



## SAINTS' CONNECTION

### SEASON OF EASTER

Sunday May 19th, 2019

Please come for coffee, tea and goodies today, in the Lounge after the 8:00 a.m. service.

See you there.

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm :67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John14:23-29

#### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The Flowers on the Main Altar are given to the Glory of God in memory  
Elfi Marsh and Beverly Duggan-Gleason  
given by Ron Duggan and Lois Marsh-Duggan.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Malcolm Binks, Nicole Brady, Terry Colburn, Liam Culp, Robert Dundas, Davina Johnston, Lois Marsh-Duggan, Tim Rigby, Glenn Sawyers,

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S

**Sunday May 19th**— Rev. Michael Mondloch on vacation May 16-May 25

**Monday May 20th**—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for Victoria Day Holiday

**Tuesday May 21st** - Super Tuesday/Revive & Pilgrim 6:50pm in Asbil Lounge

George Express Youth Choir and Parables + Play  
**Wednesday May 22nd**—Community Dinner doors open 5:30pm

Advent Café 7pm in the Bear's Den—The Bible the Sequel Sermon Series & Bible Study

"Frere Andre "Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dan Tatarnic  
Music: The Krehbiel Chorale

**Friday May 24th**—PLEASE NOTE: Mix & Mingle Evening has been rescheduled to a future date.

**Saturday May 25th** – Final Labyrinth Walk

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**May 26th**—Potluck Sunday after the 10am service in the Gym; Prayer Chain Meeting after 10am service—Games Grub and Fellowship - **Choral Evensong 4pm**

**May 27th**—Parish Council 7pm; Annual Bishop's Company Dinner 6pm

**May 30th**—Dinner Club Potluck Dinner 6pm –8pm in the Asbil Lounge

**May 31st & June 1st** —Revive Closing Retreat

#### June

**June 1st** George Express Musical 2:00pm

**June 2nd** George Express Musical 10am service

**June 2nd** - New Journeys after the 10am service in the Lounge

**June 3rd** - St. George's Golf Tournament — Tee Off time 1pm

**June 4th**—Youth Group 5:30—7pm Pizza & Games

**June 7th**—PA Day at St. George's—Ages 5 & up 8:30am-3pm

**June 10th**—Bishop Beattie Annual Spring Dinner at Hernder Estates Winery

**June 15th**—Choir Fundraiser 5pm to 7pm (Pasta Dinner)

**June 17th**—Parish Council Meeting 7pm in the Asbil Lounge

**June 19th**—Annual Youth Group Car Wash 5-7pm (pizza provided)

You can access and subscribe to St. George's [on-line calendar](#) and never miss another date!

#### NEW ANNOUNCEMENT

##### Nursery Child Care Position:

St. George is hiring a nursery childcare provider, starting on June 16th.

This is a paid position. 2hours/week, \$15/hour. Sunday's from 9:30-11:30.

Applicant must be 18 years or older.

First-aid and CPR, as well as a clearance check with vulnerable sector.

To apply please send resume to Tanya Schleich at [tanyaschleich@live.ca](mailto:tanyaschleich@live.ca)

#### REMINDER

**Our second Community Dinner for this year will be held Wednesday May 22nd.** You can help us by donating baked goods such as cookies and squares, by giving of your time to help on the day of the event or through a cash donation to the Church for the program. On the day of the dinner, your time invested can be as long or short as you are available. To offer your time or talents, please contact Ann Koppel at ([aekoppel@hotmail.com](mailto:aekoppel@hotmail.com)) or 905 938 8213. Thank you.

**Saturday May 25th—The final Labyrinth walk before summer break will be** outside at the St. Catharines General Hospital. Please meet at the Best Buy parking lot on Fourth Avenue by 9:30 a.m. and we will car pool over. Come join us for a beautiful outdoor walk. If you need more information please contact Stephanie at 289-668-0994.

### **Potluck Lunch – MAY 26th**

On May 26<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 a.m. service there will be a Potluck Lunch in Luxton Hall (the gym). Beef on a bun and a limited amount of pizza will be provided. We are asking for contributions of salads, any kind would be appreciated. As well, donations of cash would be welcome to defer the costs. If you are able to donate contact either Lydia Gallaway at 905-934-4816 (dgallaway1@cogeco.ca ) or Sue Chapman at 905-937-7170 (chapman6467@yahoo.ca). **Looking forward to seeing you there.**

### **Dinner Club Annual Potluck Dinner**

Please circle **Thursday, May 30th** on your calendar for the **Dinner Club's Annual Potluck Dinner** at **6 PM** in the **Asbil Lounge**. If you enjoy delicious meals, interesting conversations and deepening friendships, then the Dinner Club is for you!! On May 30th, current and new Club members will gather for a potluck dinner at which the groupings for next year will be drawn "from a bowl". During the year, groupings of four couples (either a married couple or a pair of friends) will meet four times in each other's homes. The food preparation is shared by all. The result: great meals will be enjoyed while meeting with old and new friends. If you have any questions, please call Grace-Ann Cambray at 905 227 7877.

### **New Journeys June 2nd, after the 10am service until 2pm - Lunch included**

Are you new to St. George's? Considering making this your spiritual home? Looking to take next steps in getting connected to our friendship and ministry? Join us on **June 2nd** after the 10am service as we explore the stories that bring us to this community and make some new friends and connections. We'll provide some pizza and great conversation. Let us know if you plan to attend New Journeys!  
(Email [mtatarnic@stgeorgesanglican.ca](mailto:mtatarnic@stgeorgesanglican.ca))

### **St. George's Annual Golf Day Monday June 3/19**

Golf entry forms are at the back of the church. Pick up one for yourself or your team today. If you wish to donate a prize for the Golf Day please forward it to Paul Chapman, Vic Cicci or Linda Telega in the church office.

### **Wednesday June 19th Annual Group Car Wash Fundraiser - 5-7pm**

Tanya needs as many youth possible! Also any adult volunteers would be appreciated. Please let Tanya Schleich know if you can help out [tanyaschleich@live.ca](mailto:tanyaschleich@live.ca) thank you.

### **Registration for Camp George (VBS)**

Registration required! Space is limited!  
Monday August 19th-Friday August 23rd  
Daily from 8:30am-12:00pm Theme: Fruit of the Spirit (Includes stories on love, faith and kindness)  
Ages: 5 and up Cost: Free

### **Super Tuesday - Pilgrim; A Course for the Christian Journey - Book 3**

On going study of the third book in the Pilgrim series. On Tuesday Nights 6:50—8:00 in the Asbil Lounge. A course for those who have been a Christian for many years and want to visit their roots, **and** also a course for those who are looking for a chance to learn and think about Christian faith. Continues May 21st and May 28th.

### **Food Drive for the Breakfast Program**

Due to the continued increased numbers of clients using the Breakfast Program, we will be holding a Food Drive **during the month of May**. We are requesting donations of Cheez Whiz and bags of both white and brown sugar but would gratefully appreciate any of the other items that we regularly use (e.g. cold cereal, jam, coffee and peanut butter). A barrel will be placed near the front of the church for your donations. **Thank you.**

## **GRADITUDE AND PICTURES OF THE WEEK**

### **Bear's Den Furniture**

I hope that many of you had a chance to enjoy the beautiful new furniture in the Bear's Den! Thank you to Suzanne Court for her vision in drawing these pieces to bring our multi-use space together. Also, thank you to the Reverend Scott's fabulous team which assembled the furniture.



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### Thank You Spring Frolic



Thank you to Lani Hildebrant and MJ Schmidt, all of the helpers and organizers, for Saturday's Spring Frolic! The Frolic raised almost \$1000 toward our Community Dinner Program. **Excellent job everyone.**

Extra thank-yous go to: Neil and Celeste Allyn for doing the BBQ  
 Nancy North for running the penny sale  
 Effie Ditiello for running the church table  
 ACW and Krafty Korner for being vendors  
 Liz, Beck and Tori for running the cash for the BBQ

**Please Note:** Brochure's with updated information regarding Archdeacon Val Kerr's trip to Israel have arrived. If you are interested in the trip, you will need to pick-up the new brochure at the back of the church or the church office.

### THE BIBLE THE SEQUEL

*The stories of the Bible continue past the pages of Scripture and down through the centuries in the lives of ordinary men and women, through whom God does extraordinary things. Each week, our Advent Café sermon series looks at one of these people who has inspired faith, and we share our preacher's reflection each week with the rest of our congregation.*

#### **Leonard Cohen—Reverend Canon Martha Tatarnic**

*Ring the bells that still can ring.  
 Forget your perfect offering  
 There is a crack in everything.  
 That's how the light gets in.*

Leonard Cohen jokingly admitted later in life that song-writing was an odd choice for trying to find a bit of financial stability in the arts. Prior to his turn into music, Leonard Cohen was an acclaimed, but mostly broke, poet. He had grown up in Montreal, part of the well-established Jewish Cohen family. The name Cohen actually means priest. The work of the priest is to lift up and give thanks. We lift up so that we can see more clearly the presence of God. We give thanks so that we can receive God's presence as a gift.

In Cohen's music, there is no division between the sacred and the profane, the holy and the secular, the wounds and the beauty, worldly love and divine love. He is famous for writing songs of love, full of sensual detail and the particularities of actual lived experience, and then weaving into those same songs piercing religious insight and timeless wisdom.

Leonard Cohen's music has been regularly criticized for being too dark and heavy and depressing. Those criticisms say little about Leonard Cohen's music and much about the people who clearly haven't really listened to his music before lobbing their complaints. His music teems with dry wit, laugh out loud humour, and a masterful ability to name the absurd, the random and the ironic in life, to name all of that in himself too. That is part of Cohen's priestly offering too. To lift up the strange and foolish and illogical in ourselves and in the world, to invite us to sing and to laugh together rather than to be sunk by confusion and despair.

That being said, Leonard Cohen's struggle with mental illness is well documented. He suffered from extreme anxiety, which was often exacerbated by having to perform for a living. He self medicated for years with various combinations of womanizing. He chased all of the usual highs, the ones that promise us relief, numbness, escape or ecstasy and that mostly turn out to offer nothing to heal the things that are actually hurting us, nothing to feed the emptiness that might be masked but doesn't go away.

Although Leonard Cohen was raised in a faithful Jewish family, his nanny was a Roman Catholic. You can certainly hear a Christian influence in his song-writing too, leading many to assume that he was, in fact, Christian. For many years, he lived in a Buddhist monastery, completely withdrawn from the circles of fame and fortune that he had travelled in, although he made it clear to any who were listening that he saw his Buddhist meditation practices as a complement to his Jewish faith, not a replacement for it. He credits age and meditation and just pure grace as eventually lifting the weight of depression and anxiety that had so long plagued him.

Before all of that, in 1984, he shared a new album with his label, *Various Positions*. It was almost never released because the executives believed it to be a commercial disaster. It contained *Hallelujah* which is now one of the best known songs of our time, covered by almost every major artist that has recorded over the past few decades. There are a bunch of versions because Leonard Cohen wrote approximately 80 verses. Some of the verses are rich in Biblical Imagery, some describe sexual love and all of the verses articulate the broken lines that run across our human relationships with one another and our human relationship with God. The song's over-use also can't take away its masterful articulation of everything that Leonard Cohen offered so consistently across his life and his work.

The word Hallelujah simply means "Praise God." Or "Praise God joyously." If you are listening, you can hear in Cohen's earliest songs, all the way to his final masterpiece, *You Want It Darker*—when he was living with chronic and debilitating physical pain—that final word of praise. In all that is dark and difficult, painful and wounded, broken and yet holy about our lives, we have the capacity, the gift, of saying our Hallelujah, of surrendering to the mystery, looking for the light and healing, praying and hoping that the God of healing is at work even here, suspecting that love does win out after all.

*I did my best, it wasn't much  
I couldn't feel so I tried to touch  
I tell the truth, I didn't come to fool ya.  
And even if it all went wrong, I'll stand before the Lord  
of Song.  
With nothing on my tongue but hallelujah.*



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