

St Cuthbert's Anglican Church

St Cuthbert's, a place for everyone.

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The Messenger



Our Interim Pastor writes ...

Dear friends,

"Twas twenty-five or thirty years since Jack first saw the light,
He came into this world of woe one dark and stormy night."

So reads the opening lyrics to the Newfoundland folksong, *Jack Was Every Inch a Sailor* (you can read the full version on the internet).

The song is considered a comedic retelling of the Old Testament story about Jonah (look it up in your Bible).

Like Jonah, who lived 2,800 years ago, Jack encountered "this world of woe". And like both of them, we too face challenges and opportunities brought about by the era in which we reside.

Our world in 2018 is going through numerous woes ... some human made, others plights of nature and others unexplainable.

In the midst of what we are going through, here are 4 anchors of our Christian faith which may help us during tumultuous times.

ANCHOR ONE - GOD IS LOVE

Love is the true nature of God, which Jesus demonstrated by his words and actions. We need to hold the message of loving and forgiving before us as we walk through the valleys of the shadow of death or woes in life.

Our wake up call to the global community centres on "God **IS** love", which is integral to every major world religion. Let us remind all people, especially leaders, that *God is Love* should be the foundation upon which every decision or action is based.

ANCHOR TWO - PRAYER

In our private and corporate worship, our focus must be on the effectiveness and power of prayer.

According to the teachings of Jesus, it is through our prayer times with God, especially at the Holy Communion, that we bring ourselves, our living, our



SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist (Music Monthly)

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist with Full Choir, Cuthbert's K.I.D.S. (Sunday School), Coffee Hour.

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world situations and our eternity in touch with the God of love in a very intimate way.

ANCHOR THREE - DO SOMETHING

Most people want to help in “this world of woe” in practical ways, like giving money or volunteering time or employing their talents.

In addition, we need to talk, especially with children, as it helps each of us to deal with whatever images are burned into our consciousness because of happenings nearby or around the globe.

This may not be an easy task, but it could pave the way to our wellbeing and wholeness as humans travelling together on this planet.

ANCHOR FOUR - LIGHT A CANDLE

In our churches we light the Easter or Pascal candle to remind us of new life, new hope, new beginnings and new growth.

We can do the same at home or almost anywhere life takes us.

Whenever you light or see a candle - real or battery operated - burning, take a moment to renew your faith in the God of love and the one who called himself the light of the world, Jesus Christ.

As Maloy Roach wrote, “If everyone lit just one little candle, what a bright world this would be.”

May these anchors of our faith hold us firmly as we navigate through this “world of woe” which we call home.

Hollis Hiscock.

Tree Sale Thank You

The Christmas tree sale was a success once again because of YOU - the spirit of generosity of parishioners and friends. Thank you! We ordered 590 Balsam Fir trees. There were two price points for trees depending on their height, \$50 and \$70. Everyone did what they could. Some put in the posts and lines and helped maintain them upright. Many helped to unload the trees, and (wow) some trees were heavy.

More than 20 families and individuals greeted customers warmly, sold trees, and helped secure them to car roofs. Still others moved trees out to the lines, kept the lot picked-up and looking neat. And, finally but not least, customers purchased the trees because of our reputation for quality and service, and with an earnest desire to support the work of the church. It was a great community effort. Congratulations and thanks to all.

A special thank you to Jeff Bamford and David MacKay for organizing the evening and weekend shifts and Bill Sherren for organizing the day volunteers. Thanks to your efforts, we were able to raise \$15,000.



New Rector Search

The Parochial Committee has completed the parish Profile as part of the search for a permanent rector. The completed profile was sent to Bishop Michael on January 29th. It was approved by him and on the same day the job posting appeared on the Diocesan website and is now on the National Church website.



The job posting is open for applicants to respond until February 23rd.

On February 27th the Committee is meeting with Bishop Michael and Archdeacon Craven to review the list of candidates with a view to coming up with a "short list" of candidates. This will be followed by interviews with these candidates. Once the Committee agrees on a preferred candidate, a recommendation will be conveyed to the Bishop.

The Parish Profile can be viewed on the Diocese of Niagara website: <https://niagaraanglican.ca>. Look in Employment Opportunities under Resources. If you are reading The Messenger online, you can view the Parish Profile by clicking on the link: [Parish Profile](#)

The Parochial Committee wishes to thank everyone for their valuable input and support through this process.

We ask that you remember the Parochial Committee in your prayers, to help guide them in their search for a new rector.

Flower Ministry: Sharing God's Love

Do you enjoy flower arranging?
We are looking for volunteers to help take the memorial flower arrangements that decorate the church during Easter, Christmas and at other times, and re-arrange them into smaller bouquets to be delivered to the sick and shut-ins in our community. All materials required are supplied.



If you are interested in helping, please speak with Lori in the church office.

WEILIANG (Garfield) WU – new Deacon to preach at St. Cuthbert's

Garfield Wu will preach his first sermon as a Deacon at St. Cuthbert's on **Sunday, February 18** at both the **8 and 10 a.m. services**.



Garfield served in the parish as part of his studies leading to ordination. He will be ordained a Deacon on **Sunday, February 11 at 4:00 p.m.** at Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton. All are welcome to attend Garfield's ordination and come out to hear his first sermon as a Deacon.

In the meantime, pray for him as he prepares for and enters into a new chapter in his life and ministry.

WAYS TO DONATE

Pre-Authorized Giving



We ask that you kindly consider participating in our Preauthorized Giving Programme (PAG).

Making your donation by using the PAG is easy to do and provides the Church with much needed consistency of cash flow to support our ministries and maintain an even flow of income throughout the year. Using PAG also reduces our administrative time and cost devoted to paper work and bookkeeping exercises. A strong message was delivered at our Town Hall meeting last year that having universal participation in PAG is vital to achieving our parish vision.

We hope you will help us do that. PAG forms are available in the narthex, the foyer and church office.



Donate Through the United Way

Does your employer have a United Way donation program? If so, did you know that you can direct your donations to St Cuthbert's? Many people don't designate their United Way donations. By specifying a charity like St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, you can make sure your donations are used locally and put towards issues that you believe in.

Please consider directing, all or part, of your United Way donation. Simply designate your donation to St Cuthbert's, using charitable number 108099771 RR0084.



Tax Receipts

Your 2017 donation tax receipts will be mailed in early February.



Christian Community Portrait

Source - *Acts of the Apostles 2.42-47*

1. Teaching
2. Fellowship
3. Breaking of Bread
4. Prayers
5. We're Together
6. Distributed to All
7. Attending the Temple together
8. Adding to their numbers

Western Heights

Western Heights Montessori Academy runs an after school program at St Cuthbert's and are expanding to offer a Half-day Toddler & Casa Program.

Registration is ongoing!

Voted as one of Oakville's best Montessori schools, we offer a unique learning, play and social environment for children aged 6 months to 12 years via three locations:

- Old Bronte Road Campus: 3065 Old Bronte Road (15 months to 6 years) Tel: 905-847-6617
- Maple Grove Campus: 346 Maple Grove Drive (6 months to 6 years) Tel: 905-849-4777
- Oakhill Campus: 1541 Oakhill Drive (15 months to 12 years) Tel: 905-849-4777

Due to increased demand, a new Half-Day program (9am - 11:45am) at our Oakhill Campus (located within St Cuthbert's church) is now open for registration! This program will be made available for Toddlers and Casa aged children beginning. Our half-day program will also include French, Mandarin, Music and Yoga classes. Book a tour and/or register by contacting us using the information below. Receive a special registration discount when mentioning this ad.*

Tel: 905-849-4777

Email: maplegrove@westernheightsmontessori.com

Website: www.westernheightsmontessori.com

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Vestry

Join us for our annual meeting on **Sunday, February 25th**, following our **10 a.m. liturgy**. Refreshments (muffins, croissants, fruit and bagels) with coffee provided.

Please submit agenda items for discussion to the Rector before the meeting. This assists in planning our time together. Agenda items may be sent to Hollis (Chair of Vestry) at stcuthbert@bellnet.ca, by phone at (905) 844-6200, or speak to him at church.



ELIGIBILITY

All active and involved parishioners are eligible to vote at our Vestry (our AGM). All eligible voting members sign the following declaration:

"I hereby certify that I am of the full age of 16 years, a member of the Anglican Church of Canada, and of no other religious body, and have habitually attended public worship in St Cuthbert's Church, Oakville, for at least six months preceding this Vestry meeting.

I further certify that I am a regular contributor towards the support of the above church and have not voted as a member of any other Vestry during the said six months."

From the Music Director's Desk

JANUARY 2018



With Easter coming early this year, it means that Lent starts all the more earlier. From a musical point of view, it gives us less chance to sing more Epiphany carols and less time to prepare for our Lenten music.

The music during Advent was varied, with the Chancel Choir singing new carols with familiar lessons, and the youth participating in different ways—drums, solos, trios, choir with Anne, and teaching music for the service. Everyone did a fabulous job. Epiphany will also bring the same variety.

Hymn suggestions have been collected from the basket and will be used over the next months. After Easter I will ask for further suggestions to take us through the spring and summer.

As we prepare for Lent, you will notice a different style in the music during this solemn season—more subdued preludes, quieter organ stops, meditative singing. More in the next article!

Happy New Year blessings to all,

Alison L. Slaats

Artisan Christmas Market and Bake Sale

Artisan Market

Thank you to everyone who supported the Artisan Market and Bake Sale. The Artisan Market had 21 vendors with many asking to come back in 2018. Special thank you to: Alison Slaats who played Christmas music on the piano for the day, Paul McCallen for helping Lori pick up and return 14 tables from Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you to Grace Lutheran for lending us the tables. We are looking at ways to expand the Artisan Market for 2018. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to Lori at stcuthbert@bellnet.ca.



Bake Sale

Big vote of thanks to all who participated in the 2017 St Cuthbert's Outreach Bake Sale. It was a smashing (and oh so tasty) success again this year. So, to all the bakers and buyers and table volunteers: THANK-YOU!

Now for the drum roll, the numbers are in... we raised \$500 for our work with Kerr St Mission and \$500 for Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWDRF). Fantastic!

Kerr Street Mission Dinner

On Thursday 18th January the following St Cuthbert's members and friends served an evening meal at KSM to around 50 people: Dick and Eleanor Alcock and grand daughter Grace, Sue Hutchison, Peg Coleman, Wendy Cato, Liz Lloyd, Bill Grinton. Eryl and John Venner and Richard and Liz Elliott. As always the meal was well received.

The KSM kitchen is being updated and the new stoves work well, but some fine tuning of the layout and other changes is still needed. **Kerr Street Mission Dinner**



Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper

Mark your calendars now for St Cuthbert's pancake supper hosted by the men of our parish on **Tuesday, February 13th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm**. Great food (we expect) and terrific fellowship for parishioners and guests. Please invite your friends and family. Sign up on the roster in the foyer indicating the number of people expected for supper. Walk-ins, however, are still welcome! Men of the parish, please sign up on the same sheet to volunteer. **Volunteers** will be needed at **5pm for food preparation**, at **6pm for table set up and cooking**, and at clean up.



Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

Many thanks to all our parishioners who supported the Salvation Army's Campaign again this year by volunteering to take shifts in Oakville Place for the two days when St. Cuthbert's, once again, supported this worthwhile venture.

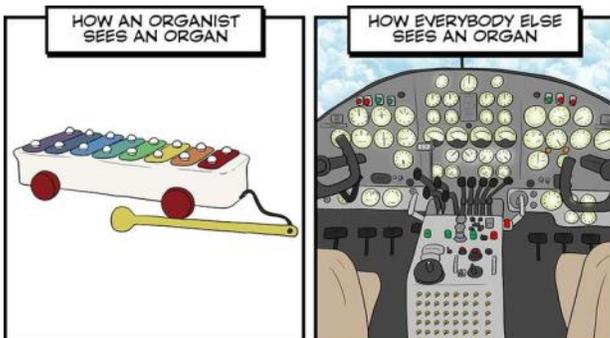


Prayer for New Rector Search

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your Church



with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a new Rector, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support us in our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Lent, Holy Week and Easter Services

Please extend this invitation to your family, friends and neighbours.



Ash Wednesday, February 14 - the beginning of Lent –
A season of “Learning, fasting, forgiving, praying and helping each other”
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Imposition of ashes and singing.



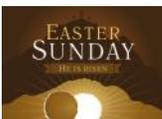
Palm Sunday, March 25 – We recreate Jesus’ triumphant entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem.
8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist, Blessing of Palms, Singing and Coffee Hour.
10:00 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist, Blessing of Palms, Procession, Singing, Cuthbert's K.I.D.S. and Coffee Hour.



Maundy Thursday, March 29 – We recreate Jesus’ last evening as a human on this earth.
7:30 p.m. Contemporary Eucharist, Hand-washing, Stripping of the Altar.



Good Friday, March 30 - Our Christmas Tree becomes our Good Friday Cross – we meet Jesus at the cross.
10:00 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy, St. John’s Passion, Singing, Hot Cross Buns at Coffee Hour.
Parallel Children’s Worship – “Walking with Jesus”
3:00 p.m. Traditional Stations of the Cross.



Easter Sunday, April 1 – Happy Easter 复活节 – We celebrate Jesus’ resurrection – He is Risen.
8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist, Singing.
10:00 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist, Singing, Cuthbert's K.I.D.S., Youth Group, Coffee Hour, Easter Egg Hunt.



Easter 2, April 8 – We continue to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection.
8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist.
10:00 a.m. Easter Carol Service – Through words and music we relive the events and message of Easter. The choir and readers will retell the gospel story and we will be given our commission from Jesus to go and share the good news with the whole world.

