

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, April 17, 2025

## St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

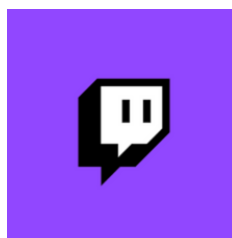


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## St. Andrew's United Church

### Worship this Week

Wishing you a joyful and blessed Easter!  
May the hope and promise of the  
Resurrection fill your heart with peace,  
love, and renewed faith.



**Maundy Thursday - April 17th at 7:00 PM (in-person only)**

A reflective service of readings and communion with Norval, Hillcrest, St. John's and St. Andrew's.

## Thank you to everyone participating in tonight's service!

Rev. Ken MacDonald - Hillcrest United Church  
Rev. Sue Cowan - St. John's United Church  
Rev. Jen Auger - Norval United Church  
Rev. Heather Power - Norval United Church  
Rev. Kate Young - St. Andrews United Church  
Rev. Jean Leckie - St. Andrews United Church  
Rev. Ross Leckie - St. Andrews United Church

### The Maundy Thursday Order of Service

## Good Friday - April 18th at 10:00 AM (in-person and online)

**The Gospel:** Luke 22:1-15; Matthew 27:1-10

**Sermon:** 'The Knife'

*We leave the sanctuary in silence.*

## Thank you to our volunteers this Friday!

Scripture Reader: Graeme Thompson

### The Good Friday Order of Service

## Easter Sunday - April 20th at 10:00 AM (in-person and online)

**The New Testament Reading:** Acts 10:34-53

**The Gospel:** John 20:1-18

**The Sermon:** 'Who are You Looking For?'

## Thank you to our volunteers this Sunday!

Greeter: Jeannie Yach

Scripture Reader: June Longstreet

Communion Servers: The Sprague Family

Coffee Time Volunteers: The Bible Study Group

### The Easter Sunday Order of Service



## Scripture Summary

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

## Humour Corner

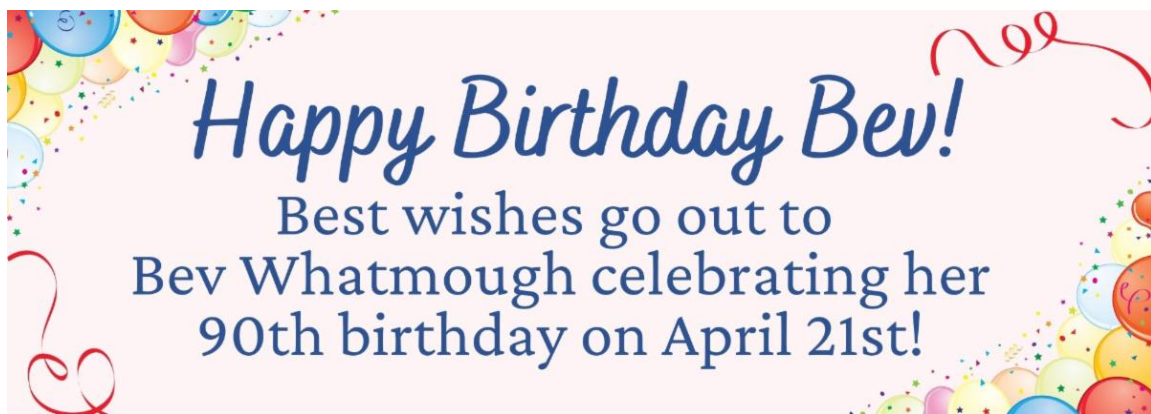
What is Easter?

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."

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## Membership Announcements

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### **Sunday May 4th at Hillcrest**

Joint Service with the United Churches of Georgetown. The service is at Hillcrest United on Trafalgar Road at 8958 Trafalgar Rd, Georgetown. There will be no service at St. Andrew's on this day.

### **Coffee Time**

Thank you to the Bible Study group who volunteered to do coffee time for April 13th and to all those who showed up to assist after my message last week that no one had signed up. A huge thank you once again to the Bible Study group for volunteering to do coffee again this Sunday! We still need volunteers for the rest of the month, please consider signing up!

**Good Friday** - we leave the sanctuary in silence - there will be no coffee time. However the community dinner will be held as it is the 3rd Friday of the month. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Any volunteers who can not usually participate due to work schedules are welcome to help out.

### **A Lenten Study**

Several of us recently participated in Kate's Lenten study *Something Sacred: Reflections on music and faith*.

The choir has noticed that sometimes we do not see the congregation singing out lustily or with joy when the occasion calls for it.

In the study we were given John Wesley's rules for singing: To paraphrase:

- Learn as many tunes as we can as we know the standard ones

- Sing them as they are written without altering them.
- Sing all - see that you join the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not weakness or weariness hinder you.
- Sing lustily - lift your voice with strength. Be not ashamed of your voice or its being heard. (There is safety in numbers)
- Sing modestly - do not bawl as to be above the congregation but strive to unite in harmony to make a melodious sound.
- Sing in time- whatever time is sung - be sure to stay with it and stay with leading voices. Do not sing too slow
- Sing spiritually - have an eye to God in every word you sing and attend to the sense of what you sing ( sing with joy)

I thought this was interesting and still holds true today. Thank you to Kate for running this study and to all those who participated!

Colleen

### **Community Unity**

Community Unity does outreach efforts on behalf of a number of our Christian churches in Georgetown. Thank you to those of St. Andrew's United Church who contributed monies or gift cards for the recent Easter Basket Brigade effort. About 120 people from various churches gathered for a time of devotion on Saturday, April 5 at the Christian Reformed Church before going out to bring Easter greetings to about 195 households. There was approximately \$27,000 in gift cards distributed.

### **Palm Sunday Food Drive**

Thank you for your generous food bank donations during our Palm Sunday Food Drive in support of the Georgetown Bread Basket! Your contributions help make a meaningful impact in our community this Easter season.

### **Booking Meeting Space**

If you are planning a meeting at the church, please remember to email or call the office to reserve your space!

**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.**

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## **St. Andrew's Announcements**

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# Easter Services



**Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 13th at 10:00 am**

**Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm**

*We will be welcoming all of the United Churches in  
Georgetown and share in communion.*

*In-person at St. Andrew's.*

**Good Friday - Friday, April 18th at 10:00 am**

*Open sanctuary from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. At 7:00 pm  
there will be a 10 minute service of prayers.*

**Easter Sunrise - Sunday, April 20th at 8:00 am**

*Wheelbarrow Orchards (8277 10 Side Rd, Milton)  
with the United Churches of Georgetown. In-person.*

**Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 20th at 10:00 am**

*Communion will be served by intinction.*



ST. ANDREW'S  
**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**

Friday, April 18th  
Doors Open at 5:30 PM

**89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown**  
**If you would like takeout,**  
**please contact the office by Thursday.**

The sanctuary will be open from 6:30 to 7:30 pm for anyone who would like to have a quiet time of contemplation, or light a candle, or extinguish a candle. At 7:00 pm there will be a 10 minute service of prayers.





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## St. Andrew's Bible Study Presents: **An Easter Challenge**

### **This Sunday!**

It's time to cast your guesstimates for the amount raised in the Spirit of St. Andrew's!  
Visit the Bible Study group during coffee time to submit your estimate — the closest guess to the final total wins!

### **Potluck Luncheon - Sunday, April 27th**

We invite you to join us for a Potluck Luncheon following the service where we will announce the winner and chosen charity. Please see the sign up sheet or speak with Colleen or Marie with any questions.

The bible study group will present a cheque to the named charity on behalf of St. Andrew's.



#### **Local Charities:**

- Georgetown Hospital Foundation
- Cancer Assistance Halton Hills
- Links2Care
- Georgetown Bread Basket
- GFORCe3
- Townsend Smith Foundation
- Food4Kids Halton
- Upper Credit Humane Society
- Local families

*\*winner does not receive any money, all proceeds collected will be donated to a local charity*

# Weekly Bible Study

**Every Thursday at 10:00am in the Fellowship room**

The Letter of Paul to the Romans  
Lesson Thirteen, Romans 9:30-10:21

Misguided Zeal

To consider Israeli's unbelief from the  
standpoint of human responsibility.



**MAY 3, 2025 | 10:00AM**

PRESENTED BY:



Walking to raise funds to build a  
hospice in North Halton.

Choice of 3 routes in either: Acton,  
Georgetown or Milton!

Participate solo or with a team. Everyone is welcome!

[WWW.TOWNSEND-SMITH.CA](http://WWW.TOWNSEND-SMITH.CA)

**JOIN  
US!**

**\$25 Registration Fee**



**HIKE FOR HOSPICE - We are walking to raise funds to build a hospice!** Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's United Churches along with other community reps will be walking as one team **UNITED4HOSPICE**, for a second year in a row to raise funds to build a hospice. The annual **Hike for Hospice is set for Sat. May 3, 2025 at 10:00AM**. There will be accessible and visible 5km and 2.5km routes running through Georgetown South, with Norval United Church serving as our start/finish location. Your support as a walker, sponsor or volunteer will help the **Townsend Smith Foundation (TSF)** build a hospice for North Halton. <https://townsend-smith.ca/hike4hospice/>

## Join as a Volunteer

We need a cadre of 45 volunteers from the 4 congregations to run the event on May 3rd at Norval UC. We could use your help with the Hike Route (serving as guides along the street route to provide safety and encouragement to walkers), Inside (checking-in and welcoming walkers), Outside (welcoming walkers, directing parking and assisting with outside activities).



Please contact Jean Leckie ([j.leckie1@sympatico.ca](mailto:j.leckie1@sympatico.ca)) before April 22, 2025 to let her know how you would like to volunteer on hike day.

### Join as a Walker or Sponsor someone else

It is time to build our team! We are inviting you to join the **UNITED4HOSPICE** team by signing-up as a walker or by sponsoring a familiar name from St. Andrew's. Please encourage your friends, neighbours, relatives and co-workers to sign up and join us on hike day.

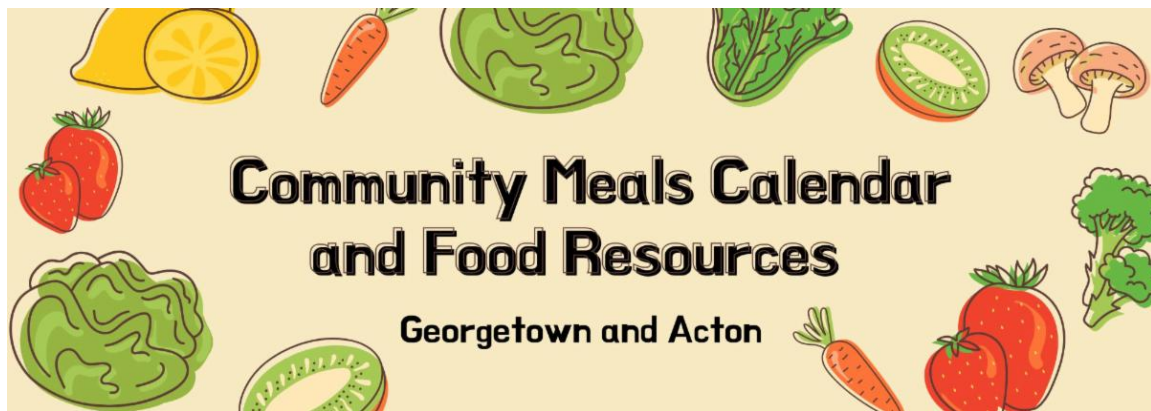
You can register to be a walker, sponsor someone else, or donate to our team in general by using the **U4H** team's direct link <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/6WqJK3>

[Please click here to join our team or sponsor a walker](#)

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## Community Announcements

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[Please click here to view April's meal calendar, as well as more details about local food resources](#)

# Spring Flower Basket Fundraiser



It starts with Scouts.

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
4TH GEORGETOWN SCOUTING



## \$25

per basket

ORDERS DUE  
APRIL 28TH

PICK UP: MAY 24TH  
10 AM - 1 PM

POETS PATH, GEORGETOWN

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10" mixed hanging flower baskets  
Full to part sun  
Colours vary by basket  
Specific colour requests cannot be  
accommodated

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VISIT & PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY

<https://4th-georgetown-scouts.square.site/product/10-mixed-hanging-flower-basket/21>

YOU WILL RECEIVE EMAIL CONFIRMATION

Lochlan will be taking orders on Sunday of you can click [here](#) to place your order online

*"Words are hard to find that adequately describe the concert I experienced today by the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir. It lifted my spirits, brought me to tears, gave me goosebumps and cleared the heavy sadness I've been feeling lately from my heart and the confused fog from my mind."*

CONCERT ATTENDEE FROM EXETER ON, 2024

# Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir

- Saturday April 26
- Norval United Church



**Tickets \$50** Concert tickets are available in person at the Church or order by phone at 905 877 6122, or email [office@norvalunited.ca](mailto:office@norvalunited.ca).

**Light refreshments, beer and wine will be available for purchase during the intermission and after the concert.**



Saturday April 26, 2025, from 7 to 9 pm. | Doors open at 6:30  
Norval United Church, 14015 Danby Road, Georgetown.

For more information go to: <http://norvalunited.ca/news/>



# Tuesday, April 22

**John Elliott Theatre** - 9 Church St., Georgetown, ON

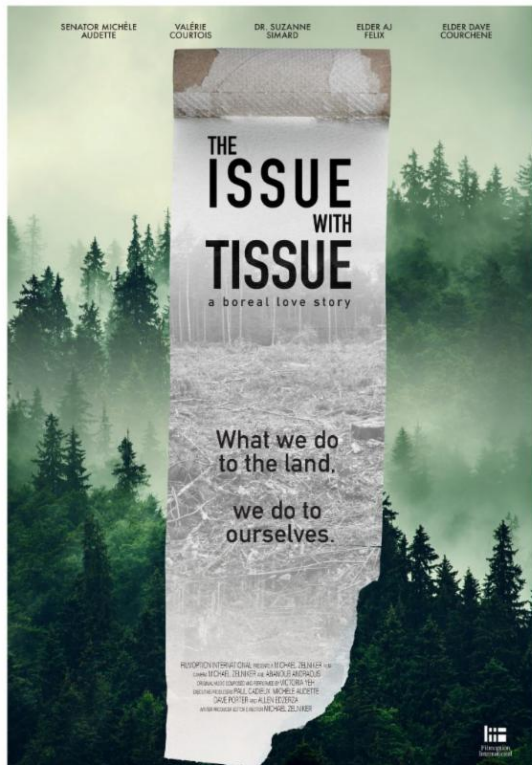
**Ticket pick up & table displays:** 6:30 p.m.

**PowerPoint Presentation & Film:** 7:00 p.m.

Tickets at the John Elliott Theatre Box Office  
or online at: [www.haltonhills.ca/theatre](http://www.haltonhills.ca/theatre)

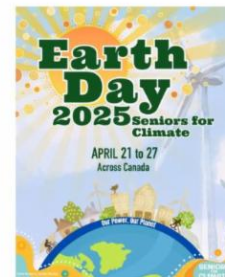
**Adults: \$10 | Students: \$5**

Celebrate Earth Day 2025 with a special screening:



## The Issue with Tissue

Told by First Nations Elders and Leaders of the boreal, leading scientists and activists, *The Issue with Tissue* creates a kind of talking circle, inspiring our storytellers to speak with candor and intimacy about the issues confronting them and that the way forward lies in elevating/supporting Indigenous knowledge and stewardship, in combination with the ages old wisdom that can be found in the life of these forests and trees."



**Our Power, Our Planet.**



Join us this season as **Halton Hills EcoFilm Fest** celebrates 10 years of inspiring action through films on climate change, nature, and sustainability. Visit: [www.haltonhillsnature.com/ecofilms](http://www.haltonhillsnature.com/ecofilms)

[Please click here for more details or to purchase tickets](#)



**SMALL  
BUSINESSES  
WELCOME!**

# **TRUNK & TABLE SALE**

**MAY 17, 2025  
9:00AM-3:00PM**

**PARKING LOT OF  
CARRUTHERS ROAD  
CO-OP**

**FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
TEXT: 647-785-2729  
EMAIL: CARRUTHERSCOOPCOMMITTEES@GMAIL.COM**

**NON-MEMBERS  
\$20/SPOT  
TABLES ADDITIONAL \$5  
OR BRING YOUR OWN.**

**RAINOUT BACKUP DATE: MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2025**



**United Church Mission & Service Fund**

## **Renewing Hope and Growing Love**

For 100 years, the faithful generosity of compassionate people like you has helped The United Church of Canada answer Jesus' call to love and serve.

*Credit: The United Church of Canada*



Easter is a time of renewal and reflection—a reminder of the boundless grace and love that flow through the world. It is also a time to celebrate the ways that you put love into action through Mission and Service.

For 100 years, the faithful generosity of compassionate people like you has helped The United Church of Canada answer Jesus' call to love and serve. Across Canada and around the world, this support has empowered, and continues to empower, life-changing work. In El Salvador, rural farmers are getting the resources to grow enough food for their families. In Zimbabwe, women are learning skills to build sustainable livelihoods. And these are just two of the countless stories of transformation made possible by Mission and Service partners.

As the church looks toward the next century, this legacy of compassion and justice continues. The impact of every gift, every prayer, and every act of service will echo far into the future, ensuring the church remains a source of love and hope for generations to come.

Thank you for the love you show through Mission and Service. With your help, we will move together with compassion into the next 100 years.

# WAYS TO GIVE

We thank all those that continue to support our Church with your giving!



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**CANADA HELPS**



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**ETRANSFERS TO  
standrewsgeorgetown89@gmail.com**



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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