



# 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"

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and Gordon Drake

## A Message from Our Curate

### Dear Friends of St. Matthew's,

A few words to say that I am happy to wish you a wonderful Easter and a wonderful spiritual time given to us for this Easter season. Easter is the festival which celebrates the resurrection of Christ and which is also associated with the arrival of spring, with new life, with bird songs, which invites us to welcome, within ourselves, the gift of life that God gives us. Easter is also a celebration synonymous with hope and renewal. This is then the ideal opportunity to show each other how much God's love can transform everything that lives and gives life.

On this Easter season, let us remember hope and resurrection. Easter reminds us that, even in the darkest times, there is always a light shining at the end of the tunnel. We can find strength and perseverance knowing that love is stronger than anything. May this Easter be a reminder to us all of the importance of hope, faith and perseverance, and may it inspire us to pursue our dreams and continue moving forward together as one big family.

In the coming months, we will work together to face new challenges, build our relationships with each other to become more and more, witnesses of the resurrection and the joy of building the Kingdom of God. We will all be invited to do our part to bring projects to life, which will show how good it is to live together and form this big family that we call St. Matthew's Church.

Together, let's try to discover how we can give meaning to this stone that was rolled from the tomb, so that it can be a living stone for us, and so that we can all witness that we are living stones.

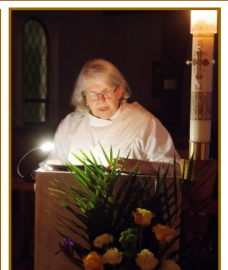
I am honored, and humbled, that I have been called to serve with you and to share the Gospel of Christ with you. Spring renews nature just as Easter renews our faith and hope. Let us be bearers of hope and love together. **May the miracle of Easter illuminate your life with love, happiness and joy! I wish you a Happy Easter!**

**May God fill your Easter basket with happiness, peace and love forever! Happy Easter everyone! Blessings,**

*Gilles+*

### The Triduum

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# Holy Chalice or Holy Grail? By Jody Ness

Maybe you believe that Indiana Jones found it. Or maybe you prefer the Monty Python version. In any case, the cup that Jesus used at the Last Supper is the stuff of many fascinating, colourful, mysterious and varied stories. The word chalice comes from the Greek *kalus* which means **cup**. In Christian tradition, we believe the original Holy Chalice was the vessel that Jesus used at the Last Supper to share wine with his disciples. **“After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine. And when he had given thanks, he offered it to them and said ‘Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant’...”** Gospel writers Matthew, Mark and Luke, as well as the apostle Paul, all wrote about its role at the Last Supper. Was it also the vessel that Joseph of Arimathea used to collect Jesus’ blood at the crucifixion? Regardless, it is the very basis of our Anglican Holy Eucharist or Communion.

But have you ever wondered what it was made from? Gold? Silver? Glass? With encrusted jewels? Not likely. More possibly it was a simple household cup made of clay pottery. Archeologists, scholars and treasure hunters have long searched for the original chalice. Since medieval times, some believe it to be housed in the Spanish Cathedral in Valencia. Or is it still in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre? By the 12<sup>th</sup> century, the “graal” or grail had become a miraculous artifact associated with the legend of King Arthur. In common parlance, “searching for the Holy Grail” has become synonymous with a quest for something very desirable yet impossible.

Here at St Matthew’s, we are blessed to have four beautiful chalices from which we can receive the blood of Christ as part of the Holy Eucharist. Next time you receive communion, maybe take a look at the chalice and see if you can identify which one it is:

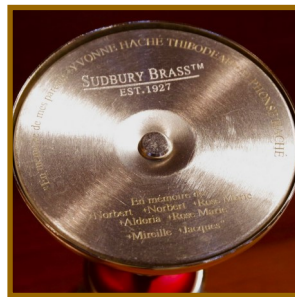


Photo, right: This is our jeweled chalice, which we use at St Matthew’s almost every Sunday. Beautiful and elegant.



Photo, left: Upon the de-consecration of St James (Roseland), we gratefully inherited this chalice. It was originally donated by long-time Chancel Guild member Molly Slack. Now we can see it almost every Sunday at the 10 am service.

Photo, bottom left: This chalice was dedicated by a St. Matthew’s family, and served as our second chalice, for many years; much simpler in design.



Photo, right: This is Rev’d Gilles’ personal chalice, a gift from his family upon his ordination, and (photo above) inscribed in with names in remembrance of members of his family. **(more on next page).**



Photos by Gordon Drake and Irene Savva

## Ask Our Curate

This is a new section, where parishioners get to ask Rev'd Gilles anything that they would like to learn about him, his ministry, or our church practices

***The Journey: Could you tell us a little about what a chalice and a paten are, and in particular, share with us some background about yours?***

### **Rev'd Gilles:**

The name **chalice** comes from the Greek *kalus* which simply translates as “cup”. We feel that with this name having a Greek origin, this cup still has a very particular dignity. It is intended to receive the consecrated wine. **Paten** comes from the Latin *patena* which could be translated as “flat.” The somewhat clever name of *patène*, in French, also tells us that this is a dish that is not ordinary. It is intended to receive the consecrated bread, a very special bread too, since it is unleavened like the one that Jesus and the Jews used to celebrate Passover. The chalice, into which a little wine mixed with water has been poured, and the paten, bearing broken and shared wheat bread, allow us to commune with the God of life. **He who eats this Bread and drinks this Wine will have eternal life within him.**

Usually a church has different chalices which have been offered by parishioners over the years, especially to the memory of a loved one. As for priests, at the time of ordination, the bishop presents each new priest with a chalice, a paten, and a Bible saying: *“Receive this Bible and this chalice and paten as signs of the authority given you to preach the word of God and to administer his holy sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a priest of the Church of God.”* (BAS p.649).

The base of the Chalice that I received from my family for my ordination on June 4, 2022, is engraved with the names of my parents around the top of the inscription, and the names of my brothers and sisters who have died, at the bottom (**see photo, previous page**). Each time I preside with this chalice, I offer it in Thanksgiving for the gift of life and for this vocation received as a gift from God, and for my family. I offer it for each and every member of the community gathered, with their prayer intentions for the entire community, and for our Church.

*“How can I repay the Lord for all the good he has done to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation, I will call on the name of the Lord”* (Ps 115:12). Every time, while celebrating the Holy Eucharist, I raise the cup of the blood of the new covenant, and I give thanks for this immense gift that He has given me: to be a priest of Jesus Christ, me, His humble and unworthy servant.

**Do you have questions for our curate?** Give them to Jody Ness or Irene Savva, or email to: [irene.savva3691@gmail.com](mailto:irene.savva3691@gmail.com)

**Special Easter Offering** – Envelopes available by the collection plate, or on the table in the narthex. This Easter season, renew your generosity with our special Easter collection. We invite you to consider a little extra help, to achieve our financial goal towards projects and repairs that are needed or expected to come this year. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and is a blessing to us all. **Thank you for your continuing support!**

**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.

## From Our Parish Council

Photo by Irene Savva



Meet our elected 2024 executive team, from left: Wardens, Mary Lou Drake and Rod Reid, and Deputy Warden, Ann Hucal.

*The Journey* asked them to introduce themselves, and briefly talk about how they see their ministry:

**Mary Louise Drake:** Why did I agree to be a warden? Frankly I am not sure why I agreed. However, I did feel the calling to become more active in the mission of St. Matthew's. We are in changing times, re-establishing life after Covid, welcoming another parish to join us, beginning new activities in joining with St. James in a seamless and comfortable manner, and accepting a new parish priest. I wanted to be where I thought the action would be, and action there is! In keeping with our mission we are developing new ways of practicing our faith, working to develop, establish and improve neighbourhood connections and of fundraising to provide the means to keep the Church viable and sustainable. **I ask all of you to think about ways and actions in which you can help to be part of St. Matthew's / St. James mission. I ask all of you to pray for me and the other wardens so that we follow in God's directions to love one another in the way that He loves us. Help us serve the Church so that we reflect the values of a Christian community.**

**Rod Reid:** I transitioned from St. James to St. Matthews five months ago, and with everyone's help, I am enjoying the move. Gilles (especially) has helped me to accomplish this. I have worn several hats in the past: Maintenance, Cook, Book Sales, Envelope Secretary, Warden, Serving wine in the chalice, and still more that I can't remember.

I find that my role, as Warden, is a very rewarding position. We, the wardens - I am the thorn between two roses (got that from Mary Lou) - enjoy what we do and how we accomplish it. **Hopefully I will be able to be the type of warden that can help the community to move forward in all of their endeavors, with love.**

**Ann Hucal:** I have been in the role of warden in the past, and enjoyed the challenges of that position. I felt it was a good time to become involved again as deputy warden, hopefully to assist in the changes taking place in our parish. The departure of Andreas and arrival of a new parish priest and the merging of St. Matthew's and St. James' churches have thrust all of us into a state of change, which can be uncomfortable. I hope to work with the wardens, Rod and Mary Lou, and with Gilles, to formulate and evolve parish goals. I am excited about new fundraising activities, reaching out and connecting with our local community, and growing as a unified parish. **With your assistance, I believe that we can change from feeling uncomfortable to feeling that we are moving forward together, in unity, to tackle new projects and achieve common goals. Please pray for me and the wardens and help us serve the Church together and with love.**

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... From Our Parish Council

## The commissioning of our 2024 Parish Council took place on Sunday February 11, 2024 during the 10 am Service.

**Photo, from left:** Churchwardens Rod Reid and Mary Louise Drake; Deputy Warden Ann Hucal; Members: Steve Yednoroz; ex-officio member, our deacon, The Rev'd Glenda Fisher; Louise Davis; Alisa Yednoroz; lay delegate to Synod, Carol Caverzan; ex-officio member, our curate, the Rev'd Gilles Haché; Jody Ness; Nadine Donlon; Bill McAdam; Jayne Flammia; Irene Savva; Luiz Montebello; Davny Guimarães Montebello. (Not pictured: ex-officio member, our deacon, The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick; Ted Felet; and Marilyn Jennings.)

Photo by Gordon Drake



Our Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:00 PM. **Next meeting:** In the church hall, April 17, 2024. Parishioners are always welcome to join as observers.

## Our Anglican World

### Attention All Golfers!!!

**Annual Deanery of Essex Golf Tournament and Dinner, Friday, June 14, 2024, and new this year, at Wildwood Golf Club & RV Resort, 11112 11th Concession, Essex, Ont.**

Check in 10:00am, Shot gun start at 11:00am on the course  
Cocktails at 3:00pm, Dinner at 4:00pm in the banquet hall  
**\$140/golfer**, includes 18 holes with power cart, hot dog & pop on the course; and prizes & full buffet chicken dinner in the banquet hall, **OR \$50/person** for dinner only.

**All proceeds going to our Deanery of Essex**  
More information: Deb French (at church or 226-280-7272)

Photo (2023): Our winners for the second year in a row, John Rossi, Joe Molnar, Jess Dixon and Scott Millar.

Will your team bring the trophy to St. Matthew's for a third time?



## Jerusalem & Holy Land Sunday: May 12, 2024



Every year, for several years now, Anglican (and Lutheran) congregations have offered prayers for the Christian witness in the Holy Land. In addition, donations are collected, to support the multi-faceted ministry in the Diocese of Jerusalem; donations will be channeled to support important health care work in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & the Holy Land (ELCJ&HL). **Thank you for your support!** For more information, visit:

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

**What's buzzing in the religious blogosphere?** Visit our Diocese of Huron, and the Anglican Church of Canada websites: <https://diahuron.org> <https://www.anglican.ca>  
Also check out The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada <https://elcic.ca/>

## From the Desk of Rev'd Glenda



### Stories From the Street

*As many of you know, I am part of the Street Outreach Program under the organization and direction of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. As part of an outreach team of three, on a rotation, I walk the streets of downtown Windsor in search of those who are without a place to call 'home'. My job is the same as the other outreach workers. It is not to judge; it is simply to care for and to offer what we have, in hope of making life just a little easier for someone, if even only for a few hours. Today, I thought I would share a story with you to give you a glimpse of life on the streets.*

*(The story was originally printed in the St. Vincent de Paul – Windsor Essex Central Council Newsletter/Dec. 2023. I have paraphrased the story to ensure further protection of identity, and have also added my own reflection.)*

### Allie

Our hearts break each time we find her. Allie has been on the streets for longer than the very few years that the Street Outreach Ministry has been in existence. I estimate that she might be around 33 years old. Her two children, born a year apart, were each apprehended by CAS (Children's Aid Society) within minutes of their birth. Sadly, Allie has never been able to maintain sobriety for more than a few days at most, and it has not been for lack of trying. "She's got it really bad" is a phrase often spoken by those trying to help ..... 'it' being her addiction.

Many times she has been found wandering about without shoes, a coat, and sometimes less. Last winter it was not uncommon for her to go through one or two of our freely given coats in one day. Being the sweet, kind-natured person that she is, Allie would give her coat to a shivering friend or even a stranger, who she felt needed the coat more than she did. (The poor giving to the poor. It kind of takes your breath away.) I heard more than once from other Street Outreach Workers, who have known Allie longer than I have, that they truly believe that her *guardian angel* has been working overtime to keep her alive. Someone always seems to 'show up' just in the nick of time to pull Allie out of a dumpster, or a rain-soaked ditch; someone with warm clothing, food and a hot beverage, along with words of understanding and comfort. Allie is just one of the reasons we continue to do what we do, looking into back alleys, bushes and dumpsters. We just never know where we will find a soul who needs our help.

In this ministry I am so often reminded of Matthew's Gospel and the story of 'The Lost Sheep'. If you recall, the Pharisees and the Scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow (referring to Jesus), welcomes sinners and eats with them". Jesus stops the crowd and begins to tell the story of how a Shepherd left his flock of *ninety-nine* sheep to go and find *one* lost sheep. This parable displays the sacred meaning of God seeking out the lost sinner and rejoicing when they are found. I believe that the parable teaches us to cherish and care for those who have lost their way in life, to find them and help them know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that their lives matter.



Thank you, my beloved St. Matthew's family. Thank you for doing your part in showing love and caring for the *lost*. Thank you for your donations of clothing and footwear, and monetary gifts to purchase toiletries. Thank you for your prayers for this ministry. *Thank you for taking care of Allie. There is always hope.*

*Wishing you a Happy and Holy Easter*

*~ Glenda*

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 13

Dedicated cooks produced batch after batch of piping hot and delicious pancakes (with choice of gluten free), while servers promptly offered them to hungry attendants, along with bacon and sausages, while other helpers were in charge of syrup, sauces, strawberries, hot beverages, and desserts, as well as of taking the best care of our guests. A buzzing hall, full of happy people with equally full tummies, added up to a very successful evening, with close to \$2,000 in good-will offerings, or over \$1,400 after expenses. **THANK YOU ALL!**



Photos by Gordon Drake, Nadine Donlon and Irene Savva



**Ash Wednesday, February 14 — Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes. This year once again, two services were offered, at 10am and 7:30pm.**

## LENTEN GROUP — Bless Them, Change Me By Lori Maisonville

I am glad to have attended a prayer/reflection group for four Saturday mornings last month, facilitated by Rev'd Gilles, and discussing material and reflection questions from the small book by **Rowan Williams: Being Disciples ... Essentials of the Christian Life**. Some topics I found engaging included: forgiveness, stillness, receiving & giving, consumerism, among others. A theme that stood out loudly for me was our group facilitator reminded us that: life is sometimes very difficult and challenging, or, the mystery of life. As I reflect on this notion, I feel my greatest challenges in life, I believe afforded me incredibly rich and valuable opportunities to grow parts of myself, and accept the love and support of others. Someone once gently shared with me: Pain shared is half the pain; and success shared is doubled.

Initially, what came to mind when I thought of participating in this prayer/reflection group were practices that I already have established: read from a daily meditation book each mornings (one page of inspiration); pray with gratitude, when facing challenges because when I surrender, I'm coachable; write (or sometimes draw) in my gratitude journal each night when I reflect on my day; pray the serenity prayer, often, daily—and sometimes pray is longer version too, I often pray the rosary when I go for a walk in nature, or sit in my favorite place outside; and pray grace before my meals; attending several retreats, enjoy silent reflection times, being alone in nature; I have prayed over at the end of a body massage, and been asked to give a blessing at the end of an energy work session, for another; pray to St. Christopher when I travel, to St. Anthony when I lose something or when I'm feeling lost, myself, and the Prayer of St. Francis (make me a channel of your peace...) when I volunteer at the Hospice of Windsor-Essex.

As I've matured in my prayer life, my focus seems to have shifted from a fast-paced busy life of "I need/please help", to a slower pace of life with more awareness and a focus on being thankful you for all I've been given, and continue to receive right now. Here and now.

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## Prayer Vigil

March 15

For Peace in Our World



"Last night I had the strangest dream, I ever dreamed before  
I dreamed the world had all agreed, to put an end to war"  
By Ed McCurdy, folk singer-songwriter, 1950

## St. Patrick's Stew Dinner

March 15



Rev'd Gilles, our curate and resident chef, wowed the crowd once again with his bread, and beef and chicken stews. Generous bakers put together a delightful spread of pies, and other sweet confections, for a total close to \$1,500, going towards our 2024 fundraising efforts. **Special thanks go to Muhammad of Prince House Butcher's shop (2814 Howard Ave)** for donating all the meat for the beef stew; please support his quality meat and take out store, and don't forget to thank him for his generosity.



Our weekly **Lenten Soup Luncheons** raised a total of **\$1,580** this year. All proceeds going to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). **Many thanks for your generous donations!**

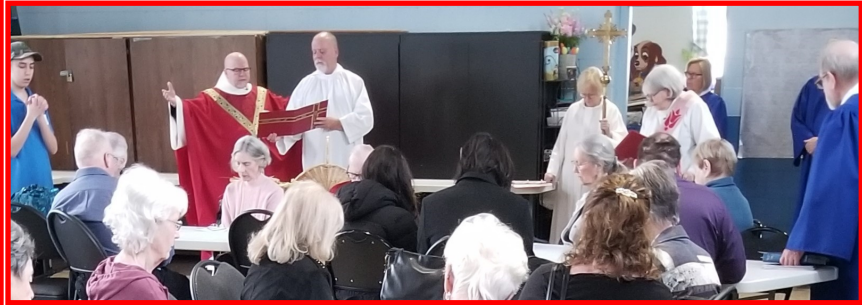


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# Our Holy Week

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday March 24



Mid-Week Services were offered every Wednesday in Lent at 11 am, featuring Holy Eucharist around the altar. The last one was held on March 27.

## The Triduum: from Darkness into Light



**Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:30pm**



**Blessing of the Oils.** March 28 at 12 Noon at St Mark's-by-the-Lake, Tecumseh. Presider, The Right Rev'd Robert Bennett; and Homilist, The Venerable Jane Humphreys. **Photo above:** deacon, St. Matthew's own, the Rev'd Glenda Fisher, assisting Bishop Bob during the blessing of the oils.

The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick represented St. Matthew's at the blessing of the oils service, and brought our new Chrism (scented, for Baptisms) and Unction (for anointing of the sick), which were processed to the altar by Warden Rod Reid and his wife, Diana, during our Maundy Thursday evening service. The washing of the feet was re-integrated into the service. After the stripping of the altar, the nave was dark, and the congregation left in silence.



**Good Friday, March 29, 12 Noon**

Always a very touching portion of the Triduum, The Proclamation of the Passion and The Meditation on the Cross were solemnly celebrated.

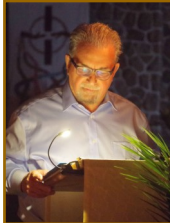
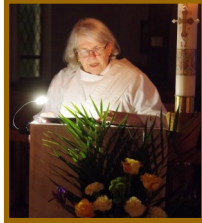


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The Paschal Candle is lit from the fire. The Light of Christ! Leading the procession in the dark, to the nave.



The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick sings the *Exsultet*. Liturgy of the Word and prayers by the presider follow. **Lectors and cantors:** postulant for the Diocese of Huron, Allison Aigus; parishioners Danielle Richer, Dany Yascheshyn, Jane Patterson, and Alisa Yednoroz.



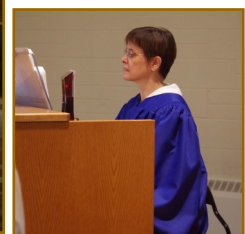
The Gloria is sung, while bells ring, as the red light of the Aumbry, and then the nave, are lit.



Proclaiming the Word: Epistle by Carol Caverzan, Psalm by John Rossi, and The Gospel of Mark by the Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick.



After the presentation of a new community member (welcome!) we celebrated the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.



Our choir, directed by guest pastoral musician, Laura Lavoy, engaged the audience to the notes of *Halle Halle Halle* during the Rite of Sprinkling.

Rev'd Gilles and Rev'd Glenda set the Table with the help of servers Nadine Donlon and Allison Aigus. And what a joyous moment when everyone was invited to partake of the Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary. Some attendants were members and clergy from other churches in the Deanery, including our archdeacon, the Venerable Jane Humphreys, and the Reverend Canon Gordon Maitland.



After the service, another feast awaited in the parish hall ...



**A Blessed Easter to All!  
Christ is Risen, Alleluia!**

**EASTER SUNDAY** March 31, 10 am



**Jesus Christ is Risen Today!** A full church was singing with the choir during the procession, ready to celebrate the Sunday of the Resurrection.

And it was an extra special Easter Sunday for our parish, and for young Zion and his family, as we shared in the celebration of his Baptism.

During the homily, Rev'd Gilles invited Zion and his cousins to sit next to him, and the importance of Zion's christening and the meaning of the rites that followed, were kindly explained, using examples of our daily life.



**A Blessed  
Easter to All!  
Christ is Risen,  
Indeed, Alleluia!**



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## Rev'd Cathy's Corner

### Outreach Ministries

**Southwest Detention Centre:** We welcome Peggy Baumgarden from Church of the Epiphany, Kingsville, to our **sewing** instructors making us two teams of three each. These folks cut some more fabric recently and received some donations of fabric from several sources. Thanks so much. **Inmate support** has been boosted with clothing, and outwear donations, as well as jigsaw puzzles. Playing cards are also a highly prized item with the inmates. The weekly sewers can take those donations when they go. **Backpack** ministry for released inmates with no fixed address (NFA). A set was taken in February for those folks and we have some new volunteers who put those together and do some shopping. Thanks to Gail, Danny, and Jayne for joining in with this team. The inmates are asking for large size only now, so our life is easier. Many hands make light work. In the gospels Jesus tells us that when we visit the prisoners, we are visiting Him.

**Marlborough Breakfast Programme:** We continue to serve a Grab and Go Breakfast of warm grilled cheese sandwiches, cheese strings, and fruit juice. Recently, with the celebration of Ramadan we are not preparing the same quantity but will return to our usual amount after Eid.

**Food for the Hungry:** Thanks to everyone who brings and donates a food item for The Homeless Shelter, Windsor Homes Coalition, and the Welcome Centre all in the downtown area of the city.

**Hiatus House:** St. Matthew's has supported this shelter for abused women for 50+ years. Statistics tell us that there was an increase in the numbers with Covid.

**Thank-you and blessings to everyone who supports these programmes with their time, talent, and resources. You are the hands and heart of Jesus to our community.**

The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick, Deacon

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

**T.N.T.** Reserve the first Friday of the month for our TNT meetings, starting at 5:30 pm, at Cramdon's Restaurant (2950 Dougall Ave.) Some come with their children, some with a partner, and some by themselves. Come for dinner, or just drinks, or just good conversation and friendship! **Our next T.N.T. night will be Friday, May 3, 2024**



Photos by Gordon Drake

# Celebrating this season

## April

3 – Catherine Hillman  
 6 – David Paraschak  
 6 – Sandra Hall  
 7 – Colin Allsop  
 7 – Noah Allsop  
 7 – Jacob Ritchie  
 9 – Erin Henderson  
 9 – Nicole Sussens  
 10 – Haylie Hancock  
 10 – Michael Chantler  
 14 – Jody Ness  
 16 – Ted Clarke  
 17 – Mark Goldspink  
 18 – Emma Westray  
 21 – Tom Dunsmore  
 21 – Scott Ritchie  
 22 – Denis Authier  
 25 – Collin Patterson  
 27 – Ryan Patterson

## Birthdays

### May

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

## June

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

## Anniversaries

### April

23 – Roger Wurdemann & Louise Davis

### May

8 – Steve & Erin Pidhoresky  
 14 – Onorio & Beth Felet  
 18 – Peter & Pat Lown  
 19 – Richard & Ann Hucal (40th)  
 22 – John Rossi & Patti Weir (25th)  
 24 – Alan & Sue Trenhaile (55th)  
 26 – Toni Ligor & Jen McAlpine  
 28 – Mark & Sue Bernard

### June

7 – Steve & Alisa Yednoroz  
 8 – Robert & Mary Grace Weir  
 10 – Aaron & Melissa Bratt  
 10 – Jeff Wilkinson & Sandra Hall  
 20 – Donn & Jane Bayne  
 24 – Shawn & Linda McDonald  
 27 – Al & Nicole McCabe  
 30 – Brad & Stephania Allsop

**New  
 Parishioners:**  
 Join the  
 announcements!

Please submit your articles, feedback and other contributions to Jody Ness, Irene Savva, or to [irene.savva3691@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

## Dates to remember:

**T.N.T.— Our next T.N.T. night will be Friday, May 3, 2024** (see previous page)

**Lobster Dinner (or Chicken & Ribs) Mother's Day Celebration – Saturday, May 11, 2024. Doors open at 5pm, dinner served at 5:30pm.** Tickets available now, \$65 each (only 120 total), dinner includes: fresh Maritimes lobster (or chicken & ribs), salad, roasted potatoes, mac'n'cheese, slaw, maple glazed vegetables, and rolls & butter. There will also be a cash bar and silent auction. For tickets and more information, contact Rev'd Gilles at 519-259-2420 or [stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org](mailto:stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org). See you there!

**Garage Sale— Saturday, June 8.** Details coming soon.

**Chicken & Ribs Dinner— Saturday, June 15.** Stay tuned for more information.

# News from the Pews:

We hope to hear from you soon!

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## Easter Vigil Reception, March 30

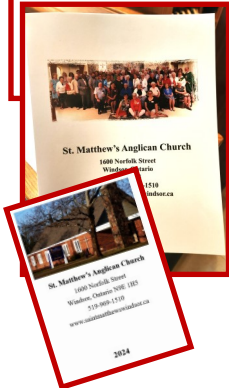


Photos by Gordon Drake and Irene Savva

**A Blast from the Past—** Parishioner **Cynthia Murray** (née McCabe) shared this photo c. 1954, of the Anglican Young People's Association (AYPA) at St. Mark's Anglican Church (Tecumseh and Campbell). Rev'd Wells was the priest, and Cynthia is the young lady at the right end of the second row.

Cynthia married Jim Murray on November 21, 1959, at St. John's Church, and was a parishioner at St. James' church before joining St. Matthew's.

**Photo Directory 2023 AND Roster 2024 –** Available in the narthex! If your photo is included in the directory, find an envelope with your name containing **both the photo directory from the studio and the updated roster printed in the church.** If your photo is not in the directory, please find a copy of the roster 2024 in the basket next to the envelopes. (photos by Irene Savva and Gilles Haché)



**Harish Shankaran** recently joined our St. Matthew's family. He is a hard-working professional who also has tutoring experience and is very handy. If you need any of the following services, consider contacting Harish at church, or call him at 313-367-7575.

**EDUCATION SERVICES:**  
 Tutoring/ help with homework with Math, Sciences, or English  
 Computer skills (Microsoft Office)  
 Debate, public speaking, or essays  
 Management subjects (marketing, HR, sales)  
 Career services (resumé, job interviews)

**GENERAL SERVICES:**  
 Cleaning (home, car, garage, etc.)  
 Minor handyman jobs  
 Painting  
 Driving



Last month, family and friends supported St. Matthew's own Mary Grace Weir (third from left), star of the play **VITALS**, at The Shadowbox Theatre. (photo from Carol Caverzan)



Made by Mary Lou and Gordon Drake from the silver maple trees of South Windsor.



The highly anticipated Silver Maple Syrup that Mary Lou and Gordon Drake skillfully prepare from local trees made many parishioners happy, and the sale brought a total of **\$502**, generously donated to our church.

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## It's not hard being green!

The **RED** bin is for recycling paper products only. Please make sure that your paper coffee cups are completely empty, and lids removed, and that paper plates have been wiped and there are no food scraps left.

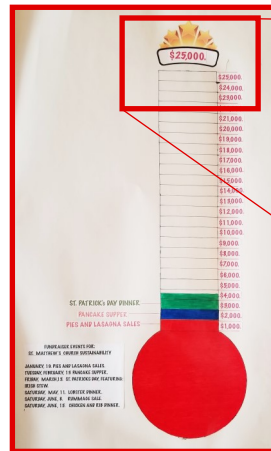


The **BLUE** bin is for empty plastic or metal containers. Make sure your water bottles, and other beverage containers, are rinsed and emptied completely before placing in this bin.

**Let's be mindful when using our recycling boxes, and respectful to the volunteers who take care of recycling. Thank you for your cooperation!**

Photos by Irene Savva

Knitted creations and Easter-themed gift boxes and chocolate bars were designed and sold by our Craft Guild; the funds raised will go towards the purchase of their stock supplies. (photos by Gordon Drake and Irene Savva)



**More events and opportunities to contribute coming soon!**



Have you noticed all the areas of our church and hall that have been cleaned and beautified by John Riddle? Water-damaged ceilings and tiles have been primed and painted, as seen in the photo, left; clutter and broken stuff have been removed from the shed, offices, and the storage room next to the choir room; doors have been adjusted for smooth closing and opening, just to mention a few of the projects that John has completed or is working on. **Thank you, John!** (photo by Irene Savva)

**Volunteering Opportunities - Everyone is welcome, Join a team:**

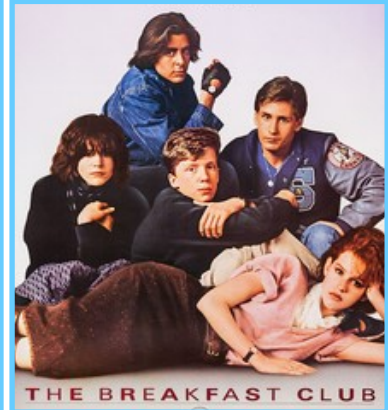
**Coffee & Fellowship Hour, Sundays after the 10 AM Service**— Beverages, snacks, cleaning  
**Events**— Setting and cleaning up, preparing food, donating supplies (see p. 13 for upcoming dates)  
**Chancel Guild**— Maintenance and care of the Sanctuary and Sacristy as part of a team; only once a month per team  
**During Services**— lectors, sidespersons, communion ministers, servers, collection supervisors  
**Breakfast Club**— Buy supplies, cook, serve and/or clean up (see next page for details)



**Free Breakfast? In this economy?** On April 2, The new St. Matthew's Breakfast Club served scrambled eggs, bacon, buttered toast, coffee, tea and juice to a group of grateful parishioners. The plan for future breakfasts is to invite the community once a month for a relaxing time to enjoy this meal, with a suggested donation of \$5, but no one will be turned away.



Some of the mighty cooks, who donated all the supplies and their time to prepare this hearty meal. **Thank you!**



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**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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**Do you receive "The Journey" by e-mail?** You could get your newsletter in PDF in full colour by joining the e-mail distribution list. Request your subscription at [irene.savva3691@gmail.com](mailto:irene.savva3691@gmail.com)

## Everybody is Welcome!

### Sunday Services

8:30 am & 10:00 am

**At Huron Lodge: Holy Communion with music, every third Tuesday of the month 10:30 am**

Visit our website

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