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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 Into the Wilderness

There is a rich biblical tradition of the 40-day or 40-year time period. Think of the accounts of Noah, Moses, the Israelites wandering in the desert, Elijah, etc. In the bible, forty days or forty years are often connected with the themes of trial, judgment or suffering. **For Christians**, the 40-day period is central to understanding the ministry of Jesus. The gospel writers agree that after Jesus was baptized in the Jordan river, "the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. Jesus was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him." (Mark 1:12-13). What a wonderful (and frightful) scenario for us to imagine: Jesus, accompanied by the Spirit, in the company of others: Satan, wild beasts, angels. What must that have been like? To experience just one day of this would be remarkable; now imagine a full forty days! **Those 40 days in the wilderness** serve as our prototype for Lent, itself a season of forty days. Our prayer book reminds us that this season is to be characterized by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God. It's true, we Anglicans do these things already, to some extent. But the Lenten invitation is to undertake these practices on a deeper level... in a more intentional manner. With that in mind, **what would a deeper experience of prayer be like for you?** Might it involve praying more frequently throughout the day, or dedicating longer periods of time to prayer? Might you consider taking on a different form of prayer (yes, there are many), or might it involve praying with a prayer partner? Would you consider having a conversation with your pastor or a friend about the ups and downs of your prayer life? Similar questions could be considered regarding the other Lenten practices. Although it's true that **the number 40** is connected with the biblical themes of trial, judgment or suffering, people of faith have also understood the number 40 to signify change and I believe this to be important. Included in God's many promises to us is the promise of deep and lasting personal change. It is the promise to be conformed to nothing less than the image of Christ. As St. Paul puts it: "all of us... seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit." (2 Cor. 3:18). As we take our first steps into the Lenten wilderness with our Lord and Saviour, we embrace that promise of change. We embrace the One who unfailingly meets us in each of our wildernesses. And we give thanks to God for working within us, so that in our thoughts, words and actions, our lives may reflect God's glory. **Blessings upon blessings to you all,**

*Andreas*



## Epiphany Day

More on page 2 ...

## Seasons' Highlights: Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany



First Sunday - Bare tree, and lighting of the first candle by the Hahn family

**ADVENT** Our Sanctuary gradually transformed from bare and dark, to a fully ornamented place, by the addition of Chrismons\* to the tree, and brighter each Sunday from the lighting of the Advent Wreath candles, this year with the help from four young families from our congregation:



Second Sunday - A few Chrismons, two candles shining (by the Moscatello family, not pictured)



Third Sunday - Fuller tree, and lighting of three candles, including the rose (Joy) candle, by the Steen family



Fourth Sunday - Four candles shining bright, lit by the Bratt family

In addition, on the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 18, the Christmas flowers were brought to the Sanctuary, and the Chrismon tree became fully decorated:

### CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

The Chrismon Tree lights and the crèche were features during our two Christmas Eve services, just like last year, but unlike then, we were able to share in the magic of candlelight:



The next morning, a gentle snow fall perfectly fitted with the service, for a bright and Holy Christmas Day ("His Grace" Celtic Cross Chrismon, pictured, right.)

**EPIPHANY DAY** New to St. Matthew's, an evening Epiphany Day service was held on Friday, January 6, 2023. Enthusiastic attendants participated in a lively, improvised Pageant:



After the service, refreshments were shared in the church hall; amongst the treats, there were a cake, and a Mexican Epiphany bread wreath.



The Christmas flowers remained beautiful all through the seasons.

\* The name **Chrismon** comes from the Latin words *Christi monogrammus* (Christ's name or emblem). Chrismon Trees are decorated with gold and white Chrismons, and lit with tiny white lights to represent the Light of Christ. In 1979, our chancel guild decided to create a Chrismon tree for our parish.

# From Our Parish Council

**Vestry Meeting  
February 5, 2023**

**On Sunday February 5, 2023, we had our yearly vestry meeting after a beautiful lunch supplied by your parish council.** There were 33 people present.

The new budget for 2023 was passed, presented by treasurer Jane Patterson. Envelope secretary, Beth Felet, noted that our operating expenses have increased considerably and that any increases in offerings would be appreciated.

New members of parish council were voted in (see installation, below). We welcomed new members Danielle Richer, Steve Yednoroz, Ted Felet, and Melissa Bratt to council.

Louise Davis was nominated and accepted as a new warden, as well.

**Submitted by Jen McAlpine**



All photos on this page by Gordon Drake

## **The installation of the St. Matthew's Parish Council for 2023 took place at our 10am service on Sunday, February 12, 2023**

**From left to right:** Melissa Bratt; Deb French; **Lay Delegate to Synod** Carol Caverzan; Ted Felet; Steve Yednoroz; Alisa Yednoroz; Danielle Richer; **Churchwardens** Jennifer McAlpine and Louise Davis. **Not pictured:** Bob Braidford; Bill McAdam; and **ex-officio members**, our deacons The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick and The Rev'd Glenda Fisher.



In recognition to her service as church warden for 2022, Rev'd Andreas thanked Carol Caverzan for her excellent job, and presented her with a token of our appreciation. In the photo, right, Carol wearing her St. Matthew's visor, which she will for sure enjoy while practicing golf, a new found passion she discovered during the last Deanery of Essex Golf tourney.



Our Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:00 PM. **Next meeting:** In the choir room, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. 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!**

**Auto-deduction giving** – Please consider this option, which helps us meet our monthly financial obligations. 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.

# Family & Friends Potluck Dinner and Talent Show

Photography by Gordon Drake

Text by Jen McAlpine

**Saturday January 14** was the night of our Family and Friends Potluck Dinner and Talent Show, after a hiatus of two years due to the pandemic. I'm so pleased to report that we had 56 people in attendance, and looking around that evening; seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter, was so very heartwarming.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention all the amazing dishes that everyone brought and shared, **you all out did yourselves!**



**We were entertained by a wide variety of talent.**

The evening started off with a combination of Pattersons and Wilkinsons singing for us, namely Jane and Collin Patterson, and Jane's brother, Jeff Wilkinson, joined in for the first time.



Caitlin Henderson shared her awesome Irish dancing. She has been dancing for us for eleven years; it's a joy to see how she has grown into a lovely 19 year-old university student. New this year, Nadine Donlon and Deb French, every so often, would run up on stage and share some hysterically funny church bloopers with the audience. It's safe to say they became an instant favourite. Mike Herrington and his piano shared "Name that Tune" a classic old game show. Mary Lou Drake danced and shared a song. John Riddle told a very funny story called "Wayside Chapel"; it's hard to explain but it was all about the water closet (need I say more?) Grace L. followed with very funny "Dad Jokes." We had a new band **"The Grrls"**, featuring Laura and Grace L., Carol Caverzan, Jane Patterson, and Jody Ness. One of our newer parishioners, Lori Maisonville, shared



some very funny thoughts on humour. We also had a special performance from Arlette Repko, who shared three Aramaic songs, and played her amazing keyboard. We look forward to hearing from Arlette next year as she was a welcome addition to our talent show! Carol Caverzan and her guitar rounded up the evening with "You've got a friend" and "All my Life's a Circle." **Thank you once again to everyone who shared their talent with us! Thank you to everyone who invited a friend or your family, it was a very special evening. Looking forward to 2024!**



The Grrls





## Special Services this Season

**Ash Wednesday** February 22, at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm  
Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes



**Palm Sunday**

April 2 at 8:30 and 10:00 am



**The Triduum**

**Maundy Thursday**

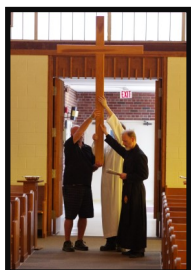
April 6 at 7:30 PM

**Good Friday**

April 7 at 12 Noon

**Saturday Easter Vigil**

April 8 at 7:30 PM



## EASTER SUNDAY

April 9 at 8:30 am and 10:00 am



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### ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON

Lenten Group - Sundays in Lent

*Organic God - Lenten Meditations on the Words of Jesus*  
by Kate Moorehead

Sundays, right after Fellowship Hour/Lenten Soup Luncheons:  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2

A series of daily meditations for the Lenten season considering recurrent themes in Jesus' parables.

### Lenten Soup Lunches

Look for the sign-up chart in the Parish Hall, and volunteer for setting-up, cleaning-up, donating a pot of soup, or bread and butter.

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

Every Sunday in Lent after the 10 am service.  
**Free-will offering All proceeds go to the PWRDF**



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

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# Rotary Club Mission to Ghana

By Gordon Drake

Photos from Gordon Drake

Mary Lou and I recently returned from a Rotary mission to Ghana, in West Africa.

We spent eleven jam-packed days helping to build the infrastructure in the remote Jirapa area. The team was small (seven people, in total), but it was a successful and rewarding trip, nevertheless. The three main themes were: **water, education and health** – all three are intertwined. Here's a summary of some of the key projects, completed thanks to the many generous donations from Windsor and surrounding areas:



**VILLAGE/SCHOOL WATER WELLS** – sufficient funds were donated to drill nine wells. The selected villages did not have drinkable water. Clean water reduces water-borne diseases and death in the village, and enables young girls to attend school, rather than constantly going to fetch water in a nearby village.

**MOSQUITO NETS** – We gave about 500 insecticide-treated mosquito nets to pregnant/nursing mothers, to reduce sickness and death from malaria.



**TONY HOWARD MEMORIAL PROJECTS** – Rotarian and team member, Karen Howard, worked with Rotary on a successful Fish Fry fundraiser. The moneys were used at Tankuri Village schools to upgrade the soccer pitch, build a playground, and provide shoes, clothing, and bags of rice for the kids.



**ORPHANAGE** – there are currently about 17 children at the Jirapa orphanage and 36 children at Nakwabi orphanage. We delivered food, clothing, and funds for operational expenses and repairs. The children at the Jirapa orphanage also received a stuffed teddy bear, provided by one of our food donors.

**RAINWATER HARVESTING – NEW EARTHEN DAM CREATED** – The weather in Ghana is tropical, but the northern Degri region is dry since it borders on the Sahara Desert. Consequently, there is just a single rainy season and a single dry season each year. It is always hot, but the farmers cannot grow a second crop during the dry season. A previous Rotarian realized that by building an earthen work dam, they could store enough water to grow a second crop. Since some land would be flooded, he got all the farmers to agree to the project, along with local tribal chiefs and politicians. With Ghana government's help, the dam is now a reality, much to the delight of the local farmers.



The Rotarian group received in excess of \$150,000 in donations and grants, mainly from personal donations plus a Windsor Fish Fry fundraiser. Partners in Ghana are essential in order to ensure that the money goes to the proper places, and is properly spent. Our partners in Ghana are the Rotary Club of Wa, designated local agents, and Health and Water/Sanitation Department in Jirapa. These partners look after getting competitive prices, and providing ongoing monitoring of the projects. The Windsor team and Rotary Club are extremely grateful for the wonderful generosity of so many donors who make it possible to improve the lives of those who live in Jirapa District. With a population of about 110,000, mainly in rural villages, there are only three doctors in total to look after a high incidence of malaria, shortage of water, almost no toilets in rural villages, and many JK/SK students with no indoor classrooms. It is an adventure just going there, and the good that is done is long-lasting.



**Left to right:** Gordon Drake, Cynthia Blanchard, Ron Arkell, Mary Lou Drake, Bernadette Bacheyie, Karen Howard, Dr. Godfrey Bacheyie

# Our Anglican World



**Episcopal Visit**—The Right Reverend R. Todd Townshend, Th.D., 14th Bishop of Huron, will be visiting our parish on Sunday, March 26, 2023. There will be one service only, starting at 10:00 am, presided by our Bishop.

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

The service will include the Rite of Confirmation for Luiz and Davny Montebello

## St. Matthew's parishioner and lay delegate to Synod, Carol Caverzan, was 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. In December 1962, the Ontario Legislature incorporated a "secular" University of Windsor, and a year later, Canterbury College, Assumption University of Windsor, Holy Redeemer College (now Académie Sainte-Cécile), the United Church based Iona College, AND the newly established University of Windsor all joined in an affiliation agreement. Currently, Canterbury College provides housing for University of Windsor students, and Elder College, an educational program for adults over age 55, is offered under Canterbury College; Anglican based Lay Leadership Courses (at no cost to participants) are also offered. The local Board of Directors is run by an Executive Committee elected annually; the current President is The Venerable Jane Humphreys, Territorial Archdeacon. In November of 2022, I received a phone call from Archdeacon Jane Humphreys with an invitation to be appointed to the Board of Directors, and I was delighted to accept. Little did I know at that time that I had, over time as a resident of Windsor, already established connections with 7 of the 14 Board members, including St. Matthew's own, Dr. Gordon Drake, Principal of Canterbury College, as well as the Chaplain for the College. Therefore, arriving for my first meeting last month felt more like a "home-coming" event!

In terms of academia, there are some exciting news brewing for the near future, for example:

### The Essex Deanery Lay Leadership Training Classes: Classes for 2023

- February 18 – The Love of Hebrew with Rev. Gayle Rawlings
- March 18 – What Do Anglicans Believe with panel TBD
- May 13 – Administration with Rev. Lisa Poultney (note change 2nd Saturday)
- June 17 – History with Rev. Gordon Maitland
- October 21 and November 18 - How to write a sermon

Please contact The Reverend Elise Chambers if you wish to attend.



Images from our archives

Stay tuned for more, Carol

## 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>

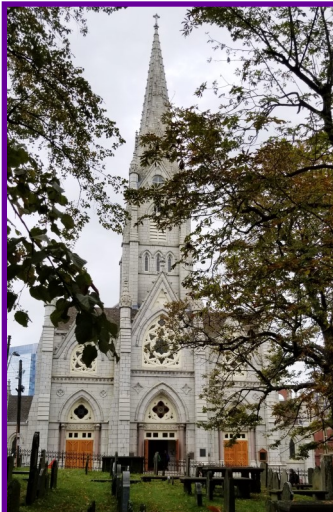
### Some resources for this Lenten Season:

- Discipleship Resources for Lent, from the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton:  
<http://ontario.anglican.ca/resources/worship-resources/pages/lent-easter-worship-and-study-resources>
- What is Lent All About? From The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer:  
[http://anglicanprayer.org/resources/Keeping%20a%20Holy%20Lent\\_Sep\\_2017.pdf](http://anglicanprayer.org/resources/Keeping%20a%20Holy%20Lent_Sep_2017.pdf)

**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 [thejourneyatstmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:thejourneyatstmatthews@gmail.com), to be included in this section.

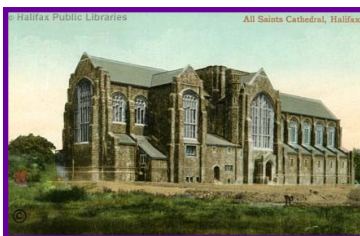
# Cathedrals of the World

In this series, *The Journey* has featured photos and stories about Cathedrals and Basilicas all around the world, as received from the congregation. We conclude the series with a Canadian cathedral. **Thank you to all who participated!**



Photos taken from St. Peter's cemetery by Irene Savva

**St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Halifax, Nova Scotia** - In 1784, a group of Irish Catholics were allowed to buy land, and began the construction of the first Catholic Church in Halifax, which was named Saint Peter's; a cemetery across from the original chapel was created at the same time. In 1820, expansion was necessary, and in 1833 the church was renamed as St. Mary's, with the construction concluding in 1869. The façade and spire are notable for being built entirely of granite; the spire is 189 ft (58 m), the tallest granite spire in North America.



**FUN FACTS:** The Anglican Cathedral of All Saints opened its doors in 1910, just a few blocks from St. Mary's (photo left, public domain).



On the South side across St. Peter's cemetery, sits St. Matthew's United Church (photo, right).

Information from: <https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/cathedral/about/history>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St.\\_Mary%27s\\_Basilica\\_\(Halifax,\\_Nova\\_Scotia\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Mary%27s_Basilica_(Halifax,_Nova_Scotia))

**Outreach** — This season, remember **Hiatus House**, the **South West Detention Centre**, and our **Food Cupboard**.

## Prison Fellowship Angel Tree

Thanks to our deacon, Rev'd Glenda, and the kindness of many parishioners, St. Matthew's was able to donate many gifts (including the trunk-full shown, right), delivered to children facing the hardship of a parent in prison.

<https://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree/>



Photo by Carol Caverzan



Council of the North

Our **Advent Soup Lunches** were back in the church hall! The total collected from free-will donations was added to other funds, for a total of **\$1,030.00**, which will be used to support **The Ministry of The Council of the North**

**THANK YOU ALL!**



Photo by Gordon Drake

## Outreach Ministries

**Food Cupboard:** We received lots of food items over the Christmas time. Thanks to everyone and thanks to Louise Davis for sorting the items out and taking them to the food bank at Windsor Homes Coalition and Street Help.

**Hiatus House:** Thanks for all your support of this ministry which began about 1973. We are grateful to Sue Bernard for taking care of the delivery of these items to this women's shelter. Do you remember the time when during the children's Christmas Pageant folks brought forward their white wrapped gifts to put at the manger for the folks at the shelter?

**Marlborough Breakfast Programme:** We have five teams of three going at 7:00am to the school to cook grilled cheese sandwiches which are put into insulated pockets to keep them warm. These are added to juice boxes and cheese strings for the children to choose in the Grab and Go programme. Smiling faces and cries of Thank-you warm these, not quite awake hearts of your brothers and sisters at St. Matthew's. Small underwear and socks have been taken to the school to augment our support of the children who need to have food in their tummies and dry bodies to be able to learn.

**Southwest Detention Centre:** Backpacks are being delivered on a regular basis to provide some basic needs to those inmates that are NFA – No Fixed Address – i.e. homeless. They are grateful too for the playing cards, jigsaw puzzles, and soft covered books, no racy content please. We are back into the Lifestyle Room now showing the women inmates, on a one to one basis, how to use a sewing machine. The women choose from these types of items to make and keep or give away.: eye glass case, pillowcase, tote bag, tissue holder, fabric bucket, release bag ( clear plastic bags on release do not give much privacy for personal items like underwear) to name a few. On our first day back in three years one of the women had never used a machine before and she made three items. She was overjoyed and hopes to be able to come back to do it again. She was so proud of herself! Building self-esteem is just one of the goals of this programme. DID YOU KNOW? I didn't. I knew that inmates being released are given back the items that they entered in. Not a problem if it is the same time of the year. BUT if someone enters in the summer in shorts and tee shirt and maybe flip flops, and released in the colder months that does not do it! So appropriate clothing is accepted. Cooler months: warm shirts and sweaters, jeans, and most needed – shoes and boots. Both for men and women. So I took a look at my stock to take to Goodwill and discovered that I had 6 pairs of lightly used runners from Kim and myself and a pair of Kim's winter boots as well as some warm clothing. Delivery was made at the front entrance to the Centre. But if you have something, you can give it to me and I will take it along on one of my sewing days.

**You are a blessings and Christ's hands and heart when you feed the hungry, clothe the homeless and visit the prisoners. When you care for your community, both inside and outside the walls of our building where we gather to become church to the world.**

**Cathy**



Photo from  
our archives

**St. Matthew's Kneelers, front page: CROWN OF THORNS - EASTER**

**LILIES** This kneeler represents the triumph of the Resurrection over the Crucifixion, the joy of Easter after the passion of Good Friday. "I chose the Crown of Thorns because I have always thought that Good Friday is one of the holiest days in our Christian calendar; blood is dripping from the crown, showing the pain, anguish and suffering of the Crucifixion, when Jesus died for us. The branches of the thorns intertwine, as our lives should, with Christ. The outline of Golgotha is in the upper righthand corner, again to remind us of Good Friday. I chose the lilies because of the joy and beauty at St. Matthew's on a bright and sunny Easter Sunday; they seem to be praising our Lord and rejoicing with us; the bouquet of three lilies symbolizes the Trinity." Created and given with love in 1983, by Gwen Allsop, as a thank-offering.

## From the Desk of Rev'd Glenda



### Part 4 and Final: Bishop Todd's Vision — A New Church

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 June, 2022, I wrote the first in a series of four reflections on our Bishop's vision for the Church, namely: Becoming a Learning Church, then I shared the second, Becoming a Just Church, and third, a Diverse Church.

Here is my fourth and final installment: **Becoming a New Church**. I begin by sharing segments of notes that our Bishop Todd Townshend penned in March/2022: "Despite the fact that our roots reach back through England to the early church, we are always becoming new in the Resurrection life of Jesus. We are living now in a time of transformation and a certain dying and rising will be the mystery and joyride of our generations. Led by the Holy Spirit, in every decision, every loss, every opportunity, we will ask, Is this a sign of God's new creation to taking root?" ... "And as for newness, a new church, this is the work of God's Holy Spirit who brings heaven down upon the earth. We are coming to know all kinds of newness and I pray that we will be wise in our ways while embracing it. I do know that this newness will bring discomfort for all of us—but it will also bring joy. We cannot lack any joy. We need some festivals and others ways to release the joy" ... "How we operate, how we function, is very important. However, some of our operation was set up under very different circumstances. And what used to work really well, doesn't work now" and finally "I think there are creative ways to reshape the church and change the sort of imagination part of the model of how we do things."

Bishop Todd charged us with the task of becoming not a "new and improved" church, or a "value added" church.... But a new creation, spoken into being by our creative God. We are asked to 'hold on' to what is working for us and 'let go' of that which is no longer relevant or works in 2023, that is, whatever is holding us back from something truly NEW. And so, we are asked to pay attention, to be alert in recognizing newness in our midst, and, in every decision, grief, or opportunity, ask: **Could this newness be the work of God?** If we discern that it is of the Spirit, then we keep it and it will grow.

I joined St. Matthew's Church in the spring of 2018 and I know, first hand, our members' openness to change, especially as we weathered the Covid Storm. In spite of that storm, our church continues to grow; with new members of varying age groups, comes new people power, fresh ideas, the wisdom of lived experience, and so much more. Our Parish Council for 2023 is a reflection of the newness that is happening at St. Matthew's. Could this newness be the work of God? What might be created or developed or initiated as a result of shared ideas? We have also created new ways of engaging co-ordinators in some of our ministries, that is, a rotating, yearly change in leadership, providing all members involved with the particular ministry with an opportunity to serve as coordinator. Could this newness be the work of God? In addition, Rev'd Andreas has called for the submission of ideas from any member of the congregation on how might we create space and opportunity here at St. Matthew's for people from our neighbourhood to gather, and share in the hope that the living God really does make all things new. What would those gatherings be like? How would they take shape? Who would participate?

So, here we have an opportunity to become new..... **to courageously explore new ways to be church in our community.** What might it look like to know and learn from our neighbors? What invigorating enterprises might arise? Where might St. Matthew's be in five years if we practice fresh ways of re-imagining, reaching out and relating to our community?

William Temple, a former Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-44) once said, "The church is the only society in the world that exists for the benefit of its non-members". I echo Rev'd Andreas' recent comment: "I trust with all my heart that God is itching to show us the way."

**Carpe Diem! Seize the Day! We are already on our way to becoming a new church.**

~ Glenda

# Celebrating this season:

## February

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

## March

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

## Anniversaries

### February

5 – Bill & Ginny MacAdam

### March

11 – Ron & Gail Henderson

## Birthdays

### 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 – Michael Chantler  
10 – Haylie Hancock  
16 – Ted Clarke  
17 – Mark Goldspink  
18 – Emma Westray  
21 – Tom Dunsmore  
21 – Scott Ritchie  
25 – Collin Patterson  
27 – Ryan Patterson

### April

23 – Roger Wurdemann & Louise Davis

## Important Dates to Remember:

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!— Tuesday February 21, 2023; 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.** Mark your calendars to volunteer, bring your family, and invite friends to the best pancake supper in town: pancakes, sausages, bacon, desserts and refreshments. Free-will donations. For more information, speak with John Rossi.

**Ash Wednesday— Wednesday, February 22, 2023; 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.** Holy Eucharist with the imposition of ashes.

## From Our Chancel Guild

The envelopes for  
Easter flowers will soon be out

Please place with your dedications (cash only) in the collection plate during services. The Chancel Guild will decorate on Saturday April 8. **Thank you!**

Photo from our archives



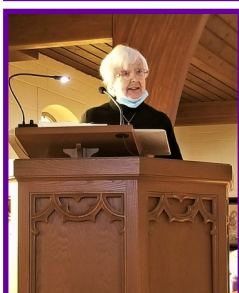
# News from the Pews:

We hope to hear from you soon!

## Parishioners recently joining some of our ministries:



**New Sacristan: Sue Bernard**, long time parishioner and Chancel Guild member, stepped up last fall as our Sacristan for a one year term. She has already streamlined some chancel guild practices, and did an awesome job designing the flower, and other displays, this past Christmas season.



**New Lector: Jane Buttery**, recently joined our parish and shortly after, started volunteering on the lector rotation for our 10 am services. We are enjoying her clear diction, and delightful British accent.

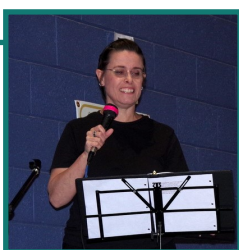


**New Cantors: Jody Ness, Grace L. and Laura Lavoy**, relatively new members of our St. Matthew's family, have joined the group of angelic voices directed by our Pastoral Musician, Mike Ricketts. (from left: Danielle Richer, Beth Felet, Jody Ness, Grace L., Laura Lavoy, and Jane Patterson.)



**New Waste Manager:** Last, but certainly not least, Steve Yednoroz is acting, for the next few months, as the self-appointed "Executive Vice-President of Parish Waste Management and Disposal" (LOL).

Photos by Gordon Drake, John Rossi and Irene Savva



**Many thanks to Laura Lavoy** for acting as substitute organist during our 10 am service on December 11, 2022.

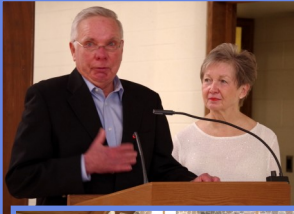


**Our Pastoral Musician Mike Ricketts** underwent hip surgery that week; we are grateful that he recovered as well as it could be expected, and was back in action the following week.



**Photos:** Mike Ricketts: from our archives c. 2016; Laura Lavoy: upper by Gordon Drake, lower by Irene Savva

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### Last January, we bid a bittersweet farewell to Art & Elaine Youngson

Who have moved out of Windsor to be closer to their children and grandchildren. The Youngson family was amongst the founders of St. Matthew's Church, and Art shared some memories from growing up in Sunday school, and important events as part of the congregation, as well as volunteering. A framed pen & ink drawing of the church was presented to the Youngsons as a parting gift.



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**St. Matthew's own Erica Rossi** has just become the president of the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario (ESSCO), which is an association that represents engineering societies from 16 universities across Ontario, and acts as the link between engineering students and professional associations, academia, and government. Since its creation in 1987, ESSCO's goal has been to promote unity, continuity, and visibility among Ontario engineering students.

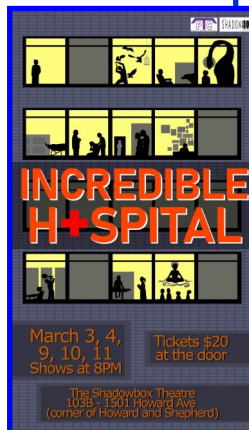
Photo and information from John Rossi

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During our coffee and fellowship hour, we celebrated **Ann Hucal** on occasion of her 70th birthday (February 1st)

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



Mary Grace, proudly showing a poster for the play, and sporting the hairstyle that was required for her character (photo by Gordon Drake, posters from Mary Grace Weir)

Congratulations to Mary Grace Weir on her role in the play "The Children", at the Shadowbox Theatre, in which her character, Rose, a retired nuclear scientist, unexpectedly returns in the aftermath of a nuclear disaster with a plan to help fix mistakes of the past. The final curtain dropped down on Feb. 18, but **mark your calendars for her new play, Incredible Hospital**, a silly soap opera spoof produced by The Purple Theatre Company, showing at The Shadowbox Theatre; shows on March 3, 4, 9, 10 & 11, at 8:00 PM.

Please send your articles, feedback and other contributions to Sue Bernard and Irene Savva to [thejourneyatstmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:thejourneyatstmatthews@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.**

## New Ways for Old Lenten Practices

By Sue Bernard



### Prayer:

Learn a new prayer  
Pray in a new way; it could be in a new location, a different time of day, or change your body position  
Find a new bible verse to aid in personal reflection

### Fasting:

When giving up a specific food for Lent, make that your food category to donate  
Limit behaviours that consume time and distract you from family and friends  
Spring clean your mind, limit electronic devices, and feel God's peace

### Almsgiving:

Seek out a new charity or food bank  
Explore a new way of sharing your talent/gifts  
Keep it simple, reach out to others in a new way

Photo from our archives

**Daylight Saving Time (DST)** is the practice of advancing clocks as spring time approaches, so that daylight lasts longer in the evenings. **This year, DST will start in Canada on Sunday, March 12; please remember to set your clocks forward by one hour.**

## 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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