

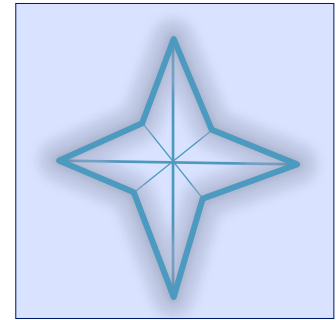


NEWSLETTER OF
ST. MATTHEW'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
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The Journey At St. Matthew's



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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2016

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

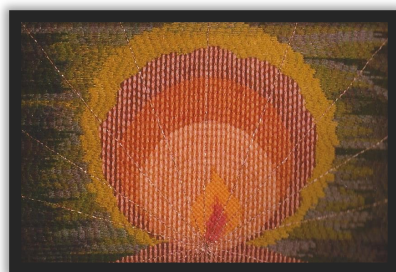
A Message from Our Rector

Waiting... Watching... Hoping.

It takes a great deal of effort to observe the season of Advent (the season begins on Sunday, November 27, and concludes on Christmas), and so I've enlisted the help of our Chancel Guild, asking them to help us move through this special season with careful attention. What does this mean? It means that we will not place any festive wreaths, bows, or poinsettias in the church until the arrival of Christmas. Instead, our focus throughout the 4 weeks of Advent will be on lighting the Advent candles, and on the progressive placing of Chrismons on the green tree. By doing this, we will maintain the age-old understanding of Advent: that it is a special season of *waiting*, and *watching* and *hoping* in anticipation for the time when God will bring redemption to the whole of creation. As we affirm in our liturgy, this will come about when Christ returns, "to judge the living and the dead." In Advent, we hear passages from scripture that urge us to "Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." Also in Advent, we encounter the urgent message of John the Baptist, with his reminder that all should repent in preparation for the One who is to come. And so, Advent is a season that takes seriously the reality of God's judgment – imminent and inevitable – and that through God's judgment, the darkness of the present world will be transformed by the redeeming light of Christ. That's quite a weighty and profound message, and it's a message that requires the full 4 weeks of the season to unfold within us. My hope is that we would all enter the mystery of God's purposes as found in the Advent texts. And when Christmas finally arrives – on the eve of December 25 – we will make our 12-day feast one that bursts with the joy of the season. That will be the fitting time to fill the church and our homes with the Christmas splendour of colour, light, and festive singing.

I wish you all a blessed Advent and joyous Christmastide!

Andreas†



"...The Lord will be your
everlasting light, and your
God will be your glory."

Is. 60:19

Ask the Rector

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

Q: Is there a difference between regular table wine and the wine used for Communion?

A: The short answer to this is “probably not,” as long as the wine in question is unadulterated. As with other liturgical questions, we look to the Book of Common Prayer for guidance. There we read that for every service of Holy Communion, “The Bread shall be the best and purest wheat bread... and the Wine pure grape wine, with which a little water may be mingled.” In producing both sacramental bread and wine, the emphasis is on the word ‘pure,’ meaning the absence of any additives. As for wine, the BCP is clear that this should be the wine of grapes (as opposed to fruit wine). Wine of any colour may be used; indeed, some churches are known to use white wine, which makes cleaning the communion linens easier. Obviously though, the colour red is a powerful symbol of Christ’s blood.

Stay tuned for other fascinating questions and answers! *Andreast*

From Our Chancel Guild

Speaking of wine for Communion:

It is possible for parishioners to offer wine with a dedication, just as we do with the flowers. See Margaret Kissau for details.

The Christmas flower envelopes are in the pews. Please fill it out with your dedication and name(s) and return with your offering to Gwen Allsop **by December 11** (cash only please.)

Everyone is invited to help us set up the flower display and other Christmas decorations on **December 18** after the 10 am service.

Thank you!



Photo by Gordon Drake (Dec. 2015)



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Gordon Drake (2015)

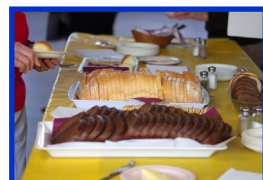


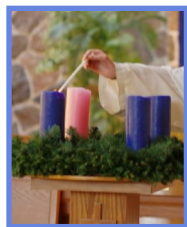
Advent Soup Luncheons

Every Sunday in Advent,
after the 10:00 am service,
in the church hall

Free will offering All proceeds go to the Ministry of
The Council of the North

*Come and enjoy delicious donated homemade soups and breads,
and the best fellowship!*





Special Services this Season



First Sunday in Advent - Nov 27

- Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Second Sunday in Advent - Dec 4

- Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Third Sunday in Advent - Dec 11

- Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Fourth Sunday in Advent - Dec 18

- Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(Advent Pageant at the 10:00 am service)

Christmas Eve - Saturday, Dec 24

- 7:00 pm Eucharist service

Christmas Day - Sunday, Dec 25

- 10:00 am service only

Second Sunday of Christmas - Jan 1

- 8:30 and 10:00 am services

Photography by Gordon Drake and Paul Finlayson (Advent 2015)

**We hope you and your
family have
a wondrous Christmas
this holiday season**

From Our Parish Council

As per the June 26 special Vestry meeting, a used Rodgers Trillium 798 organ was acquired at a cost of \$41,950 (delivery and installation included.) The second of three installments has been made, and the final payment of \$14,950 is expected to be made shortly. To date **\$28,374.82** has been donated or pledged. It appears that we may be required to access \$8,000 of the approved Diocesan loan of \$28,000.

The RENEW project (our church renovations) is now complete. Flooring issues have now been resolved and the final installment of approximately **\$10,000** has been paid. Thanks to all who generously contributed as we couldn't have done it without you.

We celebrated our "renewed" worship space with a visit from our beloved Bishop Jack Peck on October 30. We also commemorated Rev. Cathy's 20th year anniversary of ordination to the diaconate. A luncheon was served after the service with 81 attending.

On November 12 we held our annual Christmas Craft and Food Market which brought in \$8,584 to date. More funds are expected from the sale of additional crafts and meat pies.

Financially, our expenses continue to be higher than donations received. As of September 30, we have a year to date shortfall of \$13,546 but are confident that that we will overcome this deficit by year end. Following the great success of the Christmas Craft and Food Market, we are close to a balanced budget. We continue to pay our entire apportionment each month.

T.N.T. Reserve the first Friday of the month for our TNT ("Theology 'n Tap") meetings, starting at 6:00pm, 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!!

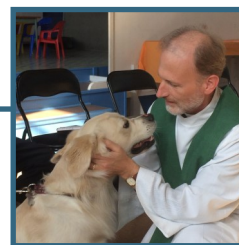
Richard Hucal

Our next T.N.T. night will be December 2, 2016.

A Service of Blessing of the Animals

October 2, 2016

Text and Photography by Sandra Hall



Our second annual Blessing of the Animals was a success!

Several cats and plenty of dogs came to St Matthew's Parish Hall to be doubly blessed by the Glenwood United minister Rev. Dr. Catherine Collins-Barker and our own Rev. Andreas Thiel. Each cherished critter seemed to appreciate the attention. For all the tender and loving care that our fur-kids give to us, it was a rewarding way for the caretakers of the quadrupeds to be able to bring them for individual blessings from our benevolent ministers!!

News from Our Diocese

Saturday, November 26 – The Welcome and Seating of the Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls as the 13th Bishop of Huron was held in our London cathedral.

Wednesday, December 7 – Bishop's Friends Essex Christmas Dinner

To support the "Empowered Leadership" fund
Macedonian Centre, 5225 Howard Avenue
Ticket choices: (Sponsorships welcomed!)
\$ 50.00 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00 pm
\$100.00 dinner plus reception at 5:30 pm
Also: Christmas carols, auction and great fun!
Questions and tickets: Please see Rev'd Andreas

Sunday, January 29, 2017 - St. Matthew's church
The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls will join us for worship at a combined 10:00 am service!
More details coming soon.

News from Our Deanery

ACW Essex Deanery Tea — Four ladies from our parish recently enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea at Christ church Amherstburg. On a beautiful day for a drive in the county, Margaret Jamison, Dorothy Knappett, Helen Cahill and Joan Mallender attended the Anglican Church Women's tea. This annual event featured fancy sandwiches, homemade dessert squares and of course tea, served by the minister of Christ Church, no less. This annual tea is Margaret's source for the Anglican Church calendars (see below). Margaret was pleased to report that a great day was had by all and a lovely drive home, kindly chauffeured by Joan, was a great way to finish off the afternoon of fellowship and refreshments.

Text by Sue Bernard


Anglican Church Calendars: \$6.00 ea.
available from Margaret Jamison ((519)969-7584

Have you joined our e-mail communication list? It is the fastest and most environmentally friendly way to receive communications from our clergy. Enroll at saintmatthewswindsor@gmail.com

Do you receive "The Journey" by e-mail? You could get your newsletter in PDF in full colour by joining the e-mail distribution list. Request your subscription at irene.savva3691@gmail.com

Also, check out these websites and stay connected at all levels of Anglicanism:

St. Matthew's Church
Deanery of Essex
Diocese of Huron (**All New!**)
Anglican Church of Canada
Primate's World Relief

saintmatthewswindsor.ca 
essexdeanery.com
diohuron.org
Anglican.ca

ALSO: www.anglicansonline.org

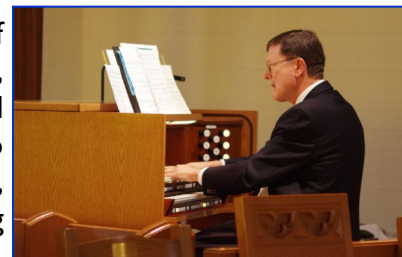
An interesting website featuring links to various other Anglican sites around the world.

and Development Fund (PWRDF) pwrdf.org and Fredsays.ca

Inaugural Organ Recital

October 23, 2016 By Anya Laurence-Thiel

Sunday, October 23, was a day to remember in the musical life of St. Matthew's Anglican Church. Our Pastoral Musician, Michael Ricketts, planned a program that was perfect in length and content, and showed him in a new light...that of concert organist. We are so accustomed to hearing Michael play the hymns and accompany the anthems each Sunday, that we need to be reminded now and then that we have real performing talent in this church.



Beginning with a Sonata by Felix Mendelssohn, which showed his technical mastery of the new Rodgers Trillium 798 organ, he also played a Partita on *Now Thank We All Our God* by the contemporary American composer Charles Callahan. Both works were outstanding music to include in this Inaugural Organ Recital. Ricketts's last two pieces were both by French composers, the first a set of variations by Denis Bédard who was born in 1950, and the second by Marcel Dupré, a nineteenth-century composer. This final work utilized the beautiful chimes which are a special feature of the new instrument.

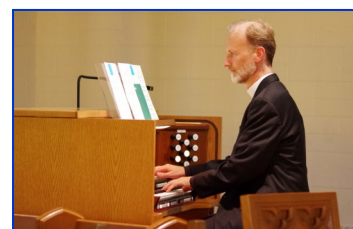


The choir performed two anthems, which were notable for lovely choral shading and excellent diction.

The Women's Quintet also contributed their talent to the program with two works by contemporary composers.



The Rev'd Andreas Thiel also made an appearance wearing a different hat. His three solos were well received and the second, a quirky Serenade by Derek Bourgeois, was quite humorous.



Thank you, Michael, for planning and executing such a diverse and enjoyable concert. We are fortunate to have you as our Pastoral Musician and hope that you will be with us for many years to come!

Photography by Gordon Drake

Organ Fund Update

Organ Fund as of November 13, 2016

Total amount payable by church	\$ 41,950.00	
Funds received to date (receipted)	\$ 24,554.97	
Funds received to date (general)	\$ 1,414.85	
Pledged/Committed	\$ 2,405.00	
-Total Received/Committed	\$ (28,374.82)	67.64% of total
Endowment Funds committed	\$ 5,000.00	
Rebateable portion of HST	\$ 4,102.19	
-Total	\$ (9,102.19)	

Amount remaining to raise: \$ 4,472.99

We are almost there!

Organ Fund offering envelopes available in the narthex

A Service of Celebration October 30, 2016

Text by Irene Savva

Photography by Gordon Drake



With the completion of the church renovations, and the addition of our beautiful Rodgers organ, we had three reasons to be grateful and celebrate when the Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick's 20th anniversary of ordination to the diaconate came around on September 26. The trifold Service of Celebration took place on Sunday, October 30, with a combined service at 10:00 am that brought the entire St. Matthew's family together.



We were fortunate to have the Rt. Rev'd Jack Peck as guest homilist; our dear Bishop Jack admitted he hadn't been in that role for a while but, as he pointed out, "it must be like riding a bike," for he delivered another one of his inspiring homilies, focusing on the many reasons to be grateful on that day, as well as being aware of the blessings in and of each day. He also presided over the Celebration of Blessings for our renewed building and new organ, and the Episcopal blessing at the end of the service.



Our Sunday school had prepared a special song in honour of Rev'd Cathy; with a little help from the congregation, the words of "Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia, praise ye the Lord" bounced back and forth from side to side of the nave.

After the service, the Cramdon's crew was waiting in the hall, all set for a fully catered lunch.



After the delicious meal, we were served cake with coffee and tea; Rev'd Andreas acknowledged Rev'd Cathy's remarkable ministry, presenting her with a token of appreciation from her church family. She thanked everyone, commenting on the joys and tribulations that are part of a deacon's ministry, and that everything comes together as long as we remember that as with any family, it is not always easy to get along, we might disagree, but we must always respect and love each other.

And last but -as always- not least, Rev'd Andreas introduced our "resident troubadour" John Rossi; John spotted a member of the audience who "just happened" to know the song to be performed in honour of **The Deacon**.



Happy Anniversary, dear Cathy!

Song lyrics on next page...

Rev'd Cathy's Corner

Outreach Ministry

Marlborough Breakfast: Thank-you to all who saved their coins over the summer and who enjoyed the lunch/breakfast in October. We raised \$2100 which will help to purchase the food to feed 50 to 60 kids "grilled cheese" a very popular item on the menu. We are also feeding a small class of special needs children. Two fine griddles have been donated as well. God is good. So are the 26 parish angels that cook for the programme.

Food for the Hungry: Thanks to the McAdams and Davis/Wurdermans for delivering food to the food banks at Downtown Mission and Welcome Home Centre in the past six months. The food we are gathering now is going to Windsor Homes Coalition food bank.

Prison Ministry: Backpacks were delivered in Oct. and more will be put together after Christmas; the knitting groups at Church of the Ascension and St. Andrew's LaSalle are knitting scarves for the backpacks. The Angel Tree Christmas programme is up and running; we have pledged through individuals 23 gifts for the children of inmates. We let Prison Fellowship Canada know how many we are able to purchase and deliver; Rev Randy Dyer, the chaplain, takes applications from the inmates at our Detention Centre and then matches us up and lets us know sex, age, and inmate's wish for the child. We are at the top of the list according to the conversation I had with the co-ordinator this week.

Our Deacon's Stoles: Advent

This stole was designed and created for me by Elizabeth Taylor of London, Ontario, shortly after my ordination. It was the second deacon's stole that she had done. The colours are done from dark to light and from bottom to the top. The front of the stole has the star that the wise men followed on their journey to the Christ child. The bottoms of the stole show the four Advent candles which represents the four Sundays of Advent. I particularly like the way that the candles have been burning so they are in a line. Blue is the colour of the Advent Season of the church and is used to distinguish this season from the purple colour for Lent.

Photos on this page
by Gordon Drake

A Service of Celebration cont...

THE DEACON (TO THE TUNE " THAT'S AMORE ")

Lyrics by John Rossi. Interpreted *a cappella* by John Rossi and Robert Weir

THERE'S A CHURCH DOWN THE STREET WHERE THE ANGLICANS MEET
CALLED ST. MATTHEW'S

WHERE THE DEACON'S BEEN STUCK FOR 2 DECADES WITH ONLY 2 PASTORS.

MARRIED TO A PROFESSOR WHO WITH THE CHOIR SANG AS A CANTOR CAN VERY HEAVENLY,
WONDERING IF, WILL ANDREAS LET HER ADDRESS THE FLOCK WITH A SERMON NEXT SUNDAY.

WHO AT MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL WON'T SERVE PASTA FAZOOOL— IT'S THE DEACON
AT COMMUNION TIME, WHO IS POURING THE WINE— YUP, THE DEACON
IF SOME CROOK NEEDS A BOOK, OR A CARD THAT SAYS YOU'RE LOVED BY SOMEONE,
SHE'LL ENLIST SUNDAY SCHOOL WHO WILL ALWAYS COME THROUGH FOR THE DEACON.

WHO WALKS RIGHT DOWN THE AISLE, EVERY SUNDAY AND READS FROM THE GOSPELS —IT'S THE DEACON
AND WHO'S ALWAYS IN CHARGE MAKING THE TURKEY PIES—IT'S THE DEACON.
BUT YOU BETTER BEWARE, IF YOU MIX THE TOURTIÈRE INAPPROPRIATELY,
YOU'LL BE BANISHED AT ONCE FROM THE KITCHEN – BY WHOM? —YES, THE DEACON.

CATHY DEAR DON'T YOU FEAR, YOU ARE LOVED BY ALL HERE AT ST. MATTHEW'S
YOUR HARD WORK DAY AND NIGHT, SHOWS A PASSION THAT'S ROOTED IN LOVE.
BUT ONE WORRY WE HAVE, WITH ALL THAT HAS BEEN SAID HERE THIS MORNING,
MIGHT ANDREAS JUST THINK, "WHO'S IN CHARGE ?" IS IT ME OR THE DEACON ? THE DEACON ...THE DEACON



This Little Light of Mine

YOUTH @ ST. M'S



What a treat was our Halloween can drive and party on October 29! Children of all ages enjoyed games, such as (counter clockwise): **ladybug toss**, **mystery boxes**, **chopstick apples**, **cookie/cupcake decorating**, **mummy wrapping**, **hand-free donut eating**, and **pin the tail on the cat**. Colouring, face painting and snacks were also enjoyed.



There were monkeys, cats and the occasional farm animals; witches and warlocks; movie and book characters; sports celebrities, royalty, a beautiful geisha (winner of the costume contest), as well as a few "eccentric" characters; a British communications expert (a.k.a., red phone box) and -after all the candy and treats- Ms. toothpaste came to the rescue.

Thank you to all who participated and donated canned goods. And special thanks to: Jen McAlpine (organizer, kitty and Sunday School Coordinator), all the activity station volunteers, and to the providers of baked goods, treats and supplies for this memorable event!



Text by Irene Savva; photography by Bob Braidford, Irene Savva and Doug Warford

Youth @ St. M's cont...

MENU

Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Chocolate Milk
Fresh Fruit



Lunch Fundraiser

A very successful fundraising lunch was served on October 23 to support our outreach at Marlborough school.

During coffee hour, the Sunday School recreated the menu served to Marlborough students and it was enjoyed by many.

Grilled cheese sandwiches, chocolate milk and grapes were served, with free will donations adding to **\$370.00**.

Thank you to all those who prepared the lunch and to the parishioners who generously donated.

The money raised will go a long way in helping to fill hungry students each Monday morning at Marlborough school!



Text by Sue Bernard; Photography by Gordon Drake

Announcements from Cynthia Connell, Deanery of Essex Youth Coordinator

Servers' Day All Ages Event

Saturday, December 3, 2016 – 10am-2pm
St. Matthew's Church, 1600 Norfolk St.



fellowship

worship

speakers

Work shops



Pre-registration requested
Lunch provided

Deanery Family Bowling Event

Jan. 8, 2017 2pm
Rose Bowl
Lanes
2482 Dougall Ave.

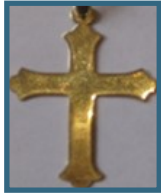
Photographs from St. Matthew's Archives

RSVP to Cynthia ASAP for both events:
youth.committee@essexdeanery.com
519-981-9603 (text or call)

The Cross in Christianity PART V: The Cross Today

Why I Wear a Cross

By Doug Warford

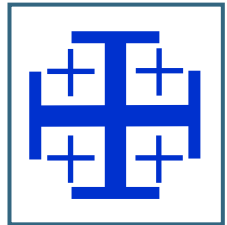


I was walking through the mall the other day when I noticed the newest and greatest thing in jewelry: stainless steel. The jewelry came in every shape and design you can imagine. In particular, I noticed several rows of crosses in many different types of designs, from traditional plain crosses, crucifixes, and Celtic crosses to some that even looked like lethal weapons. Fingering my own cross (photo left), I wondered why crosses had become so popular and why so many people were wearing them.

At that point, the young sales clerk came up, and inquired if I was interested in buying anything. I asked her if she sold many crosses and she replied that she did and that they were indeed becoming very popular. As I moved on, I looked around and it seemed to me there had been a resurgence in the popularity of crosses and that almost everyone, young or old was wearing one.

I encountered another display of crosses at my next stop; only these were a bit more expensive. Again, I was told that they were very popular and that people liked a variety. It seemed everywhere I went I came across a display of crosses.

I googled "crosses" when I got home, and was met with such a variety of styles, it was hard to imagine that the basic shape I know as a cross could be represented in so many different forms. It left me totally confused as to the true meaning of the cross as I understood it. The Jerusalem Cross, for example (see right), represents the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; the five wounds of Christ; the Old and New Testament teachings; and Christianity itself, as depicted by the large cross in the centre. This large cross also represents Christ.



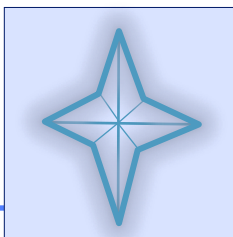
I asked some people why they wore a cross. I received many answers such as: "It was my grandmother's" and "I wear it as a keepsake", "it's a family heirloom", "my friend gave it to me", "I just like it", and, of course, "I wear it as a symbol of my faith". I'm sure there were other answers which I was not given, but I feel sure that not all crosses that are worn indicate a religious intention. I once asked a student from another country why she was wearing a cross, and quite openly she replied, "I am a Christian and very proud to be one. It is difficult to be a Christian in my country so I wear my cross with pride." Sometimes what we take for granted in our country is not that easy for those who live in other countries of the world. The cross to me is a symbol of my faith, a physical symbol of what one person did to save others.

Christ died a horrible death on the cross, but in that death he gave us the chance of life, of eternal life. I wear mine simply as a reminder of this.

Crosses at St. Matthew's PART V: Where are they?

By Sue Bernard

Cross Scavenger Hunt and Photo Contest



The Journey editors along with the Sunday School leaders are proposing a cross "scavenger hunt" for all the crosses that appear somewhere within the church and on the church property. All the children are invited to look for as many pictures of crosses, actual crosses and or representations of the cross here at St. Matthew's. Once found, they can either record the cross with a photo or a list with the location of the crosses. The contest will be ongoing throughout Advent and Lent with a wrap up at Easter. We are looking for the highest number of crosses found, and we will pick a winning photo (for originality, composition, etc.; guardians may help.)

Stay tuned for more details and happy hunting!

Front page: The Star Cross is a four pointed star marked with a cross inside; also called the *Natal Star* or *Star of Bethlehem*, it represents the Advent of our Lord, as well as his sacrifice for us. Reference: www.religionfacts.com/four-point-star



Christmas Craft & Food Market November 12



Featuring: unique crafts, children's room, homemade preserves and baked goods, savoury pies, sweet tooth table and lunch counter, plus lots of smiles and fellowship! Around \$7,000 were raised on that day; further sales and Sunday lunch brought the profit to \$8,584. More sales still on going. **Well done, St. Matthew's!**



Photography by
Paul Finlayson

Celebrating this season:

Birthdays

December

12 – Ed Carey
14 – Carol Bulley
14 – Patti Paraschak
16 – Andy Hahn
21 – Linda Boyd
22 – Sarah Henderson
27 – Helen Cahill
28 – Cory Yednoroz

January

3 – Miranda Canty
10 – Linda McDonald
11 – Myrna Atkinson
13 – Sabrina Weir
15 – Jessica Hitchcock
18 – Mary Davis
18 – Jennifer Hitchcock
27 – Max Hahn
28 – Sophia Savva
29 – Nicole McCabe
30 – Ella Hahn
31 – Erica Rossi

February

1 – Ann Hucal
1 – Kim MacKendrick
6 – Isabella Chantler
6 – Jennifer Goldspink
8 – Darren Bernard
12 – Mark Bernard
13 – Alan Dalley
14 – Anya Laurence-Thiel
18 – Nadia Taqtaq
22 – Elissa Weir
25 – Edwin Levergood
26 – Neil Cowley
27 – Stephania Allsop
28 – Dorothy Knappett

Anniversaries

December

21 – Scott & Laurie Ritchie

February

15 – John & Dianna Iannicello

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday December 7, 2016; Reception 5:30 pm, dinner 6:30 pm. – Bishop's Friends Essex Christmas Dinner-Macedonian Centre, 5225 Howard Ave. (see p. 4 and Rev'd Andreas for details and tickets.)

Saturday December 17, 2016 .– Our **St. Matthew's Christmas Social** will be held at the home of Ann and Richard Hucal. Please come and join in the Christmas festivities. Bring a nibbly or a dessert.

Sunday January 1, 2017; after the 10 am service. – Anya and Andreas Thiel will be hosting the 4th Annual New Year's Day Open House, in the church hall.

Sunday January 29, 2017; 10 am service. – Bishop Linda's visit (see page 4 for details)

Tuesday February 28, 2017.– Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Mark your calendar to volunteer and invite friends to a delicious meal at St. Matthew's. More details to come.

Wednesday March 1, 2017; 7:00 PM.– Ash Wednesday: Holy Eucharist with the imposition of ashes.

Needlework Kneelers of St. Matthew's in this issue:

Front Page: BAPTISM— The shell, water and flame are the elements used in Baptism. The Christian lets the light shine forth in the world. "I started out to make a "pearly" shell, trying to show in colour and stitches the soft, silky sheen of the pearl, but I did not seem able to develop this idea into a picture. Instead, the picture turned into a graphic line design which seemed to work out on its own." Created and given by Margaret Haller as a thank-offering.

Page 14: THE CHRISTMAS KNEELERS— Three kneelers were done as a family project by Dalton & Margaret Snelling, and daughter Linda Hitchcock. Dalton designed each of them, using Christmas cards for inspiration. In this issue: **The Wise Men** kneeler, stitched by Margaret; made with love and dedicated to St. Matthew's in memory of family loved ones.

Please remember Hiatus House this season

In addition to toiletries, diapers and non-perishable food, donations of hats, socks, mitts, and books (including colouring books) for the children would be greatly appreciated for our next visit to Hiatus House.

Thank you for your support, Don and Pauline Patterson

**Remember your gifts
to Our Food Cupboard
and The South West
Detention Centre**

News from the Pews:

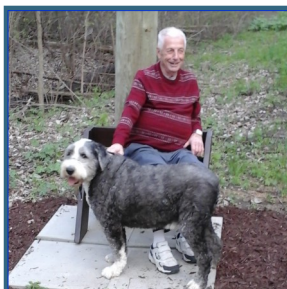
We hope to hear
from you soon!



On October 9, 2016, the Hahn family shared a very special day at St. Matthew's: the celebration of baptism of **Benjamin Marcus Hahn**. **WELCOME, LITTLE ONE!**



Homemade treats and great fellowship were enjoyed in the church hall, following our **Inaugural Organ Recital**, on October 23.



This photo from
Margaret Kissau

On November 20, we celebrated our dear parishioner Robert Kissau on occasion of his 80th birthday.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
BOB!**

All our blessings and best wishes to the Atkinson family; may they find happiness in their new home in B.C.

FROM THE ATKINSON FAMILY:

Although we have been at St. Matthew's for just over two years, and we have been to many churches through the years, there are none that can compare to St. Matthew's. We have never been in a friendlier, more caring and welcoming church.

This is making it very difficult for us to move away from the community. Our hearts will remain forever connected to this church family, even when we are unable to be here in person.

In Christ's love, Myrna and Wally Atkinson

Photography by Gordon Drake

Thank you all for your contributions, please keep sending them to Sue Bernard and Irene Savva at irene.savva3691@gmail.com or deposit in the box provided in the narthex. Also let us know of any updates needed on the birthday and anniversary page; **we apologize for any mistakes or omissions.**

Advent Pageant, 4th Sunday in Advent

And so it begins: Christmas decorations are going up everywhere and the commercial race to the holidays is upon us. This year, St. Matthew's is planning a more contemplative Advent season, saving Christmas celebrations for Christmas proper, and this includes making the pageant just a bit different:

The pageant this year will be on **Dec. 18, the 4th Sunday in Advent, during the 10:00 am service**, and will focus on the events leading up to, but not including, the birth of Jesus. We are planning a minimum of rehearsals, just one or two run-throughs, probably after a Sunday service. **If you are interested in having your children participate in the pageant, then contacting Rev. Andreas or Mary Grace Weir will allow us to plan better.** However, we will also be happy to accommodate any children who come on the day without prior notice.

Come join us!

Mary Grace Weir

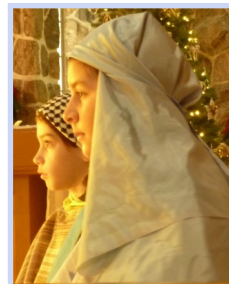


Photo by
Paul Finlayson (2015)

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on Earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." Luke 2:13-14



Photo by Paul Finlayson (Dec. 2015)

The Feast of Epiphany - January 6, The Twelfth Day of Christmas

"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,..." Matthew 2:1

An epiphany is "a moment in which one suddenly sees or understands something in a new or very clear way" and, for us Christians, it is the revelation of Jesus as God's son in human form, through the visit of the Magi. The Feast of Epiphany, observed on January 6, also marks the last of the twelve days of the Christmas season.

Sources: Merriam-Webster.com; anglican.ca/churchmice/resources



Everybody is Welcome!

Sunday Services:

8:30 am & 10:00 am

Sunday school at the 10:00 am service.

Services at Huron Lodge:

Holy Eucharist:

1st Tuesday of the month 11:00 am

Praise & Prayer:

3rd Sunday of the month 2:00 pm

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