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FALL 2022

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Sunday Services

8.0 a.m. Traditional Anglican Service (BCP)
10.0 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist with Choir

Friday Service

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

Masks are optional at services



Rick Little cooked over 100 burgers and hot dogs !



Hand Painting



Nicola Hand Painting



Family Fun Fair Photos
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St Cuthbert's Mission Action Plan (MAP) October Update.



We're happy to provide a brief update on St Cuthbert's Mission Action Plan ('MAP').

Reminder - your MAP Team is David Aylward, Florence Xie and Che Marville. However, we receive enormous help from Lori in the office, Jeff our Rector and Nicola Zhang, the Pastoral Associate.

Each of the MAP Team members is an Advocate for one of the 3 MAP areas.

The planned dates for meetings to launch our parish MAP activities are set below.

First a few words about Nicola whom many of you know.
Nicola is a clergy support person for our parish and joined St. Cuthbert's as an intern student in Summer 2021. She has been growing with the love of God and the help of our parishioners as she continues her journey as a Candidate for Ordination. She is continuing God's mission within our parish and being part of the MAP team is her action answering the calling of God. Her main role in our parish right now is as the Mission in Acts Missioner (formerly Chines Ministry) for St Cuthbert's. We are very fortunate to have Nicola at St Cuthbert's.

Now the meeting information.
Remember at our June 26, 2022 meeting over 50 people identified and voted on the MAP ideas that were most interesting and meaningful.

As we come back together this Fall the following are the meeting areas and dates.

MAP Area	MAP Advocates	Meeting Dates
1. Reshaping Parish Culture to Enable Ministry	Florence Xie	Sunday, Oct 16, 2022
2. Adult Faith Formation	Che Marville	Sunday, Oct 23, 2022
3. Fullness of Life in the Neighbourhood	David Aylward	Sunday, Oct 30, 2022

Those of you who expressed specific interest in a MAP Area will shortly receive a communication with more details. But everyone is welcome at any meeting.

The meetings will be crisp, and we hope lively, and will focus on only those items we really want to do. A one-page summary of each MAP Area was attached to the August Messenger.

We'll close again with a bit of homework. Consider the question: What can St Cuthbert's contribute to our community?

The Sept. homework was: What is a good source of more volunteers to join us?

As always if you have any questions or thoughts, please contact any one of us directly or through Lori in the church office.

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Who's Who - Eric and Becky

Meet Eric and Becky who have been part of our church family for seven years. You will recognize them as they are both readers at the 10 a.m. service and you will have seen their happy faces volunteering at the Christmas Tree sale.

Eric and Becky moved to Oakville from Toronto in 2015. They have two kids, Gavin and Mia.

Eric grew up in Guelph at St Paul's Lutheran Church and Becky was raised in Tillsonburg at St John's Anglican. Pastor Jon Fogelman of Guelph and Reverend Rich Jones of Tillsonburg both made a strong impression on their faith journeys in their youth.

Becky and Eric were delighted to find St Cuthbert's in Oakville when they moved here - "The Table" Sunday afternoon services and the Thomas the Tank Engine train table in the foyer for busy little ones were a hit with their family.

Eric and Becky met at St. Jerome's University while studying at the University of Waterloo. Eric works in finance and continues to cycle downtown to his office once a week.

Becky is a postpartum doula, supporting families as they adjust to life with new babies.

They enjoy traveling and visiting family on weekends, including their first niece/cousin who was born this past spring! Their family is in the busy phase of life with extracurricular activities - baseball is Gavin's main sport and Mia enjoys dance and gymnastics. Eric and Becky say "*it is nice to have a faith community in St. Cuthbert's to worship with as the kids are growing up*".

Thank you Eric, Becky, Gavin and Mia for being loved and faithful members of our church family.

Editors Note : "The Table" was an informal modern service held in the Parish Hall with a professional modern music group.



Eric and Becky
*"it is nice to have a faith community
in St. Cuthbert's"*

Men's Lunch



The Men's Lunch was held at the Mandarin Restaurant on September 30th and thirteen people attended and we all had a very good meal with much conversation, laughter

and fellowship. This was our first lunch since the beginning of the pandemic and so it was good to see old friends after almost 3 years. Alan and Dan were able to join us for the first time.

Dick informed us that the next lunch will be on October 28th probably at Mo's Family Restaurant on Speers Road. He will send an email invite as usual.

Thank you Dick for organizing these events.



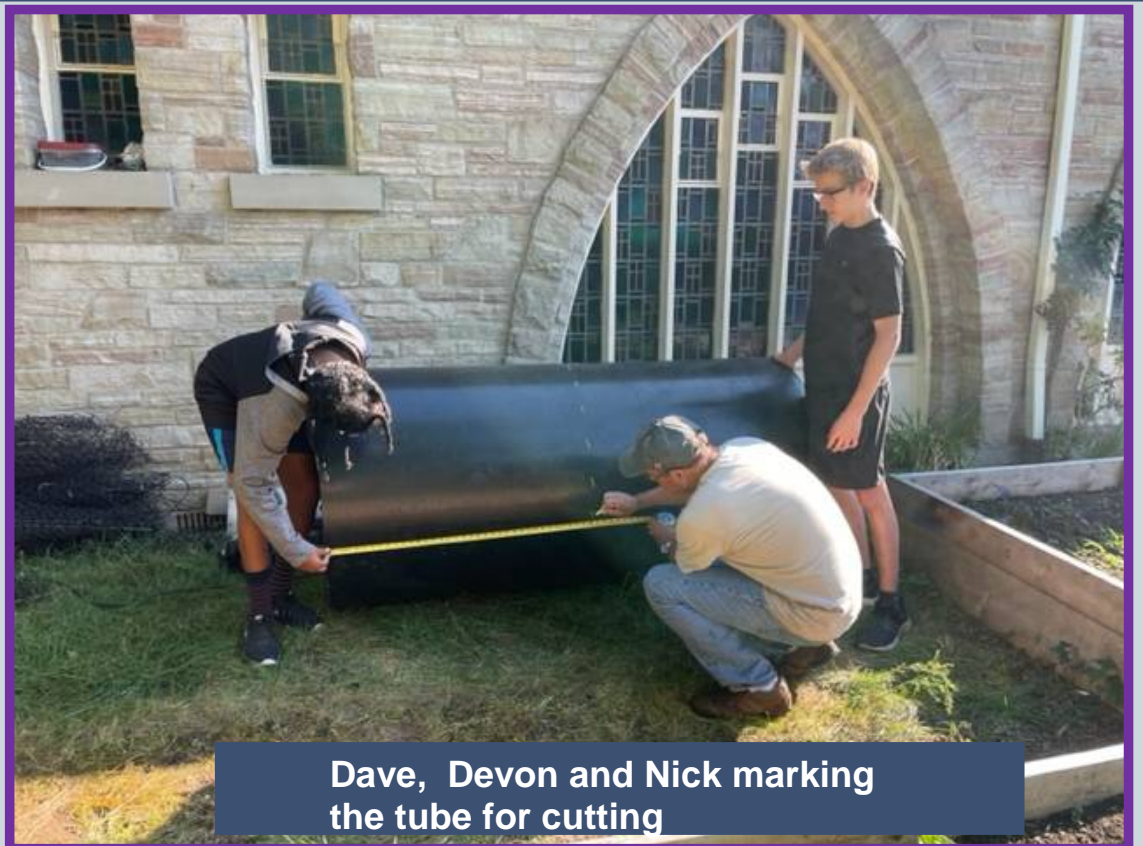
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Progress on the New Garden

Having cleared the ground in the old playground work started on creating the planters for the new garden. The playground tube was re-purposed for these planters by cutting it into three sections.



Devon and Nick removing the old bolts from the tube



Dave, Devon and Nick marking the tube for cutting



Three planters



On Saturday September 17 Dave MacKay, and several volunteers pruned back the trees in the New Garden. The photo shows Dave, Devon, Alex, and Andrew cutting up the branches. The following week we had help from Albert, Alica, Kai and Shaun and they put all the leaves and small branches into garden waste sacks and took them to the curb.

It may surprise parents, that despite social media the teenagers like meeting together in person and working as a group and they really like to do manual work - one parent said *"I wish I could get my kid to work in our garden like this !"*

Listen to the Psalms

At Morning Prayer every Friday we read a Psalm and by popular demand of those who attend we read from the King James translation. The beauty and poetry of this translation, written in the language of Shakespeare, is very meaningful. The BBC are now broadcasting a series of programs with the actor Jeremy Irons reading the Psalms from the King James Bible. In the first program he reads Psalms 1 to 29, which of course includes Psalm 23. You can hear them in Canada by clicking on the link below, or copying and paste into your browser : <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/m0004633>

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WEEKLY YOUTH EVENTS AT CHURCH

Sunday 10 a.m. Youth Bible Journaling with Anna
(in the meeting room)
Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday School (younger kids)
(In the Parish Hall)
Friday 7 - 9 p.m. Youth Music and Event
Players (teenagers group)
Saturday 9 a.m Youth volunteer morning



Anna Tavakoli
Youth Leader

Contact Anna:
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Music and Event Players



St. Cuthbert's Youth Music and Event Players and some parents participated in the Taize service at St Aidan's Church on September 16. They were led by the Youth Music Director Jane Kong and Nicola Zhang the M.A.P. Clerical Support. Florance Xie who is the MAP program Advocate has been helping with this youth music program since July.

Nicola says *"It is a good opportunity for the students to experience this unique musical and prayerful service and it will definitely help them to improve their musical performance. Many parents hugged us to show their appreciation for this precious experience after the service. I believe the Holy Spirit is working on all of us.* The priest, musicians, and

parishioners of St. Aidan's appreciated our participation. They look forward to future cooperation with our Parish."

bring your own pumpkin!

FAMILY PUMPKIN CARVING



Sunday, October 16, 2022
at 12 pm
St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church
1541 Oakhill Dr.
Oakville, ON

Please RSVP to Anna at
Youth.stcuthbert@gmail.com

• THE ADDAMS FAMILY •

YOUTH HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

WEAR YOUR SPOOKY COSTUME

OCTOBER 29, 2022 • 7PM
ST. CUTHBERT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
1541 OAKHILL DR. OAKVILLE, ON
PLEASE RSVP TO ANNA AT YOUTH.STCUTHBERT@GMAIL.COM

FREE PIZZA SNACKS



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Anglican Christianity: A Series

by
Professor Alan L. Hayes

Part III: Roman Britain, 300 to 410 C.E.

Last month I wrote that although there were certainly Christians in Roman Britain before 300, we have precious little evidence about them that's historically sound. But once we get to about 300, the evidence increases substantially.

Archeology

Some evidence is archeological. Here's just one example: a mosaic bust that probably represents Jesus, as identified by the X and P (the Greek letters chi and rho, which are the first letters of the word Christos). This was discovered in 1963 and is now on display at the British Museum in London. It was part of a large floor mosaic in the English county of Dorset. Was it the floor of a church? We don't know.

Interestingly, other parts of the floor mosaic depicted pagan themes. Were paganism and Christianity seen to be compatible? or were pagan themes reinterpreted in a Christian way (as Christmas trees would be in later centuries)? or was it just that the room was used for both Christian and non-Christian purposes?



And who decided that it was okay to represent Jesus in a work of art? Didn't the Ten Commandments prohibit image-making? I'll come back to these questions in a later chapter in this series.

England's "proto-martyr"

The early 300s may also be when Britain's first great martyr, St. Alban, was executed. (Some date him earlier.) He was a pagan who impulsively decided to hide a Christian fugitive in his home, in the way that some Dutch folks in Amsterdam hid Jews during the Nazi occupation. The surprise was that when the authorities came looking for the Christian, Alban presented himself to them, in place of the Christian. Then at his trial he declared himself a follower of the true God. The account of his execution includes several miracles, such as a spring of water breaking through at the place of his execution.

The cathedral of the diocese of St. Alban, north of London, marks the place of his execution. The well is nearby.

A British Heretic

One of the greatest heretics of the early Church was a fourth-century British monk named Pelagius, although he made his reputation after he moved to Rome. He insisted that people should lead sinless lives after they were baptized, by simply willing themselves to be perfect. His views were challenged by St. Augustine, who thought that sin was too deeply rooted in fallen human nature to be simply wished away by good intentions.

Pelagianism has sometimes been called "the British heresy," since many Anglicans (and Methodists and Puritans too) have seemed inclined to a kind of judgmental moralism that doesn't acknowledge the frailties of human nature or the constraints of difficult circumstances. - Continued on Page 8

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They have therefore underestimated how much we have to rely on God's grace. (This isn't to say that moral behaviour isn't important!)

Constantine

In 306 a young man named Constantine, who was living in York, was promoted to the rank of emperor. That's a complicated story that I won't get into, but you probably know that the Emperor Constantine had a profound impact on Church history. He ended the persecutions of Christians in 313 CE, promoted bishops to positions of social importance, lavished riches on the churches, and in 325 convened the Council of Nicea, which gives its name to our Nicene Creed.

Whether he himself was personally a sincere and committed Christian has always been a matter for discussion. His mother, St. Helena, certainly was, though.

Some think that Constantine compromised the prophetic mission of the Church by giving it money, status, and social influence. It became rather common that truly holy people did their best to avoid being made bishops.

Bishops

In 314, Constantine summoned western bishops to a synod in Arles in Provence. Three bishops from Britain were there, including, we think, the bishops of London and York. But we know very little about them.

The Council of Arles passed a number of canons (church laws). And in response to a pressing dispute, it moved towards the view that the Christian sacraments are effective even when they're administered by an unworthy person.

End of Roman Britain

As the fourth century wore on, the Roman Empire increasingly had to defend itself against both internal rebellions and external dangers, and in 410 the Empire withdrew its soldiers and administrators from Britain in order to relocate them to more strategic areas elsewhere. That marked the end of the period of Roman Britain.

This change opened the way for an Anglo-Saxon population to enter Britain, and for the introduction of a truly English Christianity. Hold tight for Chapter Four next month!

St Cuthbert's Garden



Unlike last year this Fall we seem to be left with a lot of green tomatoes. After Thanksgiving we will harvest them and Dawn and Wendy plan to make Green Tomato Relish which will be sold at the Bake Sale in December. Once the tomatoes are harvested the beds will be prepared for planting garlic in early November. The swiss chard and kale will be harvested well into November.

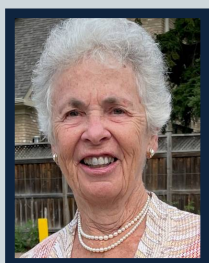


Dr. Dan's Dental Mission to Guatemala

Last month our Music Director Dr Dan Lee told us about his forthcoming Dental Mission to the interior of Guatemala in January 2023. He is looking for donations to finance this work and told us that 100% of donations go towards the dental care of the children. The volunteer team pay all their own expenses including air fare. Donations will receive a tax receipt. Please send donations to Dr. Dan at Health Outreach, C/O Dr Dan Lee, 3335 Meadow Marsh Crsc. Oakville, On L6H 0T5 or see him on Sunday morning after the service.

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Food Ministry



Eleanor Alcock
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Eleanor is our Food Ministry Leader.

St Cuthbert's youth are organizing a Fall Food Drive similar to the one held in the spring. This will take place on two Saturdays (see poster). On the first Saturday the brown paper sacks will be dropped off by the youth volunteers at the doors of houses in the area around the church. On the second Saturday they will go door to door and pick up the bags hopefully full of food. This food will be taken to Kerr Street Mission and Fare Share food bank.

Car drivers are needed for the pick up so that the bags collected by the youth can be taken to the church.

Please contact Anna at :
youth.stcuthbert@gmail.com
If you would like to take part.

Let's join us for our annual:

Fall Food Drive

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Drop-off: October 8, 2022

Pick-up: October 15, 2022

10 am - 1 pm

St. Cuthbert's
Anglican Church
1541 Oakhill Dr.
Oakville, ON

RSVP Anna at youth.stcuthbert@gmail.com

Outreach News - Kerr Street Mission Dinners

Leader : Samira Keshavarz email: shirvan.samira@gmail.com

Yes the time has come and it is this month on October 31st that we prepare over 70 meals for Kerr Street Mission. We have all had to take a training course to achieve a certification in " *Accessibility Standards* ", basically how to interact and serve people with disabilities.

Kerr Street Mission has written to us saying that as it will be their " family night " and also Halloween, all their families will be out Trick and Treating at the normal meal time, so we will be serving the meals as take-outs, so we also have to cover the cost of the containers. Samira has estimated the cost of the food we will prepare as \$360. We are serving meatballs with vegetables and potato. Parisa will make Halloween cookies.

IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF ANGEL DONORS FROM ST CUTHBERT'S WOULD DONATE THE COST FOR US TO SERVE MEALS TO THE CLIENTS OF KERR STREET MISSION.

Thank you to the team, Samira, Rick, Wendy, Dan, Parisa, Florence, David, the Mackay family and Dawn.

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