

St. Thomas The Apostle Anglican Church

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"KEEPING IN TOUCH – July 2025"

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A FEW DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesdays (1pm)

Bible Study: We are back to our regular schedule meeting at St Luke's this month

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.



Thurs 12th (1 pm)

ACW Meetings: On Summer break

Tuesdays (10am-2pm)

Learn how to make milk bag rugs at St. Paul's Lutheran church, beside Trinity, and/or bring your dry & clean outer milk bags to be used. Contact Marlene Mercer for details.

NOTE:

Rev. Craig will be on vacation for the month of August. Instead of hiring a "fill in" priest for both churches all month, we will be enjoying **joint services with our friends at St. Luke's each Sunday in August**. Services will start at **10:30am** and there will be refreshments afterwards. Please add your name to the "car-pooling sign up sheet" or contact Marion McKersie if you would like a ride or can offer a ride.

Today's a good day to be grateful

Take a second today to thank
someone who made your day a
little easier, or your heart a little
lighter. A kind word travels far,
and sometimes, that's all someone
needs to keep going.



“True Rest” → Called to Contentment

(an article from YouVersion)

With summer here, this article from YouVersion seems rather timely, as many of us take a break from work and head off on vacation.



Observing Sabbath-rest allows us to step into the same rhythm God established in creating the world. Scripture tells us when God rested from His work, it was because His work was complete (Genesis 2:1). God took joy in His accomplishment.

In Hebrews 4:10, the writer draws a parallel between God's rest and ours: "for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his." We're invited to delight in His presence and share in God's divine contentment.

This rest isn't about taking a break from good works. It's about surrendering the need to control by trusting in the completeness of God's work. Our "rest" releases us from the burden of proving ourselves good enough to earn His love and approval. These things have been secured through Jesus' finished work on the cross. When we step into this rhythm of rest, we can find contentment that spills over into every part of our lives.

Is God calling you to stop trying to do everything on your own and instead find peace in Jesus' finished work on the cross?

Lay down your burdens, not out of laziness, but surrender. Believe that the One who made the world also takes care of you.



Regional Deans vs. Archdeacons → do you know the difference?

In Anglican dioceses, both Regional Deans and Archdeacons assist the Bishop, but they have distinct roles. Regional Deans primarily focus on administrative and organizational tasks within a specific region, while Archdeacons offer pastoral support and oversight to a group of parishes, often acting as the Bishop's "eyes and ears".

Our new regional dean, beginning in September, will be the Rev. Paul Poolton from Trinity.

Our new regional archdeacon is now the Canon Rob Lemon, St James, Stratford.

History – St. Thomas Ladies Guild, ACW

1952 – 2002 (50 years)

Irene Everingham compiled a lengthy history, 1952 – 1992, followed by an additional edition, 1992 – 2002. Her first recollection was hearing Doris Mills, the first president, say that the purpose of the group was *“to support the fabric of the church”*. The first bazaar was held on November 14, 1952: the name Frosty Fair was adopted in 1960. Many social events took place in the early years, and to produce revenue, rummage and penny sales and euchre parties were held. Mention is made of the stained-glass window in the Nave, dedicated in February 1984 in memory of departed Guild members.

During 1992 – 2002, projects to include a “British pub lunch”, “roast beef dinner” and “strawberry social” were added to the spring garage sale. On Sunday, September 15, 2002, our 50th Anniversary celebration was a memorable occasion. A highlight was the presentation of a special gift to Vera Bassford, a 50-year charter member.

During the years 2002 – 2012, the former, popular over the years, “Valentine coffee party” was replaced by a St. Patrick’s Irish luncheon that continued until March 2012. The last date of the British pub lunch, which first started in 1995, was May 20, 2016, while records show the final roast beef dinner took place October 13, 2007.

1952 – 2012 (60 years)

On May 12, 2012, the Guild hosted the spring Waterloo Deanery meeting in the form of a 60th Anniversary cake celebration. Also, Rev. Vickie Edgeworth-Pitcher conducted our 60th Anniversary service on September 12, followed by a cake celebration. A number of guests, including former members, attended the occasion.

1952 – 2017 (65 years)

The Sunday, November 26, 2017 service featured a humorous skit, *“Planning Meeting for Frosty Fair, 1960”*, in which our members took on the persona of 1960 members. They (the 1960’s) did an excellent job to “further support the fabric of the church”. A Cake reception followed. On October 13, 2017, Jackie Grainge’s Celebrity Productions held its first Guild fundraiser; the beginning of a number of musical events enjoyed by her audiences over the following years.

1952 – 2022 (70 years)

With the advent of Covid-19, on March 11, 2020, all ACW activities were suspended for the next several years. In honour of Rev. Steve’s final service, a special Strawberry Social gathering was held Sunday June 26, 2022. This truly was a 70th Anniversary year recognition.

1952 – 2025 (73 years)

During the past two years, it is noted that our favourite fundraiser activities have resumed. Of interest, is the annual Mothering Sunday service and follow-up restaurant breakfast, a tradition carried on over many years. We continue to enjoy our meetings, outings, and special speakers.

On a sad note, over the many years we have lost a large number of our beloved members. We especially cherish the memory of our dear President, Barbara Smith, whose untimely passing has left many fond memories of a wonderful, dedicated leader for over fourteen years.

Closing comments:

This report is an overview of the history of St. Thomas Anglican Church Women, Ladies Guild. Our mandate is to *“carry on with steady support of our church with Christian faith”*. We are truly thankful for all the love and support received throughout the many years from parishioners and Guild friends. May God, in His Wisdom, grant that our ACW, Ladies Guild, continue to be a loving, sharing meeting place to do His work.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Miller (ACW member 1963–2025)



Illustration 1: British Pub Lunch - early 2000s



Deanery of Waterloo Refugee Committee

As you will recall, St. Tom's became active members of the Deanery Refugee Committee even before we supported several displaced families from Syria in 2017. The Committee has continued to receive families after the 'Covid Year'. St. Tom's has always supported this work financially.

Last winter, the Committee researched whether they could raise the funds and attract volunteer manpower to receive another family. The 14 parishes of the Deanery voted to apply to support another family in 2025-26. The Diocese has offered partial funding toward that project. *This is such welcome news, as our parishes has another way to uphold God's request that we 'Love Our Neighbour'.*

Please be thinking about how we might hold an event of some kind to gather people from across the Deanery, celebrate successes (perhaps invite the families whom we have supported?), fund raise and, even more importantly, gain new people as members of the team. Right now, the Deanery parishes are hoping to do some fundraising as a group. If you have ideas, please contact your parish rep, Susan Grenville.

Match the flag to the Canadian province or territory



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Canadian Provinces and Territories

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| A. Quebec | E. Prince Edward Island | J. British Columbia |
| B. Nunavut | F. Northwest Territories | K. Manitoba |
| C. Nova Scotia | G. New Brunswick | L. Saskatchewan |
| D. Ontario | H. Yukon | M. Newfoundland and Labrador |
| | I. Alberta | |

Prayer for Canada
(inspired by Psalm 72)

“

He shall have dominion from sea to sea....” Psalm 72:8

O Lord,
we gather together in your presence on this Canada Day.
We read of your “dominion” in Psalm 72,
and claim this promise—that your will would prevail in this land.
We pray for the movement of your Holy Spirit across this nation
and for the work of your church in every city and village.
O Lord, make us mindful of your generosity,
and glad to do your will.
Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education,
and an honourable way of life.
Save us from violence, discord, and confusion;
from pride, arrogance, and from every evil course of action.
Make us, who come from many different backgrounds and countries,
a united people – one in purpose and vision.
Give our government a spirit of wisdom and compassion
that there may be justice and peace in our land.
When times are prosperous, lead us to thanksgiving,
and when times are troubled, lead us to a deepening trust in you.
All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ adapted from a prayer on the website of **Trinity Anglican Church** in Barrie, Ontario. <http://www.trinitybarrie.ca/>

Answers to “Match the Flags”

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