

## Announcements for Sunday, November 17

### Readings for Next Week

2 Samuel 23:1-7	Psalm 132:1-13
Revelation 1:4-8	John 18:33-37

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 40    10:00 72    Wednesday 10  
Livestream 106       = 238

### Givings

On the plate: \$ 2720                      Auto Debit: \$2536



### Bible Study

Bible studies are Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome. Wednesday bible studies have been cancelled.

### Big Box Fundraiser

You can purchase a box of beautiful 35 cards for \$35 dollars. Choose from an All Occasion Box, the Birthday Box or the Holiday box. You can view our sample boxes in the narthex after service and place an order with cash, cheque or e-transfer to St. George's. If sending an e-transfer, please indicate it is for the Big Box Fundraiser in the message area.

### Tick tock, it's chocolate-o'clock!

This is your chance to submit your orders for Purdy's Christmas treats for St. George's Christmas fundraiser. If you haven't already, click the link below and you can order all the extra-special treats you want and help us raise money for our building accessibility project. So please support us if you can or share it with anyone you know who would be interested.  

The deadline to order is November 27th

Campaign number: 67800

Campaign link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1744623-118736>

Thank you!

### The Social Committee

Is anyone interested in forming a "Travellers Club"?

- Looking for travel tips?
- Willing to share your knowledge and experiences
- Local trips, across Canada and around the world
- Big cruise ships and river cruises
- Local Bus trips or across Canada
- Variety of travel companies

Our world hosts so many possibilities: From our Great Lakes, Stonehenge, Egyptian Pyramids, The Great Wall of China to the Mayan Ruins. Travel to quiet, small towns, the Prairies, the solitude of the north or flying long distance to Australia.

If you are interested, please email Mary Ann at [maryannmillar@hotmail.com](mailto:maryannmillar@hotmail.com). We will gather together in the new year to share our ideas.

### Ladies Lunch.

In response to popular request we will enjoy lunch together at The Harvest Moon in St Jacobs. We will meet on Friday 29 November at 12.30. The later time was appreciated by many of our group recently and it means other friends are able to join us.

Please contact Sue if you able to come : [suzie del-simpson@outlook.com](mailto:suzie_del-simpson@outlook.com)

It will be great to catch up with everyone and share news about our travels and trips!!

### Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree will be put up on Friday morning the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. Nelson Cuthbert will be supervising this and if you are able to help please let him know.

We will be decorating the tree in the afternoon of the same day starting at 1.30. If you would like to take part in this festive occasion, please let Lilian Cressman know. Thank you.

## **Christmas Market**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Market a success. Many people contributed in so many ways and none of it could have happened without such support. Thank you so much, St. George's!

## **HOLIDAY REFLECTIONS CONCERT**

The Addison Women's Choir directed by Dr. Laura Curtis and the Cambridge Male Chorus directed by Brenda Uchimarū are presenting their annual Christmas Concerts featuring both massed and individual choirs!

*Sat. Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm*

*Avenue Road Baptist Church, 465 Avenue Rd., Cambridge AND*

*Sun. Dec. 8 at 3:00 pm*

*St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church, Kitchener*

Advance Tickets: \$15/adult; children under 12 are free.

Tickets at the Door: \$20/adult; children under 12 are free.

For information or tickets, please contact:

Nelson Cuthbert at 519-578-8671 or [cuthben@golden.net](mailto:cuthben@golden.net)

Hope to see you there!

## **A further refugee update**

Roughly 50 years ago, while an undergrad at U of W, I was introduced to the Buddhist concept of 'renouncing the fruits of your action.' It means that whenever we act charitably in good faith, promote equality and justice, write a letter to the editor, or speak up at a conference/city council meeting, we can hope for a desired result but we should not chain our expectations to this hope. Another way of saying this is that we should exercise detachment from our strongest heart-felt intentions to stay spiritually healthy (on an even keel) and in recognition that we cannot predict or manufacture the future.

As most of you know, on an on-going basis I have routinely asked our parish to contribute to our deanery's refugee committee as a way of supporting the families that have come to

our region since 2016. I have done so recognizing that our outreach for the deanery's initiative is just one of St. George's charitable contributions to K-W, and the region. Our parish is very generous, but there is only so much money that can come forward to support all of our initiatives, or any one of them in particular. Given the understandable financial constraints imposed by COVID retrenchment, inflation, and a somewhat smaller and older congregation, I have pretty much 'renounced the fruits of my labour' by hoping for modest support without locking my hope to a particular outcome.

Just before Hallowe'en, I asked Valerie in our church office to give me an update on monies that had trickled into our refugee account over the last 10 months or so. I guessed there might be \$300-\$500. I was astonished to be told that more than \$3,800 had come forward! It is hard to express how grateful I am to each and every person who has made a contribution, not just because these monies will help our deanery's churches and the committee gain traction as we consider sponsoring a new refugee family in 2025, but because this sizable contribution will by itself be an inspiration to the other parishes when I report it at our next meeting early in December.

I cannot help but feeling that a degree of grace has been quietly percolating for weeks and months as our parish has responded to my occasional call-outs for support for our refugee families. Deeply appreciated.

John Ryrie