



### Season of Epiphany 2023



Epiphany is the celebration of the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. This celebrates the Magi being led to the Christ child and offering gifts of gold

frankincense and myrrh. The feast of Epiphany is January 6th (12th Day after Christmas). In the Anglican Church we have the liturgical Season of Epiphany which follows Christmas and continues until Ash Wednesday.

#### Sunday Services

8.00 a.m. Traditional Anglican Service (BCP)  
10.00 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist with Choir  
10.00 a.m. Bilingual Service (Mandarin/English)  
in the Parish Hall

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#### Friday Service

9:0 A.M. Morning Prayer on Zoom  
(followed by coffee)

**Masks are optional (but recommended) at services**

### Marching In The Light



#### Marching in the Light Concert presented by the youth Music and Event Players.

Many thanks to the people who organized the concert, Jane Kong (Concert Director), Nicola Zhang (Concert Manager), King Liu and Vicki Wang (Coordinators).

Also special thanks to the concert sponsors, JC Furniture Hardware Corp., XL Stone Inc. and HZ Electric and Supply Ltd.



**Oakville Starz**

The Marching in the Light concert, presented by the Youth Music and Event Players on December 2nd was a sell out success with the church full. The concert was in support of the the Mission work at St Cuthbert's Church and also as a part of our MAP program.

We heard The Lords Prayer with Ave Maria, Amazing Grace, Cannon in D (Pachelbel), 10,000 Reasons (Bless My Soul), You Raise Me Up, Toccata in D Minor (Bach) and many other popular songs and musical items.

The youth have been practicing at the church every Friday evening since June and the results were obvious in the high standard of the music and the professional and entertaining performance.



**Kevin and Vicki the MCs**

Two of the youth, Kevin and Vicki were the host MC's for the evening, Kevin speaking in English and Vicki in Mandarin.

The parents and grandparents of the youth also performed the songs Edelweiss, Jasmine, Waltz of the Flowers and Season of Love and even waltzed for us in the aisle of the church.



## Bake Sale

The numbers for the 2022 Bake Sale are now in and despite 2 rained-out days, we managed to raise \$1775.95.

Florence and Dawn (Treasurer Ann too!) would like to thank all who helped make it a success --- constant promotion by Ven. Jeff, Lori for posting on our church sign and the pop up on the website, the volunteers who manned the table even when the weather was windy and freezing, the purchasers who supported us, and most of all, the many bakers who produced a wonderful variety of items without whom there would not have been a bake table!

After wrapping up on Dec 5, approximately 25 remaining items were dropped off at Kerr Street Ministries to be enjoyed by their clients.

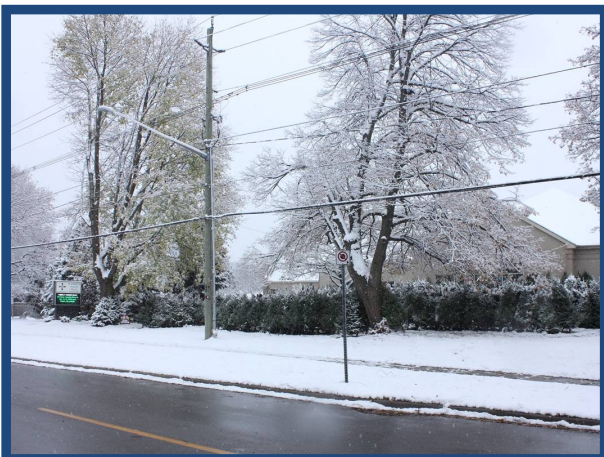
Thanks again,  
Florence and Dawn

Editors Note : Thank you Dawn and Florence. The cakes and tarts that I bought were delicious and I am still eating them as I brought them home and froze them. New Years resolution go the gym more often to get those pounds off !



*Bake Sale Table visited by  
Anita Anand MP for Oakville.*

## Christmas Tree Sale



*The lot full with 600 trees  
on November 26*



*The lot almost empty by  
December 12*

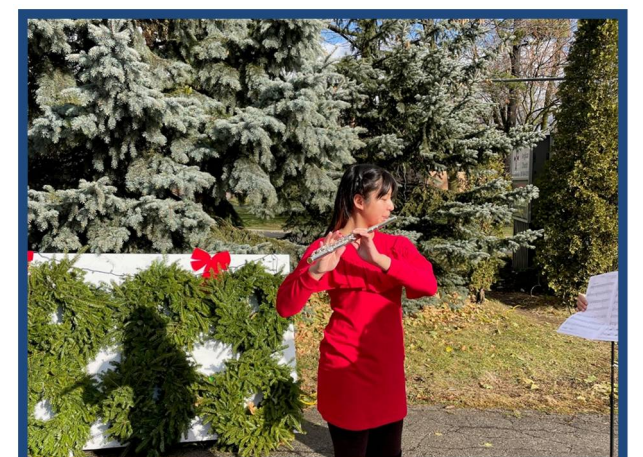
We sold 582 Christmas Trees and 70 wreaths this year which raised \$20,000 for the work of St Cuthbert's Church. In response to demand for bigger trees we had fifteen trees 10 - 13 feet in height for sale and we sold all of them. The photo on the right shows one of our 13 ft tree in situ.

Thanks go out to all the volunteers who helped in this our main fundraising endeavor and in particular to Dave MacKay and Jeff Bamford who organized the whole thing. Our volunteers often report how rewarding it is to meet with people from the community, some now 3rd generation customers and the generosity they show to the Church, ranging from bringing us Tim Hortons coffee to warm us up on a cold icy day, to \$50 donations over the cost of a tree for church funds. Next year consider volunteering it really is fun and gets you into the Christmas spirit !

This year Dave's Boom Box played Christmas music for us as it has done for many years, but we also had live music provided by our youth musicians. See photo (right)



*Photo of 13 ft tree sent in  
by one of our clients  
showing the tree in situ.*





## Christmas at St Cuthberts



The church was beautifully decorated for Christmas. The photo (left) shows the nativity crib set up for Christmas. Thank you to Dawn and Florence and your Altar Guild volunteers for the care and dedication you put into your work.



*Family Service - Children's Choir*

The Christmas flowers at the Altar were donated by members of the Parish in memory of loved ones.

## Chinese New Year January 24, 2023

We invite you to join us as we  
celebrate Chinese New Year  
**January 24**

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR  
新年快乐  
**2023**  
YEAR OF THE RABBIT

Dumpling Demonstration 4pm  
Dinner 5pm  
RSVP to Lori in the church office



**Join us for the  
Chinese New Year  
Celebration**





# Anglican Christianity: A Series by Professor Alan L. Hayes

## Part 6: the British Isles, 664-1066

Between the Synod of Whitby in 664, which is where we left off last month, and 1066, when Anglo-Saxon England came to an end in a military defeat, the foundations of Anglicanism were laid. In this installment we'll see how the Anglo-Saxon church developed conciliar governance, parish structures, educational institutions, world-class scholarship, mission-minded leaders, evangelistic strategies, communities of discipleship, and patterns of church reform. We'll also continue our story of Celtic Christianity in the British isles.

### England: Politics

At the beginning of our period in 664, England was still divided politically into several Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. Their situation, with rivalries and battles and intrigues and slaughters worthy of the "Game of Thrones," became even more complicated in the late 700s, when Scandinavian marauders called Vikings began a three-century campaign of raiding and looting coastal areas, including monasteries and churches. And some Scandinavians came to stay. They seized territory and defended themselves in territories that came to be called Danelaw.

Finally in 927 one man, named Aethelstan, emerged as the first king of all England, and held his own against all these enemies. By 1066 he had been succeeded by a succession of thirteen other kings, ten of them Saxon and three Viking. Of these, the last but one was St. Edward the Confessor, the only English king who has ever been canonized as a saint by the Pope. Both Aethelstan and Edward earned a reputation for being particularly committed Christians, who sponsored the building of churches and promoted Christian learning, and modeled Christian discipleship. One of Edward's contributions was Westminster Abbey.

### England: Church

Let me introduce you to three great church leaders.

*Theodore* (d. 690) hailed from St. Paul's hometown of Tarsus, in what's now Turkey. He was a highly educated monk who was at home in Greek, Persian, and Latin culture. Harried by military threats and perhaps church politics, he and his monastic community made their way to the safety of Rome. The pope was impressed with him, and appointed him archbishop of Canterbury. One of his first projects in England was to establish a school in Canterbury that taught theology, medicine, science, languages, and literature. (Wherever Christianity went, literacy and education followed, since Christianity was a "religion of the book.") Theodore traveled the breadth of the Anglo-Saxon church, gaining the knowledge he needed to organize a sensible diocesan structure and appoint bishops. He wrote Biblical commentaries, making use of the riches of eastern Christian learning. He convened the first general council of the Anglo-Saxon church at Hertford in 673 (or so), which agreed on administrative structures, a creed, and disciplinary rules. In all these ways, an institutional Anglican identity was being shaped.

*Bede* (d. 735) was one of the very greatest of early medieval scholars. He spent most of his life as a monk in an abbey a few kilometres from Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Bede's history of the English church is a crucial source of information, and helped establish a sense of English national identity. It popularized our current pattern of B.C./A.D. dating: "before Christ" and anno domini ("in the year of the Lord"). Until then, each region had its own dating system, which made it very hard to synchronize the knowledge of events in different jurisdictions. Bede also published in many other fields, ranging from Biblical exegesis to astronomy.

## Part 6: the British Isles, 664-1066 (Cont.)

*Dunstan* (d. 988), a monk, musician, artist, and finally archbishop of Canterbury, was an aggressive advocate of church reform, which made him very popular with many but a divisive figure as well. He imposed a humane but clear discipline on monasteries, expected high standards of training for parish clergy, and dispensed charity lavishly on the unfortunate.

During this period the English parish system developed. It originated when Christian aristocratic landowners either opened their own chapels to the community, or had community churches built. Then they appointed the clergy. Conflicts often emerged between bishop and landowner as each claimed authority over parish affairs, a precursor to the Anglican pattern of an uneasy balance of clergy and lay authority in church matters.



**Church in Wiltshire**

Even today, every Church of England parish has a patron who presents the clergy incumbent for appointment. Most patrons are lay people or lay constituencies such as guilds, trusts, associations, the Lord Chancellor, and the Crown. Churches were typically made of timber or stone. They were usually fairly intimate in size with small simple windows. Here's one from Wiltshire.

### Celtic Christianity in England

Likely of particular interest to readers of the Messenger will be St. Cuthbert (d. 687), who was abbot of Lindisfarne and, later, and reluctantly, the bishop of its diocese. He was called "the Wonder Worker of Britain" for his gifts of prayer and healing, his wisdom and learning, his indefatigable energy for pastoral care, his apparent clairvoyance, his communion with nature, and his generosity.

A Celtic Christian in background and inclination, he accepted the Roman way after the Synod of Whitby in 664. The scriptorium, or writing workshop, at Lindisfarne in Cuthbert's period was producing beautiful illuminated (illustrated) Bibles that are prized works of art. Here's an image of St. Matthew from a Lindisfarne gospel of about 700.

### Ireland

The Irish were apparently the first Europeans to develop a written vernacular (non-Latin) language. In these centuries they created a wealth of Latin and Irish works of poetry and prose, including saints' lives, legal works, and chronicles. Monks in scriptoria copied out Bibles, of course, which they illustrated, but they also made copies of secular Latin classics, many of which would otherwise have disappeared from history. That's "how the Irish saved civilization," the title of a 1995 book by Thomas Cahill which spent two years on the New York Times bestseller list.

The monasteries flourished even though Ireland, like England, was beleaguered by Viking raiders and invaders, who looted and destroyed monasteries, and killed monks.

Perhaps the greatest scholar of the ninth century in all of Europe was John Scotus Eriugena (d. 877). "Scotus" was a Latin term meaning something like Irish-born. Emperor Charlemagne recruited him to head his palace school in what the Germans call Aachen (French Aix-la-Chapelle).



**St Matthew -  
Lindisfarne gospel**

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# Part 6: the British Isles, 664-1066 (Cont.)

## Scotland

The island of Iona continued during these centuries to be a mission centre for the evangelization of what's now Scotland. Irish missionaries and other scoti settled the coast of the west highlands of Scotland and established a kingdom called Dál Riata, which was reportedly Christian. Christianity was thin elsewhere in Scotland until the end of our period, when change could happen fast. For instance, the northern isles of Scotland became Christian instantaneously when a king of Norway stopped by in 995 and promised to kill anyone on the spot who refused to be baptized. One supposes that not everyone there had deep Christian convictions, however.

The Scottish nation was gradually formed from the scoti, the Picts, Britons, and Vikings.

## Missionaries

During these centuries some of the most successful missionaries were Christians from both Anglo-Saxon and Celtic churches. Many headed for Europe where they evangelized and organized communities of converts along monastic lines. None was more significant than the Anglo-Saxon St. Boniface (d. 754), called the apostle of Germany, who became archbishop of Mainz in 731.

## Next month

After 1066, most Anglo-Saxon church leaders were purged and most Anglo-Saxon church buildings were destroyed and replaced. Stay tuned for "Norman Anglicanism"!

## Men's Lunch

January 27



Dick Alcock

Our first Men's Lunch of the New Year will be held on Friday, January 27, at 12 noon at the Royal Windsor Pub which is located at 610 Ford Drive, Unit 6. Please let Dick know by January 25 if you are attending so he can get the numbers finalized.

## Pancake Dinner - Shrove Tuesday February 21st

Our last pancake dinner was just before the outbreak of COVID but it is returning this year, so mark your calendars now for Tuesday February 21st from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Parish Hall. Great food (pancakes, sausage, beans and Maple syrup with great fellowship for parishioners and guests. So invite your friends and family. Traditionally this meal is prepared by the men of the church (men take note !)

### A Bit of History

*Shrove Tuesday is the day before the beginning of Lent a time during which English and European Christians fasted by not eating eggs, sugar (if they could get it) and fat and so these had to be used up by making pancakes. In the middle ages Christians went to church on this day to prepare for Lent by confession and penitence and were said to be "shriven" a word from Old English (maybe even Anglo-Saxon) - hence Shrove Tuesday - the day we eat pancakes. It is similar to Mardi Gras which means Fat Tuesday.*





## St Cuthbert's Youth News



### Valentines Bake Sale - Saturday, February 4th

The youth will be baking heart shaped cookies and cup cakes on Saturday February 4th in the church kitchen for sale on Sunday 5th. Be ready to buy some for people you love.



### Warning:

Cookies may look different to those shown !

## Upcoming Events (these events not yet finalized)

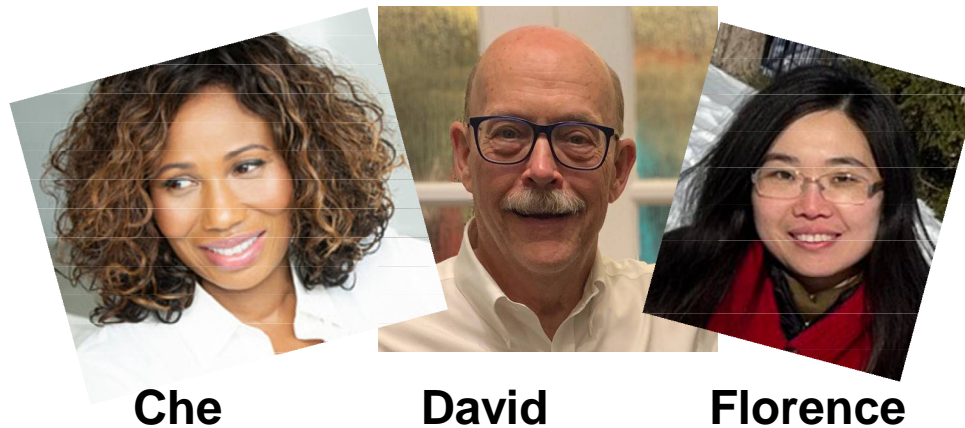
Nowruz Lunch (Persian New Year - Monday March 20) - Potluck lunch in the Parish Hall provided by the youth group. Date to be fixed.

The proceeds from these events will contribute to Anna's trip to the Holy Land this summer.

## Youth Synod 2022

St. Cuthbert's sent three delegates who attended the Youth Synod on Saturday November 26, 2022 at the Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton. They are Richard Ge, Goleo Huang, and Vicki Wang. Our youth coordinator Anna Tavakoli and volunteer coordinator Rev. Nicola Zhang also attended this event to support them. Youth Synod is an annual event that gathers together youth from across the diocese aged 13-21 in addition to a number of community volunteers. This event educates and encourages youth to engage with the church, community and global initiatives.





## Mission Action Plan note - January 2023

Hello St Cuthbert's parishioners (and others), and happy new year to you.

The MAP program is getting back into action with all 3 MAP advocates about to resume work in the key areas of **Adult Faith Formation** - to engage our minds and bodies; **Reshaping Parish Culture** - to engage young and old alike in parish culture; and **Fullness of Life in the Neighbourhood** - to better steward our environment and make some headway in social justice issues.

Even though the 2023 year is still very young we have exciting news.

Your 3 MAP advocates presented a (business) case to the Diocese of Niagara WOW (Walking on Water) committee for funding of our Peace Garden adjacent the church where the former daycare playground was.

On Saturday Jan 14, 2023, David, Che and Florence made a presentation to the WOW committee for funding to start Phase 1 of our Peace Garden. Your MAP Team used a compelling slide deck composed in large part by Lori Kennedy the church Administrator and Ven. Jeff Ward. And we were successful in being awarded \$10,000.

We encourage everyone to look for information about the Garden e.g., the plans and diagrams, because it is a tremendously exciting project that will be available to parishioners and the community at large for learning and to deepen our faith.

We also encourage everyone to seek out ways to become involved in bringing the Garden to life over the coming year. There's lots to do and many hands make light work.

The Peace Garden is being constructed on the west side of the church and the project really commenced several months ago with the removal of the asphalt other debris in the area - often referred to as our Depaving project.

This Phase 1 funding will now enable construction of an environmentally friendly and entirely accessible walkway through the space.

Subsequent phases will see the creation of the garden - with plants and seating areas - and eventually a labyrinth.

So, in closing, 2023 is off to a terrific start and we welcome anyone who has the interest to become involved in any of the MAP projects. Contact the church office or any MAP team member directly.