



ST. GEORGE'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
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SAINTS' CONNECTION

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18TH, 2018

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132: 1-13, 14-19;
Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Flowers on the Main Altar are in given to the glory of God in memory of Marjorie Crawford, Marjorie and James Crawford given by Eric and Mary Crawford.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dave Bingham, Eleanor Gough, George Novis,
Carol Thomas

REMEMBRANCE IS PERSONAL: RING THE BELLS FOR PEACE

Last Sunday was a very special anniversary, one hundred years since the peace papers were signed marking the end of WWI. In response to this happy news a century ago, people spontaneously gathered in churches to ring their bells in celebration and gratitude. We rang our bells 100 times in our Sunday morning services to mark this anniversary. And then we re-convened at sundown, 4:56pm, to join with churches and community centres all across the country to ring our bells in remembrance. It was a particularly meaningful gathering, and a number of people, including two sea cadets, ended up joining in the rather heavy work of manually ringing our bell.



While we were honouring Remembrance Day in our 10am Requiem, Paul Chapman, and our two deputy wardens, Sandy Legarde and Janice MacKenzie, represented St. George's at the cenotaph, laying a wreath on our behalf. Thank you Paul for organizing this tribute



Vimy Ridge Oak

Thank you to John Bullivant for arranging for a most extraordinary connection to Vimy Ridge. John arranged for the purchase of a Vimy Ridge Oak Tree to be planted at City Hall in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day, offered by St. George's Anglican Church and the Lincoln & Welland Regiment. The "Vimy Oaks Legacy" works to create living memorials by repatriating "Vimy Oak" saplings to Vimy Ridge in 2017-18 and by distributing commemorative "Vimy Oak" saplings across Canada.

GRATITUDE

Thank you John Butler, Choir + Friends

Thank you to our Music Director, John Butler, the Senior Choir, and their friends, for the care and preparation they put into last Sunday's extraordinary Requiem setting by Karl Jenkins. It was such a stirring and prayerful offering for our Remembrance service.

Ken Cowan Thank You:

Thank you to Linda Telega, John Butler, and all who provided leadership, hospitality, and helped to spread the word about last week's Ken Cowan Organ Recital! It was a magnificent way to inaugurate our newly refurbished organ, with a world class performance by one of this generation's leading organists (who also happens to be a native of Thorold and a former student of John Butler).



JOYFUL GIVING

Joyful Giving Thought of the Week

We are called to model our giving after God's unconditional generosity to us. Our gifts become sacrificial when we give from what we feel we need; when we give something that we thought we needed for ourselves. Then we realize our security lies not in material goods but in God.



READ our JOYFUL GIVING NARRATIVE BUDGET

Narrative Budget: This year's theme is "A Home for Hope." Prepare to be inspired as you read about what has been made possible by God's gifts, offered by you for the sake of God's church and our home.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S

Today Sunday November 18th, Soup Sunday + Mini Bazaar

- Rev. Scott will be preaching at St. Marks in Niagara on the Lake

Tuesday November 20th—Super Tuesday, 6:50 - 8pm beginning in Asbil Lounge

(1) REVIVE

(2) Parables + Play, (Children's Program),

(3) George Express Youth Choir.

(4) Adult Bible Study Series: Pilgrim; A course for the Christian Journey six week (Nov. 13-Dec. 11th) course for those who have been a Christian for many years and want to visit their roots, and also a course for those who have recently started coming to church. It is a chance to think about Christian faith.

Wednesday November 21st—Advent Café in the Bear's Den 7pm.

Book of Acts Sermon Series + Bible Study

This week's music: Mari Shantz & Kyla Paul

This week's preacher: Wendy Northcote

Wednesday October 17th—Parents' Group 5:45 - 8pm.

Are you raising a family? Trying to make faithful decisions in a fast-paced, plugged-in world? Wanting to meet other people at a similar stage in life? Our new Parents' Group meets once a month, on Wednesdays from 5:45-8pm. We will look at topics that are relevant to parents and caregivers today, and join together in our simple Wednesday evening worship service. Supper and babysitting are provided, a \$5/person or \$20/family donation to cover the cost of food. Please contact Martha, mtatarnic@stgeorgesanglican.ca, if you want to participate in our **October 17th meeting**.

Saturday November 24th

-Labyrinth 9-12pm in the Gym

-Peaks rock climbing with Tanya Schleich 1-3:30. Cost depends on how many kids attend.

Please call Tanya 905 646 1213 or email tanyaschleich@live.ca to sign up for the event.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENSONG November 25th , 4PM WITH Krehbiel Chorale & Friends

A simple and tuneful cap to the weekend, and a time of refreshment for the week ahead. Discover, or re-discover, this beautiful tradition.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

What is the Pikangikum Water Project?

Pikangikum is a First Nations community in northwestern Ontario. It came to national attention after a wave of youth suicides in 2011. The Pikangikum Working Group (PWG) formed

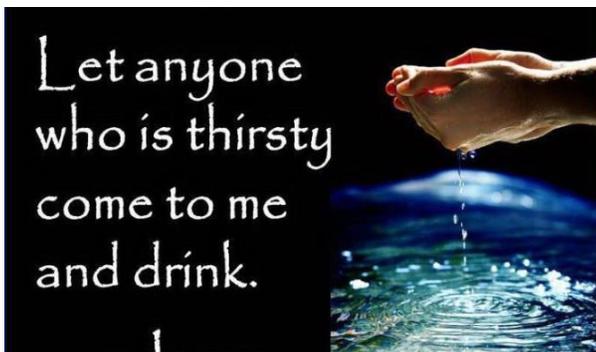


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to work with the Pikangikum elders and school system. The community identified 12 priorities, with a new school and clean water as the top two.

Of the 450 homes in the community, 415 (90%+) do not have water or waste-water services. Since 2013, our Anglican relief and development agency (PWRDF) has been a leader in the **Pikangikum Water Project**, raising more than \$600,000 and equipping 24 homes with clean water and waste water removal facilities and the skills/labour training and jobs that go with the system. Families of Pikangikum, mostly elderly and with extreme health constraints, express relief and happiness in having access to clean water, toilets and bathing facilities at home. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has been working with implementing partner Habitat for Humanity Manitoba since 2016 and continues to accept donations for additional work in Pikangikum or other communities in need.



Poinsettia Sales Order Forms Available

Our annual B.A.C. fundraising campaign is now underway. Order forms can be found at the back of the church and at coffee hour. The prices are the same as last year. Rice Road nurseries sells us lovely, extra large plants at wholesale; we sell them at the same price as found in supermarkets and the difference goes to support St. George's Church outreach programs. Please consider buying these lovely plants to support this program. For more information, contact Ron Duggan at 905-646-9703.

STOCKING STUFFERS We have lots! Dishcloths of all sizes and colours for sale on November 25th after the 8am service in the east transept and at coffee time after the 10am service. A bargain at \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. **All proceeds will be donated to the Water Project.**

REMINDER

GSC Social Justice Network – Mark Your Calendar:

Join Anglicans from the Greater St. Catharines area who share a passion for social justice and outreach. Reserve Monday December 3, 7pm for our first gathering.

To register and for more information please contact Michael at mmondloch@stgeorgesanglican.ca or (905)933-6279.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Workshop

Over the last several weeks, we have held 3 workshops "Working with the new challenges of addiction and mental illness". These were attended by almost 50 people who volunteer with the Breakfast and Community Dinner Programs. We have a number of people who wished to attend but due to group size limitations were unable. We are planning a fourth session on Monday November 26th. It will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and the cost is \$10.00. Registration is required. Please contact Janet Veale at 905-688-5232 or by email at javeale@cogeco.ca.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Services 4pm, 7pm, 10pm

Christmas Day one service only 10am

No mid-day Wednesday service or Advent Café during the holidays

Office will be closed from December 26 to January 1st, 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

November 20th -Super Tuesday/George Express+ Parables and Play

- REVIVE, Pilgrim - Adult Study programs

November 21st - Advent Café 7pm in the Bear's Den, -"Book of Acts Sermon Series+ Bible Study

- St. Georges' Parents' Group 5:45pm Lounge

November 24th - Labyrinth 9-12pm in the Gym

- Peaks Rock Climbing 1-3:30

November 25th – Dish Cloth Sunday after the 8am service in the east transept and at coffee time after the 10am service

- Join us for Choral Evensong 4pm

November 26th—Parish Council 7pm, Asbil

Lounge

November 29th - Altar Guild Meeting

December 3rd - Bishop Beattie Christmas Party

December 11th - Youth Christmas Pizza and Games 5:30-7pm

December 14th — NEW- Faith & Light Group 6:30 Bear's Den—Rob Duncan

December 16th - Sunday School Christmas Concert 10am; Lessons & Carols 4pm

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q. What is happening in our Acts Bible Study?

**Over the course of the fall, I will be using our Question of the Week slot to share with you insights from our Book of Acts Sermon Series + Bible Study. That way, all of our congregation can participate in this journey, even if you can't attend Wednesday nights.*

Week 9: Acts 10 – Clean & Unclean – Lindsey Wilton

In this passage is where we learn of how the Apostles went from strictly preaching the gospel to those of the Jewish faith to including uncircumcised Gentiles. We meet a man named Cornelius, a Gentile Roman soldier and a “God Fearer”. Gentiles who were called God-fearers were interested in Judaism, prayed to the “One True God” (not the typical multiple gods or idols that some Gentiles looked up to), and observed the same laws as Jews but they did not become circumcised.

He Cornelius receives a message from God, while fully awake, and is told his prayers and actions of giving to others have not gone unnoticed. Then he is blindly asked to invite a complete stranger to his house with no further explanation. He does not seem to doubt that this man Peter will come and that when he does arrive what he will do or say will be of the utmost importance so he has everyone important to him waiting to share in what is to come.

In another city we find Peter, while awaiting a meal, praying. He, too, has a vision:

Coming down from Heaven – from God the creator – a sheet with a picture of all types of animals. This sheet represents all 4 corners of the world (the world was thought to be flat). It is all encompassing of everything created by God, and everything created “he saw it was good”. It is also interesting to point out that the sheet with all kinds of four-footed creatures, reptiles and birds of the air is missing animals of the sea. Outlined in the laws from Leviticus - Whatever had fins and scales was permitted to be eaten in the Jewish faith – but why omit it

since this sheet was a mixture of clean & unclean things?

When told to kill and eat, Peter refuses, proudly noting he had never broken the rules regarding permitted and forbidden foods. The words from the voice were simple “What God has made clean, you must not call profane”. It was not evident at that exact moment, but would become clear very soon. There is much more to this than receiving permission to eat everything. Peter was pondering this vision when he is told by the Spirit that there are men looking for him. “Go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them”.

The men tell Peter of Cornelius and the angel. Peter could have reacted in a number of ways. Turn them away, tell them to find their own lodging for the evening and come back in the morning, but he invites them in. He offers hospitality to complete strangers. The very next day they all to Caesarea.

Cornelius' first response to Peter was to fall to his feet and worship him. You can imagine this could go to someone's head and some would take advantage of the situation. But not Peter, “Stand up: I am only a mortal”. This is a reminder that God's work is not done by the super natural, the divine or a special chosen few – but through everyday people like you and I. It was not unlawful for a Jew to do business with a Gentile, however it was considered unlawful to eat with and go into the residence of a Gentile. Peter reminds them of this law but then continues to tell them that God has now “shown” him to “not call anyone profane or unclean.”

Could you overnight change your way of thinking, a habit, an opinion, a lifestyle from what it was to the exact opposite? I wonder if Peter had an internal conflict during this time or freely gave over to this new way of perceiving Gentiles. Could you as easily go from feeling & thinking negatively towards a certain person or group of people to embracing them as equals? How do we get past the hurdles that having prejudice put in front of us? Why, as a society, do we continue to build up division between nations, races, religion, sex, age, political views, classes, medical conditions, and so on. What can we do as individuals, as a community, as Canadians to combat all these divisions? Think of your own personal prejudices – what would your vision from God look like to give yourself permission to let go of those thoughts and feelings and move forward?



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Our passage tonight ends with Cornelius saying: "Now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say". This passage not only is an important point in our history as Christians and as a reminder to throw aside our prejudice, but also to trust in the messages and lessons we receive, though we may not understand, accept, or even acknowledge them – we do know that there is a greater plan out there that is bigger than us all.

I doubt that Peter thought or knew that this ONE vision, this ONE trust in God's message, this ONE act of putting aside prejudice would pave the road to us being here now.

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