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Thanksgiving Newsletter

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Exciting Things Happening at St. David's

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I begin this fall newsletter by referencing St. Paul who tells us in his letter to the Romans that each of us is connected to one another in the body of Christ, and that each of us has been given different gifts according to God's grace for the building up of the Kingdom. As members of this wonderful faith community I invite all of you to take advantage of the many talents that our volunteers and staff bring to St. David's. We are truly blessed to have so many talented people whose gifts enrich our spiritual community in so many different ways.

As we move into the autumn season I am delighted to inform you that we are working hard to ensure that meaningful programs are in place for another exciting year. Starting on September 5th each Wednesday at 10:30 am and 7 pm, I will be conducting a Bible study on the Gospel of Mark and I invite you to join us in exploring the Gospel in new and wonderful ways. Also with the help of all our dedicated Sunday School teachers, TGIFF volunteers, and Alison Steele our new Youth, Family, and Children's Ministry Coordinator we encourage all of our parents and grandparents to get your kids involved in innovative children's programming. It is our hope that with regularly scheduled programming and activities our youngest parishioners will develop an attachment to our church and benefit from the religious teaching and fellowship that we have to offer.

Furthermore, our liturgical expression in Word, Sacrament, and music should always reflect the joy and excitement of praise and thanksgiving. One of the reasons people attend and engage in Choral Liturgy is to experience the power of music in worship. As such, Laura and I are pleased to announce that

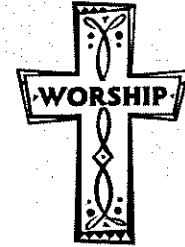
Randy Scott has agreed to join us each week in order to provide us with his many talents as a musician. He along with Laura and the choir are also excited to be offering a Community Christmas Carol night this year taking place on the evening of December 8th. We are excited to invite members of the public to join us in celebrating the joy of the Christmas season and to experience the gift of music here at St. David's. Laura is also actively seeking new members to join our choir to enrich our musical experience. Please support Laura, Randy and the choir by joining them in helping to grow our choir.

Finally, I am so excited by the many wonderful ministries that are happening here, and I would like to thank all of you for your regular attendance and commitment to the church. Your participation in our Sunday worship and the various ministries, and volunteer opportunities gives strength and meaning to our prayer, liturgy, and daily lives. The work that you do, the fellowship that you share in Christ, and the many ways you support our community and one another does not go unnoticed. So I thank you and encourage you to invite your friends to be a part of this very special and holy place. Each and every one of us needs to have God in our lives. And so I invite you to extend a hand to your friends and neighbours.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers, may God's love always shine brightly upon you.

Wishing you all peace and love of Christ,

The Reverend Father Terry Holub,
Rector, St. David's Anglican Church,
Welland



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Oct. 7

8 & 10 am

PET BLESSING

Sun. Oct. 14

8 & 10 am

ANGLICAN/LUTHERAN EUCHARIST & LUNCHEON at St. Matthew's Church

Thurs. Oct. 25

11 am

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Nov. 4

8 & 10 am

CAROL SING

Sat. Dec. 8

7 pm

Praying Together

*Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart.
Give us understanding to know you,
persistence to seek you, wisdom to
find you, and a faithfulness that
may finally embrace you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

-Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274

Thanksgiving Greetings from the Wardens

Thanksgiving Food Drive

It's time again for our Annual Food Drive, sponsored by the Altar Guild, in support of The Hope Centre. All parishioners and groups using our hall are being asked to participate.

Cereal, pasta sauce, rice, side kicks, jam, canned vegetables, canned meat, crackers, canned pasta and canned fruit are especially needed at this time, however all non-perishable items are appreciated. Please bring your donations on or before **Sunday, October 7th** or weekday mornings and place in the large Food Drive box at the back door. For pick-up please call the office.

We are most grateful for your past generosity and hope you will be able to contribute again to assist those in need in our local community.

Thanksgiving Decorations

Fresh produce from your garden (or store) can be dropped off on **Fri. Oct. 5th** in the morning. The produce will be donated to the Hope Centre along with the non-perishable donations. If there is anyone who would like to make a donation but cannot get to the church, please call Donna at 905-732-7143 to arrange for pick-up.

Thank you,
The Altar Guild



In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always give thanks for everything, to God the Father. Ephesians 5:20

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, and the Harvest Festival, we as a parish can reflect and be very thankful for many gifts we have been given this past year.

Only a few weeks ago, we formally installed our new Rector, Fr. Terry as our priest and spiritual guide, and we welcomed Fr. Nirmal as our Pastoral Associate. We welcome Fr Terry, his wife Tina and family to our parish and Fr. Nirmal, his wife Anusha and family as we I. We know that they will guide and lead our church family into new and exciting growth. After many months of preparation and searching, the Wardens are grateful for the support from the Parochial Committee and the entire congregation. If you have not introduced yourself to our ministry team; please take a moment to do so. Fr. Terry and Fr. Nirmal are anxious to get to know you all.

We hope you have noticed all the improvements that have been made to our building and property over the past few months. We are thankful for all the people who have stepped forward to ensure that our church facilities reflect the love and care our congregation has for not only the physical structure but also our spiritual care. Many people have been involved, to maintain our grounds, trim trees, work on improved markings and signage in our parking lot, upgrade our outside security lighting, fix our sign, repair our parking lot sidewalk and part of our front walk. The painting of our narthex, upstairs hallway and our Thorold Road entrance has indeed greatly improved our

building. Many people volunteered their time, and so we thank them collectively, rather than naming them all individually, and risk the possibility of leaving someone out. St David's is a true beacon in the neighbourhood.

We are thankful for all who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the worship and outreach ministries continue and thrive, including the ACW, Altar Guild, Music Ministry Team, Choir, Sunday School Teachers, Bible Study Groups and Book Club. When called upon, our congregation members step forward and willingly offer their time and talent.

The Wardens' are very thankful for the work Joan, our Church Secretary does and know we could not function without her efforts to keep the office and us all on track. We also want to mention the great work our cleaner, Ken, has done throughout the heat of the summer to repair plaster in the Lotta Moore Room and the water damage at the bottom of the stairs at our front entrance, as well as the hours he spent painting. Laura and Randy provided outstanding music at the Induction service and continue to inspire us with music on a weekly basis.

As we move into the last quarter of the calendar year, the Wardens encourage you to continue your financial support for the church. We are monitoring our expenses and know that with your help we will end the year in a good financial position. We thank all who contribute to the church.

Stephen Hanns, Carole Little,
Carolyn Alakas, Pierre Dalaire

Gift Baskets

A tisket, a tasket...how is your basket? Thanks to all who have donated items &/ or offered to create a basket for our upcoming bazaar. More donations of new items are welcome and don't worry if you don't have a basket! For anyone needing some help in the design department, please come to a basket-making party on **Wed. Oct. 17th**, 6 pm at the home of Brenda Martin-French at 19 Oak Ct. and we will make something beautiful together. For more info or to sign up please

call Brenda at 289-820-8003 or email bkmartin@cogeco.ca or Adele at 905-735-7382 or atanquay20@cogeco.ca.

St. David's Church members will get an advanced opportunity to bid on or buy a beautiful gift basket! All our Bazaar gift baskets will be on view at both services on **Sun. Oct. 21st**. Bid on a basket ahead of the Nov. 3rd bazaar or offer the "take away" price and the basket is yours!

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of August 31, regular offerings are \$19,400 less than during the same period last year. This is a decrease of 16.7% at a time when our expenses are increasing. Please help us meet our budget. Thank you.

ACW FALL UPDATE

Fall brings much activity for the ACW. On Sept. 27th, a scholarship of \$800 was presented to Dana Varga, a graduate of Niagara Women's Enterprise Centre. A donation of \$200 was made to the NWECC to be used as they see fit.

The ACW has made a donation of \$500 to the church toward the installation of air-conditioning in the Lotta Moore Room.

On Oct. 10th, the ACW will be providing lunch to the Habitat For Humanity workers at the Afton St. site. Adelina's Catering has been hired to provide the lunch at our expense.

The ACW continues to provide discretionary funds to Fr. Terry, supplies for the coffee time on

Sundays, cards and stamps for children's birthdays, sympathy and get well cards.

The major event of course is the Parish Bazaar, convened by Pauline Robertson and Jackie Marr. Information on the bazaar is detailed in this newsletter and it is hoped that the whole parish will get involved as in previous years.

Brenda Martin-French and Adele Tanguay are organizing the Gift Baskets, which church members will have an advanced opportunity to bid on or buy on Sun. Oct. 21st.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Judy Metler,
ACW President



St. David's Parish Bazaar

Sat. Nov. 3rd, 9:00-1:00

Start your Christmas Shopping!

Plans are underway for the Annual Parish Bazaar. See the chart below for all the different areas, contacts, items needed and when to bring them in. Your donations are very much appreciated! A successful bazaar will enable the ACW to continue its many outreach programs. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex for donations of baked goods, deli foods and food for the coffee shop. Our phone committee will be calling, if you haven't signed up, to explain ways in which you can help. Suggestion: please ask your manicurist, hairdresser, gym, coffee shop, or favorite restaurant for a gift certificate.

Jackie & Pauline

Area	Contact	Items Needed	When & Where to Bring
Baked Goods & Deli	Linda Middleton 734-9537 Judy Snell 905-788-2068	Baked goods, homemade jams, jellies, pickles or cooked foods in take-out containers	Fri. Nov. 2 nd downstairs in Patterson Room 1-4 pm or before 8:30 am on Nov. 3 rd
Kitchen & Coffee Shop	Nancy Stonos 905-931-5998	Chili, soups, sandwiches, etc.	Fri. Nov. 2 nd downstairs in Patterson Room 1-4 p.m. or before 9:00 a.m. on Nov. 3 rd
Penny Sale	Jackie Marr 905-732-0434	New or like-new items, big or small that can be combined into one gift bag or basket; gift certificates (see below)	by Sun. Oct. 28 th in the "Penny Sale" box in the office
Lotta Stuff	Carol Bull 905-732-4588	Reusable household items, unwanted treasures, crafts, games, toys. (No electrical items)	by noon on Fri. Nov. 2 nd on or under the bench outside the office
Books, Magazines, CDs, DVDs, Puzzles, Vinyl Records	Kathy Thomas 905-714-1361	Items in good condition and bags for the shoppers (No textbooks or encyclopedia)	by Fri. Nov. 2 nd in the wagon in the narthex
Raffles	Pauline Robertson 905-735-2938	Monetary donations toward the purchase of raffle items (see below)	by Sun. Oct. 15 th in the "Raffle" box in the office
Plants	Marge Morrow 905-734-4624	Healthy house plants, baskets and vases	by Fri. Nov. 2 nd in the narthex
Gently Used Clothing Boutique	Andrea Ponting 905-735-8507	Gently used, clean clothing (visible sizing preferable), plastic hangers, loan of portable clothing racks	by Sun. Oct. 28 th under the bench in the narthex
Gift Baskets	Brenda 289-820-8003 Adele 905-735-7382	New items or wrapped baskets	by Wed. Oct. 17 th in the office

Raffles & Penny Sale

Three theme baskets will be raffled off at the bazaar. (1) a variety of gift certificates; (2) entertainment tickets (Peninsula Player Theatre, Grimsby,

Welland/Port Colborne Community Concert) (3) "Celebration Basket" (wine, edible goodies, etc). Monetary donations toward purchasing items for these baskets or our Penny Sale would be gratefully appreciated. Please place

monetary donations marked "Bazaar Donations" with your name and envelope number on the collection plate or with Joan in the office. Envelopes can be found at the Greeters' desk. Thank you.



Thanksgiving greetings everyone from the Sunday School!

Our mission for our Sunday School is to help our children understand themselves as children of God. We explore and deepen their relationship with God through Jesus Christ and to love and serve God.

We continue to use a program called Deep Blue Connects, which offers a multiple layered program that we have split into 3 programs—nursery, early elementary and older elementary. Our units for the fall are centred around family. Jesus' Family—his

parents, extended family, creating a family with the apostles, and children.

We are Family—with stories about Biblical families, Moses and Miriam, Joseph and his brothers, Jacob and Esau and Mary and Martha. Different kinds of Family—Naomi and Ruth, Hannah, Samuel and Eli, the Widow and her sons, Esther and Mordecai, Whew! It will be great time for everyone involved as the children explore their faith, the Bible and their relationships with their families, Jesus and God.

Thanks to the parish of St. David's for your dedicated and enthusiastic support of our Sunday School and our children.

Carolyn Alakas



TGIFF: Thank God It's Family Friday!

We are so excited to go back this year with TGIFF. Our kickoff event this year was wonderful as the McMorland and Howard families shared with us their hobby of reenactment. We ate traditional foods, learned about period clothing and tools and had a lot of fun!

We are looking forward to a full fall of activities including October's Candy Creators (with parishioners sharing their candy-making skills). We also invite all members of

the parish to come and hand out candy to the children as we go "trunk-or-treating" around the parking lot.

In November, we plan to test out our drama skills with Jillian Blaney, as she shares her love of acting. We will wrap up the night with a viewing of the movie "Star" and pizza.

Anyone who has a hobby they would like to share with us is asked to please talk with Alison. We are looking for new ways to share our diverse community with the children!

For more information or questions please contact:

Alison Steele
289-820-6772
alilorimer@hotmail.com

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:30 am & 7 pm
(except 4th Wed. of the month)

Explore Mark's gospel with Fr. Terry

Thursdays at 10 am

All welcome!

Friday Dinner Outing

Fri. Oct. 26th, 6:00 pm

We will meet at Betty's Restaurant, 8921 Sodom Rd, Niagara Falls.

Please call Linda & Richard Middleton at 905-734-9537 by Oct. 22nd to be included in the reservation.

All welcome.

Book Club

4th Wednesday at 7 pm

Oct. 24th

Wonder

by R. J. Palacio

Nov. 28th

The Professor and the Madman

by Simon Winchester

Bundle-Up Sunday

Sun. Nov. 4th

Pyjamas & Book Sunday

Sun. Dec. 9th

Table Grace

God we thank you for this food, for rest and home and all things good; for wind and rain and sun above but most of all for those we love. Amen.

-Maryleona Frost

Dates to Remember

Wed. Oct. 3

Gardening, 5:30 pm

Sun. Oct. 14

Blessing of the Animals

Tues. Oct. 23

Hope Centre Lunch

Fri. Oct. 26

Dinner Outing at Betty's, 6 pm

Sat. Nov. 3

Parish Bazaar, 9-1

Sun. Nov. 4

Remembrance Sunday

Bundle-up Sunday

Sat. Dec. 1

Children's Advent Party, 10-3

Sat. Dec. 8

Carol Sing, 7 pm

Sun. Dec. 9

Pyjamas & Book Sunday

Gardening

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed plants, gave of their time to clean up, plant, weed and water our gardens this past growing season. Great job!

On **Sat. Nov. 10th** at 9:30 am please lend a hand to help with our fall garden & yard clean-up. With your help the clean-up will be accomplished quickly.

Pauline Robertson
905-735-2938



Gently-Used Clothing Sale

Sat. Nov. 17

Donations of gently-used, clean clothing (visible sizing preferred) can be brought to the church and put under the bench in the narthex.

Help is needed with set-up and selling at the sale, and also the loan of portable clothing racks.

To volunteer please call Pauline
905-735-2938

