

ST. LUKE'S PEWS NEWS – SUMMER 2026 EDITION

Upcoming events at St. Luke's

September 13 – Rally Sunday

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm - Bible study is on a summer break and will resume in September at St. Tom's



Upcoming events in Cambridge

ACIC events are scheduled to begin again in the fall.

Craig's upcoming vacation.

Craig on vacation from Sunday, August 2 - Saturday, August 22 (to return for service on Aug 23). The Rev'd Barry Ferguson will be filling in for services and pastoral care. Barry's phone number is (519) 590-7550.

Warden's Words

Have you ever thought about your personal "Christian Commitment"? The true level that you live by each day with a true Christian heart. The Bible tells us in so many ways to give of ourselves selflessly and to live a good honest life. With our busy lifestyles we're constantly tempted to alter, take the path of least resistance or avoid obligation. We let someone else do it, turn a blind eye and count on someone else to take care of it. There is the other side with over enthusiasm, boasting behavior that shows an ingenious behavior to serve their own personal self-worth.

The Bible says that giving of yourself means loving others deeply, serving with a humble heart and putting God first. Key themes being selfless love, joyful service and secret generosity.

Love and Sacrifice

Jesus says true love means putting others first. JOHN 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Believers are told to use their time and energy to help each other GALATIANS 5:13 Through love serve one another.

Attitude in Giving

Cheerful and free giving of your time, money or self should be done with a happy heart not out of duty 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion. God loves a cheerful giver.

Humble motives: Acts of service and giving are done quietly to help others, not to seek praise.

MATTHEW 6:3 When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.

Joy and Reward

The blessing of selflessness: Helping others brings deep personal joy and reflects Gods own generous nature. ACTS 20:35 There is more joy in giving than receiving.

This is not to shame anyone, I personally find that I need to be reminded to reflect on my “Christian Commitment” and remind myself of how the Bible tells me to live my life. I write this to hopefully make you take a minute to reflect on yourself and your level.

In Gods Peace Dave Rectors Warden

Pastoral Ponderings

Recently I was part of a theological study in which we reflected on the surprising role that error can play in the life of the Church. Our discussion centred on the idea that even mistaken ideas and teachings can have value, not because they are true, but because they force us to think more carefully about what is true.

We considered how many of the Church’s great doctrines were clarified through debates with those whose views were later judged to be in error. In responding to these challenges, Christians were often led to express their faith more clearly and more deeply. Error, in this sense, became an occasion for growth in understanding.

This led us to discuss the importance of listening carefully before dismissing views with which we disagree. Historical figures who were labelled heretics still raised important questions, and understanding their concerns can help us appreciate more fully the truths the Church sought to preserve.

Our conversation was a reminder that faith is strengthened not only by agreement, but also by the patient and humble examination of difficult ideas. Even error can serve the truth when it prompts deeper reflection and clearer understanding. In an age when disagreements often lead quickly to labels, dismissal, or division, this insight remains timely. Rather than assuming we already know all that needs to be known, we are called to listen carefully, think charitably, and trust that honest engagement with challenging ideas can deepen both our understanding and our faith.

In the healing Christ,

Craig+

Congratulations!

On Tuesday August 4 Percy Love will be getting married to Kayley Peacock. Their quiet family wedding will take place at St. Luke’s. I know I speak for all St. Luke’s parishioners when I say we are wishing you a lifetime of love and happiness together and may that love grow deeper with every year.



Things I’ve learned about prayer from gardening alongside the Master Gardener:

Manure: God can transform negative experiences into opportunities for growth.

Weeding: We need to keep up with it, inviting God to point out where change is needed.

Growth: It’s not all up to me. God sends the rain and the sun metaphorically through people and circumstances

Food For Thought:

The following are 2 excerpts from the Diocese of Huron's weekly eNews.

These articles can help us on our path to a stronger, healthier and more vibrant parish here in Cambridge. Please take some time to read and think about how you can be an involved part of our continued effort to build up our church and our church family. Together we are better, together we are stronger, together we can thrive.

Discernment First

Before we plan, we must listen. Healthy stewardship begins not with activity, but with prayerful discernment: asking where God is already bearing fruit in our parish and where we are being invited to grow. When we slow down enough to listen deeply – to Scripture, to one another, and to our community – we begin to see priorities not as tasks to choose, but as calls to respond to.

The Gift of Dialogue

Stewardship thrives in conversation. When parish leaders, volunteers, and parishioners share their hopes and challenges openly, a clearer picture of mission emerges. Dialogue builds trust, and trust builds participation. A parish does not move forward by a few voices deciding for many, but by many voices discerning together what faithfulness looks like now.

Plant, Boot and Bake Sale



Marj Bewsher



Kim, Sheila and Pauline



Andrea and Fred

Our Plant, Boot and Bake Sale on June 7 was an amazing success. This year the Lord blessed us by keeping the rain at bay, but the wind gusts gave us a challenge at times. Thank you to the many volunteers who baked delicious goodies, donated items for the boot sale table, shared some of their beloved plants and all those who volunteered their time. This fundraiser is always a great time for fellowship between us and our Cambridge visitors who supported our sale. And this fundraiser brought in a total profit of \$1725.75.

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer
Fall Conference Presents:

The Eternal Canticle: Praying the Psalms

Presenter: The Rev'd Canon Dr. Lisa Wang

***Saturday, October 3, 2026**

9:30 am—12:30 pm

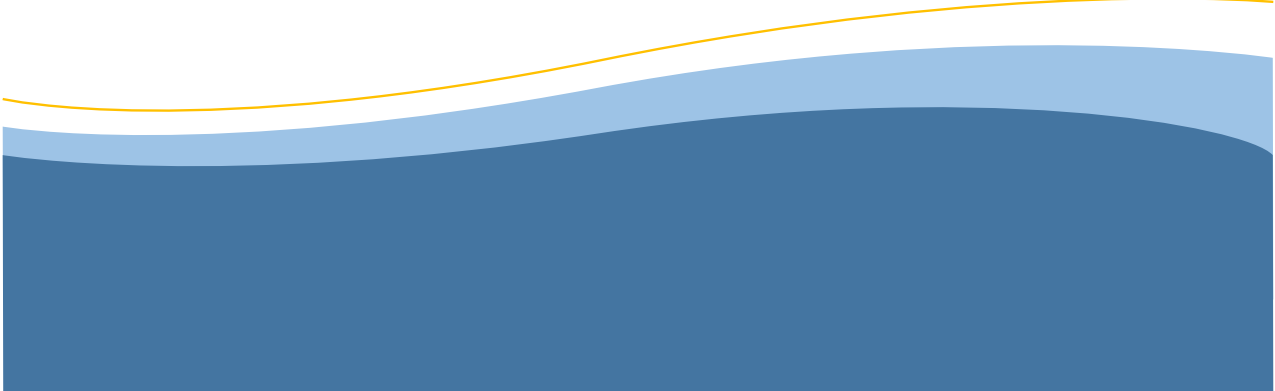
By Zoom

What are the Psalms, where do they come from, and how did they become such an important part of the Christian tradition in our liturgy as Anglicans?

What can we learn from them, and how can we pray with them?

Come find out why Thomas Merton called the psalms our "bread in the wilderness".

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The Lighter Side

- Whenever I try to eat healthy a chocolate bar looks at me and Snickers.
- Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular.
- After my friend turned vegan, it was like I'd never seen herbivore.
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- A book hit me on the head, and I only have my shelf to blame.

Coffee Hour

Our next coffee hour will be August 16. If you feel motivated to supply a finger food dessert, please call or email Dianne.

Second Quarter Financials – Up to June 30th, 2026

Total Income - \$45,549.95

Total Expenses - \$54,209.98 (incl. last half payment for sign)

Note: the cost of the sign (\$7740.50) is covered by funds from the Reserve

Apportionment is \$15,281.00 this year; (quarterly \$3,820.25). As previously stated, arrangements have been made with the Diocese, and we are continuing to pay monthly.

Just a reminder, we now have e-transfer capabilities where you can send your offerings and or donations through to stlukesanglicanpreston@gmail.com at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Rehkoph, Treasurer

Rally Sunday

This year Rally Sunday will be on September 13. This is our annual gathering of the St. Luke's family for a welcome back picnic after our Sunday service. Plans haven't been finalized yet so if you have a great idea for year's picnic and fellowship, please speak to one of the wardens – Dave or Cheryl.

There are many ways you can contact or keep in touch with St. Luke's. For general information or questions call St. Luke's 519-653- 5984. For pastoral care call Fr. Craig Love 519-498-7882. Facebook @ "St Luke's faithful news" or visit our website – stlukescambridge.ca Deanery vof Waterloo website: deanaryofwatwrloo.wordpress.com,