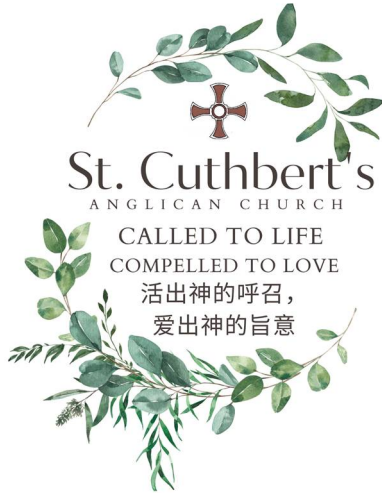




St Cuthbert's Anglican Church
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Sunday Services

- 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

Friday Service

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

Happy Easter



Christ is Risen

Alleluia

Easter Sunday March 31st was a joyous celebration of the risen Christ. Our service ended with the glorious Widor Toccata from the 5th Organ Symphony played by our Choir Director Vincent (it is well worth checking the YouTube live stream to hear it again).

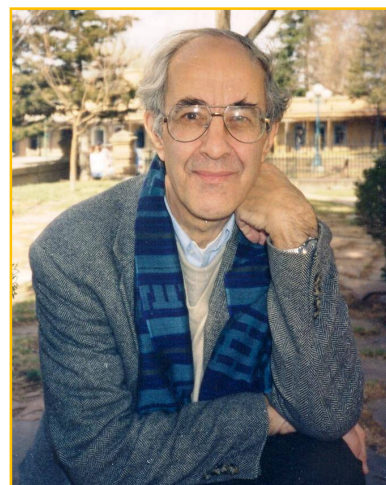
After the service there was an Easter egg hunt and various other activities in the car park. The Easter Bunny came to visit and posed for photographs with the children.

The photograph left shows our Youth Leader Anna with the Easter Bunny (otherwise known as Goleo!).

There was also a community yard sale, the proceeds of which were donated to the church.

Henri Nouwen - priest, professor, psychologist and writer

Henri Nouwen (1932-1996) remains one of the most popular and influential modern spiritual authors, writing more than 40 books. Born in the Netherlands, he was ordained as a Dutch Catholic priest before going on to study psychology, and teach at several theological institutes, including Harvard and Yale's divinity schools. In 1985 he began service in Toronto as the priest at the L'Arche Daybreak Community assisting people with developmental disabilities. It became his home until his sudden death at age 64. He is buried at St. John's Anglican Cemetery in Richmond Hill where L'Arche's woodworking shop restored an old wooden bench to place next to the plot for visitors.



Nouwen encouraged each individual to find one's own mission in life by asking: *"Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions."*

His personal struggle with his sexual orientation was never acknowledged publicly, but, along with his bouts of depression, may have added empathy and depth to his writing.

"The greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity or power, but self-rejection," he related, later confirming that, *"We are not what we do. We are not what we have. We are not what others think of us. Coming home is claiming the truth. I am the beloved child of a loving Creator. We no longer have to beg for permission from the world to exist."*

In our library we have the following titles:

- Life of the Beloved
- Lifesigns
- Reaching Out
- The Return of the Prodigal Son: a story of homecoming
- Home Tonight: further reflections on the parable of the prodigal son
- The Wounded Healer.

If you would prefer to read a compilation of Nouwen's works, we have the **Spiritual Trilogy** series written by Michael Christensen and Rebecca Laird, students of Nouwen. They have gleaned the essence of his writings; both published and unpublished, in association with the Nouwen Legacy Trust. The titles are: **Spiritual Direction, Spiritual Formation and Discernment.**

Friday Morning Prayer Lunch



On March 8th some of the parishioners who attend Friday Morning Prayer got together for a Liver and Onion lunch at the Machu Picchu - 50s diner restaurant. We ate so much liver that we used their entire stock. A couple of people were adventurous and had a Peruvian dish. Peruvian or Canadian we all thoroughly enjoyed the lunch.

St Cuthbert's Artists

John Venner



Mixed Flowers

' To flower and to flourish is the epitome of existence. It is in the wilderness, the wild places of the earth, that we encounter plants in all their natural beauty, and where our souls are most refreshed....Their vibrancy of life and colour reflect the glory of heaven . '

Quote from ' A Gospel of Wild Flowers' by Anthony Footitt, Bishop and botanist (Bishop of Lynn, England - 1999 to 2003)

This painting by John Venner is oil on canvas.

Wood Panels made by Kurt Rudolph

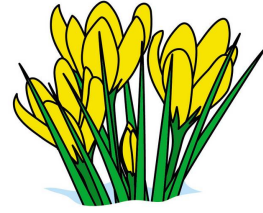


These wood panels were made by Kurt Rudolph using wood from a redundant pew. They were originally made for Grace Lutheran Church but now decorate our Library and Lobby areas, while one hangs over the Remembrance Book.

SUGGESTED SPRING READING

by Booksy

All books reviewed are in our Library and free to borrow.



FICTION

State of Terror

by Hillary Rodham Clinton & Louise Penny.

After a tumultuous period in American politics, a new administration has just been sworn in, and to everyone's surprise President Doug Williams chooses Ellen Adams, a political enemy, for the vital position of Secretary of State. It's a canny move on his part to silence one of his harshest critics, since Adams must step down as head of her multinational media conglomerate to take the position. But when a series of terrorist attacks throws the global order into disarray, the inexperienced Adams must show steely resolve in assembling a team to unravel the deadly conspiracy, a scheme carefully designed to take advantage of an American government dangerously out of touch and out of power in the places where it counts the most. Clinton's intimate knowledge of the State Department and foreign policy combines deftly with Canadian mystery novelist Penny's writing mastery to create a well-crafted thriller.

Freud's Last Session: screenplay

by Mehmet Tumba.

Did Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis ever meet? Freud was known to have met with an Oxford don in the last days of his life, but that person's identity was never revealed. Tumba has written a screenplay (based on the stage play by Mark St. Germain), imagining such a meeting occurring just as WWII begins. Perhaps atheist Freud, painfully suffering from cancer and knowing his death is imminent, wants to hear what Christian C.S. Lewis has to say about the existence of God. This is the screenplay of the film version released in December 2023 starring Anthony Hopkins and Matthew Goode.

GARDENING

Quiet Moments in the Garden

edited by Harvest House Publishers.

Stories, poems and scripture from various inspirational authors, enhanced by AnnieLaPoint's beautiful water colour depictions of flowers resting amid mossy terra cotta pots and weathered vases provide peaceful reflections during busy times.

BIOGRAPHY

The Road Years

by Rick Mercer.

One of Canada's funniest political satirists has written a behind-the-scenes look at his television show, The Rick Mercer Report. Wanting to emphasize the positive about Canada, he travelled nationwide to celebrate what's best about the country and its people. Canada's passionate advocate had enough material to host the show for 15 seasons. Also a well-known philanthropist, Mercer entertains the reader with his trademark story-telling style to bring his travel adventures to life with each heart-warming, hilarious anecdote.

INSPIRATIONAL

The Healing Labyrinth: finding your path to inner peace.

by Helen Raphael Sands.

Labyrinths were an ancient, symbolic form of pilgrimage for many people who could not afford to travel to holy sites or lands. Now they are recognised universally as a tool to help find inner peace and greater self-awareness through contemplation. The author describes her personal journey of healing as she explored them, and offers instruction and inspiration through photos and diagrams, whether you want to draw one on a sandy beach or create one in your garden using stones. This self-development book can also enrich your participation in walking the labyrinth at St. Cuthbert's!

Children's Book

All That Grows

by Jack Wong.

(Ages 3-6)

Walking through their neighbourhood, a young boy learns about gardening from his older sister, and contemplates why some plants are cultivated, and others not. The reader learns along with the boy about the interconnectedness of nature, for example, how fast growing plants can stifle the growth of other plants. While he can't always understand the reasons for things, the boy learns to be patient as he realises that knowledge, if nurtured like plants, grows over time.

New Security Camera & Lighting Installation:

Enhancing Safety and Security at St. Cuthbert's

In today's unpredictable world, safety and security have become a top priority for churches. Thanks to the generous funds from the Ontario Anti-Hate & Security Grant in the amount of \$15,000, new security cameras have been installed in various areas, inside and out, around the church to ensure the safety of our parishioners, user groups and visitors.

Enhancing security in the church is not just about preventing external threats but also about safeguarding the parishioners, user groups and property. With the rise of unfortunate events such as theft, vandalism, and even hate crimes, having a reliable security system in place can provide peace of mind to both churchgoers, volunteers, and staff. By installing new security cameras, our church is taking proactive steps to ensure the safety of everyone who walks through our doors. In the event of an incident, the footage can be used to identify perpetrators and assist law enforcement in their investigations.

This added layer of security not only deters potential wrongdoers but also helps us respond swiftly to any emergencies.

The cameras can be accessed remotely via a secure online portal, enabling us to monitor the church premises from anywhere at any time. Moreover, the cameras are equipped with motion detection technology, which sends real-time alerts to our staff in the case of any unusual activity. The second key initiative funded by the Ontario Anti-Hate grant will be the installation of new outdoor lighting around the exterior of our church premises.

This project aims to improve visibility and deter potential wrongdoing during evening and nighttime hours. By strategically placing bright and energy-efficient lights around the property, we will be creating a safer environment for all who visit our church.

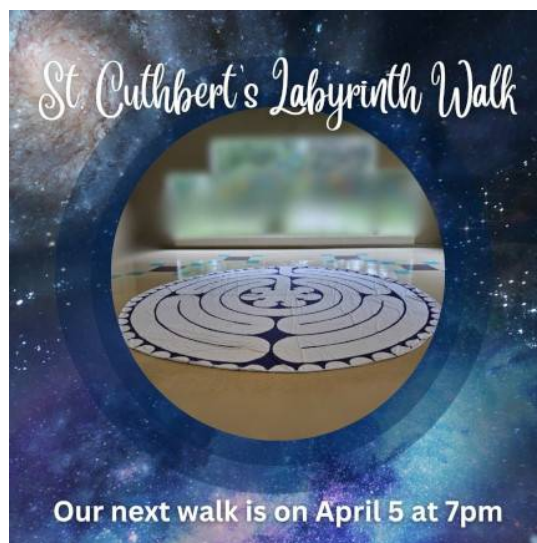
Men's Lunch

The Men's Lunch in March was held at the Machu Picchu restaurant on Speers Road. This was the first time that the men had been to this restaurant. The advantage of this restaurant is that the group almost had the room to themselves and the service and the food was excellent.

The next Men's Lunch will be April 26th, venue to be decided. If you would like to join us and have not been before please contact:

Dick Alcock 905 337 0121.


Dick will be sending email invites as usual.



Upcoming Events in the Neighbourhood

Maple Grove United Church Presents:

CLASSICAL MUSIC AND CRIME




Stories and Music of Classical Composers Arrested for Crimes

Saturday April 6, 2024 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$20;
 Children 12 and under free
 Tickets available at the door, Church office, Eventbrite, or Church website: maplegroveunitedchurch.org

Performers: Krishna Gelda; Dr. Deborah Henry; Maple Grove Memorial Bell Choir – Jan Beddoe (director); Dr. Heather Olaveson; Eran Rozen; Klaudia Thibault

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64th Annual Maple Grove United Church Fertilizer Sale!

Pre-order, Pre-paid, Curbside Pick-Up and Walk-in Sales!
Saturday April 13, 2024

The online ordering system for our 64th Annual Fertilizer and Lawn Care Products Sale is now open. You can place your fertilizer, organic products and seed orders and beat inflation with our **2023 pricing!** High quality products with no HST means savings for you! And we have **NEW Products** for 2024!

Plus, order your BigYellowBag® of soil or mulch directly from *Green Horizons*. Use our Loyalty/Promo Code **'MAPGROVE24'**, to get an additional \$5 discount* when ordering your BigYellowBag® online or by phone from *Green Horizons*. *See Sale Flyer for details.

Back this year! BigYellowBag® depot at Maple Grove United Church is open starting March 31st. Drop off your empty soil bag in the large Green Horizons bin and Maple Grove will receive a donation for each empty bag returned.

We're Open for Walk-ins Day of Sale. Pre-ordering and Pre-paying is still the best way to guarantee you get the products you want. Then just bring your receipt to the church April 13th between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and drive through our curb-side pick-up to get your order. We'll also be open for walk-in purchases April 13th during same hours.

Check out our 2024 Sale Flyer at:


<https://maplegroveunitedchurch.org/fertilizer/>

Thank you for your support!

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Candlelight & Prayer
 with Songs of Taizé

Friday, April 19, 2024, 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

St. Cuthbert's

Earth Day Clean Up of Dunvegan Park

20 April, 2024
 9 - 11:30 am



Join us at Dunvegan Park (2111 Dunvegan Ave) and Ardleigh Park (Maple Grove) as St. Cuthbert's is hosting a community clean up. Everything needed is provided.

Rain or Shine

Sponsored by the Town of Oakville's Parks and Open Space Dept. and 50+ local businesses and community groups. View the full list of sponsors and Clean Up sites on our website. View the full list of at oakvillespacecentre.org

For those living in Bronte, the town is hosting a Community Meeting for Bronte Village area residents and businesses to provide an update on various construction projects taking place in the Bronte Village Area.

Thursday, April 4, 2024
Walton United Church
Bronte Hall Meeting Room
6:30 pm - 8 pm

Anglican Christianity: A Series

Rev. Canon Dr. Alan Hayes has been appointed Priest in Charge temporarily at Horny. His series about Anglican Christianity will continue in the coming months, time permitting.

