



St Cuthbert's Anglican Church

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ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Sunday Services

8.00 a.m. Traditional Anglican Service (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist with Choir

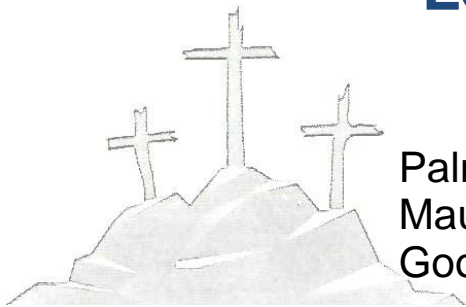
Special Services - see below

Note: there is no Zoom Morning Prayer on Good Friday

Friday Service

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom
(followed by coffee)

Lent and Easter Services



Palm Sunday

April 13 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 18 Solemn Service 10:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 20 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00a.m

Peace Garden Update

by David Aylward

"When the weather permits - soon we hope - the small but mighty peace garden team will be putting the finishing touches on the peace garden space to the west of the church. It's not too late to join the team and we welcome all comers.

Messenger readers may recall we were successful in an application to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) and have just over half of the awarded grant remaining.



To date we have completed resurfacing of the area with mulch ground cover, forming the garden beds, and creation of the colourful little free library complete with a bench and furry friends plus some initial plants. We've also added some bird houses and lighting.

Consistent with the original plan to create a safe and peaceful space for the entire Oakville community, we expect to acquire a bit more outdoor furniture - likely a bench and some chairs - and procure more plants to start the seasonal rotation. We also expect to start a seed program which readers can find out more about by coming out and joining us.

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Care has been taken to ensure that what we do and install is environmentally friendly and responsible. Not an easy task to be sure. This environmental aspect will continue to guide us, for example, in the selection of flora that is friendly to pollinators and the dwindling butterfly population that is under stress globally.

We have discussed at a high level some uses & events for the space, and we continue to be in a "listening mode" for more ideas that would be suitable and a good use of this beautiful space. We welcome ideas from Messenger readers.



As noted above we welcome all who wish to participate in this very rewarding and beneficial project of our MAP program. Do not hesitate to contact any of the current team members Nancy Blackie, Dawn Seto, Jean Podolsky or David Aylward if you wish to volunteer."

David

First Impressions

Parishioners give their views on what they like about StCuthbert's and why they stay. It seems that our Cross leaves a deep impression on people.

"I came with a friend and I liked the relaxed attitude, the church seemed relaxed and not judgemental".

"I like the style of the service, more high church than other Anglican churches in the area".

"When I first came into the church I was overawed by the height and the Cross at the front, illuminated by the window lights above making it seem like the cross had come down from Heaven".

"When I first walked into St. Cuthbert's I loved the beauty of the Altar and the Cross, and the wonderful architecture"

"I will never forget my first sight of the cross and the elegant simplicity of the church "

"St. Cuthbert's is very welcoming and it feels like home "

St Cuthbert's Outreach

Mission to Guatemala -2025

Once again our former Choir Director, Dr. Dan Lee and his partner, Parisa, took part in a mission to Guatemala organised by Health Outreach. A number of St Cuthbert's parishioners donate to this mission individually.

Dr. Dan, Parisa and the Health Outreach team's commitment to helping the poor, impoverished and forgotten of other countries is the embodiment of Christ's command "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me"



2025 Mission Team

Health Outreach is a non-profit charity dedicated to providing dental services to impoverished people in remote areas of developing countries. This 21 year old registered Canadian Charity, was started by Dr. Dan's good friend, Dr. Tim Lee (no relation). The charity is Toronto- based, from Tim's home and dental office, and is completely volunteer driven, so ALL (100%) monies donated go directly to the dental care of the children. All mission volunteers pay for their own airfare and accommodations in Guatemala.



Dr. Dan writes:

Our new destination (for Parisa and I) was Rio Dulce (sweet river). This is a freshwater river that feeds into the Caribbean Sea. I was in charge of all the root canals, and over 6 days of 10 hour per day work, I performed 35 root canals, and many fillings and extractions.

Over 600 children were treated for extensive work, to try to save front adult teeth, to conserve these teeth for function, smile, self-esteem and possibility of getting employment in the big city.

The children live in the hills and mountain areas along the river. I doubt the Guatemalan government even know that they exist. Our team also had a medical pediatrician from Mississauga who treated children for parasites and skin ailments, and a recent outbreak of H. Pylori (a bacterial infection of the stomach caused by contaminated water).



Dr. Dan and Parisa with a patient. Dr Dan and Parisa looking very happy but the patient not so much ! (mouth still frozen ?)



Gracias Dan

It was my 13th dental mission, and the 3rd one for Chef Parisa.

Thank you St Cuthbert parishioners for your ongoing support!

Dr. Dan Lee

St Cuthbert's Outreach

The 34th Annual Earth Day Clean Up

The 34th annual Earth Day Clean Up of Oakville Nature Sites and Waterways is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 9 am. The event is heavily supported by the Town of Oakville and is reported to save the Town several hundred thousand dollars annually.

Again this year we have committed to clean up Dunvegan Park on Dunvegan Ave. and Ardleigh Park on Maple Grove Drive.

The event has local sponsors, for example, the 'Film Cinema' on Speers Rd. In previous years Panago Pizza have donated free pizza for the volunteers.



Volunteers enjoying pizza

Rick Little has coordinated our participation in the event with David Aylward since inception, and has attended one of the parks on the day - usually 2 - 3 hours max. in the morning.

Regrettably Rick is not available on April 26 this year, but the good news is that another volunteer has stepped forward to help.



Youth Volunteers at Dunvegan Park

Men's and Women's Lunch



This was the first time that the men and women of the Parish had joined together at the same venue for lunch

On February 28th The men and women of the Parish dined at Mo's restaurant (on Speers Road). A good lunch was enjoyed by all and there was much talk and laughter. At one point the men had to ask the ladies to keep the noise down!



The Intergenerational St. Cuthbert's Family

In March, parishioners and members of the community, ranging in age from 14 to 90 met for a light meal after exercising together. Different instructors led groups based on age and ability.

The teenagers, Andrew and Michael, former members of St Cuthbert's Rising Stars', entertained the adults after the meal by playing a musical selection of violin and clarinet music.

Looking Around Our Beautiful Church

by Malcolm Little

The Stations of the Cross

At St Cuthbert's we have photographic images of the 14 Stations of the Cross mounted on the walls, seven on each side. These were taken at the Martyrs Shrine at Midland, Ontario and were donated in 1987 by Al Matthews in memory of his wife Diane. They are photographic images of the outdoor bronze Stations of the Cross at the Martyrs Shrine at Midland, Ontario. Every Lent on Good Friday we commemorate the events leading up to the crucifixion by "walking the Stations of the Cross". This is an opportunity to meditate on these events, in the stillness of Good Friday. Of course you can use these as aids for meditation at any time of the year.



1. Jesus is condemned death



2. Jesus takes up his cross



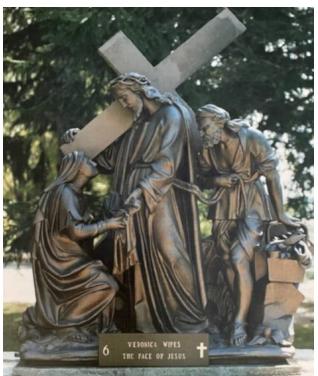
3. Jesus falls for the first time



4. Jesus meets his mother



5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross



6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus



12. Jesus gives up his life on the cross



14. Jesus is laid in the tomb



7. Jesus falls for the second time



8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem



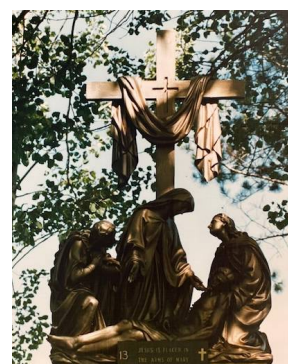
9. Jesus falls for the third time



10. Jesus is stripped of his robes



11. Jesus is nailed to the cross



13. Jesus is taken down from the cross

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Book of Alternative Services

CLERGY RECOMMENDED SELECTIONS

by Booksy

Rather than random selections from our library, this series will focus on books and films emphasized by clergy during their homilies.



Canon Dr. Alan Hayes:

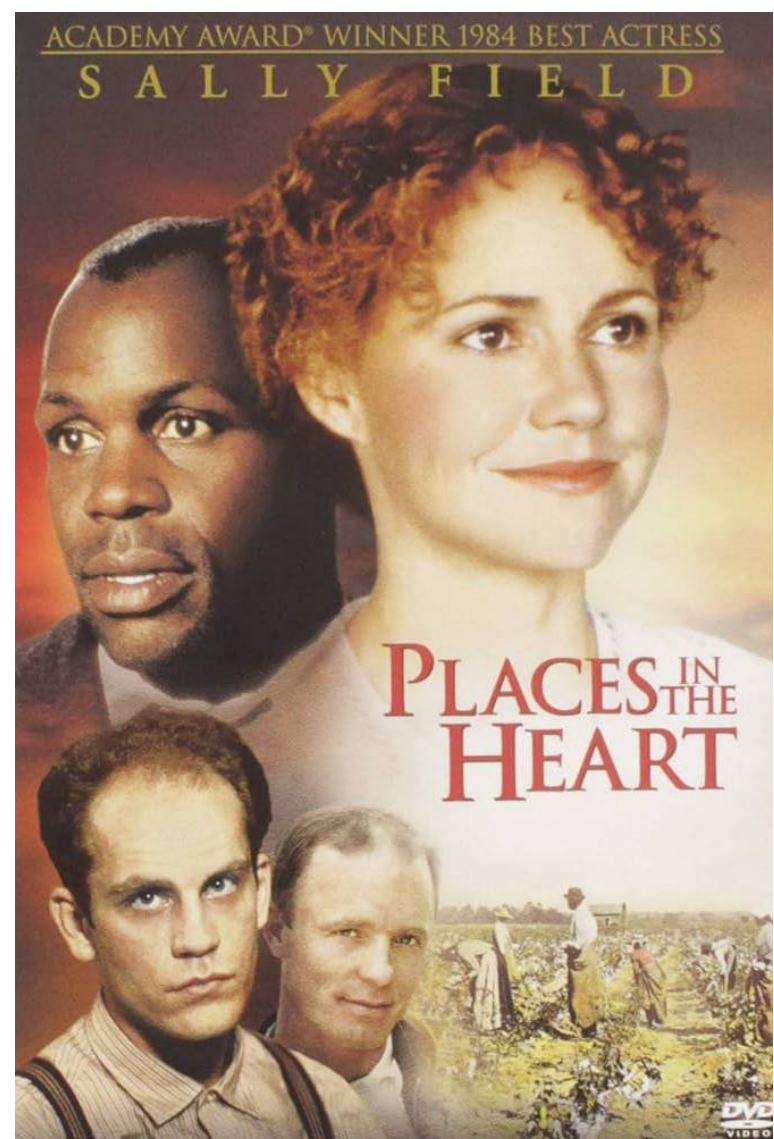
Places in the Heart, DVD

(April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday Homily)

This 1984 award-winning film (Best Actress, Sally Field; Best Original Screenplay, Robert Benton) takes place in the Texas town of Waxahachie during the Great Depression. A drunk black teenager aimlessly fires a gun, but with far-reaching effects. He accidentally kills the white Sheriff causing an already segregated small community to mete out its own form of justice - execution without trial.

The Sheriff's young widow now has to struggle on her own to keep the farm while raising her children. Help arrives in the form of marginalised people - a black itinerant handyman and a white blind boarder. As a collective they must band together to contend with the depressed market, financial deadlines, harsh environmental conditions, and racial tensions.

The film's final scene, set in the town's tiny wooden church, has a dream-like, unexpected twist as we listen to 1 Corinthians 13 being read and a hymn being sung while watching the congregation pass the elements to one another during Holy Communion. It is a time of reconciliation and wholeness, as on that Maundy Thursday when Jesus invited all people to be part of the Kingdom of God.



Parish Survey - We want to hear from you

We are embarking on a Parish Survey. This is a vehicle for us to initiate some internal listening among folks in the parish (versus those who are out in the community with whom we have not yet connected). We are still developing the questions, but we will be circulating it in early March to garner this information. We will offer it to people via email to be returned to an exclusory email address. There will also be an option for dropping them off at the church in hard copy form. They can be shared anonymously or not. One person will be compiling the replies to share with the parish. It will help us in our next iteration of our Mission Action Plan and for planning church activities.



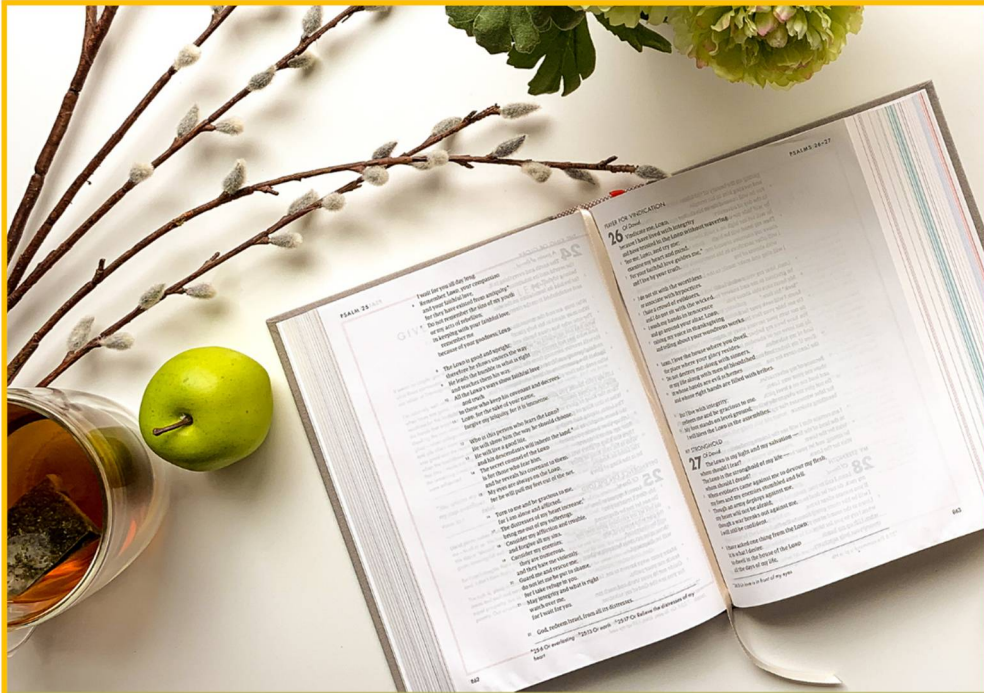
Volunteer Appreciation

Without our volunteers, St Cuthbert's would not function. Whether it is the Altar Guild preparing the church for Sunday worship, or Eliza and the youth providing excellent food and coffee for us after the service, all of our outreach activities are carried out by adult and youth volunteers. We want to thank people for their efforts to serve our parish in all areas of our ministry by holding two volunteer appreciation events. The first event will be for youth on May 2nd and will feature pop and pizza. The second event will be for adults on May 3rd and will feature wine and cheese. We are planning to do this annually.

Your 2025 St Cuthbert's Wardens

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Deputy</u>	<u>Former</u>
People's Warden	Nancy Blackie	Jeff Bamford	Tina Bodfield
Rector's Warden	Susan Zeng	Wolfgang Hartmann	Che Marville

Events and Information



MORNING PRAYER

Every Friday at 9am via Zoom

Contact the church office
if you are interested in participating.

St Cuthbert's Labyrinth Walk

Come and walk the
labyrinth and learn
more about this
meaningful spiritual
practice.

**FIRST FRIDAY
OF EACH
MONTH at
7pm.**



A labyrinth is not a
maze, but a time
for relaxation and
reflection in a world
that wants us to
hurry. Our
Labyrinth Walks are
on the first Friday
of each month.

**People of all
abilities are
welcome!**

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May you find joy, peace and healing on the path!

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

*You are invited to join the
fun and goodies at our*

EASTER TEA

**APRIL 5, 2025
2:00pm
Cost: \$10**



Local Events and Information

**The Spirit Moves
Christian Dance Company**

Presents:

A Spring Evening of Dance
Sunday, April 6th
7:15pm
Maple Grove United Church




Tickets \$15
Cash at the Door or by e-transfer
All proceeds donated to:
Youth Mental Health Canada
More Information:
graceacademy@sympatico.ca



Open for Business!
**65th Annual Maple Grove United
Church Fertilizer Sale**
Saturday April 05, 2025



2025 Sale Flyer is now available! Check out our great **Made in Canada** products at **2023 pricing** and **no HST!** **Delivery is back!** Click the link or scan our QR code to see our Sale Flyer and place your order.
[Fertilizer Site](#)

Great Products! Great Prices!
Easy Ordering! Easy Pick-up!
Delivery is available in the Oakville area! (s/t paid fee)



Everything you need for a beautiful lawn and garden!

Thank you for your support!

**Candlelight & Prayer
with Songs of Taizé**

* Note time change for Good Friday

*Good Friday, April 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**



*In the stillness
of a candlelit hour,
come and pray with us,
singing the songs of Taizé.*

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*Please note time change for April only.