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A Word from our Rector

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Parish Church of St. Luke,

As I write this we are in the midst of the season of Epiphany and are planning our Lenten programs and liturgies. Epiphany is the season when we think about the ways that the divine is shown in our lives. The Sunday readings highlight how divine truth shone through in the darkness, and displayed a holy way forward, just like the way the holy star showed the way to the wise men seeking Jesus.

Sometimes – especially in mid-winter as the nights remain long – it can feel like our way forward is through darkness as well, or it seems obscure. There are a couple of things happening that might make it feel so for us at St. Luke’s as well. Firstly, it is with sadness that we say farewell to our Vicar, Cheryl Fricker who, after 10 months on leave of absence for health reasons has decided to give her resignation on the advice of her doctor. Cheryl worked tirelessly for us and guided us through a wonderful process of discernment as she spearheaded our needs assessment process. Her compassion and great commitment to ministry and to St. Luke’s were a great asset to us all and I will so miss her presence and her support. We wish her Jesus’ healing touch in her and her daughter’s lives.

Another reality is that in putting together our 2014 budget to propose to vestry, the executive decided that we can no longer afford to have 3 full-time clergy positions and have put it down to 2 ½ clergy positions. We do not know at this stage entirely what that will look like in terms of what our ministry team will be, but we have identified that the work in Youth and Family ministry will move to ½ time. Elliott Siteman, who has shown great gifts over the past three years in his ability to connect with children and youth, will continue to give half of his time to this ministry and will pick up other pastoral and parish ministry for the other half of his time.

The way forward is not entirely clear, but I would like to remind you of a quote I used in my Epiphany sermon: In his Christmas message in 1939, just as England had entered into World War 2, King George VI quoted a Poem entitled “God Knows” written by Minnie Louise Haskins. The poem was given to him by his daughter, then Princess Elizabeth and it remains a favourite of the Royal family. He quoted:

‘And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: “Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.” And he replied: “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

I wish all the people of the Parish of St. Luke that you will put your hand into the hand of God and that you can tread safely into the future and that we as a parish will also know the light of God and our safe way forward into the unknown.
Please read on to find out what is happening in the parish – there’s plenty going on – and see if there are ways in which you can be more involved in the great ministry which happens in this place. I hope that you will be able to join us for worship in the weeks ahead.

Your brother in Christ,

Stuart
Rector

PARISH SNAPSHOT

The adult Christmas drama chorus during one of the Christmas Eve services.
Spring 2014

Christmas at St. Luke’s was memorable this year, not only for the many worship services, wonderful music and the child and adult pageants, but also for the inclement weather we endured. Despite the drop in attendance, the Christmas offerings were up over those of 2012, enabling us to end the year with a small surplus. Any surplus we can build helps to reduce our borrowing in the Summer months. We are very grateful to the congregation for their financial support throughout the year and especially at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Another successful Christmas Market was held on November 23rd with a great array of baking, crafts, attic treasures, greenery, knitting, etc. along with a Tea Room and Pub. Thank you to all who volunteered at this event and the many other initiatives throughout the year. Your volunteering contributes significantly to the success of St. Luke’s.

We are looking forward very much to our regular Parish events which include: the annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th, the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 5th and our final Spring Music at St. Luke’s event, “Old Time Religion” with Praise Unlimited on Saturday, April 26th. Do plan to attend these events and our special services during the Lenten and Easter period.

St. Luke’s various divisions of ministry have been busy this past year and are once again gearing up for 2014. The Advocacy breakfasts have been well-attended and Canon Stuart spoke to the January breakfast group about our Diocese’s relationship with the Diocese of Cuba. Our Speakers’ Lunches continue to be very popular and in January, we hosted our Ward 2 Councillor, Marianne Meed Ward, who brought us up to date on City matters, including the forthcoming budget. St. Luke’s Outreach programs such as Fresh Food, Food for Life and support for St. Matthew’s House, as well as our work with El Hogar and Mary Sherwood’s orphanage in Madagascar continue to make a difference in our community and those far away.

This year is a particularly busy and important one for St. Luke’s. In September we shall have the
honour and privilege to host the 2014 Conference of the Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church. This is only the second time in its 26-year history that the conference has been held outside of the United States. In October, we will celebrate our 180th Anniversary. It will be a very special evening with two bishops in attendance!

As we retire from our positions, we welcome your incoming Wardens, Heather White and Alan Brodie and wish them well and thank all parishioners for their support over our term of office. We are also very appreciative of the extra hours our Clergy worked in 2013 and want to extend a very special “thank you” to Rev. Carole Langlotz for stepping in, so capably, when help was needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Stafford, Rector’s Warden
Dorothy Kew, People’s Warden

St. Luke's Cookbook

A New Cookbook is being compiled to Celebrate 180 Years of St. Luke’s!

Help us mark this special anniversary in a special way. Good food & great cooks have been present at St. Luke’s for 180 years. We want to capture some of those tasty memories by compiling a cookbook of your recipes & we hope that you will be willing to share some of your best to be included in it.

Recipe submission sheets will be handed out starting on Sunday, February 16th. Using this form will facilitate printing of the book so we ask that you use it please. We will begin to collect your recipes on Sunday, March 2nd after each service.

To be ready for our release date of St. Luke’s Day this coming October we need your recipes by May but you can give them to us as soon as you are ready.

All proceeds will go to support St. Luke’s.

Thanks so much for sharing your tasty dishes to benefit our St. Luke’s family!

Please contact Judith Brodie 905 634-5483 or Ros Reycraft 905 635-3976 for more information.

“Sharing a lovingly prepared meal with family & friends is one of the great joys of life.”
Group A

Group A met on Tuesday January 14, 2014. We enjoyed our regular meeting starting with Group A business. During our fellowship time we helped celebrate a birthday for Shirley Cooper and gave her a cake. We also celebrated the retirement of Greta Andrews and gave her a cake. We enjoyed lovely refreshments and good conversation. Happy birthday, Shirley!

To Greta, we say thank you for all your work as secretary and your beautiful poetry. Happy Retirement!

Caroldene is now secretary of Group A.

Submitted by Caroldene Clemens

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### Easter Flower Memorials

If you would like to remember a loved one(s) by donating to our Easter Flower Memorials, please submit your wording (print clearly) & donation:

1. to the CHURCH OFFICE marked Altar Guild – Marilyn Hastings
2. MAIL TO: Marilyn Hastings, 707-110 Plains Rd., W., Burlington L7T 0A6

PLEASE do not put them on the collection plate

DEADLINE for submissions: Sunday, April 6, 2014 (cheques should be made payable to St. Luke’s Altar Guild)

These flowers are used to decorate the church for Easter & some are delivered to our shut-ins following the Easter morning services.

For more information call Marilyn Hastings (905-634-3060) Or Chris Hughes (905-632-9535)
Music at St. Luke's - Special Event

Music at St. Luke's presents Old Time Religion Night with Praise Unlimited! on April 26th, 2014

Our own Praise Unlimited is a Christian singing group consisting of 6 harmonized voices accompanied by electric keyboard & drums, percussion instruments & guitar. The group was formed in 1993 out of a shared love of music & a desire to sing contemporary Christian songs. Come & join us for an evening of fun & fellowship.

Mix & mingle at 6 & dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets $35. at 905-632-2918 or hlennard@cogeco.ca.

The Speakers Lunch

The aim of the Speakers Lunch group is to foster awareness among parishioners of happenings & endeavours in the wider community that may be worthy of interest & support. The group meets at 11:30 am on the second Thursday of each month for social time, followed by a “Bring Your Own Lunch” & a talk by the speaker of the month. All are welcome. Please call Bill at 905-632-0930 for more information about the group.

March 13: Charles Bett "Happy Going to Church Six Days a Week"

Charles will reminisce about work as a carpenter & builder and in particular the work accomplished in the renovations of St. Luke's.

April 10: Water, Water Everywhere

Bill Ferris from the Canadian Red Cross talking about disaster preparedness and the Calgary flood.

May 8: Mass Marketing Fraud and Cybercrime Awareness:

Brock Godfrey and an RCMP officer from Milton will discuss how organised crime attempts to cheat people.
Hit the right note and Spring into Action
to Support Children in Need Near and Far

Outreach invites you to their spring concert:

The Marion Singers

present a delightful evening
of choral music for spring

Saturday, March 22, 2014
St. Luke’s Church Parish Hall
1382 Ontario Street, Burlington
7:30 pm
Reception to follow

For tickets ($15) see us at coffee hour
or by calling 905 681-6097

This concert supports children in need in special programs at St. Matthew's House,
Halton Learning Foundation and summer camps in Cuba.

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank.
The Americans and British are Coming

On Sunday morning January 26, 2014, The Vergers Guild Banner was processed into the church and put on display and will remain on display until the Conference in September. As chair of the 2014 Vergers Guild Conference, I am pleased to officially announce that Canon Stuart and the vergers of Saint Luke's will be hosting the 2014 Vergers Guild Conference here at St. Luke's. This is only the second time in the 26 year history of the Guild that the Vergers Guild Conference will have been held outside of the United States, and we are very proud and honoured to have been chosen to host this great event.

We started lobbying the Guild Board back in 2010 and with the blessings of Canon Stuart and Bishop Michael we made an official proposal to the Guild in 2012. We specifically requested to host the 2014 conference so Guild members, their spouses, partners and friends could celebrate with us the 180th anniversary of St. Luke's. The conference will be held from Thursday September 25th through Sunday September 28th and we are asking for your support by attending two of the events that have been planned.

The first is an Evensong service which will take place on the Thursday September 25th starting at 6:00pm here at St. Luke's. The Evensong will be in celebration of the 180th anniversary of St. Luke's and is the official opening ceremony of the conference. The order of service will be similar to one that would have been used in 1834 and the hymns and music will all date back to that same time period.

The second event is the Solemn Eucharist Celebration which will be held on Sunday morning September 28th, 10:30am. Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton. Bishop Michael will preside over the service and our clergy, together with clergy from Great Britain and the United States will also be participating. We will have a combined choir with choral members from both the Cathedral choir and St. Luke's choir. Music has been selected from the current Hymnal, the old red Hymnal and the old blue Hymnal.

Our servers and acolytes will be in procession along with your favorite four vergers and approximately 100 other vergers from Canada, Great Britain and the United States all dressed in their best finery. Bishop Ralph was there when we presented our ideas to the Very Reverend Peter Wall, Dean of the Cathedral, and after we had finished, Bishop Ralph said “it will all be wonderful”. Your vergers are very happy to announce that we have obtained FREE bus transportation to take everyone from St. Luke's to and from the Cathedral so St. Luke's parishioners can celebrate the Solemn Eucharist Service with us.

Every Sunday up to the middle of September there will be sign-up sheets in the narthex after the 8:15 service and in the Great Hall during coffee hour after the 10am service. We need you to let us know how many people will be in your party, so we can have enough buses on hand to accommodate everyone. Ross, Chris, Ritchard or I will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the conference. Thank you all and we look forward to having you join us during this wonderful celebration of fellowship and thanksgiving.

Submitted by Terry Hughes
Do you have an interesting story to tell? Nominate a fellow parishioner or let us know of any stories you have heard lately. You could be featured! E-mail us: newsletter@stlukesburlington.ca

GETTING TO KNOW

St. Luke’s Sidespersons

By Dorothy Kew

For this article I did a Google search on the term “sidesperson” which was only partially successful. The Online Oxford Dictionary uses the politically incorrect term, “sidesman”, and gives the following definition: “A churchwarden’s assistant, who performs such duties as showing worshippers to their seats and taking the collection during a church service”. My two volume micro-reproduction of the Oxford English Dictionary, (which requires the use of a magnifying glass!), also uses the term “sidesman”, gives no definition, but rather the derivation of the word, the earliest use being 1570 in Foxe’s Book of Martyrs. That Internet fount of all knowledge, Wikipedia, does use the term “sidesperson” and states in its definition that they are responsible in the Anglican Church for “greeting members of the congregation, overseeing seating arrangements in church, and taking the collection.” Wikipedia also claims that the name is a corruption of the term “synod’s man”.

To find out what the duties of St. Luke’s sidespersons are, I interviewed Ray Payne, who has been the Head of Sidespersons for the past fifteen years. In his memory both men and women have always been sidespersons, though, according to Terry Hughes, this has only been so within the past 25 years. Prior to that they were all men. St. Luke’s has four teams of sidespersons, for a total of about thirty people. Four of them serve in rotation every Sunday at the 10 o’clock service. [At the 8:15 service the vergers do these duties with the help of one of the parishioners]. Sidespersons are also called upon to serve at special services, such as Evensong. They should arrive at the church at least a half hour before the start of the service. They are a separate team from the greeters but can also fill in for greeters as necessary. Normally they sit at the back of the church when on duty. Two sidespersons stand at the door of the nave to hand out the orders of service and the bulletins. They should be aware of
new people and help them to find seating as needed.

At very busy services, such as Easter and Christmas, two sidespersons will go up the side aisles looking for available seating for latecomers.

They are also responsible for taking attendance. You may have noticed sidespersons walking down the side aisles counting the congregation during the singing of the first hymn. They also count the choir, music director and clergy. The figures for the count are kept on a sheet by the Memorial case at the back of the nave, and are later entered by the vergers into the vestry book which is kept in the vestry.

The four sidespersons take up the collection, going up to the first pews in pairs where they bow to the altar and then the first two go down the side aisles while the other two go down the middle aisle, passing the plates back and forth along the pews. When the collection is taken up they wait till the server comes to the altar steps with the alms plate and then all four go up to the altar.

At the time of the Eucharist the sidespersons wait at the back until the clergy and chalice bearer come down to the lectern, at which time they go forward, two to the chancel steps and two on either side of the front pews in the centre aisle to let the communicants out. Ray describes this as crowd control. There is no particular order as to which side goes up first, but on special occasions, such as baptisms where the baptism family sits on the pulpit side, that side will go up first to communion. During communion the sidespersons keep track of those who do not take communion and these numbers are subtracted from the total number of congregants. The Diocese and the national church require the number of communicants for their statistics.

At the end of the service, during the last verse of the hymn, you will notice that two sidespersons will stand at the front pews on the outside aisles. After the dismissal they will go along the pews, picking up whatever might be left there, including bulletins and orders of service, and also tidying up the books in the pew. The other two sidespersons collect the returned bulletins and service booklets.

The sidespersons’ duties are indeed important. At the same time, as Ray reminds me, it is the vergers who have control of how the service is carried out. It is the duty of the sidespersons to assist the vergers with their responsibilities. If you would like to be part of this important ministry at St. Luke’s please get in touch with Ray Payne.
PARISH SNAPSHOT

Market Co-ordinators, Cathy Payne, Judith Brodie and Heather White

The Botanical booth -- Elizabeth Crozier, Judith Reed and Sherry McCarroll

Olivia and Ava, youngest volunteers and students of Marguerite Nye
Christmas Market 2013 Recap

Another wonderful Christmas Market has come and gone. We were certainly blessed with a perfect day – a short dusting of snow, a chill in the air to remind us winter had finally arrived, and sun shine as a bonus. The attendance certainly seemed higher than usual as the Hall was be busy nonstop. Many of our volunteers missed the opportunity to do personal shopping, however, the Discount Sunday Shopping was a bonus for those who were too busy on Market Day.

We had some changes and some new helpers, but the atmosphere was the same; smiling faces, people meeting friends and lots of hustle and bustle. Marguerite’s ornaments were replaced by Botanical Boutique, primarily an array of fresh arrangements. It was very well received by the shoppers. Marguerite was busy in the background passing her wonderful skills onto Olivia Walker Edwards and her sister Ava – our youngest vendors at the Market.

The Wrapping Room was a new addition – it too was a plus for our customers. A team of wrappers took over our library to package breakables. They too made a profit, tips of $42.00!

Donations of edibles were fantastic as were the articles from our knitters and sewers.

Publicity and Botanical Boutique are areas that need leaders this year. If you have an interest in either of those groups and want to contribute to the success of the market, please let a Market Convenor (MC) know.

St. Luke’s Christmas Market Convenors thank all the help and support given to make this event such a success. A special thanks to all our new parishioners who took part – we hope you all enjoyed the experience and look forward to November 22, 2014 – Market Day.

Market Convenors

Judith Brodie  905-634-5483  Cathy Payne  905-639-5135  Heather White  905-639-2922

The Wrapping Room -Sandra Doyle, Danielle Papillon, Melanie Walker, Cecelia Khaddour, and Frances Hall.

The Market cashiers, Phyllis Alexander and Ruth Milne.
A Word from our Deacon

Many people have been asking about our monthly Taize services. I feel it is important that we have a bit of background as to where Taize began, why it began and what it means. You have no doubt noticed the announcement in the bulletin that advertises our Taize services on the second Friday of the month.

A Taize service can best be described as “A place to meet God through a blend of ritual, reverence and simplicity......in the midst of community......in prayer for healing and wholeness for oneself, for others and for the world.....and to be renewed.

What is the Taize community?
The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic order in Taize, Saone-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Protestant and Catholic traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world. It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schultz, a Protestant. Guidelines for the community’s life are contained in The Rule of Taizé written by Brother Roger and first published in French in 1954.

The community has become one of the world’s most important sites of Christian Pilgrimage. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work. Through the community’s ecumenical outlook, they are encouraged to live in the spirit of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation.

The Taize Community was founded by Frere Roger in 1940. He pondered what it really meant to live a life according to the Scriptures and began a quest for a different expression of the Christian life. A year after this decision Roger reflected, “The defeat of France awoke powerful sympathy. If a house could be found there, of the kind I had dreamed of, it would offer a possible way of assisting some of those most discouraged, those deprived of a livelihood; and it could become a place of silence and work”. Because his Swiss homeland was neutral and thus less affected by the war, he felt as if France would be ideal for his vision. For Roger, France was a “land of poverty, a land of wartime suffering, but a land of inner freedom.” He eventually settled in Taize which was a small desolate village just north of Cluny, the site of a historically influential Christian monastic foundation.

In September 1940, Roger purchased a small house that would eventually become the home of the Taizé community. Only miles south of the separation line that divided a war-torn country in half, Roger’s home became a sanctuary to countless war refugees seeking shelter. On November 11, 1942, the Gestapo occupied Roger’s house while he was in Switzerland collecting funds to aid in his refuge ministry. Roger was not able to return to his home in Taizé until the autumn of 1944, when France was liberated.

In 1941, Roger had published a few small brochures outlining several facets of a Christ-centred communal life together. These brochures prompted two young men to apply, soon followed by a third. They all lived in Switzerland in a flat owned by Roger’s family until after the war when they began a new life together in the French countryside. Over the next few years several other men would join the community. On Easter Day 1949, seven brothers committed themselves to a life following Christ in simplicity, celibacy and community.

In the years that followed, others joined. In 1969 a young Belgian doctor became the first Catholic brother to pledge his life to the community in Taizé. More brothers from Reformed, Anglican and Roman Catholic backgrounds joined the community. Soon the Brothers of Taizé were making trips to take aid to people in both rural and urban areas. They began forming “fraternities”
of brothers in other cities that sought to be “signs of the presence of Christ among men, and bearers of joy”. Since 1951, the brothers have lived, for longer or shorter periods, in small fraternities among the poor in India (chiefly Calcutta), Bangladesh, the Phillipines, Algeria, Brazil, Kenya, Senegal and the USA (Hell's Kitchen in Manhattan, New York City). At the age of 90, Brother Roger was murdered in 2005 in a knife attack by a mentally ill woman. Brother Roger's funeral was attended by several dignitaries including the president of Germany and numerous religious leaders. The presider at his funeral was a Catholic cardinal, Walter Kaspar. The funeral was attended by approximately 10,000 people. At the end of 2010, the community was composed of about one hundred brothers, from Protestant and Catholic traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world. The community is currently led by Brother Alois, a German-born Catholic, who had been appointed by Brother Roger before his death on August 16, 2005.

About the Service

A Taize service is a beautiful form of prayer, inspired by the monastic tradition in Taize France. Over the years it has developed into a style that is both meditative and easily accessible to all people. It involves singing and listening to the word of God in an atmosphere of silence and peace.

"Nothing can be more conducive to communion with the Living God than a meditative common prayer with singing that never ends but continues in the silence of one's heart, when one is alone again." -Brother Roger

The service consists of several components. The church is lit by candles and the cross is put at the top of the chancel steps. Two prayer desks are at the foot of the steps, giving people an opportunity to offer up prayers during the service. The singing includes repeating short musical phrases that allow the words of the chant to become a prayer of the heart.

"Prayer expressed in song remains one of the most essential expressions of our search for God. Short chants repeated over and over, emphasize the meditative quality of prayer. They express in a few words a basic truth which is quickly grasped by the mind and gradually penetrate into one's whole being." -Brother Roger

There are several scripture readings and a text from the New Testament is read often in multiple languages. In our services, we read in English, French and Spanish. Praying for others widens the prayer to the dimensions of the whole human family. A sung response follows each intercession, including the opportunity to pray for the concerns of others. After silent prayer at the foot of the cross, participants can light a candle at the votive candle stand. At this point there is a 5 to 10 minute period of silence. It is a time for silent meditation.

"At times, prayer becomes silent. Peaceful communion with God can do without words. I have calmed and quieted my soul like a weaned child with its mother. Like the satisfied child who has stopped crying and is in its mother's arms, so can my soul, in me, in the presence of God. Prayer then needs no words, maybe not even thoughts." --Brother Roger

I invite you to join on the second Friday of every month (except July and August) and experience the silence. Let this meditative silence penetrate your heart and carry you through the days ahead.
In the passage way from the Sacristy to the east door is the St. Luke’s Roll of Honour, listing those members of the parish who served in both the First and Second World Wars. As we enter the year 2014 and the coming anniversary on August 4th of the beginning of the Great War … the war to end all wars … we remember some of the men of St. Luke’s who fought in that conflict.

**Arthur and Harry Brain**

Arthur and Harry Brain, two brothers whose family have been members of St. Luke’s for many years, are both listed on the St. Luke’s Roll of Honour. Their father, Charles William Brain was born in Shipston on Stour, Worcestershire, on February 3rd, 1865 and immigrated to Canada in 1887. He married Katherine Robinson, who was born in Niagara Falls, on 28th March 1888 and they settled in Oakville, where they raised a large family of ten children, four boys and six girls. On his marriage record Charles gave his occupation as a tanner, but he later went to work as a lineman at the Toronto Niagara Power Company. Arthur, whose full name was William Arthur, born in 1892, and Harry Ernest, born two years later in 1894, both enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

**William Arthur Brain**

Arthur enlisted at Hamilton on 26th July 1915. He stated that he had been born 6th February 1892 in Oakville, Ontario and gave his mother, Mrs. Kate Brain
of Burlington, as his next of kin. He also stated that he was then serving in the active militia. He was described as 5 ft 8 ½ inches, with fair complexion, blue eyes and dark hair, and a brown mole on his left chest. He gave his religion as Church of England. His regimental number was 141350. His attestation form does not record what division of the Army he was assigned to but his obituary in the Hamilton Spectator of 18th November 1983 states that he served with the 4th Battalion.

After the war Arthur returned to Burlington where he lived on Nelson Avenue with five of his six sisters at the time of the 1921 census. He was a machinist by trade. His mother, Katherine, had died of a stroke on 18th October 1918 and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. Two years later, on 19th September 1920, Arthur’s father, Charles William Brain was electrocuted while working for the Toronto Niagara Power Company and died as a result of his fall from a hydro tower. He too was buried with his wife in Greenwood Cemetery.

Arthur married Mary Ellen Selkirk on 15th March 1922. She was born in England, the daughter of Joseph Henry Selkirk and Mary Ellen Smith. They were married by the Reverend George Tebbs at St. Luke’s Rectory.

Arthur died in Hamilton 16th November 1983 in his 92nd year. In his death notice in the Hamilton Spectator of 18th November 1983, he was referred to by his nickname as Art and as a former employee of Cole Lumber. His wife had predeceased him. He was buried in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Hamilton.

**Harry Ernest Brain**

Harry Brain enlisted at Hamilton on 2nd September 1915. Curiously he gave his birth date as 29th October 1896, though, according to the 1901 census, he was born in 1894. He gave his occupation as lineman and his father, Charles Brain of Burlington, as his next of kin. He was described as 5 ft 8 ½ inches tall, with fair complexion, brown eyes and brown hair. His regimental number was 193002 and he was attached to the 92nd Highlanders Overseas Battalion. He embarked on the S.S. Empress of Britain from Canada on 20th May 1916, arriving in England on 29th May of that year. He was taken on strength from the 92nd Battalion to the Canadian Engineers Training Depot in Shorncliffe, Kent, and from there to Air Command Signals Detail at Shoreham. In September 1917 he was
given permission to wear a Good Conduct badge. From there he was transferred to the Canadian Engineers Reserve Battalion at Seaford and proceeded on 21st June 1918 to France with the 1st Tramways Company, Canadian Engineers, as a sapper. Harry was killed in action at the Battle of Amiens, France, on 20th August 1918. He is buried in Caix British Cemetery, about 28 kilometres south-east of Amiens.

Harry is also commemorated on the Burlington Cenotaph and in the Sons of England Plot in Greenwood Cemetery, Burlington.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY LUNCH DEVELOPMENTS

Excitement is building as planning for our 3 month pilot project community lunch in April, May, and June 2014 is well under way. Members of the Community Meal Project Committee are from St. Luke’s, Knox Presbyterian church, St. John the Baptist Catholic church, and Burlington Baptist church. Committee member Geraldine Smout is taking the leadership on developing role descriptions based on those of other food programs, but revised to match our needs here at St. Luke’s. Committee member Laurie Kemball is taking the leadership in developing menus for the program. Others on the committee will be working with her.

I hope you will join us in this great project. For more information or to volunteer, call Heather White, 905-639-2922. Many hands will be needed to make this program a success.

Please note the following important dates:

1. Food safety training: Thursday March 20
2. Volunteer Training for Roles (choose one date and register with Heather White)
   - Wednesday, March 26, 6:30-9 pm or Thursday, March 27, 1:30-4 pm
3. Program begins: the first week of April

Heather White, Community Engagement Facilitator: communityengagement@stlukesburlington.ca
PARISH SNAPSHOT

Children going up to the altar to decorate the creche. (above and right)

Memories of Christmas 2013.

Lighting of the Advent candle.
DIVISION OF PASTORAL CARE

Mission statement: “I was sick and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:36) To establish and nurture connections with those in our parish who are ill or shut in. We treasure all those in our midst and we reach out to touch their spirit and their heart.

Our Pastoral Care Division continues to reach out to those in our church family who are ill, housebound, in nursing homes and long term care facilities and through a variety of different initiatives we are able to embrace them and make them feel more like a part of St. Luke’s in mind and spirit.

Pastoral Care Telephone and Visiting Teams
Thanks to the teams of dedicated volunteers we are able to keep the line of communication open with those who are finding it difficult to attend worship services at Church. This ministry helps us grow together in friendship. Special thanks to the teams for your ongoing commitment to Pastoral Care.

Nursing Home Worship Team
“We seek and serve Christ in all persons. We embrace residents of nursing homes into the family of our Church by sharing the Word of God through prayer, scripture, and music”

The Worship Team brings worship to local nursing homes monthly. This is an opportunity to worship with those who are no longer able to attend their home Church due to decline in their health. Residents are very appreciative and look forward to this time of worship. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our dedicated volunteers who share their time and talents, their gifts of music and song, reading, and sharing with residents in long term care.

Submitted by
Marjorie Latimer, UE
Licensed Lay Reader

Circle of Prayer
Prayer is the key that unlocks the power of God for the people who are in need. Prayer draws us closer to God. God is an artist and when he sees His servant praying he is fashioning them in the process to become saints. The Power of Prayer is unlimited. Christ’s command is to pray without ceasing.

Submitted by Caroldene Clemens
Bereavement Group
The members of the Bereavement group continue to meet regularly, assisting clergy to reach out to recently bereaved parishioners and their families. Contact is made through a letter and usually a follow up telephone call. Support is offered during this difficult time as well as information regarding services offered by the church as well as community support groups. All families bereaved during the year receive an invitation to attend the All Saints Day service. In 2013, 44 families were contacted by the group members.

Submitted by Kathryn Rutty

Hospital Visiting and Home Communion
We continue to visit the hospital on a regular basis and we emphasize how important it is for parishioners to let us know if they or someone they know has been admitted to hospital. Once a parishioner has been discharged from hospital, we make a point of following up either with a visit or a phone call. The clergy will also take communion to a patient if they request it. Home communions are done several times a year.

Cycle of Prayer
We are presently starting our third cycle of prayer. In this ministry, we pray each Wednesday for a group of housebound or ill parishioners. We then send out a card to them saying that we prayed for them. They receive a card several times a year.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
The prayer shawl ministry works very quietly in the background of church life. Using special yarns and a sacred pattern, beautiful shawls are knitted and crocheted to be distributed among parishioners who need some warmth, comfort or solace in a time of stress, anxiety, illness or bereavement. Late last year when ACW disbanded, each member was given a pocket shawl—a miniature version of the shawl that could be carried with them anywhere. These pocket shawls are given to patients in ICU or soldiers who can keep them under their helmet.

Submitted by
Rev. Deacon Sheila Plant
Chair, Pastoral Care Division
Tuesday Evening Bible Study - Our study group meets each Tuesday evening to read and study the Bible. We generally have several versions of the Bible that members read from and it is very interesting to get different perspectives on each passage we read. As we have been reading the Bible from the beginning we are seeing the Old Testament come to a close and are looking forward to starting the Apocrypha before tackling the New Testament.

The “Apocrypha” means “hidden” and can refer to books that were considered not good enough to be read or books that are outside the canon. These books fall between the Old and New Testament and not all versions of the Bible have them. They were found in the Greek Old Testament (the Septuagint) but not in the Hebrew. The early church which used the Greek Old Testament used them as sacred writings. The books of the Apocrypha contain important teachings which, as Christians in all ages have recognized, are helpful to our growth as persons of faith. These books help us to understand Judaism in the time of Jesus and therefore help us to understand Jesus better. These books and parts of them are recognized as Deuterocanonical scripture in the Roman Catholic, Greek, and Russian Orthodox Churches.

The Rev. Sheila Plant, Deacon.

Friday Morning Bible Study - The Friday group meets in the Library every Friday morning at 9:30 until approximately 11 A.M. to study the lectionary and hymns for the upcoming Sunday. They close with intercessory prayer and the grace.

Lenten Book Study - This year’s Lenten book study will be the book Falling Upward by Richard Rohr which will be able to be ordered online. It will be discussed after church on Sundays from March 16th to April 13th.

Centering Prayer - A new set of videos are being presented at the weekly Centering Prayer sessions from 12:00 - 1:30 P.M. on Wednesdays.

Adult Library - Our Adult Library collection contains 352 nonfiction and 199 fiction titles. Large print books have been purchased, when available, and some reference books have been added to the collection. The collection was put on line this year and it may be accessed through the St Luke’s
Phoenix Fellowship Drop-In Centre

Seniors/adults from the church and the surrounding neighbourhood meet in the Parish Hall around 10:00 on Wednesday mornings. The formal program begins shortly after the Communion Service at 11:00 with a different activity every week.

Some confirmed or proposed events for Spring are as follows: Ash Wednesday Social; Presentation by Rev. Sheila Plant on the Food for Life Program; lunch at the Rose Garden Restaurant; lunch at Sea2Fork Restaurant, lunch at the Kings Buffet, lunch at Baranga’s on the Beach; Picnic Day at Coronation Park.

Join us on Wednesdays to receive a copy of the weekly schedule or watch the Sunday bulletins for upcoming events. We strongly encourage new members, friends and neighbours to come and enjoy our weekly activities. Everyone is welcome!

Louise Belanger Gibb
Coordinator: 905-634-6396

LIFT & SALT - Children and young people are invited to take part in our Sunday morning Life in Faith Together program and our young people’s SALT program on Sunday evening. Please see the Rev. Elliott Siteman for more details.

Men’s Saturday Prayer Group - This group continues to meet each Saturday morning when there is not a conflict with another church event (such as an Advocacy breakfast). Discussion based on the readings of the previous Sunday’s lectionary readings are followed by brief intercessory prayers. A time of fellowship over breakfast follows for all who can make it.

Everyone is invited to be a part of one of the dynamic groups that make up the Division of Christian Formation. If you would like more information, please contact the Church Office and you will be directed to a contact person.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Raybould
Chair of Christian Formation
Mission Statement: Moved by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teachings and actions of Jesus the Christ, the Division of Outreach, in partnership with the community of St. Luke's, responds to the needs of our neighbours, locally, nationally, and globally by enabling, empowering, educating, and advocating.

The Division of Outreach is a small group of dedicated parishioners whose hope is to help make our world a better place for all. Our various projects and partnerships are all focused on helping others, even if only in some small way. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from September to June, at 7:30pm in the Boardroom. We hope that you will consider joining us and getting involved in one of the many worthwhile projects that we have on the go, or introducing us to a new one that is of interest to you.

In February 2014 Sandra Tiernay stepped down after 2 years as co-chair of the division. Dave Beck will continue as chair. You can contact him at 905-634-2095.

**Advocacy Group**

The Advocacy Group’s support of social justice issues will provide new opportunities of awareness and action for 2014. Within the focus of ‘Communities Without Borders”, the new year’s programme began on January 11th, with a wonderful presentation by our Rector, Canon Stuart Pike, who shared information about the continuing relationship between the Diocese of Cuba and the Diocese of Niagara.

There will not be a Breakfast in March; however, on April 19th, we will welcome fellow parishioner Michael Perry, who will share his experiences with the Taize community in France. The Taize prayer service is available, on the second Friday evening of each month, here at St. Luke's.

These dates, as well as future information, will be noted in the Sunday Bulletins.

The Advocacy Group welcomes everyone to join in this unique St. Luke’s tradition!

For further information, contact Carrie Raybould at 905-681-2816.
Burlington Ubuntu Grandwomen

The Burlington Ubuntu Grandwomen continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month, September to June at 7PM at the Burlington Baptist Church on New Street.

This group of dedicated women meet together to learn about the ways in which we can join with other Grandmothers to Grandmothers across Canada in support of the Grandmothers of Africa, through the Stephen Lewis Foundation. This support takes the form of monthly meetings in which we learn of encouraging reports from successes within the movement as well as particular events with individuals.

We also continue our involvement with fundraising opportunities. The next major event will be a concert with the Dofasco Male Choir on Monday April 7th at Burlington Baptist Church. Further information will be posted on our Bulletin Board.

Everyone is very welcome to join in any events or meetings. For further information, please call Carrie Raybould at 905-681-2816.

Church Minders

Our volunteer minders continue to keep the doors of St Luke's open to visitors, parishioners and passersby. It is an important component of our Outreach Ministry and should you wish to have more information or to help, please feel free to call Sharon O'Neill at 289 795 0401 or email at sadhon@bell.net.

Concert For Children In Need

The Marion Singers are returning to St Luke's and are performing on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This concert is to benefit the children in need at St Matthew's House, in the Halton Learning Foundation and for children's summer programs in our companion Diocese of Cuba. The Marion Singers are an accomplished choir whose chosen restriction of performing (and rehearsing) a Capella makes this a unique choir that will entertain with a medley of music covering everything from Sacred to Secular, Baroque to Modern, Serious to Humorous. They are directed by Tony Browning. Tickets are available at coffee hour or by calling 905-681-6097. Cost: $15.

El Hogar Service Team;
February 22 – March 1, 2014

By the time you read this report, the service team will either be in Honduras or will have just returned. We hope that you follow our progress at El Hogar by connecting with our blog which you can do by getting on the St. Luke’s website and following the link http://stlukesinhonduras.blogspot.com.

We are looking forward to reconnecting with the 250 children at the 4 centres in and around Tegucigalpa in Honduras. We hope to be of service to these wonderful open-minded children who tolerate our "not-so-good" Spanish but love our willingness to try to speak it.
Division of Outreach Con't

Thank you for the items that you so generously donated as you have each year that we travel to El Hogar. The need is great there but so are your hearts. THANK YOU!

Again this year we will be making our delicious chocolate covered fondant Easter eggs. The cost will remain a bargain at $5 each & they will be available starting March 30, 2014. Last year we sold out so please buy early.

The team will make our presentation to the congregation on Sunday, March 16th during the 10 am service followed by Honduran treats at coffee hour. We hope you will join us.

We appreciate your support, encouragement & your prayers.

Contact Ros & Rick Reycraft, Team Leaders 905-635-3976

Food for Life

It is hard to believe that our Food for Life program is nearly four years old. In that time, we have regularly helped up to forty people per week and our numbers continue to grow. We continue to receive a variety of food each week and have started to expand our outreach in many different ways. Any food that remains on a Tuesday afternoon is delivered to a variety of agencies in Hamilton, most notably St. Matthew’s House so nothing goes to waste. We continue to contribute to the Fresh Food Boxes with any baked goods that we have. We encourage parishioners to drop food items into the Food for Life box in the Narthex. Thanks to the parishioners who have donated soup on a regular basis during the cold winter months. A special thank you to Group A for their generosity in donating funds that enable us to purchase soup. It means that we have been able to provide a hot soup lunch for the clients while they are waiting to pick up their food. They are very grateful for this. We have also had several parishioners drop off blankets, bedding and a few coats, hats and scarves that have also been well received. Although we continue to distribute food, we appreciate the generosity of these wonderful “extras!” We continue to serve as a model site for new outreach centres. We were recently chosen as a site for Councillor Rick Craven to visit to see how a Food for Life outreach site is run. Rick sits on the regional committee that allocates funds for Food for Life and so we look forward to sharing our experiences with him and show him how effectively the funding is used. It has been wonderful and heartwarming to see friendships develop and to see some of our clients attending Sunday services. We are also grateful to the “Acts of Kindness” organization for all their hats, mittens, and scarves.

My sincere thanks to a special group of volunteers who work tirelessly on a Tuesday morning by setting up the Great Hall, packaging food, distributing and
cleaning up. Although we are open to clients from 12:30-1:30, the volunteers arrive before 10:00 and it is almost 2:00 before they leave. Without their commitment and enthusiasm, this program would not be the success it has become.

Contact Rev. Deacon Sheila Plant

**Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund**

The Most Reverend Fredrick James Hiltz, is the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada and President of the PWRDF Board of Directors. He calls PWRDF “one of the best good news stories of the Anglican Church of Canada”. "FRED SAYS" is a campaign that PWRDF will be undertaking over the next three years to move people to understand food security and the PWRDF mission. Food security is an increasingly common term, but not well understood by most – food security refers to the availability of food and one’s access to it.

The first thing “Fred Says” is “Have you Eaten Today?” In Canada, it’s easy to assume that everyone has enough to eat, but in other countries, friends often greet each other with this question, and the answer they often receive is “no.” If your friend hasn’t eaten and you have extra, you generally share of your excess.

Fred encourages us to learn more about these patients, including Sifa Naru, a widow in Mozambique who stopped taking the anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs) that will control her AIDS because she didn’t have food to take them with. Her story inspired PWRDF to step in and provide food packets to Sifa and hundreds of other patients to help them get back on their feet after being diagnosed with HIV.

Every two months, Fred will offer a new “Fredism”—a unique saying which is linked to a PWRDF project and is related to the month, season or holiday in Canada. You are invited to learn more online and in the Church about the issue of food security and the work that PWRDF and its partners are doing. In turn, the hope is that you will donate or host an event to continue to raise awareness of the importance of food in the lives of every person around the world.

Look on line for more stories at www.pwrdf.org.

To donate to PWRDF make, cheques payable to St Luke’s Church and on the memo line write PWRDF.

Thank you for your past support.

Contact Jackie Maver 905 681 6097
St. Matthew’s House

This year, as in past years, we will run a food drive for St. Matthew’s House over the 5 Sundays in Lent with a different food or personal care item being the focus each week. As part of your Lenten devotions, we encourage you to share with those around you who need help providing their family with food and other necessities.

March 9
BREAKFAST FOOD (Cereal, Peanut Butter, Powdered & Canned Milk)

March 16
TOILETRIES (Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Toilet Paper)

March 23
SOUPS AND CANNED STEWS (Canned or Dry Soups, Stews, Chili, Pastas)

March 30
BABY SUPPLIES (Infant & Junior Food, Cereal, Diapers, Similac, SMA.)

April 6
CANNED FOODS (Meats, Fish, Vegetables, Fruits, Spaghetti Sauce)

Of course any and all food and monetary donations are most welcome and we thank you for the generous support that you always show to St. Matthew’s House.

Contact Sandra Tiernay 905-639-0345

News and View from St. Luke’s Adult Library

By Dorothy Kew

The Library is to enrich the spiritual life of its readers

Looking for a particular author, or title? Wondering if it’s in the Church Library? Then, be sure to use the Library’s catalogue which you can find on the table in the Archives/Library Room. The catalogue is arranged by subject, author and title for non-fiction, and by author and title for fiction. But better than that, the library catalogue is now online! You can now access the Library Catalogue, Fiction and Non-Fiction, on St. Luke’s website. Here’s how to get to it. Go to http://www.stlukesburlington.ca/index.php click on Divisions of Ministry under Navigation, scroll down to Christian Formation, and click on “Read More”, and under Adult Library you will see two links, one to the Non-Fiction Catalogue and one to the Fiction Catalogue. You can use the “Find” option to search for authors or titles. Here is a quick short-cut to this page: http://www.stlukesburlington.ca/index.php?itemid=103&catid=48#more

Thanks to Sean Tiernay for his technical assistance!
St. Luke’s Adult Library is open five days a week, Monday to Friday, while the office is open, and is also open on Sundays during coffee hour. There is a library display at coffee hour once a month where we showcase recent acquisitions and popular books. Be sure to check us out. We welcome donations of suitable material for the library, as well as donations in memory of a loved one.

Book Review


As the author, Michael Card, points out, it’s difficult to find books about Peter, whereas numerous books have been written about Paul. Is this because we see Paul as the founder of Christianity whose letters are such an important part of the New Testament? Peter was the Rock on which Christ would build his church, yet, as Card puts it, the Rock was really a fragile stone. Although he was the acknowledged leader of the disciples Peter was a flawed human being, impulsive, fearful at times, who denied Jesus yet went away weeping bitterly at what he had done. After the Resurrection Christ forgives him and brings him back into the fold.

Card follows Peter through the gospels and the Acts of the Apostles and brings him to life so we see him as a very human person. This simple Galilean fisherman, brought up in the Jewish faith, is hesitant to mix with Gentiles, even as Paul carries his message far and wide throughout the known world. Yet Peter can change — his vision at the time that he meets Cornelius shows him, as he says, that God shows no partiality. It is this ability to change and grow, I think, that endears Peter to us and gives us all hope that we too may become better followers of Jesus.
From the Altar Guild

One of the many responsibilities of the Altar Guild is the care & maintenance of the linens used during the services. One of these pieces of linen is called a purificator. The purificator is used to wipe the chalice after each person receives the wine at the Eucharist and it is also one of the most difficult pieces to clean.

As you can imagine, this linen becomes stained with wine but it also picks up any lipstick left on the chalice - both very difficult to remove from the linen.

All our linens are washed by hand and we try to keep the use of bleach at a minimum since it weakens the fabric, thus shortening its ‘life span’. The cost of new purificators can be as much as $50 each. We have been fortunate in the past to have ‘St. Luke’s sewers’ make some of these for us but it is increasingly difficult to find good quality linen at an affordable price.

How can you help? If you wear lipstick, perhaps when you come to a Eucharist Service, you could wear less or even blot your lipstick on a tissue before coming forward for Communion. Your help & consideration will be greatly appreciated!

Chris Hughes, Altar Guild Co-ordinator
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