signed up for the ACW Toyota Plant Tour to mark it on their calendars. More details will follow closer to the date. Note: It's sold out!

**Fri May 24 (7pm)**

**“Abba -> Hits of the World's Super Group!”:** The ACW ladies are excited to announce that Jackie Grainge / Celebrity Productions will be back again in May for an evening of fun and singing. As usual, your \$15 ticket also includes some wonderful goodies before the show starts. Please call Marlene at (519) 623-4736 for tickets.



## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

'Tis the spring of souls today, Christ has burst his prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death, as a sun has risen.

We have come to the Pascha, our great deliverance through the work of Christ's life, death, & resurrection! "Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice & evil & confessing our sins with a sincere & true heart" (1 Corinthians 5:7-8). It is now time for us to embrace our new life in Christ with the zeal of springtime: the tomb is empty, the tyranny of death has ended, we have been released: let us step forth in love, serving God & others as we are able.

In a happy act of translation, the word Easter takes its root in the Middle English word for the compass direction in which the sun rises. As the days continue to grow longer & the plants push up through the soil to reach light, let us show forth our faith, inspired by the God who walks with us, comforting & encouraging us along the way, giving us heart to face trials head on, & seeking new ways to spread the good news.

May God bless you & your loved ones this Eastertide!  
Allelujah! Christ is Risen.



Pastor Craig+

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### **"CELEBRATING CAMBRIDGE SENIORS" Outreach Group Update**

If you remember, back in October, we were collecting donations for our Seniors' program which the Cambridge Food Bank had invited us to run once a month. As often is the case, God works in mysterious ways → closing one door and opening another. After a few unsuccessful attempts it was determined that the way the food bank runs, post-covid, without a specific "seniors" food collection day, there was no way to connect with the people we were trying to reach.

After re-grouping and making more community contacts, however, we are so excited to announce that we've been given permission to hold monthly "Celebrating Cambridge Seniors" sessions at the Waterloo Region Housing Seniors Apartments at 9 & 10 Westgate Court. We had our first session on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and were blown away at the attendance! 17 seniors joined us to sing songs, play Jeopardy munch on popcorn and share past memories.



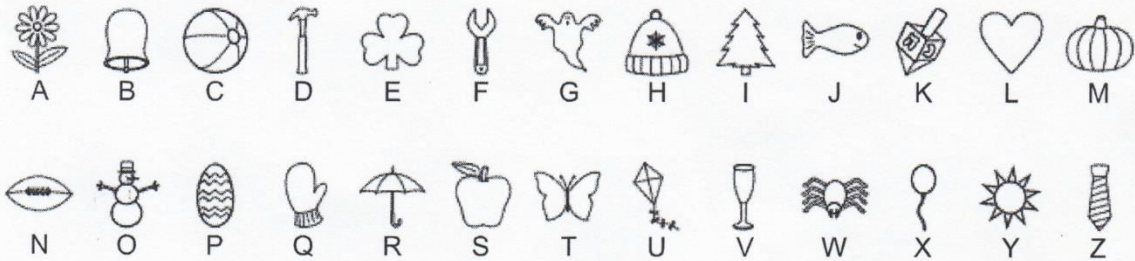
A registered kinesiologist from Community Support Connections will be doing a presentation on "balance & falls prevention" at our next session, and the Cambridge Food Bank nutritionist is lined up to join us at the session in May.

A big thank you to all who contributed towards this wonderful program!

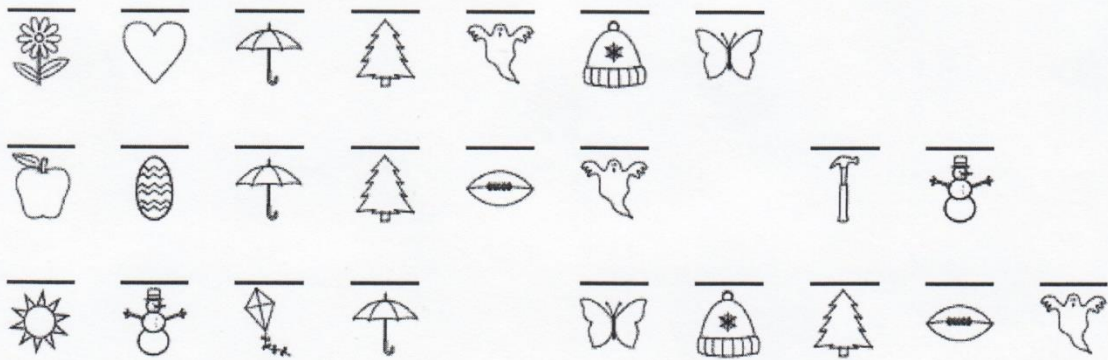
# Spring Time Word Decoder Puzzle

**Instructions:** Match the picture in the Word Puzzle with the same picture in the Alphabet Key. On the Word Puzzle, write the letter that appears below the matching picture in the Alphabet Key to solve the word decoder puzzle.

## Alphabet Key



## Word Decoder Puzzle



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## THE WISE OLD OWL



*A little something that one of the participants shared with us at the joint St. Tom's / St. Luke's / Trinity / Christ Church (Ayr) Lenten Study...*

The wise old owl sat on an oak  
 The more he saw, the less he spoke.  
 The less he spoke, the more he heard  
 Why aren't we like that wise old bird?

*This is the sixth of monthly articles to outline one of the ways in which your PWRDF donations are used to help people around the world.*



## INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS [in Canada]

### In Canada

Indigenous peoples in Canada have faced centuries of colonization, dispossession of land, cultural assimilation, and systemic discrimination. Supporting Indigenous programs is a way to acknowledge these historical injustices and work towards meaningful reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and settlers. PWRDF supports and accompanies Indigenous communities and organizations through our Indigenous Partnership Program.

The **PWRDF Indigenous Partnership Program** promotes partnerships based on recognition, respect and support for the rights and wellbeing of the Indigenous partners. The Indigenous Partnership Program responds to:

- The needs and priorities identified by Indigenous partners and by the 1996 Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP) report;
- The 2007 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);
- The Recommendations of the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action.

### Program Goals

- To support programming in Canada that promotes community health, youth engagement, safe water and climate action.
- To foster respectful relationship, collaboration and understanding.

Indigenous cultures, languages and traditions are invaluable and contribute to the rich tapestry of Canadian society. Supporting Indigenous programs helps preserve and revitalize these cultural assets, ensuring they are passed on to future generations.

### The Indigenous Responsive Grant Fund

The Indigenous Responsive Grant Fund was created in 2021 in consultation with our [Indigenous Program Advisory Committee \(IPAC\)](#). Indigenous-led communities or organizations are invited to [apply](#) for one-year grants of between \$5,000 and \$15,000. The goal of this Fund is to respond quickly to funding needs and priorities identified by Indigenous communities and organizations, and to support stand alone and pilot projects for longer-term programming that benefit Indigenous communities.



The Indigenous Responsive Grant Fund is a complement to the Indigenous Partnership Program. Both funding initiatives have been designed and implemented, according to consultations and as envisioned and planned with, by and for Indigenous communities and organizations [over many years](#). Further recognition and appreciation of relationships have helped develop long-lasting programs and healthy partnerships. PWRDF has been working strategically with Canadian Anglicans. Their support and other donors and allies have ensured our commitment in Walking Together in Harmonious Relationship with Indigenous communities.



## PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN

For the garden of your daily living....

Plant three rows of **peas**

1. Peace of heart
2. Peace of mind
3. Peace of soul



Plant four rows of **squash**

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of **lettuce**

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another



No garden is complete without **turnips**

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden, we must have **thyme**

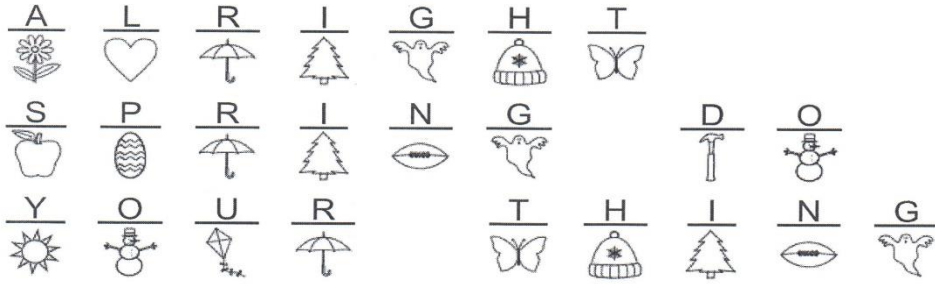
1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends



Water freely with patience and cultivate with love,  
and remember → you reap what you sow!



## ANSWER TO "SPRING TIME WORD DECODER PUZZLE"



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### FUNDRAISER FOR WATERLOO DEANERY REFUGEE COMMITTEE



Our big "Tim's Card" raffle will be coming to a close shortly. Tickets sales have been wonderful!

Stay tuned for the big draw on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at coffee hour. ☺

Good luck!

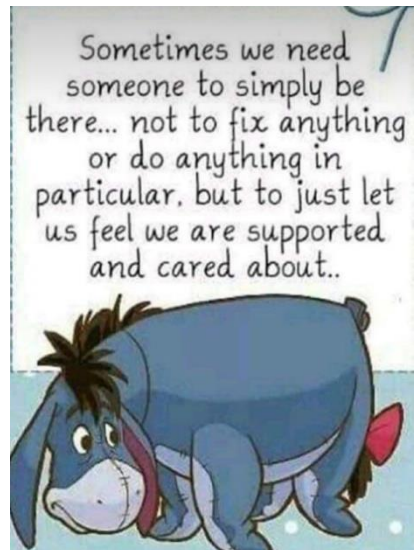
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## Things I've Learned From Noah's Ark

- ◊ Don't miss the boat.
- ◊ Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- ◊ Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- ◊ Don't listen to critics: just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- ◊ For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- ◊ Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.



- ◊ Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- ◊ Build your future on high ground.
- ◊ Remember the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
- ◊ No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting.



Sometimes we need someone to simply be there... not to fix anything or do anything in particular, but to just let us feel we are supported and cared about..