



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

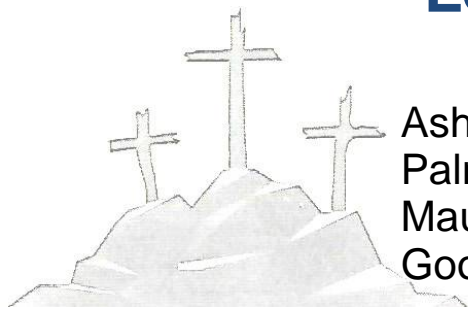
Lent Starts Ash Wednesday March 5

Service in Church 7:00 p.m.

Friday Service

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

Lent and Easter Services



Ash Wednesday

March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Newcomers Lunch & Learn (March 16)

St Cuthbert's has always been a very warm and welcoming church and we now have an opportunity to welcome newcomers in a relaxed and social way. Our initial Newcomers Lunch & Learn event will welcome everyone who has joined the church since 2020. In subsequent years, it will be for anyone who arrives within that year as well as leaders and other longer-term members of the congregation. This will be an opportunity to gather and to get to know one another.

The lunch will be after 10 a.m. worship on Sunday March 16, and will offer a simple meal. Ven. Jeff will share some Anglican and St Cuthbert's Church introductory information. There will be a chance to ask questions, and a little bit of social time. It is anticipated to last 60 to 90 minutes.

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.

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.

A Prayer for Encouragement and Hope

God of hope,
Fill us with Your Spirit of encouragement as we look forward to the future. May we find strength in Your promises, courage in Your Word, and joy in Your presence. Let hope rise within us, dispelling fear and doubt, And may we reflect Your light and love in all we do. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen.



Your Donations Would Be Greatly Appreciated! Please prayerfully consider making a one-time donation or longer-term pledges to the campaign!
We appreciate your generosity!



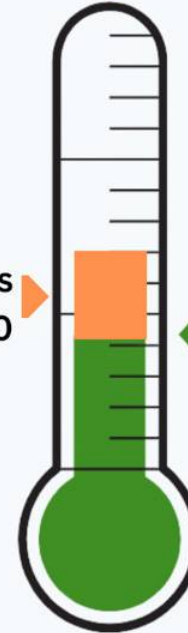
REBUILD, RESTORE, RENEW
ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

This Capital Campaign Fund will pay for our Roof Loan, Pandemic Loan, Historic Debt and future building repairs.

\$150,000+

Pledged Over 5 years
\$15,000

Raised
\$45,846



As of February 23, 2025

Opinion - Some Parishioners Thoughts

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

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

Looking Around Our Beautiful Church

by Malcolm Little

"When the mystery of God becomes tangible through the simple beauty of symbols--it awakens us to heaven's joy on earth".

Brother Roger - Taize Community

In this exceptional carving Christ is represented as the King, and the title "MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD" has been given to the work. It is full of Christian symbolism and is well worth looking at in detail.

Jesus is shown with the "crossed halo". This crossed halo separating the halo into 3 parts represents Jesus the Christ as part of the Holy Trinity of the one God. If you look closely the cross has some red in it signifying the blood of Christ.



Jesus is shown holding the orb symbolizing his role as the saviour of the whole world.

The carving shows Jesus surrounded by the four symbols of his Kingdom: a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle. Each figure is shown with a halo indicating that they are intended to be divine. The inclusion of these symbols has at least three interpretations and possibly more.

The first view is that the man represents Matthew; the lion represents Mark, the calf Luke, and the eagle John (see last month's Messenger). So the most obvious interpretation is that Christ is shown with the four pillars of the Gospel - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each figure is holding a scroll, possibly representing their Gospel.



However these are also symbols of his Kingdom taken from the Book of Revelation. In Revelation 4:6-8, John is given vision: *"a throne stood in heaven with one seated on it ... and round the throne are four living creatures The first like a lion, the second like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man and the fourth like an eagle in flight.... And day and night they never cease to say:*

"Holy holy holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come !" "

A third interpretation is that these creatures are representations of the character of Christ.



The Lion

Sometimes in scripture a lion represents Christ, as in Revelation 5:5, mentioned above, "Behold the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David"



The Eagle

This is a symbol of Christ's sovereignty, protection and judgement and sends the message "it is not too late to repent". See Revelation 8:13



The Ox

In the Bible, the ox is a symbol of service, sacrifice, and redemption. The ox represents Jesus as the Obedient Servant, symbolizing His humility, submission, and willingness to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.

The Man

Possibly the man represents the humanity of Christ, God who came to live among us and to call us to repent as did the prophets of old.



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.



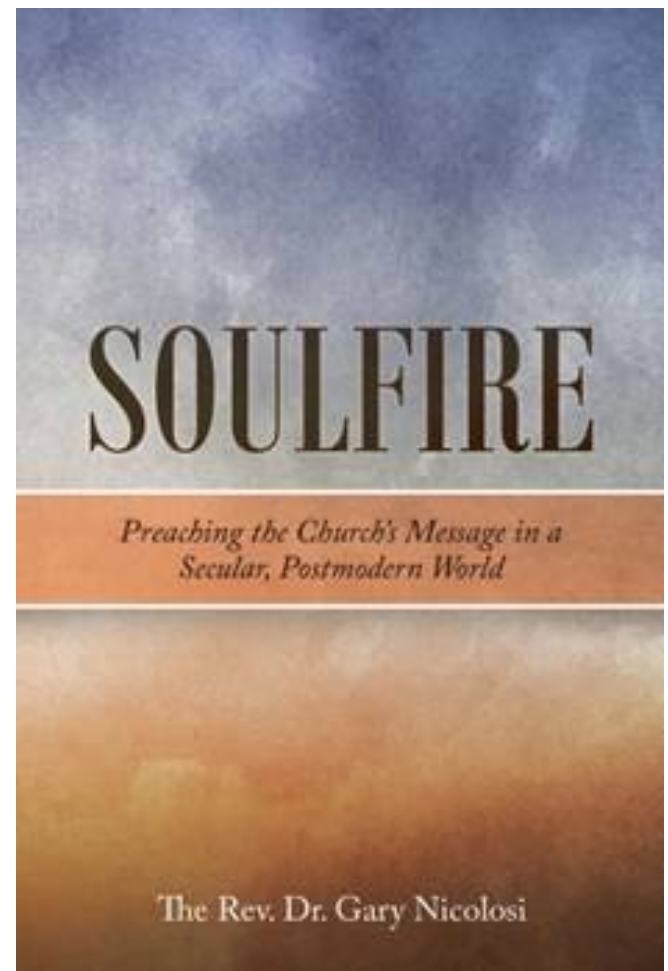
The Rev. Grahame Stap:

Soulfire: preaching the Church's message in a secular, postmodern world
by Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi
(July 28, 2024 Homily)


Gary Nicolosi began his career as a New York lawyer, but when he could no longer deny the still small voice he had heard since childhood to follow his passion for Jesus, he left his law practice to study for the priesthood at U of T's Trinity College.

He was ordained in Quebec after which he served in small churches in rural Gaspé Peninsula. He continued with his education obtaining his PhD. in the US. Over 37 years of ministry, Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi served in churches and on diocesan staff in the US and Canada writing hundreds of articles on church vitality.

In this book, he has compiled 40 sermons and lectures, which despite the title, are meant to be of interest to all - not just to clergy, but to church members as well, and even to those outside the church. It is organised around four critical areas: exploring faith, the spiritual journey, contemporary issues, and church life. Addressing today's secular, postmodern culture, he challenges readers to re-imagine the church as a movement rather than an institution.



With our rapidly changing world, time is running out to play it safe with trite answers to tough questions. Souls must be fired up to touch hearts and engage minds. Indeed, his overriding passion is to transform lives in Christ, connect the Gospel to culture, and grow the Church.



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 5
7:00pm**

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1541 Oakhill Drive, Oakville
905 844 6200
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www.stcuthbertoakville.ca

SHROVE TUESDAY


PANCAKE DINNER

TUESDAY **4** MARCH

6:30 - 7:30PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in helping with our Annual Pancake Dinner, please reach out to the church office.



ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE
1541 Oakhill Drive, Oakville
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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!

Local Events and Information



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TRINITY BACH PROJECT presents

Bach & Passages

MAR 23
3:00 PM

St. Jude's Church
160 William St, Oakville
Tickets \$30 / \$20 / \$10
at the door and online

Featuring cantatas BWV 196 and 106 and works by Monteverdi, MacMillan, and Harris

www.trinitybachproject.org



**VOICES OF TODAY
CHORAL WORKSHOP
WITH PROFESSOR
STEPHANIE MARTIN**

Presented by RCCO Hamilton Centre
and St. Jude's Anglican Church

Open to all singers, this full day choral workshop will focus on the best of contemporary music by female composers

March 1, 2025
9:30am - 5:00pm
St. Jude's Anglican Church
160 William St., Oakville

Registration
\$20/person
Lunch Included

ST. JUDE'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
OAKVILLE, ONTARIO



Candlelight & Prayer with Songs of Taizé

Friday, March 21, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

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

St. Aidan's Church
318 Queen Mary Drive
Oakville, ON L6K3L6
Phone: 905 845-6111

Events and Information



The poster features a vibrant tropical scene with a large palm tree, colorful flowers, and three women in traditional attire sitting on a beach. A small boat with a red sail is visible in the background. The text is arranged in blue panels on either side of the central image.

World Day of Prayer 2025

Cook Islands

Prayer Service
March 7th - 5 p.m.

Hospitality following
in the Parish Hall

"I Made You Wonderful"

Psalm 139: 1-18

St Andrews Church
41 Reynolds Street
Oakville

Streamed from the Cook Islands this year



HELP KEEP OUR SHELVES FULL!

Our Market Currently Needs:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meat
- Dried Pasta
- Tomato Products
- Canned Vegetables

St. Cuthbert's Food Ministry

Dick and Eleanor Alcock run the St Cuthbert's Food Ministry. They are appealing for parishioners to donate food for the Kerr Street Mission Food Bank. Donations can be left in the trolley in church entrance.