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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 Joy Confronting Pain at Christmas

After almost three years of global upheaval and struggle, our faith communities are finding ways of being engaged in meaningful ways as we approach Christmas. **Hallelujah!** At St. Matthew's, that includes gathering for fellowship, and delicious soup on the four Sundays of Advent, immediately following the 10 am liturgy. There is much joy to be found in these times of togetherness, and I am already curious to see what delicious concoctions parishioners will cook up for our soup lunches. **Joy is of course a word that is universally associated with the Christmas season.** Joy to the world, we sing, and for good reason: we are, after all, preparing to celebrate the unbelievably good news of God coming to the human family, in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. This divine arrival signaled a new beginning of hope that would resonate down the centuries. One of the reasons for that hope is that through his birth, Jesus came into direct contact with a world that was – and still is – in great pain. Unafraid and undaunted, Jesus confronted that pain with infinite compassion and mercy. In doing so, he left his followers with a beautiful template of how we might live similarly. If we are to live as authentic Christians, we will not be afraid to confront the pain in the world, and to offer a compassionate response. **Our Advent soup lunches** provide us with one such opportunity. Week by week, the offering basket will be placed alongside all those delicious soups. Free-will offerings will be received, to be sent to the Council of the North. This large expanse of geography includes numerous Anglican communities who labour in the Lord's vineyard in the midst of significant challenges. You may recall the tragic news only months ago, from a place called James Smith Cree First Nation, Saskatchewan. Ten individuals lost their lives at the hands of an assailant with a knife. Eighteen were seriously injured. Many more residents of that community remain traumatized from the attacks. **In such painful times, the church is called to be present.** And that is exactly what happened. The Anglican Diocese of Saskatchewan, one of seven financially-assisted dioceses in the Council of the North, had the resources to respond with the love of Christ, and to offer a word of hope in the midst of devastation. This ministry will likely continue for weeks, months and years to come. It will do so to the extent that we give from the heart... over a bowl or two of soup... knowing that the One who came in glad tidings of joy, meets us and others wherever the pain may be found. **In this special season of joy, we give thanks that Christ offers that gift of healing to a world in pain, and that we are invited to join in God's ministry of healing.** Christmas blessings to you all, *Andreas*



The long awaited return of
St. Matthew's Christmas
Craft & Food Market

More on pages 4-5 ...

From Our Parish Council

Highlights from our
meeting on
Nov. 16, 2022.

Clergy Reports: **Rev'd Cathy** reported on the success of the 'Grab & Go' format for the Marlborough Breakfast Program. She noted a current need for gloves, mittens, scarves and toques. Regarding the Jail Ministry, some volunteers had recently filled backpacks for inmates being released. Cathy happily shared that the sewing program for inmates is finally resuming, as it had been on hold due to the pandemic. **Rev'd Glenda** reviewed her weekly visiting ministry with the homeless and addicted on the streets of Windsor. In addition to food and other resources, she offers her experience as a clinically trained social worker in meeting the psycho-social and spiritual needs of the people she encounters. The street ministry group has now formed invaluable working relationships with Feeding Windsor, Street Angels, and St. Vincent de Paul. In concert with her street ministry, Glenda and a retired social worker have held education and training sessions for new volunteers. **Rev'd Andreas** reported that Huron Lodge is open once again for church services in the dining/common area on each floor.

Attendance and Finances: Our in-person attendance at 10 am services remains steady at 45-50 members. St. Matthew's is so very blessed by the continued support of our wonderful church and ministries, with visible volunteering time, prayers and monetary donations. Our treasurer, Jane Patterson, has reported that while the proceeds of the Book Sale in October (\$6,300), and the Christmas Market (CCFM) in November (at just over \$9,000), certainly improved our financial situation, **we continue to face a deficit.** Carol Caverzan and Deb French reported on the major success of the use of the SQUARE, a contactless credit or debit card TAP and CHIP READER device that registered close to \$3,000 of the sales at the Christmas Market. With regards to the Book Sale, Council agreed in principle to distribute a portion of the proceeds to our Marlborough breakfast program. The amount is to be determined at the December Council meeting. On November 26, a group of volunteers took some of our unsold crafts to Glenwood United Church, as Glenwood graciously offered us space at their Christmas Craft Sale.

Property: We wish to acknowledge Rev'd John Riddle who kindly offered to cut down and remove the two dead spruce trees on our lawn area off the parking lot. We continue to await the results of a Deanery Survey regarding current market rental fees. In the meantime, we have determined to place our hall rentals on hold beginning in 2023; we also need to re-visit the fee structure and determine who will be responsible for contracts, opening and closing the building, etc. Finally, Rev'd Andreas has recently met several times with the roofing company with complaints about leaks; some progress is being made. More to come on this.

Updates from Previous Council Meeting and New Business

- Our organist and choir director, Mike Ricketts will be off two Sundays due to hip surgery. Parishioner Laura Lavoy, will fill in for him.
- Our church Warden, Jen McAlpine, has agreed to assume the role of "Kitchen Supervisor", ensuring that we have everything we need for our fellowship times in the church hall.

Blessings and a Very Merry Christmas to you all. Thank you for the honour and privilege it is to serve you as your Church 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. **Next meeting:** In person (or Zoom option) at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21. You are most welcome to join as an observer. Should you have an idea you wish to present, please contact Rev'd Andreas or one of your Wardens in advance to request being added to the agenda in a timely manner. **Thank you!**



Special Services this Season



Services at 8:30 am and 10:00 am: **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

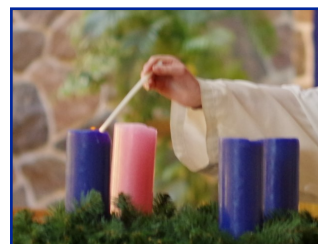
First Sunday of Advent - Nov 27

Second Sunday of Advent - Dec 4

Third Sunday of Advent - Dec 11

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Dec 18

(Hanging of the greens at 10 am service)



Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

Services at 4 pm and 7 pm



Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25 10:00 am Eucharistic service

Sunday after Christmas

January 1st, 2023 Services at 8:30 am and 10:00 am

**NEW
THIS
SEASON**



Epiphany Service

Friday, January 6, 2023 at 7 pm

Photographs from St. Matthew's Archives



of the North. For four Sundays, beginning on November 27, we will offer five soups each week, to be enjoyed after the 10 am service. **Free-will donations, as you are able, will be greatly appreciated.**

There is a sign-up sheet in the hall; we are looking for cooks to make a batch of their favourite soup, as well as volunteers to bring rolls/bread and butter.

THANK YOU!

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Advent Soup Lunches – With the season of Advent comes the St. Matthew's tradition of soup lunches, in support of the Ministry of the Council



Photo by Gordon Drake

For more information, contact Deb French, 226-280-7272.



Christmas Craft & Food Market 2022

Saturday November 12

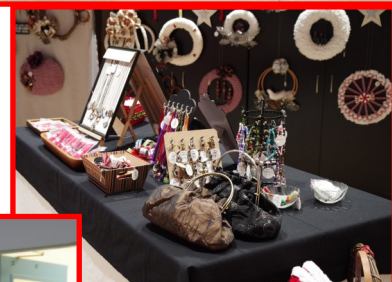


A festive gift-wrapped wall in the narthex served as the welcoming guide to the entrance of the church hall, where the big event was taking place.

Several tables, benches and racks were all set up, full of **Christmas crafts**, both ornamental and practical; knitted, glued or sewn, all lovingly created by our Craft Guild along the year:



Friendly volunteers were there to help customers find just the perfect gifts for their families and friends.



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... Christmas Craft & Food Market

At the **Baked Goods** table, there were squares, quick breads and muffins, pies and tarts, and cookies, and jams, and fudge, and cakes, for coffee time, some gluten-free, and many other specialty sweet treats, all homemade, pre-packed, and ready to go:



The Craft Guild pre-cut dozens of cookie and cereal boxes to provide sturdy, recyclable packaging, for the baked goods.



Skillful cashiers ensured a smooth check-out for a pleasant customer experience. Credit and debit payments with Square worked very successfully.



This was a wonderful opportunity to get lots of Christmas shopping done, as well as delicious sweet and savoury edibles. At printing time, our long awaited CC&FM had raised just over \$9,000! **Thank you all!**

Our popular **frozen meat pies (tourtière)** were quickly sold out. The market also provided volunteer-hour opportunities for high school students, like Tina, pictured above with our deacon, Rev'd Cathy. **And new this year:**

Delicious soups to go.

Photos by Gordon Drake and Irene Savva; text by Irene Savva

Calling All Families and Friends of St. Matthew's!

After a hiatus of 2 years, our St. Matthew's Talent Show and friends & family potluck dinner is back on!

We are so excited to bring this awesome and super fun evening back for your enjoyment.

Saturday January 14, 2023 starting at 6 pm in the church hall

Sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex for you to sign up with your friends, family or solo performance. **We look forward to seeing you all there, thank you!**

For questions or more information, please contact Jen at 519-551-7012

Rev'd Cathy's Corner

Outreach Programmes

Marlborough Breakfast Programme: We are now going to the school in 5 teams of 3 people to prepare and set up a Grab-and-Go style of breakfast for the children. We are making and bagging in a keep-warm style of envelope bag grilled cheese sandwiches. Along with this choice there are juice boxes – something other than the apple-only, which the school provides, and cheese strings. It was a slow start since we were the pilot group doing this, but now things are all gone before we know it. The muffins are still being offered to the students on Tuesday with other portable items. With the school jammed to the hilt with 500 students, the classroom they used to eat in is not available.

Hiatus House and Food for the Hungry: Both of these outreach programmes are being wonderfully taken care of by Louise Davis and Sue Bernard. Please note the list of items needed by the folks at Hiatus House, by the basket in the narthex.

Southwest Detention Centre: So far this fall we have taken three sets of backpacks to the Centre for those inmates who are “released to the street”. That term means that they do not have a home address to go to. The Centre gives them addresses of places for them to go to. It is such a popular programme that the Volunteer Coordinator Mark has had to store them under lock and key in his office. This is with his lending library, jigsaw puzzles, etc., etc. It looks much like Dagwood's closet sometimes. The other interesting news is that the Sewing programme is being allowed in again. At the moment we only have 3 returning instructors which makes it difficult to meet the needs of the programme. We are extending our invitation to other sewers and churches to partner with to provide this valuable ministry. It is not easy, but once you have done it, it is rewarding to volunteer with an inmate.

Blessings to everyone who contributes to “caring for our community”.


**Outreach — This season, remember Hiatus House, the South West Detention Centre, and our Food Cupboard.
Thank you for all your support!**

From Our Chancel Guild

The envelopes for our **Christmas Flower Dedications** are available at the back of the church. Please fill out the information, and return with your free-will donation (**cash only, please**) by placing in the collection plate during services, no later than Sunday, December 11. **Thank you!**

And starting in January 2023, to dedicate flowers on any Sunday, in honour of a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones, please find the flower dedication book in the narthex; write down the dedication as you would like it to appear in our Sunday bulletins in the space provided for the corresponding date. Then please fill out the information on one envelope, available next to the book; place payment inside (cash only) and return by placing in the collection plate during services, at least one week in advance.

For questions, please speak with our Sacristan, Sue Bernard.

 Flower Dedication (Chancel Guild)	
Name(s): _____	
Envelope # _____	Dedication Date: _____
Included inside this envelope (check box): \$45 for two bouquets in the Sanctuary <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 for one bouquet on the organ <input type="checkbox"/>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> CASH ONLY PLEASE </div>	
<small>Please place in the collection plate during services, at least one week in advance</small>	



Interfaith Colloquium on Palliative Care –



The Rev'd Andreas Thiel and Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia.
Photograph from the Rev'd Andreas Thiel

Last summer I was appointed by General Synod to represent the Anglican Church of Canada at an Interfaith Colloquium on palliative care. The event took place in Ottawa, on October 29. It was an honour to offer an Anglican perspective on hospice and palliative care, and to be in conversation with international guests, among whom were physicians, bioethicists and church representatives, including the President of the Pontifical Academy for Life at the Vatican, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia. In our round table discussions we agreed on the importance of such meetings. To that end, an International Interfaith Symposium is being planned for 2023 or 2024.

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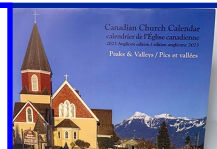
Congratulations to our Church Warden, Carol Caverzan, who has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Canterbury College.

Canterbury College is a Liberal Arts College founded by the Anglican Church of Canada in 1957, and is affiliated to the University of Windsor. The local Board of Directors is run by an Executive Committee elected annually; the current President is The Venerable Jane Humphreys, Territorial Archdeacon. (images from our archives)



There are just a few Church Calendars available for purchase. Please contact Rev'd Andreas. \$10/each.

Photo from: <https://www.anglican.ca/about/calendar/>



Our Bishop is coming to St. Matthew's next spring!

The Right Reverend R. Todd Townshend, Th.D, Bishop of Huron, will be visiting our parish on March 26, 2023. Stay tuned for more details.

Welcome, Bishop Todd!

Photo, and for more on Bishop Todd, visit: <https://diohuron.org/our-bishop>

What's buzzing in the religious blogosphere?

Visit the websites of our Diocese of Huron, and the Anglican Church of Canada:

<https://diohuron.org>

<https://www.anglican.ca>

Resources for this Advent Season:

<https://pwrdf.org/Advent2022/> "The Birth of Hope" with biblical scholar, Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, who will help us make the connections between the women of the biblical texts, and our own hopes and griefs, in this time of climate crisis. **Starts on November 27.**

<https://diohuron.org/podcasts/media/2022-10-17-teaser-advent-study-with-bishop-terry-dance> "Advent Bible Study with Bishop Terry Dance" take some time aside to explore, along with Bishop Terry, what are the important things that we are missing during the season of Advent. **Starts on November 27.**

Looking forward to hearing from you! Do you have suggestions for other good religious resources? Please share links to your favourite Anglican and other religious websites; send to irene.savva3691@gmail.com, to be included in this section.

From the Desk of Rev'd Glenda



Part 3: Bishop Todd's Vision — A Diverse Church

“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, through us and for us and the whole world. Our mission is found in God’s mission. Our very first task then is to come to know and love this God as 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 Townshend, Synod, 2020)

At Synod, 2020, Bishop Todd put forth his vision for the church for the next 4 years. While his vision of us growing as a learning, a just, a diverse, and a new church, holds much significance, we may be in a quandary as to meaning, and we may be questioning as to where to even begin. In the June, 2022 edition of *The Journey*, I wrote the first in a series of four reflections on our Bishop’s vision for the Church: *Becoming a Learning Church*. My second entry in a September, 2022 reflection, was in reference to our being a Just Church.

In this edition, **the focus is on what it means to be a Diverse Church**. I begin by sharing segments of a note that our Bishop Todd Townshend penned in March/2022. IT STARTS WITH A SELF-SACRIFICING HOSPITALITY... A note on a more “diverse church”:

“... The church has an opportunity to give a powerful witness to society by thinking and speaking about what diversity actually means in light of the Gospel. A starting point for this (admittedly huge) topic is found in our part of creation—in the natural world itself. There is an inherent diversity in God’s creation. However, looking at the many tragic conflicts of human existence, one might observe that “we seem to be living in a world at war with its own diversity ... What I’m suggesting is that in addition to our wonderful inherited religious and cultural traditions, it may be time for us to raise our eyes to the horizon to see if the global Anglican world has other traditions that may be incorporated into our life. This is crucial contextual work in an ever-changing and diversifying Southwestern Ontario. At one level, this may be nothing more than adding a little variety to a stale pattern of language, speech, music, and art—it may allow the Good News to be heard afresh! At a deeper level, this is a summons to seriously question some of our assumptions about **difference**, and to redraw boundaries of **what is us**. We need to be alert to how Jesus defines **us** ... It starts with a self-sacrificing hospitality ... it stretches us and makes our lives larger. In the end, I believe that we will find that we really didn’t have to leave anything important behind. We will have gained whole new worlds.”

You know, I think that when we consider diversity, it is important for us to go beyond race or ethnicity. It may be about making a place in the life of the church for people with varying degrees of ability; it may be about making a place for those who are of limited financial means alongside those who have financial abundance; it might be about addressing ageism; and of course, it may well be about race or ethnicity or sexual orientation or ??? As Bishop Todd reminds us in his note, “At one level, this may be nothing more than adding a little variety to a stale pattern of language, speech, music,—it may allow the Good News to be heard afresh! At a deeper level, this is a summons to seriously question some of our assumptions about difference and to redraw boundaries of what is ‘us’.”

I truly believe that we, at St. Matthew’s, have been visibly making progress over the years in growing as a diverse church, and it almost seems that we are simply doing so naturally, without fanfare. We can, as a congregation, also choose to adopt a preferential option to be that church that truly reflects the diversity of the community around us ... the community in which God has placed us. It’s up to each of us to continue to note and share those areas where we believe we can improve in embracing diversity at any level.

See you in the next issue of *The Journey* for my 4th and final installment of Bishop Todd’s Vision for the Church ... “Becoming a New Church”. **Merry Christmas to All, ~Glenda**

Cathedrals of the World

In this series, *The Journey* will be featuring photos, and stories about Cathedrals and Basilicas 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. Looking forward to featuring all your contributions!

In this issue, from Mike Herrington:

The Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Christ Church Cathedral on the corner of the Rue Ste Catherine and l'avenue Union is my spiritual home in Montreal, although when I am able to spend a few days visiting friends in Montreal, I also attend services at the Montreal Diocesan College, of which I am an alumnus, and High Mass at the Church of Saint John the Evangelist. These are all Anglican institutions.

There has been an Anglican presence in Montreal since 1760, although the present Cathedral dates back to 1859. Originally a church for the white English-speaking elite of Montreal, Christ Church Cathedral is today anything but that. I like to attend the noon Eucharist, which is usually in English.

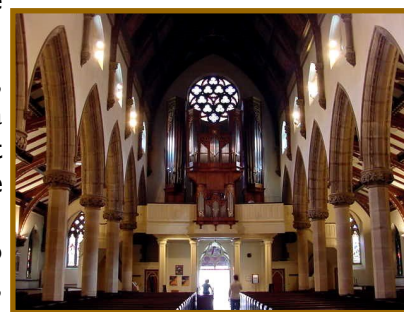
At 10 AM every Sunday there is a Mass in French. The two communities, although they share our common Anglican heritage, are separated by language and so it should be.

In the late 1990's, I wandered into the cathedral and found that the noon Eucharist had just begun. I was welcomed after the service by Frances Sheppard, who became a good friend. She was a tireless worker for the church and a member of the Cathedral Board of Management. Partly due to her efforts and advice, the cathedral has over the years become completely welcoming and inclusive. Frances was a no frills, no fuss Low Church Anglican and always attended the 8 AM early said Mass where there would never be any music. Good enough for her. Later, when she could no longer live in her own home, at the Résidence Soleil, she had to worship in a Roman Catholic chapel --in French--that's all there was at the nursing home. She spoke excellent French. When the RC priest asked her if she believed in transubstantiation, she said NO, and he would have refused to give her the Holy Communion if she had not made it clear that she did believe in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Bread and Wine-- she just objected to the Roman Catholic terminology!

About five years ago, maybe more, a new Dean from France has made worship at the cathedral a bit more catholic and incense is used and Latin sung a bit more often. I followed the Maundy Thursday Liturgy on line this year and it was beautiful and inspiring. Dean Olivier himself is a member of the LGBT community, so the cathedral has certainly not lost its inclusiveness under his administration. There are study groups, meditation groups, Bible study and a special ministry to the homeless, whom one sees frequently in downtown Montreal.

Yes, I am spiritually at home at Saint Matthew's in Windsor, but am also very welcome in Montreal. Next time you are in Montreal, don't forget to visit Christ Church Cathedral—a must see for any Anglican tourist there!

Photos from Wikipedia



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... cont. Cathedrals of the World

From the Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick:

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, Saint Peter, Saint Paul and Saint Swithun, best known as Winchester Cathedral.

One of the first cathedrals Kim and I visited was Winchester, which dates back to 1079. What struck us first was the frogmen (divers) that we saw rising up out of the ground outside the cathedral. Protective gates were around the hole from which they emerged. This was in 1970 and the Norman crypt was full of water; the worry was that the great building was going to fall down. It was drained but still floods in rainy months. When we were there again in 2001, the crypt had once again filled to 50% capacity.



Winchester is one of the largest cathedrals in Britain, with the longest nave and greatest length of any Gothic cathedral in Europe. The present building was constructed on the site of much older Minsters by William the Conqueror. In the early times of the English monarchy, Winchester was often the place where the kings were crowned, anointed, and blessed as the centre of Wessex.

Many famous church and lay people are buried and memorialized within the building. What fascinated me was Bishop Fox's Chantry chapel (photo right). Built in the early 1500s at the side of the chancel, the enclosed chapel was where priests and others could go and pray for the souls of a person who had died. He had been the Secretary to Kings Henry VII and VIII and the founder of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. But what I focused on was the *transi* which is behind the grate in the middle of the chapel. It is a carved image of a skeleton. During the Black Death, people were very aware that death could happen at any moment, and so they depicted the dead as skeletons, or often in shrouds – a *transi* – in transition between life and death. It was from this chapel that my interest in the way people have memorialized their dead grew. Between Kim's interest in the Green Man images, and mine in pagan symbols and memorials, we had lots of fun prowling around cathedrals and village churches in the UK and Ireland. More about our discoveries for another time ...



Photos from Wikipedia



It Starts with a Gift — The **Angel Tree Program** focuses on children who have the hardship of a parent who is in prison. The Prison Fellowship organization provides a list of families of prisoners' wish list for their children (max. \$35.00/child); they write their names on gift tags that will be attached to the gifts that are purchased and donated by our St. Matthew's sponsors (our Christmas Angels, as I like to call them). This year, I was again overwhelmed by the immediate and huge response of folks who wanted to sponsor one, two, or even three children. **But that is not all!** It was also heart-warming when several of our already committed *Christmas Angels* offered to shop and deliver gifts for those parishioners who wanted to sponsor a child, but were unable to do the shopping or delivery themselves. **But that is not all!** I received an email from one of our own, who felt sad about not being able to participate in the program, but who assured me of *prayer...* for the children, for the prisoners, for our Christmas Angels, and for me. There are no words! I cannot express enough how very blessed, grateful, proud and honored I am to be our *Angel Tree Christmas* Coordinator. **Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Merry Christmas! Glenda**

P.S. Please, if you are able, watch "**Angel Tree Christmas: It Starts With A Gift**", an inspiring 3-minute video about the program. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2q46r2xirY>

Celebrating this Season:

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November

2 – Patti Weir
6 – Beth Felet
10 – Ladd Ritchie
12 – Susan Trenhaile
15 – Audrey Goldspink
16 – Robert Weir
16 – Jacqui Rene
28 – Julia Rossi

December

11 – Iris Marie Donlon
13 – Maddie Hancock
14 – Carol Bulley
14 – Patty Paraschak
16 – Andy Hahn
22 – Sarah Henderson
22 – Irene Paraschak
25 – Mike Herrington
27 – Helen Cahill
28 – Cory Yednoroz

Anniversaries

November

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

Birthdays

January

1 – Dora Donlon
10 – Linda McDonald
13 – Sabrina Weir
13 – Carol Caverzan
15 – Jessica Hitchcock
18 – Mary Davis
18 – Jennifer Hitchcock
27 – Max Hahn
28 – Sophia Savva
29 – Nicole McCabe
30 – Ella Hahn
31 – Erica Rossi

February

1 – Ann Hucal
6 – Isabella Chantler
6 – Jennifer Goldspink
8 – Darren Bernard
11 – Jane Gall
12 – Mark Bernard
18 – Nadia Taqtaq
22 – Elissa Weir
25 – Edwin Levergood
26 – Neil Cowley
27 – Stephania Allsop

December

21 – Scott & Laurie Ritchie

February

5 – Bill & Ginny McAdam

Important Dates to Remember:

Talent Show & Family Pot luck: Saturday, January 14, 2023— Potluck dinner at 6pm, followed by talent show; fun for the whole family! (see p. 4)

Annual Vestry Meeting 2023: Sunday, February 5— immediately after our 10 am service, in the church hall.

Ash Wednesday Service: February 22, 2023 at 7 pm

News from the Pews:

We hope to hear
from you soon!

News from the Weir Family:

Elissa Weir had two short films selected to be premiered as part of the **Windsor International Film Festival local showcase this year**, "Chivalric Values" and "Sapphic Dating for Rural Victorians." Some of us were able to go to the premiere on November 2nd. Elissa continues to make films for her classes at school, as well as kicking around ideas for films to make on her own time, with some friends. We are looking forward to seeing what she comes up with next. Photo from the Weir family.



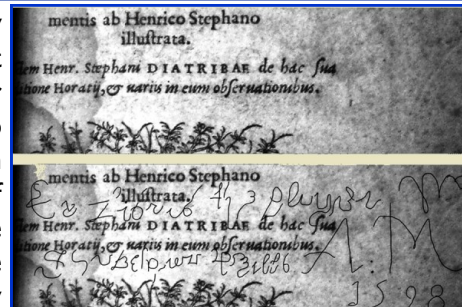
Sabrina Weir has been playing with the **WCCA Concert Band at Walkerville High School**. On Oct 26th they were able, for the first time since the pandemic, to have the Band Blast Off concert, at which interested Grade 7 and 8 students are invited to join the high school's band. They learn some simple music together after school and then perform it the same evening for friends and family, and the concert band showcases whatever they have been working on at school, as well. They will be doing a holiday concert on Dec 15th/16th.

Mary Grace Weir was in another play at **The Shadowbox Theatre at the end of October, The Rinsing Witch**, written by local playwright Edele Winnie. Sadly, one of the actors got COVID after opening weekend so they only got to do 2 of the 5 scheduled performances. **Mary Grace is about to start rehearsals for another play** that is scheduled to be performed at The Shadowbox in February (MG: "they haven't released their official lineup for the year yet, so I'm not sure I'm allowed to say what it is, though anyone who is interested can ask me about it and I'll spill the beans").

I was recently on a 17-day lecture tour to nine university campuses in six different cities in the Canadian west (Manitoba to BC) as this year's Western Tour lecturer for the Classical Association of Canada. Each institution got to choose one of three presentation topics that I had on offer, but most opted for the talk on my discovery of Shakespeare's copy of Horace's poems in 2016 in a private Canadian collection. Before that western trip and in the week of Thanksgiving, I was up in Ottawa to donate a very special Roman coin to the small archaeological museum at the University of Ottawa. **Robert.**

Photos and caption from:

<https://www.uwindsor.ca/dailynews/rehse/business/2022-01-21/researcher-discuss-shakespearean-sources>



Under ultraviolet light, the title page of a collection of Horace reveals a record by Anthony Munday that he purchased the volume from Shakespeare for four shillings in 1598: "Ex Libris the player W / Shakesper 4 shills A: M / 1598."

Everyone is welcome! Coffee and Fellowship Hour
Sundays after the 10 AM Service
Our hosting rotation is back! Sign up with Mary Lou Drake

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... News from the Pews



On November 5, several energetic “leaf elves” took it upon themselves to clean the church’s outdoor area, to get the premises nice and clean for an important event later that day (see right).

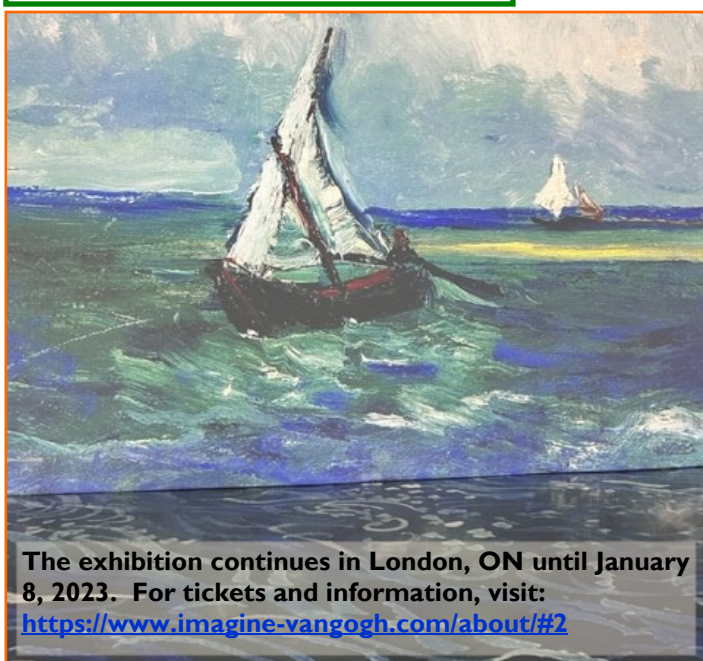
Photos from Carol Caverzan

*Amber Pare
and
Edmund Felet*
were joined in
**Holy Matrimony at
St. Matthew’s Church
on Saturday,
November 5, 2022**



Congratulations Amber & Ted!

Photo above from the Felet family



The exhibition continues in London, ON until January 8, 2023. For tickets and information, visit:
<https://www.imagine-vangogh.com/about/#2>

On November 15, four adventurous art lovers from St. Matthew’s, travelled to London, ON to dive in into **Imagine Van Gogh, The Immersive Exhibition**, a 360° digital art exhibit that invites visitors to step into the universe of Dutch genius, Vincent Van Gogh, accompanied by the music of great composers. Below, from left: The Rev’d Glenda Fisher, warden Carol Caverzan, and parishioners Jean Muhleisen and Nadine Donlon.

Photos
from
Carol
Caverzan



Photos by
Gordon
Drake



On November 13, dear parishioner Jen McAlpine shared the good news that she has completed her radiotherapy treatment; to celebrate, we enjoyed a delicious cake, courtesy of Jen, and Toni Ligori.



A selfie taken by our rector, Rev’d Andreas, with **Eila Morrison**, a long-time St. Matthew’s parishioner, at her **90th birthday** party, held on November 20.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EILA!!!

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.**

Fire and Light By Debra A. Boussey, as submitted by her friend, Dianne Ianicello

Christmas comes, so we're told
During days both grey and cold.
Were we living in days of yore
We'd be huddled round a fire's roar.

Hands outstretched towards dancing flame
Whose snapping tendrils are ne'er the same.
Drawing both in warmth and light
Staving off encroaching night.

Whose reach grows stronger with shorter days
Overwhelming the sun's bright rays
Darkening the hope that they bring
Of light and joy that comes with spring.

The days of night in winter gloom
Thoughts descending to the tomb
Spirits desperately seek a crutch
Upon to grasp, and hold, and clutch.

Fire, no matter how fierce it burns
Cannot provide for what spirit yearns
Not alone as its spark is weak
Compared to sunlight at its peak.

Christmas lying twixt fall & spring,
Provides the hope to which spirits cling
The hope we'll not be in darkness lost,
Hearts encased in ice & frost.

Both light & warmth within it glow.
It will not counsel tales of woe.
For the longest night is four days past
And the joy within in it is wide & vast.

Whether the day be for your salvation to follow,
Or simply a way to make life less hollow,
Christmas is the fire & light you seek
Wherein winter darkness is less bleak.

A Blessed Christmas to All!



Photo from our archives

Everybody is Welcome!

Sunday Services

8:30 am & 10:00 am

The use of facemasks is strongly recommended when indoors. Also, if you are feeling unwell, please abstain from attending public gatherings, including services of worship.

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