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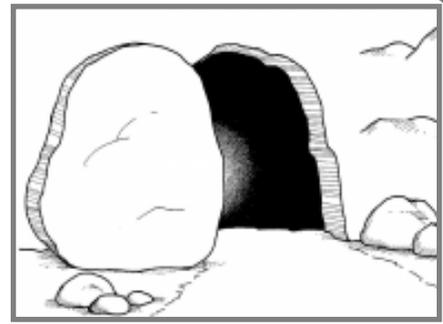
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The Rev'd Andreas Thiel

The Journey

At St. Matthew's

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EASTER 2020



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

A Message from Our Rector

"Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

This year, we really need to use our imaginations to hear our collective voices proclaim the age-old Easter greeting. Can you do it? **Can you imagine our St. Matthew's family**, gathered in our familiar space, having just finished singing our processional hymn, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"? The sun casts a warm glow on us as we begin the Gathering Rite: "Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!" Imagination will take us only so far. **Consider the imagination of Jesus' loved ones on that first Easter.** Their minds were reeling from the events of the previous week. The kiss of Judas had set in motion a series of events that made clearer by the moment the inevitability of Jesus' death. When the awful time came, those who were brave enough to witness the crucifixion saw for themselves how their beloved teacher and friend struggled in agony to draw his last breath on the cross. Now, early on the first day of the week – that first Easter morning – **their imaginations were dominated by thoughts of death, emptiness, grief and fear. Nothing on earth would be able to change that. Nothing ... except for the sight of an empty tomb!** It wouldn't happen instantly, but gradually, as they came to terms with the significance of Jesus' empty tomb, their imaginations could no longer hold onto those horrifying thoughts of death. One by one, the disciples felt the impact of the words from the messenger at the grave: "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." (Mark 16:6). What could this mean? How could it be? You and I belong to a long line of believers who have been formulating answers to those questions. The answers are sometimes difficult to articulate in words, but they are hinted at in the words we regularly pray as a community: "... heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest." **The tomb could not hold the fullness of Jesus' glory on that first Easter.** His glory could not be contained. And the glory of Jesus cannot be contained by our limited imaginations. But God, in God's wisdom, reveals to us the meaning of Christ's resurrection from the dead as we continue on our journey of faith. By doing so, the impact of Christ's risen life continues to flood our imaginations, and continues to inspire all our words and all our actions, so that we might be messengers of life and hope. **Let us give thanks for the gift of resurrection life this Eastertide. Let us be eager to sing our alleluias, wherever we may be. "Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!"**

Andreas

*Safe Church
Life in the time of
COVID-19*

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Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 25



Our dedicated Pancake Supper Team started working earnestly days before Shrove Tuesday, buying supplies, cooking bacon, setting up and folding cutlery, amongst other tasks. That evening, volunteers were continuously pouring batter and flipping pancakes in the kitchen, while others were serving endless portions, along with crispy bacon and sausages. Syrup and sauces, beverages and even a full dessert table were offered as well. Free-will donations were collected for a grand total close to **\$1,000.00**, which will go towards sponsorships for **Huron Camp** this summer.

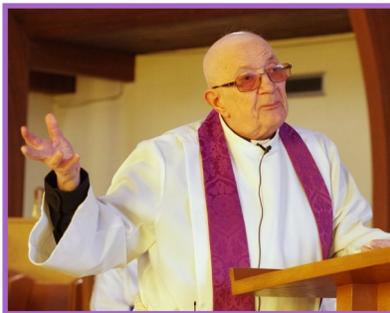
Lent at St. Matthew's

Burning of the Palm Crosses for Ash Wednesday February 23 and 26

On Sunday, February 23, after the 10 am service, palm crosses from Palm Sunday 2019 were burnt to provide ashes (photo, right), for this year's Ash Wednesday Service, on February 26.

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"

Genesis 3:19



Feast of St. David March 1

Rev'd Bob Roberts was our guest preacher, and he used the story of St. David (*Dewi Sant* in Welsh), a monk, bishop, and patron saint of Wales, as an inspiring model to exhort the congregation to embrace the simple life, and avoid "...temptation, the easy way out."

No Services since March 15, 2020, due to State of Emergency

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday



Procession (2016)

The Triduum



Maundy Thursday (2015)



Good Friday (2017)



Saturday Easter Vigil (2015)

Photography by Gordon Drake

The Empty Tomb

“...but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them: **“Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise.”**” Luke 24:3-7



“The Empty Tomb”
Wood engraving by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (“Die Bibel in Bildern”, 1860) Public Domain Image.



Photo by Gordon Drake

Christ is Alive!



Wednesday,
April 22,
2020

50th
Anniversary
1970—2020

Facts from:
<https://www.earthday.org>

EARTH DAY 2020 - CLIMATE ACTION

Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable, hence the decision to choose CLIMATE ACTION as the theme for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

“Back in 1970s, the World faced an environmental crisis — oil spills, smog, rivers so polluted they literally caught fire. **On April 22, 1970**, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet.” **Earth Day 2020** should be another historic moment when “citizens of the world rise up in a united call for the creativity, innovation, ambition, and bravery that we need to meet our climate crisis and seize the enormous opportunities of a zero-carbon future.”

Food for thought: Although this year’s Earth Day events will run mostly digitally due to covid19, the pandemic has given us a chance to see in real time that fewer motorized vehicles on the streets, less pollution from factories, and less waste from superfluous consumerism can clear the air and considerably reduce garbage in a matter of weeks, when there is a global effort involved.

Auto-deduction giving – Please consider this option, which helps us meet our monthly financial obligations, **especially during the pandemic**. To learn more about it, change amount (a small increase can make a big difference!) or switch from credit card to bank account, please contact Beth Felet, our envelope secretary, at (519) 969-3035.

From Our Parish Council

A letter from
our wardens, March 27



St. Matthew's Anglican Church

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March 27, 2020

Re: Managing the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear St. Matthew's Parishioner,

The absence of our regular Sunday morning services of worship and fellowship is taking a big bite out of our lives. During these difficult times, Rev'd. Andreas and the Wardens are instituting new measures to keep the St. Matthew's family together through prayer and daily Psalm readings. **If in need, you are never more than a phone call away from assistance.**

While this is not a financial emergency for the St. Matthew's accounts, many of our expenses continue unabated, such as salaries, maintenance and upkeep; and of course we are still making payments on the roof loan. Please give some thought to ways that you can continue to support the ministries of St. Matthew's as we navigate through these challenging times.

Consider your own personal positions, and make adjustments either up or down as appropriate.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. For those using pre-authorized giving, review the amount and adjust accordingly.
2. Consider instituting a programme of pre-authorized giving. Please contact us for details.
3. Cheques can be sent by Canada Post directly to the Church address above, or dropped off at the Rectory mailbox.
4. On each Sunday morning from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, Rev'd. Andreas and/or the Church Wardens will be present in person at the Church to receive cheques and donations. We will adhere to the health guidelines of physical distancing (maintaining a distance of 2 meters between individuals).
5. For those familiar with Interac e-transfers, donations can be sent to the St. Matthew's e-mail address saintmatthewswindsor@gmail.com. Please contact one of us for assistance.

As we journey through this uncharted territory, let us remember this thought for today **"Walk with me Lord, for your mercy is great."**

Yours in Christ,

Ann Hucal
Warden
519-734-8660

Gordon Drake
Warden
519-966-4585

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

Our Parish Council meetings are usually held on the **third** Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30 PM, in the choir room.

No meetings until further notice

Excerpts from Bishop Todd Townshend's Pastoral letter, March 13, 2020:

"... The Anglican bishops of the province of Ontario have collectively made the decision of temporarily suspend public worship services, effective Sunday March 15."... "This measure is in place especially for the protection of those among us who are most at risk, and to support a mass movement of care and concern for our health care system and the people who care for us in God's work of healing."

"... I want to express appreciation and concern for the clergy and lay leaders of our Diocese. Ministry is front-line work, and risk is always part of that. I urge you to monitor your own health and err on the side of caution."

Excerpts from Rev'd Andreas' email message, March 18, 2020:

"Dear St. Matthew's Family: We are living in extraordinary times, all of us taking extraordinary measures to respond to the recent health crisis, COVID-19. Thanks to technology, we are able to maintain contact with one another through telephone calls or email messages. This is a good thing, and I've been encouraged to hear that some of you are already engaged in this!" ... "The Book of Psalms is an excellent companion in times such as these. In many of the psalms, the writer lays bare expressions of frustration, grief, loneliness, fear (as well as expressions of gratitude and joy!). There is no holding back. I invite you to spend some time with the psalms in this uniquely special season of Lent ... perhaps even meditating on a single verse such as this one: "The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?" May that be our prayer as a church family. **God be with you all as we continue the journey.**"

We have in place different ways of staying in contact with one another:

1. **Our St. Matthew's Phone Tree** - with leadership from our members of Parish Council, phone calls are being made with parishioners, sharing information and bringing back any concerns you might have.
2. **Sunday morning video postings** - consisting of a brief reflection and prayer, sometimes with music. These can be found on the church website. Here is the link: <http://www.saintmatthewswindsor.ca/newsbulletins>.
3. **A mid-week reflection** - At the same link as above, offered by clergy, on Wednesdays at noon.
4. **A daily message/reflection** - "A Psalm for Today", sent by email only to those who request it. Please request to be added by email to saintmatthewswindsor@gmail.com; there have been more than 20 requests.
5. **St. Matthew's Facebook** - Updates and relevant articles and information regarding the pandemic. <https://www.facebook.com/saintmatthewswindsor/>
6. **Updated announcements and messages on our diocesan website** - particularly related to our diocesan church life in light of COVID-19. Please visit: <https://diohuron.org/>

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News from Huron Lodge by The Rev'd Andreas Thiel

I recently announced that my time as Chaplain at Huron Lodge would be coming to an end on March 31st. My chaplaincy has lasted almost two years, and although I've found it to be rewarding to be in a position of offering spiritual care and support at Huron Lodge, I was beginning to see that this was stretching me beyond what was sustainable.

As March 31st got closer and closer, something significant shifted for us all: the communities and countries of the world began to feel the real impact of this strange and deadly illness, COVID-19. Huron Lodge responded to the threat by putting in place increasingly stringent screening procedures for all people who entered the building. The strictest measure came with the mid-March announcement that no visitors were permitted, unless a resident was close to death. From one day to the next, all family visits were stopped.

It was at that time that I sensed a renewed call to be present to the residents and staff, as they find ways of dealing with a much more isolated existence. I met with the Administrator at Huron Lodge, who gratefully accepted my offer to continue as Chaplain, on a "week by week" basis. That's where we find ourselves today, although I can't be certain that this arrangement will be able to continue. For now, I am doing what I can to offer care and support to a community that – like St. Matthew's – has become a family to me. One day soon, I will bid them *adieu*. For now though, we journey the road together.

Some Interruptions/Cancellations Due to COVID19 State of Emergency:

- **Lenten Study Series "The Beatitudes"** Sundays: March 15 and 22
- **Lenten Soup Luncheons**, to benefit the PWRDF, March 15 and on
- **St. Matthew's Chili Cook-Off**, to benefit the 98th Scout Group
Saturday, March 28
- **Our Rector's Israel/Palestine Trip Debrief** Sunday, March 29



Photo by Gordon Drake

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Special prayers go to our clergy, staff, volunteers, and parishioners who continue to work outside their homes, in the frontlines at hospitals, and providing other essential services.

For other prayer requests, please call the church: (519)969-1510, or our rector: (226)345-5085, or send an e-mail message to: saintmatthewswindsor@gmail.com

Bishop Townshend and the Honorary Secretaries of Synod announced that the 179th SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF HURON planned for May 24-26, 2020 has been postponed until the fall. More details to follow.

The Bishop of Huron's Prayer Conference (Anglican Fellowship of Prayer) has been rescheduled to October 3, 2020.

Rev'd Andreas joins KAIROS delegation presentation in Ottawa

Members of the delegation to Israel/Palestine (November, 2019), travelled to Parliament Hill in Ottawa this past March, presenting their report and making recommendations to Members of Parliament and other government officials. The meetings, held over two days, gave the delegates an opportunity to speak directly with our elected officials, to express concerns regarding the ongoing effects of Israeli occupation on the Palestinian population. Also highlighted, were the many peace and community-building initiatives underway, and the need for international support of all groups in Israel and Palestine who are working to promote conflict resolution and human rights.

At the time of the meetings, the first cases of COVID-19 had just been declared in the West Bank (Bethlehem), raising renewed concerns for Palestinians who were already facing difficulty in accessing healthcare and medical supplies. KAIROS continues to monitor the situation.

Members of the delegation on Parliament hill; back row, left to right: Jennifer Henry, Executive Director, KAIROS; Bishop Susan Johnson, ELCIC; Rev'd Andreas, PWRDF; front row, left to right: Rev'd Helen Smith, Presbyterian Church in Canada; Lori Ransom, United Church of Canada.



Andreas addresses guests at parliamentary breakfast.

Andreas in conversation with Windsor-West MP Brian Masse at parliamentary breakfast.



Members of the delegation, with MP Peter Julian.

Text by The Rev'd Andreas Thiel; Photos from KAIROS Canada

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HURON CELEBRATES A NEW BISHOP & A RICH LEGACY

By Mike Clark

On Saturday, January 25th, Shelley and I were proud to join with nearly 1000 members of our Huron family at St. Paul's Cathedral in London for the ordination, consecration and seating of the Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend as the 14th Bishop of Huron. Bishop Todd joins the legacy of his late father and grandfather, both of whom served as bishops in the Diocese of Huron.



Photo from Diohuron.org

The service was filled with the pomp and tradition that the Anglican Church does so well. At the same time, inclusion and hope for the future shone through every aspect of the liturgy. The Indigenous and African communities were represented in prayer and music. The children of St. Aiden's London assisted in vesting the new bishop. Bishop Todd himself concluded the service by conveying *Urbi et Orbi*, a blessing to the city and the world. Joined by fellow Bishops of the Anglican Communion near and far for the laying on of hands, Bishop Todd was consecrated by the Most Reverend Anne Germond, Metropolitan of Ontario. The Bishop's family played an integral part in the celebration. His sister Andra O'Neil delivered a moving homily. His sons Seth and Samuel presented him with his pectoral cross, and his mother, Patricia Townshend with his episcopal ring. As the new Bishop was presented to his flock, thunderous applause filled the Cathedral. The power of the Holy Spirit was certainly felt by all gathered.

The Anglican Journal featured an article this past November that predicted the demise of the Anglican Church by 2040, but for those of us gathered at St. Paul's on this grey January day, a sense of renewal and a beacon of light shone through the body of the church. **As Psalm 96:1 proclaims, "Sing Unto the Lord, a New Song"!**



World Day of Prayer is "a global ecumenical 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" (quote and picture from: worlddayofprayer.net). Their motto is "Informed prayer & Prayerful action" which signifies that prayer and action should be inseparable. This year, the service was

developed by the WDP committee in Zimbabwe, with the theme **"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"** *John 5:2-9a*. A lively service and reception in our area was held on Friday, March 6 at Roseland-Trinity United Church, attended by some members of our Parish.

What's buzzing in the religious blogosphere? In this section, we will share links to websites and blogs with diverse points of view about religion, and everything related to it. In this issue, resources during the COVID-19 pandemic from our Diocese of Huron and the Anglican Church of Canada websites:

<https://diohuron.org/covid-19-resource-hub/>

<https://www.anglican.ca/about/departments/cir/digital-resources/>

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This Little Light of Mine

YOUTH @ ST. M'S

Scouting Sunday February 23

Once again, our friends from the 89th Scout Group joined us for worship and fellowship. "Always Prepared" to help, they also volunteered folding cutlery and setting up the hall for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.



Update from our St. Matthew's server, Eddie M.

"I graduated from Bellewood school last fall, and I am in grade 9 at Sandwich Secondary, in the French immersion program. I joined the track team and look forward to continuing when we return to school.

My dad and I are building an HO model trainset in the spare room. And here is a photo of our rabbit Elvis, **Happy Easter!**"



Photos by Gordon Drake and Carol Caverzan
Elvis the bunny photo from Eddie

Outreach News

St. Matthew's Church
Gwen Allsop
Dear Parish:

January 13, 2020



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Foundation, please accept our deepest thanks for your generous contribution to the 2019 Holiday Program. Your support enabled close to 800 families as well as youth living independently the opportunity to embrace the joy of the season.

The Holiday Program via community sponsorship such as yours provides clothing and toys as well as personal and household items to families who would struggle at what can be a difficult time of year. Be assured that your contribution brought smiles to the faces of the children, youth and families that the Children's Aid Society provides services to.

We are humbled by the caring and compassion of the community that we live in. Your sponsorship is yet another example of how together, we can truly Write A Child's Story. Once again, thank you and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year ahead!

Sincerely,

Mike Clark
Manager, Public Relations & Fund Development
Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society

Kara Landuyt
Community Initiatives Coordinator
Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society

An extended thanks for your tremendous support over the many, many years... truly amazing!! Dana

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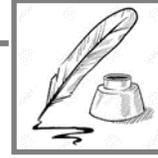
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This Easter season remember Hiatus House, the South West Detention Centre, and our Food Cupboard

Thank you for your continuing support!

A Note from Rev'd Glenda



It Was Good To Hear His Voice

April / 2020

To say that our current way of living does not reflect what we have come to regard as “business as usual”, would be, at best, an ‘understatement’. Rather, our lives have been turned ‘upside down’ in an exceedingly brief period of time, extending from the personal to the global.

The COVID-19 virus can be destructive in a myriad of ways: physically, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually. Our sense of physical closeness, being in community with family, friends, and church, has been hijacked. We have been asked and now ‘firmly’ instructed to maintain what is termed as a ‘social distance’ from one another. Social distance from one another, in this context, really means ‘physical’ distancing but it doesn’t mean ‘relational’ distancing. While we are encouraged to remain physically apart, we are, at the same time, encouraged to be close, relationally. But, why do we even need this connection ‘relationally’? Well, it has to do with ‘hunger and being fed’.

When we hear the word, ‘hunger’, we automatically think of food, and rightly so. What we often tend to overlook are our other hungers in addition to physical hunger. These hungers..... emotional, psychological, and spiritual, are nourished by and through us, in communion with God and with each other.

It’s easy to forget sometimes that we are human ‘beings’, not human ‘doings’. We cannot calm the markets, eradicate fears, etc., nor can we ‘fix’ this virus. It must run its course. But we can ‘be’ there, that is be present to and for one another in a ‘relational’ way, as Christ would have us do: “With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.” (Ephesians 4:2)

All manner of things can be listened to, described, spoken about, discussed and prayed about, without being together physically. We can help to soothe and calm one another, affirm and encourage one another and in doing so, perhaps assist in keeping one another from acting or reacting in ways that are hurtful, counterproductive or destructive as a result of frustration, fear, stress or loneliness. We can do this all, relationally.

So..... how can we be close ‘relationally’? For the most part, this probably happens in a virtual kind of way, vis a vis, by telephone or social media. A phone call, a card in the mail (dropped in your ‘community type mail slot), a text message, an internet video call, a happy sign in your window for health care workers to see on their commute, or for folks out for a walk, to seeeven, serenading your neighbors with music from your front porch.....all creative ways of being relational with a physical distance in place, and they all have one thing in common”someone is thinking about me”, and ‘that’s’ what can satisfy that ‘other’ hunger.

Last week I made a phone call to a professional in the community as I needed some clarification and reassurance. When I hung up, I realized that I already knew much of the information presented to me and I became aware that what I ‘really’ needed, was to hear his voice. It was the sound of his voice, calm and reassuring, that soothed my very being. I loved that ‘relational’ moment. “It was good to hear his voice.”

Until next time

Glenda+

Rev'd Cathy's Corner

Symbols of the Resurrection

When we think of Easter, we remember the great Story of the Triduum. We remember the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the wine, the crucifixion and death of our Lord and His triumphant resurrection on the third day. Life out of death.



Spring is one of my favourite seasons. We live through the death of our green and vibrant world hidden under the snow and ice of frigid winter. Then in the bare ground of our gardens, the cheery snowdrops pop up. Other bulbs sprout and bright daffodils shout out their rebirth and herald the coming of warmth and renewal.

Daffodils (left) and Easter roses (right)
Photos by The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick

For more than twenty years I have looked forward to the roses in my garden towards the end of Lent and into Easter. It is the rebirth of my Easter Rose Bush. Every year fresh new bright green leaves push up through cold, hard dirt amongst the old leaves of the previous year. With those leaves come stems and eventually bright white flowers. Last year they came up through the snow and this year without the snow. For the last four or five years this "mother" plant has given me new plants. Perhaps you can see them in the picture. I have transplanted many but I have more to give away. You are most welcome to these fascinating plants.



All of the new bright plants that push up through the dead earth are reminders of rebirth and resurrection. Lilies are typical symbols but so is the lowly snowdrop, crocus, daffodil, and tulip so familiar to our part of the world. There are other symbols from nature that have been associated with the resurrection. Probably the most familiar is the butterfly. But so too is the phoenix coming out of the ashes. The rooster that crows about the new day at dawn out of the darkness of the night. One you might not think about in our part of the world is the peacock. The rather awkward and seemingly plain, noisy bird has been pictured in countless stained glass windows in mighty cathedrals in Europe. Those of us who have witnessed the opening of that glorious tail pause and bask in its beauty. These five symbols are to be found in our kneelers:



We are truly blessed by our Gracious God to see constant reminders of Easter.
Life out of death.

Needlework Kneelers of St. Matthew's—Above, Symbols of the Resurrection, from left: "Crown of Thorns and Easter Lilies", by Gwen Allsop as a thank-offering; "Butterfly", by Elaine and Gary Douglas as a thank-offering for their three children: Lynn, Janis and Don; "Phoenix", "Peter's Denial" and "Peacock", all three by Cathy MacKendrick as a thank-offering. (Photos from our St. Matthew's Archives.)

Celebrating this season

April

- 3 – Catherine Hillman
- 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 – Haylie Hancock
- 10 – Michael Chantler
- 16 – Ted Clarke
- 17 – Mark Goldspink
- 18 – Emma Westray
- 21 – Tom Dunsmore
- 21 – Scott Ritchie
- 25 – Collin Patterson
- 27 – Ryan Patterson
- 30 – Chuck Boyd

Birthdays

May

- 2 – Caitlin Henderson
- 4 – Jane Patterson
- 10 – Irene Savva
- 15 – Dianne Iannicello
- 19 – David Goldspink
- 21 – David Hitchcock
- 28 – Jane Bayne
- 28 – Jeff Wilkinson
- 30 – Sharon Ritchie

June

- 1 – Glenda Fisher
- 2 – Don Prodan
- 4 – Margaret Jemison
- 5 – Benjamin Hahn
- 7 – Danielle Richer
- 7 – Steve Sussens
- 14 – Bill McAdam
- 17 – Ted Felet
- 20 – Pauline Patterson
- 23 – Daryl Hudec
- 26 – Louise Davis
- 27 – Toni Ligori
- 28 – Shawn McDonald
- 30 – Sarah Finlayson
- 30 – Kevin Patterson

April

- 23 – Roger Wurdemann & Louise Davis
- 25 – Don & Pauline Patterson

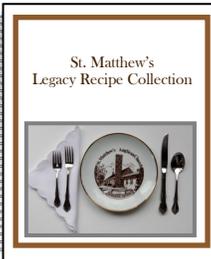
Anniversaries

May

- 8 – Steve & Erin Pidhoresky
- 14 – Onorio & Beth Felet
- 17 – Chuck & Linda Boyd
- 18 – Peter & Pat Lown
- 19 – Richard & Ann Hucal
- 22 – John Rossi & Patti Weir
- 24 – Alan & Sue Trenhaile
- 26 – Toni Ligori & Jen McAlpine
- 28 – Mark & Sue Bernard

June

- 6 – Stan & Margaret Goldspink
- 8 – Robert & Mary Grace Weir
- 10 – Aaron & Melissa Bratt
- 10 – Jeff Wilkinson & Sandra Hall
- 20 – Donn & Jane Bayne
- 21 – Bob & Margaret Kissau
- 24 – Shawn & Linda McDonald
- 27 – Al & Nicole McCabe
- 30 – Brad & Stephania Allsop



Our Legacy Recipe book is still available; a great gift for family and friends, and sure to become a culinary heirloom, the books are printed in heavy letter size paper with card stock covers.

Price: \$15.00/each Contact Irene, Sue, Sandra or Rev'd Andreas

100% of the money collected now goes to our Roof Fund!

T.N.T. Usually, we 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.) for dinner, or just drinks, or just good conversation and friendship.

Our next T.N.T. night TBA until the end of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Richard Hucal

News from the Pews:

We hope to hear from you soon!

From Ron & Marie Darrach: "On St Patrick's day, we were blessed with the safe arrival of our first great grand baby here in London. **A ray of sunshine in these troubling times!**" **Congratulations!**

On Sunday, March 8, at our last fellowship hour before the State of Emergency was declared, we celebrated a belated birthday for **Richard Hucal**, with cake and our Lenten soups.



From Pauline and Don Patterson: "Happy news ... we have been blessed this week with our 10th great grand child, a boy, **Aaron James**; he weighed 8 lbs. 3oz. at birth. We have seen pictures and he is a cutie!" **Congratulations!**



Prof. Mary Louise Drake, Nursing Research Consultant at the University of Windsor, and long time St. Matthew's parishioner and church nurse, conducted a timely demonstration on "how to wash your hands properly", during fellowship hour on March 8.



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Please send your articles, feedback and other contributions to Sue Bernard and Irene Savva to irene.savva3691@gmail.com. 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.**

Photos by Gordon Drake and other parishioners

A Prayer for St. Matthew's

By The Rev'd Andreas Thiel

I have been thinking about a special prayer for our St. Matthew's community during this time. Sometimes an abundance of resources can make the task much more difficult than it ought to be! Then I noticed something that one of my Chaplain colleagues posted to Facebook. It is a very short and very simple prayer... and maybe that's why I like it so much.

This prayer was written by one of the Sisters of St. John the Divine (our Canadian Anglican monastic community for women, based in Toronto). This sisterhood of faithful and faith-filled women have sustained us all by their regular practice of daily prayer. They pray for us even though we're completely oblivious that they are doing so. It is their gift to us. Here is their special prayer that I commend to our St. Matthew's family:

*Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm.
Still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease.
Enfold me, Lord, with your peace.*

- Sister Jocelyn



Prayer beads (photo by The Rev'd Andreas Thiel)

**All services cancelled
until further notice.**

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Sunday Services:

8:30 am & 10:00 am

Second Wednesday Service:

2nd Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

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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