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ST. MATTHEW'S
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The Journey

At St. Matthew's

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LENT 2018

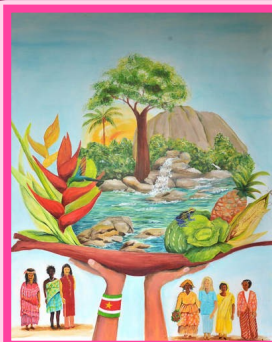
"We are called to share God's love as we welcome and care for our community"



A Message from Our Rector

When did you last have a spiritual "tune-up"? With the season of Lent being upon us, this is an ideal time for us to give that question some consideration. First of all though, you might be wondering: "What exactly is a spiritual tune-up?" Although the term "tune-up" – when used to refer to cars – is a bit antiquated, not so long ago it referred to all those manual adjustments that would help the engine run better and more efficiently. In short, a tune-up would keep your car in good condition. And so it is with spiritual tune-ups. Lent reminds us that there are age-old practices that are designed to maintain and even promote our spiritual well-being. The classic practices are: prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Each of these areas is open to being re-interpreted in every age. For instance, is there a form of praying that you could introduce into your daily routine throughout Lent, such as praying the Office of Compline (found in the Book of Common Prayer), before turning in for the night? Or is there a cause that you might support a little more generously throughout Lent, such as a specific ministry, or a charity that is in keeping with your faith? Is there a food or substance or behaviour that has a claim over you, and might you look for ways of fasting from such things during Lent? Whatever the case might be, each of these practices are ways for us to institute a spiritual tune-up; to re-establish our life priorities and ground ourselves more fully in God's life-giving and life-enhancing presence. I invite you to come to St. Matthew's on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am during Lent, when we will gather for an informal time of discussion (using the video series, 'Thy Kingdom Come') and ending with a short service of Holy Eucharist. Perhaps you'll consider meeting in our choir room on Sundays, following the 10:00 am service. We'll engage with a print resource (prepared by our Diocese), titled 'Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John.' Those are just a couple of ways of stepping into the holy season of Lent in an intentional manner, always with the expectation that God is ready to meet us whenever we "seek the Lord with all our heart." My prayer is that each of you will find the coming weeks to be a time of richness. **Let's be on the lookout for all the ways we can become more "in tune" with our awesome God.**

Andreas



World Day of Prayer

At St. Matthew's

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Summary of Vestry Meeting February 4, 2018

Following a generous lunch provided by our Parish Council, the St. Matthew's Vestry Meeting was called to order by our rector; opening prayer and signing-in took place, with Beth Felet as vestry clerk. We remembered our dear parishioners: Frank Stanley, Gwen Cowley, Dalton Snelling, Hal Sullivan, and Betty Small, who passed away in 2017.

After approval of the minutes of our last Vestry meeting, and one Special Vestry meeting, a letter from our bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Linda Nicholls, addressed to the churches of our diocese, was read in full.

The following is a message from our wardens, and their summary of items at Vestry:

The year 2017 was a period of excitement and new challenges for the Parish Church of St. Matthew as we carry out our mission statement "We are called to share God's love as we welcome and care for our community." **Apportionment:** Our entire apportionment was paid for 2017. **Finances:** We have accomplished much during the past year, and ended with a small surplus of \$1,568, after a total of \$157,546 in expenses.

The budget for 2018 was presented and moved by Jane Patterson. Total expenses are about the same, including \$6008 in loan repayments for the roof. Thanks to both Jane and Beth Felet for their work on keeping our finances straight. **Cookbook:** Our brilliant cookbook has attracted many buyers since its launch on Easter Sunday; **they are still available** as wonderful gifts, and for your own gourmet kitchen. **Roof:** The cost for doing the flat portion of

the roof (excluding the Church Hall) and north side of the shingled main roof will be around \$75,000. We have received a rich trove of fund-raising ideas; thanks to our fund-raising committee Jane Patterson, Mary Grace Weir and Janis Fantinic for their great job. There are also envelopes for donations, in the narthex. Our building renovation fund currently has \$15,765.40. The goal is achievable, and when done it will assure the continued viability of St. Matthew's Church for decades to come. **Property:** With Onorio Felet's regular vigilance we are keeping on top of things, but he needs our help. Please let us know if you are interested in joining **the maintenance committee**. **Outreach:** PWRDF, Council of the North, King Fisher Lake, and our many other initiatives were a priority, as reported throughout the year by Parish Council and our deacon. During a Council meeting, a motion was approved to allow Canterbury Elder College to make occasional use of the Church Hall for the courses that it runs for seniors over the age of 55, with nominal fees, and taught entirely by volunteers. In this way, people are brought into the Church, and St. Matthew's contributes to the broader Anglican Community. **Mission & Ministry Plan:** (please see below).

In summary, St. Matthew's continues its tradition of providing a warm and friendly parish family, rich in fellowship and the Christian spirit. The annual talent show in January, pancake dinner for Shrove Tuesday, soup lunches during Lent and Advent, and weekly coffee hours after the Sunday morning service are prime examples of the fellowship we share. These complement the weekly celebrations of the Eucharist featuring inspirational sermons by our Rector, the Rev'd Andreas Thiel, and excellent music provided by our enthusiastic choir and Music Director Mike Ricketts. Many thanks to our deacon, the Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick, and all those who serve on the Parish Council and various committees. Thanks to all who contribute their time and energy to the life of the Parish Church of St. Matthew.

Your Wardens, Janet Williams and Gordon Drake February 4, 2018

The nominating committee report was approved for Parish Council 2018, with half the members nominated, the rest appointed by our rector, as required by our canons; Rev'd Andreas and Rev'd Cathy are ex-officio members; Jane Patterson and Beth Felet continue as treasurer and envelope secretary, respectively; Margaret Kissau joined as Lay delegate to Synod, with a vacancy for the alternate. The meeting concluded with expressions of thanks, list of upcoming meetings, followed by prayer and the motion to adjourn. (For exact figures and full reports, check **the vestry report package**, available on our website saintmatthewswindsor.ca, under [news/bulletins](#) tab.)

Mission and Ministry Plan for St. Matthew's

Our Bishop Linda Nicholls has challenged all parishes in our diocese to think creatively about their future as they assemble a Mission and Ministry Plan for the five-year period 2018-2022. This is an important opportunity to identify a way forward for our parish, to identify a mission purpose, and to create concrete goals to support that purpose. Thanks to the efforts of our Mission and Ministry Task Force, with opportunities from the whole congregation for review, we completed the template that provided an overall structure for the planning activities.

The results are summarized in the very useful document "Mission & Ministry Plan for St. Matthew's Anglican Church" prepared by our Rector Andreas Thiel, which can be reviewed in full in our vestry package. It covers aspects of the five marks of mission: Evangelism, Discipling, Service, Transforming Society, and Safeguarding and Renewing the Earth. Thanks to Mike Herrington, Alisa Yednoroz, Ginny and Bill McAdam, Rev'd. Cathy MacKendrick, and Chair Rev'd. Andreas Thiel for their service on the Mission and Ministry Task Force. The document was adopted at Vestry meeting, and will be submitted to the Diocese by March 2018. **Stay tuned for all the exciting initiatives throughout 2018 (e.g. Lenten series, next page).**

Everybody is welcome to attend our Parish Council meetings, usually on the **third Wednesday** of the month, at 7:30 PM, in the choir room. **Next Meeting: February 21**

Special Services this Season



Ash Wednesday February 14 at 7:30 pm
Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday Lenten Season Services of Holy Eucharist
 February 21, and 28; and March 7, 14 and 21 (see below)

Palm Sunday March 25 at 8:30 am and 10:00 am

The Triduum

Maundy Thursday March 29 at 7:30 PM

Good Friday March 30 at 12 Noon

Saturday Easter Vigil March 31 at 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1 at 8:30 am and 10:00 am



Photography by Gordon Drake

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON

Video Discussion Series "Thy Kingdom Come"

Wednesdays: February 21, and 28; and March 7, 14 and 21. Beginning at **11:00 am** and concluding with a short service of **Holy Eucharist**.

Lenten Series

"Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John"

Sundays: February 18, and 25; and March 4, 11, 18 and 25. **Following the 10:00 am service** Share in meaningful reflections & conversation.

World Day of Prayer

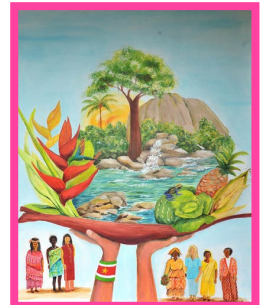
is "a global ecumenical (that is, bringing together different Christian denominations) movement led by Christian women who welcome all



to join in prayer and action for peace and justice on every first Friday of March and throughout the year" (from: worlddayofprayer.net).

Each year, the service is written by women from a different country, highlighting issues of justice that are of importance especially to women and children.

This year, St. Matthew's is hosting the service for churches in our region, with participation of a number of other local parishes, using the service written by women of Suriname. The theme is **"All God's Creation is Very Good."** The women of Suriname emphasize that we are all caretakers of God's creation. Through the prayers and presentations in the service, we will learn about the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation especially on the poor and marginalized, using the situation in Suriname and other areas in the Amazon rainforest region as an example.



Offerings collected during the service go towards grants to projects that empower women and children around the world, adding a dimension of action to the prayers. In fact, the World Day of Prayer motto is "informed prayer and prayerful action," so we will also be asked to think of ways in which our own country and people living in it are impacted by concerns of climate and environment, and to put our prayers into action for protecting and nurturing the environment in our own ways and places. If you would like more information about the World Day of Prayer, you can find it at the following websites:

WDP International: worlddayofprayer.net

Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada: wicc.org

If you would like to experience World Day of Prayer, please join us at St. Matthew's on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 1:30 pm. To volunteer as reader, greeter, or to help out in the kitchen, contact our deacon, the Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Text by Mary Grace Weir.
 WDP logo, and program cover art
 "The Divine Gift"
 from worlddayofprayer.net

Our Anglican World



SAFE CHURCH Diocese of Huron: Our Vision, Our Mission

Our diocese is committed to provide a safe environment for all people in every aspect of our life together – worship, education, all events and employment.

Clear policies have been established for volunteers, staff and clergy, which outline expectations, boundaries and accountability:

- Our Sacred Trust – Children and Youth Ministry Manual
- Anti-harassment and Anti-bullying Policy
- Harassment Complaint Form
- Canon 40 – Screening in Faith
- Safe Church Guidelines
- Volunteer Ministry Descriptions
- Safe Church Tri-fold Brochure (legal-size PDF)
- Waiver for Groups – safe church compliance agreement for outside groups (MS Word)
- Key Holder Agreement (MS Word)
- Suspected Abuse Notification Requirements
- Safe Church Online Training (with thanks to Rev'd Rob Lemon, Regional Dean of Essex)

All these documents are available for consultation and downloading at

<https://diohuron.org/safechurch/>

CONTACTS TO REPORT SAFE CHURCH CONCERNS

At St. Matthew's Church: our church wardens (Gordon Drake and Janet Williams), our rector (The Rev'd Andreas Thiel) or our Safe Church Coordinator (The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick)

At the Deanery of Essex: our Archdeacon (The Venerable Jane Humphreys)

Diocese of Huron Reporting:

Weekdays (9am to 5pm)

1-519-434-6893 or 1-800-919-1115 Ext. 230 or 226

Weekends & Evenings

1-519-671-4504

By Email

sacredtrusthuron@gmail.com



On December 3, 2017, some of our St. Matthew's parishioners participated in the **Christmas Concert and Sing-along** at **St. James' Church** (4276 Roseland Dr. E), which was a big success. Free-will donations at the event went to support the Food Cupboard at St. Mary's Church.



"January 20, 2018 will be marked in the history of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil (IEAB) as the day of election of its first female bishop. The election occurred in the second session of the Council of the Anglican Diocese of Amazonia ... [our sister Diocese in Brazil; the **Reverend Canon Marinez R. Santos Bassotto** was elected in the first ballot.]

The election occurred with the participation of parish laity delegates and also of the resident clergy, making it possible to choose someone whose profile would serve the people ..." Text and photo from diohuron.org

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Windsor Symphony Orchestra at St. Matthew's

St. Matthew's Church and St. James' Church,
proudly present a

Neighbourhood Concert

Featuring a 14-piece string ensemble from the Windsor Symphony Orchestra,
with a violin soloist, and led by WSO Associate Conductor Peter Wiebe

Saturday March 24, 2018 at 2:00 pm

St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 1600 Norfolk St.

General Admission: \$20.00 Students: \$10.00

Casual reception following the performance

All are welcome!



The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (AFP) Huron

Presents: the Bishop of Huron's prayer conference
featuring guest speaker, the Very Rev'd Paul Millward, Dean of Huron
and Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The conference will take place on **Saturday, May 5, 2018**
at **St. Paul's Cathedral, London, ON** from 10 am to 3 pm

All are welcome! For more information, please speak with Rev'd Andreas.

The main goals of The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (AFP), Huron, are to:

- encourage prayer in the life of the church;
- be a teaching resource helping people to grow in the life of prayer;
- build links between praying people.

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

saintmatthewswindsor.ca



Deanery of Essex

essexdeanery.com

Diocese of Huron

diohuron.org

Anglican Church of Canada

Anglican.ca

Primate's World Relief

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

Anglican sites around the world

www.anglicansonline.org

LENT RESOURCES:

www.anglican.ca/about/len2018/

Ask the Rector

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

Q: What is the origin of the name “Good Friday”?

A: Many people wonder about this; there is clearly nothing “good” about a day which recalls the intense suffering and death of Jesus. There are competing theories concerning the origins of “Good” Friday, but the one that seems most plausible is that centuries ago, the word “good” meant “holy.” According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the Wednesday before Easter was once known as “Good” Wednesday, however in our time, it is called “Holy Wednesday.”

Stay tuned for other fascinating questions and answers!

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From Our Chancel Guild



Photos by Gordon Drake and our archives

The envelopes for Easter flowers will soon be out

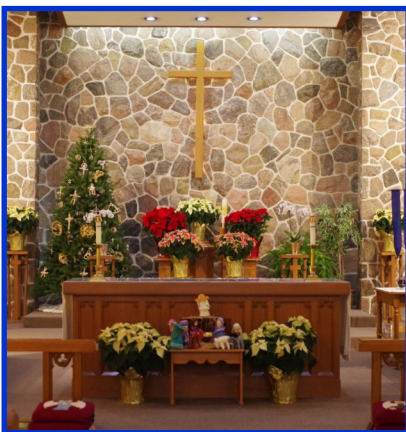
Please return with your dedications (cash only) to Margaret Kissau. The Chancel Guild will decorate on Saturday March 31 2018.

Thank you!

The Chancel Guild invites you to the church hall on **Wed. March 21 at 7 p.m.** to make palm Sunday crosses



Everybody is welcome!



To get the Sanctuary dressed for Christmas Eve, the whole congregation helped the Chancel Guild place the poinsettias and crèche, and also put up wreaths throughout the Church, all in a great record time of three and a half minutes during the service at 10 am.

Great work everyone!

Margaret Kissau, Sacristan



Lenten Soup Lunches

Every Sunday during Lent, after the 10:00 am service Free-will offering
All proceeds go to the PWRDF



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



Photos by Gordon Drake

Nature in Christianity Part V and Final: The Olive Tree By Irene Savva

The olive tree's scientific name, *Olea europaea*, honours the location of the oldest fossils of the wild plant, found in Italy; however, the Middle East Mediterranean region, from Egypt and Jordan to Syria, is attributed with its earliest cultivation, which began some 7,000 years ago.

Olive trees are known for their longevity; one specimen in Croatia has been radio-carbon dated as 1,600 years old, and it still produces fruit, which is made into oil. Olive tree carbon dating is performed by tapping a sample along the radius of the trunk; roots are left alone to avoid damage to the foundation, but experts point out that, if left undisturbed, roots often survive the demise of the trunks by fire or chopping, and are often able to sprout new tops, so a tree could in fact be much older than its current above-ground parts.

The olive tree is one of the first and most frequently mentioned plants in the Bible, with close to 185 references to the plant, parts of it, or products derived from it. As examples, an olive branch was brought by a dove to Noah, as a sign of the end of the flood (*Genesis 8:11*), and olive oil is listed as an ingredient of the sacred anointing oil (*Exodus 30:22-30*), and also as one of the seven products of God's good land (*Deuteronomy 8:8*).

<http://www2.odu.edu/~lmusselm/plant/bible/olive.php>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olive>

An ancient -and probably the most famous- olive tree grove still in existence, is the **Garden of Gethsemane**, which means "oil press," derived from Aramaic. The garden is located at the foot of The Mount of Olives, just outside of Jerusalem.

Although carbon dating has proven problematic, as described left, eight of the trees near the centre of the garden are truly ancient, so at least a few of them were probably witnesses to Jesus' moving and powerful moment of prayer just before his arrest.

The four gospels include verses of Jesus' Agony; in *Matthew 26:36-39*: "Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.'" Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.'"

Anointing Oils at St. Matthew's

By Sue Bernard with the Rev'd Andreas Thiel

The Journey: How and when are the oils acquired ?

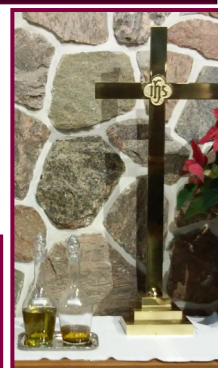
Rev'd Andreas: The two flagons at the front of the church are for holding oil that has been blessed by the bishop, the chief pastor of all the people of the diocese, for use in the churches of this diocese. Once every year (usually in Holy Week), new oil is consecrated, and distributed among the various parishes, such as ours.

TJ: Why are there two flagons?

RA: The one flagon is marked "unction"; known also as oil of the sick, it is used to anoint those individuals who are in need of healing. The other flagon contains "chrism", an aromatic oil which is used for the rite of Holy Baptism.

TJ: What significance do the oils have in our worship services?

RA: In our liturgical use of these holy oils, we pray that God's grace may be poured forth upon the Church.



Photos by
Gordon Drake
and
Irene Savva

FUN FACT: A compound present in extra-virgin olive oil (EVOO), called **oleocanthal**, acts in the same way as ibuprofen, to stifle components of a pain pathway called the prostaglandin system. Its effectiveness depends on concentration, which will vary with the variety of olive, and the age of the olives at pressing. Although the concentration will never be high enough to cure a strong headache, EVOO may provide a soothing effect and some of the long-term benefits of repeated ibuprofen use, including helping to ward off Alzheimer's. Interestingly enough, oleocanthal is also responsible for the throat-stinging sensation of a good EVOO, so the rule of thumb: "the more bitter, the better" works both to identify a good quality oil, and the high oleocanthal concentration in it.

<http://www.nature.com/news/2005/050829/full/news050829-11.html>

Rev'd Cathy's Corner

God has filled my life with many blessings and grace. People, professional and personal, have been placed in our path when our lives have not crossed sometimes for many years. We feel truly held in God's hand at this difficult time for Kim and me. Thank-you for being such a supportive church family to us with words, your presence, food, and particularly your prayers.

The Southwest Detention Centre Sewing programme is going along smoothly – more than smoothly. Since the New Year, we have two more teachers; one from Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville who gives one Monday a month, and another one from St. Stephen's Oldcastle who is willing to go every Monday. It means that those of us who are willing to go weekly will get a break every fourth Monday and if someone is ill the programme can still run. Please feel free to ask me or Jean Muhleisen about our experiences. This ministry is a true blessing and greatly appreciated by both the inmates and the staff – we are welcomed with open arms, teasing and lots of smiles.

Street Help for the Homeless is our "Food for the Hungry" agency this winter. They provide lunch bags at the end of the day to the homeless. Items for these bags are similar to what would go into a child's lunch bag – drink boxes, granola bars, pudding and fruit cups, boxes of raisins, cheese and cracker/bread sticks – also PB type as well. Anything that is smallish and does not require heating or cutlery.

Thank-you for following Matthew 25: 31-46

Outreach News



The total collected from our **Advent Soup lunches was \$738.00**, which will go to support the Ministry of The Council of the North.

THANK YOU ALL!



Photos by
Gordon Drake



Hiatus is a mathematical term that means "break in the circle." Hiatus House is a vital social service agency breaking the cycle of domestic violence by offering confidential intervention for families. Crisis intervention services are available in person or by phone 24hr. a day/7 days a week. The emergency shelter (with 42 beds) provides women and their children with a safe place from any form of abuse (psychological and/or physical), and there are several programs to subsequently help the women with housing and transitioning, provide their children with guidance in recovery, as well as a voluntary program for abusive partners. (www.hiatushouse.com)

250 Louis Avenue, Windsor, Ontario N9A 1W2
Phone: (519) 252-1143 **24-Hour Crisis Line:** (519) 252-7781
Toll Free: 1-800-265-5142 (519 area) TDD: (519) 252-2768
Email: admin@hiatushouse.com Fax: (519) 252-7296

**This Lenten season remember
Hiatus House,
the South West Detention Centre,
and our Food Cupboard
Thank you for your continuing support!**

A Gift to St. Matthew's December 24, 2017



The Holy Family mosaic, shown left, was unveiled and dedicated on December 24 2017, the 4th Sunday of Advent, during our 10 am service.



Unveiling and dedication of the beautiful mosaic. Marwan Taqtaq, and the Rev'd Andreas Thiel (above); Nadia & Marwan Taqtaq (below) (Photos by Gordon Drake)

A Gift to St. Matthew's from Marwan and Nadia Taqtaq Dedicated to the Glory of God on December 24, 2017

"This decorative mosaic image of Joseph, the Virgin Mary and the Baby Jesus, was created in Syria. Mosaic art dates back to the 4th century BC in the Middle East. It is crafted from colourful and precise geometrical pieces of stone which range in size from 1.3 mm - 1.5 cm. These are assembled by hand, piece by piece. This particular piece took one man over one month to assemble the thousands of pieces." (text from frame seen below, left)



The renewal of our church worship area has evolved to now include a separate prayer space. Following the donation of the beautiful mosaic — depicting Jesus, with Mary and Joseph — by the Taqtaq family, this area has been created for quiet prayer and reflection. Situated near the choir area, the mosaic hanging on the wall has helped to complete the new area. With the inclusion of a kneeler, chair and prayer candles, the space provides our parishioners a location for private contemplation or prayer.

The light coming from the adjoining window only enhances this beautiful area. The mosaic has provided us with a lovely addition to our "new" worship area at St Matthew's.

The inclusion of this prayer space helps to complete our worship experience here at St. Matthew's, and will surely aid many of us through peace and quiet reflection.



Text by Sue Bernard Photos by Irene Savva

This Little Light of Mine

YOUTH @ ST. M'S



Photographs by Gordon Drake
Lent and Advent 2017



Special thanks go to our young volunteers, Max, Samantha and Ella, who have been helping with clean-up duties at our **Soup Luncheons** throughout the Lent and Advent seasons.

Good Job, guys!

Pet Portrait Fundraiser

Have you always thought it would be fun to have a portrait made of your pet, but didn't know whom to hire, or whether you could afford it?

Our own Elissa Weir has agreed to make pet portraits as part of our roof fundraiser!

For \$10 each, she will make a drawing (pencil or pastel) or painting (watercolour or acrylic) from a photograph you provide – with all proceeds going to the roof fund.

She recently had some samples of her work on display at the talent show (see right), and already has one commission, plus several inquiries.

**Honour your pet and help
fix our roof – it's a win-win!**

Contact Mary Grace Weir
(marygweir@aol.com or 519-734-0981)
for inquiries.

Examples of the artist's work
Photographs provided by the Weir family



Celebrating this season:

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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

March

1 – Richard Hucal
6 – Amy Hucal
6 – Don Patterson
7 – Bob Braidford
8 – Eddie McCabe
10 – Vicky Paraschak
12 – Steve Pidhoresky
15 – Alisa Priddle-Yednoroz
16 – Mark Rene
18 – Stephanie Paraschak
20 – Jen McAlpine
21 – Mary Louise Drake
21 – Mike Paraschak Jr.
22 – Gwen Allsop
23 – Margaret Snelling
30 – Margaret Goldspink
30 – Thomas Hucal

February

5 – Bill & Ginny MacAdam
15 – John & Dianne Iannicello

March

9 – Doug Warford & Janet Williams
11 – Ron & Gail Henderson

Birthdays

April

6 – David Paraschak
6 – Sandra Hall
7 – Colin Allsop
7 – Noah Allsop
7 – Jacob Ritchie
9 – Andreas Thiel
9 – Erin Henderson
9 – Nicole Sussens
10 – Michael Chantler
16 – Ted Clarke
17 – Mark Goldspink
18 – Emma Westray
21 – Tom Dunsmore
21 – Scott Ritchie
25 – Collin Patterson
27 – Ryan Patterson
27 – Helen White
30 – Chuck Boyd

April

18 – Mike & Irene Paraschak
23 – Roger Wurdemann & Louise Davis
25 – Don & Pauline Patterson

Anniversaries

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 13, 2018; 4:00-7:00 PM.– Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Matthew's!

Bring your family and invite friends to a delicious meal in the church hall!

**We will be serving the BEST pancake supper in town:
pancakes, sausages, bacon, desserts and drinks.**

Adults and Youth 13 & up, \$10.00; Children: 5-12, \$5.00; 4 & under, FREE.



February 25, 2018.– Scouting Sunday at St. Matthew's. Our friends of the 89th group will be joining us during the **10:00 am service** and Fellowship hour.

February 25, 2018; 5:00-8:00 PM .– Chicken & Pasta Dinner at Cramdon's (2950 Dougall Ave.) Fundraiser of the 89th Scouting Group. Tickets \$15/ea. from Beth Felet (519-969-3035, efelet@cogeco.ca) or at the door the night of the event. Thanks for supporting our scouting partners!

Saturday March 24, 2018; 2:00 PM .– Concert WSO (Please see page 5 for details)

April 2018 .– Euchre Tournament. Gather your teams and stay tuned for more details coming soon!

Photo from St. Matthew's Archives

T.N.T. Reserve the first Friday of the month for our TNT ("Theology 'n Tap" or "Tap No Theology") meetings, starting at 6:00 pm, at Cramdon's Restaurant (2950 Dougall Ave.) 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 March 2, 2018** Richard Hucal

We hope to hear
from you soon!

News from the Pews:



Last November, parishioners Mary Louise & Gordon Drake (sitting, left end, and standing, second row, right end, respectively) were back in Ghana with their volunteer group of the Rotary Club, working on new and ongoing projects to help the local communities. (Photo provided by Gordon Drake)

Dessert & Carol Party - December 10, 2017



Door prizes, a craft sale, cheerful hostesses (pictured: Janis Fantinic; Janet Williams with granddaughters Avery and Maya, and daughter Allison Peck), and endless tables full of delicious sweet confections and refreshments, were the amazing introduction for an equally amazing, and very festive program:

Sing-along carols, merrily arranged by Mike Ricketts, alternated with a Christmas story and an oboe solo, prepared respectively by Mary Grace Weir and her daughter Elissa, as well as one-of-a-kind renditions of Christmas classics performed by Collin Patterson, his mom Jane, and his grandpa Bill Wilkinson.



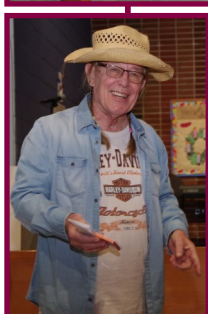
We ate ... we sang ... we laughed ... a couple even danced!
At the end of the evening, a collection of around \$1,000 went towards our roof campaign, and there was enough to share the abundant selection of sweets, gratefully received by our friends at Street Help.

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8th Annual Potluck and Talent Show

Saturday, January 20, 2018



Remington (Remi) Anthony Fryer

Born on January 27, 2018 at 5:29 am 7lb 9oz

Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI

Parents Stefanie and Mickey are ecstatic.

(Pictures of Remi with delighted grandparents Patti Weir and John Rossi, provided by John Rossi)



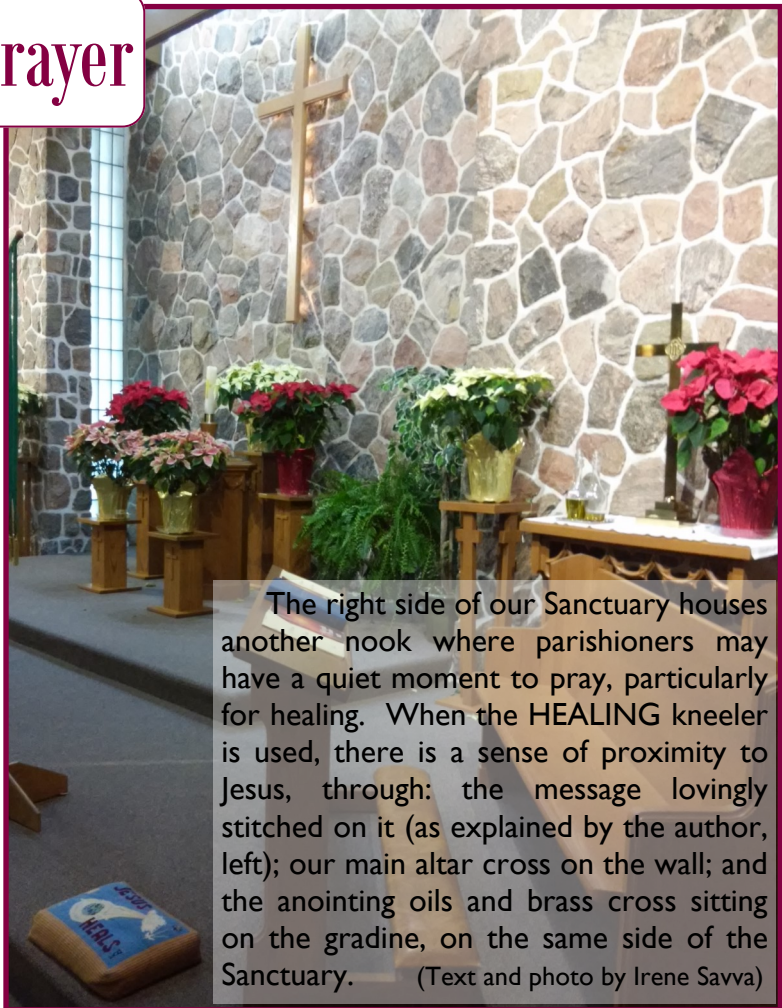
Banner on front page and all photos on pages 12 and 13 (except Remi's) by Gordon Drake

Please send your articles, feedback and other contributions to Sue Bernard and Irene Savva to irene.savva3691@gmail.com or deposit in the box provided in the narthex. Are you celebrating a milestone anniversary soon? **Submit your wedding picture for publication!** Also let us know of any updates needed in the birthday and anniversary announcements; **we apologize for any mistakes or omissions.**

Healing Power of Prayer

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

On front page: **HEALING**— “The hand of God is seen blessing earth by his healing power, through: Knowledge, Prayer, the Eucharist, Bible Study, the Holy Spirit, and Medicine (see motives along the sides). The message is that Jesus’ love and healing power can be experienced by many channels.” Created and given by Sunny Ray as a thank-offering. (Photo from our archives)



The right side of our Sanctuary houses another nook where parishioners may have a quiet moment to pray, particularly for healing. When the HEALING kneeler is used, there is a sense of proximity to Jesus, through: the message lovingly stitched on it (as explained by the author, left); our main altar cross on the wall; and the anointing oils and brass cross sitting on the gradine, on the same side of the Sanctuary. (Text and photo by Irene Savva)

Speaking of Healing ... Many thanks to **Mary Louise Drake**, who confirmed –at our Vestry meeting- that she continues her ministry as our Church Nurse, with advice and even house calls, upon request. For questions or to arrange an appointment, please call Mary Lou at 519-966-4585.

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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