



# WHAT'S NEW

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## FROM THE RECTOR

CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Every year at this time, it is encouraging to experience warmer temperatures and see the signs of spring emerging all around us, even if they end up being buried under a few inches of snow again. But we know this snow will melt, shoots will appear in our flowerbeds, and soon we will be out raking in our backyards.

Another sign of spring that brings many people joy and excitement is seeing hundreds of men who have played baseball all of their lives head off to Florida to practice the fundamentals of baseball. Day after day, for these six weeks, these men who get paid millions of dollars to play baseball, go back to

the basics: hitting, fielding, running the bases – every phase of the game is studied all over again.

Now if you ask any of them at all (except for Barry Bonds) if they think spring training is a waste of time, they will assure you that they have not forgotten what to do. They go so they'll get better at what baseball players do. It's a return to the basics to get them ready for the long season ahead so they'll be able to give their best to what they've devoted their lives to doing.

Here in the church as spring approaches, we begin the Lenten journey again. Not because we are novices and must be taught the basics; but because whoever we are, and wherever we are on our journey of faith, these are the basics that will sustain us for the long season ahead. These are the same fundamentals that we rehearse year after year, for they are what make us strong and prepared for whatever curve ball we may experience in the days to come.

And so throughout the season of Lent, I would invite you to join with us as we return to the basics in new and exciting ways. But also know that we as the church are busy preparing to celebrate the new life and new hope that the risen Christ brings.

Our Holy Week services begin on Palm Sunday, March 25th when we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with a procession of palm branches with services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Then on Maundy Thursday, March 29th, we'll gather at 7:00 pm to remember the last supper and Jesus' mandate (*mandatum* became *maundy*) to "love one another as I have loved you." After celebrating the Eucharist, our liturgy will include stripping the altar of all furnishings to remind us of how the soldiers stripped Christ of his garments prior to his crucifixion.

We then gather on Good Friday, March 30th, at 10:00 am to hear the proclamation of Christ's Passion and reflect upon his sacrifice for us. The tone is solemn, but not somber, for our emphasis is on the victory of the cross. On Saturday, March 31st, our deanery will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter at St. George's of Forest Hill in Kitchener, beginning at 7:00 pm with Bishop Linda as the presider. The Vigil is the night we gather in darkness, acknowledging our need for the light of Christ. We then kindle a fire, light the Paschal candle and process into church. As a pillar of fire led the Israelites at night, so Christ, the light of the world, leads us.

We will then mark the beginning of the fifty days of Easter back at the Church of the Holy Saviour starting at 8:00 am on Sunday, April 1st. After our traditional spoken eucharist, we will be offering additional Easter Sunday services with a contemporary (BAS with Sunday school) service at 9:00 am and a traditional (BCP) service at 11:00 am.

Holy Week provides an opportunity for us to encounter our most powerful and transformative liturgies. They are central to our faith and our walk with



Christ and I strongly encourage you to plan on attending as many of these services as you are able. So as we experience new birth and new life around us, it is my hope and prayer that you will find your faith strengthened, your hope renewed, and that you will be blessed with His peace and joy throughout the Easter season!

Yours in Christ,

The Rev'd Victor Kischak  
Pastor, Priest, & Rector

### SAFE CHURCH

In 2017, the safe church committee updated the manuals Screening in Faith and Our Sacred Trust: Children and Youth. Hard copies are kept in the Church or can be sent on-line by requesting from Jennifer Ross or Wendy McIntyre. Last year, eight criminal record checks were submitted to Xpresschek, the company used the Diocese of Huron to check and verify the submissions. This year, many more CRCs will be submitted by Holy Saviour Safe Church because the original submissions from 2015 have now expired. We have been in the process of contacting parishioners who remain volunteering in high risk ministries or have recently signed on as a volunteer. This year the Diocese of Huron has directed us to submit all paperwork directly to their Human Resources Officer who will then contact Xpresschek. Those who work with children, vulnerable adults, and those who have access to sensitive, confidential information are required to complete a CRC. In addition, all Clergy, Honourary Assistants, church wardens, music directors and parish employees, must complete a CRC every three years. The Parish response has been very positive and we appreciate the participation and compliance with the program. By the time of publication of this

newsletter, we will have processed over 20 submissions. An excellent resource for Safe Church can be found at:  
[www.deanerywaterloo.wordpress.com](http://www.deanerywaterloo.wordpress.com)

- Jennifer Ross and Wendy McIntyre

### FROM THE WARDENS

The past two months have been busy with several events. Our January Evensong had a record attendance (70) with several staying for a chili supper afterwards. Dinner and a Movie brings out over two dozen people once a month. Our Friday night youth group hosts around eight youth enjoying dinner and activities under the leadership of Janine Noorloos. As well, over thirty people attended Victor's session on the New Testament in January. (More sessions will be announced in the future). The Pancake Supper, brought to you by the youth under Dave Barton's "management" served over one hundred people who ate 350 sausages and countless pancakes. And the day before, 25 people attended an information session on the future of our buildings. The Strategic Planning Committee continues to host information sessions. They will be sending out a survey shortly via email and ask that people please respond. We need to know your thoughts on what you like or don't like about the suggestions. It will give our committee direction.

Our youth group, who are fundraising to go to the CLAY gathering in Thunder Bay in August, are within \$600 of reaching their goal! A huge thank you to everyone who supported them through buying cookies, eating baked potatoes, chili, and pancakes, as well as donations. Our future is our youth and we are so fortunate to have so many engaged young people in our midst.

As you may know, Dr. Ed Phillips resigned on January 30 and we thank him for his 20 years of musical leadership. We have a selection committee who will be interviewing a new organist/senior choir director.

For a few weeks we published the PAC automatic withdrawal forms in the Sunday bulletin. We had hoped that more people would sign up for PAC, but, in fact we had some people withdraw! The more people who sign up for PAC, the better we can plan for our expenses. Please give this some thought.

We are halfway through Lent with the celebration of Easter approaching. May you enjoy this special time of year with your loved ones and your church family.

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*People's Warden*  
Anders Bergstrom  
*Deputy People's Warden*

**Tricia Siemens**  
*Rector's Warden*  
Matthew Bondy  
*Deputy Rector's Warden*

### ALTAR GUILD

The Easter season is fast approaching. With it comes the expectation of spring flowers adorning our place of worship. If you wish to contribute to these flowers, please place your cash or cheque, made out to the Church of the Holy Saviour, in an envelope on the offering plate and mark it "Flowers...Altar Guild". This support is much appreciated by all.



-Chris Schmidt, Altar Guild Convenor

## THANKOFFERING

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Corporate Communion and Thankoffering Breakfast**

A service of Communion for all the women of Church of the Holy Saviour will be held on **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. The service will be followed by a breakfast in the Parish Hall. A special feature of the service will be the receiving of the United Thankoffering. As an expression of the thanks and gratitude we all feel throughout the year, it will join the A.C. W. United Thankoffering and be their share in the total mission of the Church in our own Diocese, in Canada and around the world. All donations are receiptable for tax purposes. Cheques should be made payable to the **Church of the Holy Saviour**. ~ If you would like to join the choir for the Women's Thankoffering Service, please let Alison Prittie know at 519-745-3433. A brief practice will be held on **Saturday, April 14 at 8:15 a.m.** in the Church. Come out and enjoy! It would be wonderful to have you in the choir!

PLEASE PRAY FOR the newly baptized: Everett William Murphy

The recently deceased:  
Barbara Creighton  
Michelle Todoroff

and for our shut-ins:  
Dorothy Gilbert, Shirley Mchugh, Bernice Hodgson, Esther Hodgson, John Ford, Veronika Embree, Margaret Goodwin, Arleighn Cook, Pat Barry, Barbara Stendahl, Ken Burn, Bill Sutherland, Sheila Macdonald

## OUR REFUGEE FAMILIES

The generosity of the congregations and volunteers of 13 churches in the Anglican Diocese, including Holy Saviour, continues to provide financial and people support to a new refugee family.

Our fifth refugee family comes from the Oromo region of Ethiopia. They are a young family of four: Jemal Aga Biftu (father), Zubeida Mohammed Allo (mother), Maimuna (4 ½ year old girl) and Milkesa (2 ½ year old boy). They arrived in mid-December from Nairobi, Kenya, where they lived for a number of years after leaving the turmoil and harsh difficulties of their native Ethiopia. The children were born in Kenya. The family is very happy to be in Canada and to begin to make a new life here.

Our family was welcomed into a fully-furnished apartment which the committee had prepared for them. Jim Sterling and his wife are the Primary Contacts of our new family and coordinate all support activities carried out by volunteers. Bill McMullen of Cambridge is leads the Transportation team, with 12-14 drivers who take the family to school, medical and government appointments. Lois Hayward (Holy Saviour) is one of the drivers. Heather McMullen heads up the Education team.

Jemal and Zubeida and their children are a friendly, happy and outgoing family. The parents had some English prior to coming to Canada. They were assessed for language skills and are now in EFL schools and are enthusiastic about their studies. Maimuna has started Senior Kindergarten and loves going to school. Milkesa will start Junior Kindergarten in September. The family has a TV and it is usually tuned to English language programs to give the children experience of what English sounds like. The parents are eager to integrate into their community, make new friends and explore the region – as soon as the weather gets warmer! This is the first time they have seen snow. But we have bought them coats, hats, gloves and boots, so they are well-prepared for winter.

There is an Ethiopian community in Waterloo Region, and we have connected them with the Ethiopian Association, who invited them to an Ethiopian New Year celebration on January 27, 2018. It was a chance to meet other Ethiopians in the community. There was food, games and family fun.

Our shopping team, which includes Rebecca Short, Olga Dendy, Diane Medcalf (Holy Saviour), and Kathy Richmond-Cox (St. George's, New Hamburg) have taken Zubeida grocery and clothes shopping weekly since their arrival. Zubeida is a smart shopper and a very good cook. We have tasted the traditional Ethiopian meal of *injera* (a flatbread), topped by spicy chicken, beef and vegetable stews. And tea and conversation are always on offer when we return from shopping.

The Diocesan Refugee Committee meets monthly, and has done so since December, 2015. Our commitment to the refugee families we sponsor is to support them for their first year in Canada. So far we have supported two Syrian and one Ethiopian families with financial and people support; and two Syrian families with people support, in cooperation with the Canadian Government's Reception House.

- Rebecca Short, Head, Shopping Team  
Holy Saviour representative on the Diocesan Refugee Committee

## DINNER &amp; A MOVIE

This program began back in September 2016 and has consistently drawn two dozen or more people to a Saturday night at the church. We gather for dinner at 5:30pm, starting off with a choral grace that I learned as a child at Five Oaks. The meal is usually a one-pot entrée, a salad and some dessert. Anders Bergstrom loads the DVD into the player in the Fireside Room and we watch the big screen. His printed questions prompt some good discussion afterwards. Film, Food and Fellowship: a great combination, and a good mix of ages from young parents to seniors.

We meet on the second Saturday of the month. The next one is on March 10<sup>th</sup> and the movie is **Sullivan's Travels**, our first black-and-white "oldie." **Anyone born in 1941 or earlier can come for FREE!** Dinner is \$5.00, Please RSVP to [erion.chuck@gmail.com](mailto:erion.chuck@gmail.com) by March 7<sup>th</sup>.



Sullivan is a successful, spoiled, and naive director of fluff films, with a heart-o-gold, who decides he wants to make a film about the troubles of the downtrodden poor. Much to the chagrin of his producers, he sets off in tramp's clothing with a single dime in his pocket to experience poverty first-hand, and gets some reality shock. Directed by Preston Sturges, starring Joel McCrea and Veronica Lake. This is the third in our Divine Comedies series.

## MEET MILES PATEMAN

Miles Bateman spent two weeks (Feb 11-25) visiting Waterloo and our parish. He assisted at the Wednesday morning services and did the Children's Focus and the Invocations at the 10 o'clock Eucharist on Feb 25. His hosts were Tricia Siemens and Chuck Erion. Here is his self-profile:



I was born in 1989 in Nottingham. At the time my Dad was working for a brewery in the city as their head brewer. In 1992 we moved to the little village of Tydd St Giles in Cambridgeshire, Dad having got a job with another brewer in the nearby town of Wisbech. I attended a local private school until I was eleven and moved on to The King's School, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. During my time there, I became interested in history and German, eventually

taking my A-Levels in German, history and classical civilisations (the study of pots and poetry!). After secondary school, I went to Swansea University in South Wales to study German over four years including a sandwich year in Austria. I graduated in 2012. At that point, I ended up working as a mailman: two years of pounding the streets of a small town in the East of England. During my time with Royal Mail, I began to discern my vocation to ordained ministry. To help with that, I was sent to North London to work for a year as a parish assistant in Harringey, one of the most deprived Boroughs of London. During that time I was sent on a three-day job interview devised by the Church of England known as a Bishops' Advisory Panel (BAP).

My successful survival of BAP meant that I was sent to the College of the Resurrection at Mirfield in West Yorkshire (near Leeds) to study for ordination. In the two years previous to my coming here to visit, I completed a Bachelor of Arts in theology through the University of Sheffield. My visit to Waterloo and to Holy Saviour is a welcome break in my work on a Master of Arts in pastoral theology (also through Sheffield). God and the Lord Bishop of Ely willing, I should be ordained as a deacon on Canada Day this year.

So why come 7,000 km to Waterloo For my Masters thesis! During my time here, I am linking up with Dr Sharon Roberts at UW. She heads up the International Anthropomorphics Research Project (IARP), a long-term study of the so-called "furry fandom", a global sub-culture. I am writing my thesis on how the Church can engage with sub-cultures, and will be using furrines as a case study. Also, I am a member of the furry fandom (as shown in the photo, I'm the dog on the left!)

As I sit and write this, looking out at the slowly clearing fog, my time here is a little over half spent. So far, I have greatly enjoyed my time with Holy Saviour. It is wonderful to spend time with such a vibrant parish. From a Church of England perspective, you have a children's and youth ministry that most parishes back home would kill for! I know that my time spent with you all in Waterloo has truly been a blessing.



I wish you all the very best with your plans for the church site and for the pastoral ministry you have here. Rest assured that I will keep Victor and the entire parish family in my prayers. Thank you so very much for the warm welcome and once-in-a-lifetime experience I have been able to have in Canada.

## BOOK REVIEW

**Meetings with Remarkable Manuscripts** will reawaken your love of books in their physical glory, binding, paper, stitching, illustrations, endpapers, the whole caboodle. Christopher De Hamel is a paleographer, i.e. part historian of ancient manuscripts, part detective of the identity of their scribes. He had a long career cataloguing illuminated manuscripts for Sotheby's, before becoming librarian of the Parker Library at Cambridge University. This book caught my eye when it received rave reviews in the UK in 2016, so I was pleased to see it released in North America last October. At \$60 and 632 pages in hardcover, you might be tempted by the e-book version. But it would be cheating yourself of the tactile experience between these covers.

What's inside is a tour of twelve illuminated manuscripts from the late sixth century to the mid-16<sup>th</sup> century. Some like **The Book of Kells** and **The Canterbury Tales** are well-known, some are thousand-year-old gems hidden in libraries far from where they were made. Christopher is our guide, describing his excursion to each library, and his excitement donning the cotton gloves (a rule he reluctantly obeys) and opening the clasps on the binding to turn the first page. We are swept along to the monastic scriptorium where a monk sharpens his quill pen, draws evenly-spaced lines on the parchment and begins to copy verses from the Latin Vulgate Bible. His fellow-monk will mix colours from plants and chemicals

to decorate the page with borders and illustrations, some of them with gold leaf. It will not be till after the first millennium that the scribes and artists lose their anonymity. This is where the paleographer looks for details of the handwriting to determine which scribe, whether in a monastery or royal court, is identifiable.



Manuscript making predates Gutenberg and the mass production of books. The written word began on scrolls, first on papyrus, then on parchment. Books, first called codices were rectangular because that was the shape of the sheep or goat skins that parchment is peeled from. **The Gospel of Saint Augustine**, the first manuscript described, dates from the fourth

century when ancient Rome was collapsing and missionaries were sent to England. The roots of western literacy are inseparable from the founding of new monasteries and the necessity of a written Gospel (and later the liturgy of the hours, the seven times a day that monks worshipped), to anchor their evangelizing.

Literacy moved beyond the monastic walls as royal families in Europe commissioned Books of Hours for their personal devotions. Besides the psalms, prayers and other readings, they had alphabets to teach young princes and princesses, who learned to write the *Pater Noster* (Lord's Prayer) as their first exercise. Paintings of the royal patrons, their offspring, and heraldic crests appear in the illustrations, helping the paleographer date the manuscript.

In a chapter on the Copenhagen Psalter, which dates from around 1160, the author reveals his Church of England roots.

...What I understand by the communion of saints, invoked as an article of belief at the end of the Creed (included here in the Psalter), is that it is a kind of spiritual kinship with fellow believers from across all ages, sharing aspirations and experiences on common. I felt a sudden moment of this, after a long day in the Royal Library, in reading the evening prayer for peace on folios 193v-194r of the Copenhagen Psalter. It begins, "*Deos a quo sancta desiderata recta consilia & iusta sunt opera...*", words which were then already very ancient and which are still used every night in Evensong... across Western Christendom, and which are as relevant today as they were to Vlademar the Great and Knud IV, who read them here too, as we do. "O God, who from all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto your servants that peace that the world cannot give... and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness..." That text has not changed, or the need for peace and freedom from fear, in 850 years. Our world and theirs touch hands for a moment, and the heart leaps in a shared prayer.

*Meetings with Remarkable Manuscripts* is an antidote to today's declining attention span induced by our addiction to cellphones and other screens.

Savor it slowly for its tour of early writing and medieval artwork, the foundations of our Book of Common Prayer.

*A different version of this review appeared in the Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of The Record.*

### EASTER ENVELOPES

The Easter Offering envelopes will be available at the back of the church on Sunday March 25th, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The envelope is intended as an extra gift of thanksgiving in support of the ministry of our Lord here at Holy Saviour.

### EVENSONG

Choral Evensongs have become a “Fresh Expression,” a form of outreach to both traditional Anglican and to the unchurched. As cited in the book review above, this service has ancient roots stretching back millennia. Join us for a Lenten Choral Evensong, **March 18<sup>th</sup>** at 4 pm. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* are by Orlando Gibbons, from *The Short Service*. Gibbons was an English composer and organist of the late Tudor and early Jacobean periods. He was a leading composer in England in the early 17th century. The anthem will be *Like as the Hart* by Noel Rawsthorne.



### WORSHIP IN HOLY WEEK

**Sunday of the Passion** (Mar 25) 8:00, 10:00 (BAS & Sunday School)

**Maundy Thursday** (Mar 29) 7:00 pm  
Holy Eucharist and stripping of the Altar

**Good Friday** (Mar 30) 11:00 am -  
The Solemn Liturgy

**Holy Saturday** (Mar 31) 7:00 pm  
Easter Vigil at St. George's of Forest Hill, Kitchener, Bishop Linda Nichols presiding

**Easter Day** (Apr 1) 8:00, 9:00 (BAS & Sunday School), 11:00 am (BCP) - Holy Eucharist



February's Celebration Cake



Dave Woodall in the Christmas Pageant