

## Announcements for Sunday, September 29

### Readings for Next Week

Joel 2:21-27

Psalms 126

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Matthew 6:25-33

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 32    10:00 52    Wednesday: 21

Livestream: 50        = 155

### Givings

On the plate: \$ 2255

Auto Debit: \$2536

### Sunday Smile

Even the smallest star shines in the darkness.

### Facebook Page

Did you know we have a parish Facebook page? Check us out for up-to-date information, activities and spiritual messages.

Mary Ann Millar

Communications Committee

### Deanery Refugee Committee Update

Our deanery committee met on Sept. 17, for the first time in roughly 3 months.

We have some good news. Since June, dad Binyam has picked up some part-time work – at a Chartwell seniors' residence, and at Renison College. At the moment, this employment is not firmly in place, but it is a start. Mom Alganesh is heading back to school to continue to improve her English. The two kids – Yoursalem and Yonatan – both took swimming lessons during the summer and successfully completed Level 1 for their respective age levels.

On the financial side, we have not yet been able to help the family erase the cost of their initial air flight to Canada. For previous families, we have been able to do this. The outstanding amount is roughly \$5,500. They are currently paying it off at \$76 a month, interest free . . . for seven years!

We would love it if our supporting parishes could continue to contribute to our committee so we can offer to address the remaining airfare cost in the upcoming months.

Lastly, the rules for sponsoring families have changed. The government now requires that sponsoring groups have the full amount on hand for their first year of sponsorship, prior to choosing a family. This amount will be what the government calculates, not necessarily the full actual cost. This change means our own deanery committee will not be able to sponsor an eighth family for a considerable number of months into 2025. We are planning to hold a meeting in November (date to be confirmed) to have a full discussion of where we, as a deanery committee, would like to head in the next 12 to 18 months.

If you have any questions, give me a shout!

John Ryrie

### Deanery Evening Prayer Service

May I take this opportunity to invite you to a Deanery Evening Prayer for All Saints' Saturday November 2nd at 4 pm. This event will be hosted by the Church of St. Columba, Waterloo.

### ST. ANDREW'S CUPBOARD

Our sincere thank-you for all your wonderful donations to St. Andrew's Cupboard.

Our two Churches are helping so many in the community! If anyone is interested in seeing how the Cupboard is organized and the food is distributed, please let me know and I will contact Deacon Kay to setup an appointment.

This week they are suggesting canned vegetables and meat. For example: flakes of turkey or chicken or ham; corned beef or spam. For some clients, this is the only meat available to them. They are always in need for cleaning products and shampoo. ANYTHING you are able to donate is ALWAYS greatly appreciated! THANK-YOU ❤️

Heather Murphy

On behalf of the Outreach Committee

**Ladies' Potluck Lunch**

All ladies of the parish are invited to Lunch with the Archdeacon on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Topic for discussion - "Surprising stories about women in Scripture - and how they might inspire us" Signup sheet is posted in the Narthex.  
Hosted by the Social Committee

**2025 Church Calendars**

Church Calendars for 2025 are available in the office for purchase. They are \$5 each and there is an envelope for your payment.

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

We will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving on October 6 at 10am with a family service. Please bring food donations that Sunday that the children will carry to the altar during the service.