



# *Church of St. John the Evangelist*

*Elora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara*

*September 17, 2023  
11:00 am*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

*Welcome to St. John's*

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

**Mass Setting Missa Brevis X**

Healey Willan

**Introit Come We Who Love the Lord**

Southern Harmony, arr. Carol Barnett

*(congregation may be seated)*

Come, we who love the Lord  
and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
and thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing  
who never know our God;  
but servants of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad.

The God that rules on high,  
that all the earth surveys,  
that rides upon the stormy sky,  
and calms the roaring sea.

**Opening Hymn Through the Red Sea Brought at Last**

Wurtemberg

*1. Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia!  
Egypt's claims behind we cast, alleluia!  
Deep and wide flows the tide  
severing us from bondage past, alleluia!*

*2. Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia!  
through the billows Israel led, alleluia!  
by his tomb Christ makes room  
souls restoring from the dead, alleluia!*

*3. In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia!  
buried and baptized were we, alleluia!  
Earthly night brought us light  
which is ours eternally, alleluia!*

**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:** Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## Lesson Exodus 14.19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that

the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

**Psalm 114** (sung)

When Israel came out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among the strange people, Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw that, and fled; Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest, and thou Jordan, that thou was driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams, and ye little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the God of Jacob;

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water, and the flint-stone into a springing well.

*(please stand)*

**GOSPEL**      **Matthew 18.21-35**

*Reader:*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader:*      The Holy Gospel is written in the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 21<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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.

**Anthem The Eyes of All**

Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

**HOMILY** Canon Paul Walker

**Offertory Hymn 649 Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

Trentham

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

*1. Breathe on me, breath of God;*

*3. Breathe on me, breath of God,*

*fill me with life anew,*

*till I am wholly thine,*

*that I may love what thou dost love,*

*until this earthly part of me*

*and do what thou wouldst do.*

*glows with thy fire divine.*

*2. Breathe on me, breath of God,*

*4. Breathe on me, breath of God:*

*until my heart is pure,*

*so shall I never die,*

*until my will is one with thine*

*but live with thee the perfect life*

*to do and to endure.*

*of thine eternity.*

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

*"God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation." – 2 Corinthians 5:19*

**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, 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.**

**Choir:** 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.*

**Communion Motet Locus Iste**

Anton Bruckner

### **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 567 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

*1. Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm restrains the restless wave,  
who bids the mighty ocean deep its own.  
Appointed bounds to keep:  
we cry, O God of majesty,  
for those in peril on the sea.*

*3. Creator Spirit, by whose breath  
were fashioned sea and sky and earth;  
who made the stormy chaos cease  
and gave us life and light and peace:  
we cry, O Spirit strong and free,  
for those in peril on the sea.*

*2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard  
and hushed their raging at your word,  
who walked across the surging deep  
and in the storm lay calm in sleep:  
we cry, O Lord of Galilee,  
for those in peril on the sea.*

*4. O Trinity of love and power,  
preserve their lives in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, flood and flame,  
protect them by your holy name,  
and to your glory let there be  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

## POSTLUDE

**Join us downstairs for some food, tea and coffee.**

Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Anne Bottoms  
the gift of Jim and Shirley.

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Marlys Neufeldt, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barecca, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Greeters	Chris Rynberk, Doug Wilson
Readers	Catherine Robertson, Marcus Kramer
Chalice Bearers	Jean Houston, Damaris Martin
Altar Guild	Barb Watkins, Pam Gradwell
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**

### **Monday**

6:00 Elora Children's Choir

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

### **Tuesday**

5:30 Volunteer Choir

### **Wednesday**

9:30 Knitters and Quilters (Parish Centre)

10:00 Holy Communion

10:00 Clergy Day at St. Christopher's, Burlington

4:00 Parish Council on Zoom

### **Thursday**

7:30 Parish Choir

### **Friday**

10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

### **Saturday**

9:30 to 12 All Things Bright and Beautiful Sale (Parish Centre)

### **Sunday September 24 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir

11:00 Choral Communion with Parish Choir

## 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 Elora

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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.

### Parish Retreat Day

**Saturday October 21, 10:00 to 3:00**

You are invited to attend the annual parish retreat for a time of reflection, prayer and fellowship. This year Canon Drew Macdonald is our guest speaker addressing the theme of "Stages of Faith." Drew is a retired priest who led parishes in the Dioceses of Toronto, Huron, and Nova Scotia and PEI, and worked as Chaplain at Ridley College. This is a rare opportunity for the parish to be together and hear some updates on parish activities and our vision and be encouraged in our lives of faith.

Held at the Wellington County Museum.

Please sign up at the back of the church or let Thomas know you are attending.

### All Things Bright and Beautiful Sale

**Saturday September 23, 9:30 to 12 noon**

It's the annual jewelry, purse, scarf and decorative wall hanging sale. Come to find some bright and fun treasures. All proceeds support St. John's music program. Contact Barb Dunsmore for more information.

### Elora Children's Choir

The inaugural rehearsal is on Monday September 18th at 5:30pm. Under the direction of Kate Wright we welcome children ages 8 and up to come to sing. For information and to register contact Patrick Murray at [music.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:music.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

### Update on New Organ Console

Keep praying; it will be worth the wait. Much progress has been made towards the installation of our new console, although at this point none of it is visible. When the new console is installed, hopefully before the end of this month, we will only have the pipe portion of the organ, as the electronic enhancements have been delayed. We will wait for the new organ to be installed before we have an Evensong. Contact Jurgen for more information.

### New Microphone Installation for Parish Choir

We have been working with Sherwood Systems over the summer to install new hanging microphones in the church to capture the sound of the choir. These new microphones will improve the audio quality of our livestream and enable us to release recordings online as part of the choir's musical outreach activities.

To hear examples of what the new microphone setup will allow us to do, you can visit [St. John's Elora YouTube](#) where we have started releasing recordings from the Parish Choir concert last June, recorded using a demonstration version of the new setup.

The microphones are designed to have a low visual impact in the space; you might not even notice they are there! We anticipate this project will be completed this week.

## **New Signs**

Notice a new sign by the church tower on Henderson Street and a new sign installed on the Parish Centre. Thank you to Shirley Al for the design work and Brian at Custom Graphic and Sign in Mount Forrest for the construction and installation.

## **Song Circle**

Fridays at 10:30 in the Parish Centre. Join Stan on ukulele as he leads us in singing some favourite old tunes. Song books provided. Bring your enthusiasm and a friend.

## **Participating at St. John's**

Here is the contact person for you to consider participating in any of the following areas at St. John's:

Greeters Guild - contact Thomas Littlewood

Readers Guild - contact Patricia Reimer

Livestream Guild - contact Colleen Murray

Altar Guild - contact Pam Gradwell

Flower Guild - contact Dawn McClure

Sunday Hospitality - contact Ken Edwards

Volunteer Choir (9am) - contact Jurgen Petrenko

Men's Group Dinner - contact Ian Hornsby

## **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.

## **A Memorial to mark TRC DAY - September 30**

The Knitters and Quilters invite you to help create a memorial of orange feathers to mark TRC DAY on September 30. To participate in the Orange Feather Project come to the Knitters and Quilters on Wednesday morning or [contact Barb Dunsmore](#) for more information. In preparation for the memorial display, congregation members will be invited to attach feathers on September 17 and 24.

## **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.

## **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).