

# St Cuthbert's Anglican Church

*St Cuthbert's, a place for everyone.*

June 2018

## The Messenger



Our Interim Pastor writes ...

Dear Friends

"I feel the winds of God today".

In her hymn (see box), Jessie Adams (1863-1954) captured my sentiments for the interim we have shared together at St. Cuthbert's.

We lifted our sails in October 2017 and braved another cruise amidst an unknown future, yet knowing Jesus/God would use our "bark" (our talents, treasure and time) to complete our voyage.

As expected, there were "regretful tears" as people mourned Joe's leaving – after all, you had shared the ship (St. Cuthbert's) for some 18 years and innumerable experiences.

But God helped us replace our tears with "braver thoughts" to discern our future passage, and we completed the interim without being "cast on shore" at all.

Working together in worship, action, preparing the parish profile (planning for the future, searching for a new Rector), keeping the ship on course and much more added new dimensions to how lay and ordained ministry can be carried out together. I hope you too have felt the "freshening breeze" of God's wind (spirit, gentle power) and are ready to "put (St. Cuthbert's) back to sea" to bring the good news of God's love to all people.

Sometimes as God's people we may forget God's "love and how that love is shown" – after all, we are human. However, we also know that the "great pilot of my (our) onward way" will not let us drift away, but will keep us on the course God has planned for St. Cuthbert's as a parish, and for each of us as a member of God's crew.

Thank you for welcoming me to this marvelous ship (St. Cuthbert's) and sharing an incredible voyage during the interim.

To you and Jeff as you launch into new seas of ministering together, I hope you feel "the winds of God", not only today but every day, and that you will be buoyed up with the promise of Jesus, "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS."

Hollis Hiscock  
Interim Pastor.



### **I Feel the Winds of God Today**

Jessie Adams (1863-1954)

I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift,  
though heavy, oft with drenching  
spray,  
and torn with many a rift;  
if hope but light the water's crest,  
and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at his behest,  
and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries  
my vain regretful tears,  
until with braver thoughts shall  
rise  
the purer, brighter years;  
If cast on shores of selfish ease  
or pleasure I should be;  
Lord, let me feel Thy freshening  
breeze,  
and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget thy love  
and how that love was shown,  
lift high the blood red flag above;  
it bears thy name alone.  
Great pilot of my onward way,  
thou wilt not let me drift;  
I feel the winds of God today,  
today my sail I lift.

## **Launch of New Ministry in Oakville - Chinese Mission**

by Karen Yu

As both an immigrant and indigenous church in Canada, and as a global communion, Anglicanism includes people of all nations, races, cultures and languages. And we have gifts to share with one another. The Chinese-Anglican Ministry has been established to nurture the relationships with and between Mandarin-speaking residents of Oakville, hoping to make a difference in the lives of those of Chinese ethnicity.



On May 17<sup>th</sup> this year, the Chinese Anglican Ministry in Oakville Advisory group held its first meeting at St. Simon's Anglican Church. Rev. Canon Terry Deforest, Rev. Jeff Ward, Rev. Hollis Hiscock, Rev. Garfield Wu, Lisa Diveto and representatives from three Parishes (St. Cuthbert's, St. Simon's and St. Aidan's) attended this meeting. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Garfield Wu, (who was a theological intern at St Cuthbert's). Paul McCallen and Karen Yu were the representatives from St. Cuthbert's.

During the meeting, many valuable suggestions were brought up and discussed. Specifically, Garfield, who has been deployed as the Chinese Anglican Missioner in Oakville area over at least 2 year period of identifying and experimenting with several strategies for creating spaces for Mandarin speakers to come together for fellowship and faith nurture and for building relationships with parish members in at least three and eventually seven Oakville parishes.

The second Advisory group meeting will be held in June to further discuss more details.

## **News from Carolina Yoselin Quir**

### **Cuthbert's K.I.D.S. Sponsored Child**

Dear sponsor:

I want to thank you for having me in your life and prayers, I am glad to hear that I have friends in other country, I want to let you know that I am studying hard in order to have good marks and make my parents proud and also to you.

In want to tell you that in my country we are having spring time and in my community we are preparing our lands to sow our products like vegetables and potatoes.

I say goodbye. I am looking forward to hear from you all, your activities. I send you cordial greetings.

Carolina



## A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has helped with re-organizing and painting of the offices.

You have done a wonderful job and we are grateful for the work and for saving us the expense which would have been involved.



## Barbecue

Many thanks to everyone who attended, brought delicious salads, and volunteered to help to make our farewell to Hollis so enjoyable and hopefully, memorable, for both Hollis and his wife, Helen.

Thank you to Eryl Venner for organizing this year's BBQ.

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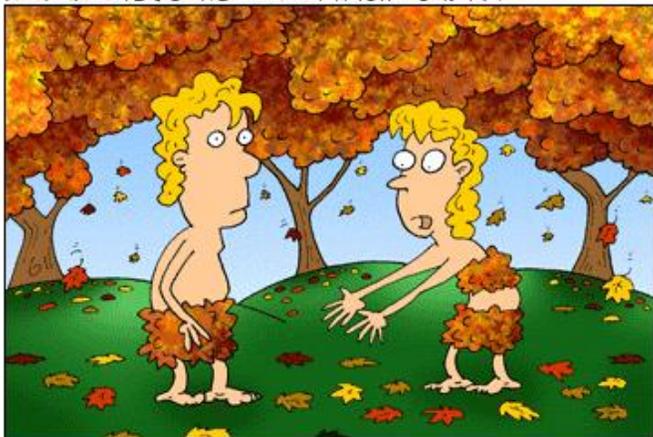
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## From the Music Director's Desk

June 2018

As Starting on May 27, there will be a bowl on top of the organ to take your hymn requests to be used over the summer months and into the fall. All requests were done from the basket last year with the exception of one secular piece and one song that will be sung in June. Keep the requests coming! They will be matched with seasonal times and thematic services.

I want to thank everyone for their support over the last year, as I have been at St. Cuthbert's since May 2, 2017. The next year will interesting as we have Rev. Ward starting in June and there will be lots to plan.

Have a blessed summer everyone,

Alison L. Slaats

The Men's Luncheons have wrapped up for the summer.

If you are interested in participating in the Men's Luncheon, please speak with Bill Mack, Dick Alcock or contact Lori in the Church Office to get on the email list.



## Who's Who at St Cuthbert's

Our Parish has a tremendous range of people who come from many different backgrounds with many life experiences. We invite parishioners to share their life experiences so we can get to know each other.

### Ernie Wilson

by Malcolm Little

I met with Ernie in the lounge of his retirement home and we both had an enjoyable afternoon talking about his part in the St Cuthbert's story. It could be said that at the age of 94 years he is the "father" of St Cuthbert's as it was his father who gave the land for the original mission church building on the county line (Winston Churchill Blvd).



His grandfather bought the farm in 1884 and was mainly a fruit grower. Back then it was out of town. Ernie was born in Toronto in 1924 where his mother's family lived but was brought up in Oakville on the farm with his brother and two sisters. Oakville then only had a population of two to three thousand people. The farm stretched down to the lake and was divided by Lakeshore Road and a creek. He recalled the problem with irrigation, the land being very sandy, ideal for fruit growing, but needing constant watering. They used to dam the creek to provide water and his father bought a pump to pump the water from the lake. Annually the first crop was asparagus followed by the second crop strawberries. They also had fruit trees.

Ernie's father ran the Sunday School for 27 years. Ernie recalls the Sunday school was held before church so after Sunday school the children then had to attend the Church Service. (*Perhaps this is a model we should re-introduce !*)

As he grew up he remembers that St Cuthbert's was the centre of social activity for the farm families in the area. The one that I really liked hearing him describe was the night time sleigh rides in January. Ernie remembers being in the sleigh on dark frosty nights with all the stars overhead (no street lights in those days – actually no streets!). They also held a

Christmas concert, Church picnic in the spring and many more activities throughout the year.

Ernie went to OT high school and at the beginning of WW2, as a very young teenager, he enlisted in the army but was very soon transferred to the RCAF at Camp Borden where he trained as a navigator. He was then sent to Tofino on Vancouver Island where an RCAF base and radar station had been set up in 1941 following Pearl Harbour. He was engaged in aerial surveillance, monitoring ship movements near the coast of Canada.

At the end of the war he came back to Toronto and resumed his education at the University of Toronto where he obtained a degree in aeronautical engineering. He met his wife Louise, who as a friend of Ernie's sister (both were nurses) came to spend the weekends at the farm in Oakville. They were married and Ernie remembers exactly that they were married for 62 years and 8 months. They had five children, Greg, Pat, Tim, Michelle and Jim. In his working life Ernie and family have lived all over Canada, London, Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa and the East Coast.

St Cuthbert's has been part of Ernie's life for as long as he can remember, although he was away for many years, and has been a greeter and sidesman for many years. When I asked him what he attributes his long life to, with his characteristic dry wit, he replied "luck". He told me his motto for life is already engraved on his gravestone "Give to Live" which I think we should all try to emulate.

Thank you Ernie for being a cornerstone of St Cuthbert's for so many years and we hope many more to come.

## The Soehner Family

Eric, Becky and Gavin moved to the town of Oakville from Liberty Village in Toronto in January 2015. Mia was born shortly after they moved and while looking for a church, the welcoming community and the train table in the lobby made St. Cuthbert's an easy choice. Gavin enjoys playing with Lego, playing baseball and golf, doing yard work outside and reading. Mia enjoys making up stories with her toys, having tea parties, playing with friends and hanging upside down. Gavin is in Kindergarten at Oakwood Public School and Mia attends Hopedale Community Nursery School. Weekends for the Soehners are busy visiting family and friends in their home towns (Guelph and Tillsonburg) and getting jobs done around the house. Eric is an actuary at Sun Life Financial and Becky keeps busy at home, working part time as an Infant Sleep Educator, is president of the board of directors at Hopedale and Volunteers at Oakwood.



## Ed & Jackie Crighton

Ed and Jackie moved to Oakville in June 1970 and joined St Cuthbert's. Why did they move from Toronto? Jackie had attended a convent school in England, so we signed up our daughter Elizabeth to attend St Mildred's School.



On their second Sunday at St Cuthbert's, The Rev. Laurie Harrison recruited Jackie to serve on Altar Guild, which she did for 17 years. Many of those years she made altar breads at the Sisters' Convent in Oakville. Because Ed was a VP and Treasurer of a Niagara winery, he was recruited for the Social Committee.

In those early years at St Cuthbert's, the sidesmen were responsible for counting the collection and depositing it at the bank. This caused many problems as many were not very good at handling the funds. The pre-authorized system had not been introduced and the actual number of envelopes each Sunday were quite enormous. We then developed the Collection Counter's teams. A system of teams of pairs, trained in finances, for each Sunday of the month.

Ed was Treasurer for 10 years during the tenure of Rev Michael Bird and Canon Joe. Ed also served at the Property Chairman for a committee of one for several years. His most noted memory as the Property Chairman was looking after the Rectory while the Revered Don Lee attended the Canterbury Conference in England. As the Property Chair it was his responsibility to check in on the empty Rectory every week. One visit, he found all the furniture in the house was gone!! It turned out that Rev Lee's wife had moved it all out and departed.

Editor's Note:

*Ed just recently stepped down as the Weekly Counters Co-ordinator. We thank he and Jackie for their many years of service to St Cuthbert's.*

