

St Hilary's Weekly Email Updates, Announcements and Bulletins

Hello St Hilary's Parishioners,

In this week's email you will find news, important announcements, and the bulletins for Sunday.

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- **Easter Letters from St Hilary's Church**

Please note that the Easter letters are ready for pickup after service. Thank you.

- **News from General Synod The Anglican Church of Canada**

[Joint Easter message from the Acting Primate and National Bishop](#)

Clergy and lay leaders are invited to bring a spirit of ecumenical unity to Easter worship by including a video message from Archbishop Anne Germond, Acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. This joint message, rooted in our shared witness to the risen Christ, is now available for download.

[Profiles of primatial nominees available](#)

Written profiles for the four nominees for the office of Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada are now available on the General Synod 2025 website.

[See also via Anglican Journal, "Harper, Kerr-Wilson, Lehmann and Walsh-Shaw chosen as candidates for next primate"...](#)

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- Easter Memorial Flowers**

<i>In Loving Memory of</i>	<i>From</i>
Maureen Young	Allan & Janet Callander
Ivy & Hugh McGregor Reid David & Hugh McGregor Reid	Ann & Carl Morgan & Family
Mom & Dad	B. Waul
Jane Mutyaba, Eriazali & Elizabesi Wanzala	Bernard & Jennifer Buyinza
Loved One	Bob Phaneuf & Jane De Cheverry
Kathy Drury Theresa & Edmond Mbulu Daria & Nick Kordiuk Mr & Mrs Sam Mamere	Chief Emmanuel & the Mbulu Family
Nyagoha, Rael, Jordence, Rita & Hannah	Christabel & Natalie
Eulene Walcott	Cynthia Grannum & Family
Elaine Sampson	Donna Mae Campbell
All the Family & Friends	Dorothy Williams
Loved Ones	Dundas Family
Loved Ones	Ebere Ofoezie
Loved Ones	Gittens Family
Jim Miller	Jane, Tim & Michael Miller
Mervyn Skeete Florence & Umilta King Monica Navarro Joan Alexander	Janet Scott
Edward, Wilfred & Ivan	Jean Peters
Desai Williams	Joyce Skeete
Wallace, Maudrie, Gloria & Janice	Kevin Alleyne
Josh Saad	Monika Kozlowski
Riley Gayle	Olga Gayle
Rev. Owen & Margaret Barrow Bill & Phyllis Davies	Olwen & Ed Davies & Family
Allan Headon	Pat & Chris Headon
Loved Ones	Pat Brown
Loved Ones	Rev. Adrienne Clements
Pa Jacob & Madam Mabel Omiunu	Samuel Omiunu & Family
William Gleeson Winifred & Wm. Allan George & Emily Copp	Sandra Gleeson & Family
Beloved Grandparents & Loved Ones	Sonia & Osbourne Shaw
Joan & Orest Roscoe, lolana, Vittorio, Rita Filippone	Steve, Lucy & Alina Roscoe
Loved Ones	Taylor Family

- FaithWorks Update



Alongside Hope

Anglicans and partners working for change
in Canada and around the world

The following articles are from **Alongside Hope** (formerly PWRDF), a FaithWorks ministry partner.

After a two-year process, PWRDF has changed its name to Alongside Hope (Auprès de l'espoir in French). The new name reflects our focus on partnership and collaboration with local organizations, membership organizations, funding agencies, the Anglican Church of Canada, and donors. The name change was approved on October 15, 2024, and took effect on March 1, 2025. Archbishop Linda Nicholls and Archbishop Anne Germond were and continue to be most helpful and supportive.

[Click here to watch a 90 second video about the name change!](#)

The theme of partnership or accompaniment is woven throughout the Bible, but the task team was drawn to the story of the road to Emmaus. Days after Jesus died, the disciples were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, still grieving their loss. As Luke writes, the resurrected Jesus came **alongside** them, but they did not know it was him. Jesus travelled with them and then accepted their hospitality to dine with them. In the breaking of bread, their eyes were opened and they recognized him. When we walk **alongside** one another, Jesus accompanies us. We are strengthened and comforted and recognize Jesus when we share in his feast.

[Click here to watch a 9 minute video about the name change from around the world!](#)

As we walk **alongside** each of our partners, supporting, listening and sharing with one another, we embrace and embody the **hope** of a better world. Thus was born our new name:

Alongside Hope - Auprès de l'espoir

Alongside Hope conveys the concept of partnership in a simple and uplifting way.

- It is easy to understand and to pronounce.
- It requires no lengthy or clumsy acronym.
- It de-emphasizes the colonial, top-down approach of giving and emphasizes a more collaborative approach.

- It is a name that will carry us forward into the future.

[Click here to watch an 18 minute video discussion about the name change!](#)

Alongside Hope issues urgent appeal for partners hurt by aid cuts

[Click here to give to the Resilience Fund before June 30, 2025 and be part of the Matching Challenge Grant](#)

In the wake of massive cuts to international development assistance by the U.S. Government and some European governments, Alongside Hope partners are reporting that progress is being undone, programs are being forced to shut down, and families and communities are living in uncertainty about their futures.

The damage done is staggering. We cannot possibly fill all the gaps, but to maintain as many vital programs as possible, Alongside Hope is launching an urgent appeal to donors. Your support of the “**Resilience Fund**” will allow Alongside Hope to provide partners with additional support for refugees, HIV-related needs and for women recovering from gender-based-violence. These include:

Tanzania

- Families supported by Church World Service who were preparing for a new life in the United States and had already left the Nyarugushu refugee camp and given away their possessions were forced to return to the camp with nothing, their dreams of resettlement shattered with the suspension of the US Refugee Resettlement Program.

Kenya

- Children are already missing life-saving anti-retroviral medications. And their caregivers are no longer receiving vital support.
- 42 staff at National Council of Churches Kenya who were providing youth mentorship programming and support for school fees have been laid off, affecting 8,000 youth and 8,000 orphans and vulnerable children.
- Children are no longer able to attend school.

Mozambique

- A five-year program with partner EHALE that was improving maternal health services and access to health care for young mothers was forced to shut down.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

- Plans for a program with the Panzi Foundation that would have brought dignity to women recovering from gender-based violence have been shelved.

Haiti

· Medical services and referrals for community members working with Rayjon Share Care are not being provided due to cuts to hospitals that had been receiving USAID supplies.

How you can help

· Please pray for everyone who is affected by these devastating funding cuts.
· You can support Alongside Hope partners by donating to the Resilience Fund online, or by phone at 1-866-308-7973, or by mail. Or you can send a cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd Floor, Toronto, ON, Canada, M4Y 3G2. Please indicate "Resilience Fund" in the memo field.



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Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

I acknowledge that my office resides on the territory of sovereign Indigenous Nations, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat. I acknowledge especially the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Toronto Treaties.



- **Saturday Easter Vigil and Noisemakers**

During our Saturday Easter Vigil service there is a moment when the heavens open up and the light of God breaks through. This is the moment when we respond with as much joyful noise as we can make.

Please bring your favourite noisemaker: spoons, a musical instrument, tambourine, maracas, a rattle etc., with you to our Saturday Easter Vigil Service. And then we will be able to welcome the light of Christ with a joyful exuberance.

Thank you

Rev. Adrienne



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- **Especially for Lectors**

"Especially for Lectors" an on-line Workshop - Thursday, May 8th 2025 - 12 noon

All Readers and Lay Readers are invited to join Lynda Dundas and myself on Thursday, May 8th at 12 noon, in the McCauley Room to participate in a Diocesan on-line workshop.

The TV will be set up so that we can watch it together. Bring your lunch if you would like. Tea will be provided.

See you there.

Rev. Adrienne Clements

- **The Season of Spiritual Renewal**



We are now well into the final year of the Season of Spiritual Renewal initiative and have enjoyed two wonderful **Lift Up Our Hearts** services. If you missed them in person both the [Cathedral](#) and [Trinity Streetsville](#) services are available on YouTube. Particularly for those located in the eastern regions of our diocese, plan now to join in [worship](#) at **All Saints, Whitby, on May 31st at 2 pm.**

Let's remember once again the key place that prayer holds in spiritual renewal. Please include in your **Prayers of the People:**

- A prayer for the spiritual renewal of our churches and diocese. The Collect we have been using in the Lift up our Hearts Services is on the [website](#).
- A prayer for the people in our communities who have spiritual questions and longings. Let's pray for God to empower all of our churches to help such people come to know Christ.

Registration is now open for the **April to June online workshops**- due to feedback received, we have changed the time for these 'lunch and learn' sessions to 12 noon to 1 pm.

These include a rich variety of topics including such things as: starting a youth ministry from scratch, [Education for Ministry](#) (an in-depth small group based discipleship program), reconnecting spirituality and social justice, a training session for lectors, best practices for hybrid worship, reflecting theologically about music in worship, Alpha Course leader training, and connecting with families in your neighborhood. Please remind your congregation to explore the [workshops](#), register, and participate!

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Finally, we are making available prayer resources from [Thy Kingdom Come](#) for you and your church community for free. Please email Jacqui to request these free prayer journals or novena's for use in your parish during Ascensiontide.

Judy Paulsen

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The Season of Spiritual Renewal

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- **Season of Spiritual Renewal On-Line workshops**

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- Season of Spiritual Renewal Eucharistic Service March 29th, 2pm at Trinity Streetsville Church followed by a reception.
- April 24: Starting Something from Nothing: How to Grow a Youth Ministry When There are No Kids in the Pews with Cormac Culkeen
- April 29: Education for Ministry: taking experience seriously with Carol Kysela and Annette Cowan
- May 1: Ministering to the Outliers: What Ministering to Kids Who "Don't Fit In" Can Teach us About the Kin-dom of God with Cormac Culkeen
- May 6: Repairing the Breach – Social Justice and Spirituality with Elin Goulden
- May 7: Reimagining Evangelism with Jason Persaud *12:00-1:30pm

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- May 8: Especially for Lectors: Offering a Beautiful Ministry of the Word with Judy Paulsen
- May 13: Spiritual Journaling for Groups & Individuals with Neil Mancor
- May 14: The Hybrid and the Holy with Cynthia Majewski, Elizabeth McCaffrey and Tim Ralph
- May 15: Theological Reflection: finding meaning and direction with Carol Kysela and Annette Cowan
- May 20: Sing a new song: helping your community find their voice with Dan Norman
- May 21: Connecting with Families in the neighborhood with Elizabeth Achimah
- May 22: Alpha Course Leaders Training with the Alpha Canada team *12:00-1:30pm
- June 12: Praying our Song, Singing our Prayer panel discussion led by Tom Bell. For more information and to register, [click here](#).
- **Letter to the Diocese from Bishop Andrew**

Friday, April 11th, 2025



Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada

Dear Friends,

“I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.” President Abraham Lincoln was heard to say these words after the Union Army’s devastating loss at the Second Battle of Bull Run in 1862. How poignant, honest and heartfelt is the sentiment spoken by a president longing for peace in a time of bitterness and pain. In our present time of deep division, broken promises, economic upheaval, the threat of tariff and job loss, we long for the same sincerity.

This quote of President Lincoln sets the clip for how we approach the week that is upon us: on our knees. The journey of Holy Week beckons us to watch, to listen and to pray our way. The cheers of Palm Sunday become jeers of disappointment. Feet are washed and the bread and cup are shared to deepen the ways of servanthood. The Garden of Gethsemane becomes the place where anguish is turned into resolve. Pontius Pilate washes his hands. The crowd shouts, *crucify him!* The hammer drives the point through flesh and wood. *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me*, echoes from the cross. He breathes his last. The curtain is torn asunder. His body is retrieved and placed in the tomb... And beyond our comprehension and wisdom, what happens on Easter Day changes everything for good!

Clear your calendar this week. Make room and time for the liturgies of Holy Week. Pray your way from Sunday to Sunday. Attend to the want and hope that is in you. This is the week that restores our memory. This is the week when a dead end becomes the beginning.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

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P.S. To accompany you on the way, we have produced a series of videos that will be released at important moments during the week. You can access them [here](#).

- **Read the Bible in One Year**

The Bible is alive.

The Bible gives us wisdom. Written over a period of centuries, the inspired scrolls provide solutions for every situation we can face.

The Bible tells us of the Savior who loves us.

The Bible feeds us. Jesus is God's Word in the flesh, and He is the bread of life for our souls.

Please join us over the next year as we read the bible together. Follow the daily readings and join us every three months at St Hilary's as we come together to both celebrate and explore what we've been reading.

Pick up a list of readings and add your name to the sign-up list at the church. We will keep you updated on all the planned gatherings and activities.

Reading the Bible in One Year - Month Four				
Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
22-Apr-25	Joshua 24: 1 - 33	Luke 21: 1 - 28	89:38-52	13:20-23
23-Apr-25	Judges 1:1-2:9	Luke 21:29 -22:13	90:1-91:16	13:24-25
24-Apr	Judges 2:10 - 3:31	Luke 22: 14 - 34	92:1-93:5	14:1-2
25-Apr-25	Judges 4:1 - 5:31	Luke 22:35 - 53	94:1-23	14:3-4
26-Apr-25	Judges 6:1 - 40	Luke 22:54-23:12	95:1-96:13	14:5-6
27-Apr-25	Judges 7:1 - 8:17	Luke 23:13 - 43	97:1-98.9	14:7-8
28-Apr-25	Judges 8:18-9:21	Luke 23:44 - 24:12	99:1-9	14:9-10
29-Apr-25	Judges 9:22 - 10:18	Luke 24:13 - 53	100:1-5	14:11 - 12
30-Apr-25	Judges 11:1 - 12:15	John 1:1-28	101:1-8	14:13-14
01-May-25	Judges 13:1 - 14:20	John 1:29-51	102:1-28	14:15-16
02-May-25	Judges 15:1 - 16:31	John 2: 1 - 25	103:1-22	14:17-19
03-May-25	Judges 17:1 - 18:31	John 3: 1 - 21	104:1-23	14:20-21
04-May-25	Judges 19:1-20:48	John 3:22 - 4;3	104:24-35	14:22-24
05-May-25	Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22	John 4:4-42	105:1-15	14:25
06-May-25	Ruth 2:1-4:22	John 4: 43 - 54	105:16-36	14:26-27
07-May-25	1 Samuel 1:1 - 2:21	John 5:1 - 23	105:37-45	14:28-29
08-May-25	1 Samuel 2:22-4:22	John 5:24-47	106:1-12	14:30-31
09-May-25	1 Samuel 5:1-7:17	John 6:1-21	106:13-31	14:32-33
10-May-25	1 Samuel 8:1 - 9:27	John 6:22-42	106:32-48	14:34-35
11-May-25	1 Samuel 10:1-11:15	John 6:43-71	107:1-43	15:1-3
12-May-25	1 Samuel 12:1-13:22	John 7:1-29	108:1-13	15:14
13-May-25	1 Samuel 13:23-14:52	John 7:30-53	109:1-31	15:5-7
14-May-25	1 Samuel 15:1-16:23	John 8:1-10	110:1-7	15:8-10
15-May-25	1 Samuel 17:1-18:4	John 8:21-30	111:1-10	15:11
16-May-25	1 Samuel 18:5-19:24	John 8:31-59	112:1-10	15:12-14
17-May-17	1 Samuel 20:1-21:15	John 9:1-41	113:1-114:8	15:15-17
18-May-25	1 Samuel 22:1-23:29	John 10:1-21	115:1-18	15:18-19
19-May-25	1 Samuel 24:1-2:44	John 10:22-42	116:1-19	15:20-21
20-May-25	1 Samuel 26:1 - 28:25	John 11:1-53	117:1-2	15:22-23
21-May-25	1 Samuel 29:1 -31:13	John 11:54-12:19	118:1-18	15:24-26

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- **Youth Corner**

20 April 2025

Easter

"Thank you, God, for the gift of Easter. Thank you for Jesus who was willing to die as he shows us how to live. Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Amen. "

"Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." An astounding discovery! The Easter news was spread to all who would listen. The disciples told people, who in turn, told people, and to this day, we hear the message — a message of weeping and then of joy that comes with the morning of a new day. "

Can you recognize people or animals from the sounds they make? You probably can for those people you know well, and the animals that you are familiar with. And the reason you were able to recognize the sounds of the animals is because you know a lot about these animals and their sounds. Another way to say it would be to say that you are familiar with some animals and that's why you can recognize the sounds that they make.

I mention this, because in today's scripture story, we hear about Mary's first meeting with Jesus after his resurrection. And one thing to know about the Resurrected Jesus is that he somehow looks different than he did before his resurrection. We know this because Mary doesn't recognize him right away.

What we hear in the story is that the Resurrected Jesus sounds the same. So, when Jesus says Mary's name, do you remember what happened? Mary recognized Resurrected Jesus by how he spoke to her, by how he said her name.

For the same reason that you are able to recognize certain animals without seeing them, Mary was able to recognize Jesus by the way he said her name - because she was familiar with Jesus and his voice.

What resurrection is, and what it means, is not easily or quickly understood. Mary, in today's story, helps us understand that the more familiar we are with Jesus, the easier it is to recognize the Resurrected Jesus. This is a good reminder, then, of one of the reasons why we choose to regularly read and talk about the Jesus stories – as a way for us to become more familiar with Jesus, his actions, and what he taught. And, the more familiar Jesus is to us, the better we will be at recognizing and understanding him – just like Mary was.

"Thank you, God, for the gift of Jesus to show us the way you want us to live. Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Amen. "

(Adapted from: rfour.org and Episcopal Church Lessons that Work)

- **What We Heard on Sunday**

Palm Sunday

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

Today we hear a story of a humble king. A king who emptied himself of glory and took upon himself the form of a servant and died in humiliation on the cross. He is a king that isn't treated like a king. And we are left trying to understand something of the paradox of this king who doesn't fit the mold of a king.

He is asked if he is the King of the Jews – and he gives no answer or merely an ambiguous one. The Sanhedrin want him to admit his guilt, Pilate wants him to explain so that Pilate can find a quick answer to this problem. But there is no easy answer, and Pilate finally gives in to the crowd and sends Jesus to be crucified.

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On the way to his crucifixion Jesus is mocked, betrayed and beaten.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me. It is a dark moment. Father, into my hands I commend my spirit. It is the darkest night of the soul.

His death feels like an end – but not quite yet. We are told the curtain of the temple was torn in two. This curtain separated all but the High Priest from the presence of God but now it is gone and the way to God is wide open for all.

What should our response to Jesus acts of sacrifice and love be? Gratitude of course and more. We are being called into a life in the form of the servant for others.

We are now entering Holy Week. We will walk with Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem, through triumph through humility, power through weakness, victory through suffering, greatness through service. These are the paradoxes set before us this week. These are the paradoxes that we are called to. Amen.

- **Upcoming at St Hilary's**



April 13th
Palm & Passion Sunday
8:30am Usual Service
10:30am Palm Service

April 17th
Maundy Thursday
7pm

April 18th
Stations of the Cross for Kids
10am until 12pm
Good Friday
12pm

April 19th
Holy Saturday
8pm

April 20th
Easter Sunday
8:30am
10:30am

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- **Reading The Bulletin on Your Smart Phone**

If you would like to read the bulletin on your Smart Phone, please follow these steps:

1. Go to sthilarys.com
2. Click on the menu icon
3. Click on Worship
4. Click on Worship Services
5. Scroll down to 'Download This Week's Bulletin'
6. Click on 'Click Here'
7. The bulletin will appear in PDF format for you to peruse

OR

Open Weekly Email and then click on the bulletin attachment.

Viewing on your phone is beneficial as you can zoom in on text to make it larger and easier to read and it saves paper!

- **YouTube Link**

Please [click here](#) to view the livestreaming of this Sunday's 10.30am service.

- **Memorial Flowers & Aumbry Candle**

There are several open spots for the remainder of 2025 for Memorial Flowers and the Aumbry Candle.

Should you wish to kindly donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Molly on 416 253 6443 or mollymangalathu@gmail.com. Please include who the memorial is for, who the memorial is from, the short message that you would like to have in the bulletin and the date you would like it to appear in the bulletin. An example of a bulletin message is: 'To the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Jane Doe, Grandmother of Anne Doe, and Great-Grandmother of Mary Doe, from her family.' Please note there is a \$40 fee for this request.

To light the Aumbry Candle in memory of a loved one, please contact sthilarycooksville@toronto.anglican.ca or 905 279 2304. A \$5 donation fee is requested.

- **Giving to St Hilary's**

If you would like to donate you can do so by:

- Sending an e-transfer to sthilarycooksville@toronto.anglican.ca (please email us the password)
- Signing up to PAR (Pre-authorized Remittance). PAR is automatically withdrawn on a monthly basis and will go toward the area of your choosing.

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We thank you for any contribution you are able to make.

For more information on giving, please call the church office at 905-279-2304.

- **Good News from Around the World**

Please [click here](#) to enjoy good news stories from around the world.

- **The Anglican News**

[Click here](#) to read the latest issue of the Anglican.

COME FIND SOME AMAZING HIDDEN GEMS

St. John's
UNITED CHURCH

RUMMAGE SALE

**FRIDAY
MAY 16
1PM - 5PM**

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MAY 17
9AM - 1PM**

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Thank you for reading and have a great day!

