



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*October 15, 2023
11:00 am*

*Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Twentieth 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.*

Mass Setting Communion Service in F

Harold Darke

Processional Hymn 381 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise My Soul

*1.Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.*

*3.Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.*

*2.Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness.*

*4.Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one.*

*5.Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.*

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.**

Introit Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

Richard Farrant

(please be seated)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,
now and evermore. Amen.

(congregation may remain seated or kneel for prayer)

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: O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee: Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Lesson Exodus 32.1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted

perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm 106.1-6, 20-24 (sung)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever.

Who can express the noble acts of the Lord, or show forth all his praise?

Blessed are they that keep judgement, and always do righteousness.

Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people:

O visit me with thy salvation.

That I may see the felicity of thy chosen,

and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

We have sinned with our fathers; we have done amiss and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

Thus they changed their Glory for the likeness of a calf that eateth hay.

And they forgot God their Saviour, who had done so great things in Egypt,

Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and fearful things by the Red Sea.

So he said he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the gap, to turn away his wrathful indignation, lest he should destroy them.

(please stand)

GOSPEL Matthew 22.1-14

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 22nd chapter of the gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 1st verse.

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves,

mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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 Behold the Tabernacle of God

William Henry Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with you, and the Spirit God dwelleth within you.

For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

For the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity.

Alleluia.

HOMILY Canon Paul Walker

Offertory Hymn 455 Dear Lord, Compassionate and Kind

Repton

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

*1. Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways,
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.*

*3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!*

*2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee!*

*4. Drop thy still dews of quietness
till all our striving cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.*

*5. Breathe through the hearts of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and
fire, O still small voice of clam,
O still small voice of calm.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God." - Matthew 5.3

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.

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.

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 325 Angel Voices, Ever Singing

Angel Voices

*1. Angel voices, ever singing,
round thy throne of light,
angel harps, forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee,
and confess thee, Lord of might!*

*3. In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer,
in humility,
hearts and minds and hands and voices,
in our choicest psalmody.*

*2. Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for this praise design;
artist's craft and music's measure
for thy pleasure all combine.*

*4. Honour, glory, might, and merit,
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity!
Of the best that thou has given,
earth and heaven render thee.*

POSTLUDE Prelude all little Prelude and Fugue in F

J S Bach

Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Canon Gerald Shantz, the gift of the parish and in memory of June Kennedy, the gift of Paul Walker.

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi Kate Wright, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Nathalie Nasr, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Marcus Kramer, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Greeters	Patricia Reimer, David Campbell
Readers	Ken Reid, Lesley Bouza
Chalice Bearers	Doris M'Timkulu, Ken Reid, Thomas Littlewood
Altar Guild	Meg Prichard, Pam Gradwell
Flower Guild	Sylvia Arthur
Technician	Gerry Hill

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

Today

4:00 Evensong with Parish Choir at St. John's Kitchener

Monday

6:00 Children's Choir (Parish Centre)

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Tuesday

5:30 Volunteer Choir

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters (Parish Centre)

10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday

9:00 Yoga (Parish Centre)

7:30 Evensong with Parish Choir for Peace in Israel and Gaza

Friday

10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

Saturday

10 - 3 Parish Retreat (Wellington County Museum)

Sunday October 22 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir

11:00 Choral Communion with Parish Choir

Please join us for coffee, tea and refreshments downstairs following the service.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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We are delighted you are here today. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex before you leave. 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

Parish Retreat Day

Saturday October 21, 10:00 to 3:00

Come for part of the day or the whole event.

Register by adding your name to the list at the back of the church.

This is a time to be together as a parish for reflection, prayer, fellowship and updates on our Vision. Our guest speaker, Canon Drew Macdonald, will address the topic of "Stages of Faith". We gather in the Aboyne Room at Wellington County Museum.

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. Presently Drew is the Stewardship and Campaign Advisor for the Diocese of Niagara.

Elora Children's Choir - Monday at 6:00

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

Compline - Tuesday November 7

6:30 - Compline Choir rehearsal. Let Patrick Murray know you are coming.

8:00 - Compline service. All are welcome.

Evensongs

Today the Parish Choir will participate in Evensong at St. John's Church, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener at 4:00pm.

THURSDAY October 19, the parish Choir will offer an Evensong at St. John's Elora with a focus on prayers for peace in Israel and Gaza. All are welcome to join us as we pray for peace.

Evensong - November 23 at 7:30pm at St. John's Elora.

Feast of All Souls

If you have loved ones who have died in the past 12 months and the funeral arrangements were not with St. John's, but you would like them included in the prayers of remembrance on Sunday November 5, please let us know their names and date of death on the sheet at the back of the church. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

Open Doors Update

There will be an update on Open Doors project at the Retreat next Saturday and an opportunity to have an on site walk about with Edward Thomas the architect, on Sunday, October 22 at 12:30. Please let Colleen Murray or Peter Barr know if you want to attend the walk about tour to learn more about the project plans.

Order of Niagara

Congratulations to Jurgen Petrenko who is to receive the Order of Niagara on Sunday October 29, 4:00 p.m. at Christ's Church Cathedral. If you would like to sing in the choir at the cathedral for this service, please let Patrick know. There will be a reception for Jurgen after the 11am service on Sunday November 5.

Poppy Project 2023

If you would like some yarn to make poppies it is available in the "blue box" outside the door of the Parish Centre. Join us on Wednesdays as we attach poppies for community poppy banners. Weather permitting, we hope to install the poppies at the church on Saturday October 28 in the morning.

Christmas Pudding Tins

We are looking for 28 and 14 ounce size tins for making Christmas Puddings. Please bring clean tins with no labels to the blue box outside the Parish Centre entrance. Pudding tins need to be received by Monday October 23.

Centre Wellington Municipal Parking Strategy

The township invites your input as they develop a comprehensive plan to address the needs and challenges of parking downtown. Offer your thoughts on the online survey at [Centre Wellington Connect](#).

Diocesan Campaign

Anyone in a parish can participate in the feasibility study to gather your feedback about support for a [diocesan wide major fundraising campaign](#). This is your opportunity to express your thoughts and opinions.

You can participate in a personal interview, an online survey, or a town hall meeting on Wednesday November 22, 6-8pm at ST. GEORGE'S in Guelph. The diocese depends on hearing your opinions. Please let me know if you are able to participate.

Memorial Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation towards memorial flowers for All Souls on November 5, please contact Elaine Dightam at 519-846-5911.

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)