



## SAINTS CONNECTION – AUGUST 9TH, 2020

### Next Sunday's Readings

GENESIS 32:22-31; PSALM 17:1-7, 16; ROMANS 9:1-5; MATTHEW 14:13-21



Paul Bailey, Bernice Bullen, William Chiborak, Fred Cross, Effie Ditiello, Neil Revell-Grant, Delphine Thorpe-Risbrook, Sharon Vermolen, Marion Vincett, Sara-Lynn Telega-Power, Sharon Vollick

### THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGES'S

**August 10th** —Grab 'n Go Monday Take-out Dinner

**August 12**—Grab 'n Go Wednesday Take-Out Dinner

**August 12** - Advent Café 7pm Livestream Service

**Presider:** Rev. Scott McLeod **Music:** Adam Pierce

**August 13th** —Weekly YouTube "Holy Hour" with Anita Djurkovic will be posted

**August 13th** - 11:45 Join with Anglicans across St. Catharines in praying together for social justice in our community and for healing in our world.

**September 13th** - Back to In-Person Worship (**times to be announced, sign-up needed!**)

**September 13th** - Thank You John Butler Celebration at Sunday services

### Reverend Martha Vacation in August

Reverend Martha will be on vacation through the month of August. Emails, texts and phone calls about parish matters should go to Reverend Scott and to Linda Telega while she is away. You can also wait and be in touch when she is back in September.

## PRAYERS

We continue to pray for all those working to keep us all safe and healthy. We pray especially for those working on plans for return to in-person worship for our parish and across our Diocese. We continue to pray for people whose health, and employment and well being are affected by the pandemic, and give thanks for those working to support and help.

**We pray for Mark Rees Son of Margaret Rees-Sawyer who died this week.** We pray for all of his family and friends he will be missed by all. Rest eternal grant to Mark, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

## RETURN TO WORSHIP

**We are working on a plan to return to In-Person Worship on Sunday September 13th**

- \* **No children's programs or child care on Sunday**
- \* **Advent Café will continue as on line only**
- \* **Initially only Sunday services returning, times to be determined**
- \* **Maximum capacity per service in the Church including clergy and others is 50 people**

We are hoping, praying, and working toward a plan to return to In-Person Worship on September 13th!

Thanks to our Building & Grounds Committee at St. George's under the leadership of Gina Schafrick, a task force has been struck to work with our team in putting together a plan for the fall. They have already met with Public Health and have a lot of important information that can be fine-tuned to the needs and context of our community.

As already noted, all of this planning is subject to Covid cases staying low, and all regulations from our wider church and Public Health permitting our plans to go forward.

Please pray for our church, for this task force, and for our whole community as we seek to guard and protect one another in this challenging time.



## CELEBRATION FOR JOHN BUTLER



We want to share with you an update on our celebration for John Butler and all of the amazing work and leadership he has offered over the course of almost 30 years here at St. George's. As many of you know, we had to postpone his celebration from this spring because of Covid-19.

**John's last Sunday with us will be September 13<sup>th</sup>,  
when we are hoping to be back to some form of in-person worship.  
So we will plan on that being a time when we can honour and give thanks for John.**



*Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord  
(Ephesians 5:19)*



### **The Reverend Lorenzo Cromwell**

Since New Testament times, the Church has recognized three distinct orders of ordained ministry: Bishops, Priests and Deacons. For many years, the distinct order of the diaconate (Vocational Deacon) was ignored by our churches. It is only in recent years that our diocese, along with others in the Anglican Church of Canada, has re-introduced and recognized the important work of the Vocational Deacon.

Those called to the priesthood are first ordained deacon but the title of deacon within that order has always been considered “Transitional” rather than permanent. When we speak of “Vocational Deacons” we are recognizing that certain individuals are called not to become priests but to retain the title of deacon because of the specific work that they undertake in our parishes.

Canon Martha has recognized that there are some individuals at St George’s who are likely called to the office of deacon in our midst. These individuals are already working within the community as representatives of our parish in areas of outreach where their vision and gifts are being used in very valuable ways. Over the coming weeks, I will be interviewing three people all of whom are in one way or another interested in becoming Deacons at St George’s.

Lorenzo Cromwell is already a deacon but was serving another parish on the Niagara Peninsula. He has recently moved to St Catharines and would like to transfer his ministry to our parish. You will hear more about him and from him next week when he preaches at our main Sunday morning service. The other two individuals are MJ Schmidt and Anita Djurkovic, both of whom are already familiar to most of us and are still discerning their call to this type of ordained ministry. Stay tuned for more to come on this important topic!

Marion Vincett, Honourary Assistant



## NEW ANNOUNCEMENT

### Monday Night Take-Out Dinner

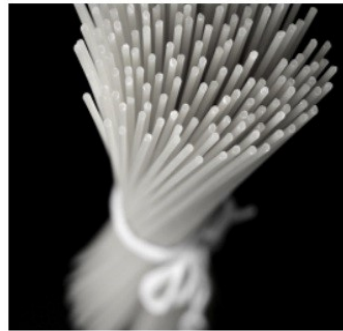
We are pleased to share with the congregation that we have been able to develop another community partnership in order to offer a Take-Out Dinner on Monday nights through August. Thanks to the work of Kelly Belford and our other wardens, Ann Koppel, and Duncan Moffett, we have clear protocols in place to align this program with our other feeding ministries and with the requirements of Public Health. Through these difficult times, we feel blessed in being able to expand how St. George's can be a place where people can be fed.

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**2 TEAMS CONSISTING OF 4  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS**

## REMINDERS

### Vacation Bible School

We are planning on having our VBS program online this year. I will be providing daily online resources for the week of August 24-28th. We will have a zoom lesson or two and some online interaction. We will not be attending at the church. If you are interested in receiving the online VBS program during that week please let me know and I will sign you up. More information will come for those wanting the resources.

**Thank you, Tanya Schleich**

### Breakfast Program: New Team Members Needed

We are looking for new volunteers who are willing to commit to helping with our Breakfast Program once a month. All of our serving protocols are in accordance with the directives of Public Health and allow for appropriate physical distancing measures. Please be in touch with Nancy Moffett if you want more information or if you are able to help. [nmoffett100@gmail.com](mailto:nmoffett100@gmail.com) or 905-356-5180

### Wednesday Grab-and-Go Dinners August 12th

We continue to serve dinner, using a takeout format, every Wednesday. A team of four makes the dinner between 3:30 -5pm each week, limiting our service to a single dish dinner, a slice of cake and bottled water. We currently have three teams and are looking for a fourth to keep the rotation to once a month for each team.

If you would like to form a team or be part of a team please contact Duncan Moffett [nmoffett3@cogeco.ca](mailto:nmoffett3@cogeco.ca) 905-356-5180

Bananas, oranges and clementines are easily packaged and are appreciated by our guests.



## GRATITUDE



Thank you to our Altar Guild Ladies , Sandara Legarde, Bernice Bullen, Effie Dietello for doing a deep cleaning of our church last week. How very grateful we are to all of you, God Bless!

## OFFERINGS DURING THIS TIME

### Dear Parishioners,

Due to the unusual circumstances at this time, in order to share the “electronic communication” workload currently being experienced by our clergy we the wardens and deputy wardens would be happy to hear from anyone with concerns or questions.

The following is our contact information:

Rob Welch	<u><a href="mailto:RWelch@lbwlawyers.com">RWelch@lbwlawyers.com</a></u>
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### PRAYING TOGETHER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE: THURSDAYS AT 11:45am

As Anglicans, we are called to demonstrate God's love in our lives and throughout the world. One way we can do so, during these difficult times, is to join together in prayer. This is still possible, even though we cannot meet face to face. Join us in prayer for Social Justice Issues in the comfort and privacy of your own homes, each Thursday at 11:45. By praying at the same time, in separate locations, we are joined together, in love, with a single purpose. If you would like to receive the outline of suggested prayers, or if you would like to add a topic to our list, please contact Diane at [diane.kidson@live.ca](mailto:diane.kidson@live.ca).

## GIVINGS

### PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN GIVE

If you are not on Pre-Authorized Automatic Offerings here are a few options to consider with your Offerings:

- 1-Donate Online through Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/25209>
- 2-Send in a cheque
- 3-Put aside your regular offerings on a week by week basis and bring it in when life is back to "normal"
- 4-Go on Pre-Authorized Offerings now: Call the office to get your form today.
- 5- Send an e-transfer from your bank to [info@stgeorgesanglican.ca](mailto:info@stgeorgesanglican.ca)

If you are on automatic offerings and can afford to give more through these exceptional times, we appreciate very much any extra generosity that can be offered to help us through right now.

## RINGING OUR BELLS:A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE



#THANKYOUFRONTLINEHEROES

St. George's is ringing our bells at 7:30pm every night to express our prayers of gratitude for Essential Workers during this pandemic. May God guard and guide them in all that they do.

**Rector:** The Reverend Canon Martha Tatarnic

**Associate Priest:** The Reverend Scott McLeod

**Bishop in Residence:** The Right Reverend Walter Asbil

**Honourary Assistant:** Archdeacon Marion Vincett

**Ecumenical Honourary Assistant:** The Reverend Dr. Doreen McFarlane

**Office Manager:** Linda Telega

**Treasurer:** Jim Jenter

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**Children's Ministry:** Tanya Schleich

**Youth Ministry:** Tanya Schleich

**Nursery Care Provider:** Chandra Langley-Smith

**Caretaker:** Johan Braun

**Rector's Warden:** Rob Welch

**People's Warden:** David Bingham

**Deputy Rector's Warden:** Liz Cunningham

**Deputy People's Warden:** Kelly Belford

**STEP Counselor:** Louis Muscat



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