



Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

November 5, 2023

11:00 am

*Feast of All Souls
(transferred from November 2)*

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 Missa Brevis

Margaret Drynan

Processional Hymn 276 For All the Saints (vv 1,2,3,7,8)

*1. For all the saints who from their labour rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their
might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought
fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true
light. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*4. But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day –
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*5. From earth's wide bounds, from oceans'
farthest coast, through gates of pearl,
streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! 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)

Introit Give Us the Wings of Faith

James Whitbourn

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil,
and see the saints above,
how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came;
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their quest,
and following their incarnate God,
they reach the promised rest.

(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: O Father of all, we pray to thee for those whom we love but see no longer. Grant them thy peace; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Lesson Wisdom 3.1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he

accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Psalm 116.1-9(sung)

My delight is in the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
The cords of death compassed me round about, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
I found trouble and heaviness, and I called upon the Name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.'
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.
The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery and he helped me.
Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath delt bountifully with thee.
For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

(please stand)

GOSPEL John 6.37-40

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 6th chapter of the gospel according to John beginning at the 37th verse.

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

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day."

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 Beatitudes

Arvo Pärt

Blessed are the poor in spirit:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven
Blessed are they that mourn:
For they shall be comforted
Blessed are the meek:
For they shall inherit the earth
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after
righteousness:
For they shall be filled
Blessed are the merciful:
For they shall obtain mercy
Blessed are the pure in heart:
For they shall see God

Blessed are the peace makers:
For they shall be called the children of God
Blessed are they which are persecuted for
righteousness sake:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven
Blessed are ye
When men shall revile you
And persecute you
And shall say all manner of evil against you
falsely, for my sake
Rejoice, and be exceeding glad:
For great is your reward in heaven:
For so persecuted they the prophets which were
before you
Amen

HOMILY Rev'd John Lockyer

Offertory Hymn 326 Bright the Vision that Delighted

Redhead No. 46

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

*1. Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.*

*2. Round the Lord, in glory seated,
cherubim and seraphim
filled the temple and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:*

*3. "Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy Lord."*

*4. Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angel's cry,
"Holy, holy, holy," singing,
"Lord of hosts, the Lord most high."*

*5. With his seraph train before him,
with his holy church below,
thus unite we to adore him;
bid we thus our anthem flow:*

*6. "Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stores;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy Lord."*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

"The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

– Deuteronomy 33.27

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. Today we remember.....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. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. 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 gave 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 Blessed are the Pure in Heart

Henry Walford Davies

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 278 Jerusalem the Golden

Ewing

*1. Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blessed,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.*

*2. They stand, those halls of Sion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel
and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.*

*3. There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they who with their leader
have conquered in the fight,
forever and forever
are clad in robes of white.*

*4. O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect;
O dear and future vision,
that eager hearts expect:
even now by faith we see thee,
even here thy walls discern;
to thee our thoughts are kindled;
for thee our spirits yearn.*

POSTLUDE Allegro from Concerto in F

J G Walther

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
my son, Michael Blair, the gift of Gwyneth Watkins,
Rita and Arthur Doraty, the gift of Maureen and Max MacIntyre,
Reinhardt, the gift of his wife Helen Kusserow,
Jim Pernfuss, the gift of his wife Louise and family,
Bruce Whitestone, the gift of the parish

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

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Brittany Harris, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Rachel Barreca, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Daniel Cockayne, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Greeters	Jane Anne Murray, Maureen MacIntyre
Readers	Doris M'Timkulu, Jerome Chang
Chalice Bearers	Jean Houston, Damaris Martin, Fred Thompson
Flower Guild	Damaris Martin
Altar Guild	Susan Hirst, Wendy Donohue
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

Monday

- 6:00 Children's Choir (Parish Centre)
- 7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Tuesday

- 5:30 Volunteer Choir
- 6:30 Compline Choir
- 8:00 Service of Compline

Wednesday

- 9:30 Knitters and Quilters (Parish Centre)
- 10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday

- 9:00 Yoga (Parish Centre)
- 7:00 Parish Choir

Friday

- 10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)
- 1:30 Communion Service at Heritage River
- 7:30 Concert Series - String Trio

Sunday November 12 – Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost with Act of Remembrance

- 8:00 Holy Communion
- 9:00 Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 Choral Matins with Act of Remembrance

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11am to 3pm the church is open to visitors to see the poppies. If you can be a host for an hour, please add your name to signup sheet at the back of the church.

Parish Choir Christmas Carolling

Members of the Parish Choir are visiting homes in Elora to sing carols for you and your family/friends/guests on the evening of Saturday December 23. A few time slots are still available, but we expect these to go fast. Please reach out to Patrick if you wish to participate in this 2nd annual event; help us make it an Elora Christmas tradition! Donations to the choir fund are welcomed.

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. 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

Open Doors Update

Open Doors is one of the four Vision priorities established at Vestry in 2021 and we heard an update at the retreat about the goals and progress for this project. If you weren't able to come to the retreat or attend the on-site tour on October 22 and you have questions or would like to learn more, please speak with Peter Barr or Colleen Murray, the co-chairs of the Open Doors team. We are pleased that the project has received the unanimous recommendations of the Township Heritage Committee.

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.

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.

Reception for Walter and Mardy Langford

Sunday November 19 we are hosting a reception for Walter and Mardy Langford as we thank them and say farewell to them before they move to Ottawa. If you are able to contribute sandwiches or sweets for the reception, please let Patricia Reimer know.

Puddings are Back!

Puddings make great stocking stuffers, hostess gifts, Christmas party desserts, and gifts for family, friends and neighbours. Puddings are \$10 for small, \$20 for large, gluten free is the same price. PREORDER your puddings on the list at the back of the church or contact Jane Anne Murray at jamconsultants@gmail.com In the past puddings have contributed funds to the new church signs, new altar flower vases, and other items in the church. This is a great community event and needs your participation. Pudding pickup begins November 12. Delivery for seniors is available. Payment by cheque or E-transfer to treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com

PWRDF Sunday November 19

We look forward to welcoming Will Postma, Executive Director of PWRDF as our guest speaker at 9 and 11am.

Concert Series

St. John's fall concert series featuring "Musicians of the KWSymphony" continues this **Friday November 10, 7:30pm** with Late Romantic Gems for String Trio, performed by former associate and assistant principal players of the KWS Jung Tsai, Jody Davenport, and Cathy Anderson. Come and discover this lesser-known but beautiful repertoire; music by Françaix, Dohnányi, and Enescu. RSVPs are appreciated (although not required) and can be made online on the Concert Series webpage of the church website. Future concert dates this fall are Saturday, November 18, Friday December 1, and Saturday December 16. Full details on the Concert Series webpage.

Exploring the *Gospel according to St. Mark*

The *Gospel of Mark* will be the focal text in next year's annual lectionary cycle beginning on Advent Sunday. You are invited to participate in a weekly gathering, beginning and ending in prayer, which will include reading, chatting, and sharing together our responses to and ideas about this early Gospel. Together, the group will explore *Mark's* depiction of the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. A *Bible* will be needed for each gathering. The *NRSV Bible* used for Sunday worship is preferred.

The first meeting will take place in the Parish Centre on Monday, November 13 at 2:00 pm. Further meetings will take place for five more weeks on Monday afternoons at 2:00 pm.

Diocesan Campaign

Our diocese is conducting a feasibility study to gauge support for a possible \$20 million parish-focused capital campaign.

Four town hall meetings will offer an opportunity to learn about the campaign, ask questions, and complete a survey. Bishop Susan Bell will speak about her vision and how the study will help advance God's mission in our diocese. We are invited to attend the Town Hall Meeting:

- **Wednesday, November 22**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
St. George's, 99 Woolwich Street, Guelph

An online survey, along with a fact sheet detailing the potential campaign priorities, is available at niagaraanglican.ca/survey. If you have already given your name to participate in an interview, you will receive some information in the mail in the coming weeks.

Memorial Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation towards memorial flowers, please contact Elaine Dightam at the church office 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).