



*Church of St. John the Evangelist*

*Elora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara*

*August 13, 2023  
11:00 am*

*Tenth Sunday after Trinity  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)**

*Welcome to St. John's*

*Hearing Assist devices, hymn books and prayer books and children's activity packs  
are available from the Greeters at the back of the church*

**Processional Hymn 330 O Praise Ye the Lord**

Laudate Dominum

*1.O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the heights;  
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.*

*3.O praise ye the Lord, all things that give  
sound; each jubilant chord, re-echo around;  
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,  
and sweet harp, the story of what God hath  
done.*

*2.O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth;  
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;  
praise God who hath brought you all grace from  
above, praise God who hath taught you the  
pathways of love.*

*4.O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
be ever outpoured all ages along;  
for love in creation, for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!*

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

***Celebrant:*** ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(congregation may be seated or kneel)*

**SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

***Celebrant:*** OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

***People:*** **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

**Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## GLORIA

Merbecke

*(congregation please stand)*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

**Celebrant:** Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee, that this holy faith may evermore be our defence against all adversities; who livest and reignest, one God, world without end.

**People:** **Amen.**

## Lesson Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" - that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us

sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

**Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22** (said responsively)

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name;  
**tell the peoples what things he hath done.**

O let your songs be of him and praise him;  
**and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.**

Rejoice in his holy Name:  
**let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.**

Seek the Lord and his strength:  
**seek his face evermore.**

Remember the marvellous works that he hath done,  
**his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth;**

O ye seed of Abraham his servant,  
**ye children of Jacob, his chosen.**

Moreover, he called for a dearth upon the land,  
**and destroyed all the provision of bread.**

But he had sent a man before them,  
**even Joseph, who was sold to be a bond-servant;**

Whose feet they hurt with fetters:  
**the iron entered into his soul;**

Until the time that his word came to pass:  
**when the promise of the Lord tried him.**

The king sent and delivered him:  
**the prince of the people let him go free.**

He made him lord also of his house,  
**and ruler of all his substance;**

That he might instruct his princes after his will,  
**and teach his senators wisdom.**

*(please stand)*

**GOSPEL Matthew 14.22-33**

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel is written in the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 22<sup>nd</sup> verse.

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **NICENE CREED**

*Celebrant:* I BELIEVE in one God

**People: the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; light, of light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Solo Domine Deus**

Antonio Vivaldi

Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

**HOMILY** Rev'd John Lockyer

## Offertory Hymn 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

St. Peter

*An offering plate will be passed during this hymn. Your donation to support St. John's is most welcome*

*1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!*

*It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.*

*2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.*

*3. Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding place,  
my never failing treasury,  
filled with boundless stores of grace.*

*4. Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,  
my prophet, priest, and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
accept the praise I bring.*

*5. Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.*

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*"God is love; and whoever abideth in God abideth in love, in God, and God in them. – 1 John 4:16*

## INTERCESSIONS (You may kneel or sit for prayer)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let us pray for the church, for our community, for the world. Let us pray for reconciliation with Indigenous peoples of Canada. Let us pray for all who need our prayers today, and all who have died in the peace of Christ.

*Leader:* ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in thy mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: and grant unto thy servant Charles our King, thy peaceable wisdom, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Lord, in thy mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Linda, our Primate, and Susan, our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray

thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Lord, in thy mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.....Lord, in thy mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: ..... and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord in thy mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Leader:* YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

*Celebrant:* ALMIGHTY God,

**All: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Leader:* Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him: Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. - *Matthew 11:28*  
God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. - *John 3:16*.  
Hear also what Saint Paul saith:  
This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - *1 Timothy 1:15*.  
Hear also what Saint John saith.  
If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. - *1 St John 2:1, 2*.

## THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you;

**All: And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts;

**All: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

**All: It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*Cantor:* Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the Highest.

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*Celebrant:* BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was



betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he give it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**All:** Amen.

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you;

**All:** And with thy Spirit.

**All:** We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies May be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

**Singer:** Agnus Dei

### **Administration of Communion**

*All are welcome to receive communion as a reminder of your baptism. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the sacrament or a blessing during the singing of the Agnus Dei. You are welcome to participate in receiving the chalice by either touching the base of it, or drinking from it. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know.*

### **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.  
OUR Father

**All:** who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Celebrant:** Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

**All:** **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.**  
**And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## BLESSING

### Recessional Hymn 527 How Firm a Foundation

St. Denio 393

*1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?*

*3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*4. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee;  
I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not – I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never-no, never-no, never forsake!"*

## POSTLUDE

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Bermingham Fox,  
the gift of Colin Fox and Sarah Bermingham.

Singer	Janelle Santi
Greeters	Jane Houlding, Mark Haslett
Readers	Chris Rynberk, Doug Wilson
Chalice Bearer	
Altar Guild	
Flower Guild	Barbara Dunsmore

*St. John's church sits on the traditional unceded territories of the Attawandaron, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. These lands are covered by the Between the Lakes Treaty and the Haldemand land grant. These lands are also part of The Dish With One Spoon Treaty, all subsequent newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. Today this land is home to many diverse Inuit, Metis and First Nations peoples.*

### **Events This Week at St. John's**

#### **Sunday August 13 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 Holy Eucharist  
11:00 Choral Communion

#### **Monday**

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

#### **Wednesday**

9:30 Knitters and Quilters  
10:00 Holy Communion

#### **Sunday August 20 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 Holy Eucharist  
11:00 Choral Communion

## **St. John's Four Areas of Ministry**

*Proclaim the Love of Christ - Engage and Involve - Musical Outreach - Open Doors*

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## **Welcome to St. John's**

We are delighted you are here today. To receive the weekly "Pastoral Letter" with a reflection from the Rector and updates on events, please send an email to [rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com)  
Please sign our guest book in the Narthex before you leave.

Thank you to the Rev. John Lockyer for celebrating the liturgies while the Rector is away, until September 3. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Thomas Littlewood at [parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com) or Fr John at [anglican@rogers.com](mailto:anglican@rogers.com). You may also contact the church office at 519-846-5911. Patrick is also away for a few weeks.

## **Barbara "Barrie" Maxwell**

Barrie Maxwell died in the peace of Christ on August 3. She was a longtime parishioner at St John's but her health prevented her from being in church in her later years. She was well known for her leadership in the kitchen putting on many parish dinners and events.

Barrie's funeral will be at 1:30 on Wednesday, August 30 at the church.

## **Elora Children's Choir**

The Elora Children's Choir, under the direction of Kate Wright, welcomes children ages 8 and up to come to sing in September. For information and to register contact Patrick Murray at [music.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:music.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

## **Men's Dinner, Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00PM**

After a very long hiatus we are in a position to restart the Men's night supper and speaker events. Our first speaker this season will be Fred Thompson who will wax eloquently about his 8-month trip by VW Beetle, overland, from Sweden to Japan – so fasten your seatbelts for a great story and adventure.

Supper will be prepared by Steve Truchan and the recommended fee will be \$30 per person. This is a significant increase since our last meeting 4 years ago, however, inflation has impacted the cost of everything.

Please email Ian Hornsby at [ihornsby0@gmail.com](mailto:ihornsby0@gmail.com) to confirm numbers by Monday August 28, Ian is also happy to receive suggestions for speakers.

## **Sunday Hospitality in the Fall**

We are preparing the schedule for Sunday hospitality hosts for the fall. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Please see Ken Edwards for more information.

## **Safe Church**

We are renewing our call to ensure that St John's is a Safe Church. To that end, between now and the end of September, all volunteers and staff at St John's will be asked to sign an acknowledgement of the Diocese of Niagara's Safe Church Policy. If you have received the Safe Church Policy via email from Thomas, and are ready to sign your acknowledgement of it, please let him know. If you did not receive a copy of the Safe Church Policy, and you think you should have, please let Thomas know as well:  
[parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com) or call 519-846-5911.

## **New Organ Console**

The process of dismantling our present organ console has begun. The new 3 manual organ console, acquired last fall, will start to be installed in the coming weeks by Derek Verveer and his crew at Oxford Organs. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Jurgen Petrenko. Jurgen is always happy to talk about the organ!

## **Culture Days in Centre Wellington**

Ontario Culture Days, September 22 to October 15, is an annual celebration of arts, culture and heritage. It features many creative events and activities across Ontario, with a hub of events featured in Elora and Fergus. See the all events that are highlighted for Culture Days in Elora/Fergus and scroll down the list to see the events offered this year from St. John's Elora.

Here's one event in our community that may interest you:

String Theory Yarn Shop in Fergus invites you to contribute left over and spare acrylic balls of yarn. Anyone is invited to knit or crochet squares and deliver them to String Theory Shop in Fergus before August 31st. You are also invited to come to assemble the squares together anytime after August 15th to help make a large outdoor instalment to adorn the pedestrian bridge on County Road 18 in Aboyne.

After it is dismantled, it will be made into blanket size panels and donated to animal shelters. Whether you are experienced or a beginner, you are invited to participate.

## **A Memorial to mark TRC DAY**

The Knitters and Quilters invite you to help create a memorial of orange feathers to mark TRC DAY on September 30. Connected to the theme of orange ribbons tied to trees, this year anyone is invited to make weather-proof ten inch orange feathers to attach to trees and adorn the church doorways. Supplies and instructions are provided. This public instalment will be a memorial to the children who did not return home and a symbol of our commitment to learn more about reconciliation. To participate in the Orange Feather Project come to the Knitters and Quilters on Wednesday morning or contact Barb Dunsmore for more information.

## **Food Insecurity**

Bring non perishable food items to the hamper in the west entrance of the church for the Food Bank. A Community Lunch is offered on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Elora Legion.

## **A Vision for St. John's Elora: Open Doors**

St John's is working on a project to connect the church and the Parish Centre (the yellow house next door) to provide accessible washrooms, barrier-free meeting and reception space, and a commercial kitchen to help serve the needs of our growing community. We are in the planning stages currently, and hope to have regulatory approvals by the end of the year. Story boards and information brochures are available at the back of the church. We are excited about the future this project will bring to our community and welcome your feedback and support.

## **Washrooms**

Washrooms are located at the west entrance of the church, downstairs in Thompson Hall, and an accessible washroom is located at the Parish Centre (yellow house east of the church).

## **Parking**

Maps indicating streets with designated parking spots are available on the Centre Wellington website and at the back of the church.