

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

News and Inspiration from St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown, ON

Thursday March 28, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

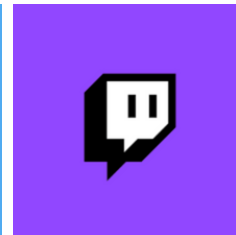


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Holy Week

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

Holy Week Services



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28th at 7:30 pm

Good Friday

Friday, March 29th at 10:00 am

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31st at 10:00 am

We hope you can join us for our Holy Week Services! There will be special Easter offering envelopes on the welcome table. Thank you for your continued support!

Thursday, March 28th - Maundy Thursday Service

Theme: The Last Gift

Scripture Reading: Excerpts from Exodus 12 and John 13 and 14

Thank you to Rev. Kate Young and Pastor Sue Cowan for leading us in worship on Maundy Thursday! We look forward to welcoming St. John's United Church as we worship as one and share in an informal communion!

Friday, March 29th - Good Friday Service

Theme: Good Friday

Sermon: Claudia's Journal

The Gospel Reading: Matthew's Gospel

Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday

Theme: Easter Sunday and Communion

The Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-18

The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11



Scripture Summary

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Humour Corner

A Sunday School teacher was attempting to teach her young students the true meaning of Easter. "Why do we celebrate Easter?" she asked. When the children replied 'because of the Easter bunny,' Easter eggs, candy, spring, etc., she said, "No, those are Easter traditions and symbols, but what is the REASON why we celebrate Easter? What happened at the very first Easter?" A little girl raised her hand and said, "Easter celebrates Jesus coming out of the tomb." "Yes!" said the teacher, excited and relieved that finally the correct answer had surfaced. Encouraged, she prompted, "Jesus arose from the tomb, and what does He do for us?" The youngster replied, "He looks to see if he can see his shadow, and if He can, he goes back in for another six weeks."

A Lenten Song

An Easter poem written
by Greg Howard



Will you sing with me friend, come and join in the song,
We will all sing along for a while.
Sing praises to God who has given us life
And beckons to us with a smile

Break bread with your friends, share your life with the ones,
Who cry out for help every day.
Have your eyes tuned to see, where there's hurting and pain
Help the ones that you meet on the way.

For they are the ones where the Christ can be found,
Life's asking assistance of thee.
Can you help in this way, on this day, in this time,
It's my hands that I ask you to be.

Without you my child my hands are quite tied,

For it's you who can do my will now,
I've given you life and the freedom to choose,
Will you come to me humbly and bow.

I need your help child in a world full of pain,
I need you to carry a light.
I need your deep care, your compassion, your mind,
Your sense of what's wrong and what's right.

Will you give me a hand to bring peace on this earth,
Will you let me give strength to you son,
Will you bind up the wounds in the ones that you meet,
Will you be my cherished, my one?

At this time of the year, as the cross looms ahead,
Winter dragging its heels and us down.
There's prospects of Spring and new life, so rejoice,
Our Christ won't be kept in the ground.

He's living I say, He's alive every day,
He is active in you and in I.
In the words that He spoke to the crowd from a hill,
"In these whom you help there am I"

We thank you our Christ, that you give us a chance,
To share the good news of your life.
It's how we accept the hand we've been dealt
You've not said that there'd be no strife.

Give us strength for the task, give us food every day,
Guide our feet when it's dark in the night,
Give us wisdom to know and the courage to do,

The thing at this time that is right.

Let us all sing again of our wonderful God,

Who has given us life and we're free.

Rejoice that the One who has given us life,

Will sustain, keep and love even me.

Membership Announcements

In Memoriam - Barbara Munro

Barb passed peacefully at home on March 26, 2024. Barb was a long time member of St. Andrew's and she will be deeply missed by our church family. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bruce and her friends and family. Funeral details will be emailed when confirmed.



BROADVIEW MAGAZINE RENEWALS:

Broadview magazine renewals are now due with deadline of April 30th. For the first time in 7 years Broadview is increasing its subscription rate. As a group we have paid a \$25.00 flat rate for the year including tax. This year the flat rate will be \$30.00 for the year. This is still a savings of up to 28% off the regular price. This is a very informative magazine covering a broad range of topics for example: **Choir Power: How singing is a force for social change; Ending Child Poverty - Canada has the solutions does it have the will? Embracing Resurrection in Everyday Life**

Ginny Morecroft and Colleen Armstrong will be taking new subscriptions and renewal orders.

Methods of Payment: cash, cheque made out to St. Andrew's UC or by Etransfer to: standrewsgeorgetown89@gmail.com

REMINDER:

The Pastoral Care team

meets regularly and follows shut-ins, those experiencing health issues and losses.

Please make the office or a member of the team aware if you know of someone who requires a pastoral care visit.

Team members:

Colleen Armstrong, Marlene Beitz, Leslie Moore, Greg Howard, Margo Baird, Joan Lovegrove, Gail Bancroft, Joanne Wardle, Ross Leckie, Rev. Kate Young

Scripture Readers and Coffee Time Volunteers! We are looking for a Scripture Reader for next Sunday, April 7th and Coffee Time Volunteers for the month of April. Please consider signing up on the sheets outside of the sanctuary or contact the office. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

HAPPY DIGITAL ANNIVERSARY!

March 29, 2020 marks our first live streamed service.
Celebrating 4 Years of Service Streaming at St. Andrew's!



A special thank you to Mark
Wyatt and all of our
hardworking tech volunteers
who continue to make our
church service accessible!

St. Andrew's Announcements



Our Daily Bread Booklets

The April/May/June issue
is now available!

Please find them on the table across from the office.
A donation of \$1 would be greatly appreciated.



Weekly Bible Study

10am every Thursday
Book of Matthew. Invite your friends.
Add to your spiritual journey.



The graphic features a circular inset on the left showing a group of people at an outdoor event. Text overlays include 'Registration is \$25' and 'Join us!'. The main title is 'HIKE FOR HOSPICE 2024'. Below it, it says 'presented by: canada life' with the 'life' logo. The date and time are 'Saturday, May 4th 10am-2pm' and the activity is 'Walk, Run, Bike!'. Logos for 'TOWNSEND SMITH FOUNDATION' and 'Hike for Hospice' are on the right.

There is a team site for walkers from our four churches called UNITED4HOSPICE (U4H). Please Join us as a Walker or Sponsor by registering at the following link or by sponsoring one of our team members.

U4H hopes all four congregations will respond generously with their time and talents to assist with running the Georgetown hike. On May 4, we will need a cadre of 25 volunteers at our Norval United hike location. Please Join us as a Volunteer in one of the following roles:

- The Hike Route - serving as guide along our Georgetown South route to provide safety and encouragement to walkers
- Inside - checking-in and welcoming pre-registered walkers inside in the church Gathering Area
- Outside - supervising and welcoming walkers as they enjoy the church front parking lot display of special cars, fire engine and food event truck

Please contact Jean Leckie if you can help us.

[Please click here to register and join our team or to sponsor one of our team members](#)

Furniture Available!

We have some furniture that people may be interested in. Either to be donated or to sell for a small fee. We have one three seater couch, two two seater couches, four end tables, one dining room table c/w six chairs, one upholstered chair, one ottoman, one recliner, some bookcases, etc. Please contact Phil and Judy McClure @ 289-981-9098 or crazeefil1955@hotmail.com.

Community Announcements

Trunk & Bake Sale

May 25, 2024 from 8:00 – 12:00
Norval United Church
14015 Danby Road, Georgetown



Do you have items you want to sell? Norval United Church is hosting a trunk sale on May 25, 2024. This is great opportunity to declutter your home and make some extra cash!

If you are interested in participating, the cost is \$20.00. To reserve your spot please contact hmcginn@rogers.com, brucecunnington@live.ca or phil.lynb@gmail.com.

Don't miss out on this chance to have a fun and profitable day at Norval United Church!

The Georgetown Bach Chorale Presents:

VOCAL VIRTUOSITY

Handel's Dixit Dominus and double choruses by Vivaldi with soloists and baroque orchestra all under the direction of Ron Greidanus. Featuring guitarist Patric Anderson playing Vivaldi's Concerto in D Major for guitar and string orchestra.

Saturday, April 6th, 2024, 8 p.m.

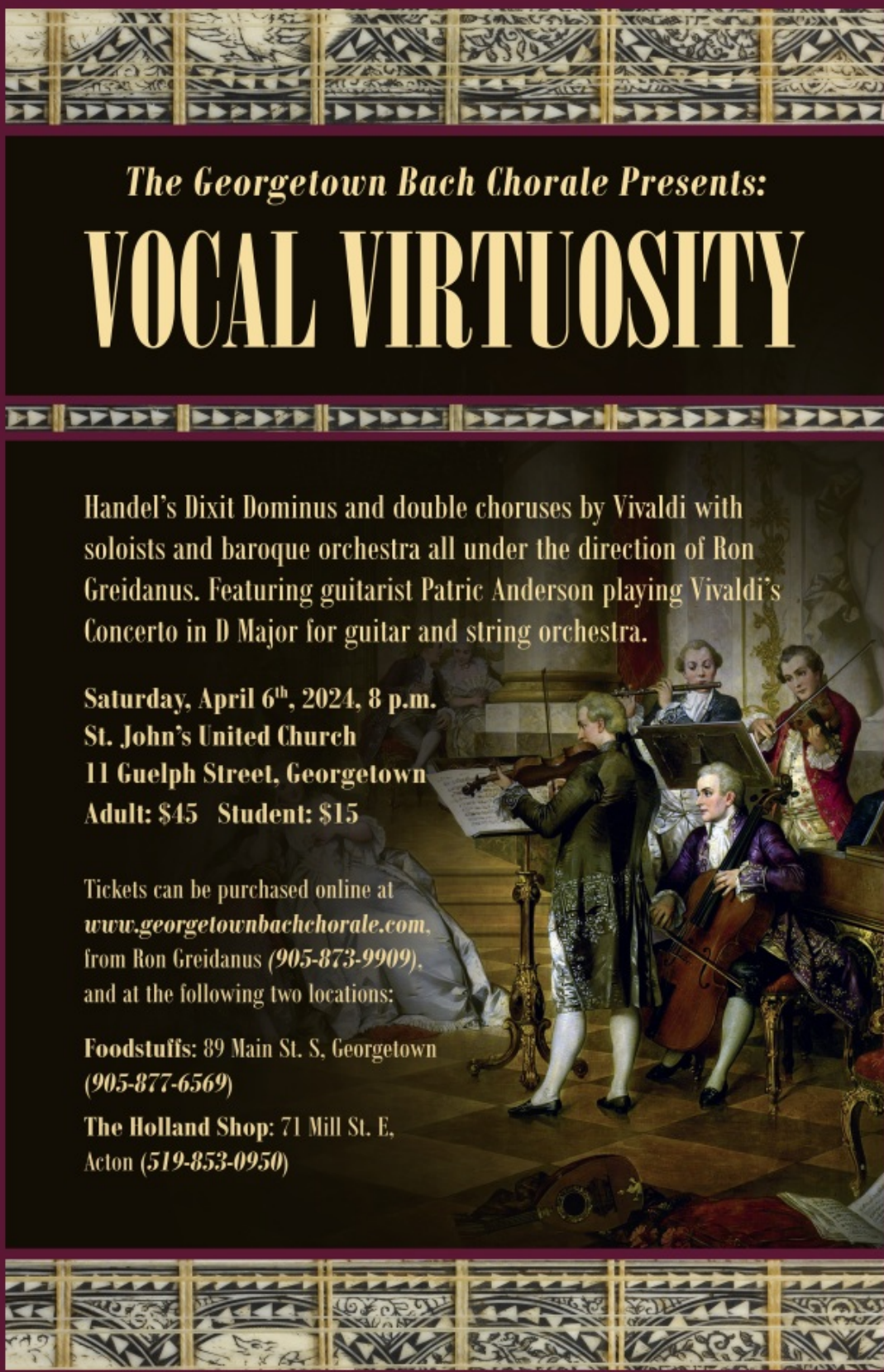
**St. John's United Church
11 Guelph Street, Georgetown**

Adult: \$45 Student: \$15

Tickets can be purchased online at
www.georgetownbachchorale.com,
from Ron Greidanus (905-873-9909),
and at the following two locations:

Foodstuffs: 89 Main St. S, Georgetown
(905-877-6569)

The Holland Shop: 71 Mill St. E,
Acton (519-853-0950)





NORVAL UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS



An Italian Dinner

Saturday, April 6th, 2024 at 6:00pm
14015 Danby Rd. Georgetown



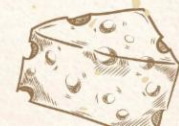
Adults: \$15.00

Children (Age 6-12): \$5.00

5 & under: Free



For tickets or more details, please
contact Bruce at 905-873-0729



Please click here to view March's meal calendar, as well as more details about local food resources.



An Easter Message on Education

Thank you for empowering Mission and Service partners in all forms of education.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Over the past few months, we have shared stories centred on traditional and non-traditional education. Mission and Service recognizes the profound connection between the Resurrection story and the transformative potential of education.

This Easter, we pause to think of great sacrifices and miracles. Just as Jesus emerged from the tomb, defeating death and showing us that we can be raised to new life, education opens the mind, dispels ignorance, and fosters a deeper understanding of Christ's teachings and compassion.

Mission and Service, in its commitment to education, seeks to empower each partner to be a beacon of knowledge and compassion in the world. With your support, we engage in mutual learning, seeking opportunities to grow our understanding of the world through the eyes of our partners.

Thank you for empowering Mission and Service partners in all forms of education.

Blessings for Easter.

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If you have announcements to share or milestones to celebrate in next week's News from the Pews, please send them to the office by Wednesday.

Our Charitable Registration Number is: 892633462RR0001

Sent with love 

Halton as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis - these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history. We acknowledge and thank the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation for sharing their traditional territory with us.



We would love to share our News from the Pews! Please feel free to share with a friend...



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