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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY 24th AUGUST ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

8:00AM Holy Eucharist Traditional (BCP). Said service



10:30am Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Contemporary (BAS) Sung service Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall (Choir & Sunday School are on summer break)

Wednesday 27th AUGUST (Chapel)

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Traditional (BCP). Said service.





Alongside Hope

Analicans and partners working for change in Canada and around the world

Dear members of Trinity Anglican Church, Thank you for being such caring supporters of Alongside Hope, and for your recent generous gifts for where needs are greatest. We recently received a note of thanks from Joseph Njeru, a participant in a farming cooperative run by our partner, ECLOF, in Kenya. I want to share Joseph's words with you, to let you know the impact that your gift is having for families and communities:

Dear ECLOF Kenya and Alongside Hope team, On behalf of the farmers, the co-operative, and the families whose lives are quietly changing, thank you. Your support has not just reached the ground, it has taken root.

We see this in the Dairy Demo farm. In the confidence of a farmer accessing credit for the first time. In the smiles of children walking to school because milk is now money, and business is now growing. You didn't just offer resources, you



offered belief. You saw our dreams, even when they were still just drawings in the dirt. And now, as we build, learn, and lead, your fingerprints are on every success. We know this is a journey. It will take time, patience and continued courage. But I assure you, the impact is real, and it is only just beginning. Keep us near. Joseph Njeru

Waterford Legion presents....



The Thompson's Matinee and BBO at the Waterford Legion (223 Nichol St. Waterford) Sunday 31st August

Music starts at 3:00 pm Bring your friends and enjoy an afternoon in the Pavilion

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Ministry

6PM-8PM Friday Sept. 5 8:30AM-11:00AM Saturday Sept. 6 St. James United Church 150 Colborne St. S.





THE JESUS PILLOW

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus and his disciples left with some other boats to go to the far side of the Galilean sea...there was a great storm and they were afraid and to top it all off Jesus was



being sorta useless. I mean, in the middle of the storm he was napping . . . on a cushion. (For you Bible nerds: this story appears in varying forms in all 4 of the gospels, but God bless him, Mark is the only one of his fellow gospel writers who mentions that there was a pillow involved) Anyhow, the disciples are freaking out thinking they are going to die. They look at their situation and see that the cast isn't acting how they are supposed to and the script isn't unfolding the way they think it should if Jesus really loved them. So they wake him up and say, "don't you care we are perishing?". The disciples had some feelings about their situation, which is totally understandable – If I were in a sketchy first-century boat, water up to my ankles, thunder cracking overhead, and Jesus was just snuggled up with his little boat-pillow? Yeah. I'd be like, Jesus why don't you care that we are, you know...dying here? The issue isn't that they found a scary storm to be scary, the issue is that the disciples assume that since Jesus isn't acting the way he "should" that Jesus therefore doesn't care that they are in peril. Which is a little thing we call: projection. Projection is how fear finds its business partner: resentment. I mean, Jesus never actually left them, he just didn't act the way they thought he should in a crisis. More often than not I am afraid because I think I am not going to get something I want or because I think that something I have will be taken away. Fear shrinks me down into the starring role in a tiny, self-centered story where I'm both the hero and the narrator. And in that story, every storm is about me.



OTHER BOATS

Here's why I mention that: I'm not sure how many times I've read this storm at sea story from Mark but it's a lot. And I've read tons of commentaries on it and I can't remember seeing anything about this one little detail in verse 26: And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him and a great storm arose and the waves beat the boat. I get that they were afraid and all that, but what about the other boats? I mean, the text says that there were other boats with them, which means that the people in those boats were experiencing the storm too. And yet I can't remember ever noticing this part of the story. So maybe one cost of their fear was that the disciples forgot about anyone but themselves. I know that is usually my move. Fear can make me think only of myself and my needs. When the storms of life overtake me, my world becomes only about me. What I mean is this: sometimes when we get so wrapped up in how we think the story of our lives should look: the cast and setting and plot, we forget about the other boats. Maybe we think God's faithfulness to us has to look a certain way. But sometimes God's faithfulness looks like the fact that there is actually a better story than the way

we want things to be. And that better story is ALWAYS a bigger story. A story with a lot of boats other than ours. And here's the paradox: the very stuff I wish God had protected me from-my screw ups, my addiction, my body falling apart, the griefs I would have given anything to skip—those are the exact things that allow us to show up for other people in their own shit storms. Don't mistake me, this is not the same as saying that your fear and crises and loss are not painful in a totally real way. I just think that maybe God's love shows up in ways we don't script. And honestly, thank God for that. Because left to my own devices, I'd settle for a God who just fixes things on cue. But the God who commands the wind and the waves? That is the God of all the boats. Which is inconvenient, honestly. Because sometimes I really want Jesus to be my own personal boat-buddy, smoothing my own personal waters, fixing my own personal life. But God's story is bigger.

Bigger and better. I believe that, but it isn't always easy. In this storm with you, Nadia The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber (Lutheran Pastor & Public Theologian)





BOARD GAME NIGHT



The Norfolk Game Group welcomes all adults and supervised children to join in on the fun! No experience is necessary, as we provide a wide variety of games catering to all interests and experience levels. Feel free to drop in anytime for some FREE fun!

Thursday 28th August 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Norfolk County Public Library - Simcoe Branch

FREE STUFF

If anyone would like a free computer printer. The rector has one to give away. (Ink recently replaced) Please let the office know. First come first served. Thanks.





ROAST BEEF SUPPER

at the Waterford Legion
223 Nichol St. Waterford



Wednesday, September 3

Tickets on sale at 5:00 pm Serving at 5:30 pm

\$ 14.00 a person (cash only)

Dessert is included

Eat in or take out (bring your own bag)



NORFOLK COUNTY

NORFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY & SCHOOLEY ORCHARDS/ APPLE HILL LAVENDER AUGUST 23, 2025 | 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

\$5 per adult, children FREE. Full details at FarmFoodCareON.org







50/50 FUNDRAISER

> Tickets \$10 each or 3 for \$25

Draw – October 31st at Norfolk General Hospital





AN INVITATION



The Churchwardens of Trinity Anglican Church
Cordially invite you to attend:
A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
On Sunday 28th September 2025

At 4:00 pm

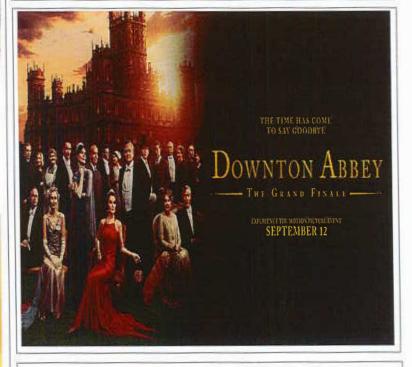
To mark the conclusion of the ministry of

The Reverend Paul Sherwood As our Rector

s our Rec

A Farewell Dinner will follow at 6:00pm At The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 79 200 West Street, Simcoe

Dinner Tickets (\$20) are available from the Parish Office



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