



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



### Upcoming events at St. Luke's

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

**May 3 at 10:00 am** – Our Sunday service is a **Joint service** with St. Tom's at St. Tom's with potluck lunch to follow.

**May 13 at 12:00** – Beef BBQ lunch \$20.00. See Ruth for tickets.

**May 16 at 9:30am** – Church grounds clean-up. Please bring racks, clippers, Broom, and a shovel.

**May 20 at 1:00pm** - Games afternoon. Bring potluck snacks and a favorite game.

**May 26 at 9:00** – Men's Breakfast at Zaz

### Upcoming events in Cambridge

**May 1 at 7:00 pm** – Celebrity Productions War Time Songs \$20.00 at St. Tom's

### Warden's Words

The Easter Season is just wrapping up with its powerful messages that strengthen our faith. It's always good that we can celebrate together and even better to worship with our friends from St. Thomas, It makes the services stronger when we're able to have a shared larger attendance. Please watch the calendar for upcoming joint services where we can get together as one "Body of Christ" and worship together.

In May we celebrate a day that is near and dear to us all. Mother's Day is on Sunday May 10th this year and we all will take time to celebrate our Moms and the others in our lives that are "Motherly" to us in many ways. This day is always made special if you can make it a little better for someone. Even when Jesus was hanging on the cross he thought of his Mother Mary. John 19 26-27 says "When Jesus saw his mother and his favorite disciple he said, "Woman here is your son" and to the disciple he said "here is your Mother". From that time forward he took her into his home.

The lesson here shows even in his time of trial, Jesus thought about his Mom. Take that message and find a way to make your Mom or your Motherly Example feel that love.

Dave Bowman Rectors Warden †

### Pastoral Ponderings

In this Easter season, we give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope it continues to offer us. At the same time, we recognize that many in our community are facing real struggles — grief, illness, financial pressure, and uncertainty about the future. These realities are not ignored by our faith but held within it. And so, as spring advances, let us look for visible signs of new life: warmer days, buds on trees, and other signs of growth and renewal in the natural world. May these signs help us stay grounded in the truth that God is with us, still bringing life and renewal, even in difficult circumstances. And may we live as people shaped by resurrection hope — supporting one another with patience, care, and steady faith in God's ongoing work among us.

Craig+



Spring is in the air! After months of winter chill and icy-cold mornings, nature is starting to thaw. Flowers are blooming, bees are buzzing, birds are singing, and warm winds are wafting. The sky is bluer, and the grass is greener.

It's certainly easy to behold the beauty of God's creation when it erupts in colour, birdsong and new life in Spring.

It's not only a delight for our senses but uplifting for our souls.

In fact, recent studies suggest that living close to nature, or "greenspace" has significant and wide-ranging health benefits, such as lower rates of cardiovascular disease, type-2 diabetes, and stress.

Observe the beauty of the trees, which were made pleasing to the eye and good for food (Gen. 2:9).

Take time to smell the roses and be amazed by the myriads of flowers with different colours and scents. There are more than 400,000 different types of flowering plants. Jesus told us to consider the lilies of the field. Not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of them (Matt 6:28-29).

No matter how hard humans try, we can't replicate the science of making a plant from seed and causing it to grow, with the resulting blossom of colour, texture, scent and symmetry, as well as nectar and pollen, food for the birds and bees.

Consider the blue sky. Peaceful, soft blue colours cause the body to produce calming chemicals. In fact, blue is the most calming colour in the world. Strong blues stimulate clear thought, and softer blues calm the mind and aid concentration. If the sky was red we would all have higher blood pressure.

In Psalm 23 we read God makes us lie down in green pastures. Green is perhaps the most perfect contrast colour. It reflects nature and vitality. According to scientists, there are at least a million hues of green that the human eye can perceive. (Being able to distinguish between them is another story.)

As well as the physical beauty of God's creation, we also have the ability to appreciate the musical beauty. There are about 830 species of birds in Australia and almost 200 in New Zealand, including a variety of songbirds. Their songs are highly complex and can contain dozens of notes per second, and they never sing out of key!

So next time you find yourself outdoors, take time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation this Spring, and meditate on His wisdom and creativity. And why don't you plan some quiet time with God in His cathedral of creation.

"Creation is awe-inspiring because it reflects the infinite wisdom and power of the One who conceived it" —Dean Ohlman.

***He has made everything beautiful in its time ... (Eccl. 3:11).***

## PLANT, BAKE AND BOOT SALE

Due to the extremely 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 sales and clean-up.

## OUR SIGN IS UP AND WORKING !



What a wonderful addition to our Cambridge outreach mission.

Once we get trained on how to put our messages on the screen and we iron out a few wrinkles our LED sign will be another tool in our toolbox to help us spread God's word to everyone walking or driving by.

Please let the Wardens or Sharon know if you have a fun or profound message you think would be appropriate to be on the sign. Our social and fundraising events can also be put on the sign.

## MINI COFFEE HOURS

The monthly coffee hour in the Narthex is wonderful, relaxed time of fellowship. The treats are yummy, and the coffee is hot. Everyone seems to enjoy this time together after a spiritually heart-warming service.

If you would like to host a mini coffee hour, please talk to Dianne. They needn't be elaborate. People enjoy store bought goodies just as much as they enjoy home baking and support is always by your side.



## FIRST QUARTER FINANCIALS – Up to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Total Income - \$22,646.38

Total Expenses - \$27951.00 (incl. half payment for sign)

Note: the cost of the sign (\$7740.50) is covered by monies from Reserves

Apportionment is \$15,281.00 this year; (quarterly \$3,820.25). As we are unable to financially pay the amount quarterly, arrangements have been made with the Diocese to pay what we can to meet our commitment for 2026.

Summer vacations are coming up, please keep the church in mind during that time, you can submit postdated cheques which will be kept locked up and processed at the appropriate time or we now have e-transfer capabilities where you can send your offerings through to [stlukesanglicanpreston@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesanglicanpreston@gmail.com) at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Rehkoph, Treasurer

## THE LIGHTER SIDE

Apparently exercise helps you with decision making. It's true! I went for a run this morning and decided I'm never going again.

I just fired myself from cleaning my house. I don't like my attitude, and I got caught drinking on the job.

I see people around my age mountain climbing. I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

I married my wife for her looks... but not the ones she's giving me lately.

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Be noble for you are made of stars

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Please consider donating to Camp Huron. There are so many children in the Diocese of Huron who need and deserve the experience of going to a summer camp.

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