Announcements April 28—May 4, 2025

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As you prepare for worship... Easter 2C

Acts 5:12-16: In the Easter season our 1st reading is always from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles rather than a reading from the Old Testament. In this passage, we read that the apostles were able to continue the healing ministry of Jesus. We remember Jesus' words that they would do "greater things" than he (perhaps by virtue of there being more of them, and the Holy Spirit being able to work through them all).

Revelation 1:4-8: The book of Revelation is a letter to the "7 Churches" in Asia (a Roman province). Since seven is the number of perfection, it might well be that this is a letter to the entire Church and not just those named. This passage combines both Greek ("grace") and Hebrew ("peace") words further suggesting this might be for the whole Church. God is described as being beyond our understanding of time ("who is, who was, and who is to come..."). John wrote to strengthen the resolve of the Church, reminding the Church that Christ will return, causing all the nations of the earth to "wail on account of him."

John 20:19-31: Later on Easter day, Jesus joined the disciples, gathered behind locked doors (out of fear they might be next!). Jesus burst through the locked doors. Just as God "breathed" life into Adam, so Jesus breathed the new, spiritual life into his followers and conferred on the disciples (not including Thomas, but perhaps a group larger than the ten) peace and the Holy Spirit. Aided by the Spirit, they continued Jesus' ministry in the world, forgiving the sins of the faithful and holding others blameworthy for their actions. Thomas was expected to believe without having seen, but he demanded: show me the evidence! The next Sunday (today, Easter 2), the community gathered again. Upon seeing the risen Lord, Thomas made the most complete affirmation of faith of anyone in the gospels.

Next weeks readings: Acts 9:1-8; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19







<u>E-Mail Addresses</u> - As many of you are aware, any urgent messages, prayer requests and general information is being emailed to anyone who has provided us that information. If you would like to begin receiving these emails, please let Valerie know in the office, or email allsaints.sarnia@gmail.com

<u>Stamps</u>—Please remember to save your stamps for the Bible Society. Stamps can be placed in the containers located at the doors of the church in Memorial Hall or give them to Esme Gander. Thank you.

Memorial Flowers—Anyone wishing to bring flowers from the altar to a shut-in or ill parishioner please see a Chancel Guild member immediately before or after the church service. Thank you.

<u>A reminder</u>—That anyone may request that flowers be put on the altar on any Sunday in memory of loved ones or in honour of a special event etc. If you wish to do so, please contact Valerie in the business office (344-5167) to make arrangements. A donation to help offset the flower costs for that Sunday will be gratefully received.

If you are are a New member of the congregation please contact the office (519-344-5167) or one of the wardens with your contact information. Email, mailing address and phone number. Thank you and Welcome.





OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - Friday: 9am-1pm. **Steve Harnadek** - Tues - Fri: 10 am - 12 Noon (Day off: Mon) (These are estimated times and do fluctuate, depending on circumstances. It is best to call first!)

You're invited to St. Andrew's Spring Choral Concert today Sunday, April 27 at 2pm!

Sung by a thirty-voice community choir and led by our Director of Music, Lois Lafond, it promises to be an afternoon of wonderful music - a perfect way to celebrate Easter. Featuring the musical gifts of Gwen Butler, Jeff Searson and Larry Pajuk, the choir will sing a program of beautiful, hope-filled music and lead the audience in some singing, too. There is no admission fee, but a freewill offering will be directed toward the work of St. Andrew's. A reception will follow the performance.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE **

(Every Tuesday, 11 am Walking Group meeting at the Animal Farm parking lot with a 12:15 pm Lunch. This week is TBA

(**Every Wednesday**, 10 am & 7 pm - Bible Study at the Rectory.

May 9 7	pm—Creative	Word
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May 12 1:30 pm—Bible Crossword, Rectory

May 19 1:30 pm—ACW meets, Parish Hall

May 23 5 pm—The Slice, TBA

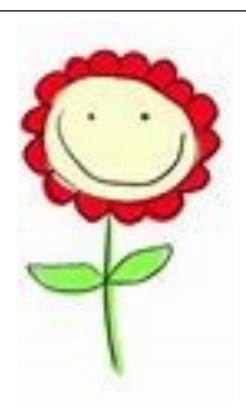
6 pm—Hymn Sing

Jun 9 1:30 pm—Bible Crossword, Rectory

Jun 13 7 pm—Creative Word

Donations Envelopes & Pre-Authorized Donations

Any parishioners needing envelopes or wishing to donate via pre-authorized payment, please see Leigh Carson after the service or leave a message in the office Tuesday through Friday.





"From the Pantry"
Available now, homemade soup, \$6
and dinners \$12 each. Includes various soups, mac & cheese, dinners
and more to come.



The next Creative Word will be **May 9th, 7** pm at **TBA.**





Bible Crossword events will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30-ish, at the rectory. Next month will be on May 12th.

A.C.W. MEETING Every 3rd Monday. The A.C.W. will meet on Monday, May 19th at 1:30 pm in the Parish House. All ladies are welcome.



Serving Schedule:

PA Monitor: Andi Beer

Greeters: Jane Morgan & Natalie Beer