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Rector's Message

Although they don't know how to talk about it, people in our society long for a meaningful relationship with God. They long for it more than they know. The reason for this is really quite simple– "checking off lists and racking up achievements in the eyes of society"– is not the same as "having abundant life". While marketing professionals try to tell us that "You can have it all.", Jesus came to reveal that "You can have abundant life".

This abundant life is all about love and belonging, health and laughter, peace, and joy… all the things that come to our body, mind and soul when we are in a meaningful relationship with God and other people. In our current age, being a person of faith is about the difference between living a half-life on the treadmill and living abundant life.

As a Christian, living abundant life is about making a choice. It is about choosing to place your life in the midst of a beautiful and powerful story; a beautiful gift that has been given to us by God. In that precious story, we were given a glimpse of an eternal and mysterious truth.

Come and walk with us through the powerful drama of Easter. May it touch your heart and refresh your soul.

You will find information about our Easter services on the back of this page.

Grace and peace be with you and your loved ones this Easter.



Wardens' Message

As we look forward to Palm Sunday and our Easter celebrations, we are conscious of experiencing God's grace in so many ways at St. George's.

We would especially like to thank our interim priest, the Rev. Canon Dr. Lorne Mitchell, for his strong and nurturing leadership. He and his wife, Karen, have become our friends and valued members of our community.

We are also very grateful for our other leaders and volunteers who give so freely of their talents and time to ensure that we continue to be a vibrant worshipping community.

Carol Massel, Rector's Warden
Gail Cuthbert Brandt, People's Warden

Search Committee for a New Priest Update

The search committee, composed of Kathy Richmond-Cox (Chair), Andrea Brandt, Gail Cuthbert Brandt, Janet Dawson-Brock, Paul Ditner (Secretary), Erma Godber, and Carol Massel, has completed the initial phase in

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the selection process. The results of our parish questionnaire and the completed parish profile are now in the hands of the appropriate diocesan officers. They will study them and, in consultation with the bishop, identify one or more potential candidates for us to consider.

The committee will continue to provide regular updates as the process unfolds. Please keep the committee in your prayers.

New Members

One of the most visible signs of our many blessings at St. George's is the presence of new families in our midst. We are delighted to have several young children and their parents adding vitality to our communal life. From just two children attending Sunday School in the recent past, we now have up to ten participants.

Departures

Our joy in welcoming new members has been mingled with sadness as we have had to say goodbye to other longtime, highly valued members.

In December, Bob and Gail Kostash left Waterloo Region to take up residence in a retirement facility in Aurora so that they can be nearer to family members. Bob and Gail played leadership roles at St. George's for over 25 years. We thank them for their contributions and wish them all the very best.

More recently, we lost our much-loved lay reader, Fran Taylor, who died on February 28. The high regard in which she was held was evident from the large numbers attending her funeral, held at St. George's on March 6. We extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Outreach

We are working to increase our donations to Wilmot & Wellesley Resource Centre this Eastertide. Please drop off your food items at the church or make a monetary donation clearly designated for WWRC support. A list of the most frequently requested food items is available at https://wilmotwellesleyrc.ca/.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2
7 pm Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 3
10 am, at Trinity Lutheran Church,
Meditation on the Cross Service

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, April 5
6:30 am, above the Nith River (Office Pro parking lot) with Trinity Lutheran and Zion United, followed by breakfast potluck in parish hall

Easter Sunday Worship, April 5
10:15 am Holy Communion

