



NEWSLETTER OF  
ST MATTHEW'S  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

1600 NORFOLK ST.  
WINDSOR, ONTARIO  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Servers' session  
November 8
- Christmas Market  
November 15
- Christmas Pageant  
December 21
- Talent Show  
January 17, 2015

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# The Journey

## At St. Matthew's Church

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"We are called to share God's love as we welcome  
and care for our community"

## Message from Our Rector

### Giving and thanksgiving

It is truly staggering to note the many ways that we reach out to the community, especially when you consider that our parish family is of modest size. And yet, so many of you participate in existing outreach ministries – either in person, or through your generous givings. This is something to be thankful for! Since my arrival at St. Matthew's, I've received a number of requests from individuals in the wider community who find themselves in financial need. Their circumstances vary, but the question remains the same: *"Is there anything you can do to help me?"* I am so thankful to have been entrusted (through the Rector's Discretionary Fund) with resources that can help in these situations. As a result, some hungry mouths have been fed, and some anxieties have been relieved. And I have received such sincere thanks from those who have benefitted from this help. This is an ongoing ministry which happens very quietly, but it serves as yet another reminder of how we may live out our baptismal covenant by serving others. The Rector's Discretionary Fund is made possible through the regular financial offerings you make in support of the mission of St. Matthew's Church. **Thank you for giving, and thank you for continuing to care in ways that you may never realize!**

*Andreas†*

## Let's be Thankful!

Because our St. Matthew's family lives truly by our Mission Statement "We are called to share God's love as we welcome and care for our community"

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Our church wardens assessed possible damage to the church building and parking lot shortly after the August 19 tornado.  
(Photography by John Rossi)

A regular column in which you get to ask whatever is on your mind. (All submissions will be considered anonymous.)

## Ask the Rector

### Q: What do Anglicans believe about Christ's presence in the Eucharist?

**A:** How much time do we have?! This is something which can't be answered satisfactorily for the simple reason that faithful people have always held a variety of beliefs as to how Christ is made present to us in the Eucharistic bread and wine. The greatest minds have pondered this question, and have struggled to express, in words, something of the mystery of the sacrament. For instance, Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), in his *Summa Theologica*, writes that although "the whole Christ" is present in the sacrament, this presence is not "as in a place". It might be helpful to consider how the sacrament of Holy Eucharist is presented in the Catechism found in the Book of Common Prayer. Here, we read that the "outward and visible signs" are bread and wine, while the "inward and spiritual part" is "The Body and Blood of Christ, which are verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper". The Catechism is careful not to try to explain just how all this happens, rather it serves as a reminder that as Christians, partaking of the Eucharist is simply something we do, and in doing it, we are "strengthened and refreshed in soul and body". Queen Elizabeth I is said to have quoted the poet John Donne (1572-1631), after having been asked to explain her belief about Christ's presence in the Eucharist. These words convey something of the difficulty of "explaining" what happens in the Eucharist:

He was the Word that spake it;  
He took the bread and brake it;  
And what that Word did make it;  
I do believe and take it.

(Divine Poems. On the Sacrament.)

## From Our Parish Council

As reported previously, Dr. Norm Becker, Eng., inspected our church's physical structure and prepared a detailed report as to necessary repairs and/or improvements; it was received by the committee responsible of this project on May 21. His recommendations have been carefully reviewed and a prioritized list of the recommended items has been sent to Dr. Becker, requesting detailed costs. Once his reply is received, Parish Council will arrange a presentation to the congregation. In the meantime, a fundraising committee consisting of our rector, deacon and wardens has been struck. It expects to meet this month with Amanda Gellman, who has worked with various Anglican parishes in fundraising initiatives. We ask for your continued prayers for those involved in these discussions.

As a result of long-standing problems with roof leaks, Parish Council invited proposals from roofing companies for inspection and quotes. Quinn Roofing has been selected; work is expected to start around the end of September/beginning of October.

On the financial end, we continue to be up-to-date on our apportionment obligations ; however, overall we are approx. \$12,000.00 over-budget for the year. A finance committee consisting of Rev'd Andreas, Beth Felet, Paul Finlayson, Jane Patterson and John Rossi has been struck to examine the state of our financial health. Council approved an increase in hall rental fees for the year 2015 as follows: One week, \$350.00; 4 weekdays, \$300.00; Up to 9 hr., \$100.00; Up to 4 hr., \$50.00.

The parish directory is close to being completed for distribution.

Parish Council discussed the feasibility of hosting an "meet and greet" event for the Ward 1 councilor candidates in our upcoming municipal election. After considering time factors/advertising expense/organization it was decided not to proceed.



Everybody is welcome to attend our meetings, usually the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30 PM, in the choir room.  
**Next Meeting: October 8.**

# St. Matthew's Day 2014

Sunday, September 21

Our 'Feast of St. Matthew' service at 10:00am included the traditional role reversal of grown-ups and children.

During the "Children's Focus", a special unveiling ceremony took place: **The St. Matthew's Banner**; it is the result of almost 100 hr. of loving thinking, reflecting, designing and stitching by our Deacon, The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick.

She explained the origin of the concept and some of the work involved, thanking Jen McAlpine for her help with the stitching. She then described the design and the meaning of all the elements on the fabric (please see right side). The banner now adorns our Sanctuary.

Later, after the homily, Rev'd Andreas thanked our retiring Sunday School teachers, Louise Davis and Gail Henderson, for hearing God's call to share their



gift of teaching with our youngsters for so many years. Wardens Paul Finlayson and John Rossi presented Louise and Gail with beautifully engraved glass plates as a written testimony in recognition for their hard work and of our appreciation.

Following the service, the festivities continued with a BBQ and potluck lunch and the legendary



games for all ages, and concluded with the also legendary water balloon fight and candy toss.

Photography by Gordon Drake.



## St. Matthew's Banner

***"We are called to share God's love as we welcome and care for our community"***

This banner is a visual expression of our mission as church. The cross is central to our faith, and serves as our guiding light. The circle represents the gift of eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ. The hands represent the welcoming and the caring and sharing that we do with each other and through our various outreach ministries. They are a powerful reminder of what "welcoming and caring for our community" looks like. By being incorporated into the symbol of the cross, the outstretched hands call to mind the many ways in which Jesus called others to a ministry of service to others.

The paths, in a variety of colours, are individual 'paths of life'. As individuals we come to St. Matthew's with our own paths and when we become part of the family of St. Matthew's, our paths begin to touch other paths and cross them. They also represent individual spirits. Our spirit may be heavy at the beginning but as we continue on our path of life, our spirits become lighter and our path is narrower as we reach towards the cross and our mission of sharing and caring. Some of the paths are fairly straight others veer away from the cross and yet still come back. Hopefully everyone will relate to some of the symbols used and can respond "Yes, that is me" and "Yes, that is Us".

**Rev'd Cathy**

***Our Sunday school program is in need of leadership.*** If you, or someone you know, would like to become involved, please speak to me at some time. We are considering different models of leadership, possibly involving a rotating teaching schedule, in teams of two. This would allow people to serve as Sunday school teachers occasionally (perhaps once a month), instead of a permanent commitment. Please give some prayerful consideration to how we might continue to offer this valuable ministry to our youngsters at St. Matthew's.

***Andreas***



# Concert Pianist Andreas Thiel

By Anya Laurence (written on March 8, 2008)



Photograph courtesy of The Rev'd Andreas Thiel

Canadian concert pianist Andreas Thiel's first award-winning performance was at the age of seventeen when he won first place in the Edward Johnson Piano Competition in Guelph. This was followed by other awards and appearances throughout Ontario, culminating in his first appearance as soloist with orchestra in Kitchener, Ontario, playing a Mozart Concerto, Chosei Komastu conducting.

Thiel was born in Wattenscheid, West Germany, on April 9, 1965 and his family emigrated to Canada when he was just one year old. He received his early education in Ontario schools after which he attended the University of Guelph, In Guelph, Ontario. It was here that he began his concert career by appearing in student recitals at the university.

During this time Thiel began to explore the repertoire for the organ and became Director of Music in several Ontario churches. He also began to compose short piano pieces for students and sacred choral works. As music director in churches he presented the Taize-style worship service on Sunday evenings to enthusiastic response. The religious community in Taize, France, was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger and is a non-denominational gathering dedicated to meditative singing and prayer and the value of silence in the service.

Andreas also presented various artists in recital at his church in a series called 'Music for a Sunday Afternoon,' which featured Canadian organist Douglas Haas; recorder virtuoso Matthew Jones; sopranos Heather Jewson and Rosalind Pickett and pianist Darryl Cremasco.

## Soloist With Symphony Orchestras

Thiel has appeared as soloist with the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony in Kitchener, Ontario, on two occasions...the first being a Mozart Concerto and the second the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto #1, with Kerri-Lynn Wilson conducting. He has also been soloist with the North Miami Beach Symphony, Florida; the Kitchener Community Orchestra, the Timmins Symphony, where he played the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto # 2, and the Waterloo Chamber players with performances of concertos by Mozart and Beethoven.

## Solo Piano Recitals

Solo recitals include appearances on the prestigious Dame Myra Hess Concert Series, Chicago, Illinois; Aranoff Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; recital debut at the Jane Mallett Theatre in Toronto, Ontario, playing the Canadian premiere of the Partita-Variations by American composer George Rochberg, and many other recitals in Europe and on radio in the United States and Canada. Andreas Thiel is in demand as a teacher and adjudicator and maintains a private studio in his home.

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## Chamber Music

Chamber music is the first love of Thiel, who is a founding member of the Thames Trio and the Amaryllis Piano Quartet. "Listening is so important in playing chamber music," he says. "Cues are often given by the raising of an eyebrow or the inhalation of breath. Often the decisions agreed upon in rehearsal are re-negotiated in the the moment of a performance. Rather than being a liability, this spontaneity is what brings freshness and joy to the experience of making music. Participation as a chamber musician teaches one to watch and listen for what is happening in the music, but often more importantly, in between or underneath the music...the subtext."

Andreas can be heard playing Brahms at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=IyTcxgwbBos](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IyTcxgwbBos)

## Theology

Thiel has recently had a call that he can no longer ignore and is in the Master of Divinity program at Huron College University in London, Ontario. His intention, after ordination, is to bring to his new position the experience of his life-long passion for the musical arts and his background in 'finding the subtext.'

Prior to being appointed at St. Matthew's, The Rev'd Andreas Thiel was rector at Holy Trinity, Lucan and St. James', Clondeboy for three years. On Sunday, September 15, 2013, he presided at our services for the first time as St. Matthew's rector and priest. We are very pleased to reproduce this short biography to celebrate both Rev'd Andreas and his wife Anya's anniversary with us. Thank you for this amazing year of learning and growing, hoping that we will be granted many more years to continue our *journey* together.

**HAPPY 1st ANNIVERSARY FROM YOUR  
ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY!**



Editorial note: the complete youtube reference is:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IyTcxgwbBos>

This photograph was taken on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014, and Anya's (previous page) on Sunday Sept 15, 2013; both by Gordon Drake.

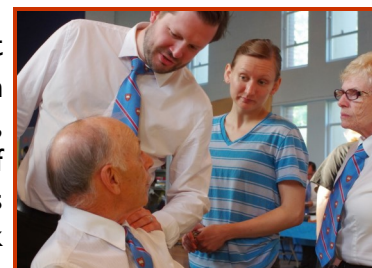
## Choral Evensong — Pentecost Sunday, June 8

by The Rev'd Andreas Thiel

*I*t isn't every day that the cathedral choir comes for a visit, but when they do, they bring beautiful music with them. Under the direction of Andrew Keegan Mackriell (Director of Music & Cathedral Organist), and accompanied by Dr. Angus Sinclair, the choir led us in a Service of Choral Evensong, featuring masterworks by Thomas Tallis and Charles Villiers Stanford. The history of this special service can be traced back several hundred years; this time around, it attracted many visitors from neighbouring churches, and a free-will offering was received, to benefit the music ministry at St. Matthew's.

Afterward, all were invited to a characteristically plentiful St. Matthew's pot-luck dinner.

The cathedral choir travels regularly across our Diocese, and by doing so, they share their love of Choral Evensong with others. This is a valuable ministry, and we thank them for their many efforts.



Photographs by Gordon Drake

We are hoping to welcome them back to St. Matthew's in the coming years.

# My Ghanaian Experience

by Jen McAlpine

I've written this article at least a hundred times in my head, but found difficult to get down on paper my thoughts and feelings about my trip to Ghana, West Africa. Before I go much further, I need to say thank you to the generous, caring people that helped me on this journey. You know who you are. I am constantly filled with awe and gratitude to the many wonderfully kind and generous people in my life, both my Church Family, my personal family, friends and complete strangers.



Maps from "The World Factbook" @www.CIA.gov

How do I begin to write about an experience that touched my heart and my head in ways that are hard to explain? It all started with an invitation from Mary Lou and Gordon Drake to attend a fish fry to raise money for a country called Ghana. I knew Mary Lou and Gordon had been to Ghana the previous year with other fellow Rotarians. I have known many people who have gone on missions all over the world. I was always amazed by the idea of going to far reaches of the world to make a difference in someone's life. The idea evolved slowly, by going to the fish fry and attending information sessions to find out more.

The time finally came last September to purchase the plane tickets. I remember joking "okay, so now I'm going for sure". To say I was excited is an understatement! Excited and a little scared. I was afraid of the unknown: how safe was it, how hot was it, would I like the accommodations, etc. Before I knew it the day arrived and off we went.

The story could end here by saying that I had a wonderful time and the people were friendly. **But there is so much more.** The people of Ghana are known for their friendliness and their hospitality. I was touched by how friendly and kind everyone was. They were so happy and honoured us for coming to their country to help them. But several proposals of marriage?! I was not ready for that.

Water, something basic we all take for granted in North America is a serious need in many parts of Ghana. Drilling wells and providing safe drinking water is one of the many worthwhile projects Rotary 1918 has initiated. Safe drinking water is where it starts, followed by basic health issues being met by helping to build health clinics which give the people access to a nurse and educating the young.



I felt proud to be a friend of Rotary while in Ghana. The work they are doing in different parts of this country is amazing. Building schools and libraries, drilling wells, outfitting small health depots, providing mosquito nets, supporting orphanages and providing training such as dress making so women with polio could learn a trade and so much more. I had the opportunity to teach girls ages 13-16 some embroidery skills.

I have to say I learned so much from all of them. Although it is a hard, simple life of survival in the upper west, the people are gracious and have a generous spirit.

Thank you for letting me share my Ghanaian experience with you.



Photography by Gordon Drake



Rotarians have done humanitarian work in Ghana for over two decades. Jen volunteered towards this cause in November of 2013 along with Mary Louise and Gordon Drake, who were there in 2012, as well.



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Canterbury Gala — Tuesday, Oct. 28** (See right).

**Deanery-wide Servers' session — Saturday, Nov. 8 9:30am-2:00pm at St. Matthew's Church.** We will host a special day for servers from every church in our Deanery. This is an all-ages event, organized by our Deanery Youth Co-ordinator, and it will offer a time of fellowship and learning (through workshops and speakers). If you are currently a server at St. Matthew's, or if you are thinking of serving in the future, please consider attending this special event. Lunch will be provided! For pre-registration, please speak with Rev'd Andreas.

**Christmas Craft & Food Market — Saturday, Nov. 15 9am-3pm** (See below).

**Christmas Pageant — Sunday, Dec. 21**, during the 10:00am service. Information coming soon.

**Annual Talent Show/Pot Luck Dinner — Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015.** More details will follow.

Contact Gordon Drake for more information; we are hoping to have at least one table from St. Matthew's.



### Canterbury College

Invites You To Our

## Canterbury Gala 2014

Tuesday October 28, 2014

Fogolar Furlan Club  
The Windsor Room  
1800 N. Service Rd. Windsor, ON

The doors will open at 5:45pm  
Cocktail Hour with a Cashbar  
Dinner will be served at 6:30pm

Keynote Speaker  
**Jennifer Jones**  
Rotary International Director 2015-17

*We are honoured to have Jennifer Jones, Rotary International Director 2015-17 as our Keynote Speaker for our 4th Annual Gala. Please join us as Jennifer shares her thoughts on water, human rights, peace and a special water endowment that she and her husband have initiated to stimulate social consciousness and action... creating "a ripple in the pond".*



Please RSVP by October 20th

Ticket: \$90.00 per person  
Or \$700.00 for table (seats 8)

To reserve your ticket and/or make a donation to Canterbury College, please call 519-971-3646

Or book online at: [www.uwindsor.ca/canterbury/](http://www.uwindsor.ca/canterbury/)

Please specify if a Vegetarian meal is required

Tax receipts will be mailed upon receipt of your donation. Charitable #11883 7418 RR0001

## Our Bazaar last year was an overwhelming success.

In particular, the newly formed Craft Guild was rewarded for all their hard work and dedication with unprecedented sales - well over \$4,000. However, because of the challenges of limited space, the organizers, after careful consideration, have decided to change the current format.

Our former Christmas Bazaar will be split into two separate events. The first will take place on November 15 - the **Christmas Craft and Food Market** - that focuses on the handmade nature of the crafts; baked goods and preserves; lunch counter and sweet tooth table; and tourtière, turkey pies and frozen heat-and-serve single meals. The second will be a yard sale in the spring (date TBA), that will be dedicated to items usually found on the New to You, Jewelry, Books, and Games & Toys tables. By having two events, it is felt that we will have more people available at each event, and will allow to both streamline the operations, and capitalize on the customers' preferences during certain times of the year. The space limitations will be greatly reduced, giving the opportunity to spread out and have a real Christmas feel at the Craft & Food Market, and to accept items "larger than a breadbox" at the yard sale. Under consideration for the yard sale is a small lunch counter, as well as an area for kids, with face painting, make-and-take crafts, etc., to amuse them while their parents shop.

During last year's Bazaar, many customers indicated that they felt we should be open longer. With the removal of 4 stations, we are hopeful that those wonderful people who worked there will be able to assist with the existing stations, also now able to choose a shift either in the morning (8:30am - 12noon) or afternoon (12noon - 3:30pm), or some variation, as desired. In turn, those wonderful people who have worked at the crafts and food stations, will hopefully be available resources to staff the yard sale in the spring.

The Children's Room was also discussed at great length. While not a big money maker, the ministry and service it provides outweighs the limited funds it generates, so it will remain in a revised format. Items for sale will be handmade crafts and carefully chosen items to reflect the focus of the event. Otherwise, the format will be the same - kids get to shop while their parents/caregivers wait outside; purchases will be wrapped to remain a surprise.

We are very hopeful that this new vision will work well, and want to thank in advance all those who, we are certain, will make both events successful. Don't forget to tell all your friends, family, co-workers, and everyone you know, about our

**St. Matthew's Christmas Craft and Food Market,**

**Saturday, November 15, from 9 am to 3 pm.** Your Organizing Committee

## Christmas Craft & Food Market

**St. Matthew's Anglican Church**

**Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am to 3 pm**

**1600 Norfolk Street**

(across from Glenwood Public School)



**Preserves,  
Baked Goods,  
"Food in a Jar" gifts**



**Tourtières,  
Turkey Pies,  
Single Serve Meals**



**Lunch Counter  
& Sweet Tooth Table**



**Unique  
Handmade Crafts**



**Supervised Children's Room - kids  
12 and under (no parents allowed) can shop for  
friends and family (or themselves!) and have  
their purchases wrapped to keep gifts a  
surprise!**

*"Tasty Temptations & Crafty Creations"*

# Let's Be Thankful!

All year round, but particularly during this season, we thank God and are grateful for all the wonderful work that our volunteers do in the many ministries at St. Matthew's:

PARISH COUNCIL  
LECTORS  
SIDESPERSONS  
INTERCESSORS  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND XMAS PAGEANT TEACHERS  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR MINISTERS  
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISORS  
COMMUNION BREAD MAKERS  
SYNOD AND AFP REPRESENTATIVES  
GREEN TEAMS  
CHOIR AND MUSIC MINISTRY  
SERVERS  
FUNDRAISING  
ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE  
PANCAKE SUPPER ORGANIZERS AND CONTRIBUTORS  
"XMAS FOOD AND CRAFT MARKET" CONVENORS AND CONTRIBUTORS  
EDITING AND PRINTING TEAMS FOR: BULLETINS, "THE JOURNEY",  
FLYERS, DIRECTORIES, AND BOOKS.

## OUTREACH

MARLBORO BREAKFAST PROGRAMME  
THE DOWNTOWN MISSION  
HIATUS HOUSE  
WINDSOR JAIL  
HURON LODGE  
CANTERBURY COLLEGE  
COUNCIL OF THE NORTH  
PWRDF  
MARYVALE CHILDREN'S CENTRE  
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE (CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY)

AND ALL THOSE OTHER LITTLE ACTS  
OF KINDNESS THAT MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE ON A DAILY BASIS



From top: Lector during the Christmas Pageant 2013 and preparing for the 2014 pancake supper (Photography by Gordon Drake); A new patio and path for the rectory, May 24 2014 (photography by Sandra Hall); Parish Council BBQ, June 28 2014 (photography by John Rossi); Fellowship hour minister, August 10 2014 (Photography by Gordon Drake); Cleaning debris after tornado, August 20 2014 (photography by John Rossi); Cantors, summer 2014 (Photography by Gordon Drake).





## Remember your gifts



**HIATUS HOUSE**

250 LOUIS AVENUE, WINDSOR, ON N9A 1W2

August 20, 2014

Dear St. Matthews Anglican Church,

**Thank you** so much for your donation of food items and personal care items to Hiatus House. We truly appreciate the support you've shown toward our work with families experiencing the tragic effects of domestic violence. We'd like you to know that donations like yours are used directly in our emergency shelter programs by women and children in need.

Hiatus House relies heavily upon community support to maintain our programs. We hope that you continue to support the programs offered at Hiatus House by donating throughout the year. If you have questions regarding the services provided at our agency, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for helping Hiatus House in its mission to break the cycle of domestic violence.

Sincerely,

Thom Rolfe, M.S.W., R.S.W.  
Executive Director

of toiletries, diapers and non-perishable food, as well as donations of clothing and books for Hiatus House and food for the Downtown Mission.

August 30, 2014

The Rev. Andreas Thiel  
St. Matthew's Anglican Church  
1600 Norfolk St.  
Windsor, ON N9E 1H5



Canterbury College  
*a community educating mind, body and spirit*

Re: Canterbury College Outreach Project for Student Welcome Baskets

The Rev. Andreas Thiel,

We thank you for your continued support, which is essential to our students' transition into residence life. The donations that you have provided will not only assist our students financially, but your benevolence is significant in maintaining the community environment of Canterbury College.

Each student welcome basket will include a card wherein your courtesy is acknowledged. Again, we sincerely thank you. You are a blessing to us.

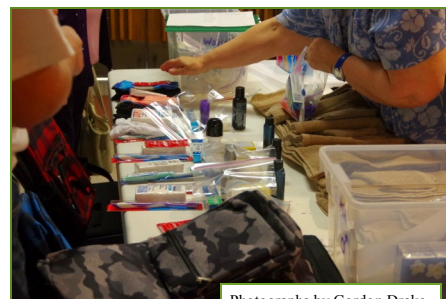
Yours truly,

Janet Harris General Manager

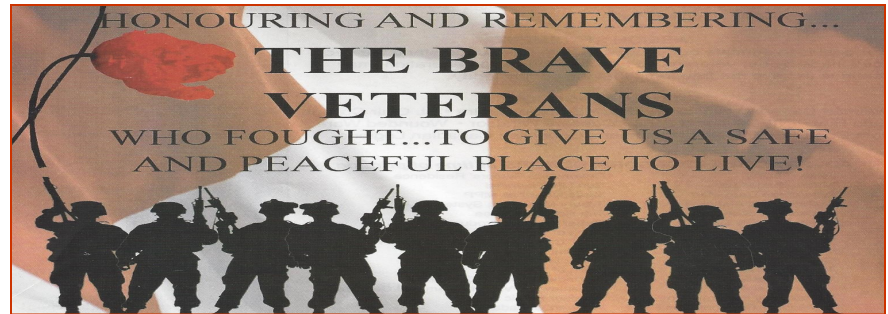
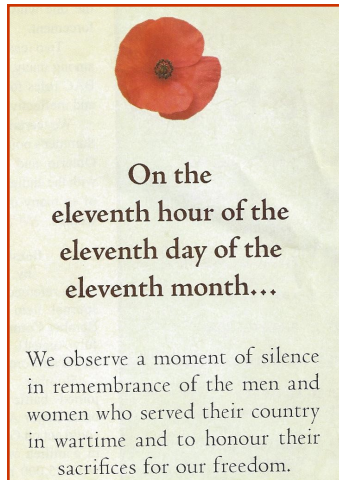
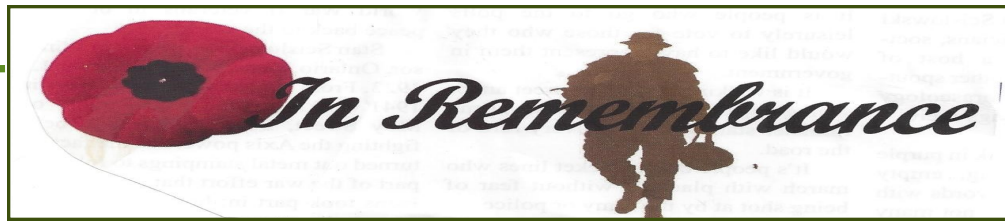
## Rev'd Cathy's Corner

**Good news!** On September 14, we were busy putting together the first backpacks for the released "homeless" inmates at the Southwest Regional Detention Centre. This is a new and innovative programme, not found in many correctional centers. Items are also taken for the use of the inmates about every six weeks. These include: playing cards, greeting cards, dice, chess pieces and checker pieces (they have boards already printed into the tables in the units), word search, crossword and Sudoku books, jigsaw puzzles (no more than 1000 pieces) and paperback books (no sexual content please). These items are gratefully accepted in the basket in the Narthex.

**Marlborough School programme is up and running.** We collected donations on St. Matthew's Day to purchase the ingredients for the hot breakfast of grilled cheese sandwiches, fresh fruit, and chocolate milk. Ketchup is provided for them as well. Homemade muffins are taken for use with the cold cereal days and are a great hit with the students. We could do with a few more cooks. If you feel called to do this five times a year on a Monday morning from 7:30 to 8:40am, we would really appreciate you joining the team. We have fun and the kids give us lots of energy. It is a blessing.



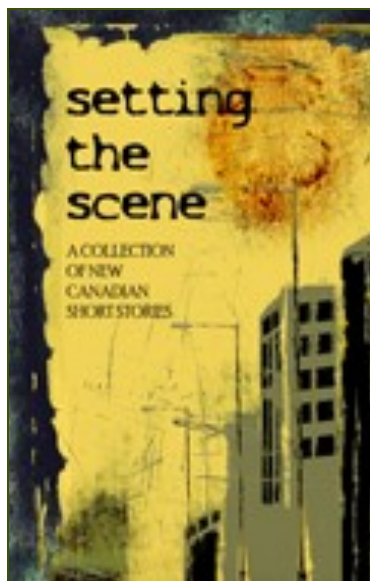
Photographs by Gordon Drake



**To remember our veterans this November 11, check out these two pieces by Southern Ontario authors**

**Tail End Charlie: A Survivor of Stalag VIIB and Hitler's Death March** recounts the story of Charles Roberts, a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist in London, ON. From his early childhood days in London, Ontario, to his ultimate decision to enlist with the RCAF on his eighteenth birthday, Charlie's story is one of endurance in the face of unspeakable horror and cruelty. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1943, Charlie was shot down over Berlin. Through it all, Charlie's positive attitude, humour, and will to live, are the qualities he credits with his survival. On Saturday, June 28 2014, Charles (Charlie) Roberts and Rev. Doug MacKenzie, co-authors of Tail End Charlie, were in the parish hall of St. John the Evangelist signing the books purchased by attendees (price: \$15.00, more information @ [www.stjohnslondon.ca](http://www.stjohnslondon.ca)).

**Information from The Diocese of Huron website — NEWS Tuesday, June 24, 2014**



**St. Matthew's own Katie Hahn's story "Just an Old Soldier"** received an honorable mention from Polar Express Publishing in the creation of a book of short stories from a National Contest. The book is titled "setting the scene: a collection of new Canadian short stories" edited by Rachelle McCallum (2012). To quote the publishers: "We believe that writers of all ages and natures have something valid to offer..." and this book showcases "...the very best works from established as well as aspiring authors." The book is currently on sale for \$26.24 @ [polarexpressions.ca](http://polarexpressions.ca) (regular price \$39.99)



We congratulate Katie on her achievement and are privileged to include her story:

### Just an Old Soldier

World War II changed my husband. That is the truth. Even though I never knew him before the war, I know it changed him. How could it not? But, I am not at liberty to say how it altered the course of his life or manipulated him from adolescence to manhood. Probably because I can't pick out the definitive moment that transformed his personality and I suspect he can't either.

All I know is the war affected him deeply. I imagine it happened in layers. Many layers. One stratum indistinguishable from the next, like a sunburn that penetrates the skin—it doesn't matter that each layer is raw and sensitive or which one stings the most. The whole thing just pains you; aching you at the time, then leaving a permanent and damaging effect on you.

There are two types of veterans: ones who talk about the war and ones who don't. He was the former—a *talker*. But it was thin, surface talk. Superficial chatter meant to pass the time or perhaps a way to control the conversation. I'm only speculating.

Casually he spoke of young men, friends of circumstance, friends out of necessity who were killed in one way or another. No wavering in his voice. No detection of sadness. But, if you listened closely you could hear in his tone how he had surrendered long ago, as if to say, *Ahh . . . such is war.*

The dark, haunting issues are unavoidable, though, when you parade your past in casual conversation. People will just ask. Even innocent children will ask.

Karl had been asked to speak at the small public school three blocks from our house on Remembrance Day. The arrangements had been made by the Legion when the grade four teacher, Ms. Dwight, inquired about getting a "real life" WW II veteran to speak to her students.

Dressed in uniform and crested with his honours from a lifetime ago, he stood in front of the students, silent. I feared he would ramble as he did so often to me, our daughters, our friends, our church. But this was worse. Silence. It made him look tired and old. You know your spouse, you recognize mannerisms undetectable to the average eye. I once diagnosed his canker sore just from the way his tongue moved across the inside of his lower lip.

So when the students opened fire with "How many men have you killed?" I accepted the slight tightening of his jaw was meant to take that blow. Still silence. He opened his mouth, thought better of it, and closed it. Tightening once again. It pained me to see him crippled by a question he had skirted over for so many years. Unfortunately, avoidance or even braggadocio would not satisfy the needs of the children, their need for the truth.

They say after a question is posed groups of people become uncomfortable after only six seconds of silence. I will confirm that statistic. I shifted in my undersized chair, trying without success to meet Karl's eyes. His nose was prominent, almost too large for his face, while his chin jutted out proudly. Somehow, though his features were harsh and dominant, he was handsome in his uniform both in my memory and standing before me now.

He began, "None, but I came close. . . ." I know he kept talking even while his voice trailed off in my head, but I couldn't bear to hear his words.

For him, the war was everywhere, in everything. Something as simple as a chocolate bar would remind him of a towheaded boy from Holland. A roast would somehow make its way to a story of mutton prepared for him by a ruddy English woman. *Mutton*. That became our Sunday word. Sometimes during a long and convoluted story I was even bold enough to say, "Oh, would you just get off the war already?"

And don't even get me started on flies. If one got in the house it was like Poe's raven, an ominous reminder of lifeless friends. Sometimes it would be hours before he came back to me.

The children's applause untied me from my thoughts. It was clear Karl was relieved when the little pigtailed girl in the front thanked him on behalf of her class. He smiled and said bashfully, "Oh, I'm just an old soldier."

Right there, looking at him then, I knew with certainty the war changed him. But how exactly? I still can't say for sure.

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## Celebrating this season:

### September

1 – Florence Ritchie  
 1 – Laurie Ritchie  
 3 – Roger Wurdemann  
 4 – Doug Warford  
 5 – Erin Pidhorskys  
 9 – Linda Hitchcock  
 12 – Agnes Dalley  
 13 – Gabriella Chantler  
 13 – Emma Chantler  
 15 – Jeff Patterson  
 16 – Eva Pidhorskys  
 16 – David Pidhorskys  
 19 – Matt Bulley  
 21 – Kierstin Yednoroz  
 22 – Stan Goldspink  
 23 – Joyce Durocher  
 24 – Marwan Taqtaq  
 28 – Lauren Wilkinson  
 30 – Melissa Goldspink

### Birthdays

#### October

3 – Ryan Ritchie  
 4 – Virginia Schofield  
 6 – Shirley Cante  
 7 – Paul Allsop  
 8 – John Rossi  
 10 – Frank Geml  
 11 – Meaghan Felet  
 12 – Gabriela Savva  
 14 – Brayden Ritchie  
 17 – Gwen Cowley  
 17 – Margaret Kissau  
 18 – Dalt Snelling  
 19 – Donn Bayne  
 21 – Dennis Bernard  
 25 – Ella Doornaert  
 25 – Hal Sullivan  
 26 – Mary Grace Weir

### Anniversaries

#### September

3 – Anya & Andreas Thiel  
 7 – Glenn & Sharon Ritchie  
 7 – Paul Finlayson & Danielle Richer  
 15 – Jeff & Jane Patterson  
 19 – Ron & Marie Darrach  
 29 – Ted & Ruth Clarke

#### October

9 – Paul & Gwen Allsop  
 13 – Ladd & Florence Ritchie  
 21 – Frank & Jane Stanley  
 27 – Steve & Kim Sussens

#### November

19 – Frank & Joan Geml  
 30 – Bob & Cora Braidford

#### November

1 – Lillian Prodan  
 2 – Patti Weir  
 10 – Ladd Ritchie  
 12 – Susan Trenhaile  
 15 – Audrey Goldspink  
 16 – Robert Weir  
 16 – Jacqui Rene  
 20 – Bob Kissau  
 28 – Julia Rossi



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**New Outreach Ministry at The Huron Lodge** — Recently, the pastoral care team at Huron Lodge asked if St. Matthew's would like to offer periodic services for the residents. After considering this request, our Rector and Deacon offered an enthusiastic 'YES'! As of September, 2014, we will offer a service of Holy Eucharist on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month (11 am), as well as a shorter Service of Praise and Prayer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month (2:15 pm). If you would like to help with this new outreach ministry at Huron Lodge, please speak with Rev'd Andreas or Rev'd Cathy.

**T.N.T.** Reserve the first Friday of the month for our TNT ("Theology 'n Tap") meetings, starting at 6:00 pm, at Cramdon's Restaurant. Some come with their children, some with a partner and some by themselves. Come for dinner or just drinks or just good conversation and friendship!!  
**Our next T.N.T. night will be November 7.** Richard Hucal



## News from the Pews:

We hope to hear  
from you soon!

The whole congregation is invited to contribute to this section with their feedback, announcements and suggestions.

**FORE!!!** The morning of Wed., June 18 was going to be a first in the annals of St. Matthew's sports lore, as a rookie named Andreas Thiel was going to launch his next career as a golfer, and along with teammates Onorio (sweet-stroke) Felet, John (johnnyboy) Rossi and "import" Dr. Kenji Kenno (he of the Faculty of Human Kinetics, U. of Windsor) prepared to attack the links at Seven Lakes Championship course for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Essex Deanery golf tournament as representatives of team St. Matthew's.

Alas, the heavens opened up before play started and the deluge caused the postponement of the tournament to the following Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. As a result, the "rookie" was unable to participate due to a prior commitment (so he said) and we had to search far and wide to find a capable replacement from the ranks of the free agents. Our saviour also came from the ranks of the HK faculty, retired Dean, Dr. Bob Boucher (note: both Kenno and Boucher are South Windsor residents). The team came together and out of a total of approximately 25 foursomes shot a respectable 66 (6 under-par), tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 5 other foursomes. The winning score was 61. The "Play of the Day" was a fantastic almost-hole-in-one by Sweet Stroke Felet (see picture) who placed his tee shot on a lengthy par 3 about 12 inches from the cup.

A memorable day was followed by a lovely dinner at St. Mary's Anglican church hall that evening. Rumours are that Rev'd Andreas will be starting his off-course preparation for next year's event shortly, and will be seeking fellow golfers to join in the fun and camaraderie.



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On May 24, Mary Louise Drake hosted a lovely afternoon tea party and bridal shower in honour of Amy Hucal, daughter of Ann and Richard. She was married to Tom Fuke on July 12, 2014.

**Congratulations!**

**TNT** held a very well attended meeting on September 5.

**Want to join the fun?**  
See the information on p.12 for next meeting.



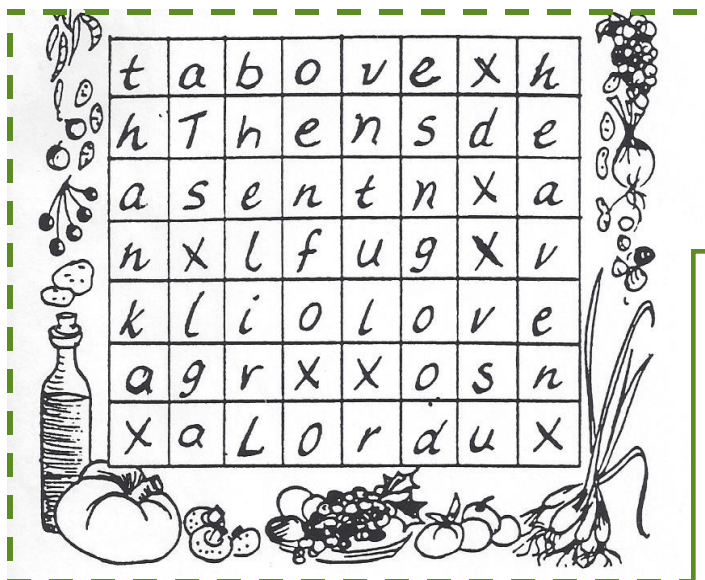
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Thank you to the Rt. Rev'd Jack Peck, for coming back to St. Matthew's on August 10, 2014, during Rev'd Andreas' summer break. Bishop Jack presided at both services and shared a combined fellowship hour with us. The spread was particularly generous. As always, we enjoyed Bishop Jack's inspiring homily and wonderful company.



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**Happy 1st anniversary to "The Journey"!** Thank you all for your contributions, and please keep sending your articles, feedback and other materials to Shirley ([davidcantle@sympatico.ca](mailto:davidcantle@sympatico.ca)) or Irene ([irene.savva@bell.net](mailto:irene.savva@bell.net)) or deposit in the box provided in the Narthex. NOTE: Also let us know of any updates needed in the birthday and anniversary announcements; we apologize for any mistakes or omissions.



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## WORD SEARCH

Find the underlined words from this hymn verse:

"All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above.  
Then, thank the Lord,  
O thank the Lord  
For all His love."

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[essexanglican.awardspace.com/deanery.htm](http://essexanglican.awardspace.com/deanery.htm)

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All year long

8:30 am & 10:00 am

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Every Wednesday

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