



## ST. LUKE'S PEWS NEWS – APRIL 2026 EDITION

### Upcoming events at St. Luke's

**Tuesdays at 1:00 pm** - Bible study continues at St. Luke's

**April 2 at 7:00pm** - Maundy Thursday service at St. Thomas

**April 3 at 10:30** - Good Friday service at St. Luke's joint service  
with St. Tom's

**April 5 at 10:30** - Easter Sunday service



### Upcoming events in Cambridge

**April 4 at 7:00pm** - Saturday Easter vigil, St. John's (ACIC providing refreshments)

### Warden's Words

*"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31 ESV.*

The word "April" is derived from the Latin word "aperire," which means to open – a reference to the blossoming flowers and trees during this month. April is often associated with the beginning of the spring season. It is a time when nature comes back to life after a long winter, with flowers blooming and trees regaining their leaves. As the environment starts to revive, so too should our spiritual and emotional well-being.

After this long, long winter of more snow than we've seen in a long time, we long for the light. Some say Spring is their favourite time of year.

We feel like we're waking up and see we have much to look forward to. Maybe you have a Wedding to attend this year, or new baby is expected. Many are looking forward to getting together for a family Easter dinner. We'll get a chance to catch up and see how the kids have grown and the excitement they're feeling in their lives.

In your prayers, let's remember the ones who aren't as fortunate. As we see nature in bloom when you're out for a walk, the growth of our families, the good we do and the joy we receive from each other, give thanks to God. Let's also remember the great gift given to us in Jesus' resurrection. Remember His great promise to us, where we'll walk and never be weary, and constantly be in His Light.

Bless you and your family this Easter season.

Cheryl Haines - People's Warden

## Pastoral Ponderings

Easter arrives not as an escape from sorrow but as God's answer to it. The empty tomb does not undo the wounds of Good Friday: it transforms them. In the risen Christ, we see that love is stronger than death, & hope is not wishful thinking, but a promise fulfilled. This season invites us to live as resurrection people—bearing light into shadow, practising forgiveness, trusting that new life can emerge even from what seems lost. As the stone is rolled away, so too are the barriers of fear and despair. Christ is risen, & in him, we rise to renewed faith, courage, & joy. Thanks be to God!

Craig+

## This is my life



I first became a member of St. Luke's in 1969. Before that I was a member of St. John's Church along with my parents, my sister Ruth, and brother Dan. I enjoyed teaching Sunday School, so I stayed at St. John's longer than my family. In 1964 I married my first husband. Sadly, he passed away in 1969 in a car accident. I moved back home and joined St. Luke's. I was welcomed with open arms and the friendliness of the congregation was wonderful. Then I met Matt, and we were married in 1972. We lived in Toronto and were members of St. Paul the Apostle. While there I visited Nursing Homes and hospitals meeting and talking to patients without families nearby.

In 1990 Matt retired and we moved back to Cambridge. We came to St. Luke's once again and again we were warmly welcomed.

I have wonderful memories of the A.C.W. We met every Wednesday, and we were busy knitting, quilting, planning coffee hours, bazaars, dinners, yard sales, and funeral lunches when needed. We even took Birthday cakes to Fairview Seniors Community. We tried our best to help St. Luke's thrive.

In June 2010, we celebrated St. Luke's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ruth and I were asked to find a hall and catering for a Roast Beef Dinner. We were able to do so, and it was a great success. Over the years I have enjoyed being a member of our parish family. I enjoyed being a Greeter, counting the collection, and helping when and wherever I could.

I know that you all know that Matt passed away on Dec 12, 2018. We had a wonderful life, lots of trips, walking at the Cambridge Centre Mall, and we enjoyed being members of St. Luke's. Matt enjoyed being the Treasurer for quite a number of years, and he liked using the carpet sweeper. I thank God for a wonderful 46 years with Matt.

I pray that we continue to work together to keep St. Luke's going on.

Barbara Yuzek

## St. Patrick's Day Mini Coffee Hour



There was a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow at our St. Patrick's Day mini coffee hour. Along with the pot of gold was a selection of treats and green punch, tea and coffee provided by Andrea Bardy and Dianne Crawford.

The Narthex is an intimate space for our socializing after an uplifting Sunday service. Conversation flows easily as we enjoy our cup of coffee and cupcake or tart.

Spots are still open on our calendar of Coffee Hours for 2026.

Please consider assisting with one this year.

## An Easter Devotion:

The Joy That Invades Our Hearts

by Elizabeth Sherrill

*He is not here; for he has risen...—Matthew 28:6*

Only a week had passed since that triumphant Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem—but what a difference in the little procession that set out now! No cheering crowds, no waving branches. Just a few silent women setting out in the gray dawn to perform the last sad rites at the tomb.

The day that changed human history was not a public occasion but a private one. The day when everlasting life broke into earthly time began not with celebration but with tears.

This is still the way Easter breaks into our lives—when we least expect it, when all seems lost. That's when the stone rolls away and the angel speaks and "death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54)

If it seems too good to be true, this joy that invades our hearts, it seemed so on the first Easter morning too. Mary Magdalene could not believe what her eyes were telling her; she took Jesus to be a gardener at work early among the graves. Preoccupied with her loss, she barely glanced at the figure standing before her on the path. She had a mournful task to fulfill and—"Mary."

There in the first light of dawn, Mary stood still. That voice...that tone of loving involvement. This was the moment, the moment when Jesus called her by name, that Easter broke like the sunrise into her heart. It is how we recognize Him still. The risen Jesus calls us so personally, comes into our lives to individually, that with Mary Magdalene, we cry out in glad recognition.

And then we do what the women did on that first Easter Sunday. Dropping their spices and ointments, the burdens of their sad errand, they rushed to tell the others. They set the pattern, these women who were first at the empty tomb, the two-fold pattern of the Christian faith newborn that Easter morning.

They met the living Jesus. And they brought the good news to those who grieved.

That's always our role, when it's Easter in our lives; to tell someone else that He is risen.

## New sign for our church

"Here we Go Folks" The start for the new sign has begun. Florence Signs has picked up our old sign and are retrofitting the new digital LED sign. St Luke's is taking a big step to help us communicate with our community. Stay tuned and watch for updates.

Dave, Rector's Warden



## Chili Supper



Wow! Did the Parish Hall ever smell good on the evening of March 21. The aroma of hot chili filled the air. Several different bottles of spices were available for those who enjoy a little heat in their chili. A fresh roll to help soak up all the juices and little bits of chili that tried to escape the fork, and topping off the meal was a serving of homemade Apple Crisp. It was a great meal and a joyful and lively gathering of friends.



## **Plant, Bake and Boot Sale**

Due to the extreme rainy weather we have experienced during our last few sales, our Plant, Bake and Boot sale has been pushed back till June 6.

The committee is asking for your help by bringing us your empty flowerpots so they can be distributed to parishioners for them to use when splitting plants and donate them for the sale. We are asking for plant and baking donations also. If you need help splitting your plants, please tell one of the wardens and they can arrange help for you.

Volunteers will be needed for set-up, to assist during the sale, and for clean-up. Announcements will be made during the coming weeks.

## **Joint Services with St. Thomas the Apostle for 2026**

Again, this year there will be 4 joint services with St. Tom's, 2 at St. Tom's and 2 at St. Luke's. They are as follows:

May 3 @ 10:00 am at St. Tom's

June 14 @ 1030 at St. Luke's. This is our annual picnic.

September 20 @ 10:00 at St. Tom's

October 18 @ 10:30 at St. Luke's

## **The Lighter Side**

- What do you call an Easter Bunny that can't remember anything? A hare-brain.
- Did you hear about the Easter egg that starred in a movie? Now it's a shell-ebrity.
- Where does the Easter Bunny go if he loses his tail? The re-tail store.
- Did you hear about the most beautifully decorated eggs? They were to dye for!

*"May the miracle of Easter bring you peace, faith, and joy"*



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