



St Cuthbert's Church

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June 2022



Sunday Services

- 8.0 a.m. Traditional Anglican Service (BCP)
- 10.0 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist with Choir
- 11:30 a.m. Bi-lingual Mandarin/English Service

Sunday June 5th - Pentecost Sunday

Sunday June 12th - Trinity Sunday

Friday Service

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

Masks are required at all in person services

Who's Who - Meet Nicola our Lay Pastoral Associate and her Family

Welcome Nicola, our new Lay Pastoral Associate and congratulations for graduating from Trinity College with a Master of Divinity Degree with Honours on May 10th. You all know Nicola as our Intern and Missioner who often reads, preaches and prays at our services. She has been with us since 2021 and has become a loved part of our church family. In her own words, when she comes into St Cuthbert's it is like coming home. Nicola has husband Sheng, and two sons, Goleo and Chris and a dog called Mulan. Nicola, Goleo and Chris were baptised together in 2012. Nicola and Sheng are life long partners and first met in school at the age of 13. They were married in 1998 in China and then emigrated to Canada.

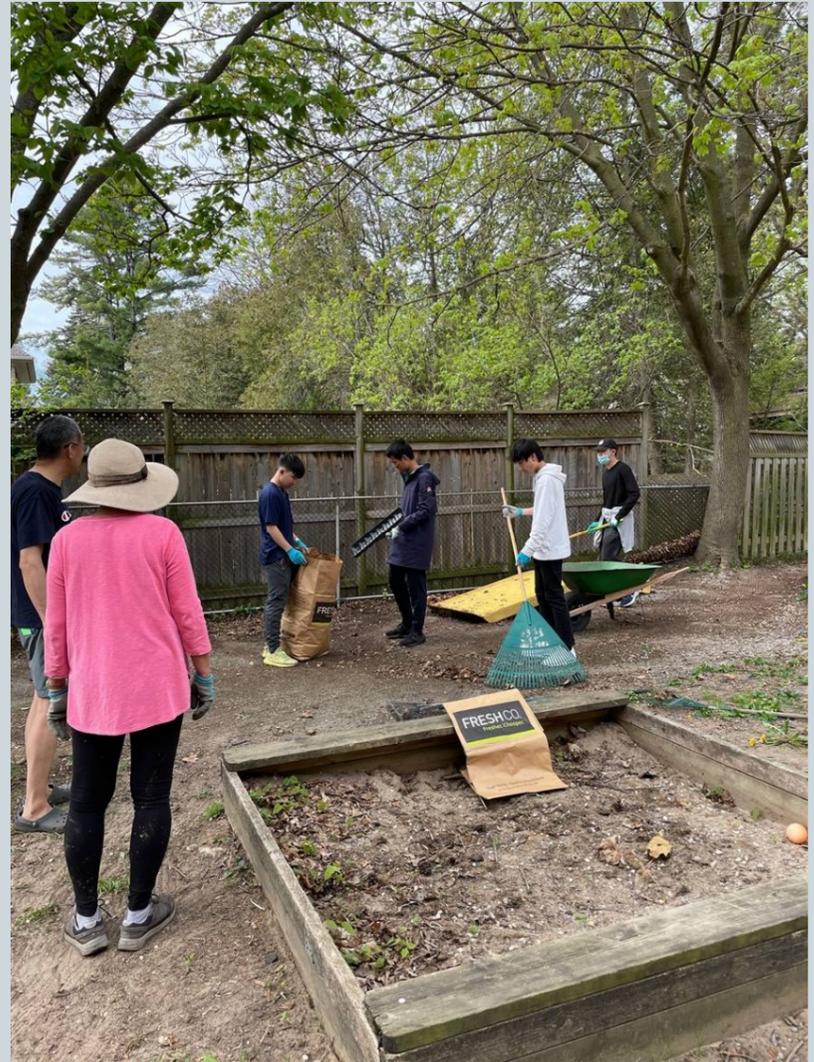


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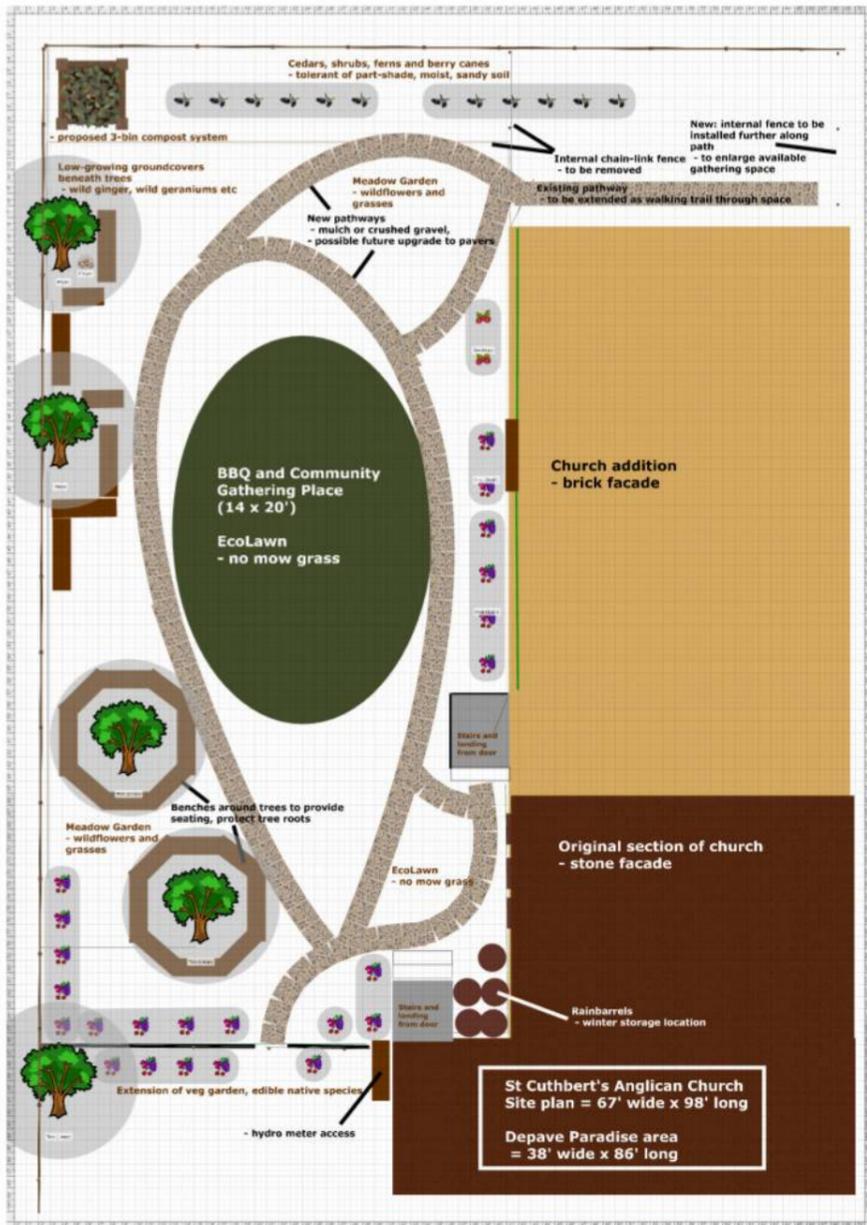
Nicola credits Sheng with motivating and supporting her while she pursued her studies at Trinity. Goleo is in grade 10 and is one of our youth volunteers. He has been on a Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp (YLTP) last month (May) and will be telling us all about it soon. Chris is in grade 8 and is a keen soccer player (as is Goleo) and trains with the Oakville Blue Devils Soccer team. Nicola obtained her first degree in English Education while she was in China and then obtained a degree in Psychology. When she came to Canada she studied Human Resources Management at York University but says she felt as if she was wandering in the wilderness and needed a new start. After a while attending a Catholic Church she eventually found Fr. Garfield, started in his church choir and found a stronger faith. She says that when the family became Christians it affected the dynamics within the family, they all became more relaxed, more loving and understanding of each other. The boys grades have also improved year by year which was a bonus (or were they competing with mom !). Nicola says that at St. Cuthbert's she has become more involved and her faith has become more concrete. At the moment Nicola is our Youth Volunteer Missioner, but as Lay Pastoral Associate, licensed by Bishop Susan, will be more involved in our spiritual life.

The Paradise Garden

Work has started on transforming the old children's playground into our Paradise Garden. The project involves removing the children's playground amusements and de-paving the area. The photograph opposite shows the grade 10 boys and a couple of fathers starting the process of clearing the site.



The plan opposite shows the proposed garden which will be multi-purpose and will have trees, plants, flowers in planters and seats. We envisage that the garden will be a place of quiet, for meditation, BBQs, outside gatherings for both adults and children. The project is being led by Halton Environmental Network and has been partly funded by a grant from TD Bank. The funding will pay for the removal of the asphalt surface but the labour for creating the garden will be for the church to provide - **so come on volunteers we need you !**



Meet the Boys

These are the hardworking boys who are helping remove the old children's playground. From left to right are Andrew, Bob, Albert and Hadi, they are grade 10 students who attend Appleby College, White Oaks and Oakville Trafalgar. So far they have dismantled the climbing frame, broken up and removed the sand pit, taken down the wire mesh fence, cleared out all the old branches and leaves, started to remove the gravel and storing it for future use in the new garden. All this after sanitizing the church pews and cleaning the church brass every week !



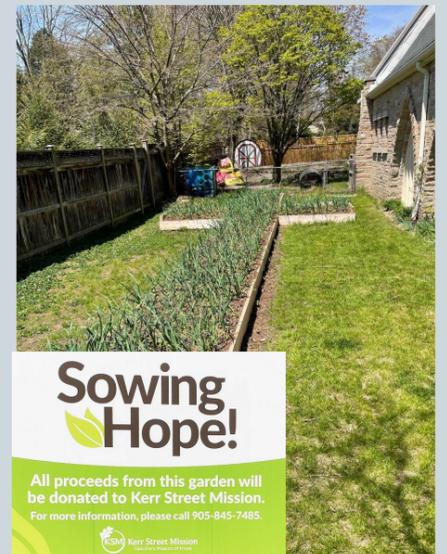
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Yes the garlic is growing rapidly. The first harvest of the garlic scapes should be early June. The scapes will be sent to Kerr Street Mission and Fare Share Foodbank. If, like me, you don't know what a garlic scape is, here is a photo (what would we do without Google). The garlic cloves will be harvested later.



Here are two ways to eat the scapes

1. Chop into pieces and sauté in butter or oil for about 5 - 6 minutes and serve like a green bean or add to salads and stir fries.
2. Roast or BBQ the scapes whole and serve like garlicky asparagus with a dip or just some balsamic and olive oil.



The Growing Church

How would you answer if you were asked the question "Has the Anglican Church become larger or smaller since 1975?" Perhaps you would be surprised by the answer. As reported in "Anglican Planet" the number of Anglicans in the Worldwide Anglican Communion doubled between 1975 and 2015 and is almost 91 million people. The astounding growth is in Africa (8 times), Asia (2.5 times) and South America and Caribbean (1.2 times). In Europe the number of Anglicans is 25 million virtually all in the United Kingdom and shows 41% of the population there identify as Anglicans but their numbers dropped by 4 million in that time period. However this should be a wake up call for us in North America (Episcopal and ACC) whose numbers halved in that time period but as we answer God's call to mission in our communities we will most certainly grow in our faith and discipleship.

[Note: The figures given are for membership not attendance. Data provided by Centre for the Study of Worldwide Christianity - University of Edinburgh]

St Cuthbert's News

Baptisms

Sunday May 29th we will be welcoming 3 new Christians into our Church family.



Come and join us for
Lemonade on the Lawn

Starting May 29th after our
10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. services

**JOIN OUR
YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT!**

SATURDAY | JUNE 4, 2022 | 7:30 PM

"THE PURSUIT OF
HAPPYNESS"

RSVP Anna at youth.stcuthbert@gmail.com

ADMISSION IS FREE ALONG
WITH FREE FOOD & DRINKS

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St Cuthbert's Garden Forum

Why not join the St Cuthbert's Garden Forum for advice, plant swaps and show us your successes and failures! Simply go the Church website home page, click "About Us" and then "Garden Forum". You have to register with your email to send and receive posts and photos by others in the forum.

Please send all contributions for the monthly e-Messenger to mlittle5@cogeco.ca