ST. THOMAS
ANGLICAN CHURCH

Announcements

Coffee Hour: Please join your hosts, *Sue & Steve,* after the service for a time of fellowship and a hot cup of coffee or tea.

Advent People's Pulpit: The deadline for submissions in the Advent edition of the People's Pulpit is this **Sunday, November 22, in the evening.** Contact Mary Anne.

Christmas Angel Tree: Please take an Angel from the tree to help the Stittsville Food Bank fill Christmas Food Hampers for families struggling this Holiday Season. Purchased gift cards will be given to children, birth – 18 years of age, along with the family hamper. The tree will be up for 3 weeks, starting **November 22nd until December 13th.**

Christmas Flowers: Anyone wishing to donate for flowers at Christmas may do so from **Sunday, November 22, 2026, until Tuesday December 15th.** Please use the white envelopes found in the Narthex close to the bulletin board. Fill in the information and return to the office, put on the collection plate, or give directly to Arlene.

Snowflake Bazaar: Help is still needed to set up tables and chairs in the hall **Thursday morning, November 26th**; with decorating Thursday afternoon; and with taking tables and chairs down **Saturday afternoon, November 28th**. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Prayer and a Pint Christmas Dinner: We will be holding our dinner meeting at **The Glen Scottish Pub on Thursday 3 December at 6pm.** All men are invited. Please let William know **by November 27**.

Soup, Cookies, and Squares: Items for the café can be dropped off on **Friday, November 27, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.** Frozen items should be defrosted first. One pan of squares and two lots of carrot soup (recipe in Narthex) are still required. Please speak to Mary Anne for information or to volunteer.

Bake Sale Items: Please bring any baking for the bake sale table on **Friday, November 27th** between 1 and 3 p.m. or by 9 a.m. on **Saturday, November 28.**

West Ottawa Ladies Chorus: Join us as we present our Christmas concerts *"Tidings of Comfort and Joy"* on **Friday November 27 at 7 p.m. and Saturday November 28 at 3 p.m.** Both concerts take place at **Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Old Richmond Road in Nepean.** Tickets at $25 are available on-line www.westottawaladieschorus.ca at the door or from parishioners Maxine, Barbara or Linda.

Book Club: Read the book, *Encampment: Resistance, Grace, and an Unhoused Community*, written by Anglican Priest Rev. Maggie Helwig. Make your own book club or join our virtual book club (email: encampment.study@allsaintswestboro.com to sign up). The month will conclude with a **virtual conversation with the author on November 30th.** For more information and to register for the event, visit: https://ottawa.anglican.ca/what-we-do/homelessness-and-affordable-housing".

Advent Day Retreat: On **Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026**, Contemplative Outreach of Eastern Ontario will host a one-day retreat at the Galilee Ctr, led by Susan Kehoe. For more information: https://www.galileecentre.com/advent-day-retreat/.

Fundscrip: Please note, **December 6, at 9:00 p.m.** is when the next FundScrip order is due. Please email Nicole at stthomasfundscrip@gmail.com.

ACW luncheon: All women of the parish are invited to join the A.C.W. for their Christmas Luncheon at **The Glen in Stittsville on Monday, December 7th at 12 noon.** Orders are off the menu and on separate bills. Please sign-up if you want to join. For more information, speak to Diane, ACW President.

Alongside Hope: Christmas is coming, and along with it Alongside Hope's *World of Gifts* online store. Practical gifts that can change a life — "a tiny seed of faith can move mountains." What seed will you share? Check the catalogue on their website or go to: World of Gifts Catalogue 2026.

Community Events: There are other events posted on the bulletin board in the church hall. Take a look and see what activities are taking place in the community.