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from Jen McAlpine

The Journey At St. Matthew's

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



A Message from Our Rector

"Church Attendance" or "Family Gathering"?

When considering the term "church attendance" there is a tendency to focus solely on numbers. Anglicans take a certain amount of pride in recording numbers. We have statistics to show how many people attended Sunday services – to say nothing of confirmations, weddings, funerals – going back to the earliest days of St. Matthew's. If you were to ask me how many people attended on Sunday, July 11, 1965, I'd have the answer for you within a minute. (And we'd probably both be shocked!)

Over the past two plus years of pandemic, church attendance numbers have decreased, causing not a little anxiety among church leaders. One colleague recently admitted to me, "Two years ago, I would have been horrified if someone had told me that we'd have fewer than 50 people for a Sunday service." For those who track the numbers, this new reality can be quite unsettling.

But at St. Matthew's, we understand that there's more to our faith community than numbers. We intentionally use the term "family" when referring to ourselves. Whenever we gather for worship, it is as a family gathering, rather than as a statistical entity. Family consists of people who are in relationship with one another... sometimes comfortably, and sometimes uncomfortably. That's who we are at St. Matthew's. The bond we share exists because of the One who has made us family. We have been made God's children through baptism, which in turn, makes us all brothers... sisters... siblings, of one another. We cannot escape this God-given circle of relationships that we've been ushered into. It is these relationships that help to nourish us and bring us to maturity as Christians. And those relationships continue, even as church attendance numbers shift. Take away the relationship, and all you are left with is a number. And it's impossible to get close to a number.

The pandemic is still with us, although it is no longer as threatening as in the past. How this relates to future church attendance numbers is anyone's guess. But there is no mistaking that our Christian witness and ministry is all about attending to and strengthening our family bonds here at St. Matthew's. We do this in a spirit of gratitude and hopefulness, looking to the leading of the Spirit as we take our next step forward.

Blessings,

Andreas



Coming Back to St. Matthew's

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Photo by Gordon Drake



From Our Parish Council

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:
2022/04/20 & 2022/05/18

Attendance and Finances: Since our last report we have welcomed four new parishioners. Our Sunday Service attendance is relatively steady at 34-40 members. We are so very grateful to all of you who continue to support our wonderful church and ministry with your visible volunteer time, your prayers and your financial contributions. We wish to acknowledge Jane Patterson, who volunteers her accounting expertise on a weekly basis to ensure that bills are paid and our full understanding of where we are financially. Jane noted a 'strong' April both in terms of income and expenses, and while we still carry a pandemic-based deficit, it is in decline, thanks solely to your on-going generosity. All outreach programs have the funds they require; roof loan payments will resume in June. We just got through an expensive time of the year (heating costs and snow removal, and increased insurance costs) and of course, there are concerns that our regular expenses will increase as we return to regular operations, and general cost of living increases. On that note, we have renewed the contract with our previous lawn-cutting company that presented the lowest bid (with a slight increase over last year.)

Revenue: We have two Al-Anon groups using the church hall once a week each; both these groups are making regular monetary donations to help offset our operating costs. Danielle Richer presented to Council, also on behalf of her Co-Coordinator, Beth Felet, a proposal for a streamlined version of the Christmas Craft and Food Market (CCFM) with only the sale of Crafts, frozen Meat Pies and Baked Goods; Council voted to support a November, 12, 2022 date. Canterbury Elder College recently held two classes on two consecutive Mondays at no charge, but we saw provincial election folks in our building on June 2nd, with a fee charged. We are in need of a review of our rental-fee schedule, so Deputy Warden, Richard Hucal, along with Onorio Felet and Bob Braidford formed a research committee with a view to propose a new schedule. Subsequent to this and unrelated, a survey regarding rental fees has been launched for all churches in our Deanery; we are awaiting the results of the survey.

Property: In May, with rakes and yard waste bags in hand, a hearty group of women did a major yard clean up; both your Wardens were there, and we thank Sue Bernard, Margaret Kissau, Deb French and Nadine Donlon for a job well done. Onorio Felet has replaced two outdoor sconces at the parking lot entrance and has added two additional sensor lights on the side of the building along the parking lot. Also, a few months ago, Council agreed to purchase a security camera to monitor the alcove between the outside hall door and the church entrance door, as well as the parking lot. The \$65.00 camera, currently monitored by Rev'd Andreas and Carol (Warden), has already proven its worth. On a number of occasions, students (potential roof-climbers) have been caught on camera and accordingly have been asked to leave. Another event captured a lady with her dog and doggy bag, heading to our outdoor garbage container to make a deposit, and a late-night SUV near the sacristy entrance door was intercepted by Rev'd Andreas. On a more pleasant note, we have a newly formed property maintenance group comprised of Onorio Felet, Mark Goldspink, Jeff Patterson and Deputy Warden, Richard Hucal. The committee's first order of business is to create a prioritized list of repair, replacement, and upgrade needs.

Other: ***Camp Huron** - In the past we have assisted a St. Matthew's family in sending their two live-in granddaughters to camp. Council considered ways of providing financial assistance this year, but nothing concrete has been determined to date. We have received some private donations. If you are so inclined and wish to contribute to help these children attend camp, kindly contact Andreas or one of your Wardens.

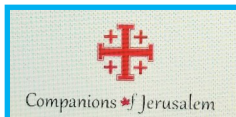
***New Church Photo Directory** - Coming to you in the spring of 2023. ***Correspondence** - St. Matthew's has a new, positive 5-star Google review. ***Green Parishes** - Last year there was a motion at Synod encouraging all dioceses to eliminate unnecessary waste and make other environmentally conscious efforts and report back. In the future, reporting of current status will be required at our annual Vestry.

Until next time, do have a wonderful summer!

Your Wardens: Carol Caverzan and Jen McAlpine

Our Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:00 PM.

After a BBQ meeting this June, Council meetings will resume on September 21, 2022. You are most welcome to join as an observer. If, however, there is an idea you wish to present, please contact Rev'd Andreas or one of your Wardens in advance, to be added to the agenda.



Companions of Jerusalem

Jerusalem & Holy Land Sunday



On May 29, 2022, Anglican (and Lutheran) congregations once again offered prayers for the Christian witness in the Holy Land, in addition to donations to support the multi-faceted ministry in the Diocese of Jerusalem. This year, the focus was on the ministry of St. Luke's Hospital (located in the northern region of the West Bank), aptly named for the Christian Evangelist, Gospel Writer, and physician. Its services include outpatient treatment, rehabilitation, obstetrics, and neonatal intensive care (photo left). St. Luke's Hospital is supported by

the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, covering the needs of some of the most vulnerable people in and around the city of Nablus, including a large Palestinian refugee camp. Currently, a new emergency and trauma center is being equipped, as well as a new neurosurgery program, both providing much-needed services in the region. In addition, recent restructuring and reorganization is enhancing programs in urology and orthopedics, ensuring that the hospital adapts to the changing needs of its patients. At St. Matthew's, long time parishioner Marwan Taqtaq, with strong family roots in the Nablus community, shared a message of hope with the congregation:

"I would like to thank each and every one of you for your contributions today. By doing so, you will be helping people suffering a cruel occupation, where they do not receive any kind of assistance, that is, in Nablus. There are more than 126,000 people living in Nablus; its History goes back to Christ's days, and now you find Christians of all denominations, Muslims, and also Samaritans, these being descendants of the Good Samaritan mentioned in the Gospel.



Photo from Gordon Drake

These communities live side by side, with respect, love and cooperation amongst them. Nablus has significant religious sites like Mount Gerizim, where Samaritans celebrate religious beliefs; there is also Jacob's well, the site of a Greek Orthodox church built around it, where Jesus met the woman from Samaria. The Evangelical Hospital is found in the heart of Nablus, to serve all these communities. The hospital was built in 1900 and it is owned by the Archdiocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East. This hospital is a non-profit organization, and it has 60 beds. Unfortunately, the hospital is in danger because during the COVID19 pandemic, all the six clinics that belong to the hospital were shut down by the government, and now the future of the hospital is in great jeopardy. **Your donations will make a difference, giving hope to such a needy community. Thank you for listening."**

We are still accepting donations for Jerusalem and Holy Land Sunday. All offerings will be directed to the ministry of St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus (in the West Bank), and will help them to provide high quality maternal and neonatal care. Offering envelopes are at the back of the church.

Thank you for your generosity!

Sources for top photo, logo and information:

<https://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/companions/>

<https://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/sunday/>

Coming Back to St. Matthew's



How have we all missed our in-person ministries, and the human connection at St. Matthew's! Thanks be to God for new and renewed beginnings this season!



Photography by
Gordon Drake

Clockwise from top left: Palm Sunday crosses; Coffee hour and fellowship; Pentecost Sunday with full Communion and four cantors.

Return of Full Communion By Alisa (Priddle) Yednoroz

On May 15, St. Matthew's resumed full communion, roughly two and a half years after the sharing of the chalice was halted abruptly to ensure the safety of our parish during an infectious pandemic. Sharing the cup of salvation has been a pinnacle of our celebrations for so long, it was unimaginable that it would be suspended, and continue to be suspended as the bread returned as a wafer distributed by tong, and then the homemade loaf was allowed.

I had the honor of serving as communion minister on May 15. I was rusty and had to doublecheck the correct words to deliver with the sacred wine: "The blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." When the communicant was ready to receive - our own Richard Hucal - I was overcome with the emotion of what was happening and stammered: "the cup of Christ, the blood of salvation." Still works, and Richard didn't notice. I got it right for the rest of the communion, but the emotional impact only grew. Some might have noted that my voice cracked when I saw the same depth of feeling in others' eyes as we shared the wonder of returning to a practice we had almost taken for granted.

It is each individual's personal choice whether to drink from the cup (we no longer practice intinction). What makes it special is that the cup is presented to all. Some choose to hear the words and touch or bow to the chalice. For those who signal they do not want to sip by crossing their arms or just shaking their head and smiling politely, the words of salvation are still there for them as members of Christ's family.

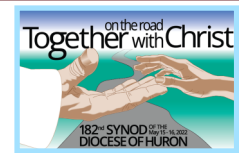
Thanks be to God.

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



The 182nd Synod of the Diocese of Huron London, ON May 15-16, 2022

Text and photography by Carol Caverzan, lay delegate to Synod



A Synod is an assembly of church delegates, laity and licensed clergy who have the right to vote with regard to the laws of the church, also called 'canons' (Canon Law).

The 182nd Synod for the Diocese of Huron was marked by an obvious enthusiasm given that for the first time, following two pandemic lock-down years, delegates were able to meet in person in London, if they so chose. The theme of the gathering was **"Together On the Road with Christ"**. Rev'd Andreas and myself attended in person. Our Deacons, Rev'd Glenda and Rev'd Cathy opted to attend virtually from their respective homes, on the Zoom Platform.



On Sunday May 15, a BBQ was held on the lawn of St. Paul's Cathedral, followed by a service at 7 pm. Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev'd Todd Townshend, presided. I was honored to be one of the lectors. During his sermon, Bishop Todd spoke of the changing world and therefore a changing church culture. He said that "the Diocese of Huron is in an ambivalent moment, seeking a faithful equilibrium in a changing culture". On Monday, May 16, we were in session from 9 am to 5 pm. There were several changes that required voting: **Canon 19:** Addition of a mechanism for removing a member from Parish Council. **Canon 35:** Parishes and Chapels of Ease allowed to seek permission to insure their buildings for lesser amount than full value. **Canon 42 Huron Development Fund** (the "Fund") will assist (among other things), with promoting new ministry initiatives in Parishes or the Diocese, and funding major capital improvements/additions to buildings which will further mission and ministry in Parishes of the Diocese. Throughout the day, we had folks from different walks of life who shared their **faith story** with us.....stories of coming to believe and to 'know' God; stories of what brought them to find meaning in an Anglican church. I found this to be quite a meaningful reminder, in the midst of doing business....a reminder of the core of what it is that makes us Church, and Who it is who calls us to faith. There was also the financial report, noting that the diocese has an over \$200,000 surplus, and so, it is financially stable at this time. Bishop Todd gave a diocesan update, entitled **Where We Are Now**. Back in 2020, Bishop Todd unveiled his **vision** for our diocese; his 'Strategic Goal' at that time was to shift our central focus from *buildings and operations*, to *renewal* and perhaps even some things brand new. His hope was that we would become more of a learning church, a just church, a diverse church, a new church. At Synod, 2021, Bishop Todd, continued his focus on his vision, and at Synod 2022, his reflection on 'Where We Are Today' felt positive and hopeful, with progress in terms of **Climate** Justice and Justice between **Indigenous** and Non-Indigenous peoples. Bishop Todd also acknowledged the Church's failures in terms of abuse perpetrated by clergy and vowed that a full review is in process, not just about procedural law, but also about Christian behavior, central Christian practices, and understanding healthy relationships. Finally, Bishop Todd encouraged us to ponder and reflect about what worked well for us as a Church (pre-pandemic) and where we can improve, or create something new, or eliminate what has not been in our best interest, and to be open to the fact that **NEW** may very well be of God with God leading us.



So, where are we now? We adapted to pandemic restrictions; re-opened with new ideas; have welcomed 12 new members at our 10 am service; are in the process of changing our ways of conducting leadership, making it even more collaborative; we are embracing prayer and spirituality in a deeper way. From Synod 2021 to Synod 2022, Rev'd Andreas kept us going spiritually.... using computer technology to post video reflections to the website; emailing daily psalm reflections to parishioners; making more phone calls per week than in pre-pandemic times, and countless porch and patio visits ...

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... 182nd Synod, cont.

And **you** also kept us going: you continued to contribute to keep our buildings and ministries afloat, and certainly to keep each other afloat through prayer, and calls, and emails. We are more in a post-pandemic state than we have been in the past two years. Now is the opportune time to “think outside the box.” What do we need to do to adapt to a changing church culture? How do we need to be as a congregation when diversity comes knocking? What areas of being a **more just church** do we need to embrace?

Friends, we have before us a wonderful opportunity to RE-NEW, individually and as a church. So, as Bishop Todd has encouraged us to do, let us be open to how the Spirit is guiding us. NEW and RE-NEW might just be the hand of God leading us. **True to the theme of Synod 2022, we, St. Matthew’s faithful, are “Together on the Road with Christ.” And remember ... it’s not the destination, it’s the journey!** Carol A. Caverzan, Synod delegate

COVID Measures Update – June, 2022

Bishop Todd Townshend has announced an immediate end to pandemic restrictions in our Anglican Churches. **Bishop Todd also encourages us to continue wearing facemasks when indoors, particularly when physical distancing is not possible.** Thank you for noting that encouragement, especially as we consider the more vulnerable people among us. Coffee hour has resumed, right after the 10 am service (more on p. 13).

As in the past, COVID measures may need to be adjusted, based on public health guidelines. Please be assured that we are constantly reviewing our St. Matthew’s COVID measures, making sure that they are in compliance with these, and the Bishop’s directions.



Camp Huron

Welcome to wonder!

Open this summer!

“**Camp Huron** is a green and growing overnight summer camp community where children and youth gather to enjoy fun activities, share good food, and make life-long friendships, in a beautiful outdoor setting on Lake Huron near Bayfield, Ontario.”

Logo, information and **online registrations:** www.camphuron.ca

If you have any questions, please email gerryadam@diohuron.org

Watch an inspiring video testimonial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXI5iJ3ta4&t=64s>

**LAMBETH
CONFERENCE**
God's Church for God's world



The Lambeth Conference is a once-a-decade gathering of bishops from across the Anglican Communion, convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury (currently, The Most Rev'd & Rt. Hon. Justin Welby.) Our Bishop of Huron, The Right Reverend R. Todd Townshend, Th.D, will be in attendance of the fifteenth edition of the Conference, along with over 600 other bishops, at the University of Kent, Canterbury Cathedral, and Lambeth Palace, from July 26 to August 8, 2022. **The theme is: “God’s Church for God’s World – Walking, Listening and Witnessing Together.”** The conference will explore what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world.

Logo and information from: <https://www.lambethconference.org/>

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Deanery of Essex Golf Tournament

By Deb French, Organizing Committee

After a two-year pandemic imposed hiatus, the eighth annual Deanery of Essex Charity Golf Tournament was held on Monday, June 20, 2022 at Ambassador Golf Club in Windsor, Ont. This golf tournament each year raises funds for the Deanery, the local Anglican Parishes in Windsor and Essex County; all monies raised in this event stay in the area, supporting youth ministry. This year, a total of 83 players signed up to golf and 117 attended the dinner afterwards. St. Matthew's sponsored the 7th hole for \$100.00 (photo, right).



We were very well represented with three teams registering to golf. Our team members were (left to right):



Team 1 - Nadine Donlon, Deb French, Carol Caverzan, and Jeff Patterson.

Team 2 - Scott Millar, Jess Dixon, John Rossi, and Joe Molnar.

Team 3 - Tom Dunsmore, Bill McAdam, Audrey Goldspink, and Mark Goldspink.



Registration opened at 8:00am - shotgun starting at 9:00am

The evening portion started with cocktails, and dinner served at 4pm, with seven more people from St. Matthew's joining for the meal only, including our rector, Rev'd Andreas. Following, the presentation of awards took place, for: longest drive (male & female), closest to the pin (male & female), putting contest, and most honest team (last place!) As for the Tournament Winner Team ... drum roll ... **St. Matthew's John Rossi, along with mates Joe Molnar, Jess Dixon and Scott Millar took the trophy!**



Congratulations to our team! There were also various raffle prizes, and a 50/50 draw. A huge thank you to all the golfers and those who joined us for dinner, to make the tournament a success.

A great day of fun and fellowship was had by all! See you next year!

Many thanks to Deb French for organizing!

Thanks to a mighty assemblage of St. Matthew's golfers, and thanks in particular to John Rossi and his team, the Essex Deanery Golf Tournament Trophy will officially take up residence at St. Matthew's for the coming year! **Congratulations, John and team... congratulations to all our St. Matthew's golfers. You did us proud!!!**

Blessings,

Andreas



Photos from Carol Caverzan and John Rossi

What's buzzing in the religious blogosphere? Visit 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/>

And for other very good resources, also check out these websites:

Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (Toronto): <https://ssjd.ca/>

Society of St. John the Evangelist (Boston): <https://www.ssje.org/>

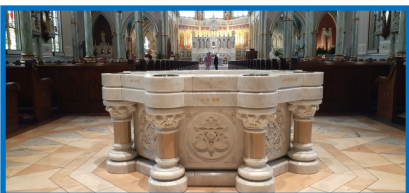
Cathedrals of the World

In this series, *The Journey* will be featuring photos, information, and stories about Cathedrals and Basilicas in Canada, and all around the world, as received from the congregation. If you would like to share some of yours, please talk to Sue Bernard or Irene Savva, or send to irene.savva3691@gmail.com. **We are looking forward to featuring all your contributions!**

The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist

Savannah, Georgia, USA

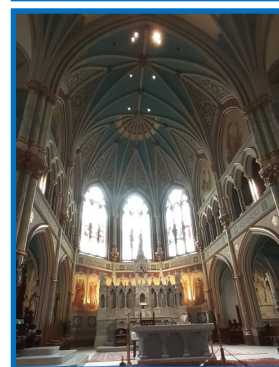
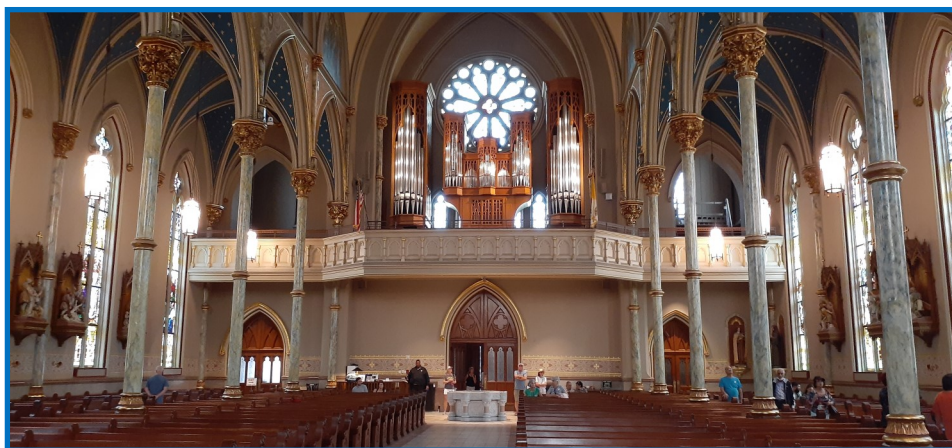
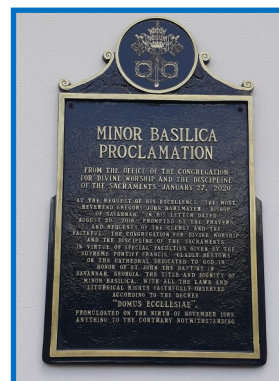
Photos from The Rev'd Andreas Thiel



The feast day of the nativity of John the Baptist is celebrated on **June 24**. It became a very popular celebration in Europe, especially in France. This was probably due to its proximity to the summer solstice (June 21), and the nature of St. John's ministry; early

Christians identified baptism and conversion with **new life** and the joy of the season. This tradition was brought to Canada by the first French colonists, as early as the 1600s.

In Georgia, USA, Catholic immigrants fleeing turmoil in Haiti and France established Savannah's first parish, the *Congregation de Saint Jean-Baptiste*, near the end of the 18th century. In 1820, as the church grew, The then Rt. Rev. John England, first Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, placed the cornerstone of a new brick church, and on April 1, 1839, he dedicated the Church of Saint John the Baptist, which seated 1,000 people, the only Catholic church in Savannah. At the turn of the 20th century, an enlarged church was elevated to Cathedral status. The latest restoration was completed in November 2000 to honor the 150th anniversary of the diocese of Savannah, and the 100th anniversary of the rededication of the Cathedral. His Holiness Pope Francis issued a decree in 2020, granting the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Savannah the title of Minor Basilica (photo, right). This Roman Catholic Cathedral is now officially named **"The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist."**



Information from:

<https://savannahcathedral.org/church-history/>

<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/la-fete-nationale-du-quebec-saint-jean-baptiste-day/>

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The Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela (St. James Apostle)

Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain

Photos from Gabriela Savva and Helen Suh

The Feast of St. James the Apostle is celebrated on July 25. The cathedral of Santiago de Compostela is the reputed burial place of St. James, who brought Christianity to the Iberian peninsula; it has historically been a place of pilgrimage on the “Way to St. James” (known as “*Camino de Santiago*” in Spanish), since the Early Middle Ages. Construction of the present cathedral started in 1078, considered as a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture; remarkable additions throughout the centuries include: the *Pórtico de la Gloria*, a jewel of medieval sculpture; the famous *Botafumeiro*, a giant incense thurible dating back to the mid 19th century, which swings impressively across the Main Altar on special dates (photo below, centre); and the iconic symbol of the city, the Baroque west façade facing the square of *Obradoiro* (photo below, right, built 1738-50). Over the centuries, thousands of pilgrims from all over the world have made their way to Santiago de Compostela. A few of the pilgrims’ routes are shown on the map below, including the Santiago-Finisterre, which is a route that does not end, but actually starts, in Santiago, finishing in the coastal community of *Fisterra* (photo below, left), known since ancient Rome times as *Finisterre*—“The End of the World.”



Pilgrims from St. Matthew's:



Left: Gabriela Savva (May-June 2022) - Route: Porto-Santiago-Finisterre
 “There is the saying ‘*El Camino provides*’ but my friend Helen and I soon came up with a joke that ‘The *Camino* also taketh away’. We encountered a number of what we liked to call ‘signs’, indicating that there was a greater power at play during our journey. For example, one time we wanted to give up, and take a shorter Google maps route, instead of following the zig-zagging arrows, and soon we were met with a gate, inexplicably blocking our way! So... message received: be good and go back to **The Way**. Provide or take away, *El Camino* kept showing us exactly where we needed to be, at many levels”



Right: Vicky Paraschak (March-April 2014) - Route: St. Jean Pied de Port-Santiago
 “In my case, The *Camino* quickly became a metaphor for living life. The *Camino* has something to teach each pilgrim; for me, it framed my relationship with God. As I saw my first yellow arrow, I thought ‘well, it’s just You and me’, and felt comforted in that awareness, knowing that I was never alone as long as I kept looking for the yellow arrow, for that presence of God that, I could trust, would always be there...”



Map from: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Ways_of_St._James_in_Europe.png
 Information from: <https://caminoways.com/cathedral-of-santiago-de-compostela>
 Vicky’s full account in our Summer 2014 issue of *The Journey*

This photo and arrow, from Vicky Paraschak

Rev'd Cathy's Corner

St. Matthew's is alive in the world with ministry to the needy and the outsiders. In spite of the restrictions of the whole pandemic we have continued to bring ministry to our community.

Marlborough School: Each week, items for the snack/nutrition programme have been delivered to the school for distribution to each classroom. Thanks to Vicki P, Danielle R., and Louise D. for doing this for us. 144 muffins were included each week. Thanks to Pat L., Audrey G., Nadine D., Danielle R., Meaghan F., Nicole M., Mary D., Louise D., Sue T., Jen M., Gail H., Sue B., Melissa B., Patty B., Cathy M., Ann H., and Gwen A. What a wonderful team baking those six dozen muffins and then wrapping them individually for health reasons. Great job! Thanks also to Andy H. for shopping at Costco to get the 240 cheese strings which were added to the other granola bars and snacks taken weekly.

Hiatus House: Sue B. and Louise D. take care of sorting out the food cupboard and the items for Hiatus House, which were generously donated by the folks to the appropriate places. See the thank-you letter from Hiatus House below, as well.

The Southwest Detention Centre: The sewing programme is still on hold until the end of the pandemic, but the backpack donations are up and running. Thanks to Mary Grace W., Wendy P., and Jean M. for helping to fill the backpacks and deliver them to the Centre.

We continue to try to meet some of the needs of our community, as we reach out and care for our community. Blessings to all,

Cathy

Outreach

This summer season, remember to donate to Hiatus House, the South West Detention Centre, and our Food Cupboard.

Thank you for your continuing support!



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Dear St. Matthews Anglican Church,

April 6, 2022

Thank you for your donation of formula, baby blankets and personal care items to Hiatus House. We are grateful for the support you have shown toward our work with women and children experiencing the effects of violence. Donations like yours are provided directly to women and children in our emergency shelter to support their needs during their stay and upon discharge.

Hiatus House relies upon community support like yours to help us offer the best possible programs and services in an effort to end violence against women and their children in Windsor-Essex. We hope that you continue to support our work here at Hiatus House throughout the year. If you have questions regarding the services we provide, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for helping Hiatus House in its mission to provide safe environments for women and their families to heal and strengthen.

Sincerely,

Sylvie Guenther, BSW, MA
Executive Director

From the Desk of Rev'd Glenda



Part 1: Bishop Todd's Vision: A Learning Church, and Where Do We Begin or Continue?

Connecting the Dots: At the Anglican Church of Canada's national meeting in 2010, the Church adopted a plan which called for General Synod to adopt the **Marks of Mission**. Remember them? They are the framework for ministry in the entire Anglican Church of Canada (as well as the worldwide Anglican Communion): 1) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; 2) To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers; 3) To respond to human need by loving service; 4) To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation; 5) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. At Synod 2020, Bishop Todd Townshend said: "When the church speaks of its mission, we recognize that this is not just our 'activity' in the world. We believe that God is actually carrying out God's mission among us, with us, for us and for the whole world. Our mission is found in God's mission—by understanding what God has done, is doing, and will do. Our very first task is to come to know and love this God and we aspire to grow more deeply into God's 'mission' as a learning church, a just church, a diverse church, a new church"; Bishop Todd also put forth his vision for the church, growing as a learning, a just, a diverse, and a new church. While this holds much meaning, we may be in a quandary as to knowing exactly what it all means, and questioning where to even begin. I, for one, love metaphors and lived experiences shared with me. That is very helpful to me. Today, I wish to share my own reflection on the Bishop's vision for the Church, not in its entirety, however, but 'one hope at a time', over the next 4 editions of *The Journey*. So let's begin with the question, **How do we aspire to grow more deeply into God's mission as a learning church?**

Study: A disciple is a student of Jesus, always learning his ways of being in the world. Learning through the lens of faith is more about forming than it is about receiving information. It's the difference between knowing God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, as opposed to knowing about the Trinity. In today's church culture, there is no shortage of opportunities to learn. We have Sunday morning teachings, Bible studies, online resources, and Christian books. There is much available to teach us about God and Jesus. Important, but there is more. **There is practice.**

Practice: Ahh...practice. It is what separates the seekers and the non-seekers. It is one thing to want to be good at playing the guitar or being a great tennis player, but it is something entirely different to pursue these skills through persistent and dedicated practice. This calls to mind the words of John Dewey, a philosopher, psychologist and educator: "Information becomes knowledge through experience." That is to say, we learn by applying the information.....**by experiencing.** The same applies to being a learning church. We must **practice** what we learn about the ways of Jesus. **BE** him on earth.....carry out his mission. Practice not only comes from desire; it also fuels desire. It is important to practice spending time with God....with Jesus.....having conversations about what is going on.... asking for meaning. The practice of seeking God should be something we look to perfect in our personal lives. This practice helps us to know God—be in a relationship **with** God, and not just know facts **about** God. This is what spirituality is; it comes from first learning about God, but it doesn't stop there. We learn to become spiritual disciples through practice, by spending personal time with God.....developing an intimacy with God.....Sunday PLUS.....! Here are six practice suggestions we can incorporate into our everyday lives which will help each of us to live more spiritually as a learning person in a learning church: **Meditation** (Try to begin each day with meditation, even if it's only for a minute); **Spiritual Reading; Practicing Gratitude; Spending Time in Nature; Being Open to Signs from God; Mindful Breathing** (The idea is simply to focus your attention on your breathing—to its natural rhythm and flow and the way it feels on each inhale and exhale).

See you in Part 2: What is a Just Church?

Glenda

Celebrating this season

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 Ligor
28 – Shawn McDonald
30 – Sarah Finlayson
30 – Kevin Patterson

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 Ligor & Jen McAlpine
28 – Mark & Sue Bernard

June

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

Birthdays

July

2 - Emily Finlayson
4 – Don Gall
4 - George Savva
5 - Katie Hahn
5 - Cathy MacKendrick
5 - Alisa Ritchie
5 - Janet Williams
7 - Kate Westray
8 - Gail Henderson
9 - Cora Braidford
11 - Ed Bulley
12 - Donna Hudec
17 – Daniel Repko
18 - Susan Bernard
19 - Brad Allsop
22 - Jane Stanley
27 - Richard Postovit
29 - Onorio Felet
31 - Bill Shaw

August

8 - Ron Henderson
9 - Lorraine Souchuk
9 - Donnie McAlpine
13 - Al McCabe
15 - Matthew Ritchie
20 - Gordon Drake
23 - Alyson Pidhoresky
28 - Frances Bernard
30 - Joan Geml

September

1 - Florence Ritchie
1 - Laurie Ritchie
3 - Roger Wurdemann
5 – Erin Pidhoresky
12 - Agnes Dalley
13 - Emma Chantler
15 - Jeff Patterson
16 - Eva Pidhoresky
16 - David Pidhoresky
19 - Matt Bulley
21 - Kierstin Yednoroz
22 - Stan Goldspink
24 - Marwan Taqtaq
26 - Jackson Donlon
28 - Lauren Wilkinson
30 - Melissa Bratt

Anniversaries

July

10 – Mark & Audrey Goldspink
25 – Marwan & Nadia Taqtaq
29 – George & Irene Savva

August

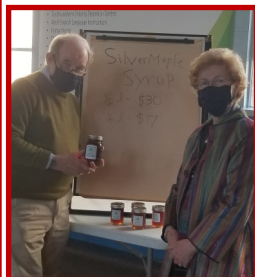
4 - Andy & Katie Hahn
30 - Gordon & Mary Louise Drake

September

7 – Paul Finlayson & Danielle Richer
15 – Jeff & Jane Patterson

News from the Pews:

We hope to hear from you soon!



Mary Lou & Gordon Drake's Maple Syrup Sale raised a grand total of **\$862.00**, with all proceeds going to apportionment.



Provincial election—Thursday, June 2, 2022. Once again, our Parish Hall served as an election polling station, this time for our Provincial Election.

These photos from St. Matthew's Archives



Special Services
St. Matthew's welcomed The Rev'd Bill Bradley as guest minister, on May 1 and May 8.
Thank you, Rev'd Bill!



This June 27, 2022 marks the 49th anniversary of The Rev'd Bob Roberts' ordination.

Happy Anniversary Rev'd Bob!



On Sunday June 5, our Church was all dressed up in red for Pentecost. After the 10 am service, Mary Lou Drake and her dynamic coffee-hour team had prepared a themed sweet table, to celebrate Margaret Jemison's birthday in particular, and, as Rev'd Andreas put it, "also every single birthday we have missed in the last two years!"



Photos by Gordon Drake

Calling all past Green Team members and new hopefuls! Help water our garden and flower pots, to keep them looking beautiful this summer and into the fall. Sign up for a week at a time, from Sunday to Saturday.

Thank you! Jen



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Grand Book Sale coming this fall!
Saturday, October 1 (times to be announced soon)
Mark your calendars, and tell your friends and relatives!
Many thanks to Louise Davis and Roger Wurdemann for spearheading this wonderful fundraiser, and for their generous donations from Juniper Books!

Thank you all for your contributions, please keep submitting them to Sue Bernard, Irene Savva or send to irene.savva3691@gmail.com. Any milestones? Submit a photo for publication! Also, please let us know of any updates needed on the birthday and anniversary page; **we apologize for any mistakes or omissions.**

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Photo above from Gabriela Savva
(Finisterre "The End of the World", Spain)

Everybody is Welcome!

Sunday Services

8:30 am & 10:00 am

All pandemic restrictions have ended, but the use of facemasks is encouraged when indoors, particularly when physical distancing is not possible.

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