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THE GRAPEVINE

Sunday, December 24/31 2017

Prayer Cycles

Please pray with us this morning and throughout this week for the following:

Anglican: Diocese of Yola - Jos, Nigeria, The Rt Rev Markus Ibrahim and the Diocese of Zululand - SA, The Rt Rev Monument Makhanya
Diocesan: Mississauga Deanery and The Members of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto

Social Justice and Advocacy: All Saints, Whitby, the Deacon's Cupboard; Anglican-United Refugee Alliance,; Church of the Ascension, Don Mills and the Care 65; Church of the Ascension, Port Perry and "Soup's On Us"; the Parish of Belmont ; Parish of Bobcaygeon and Sleeping Children Around the World.

Deanery: Retired Clergy the Rev. Mike Schroeder, the Rev. Steve Smith, the Rev. David Wainwright, the Rev. Douglas Woods and the Rev. Canon Byron Yates

Parish Groups: St. Michael's Guild and Stewardship Committee

Parish Family: Matthew Swift; Connie Swinton; Morgan and Illi-Maria Tamplin (25); Stewart and Lillian Taylor, Ted and Eleanor Thorndyke (26); Ralph and Marg Tippet; Anna Jean Trossman; Margaret and Art Turner (27); Hanne Unger; Donna Urquhart; Clayton and Linda Vardy (28); Madeline Vosburgh, Andrew, Karen, Eric and Beth Vreugdenhil (29); Elizabeth Wallace; Wendy, Ken and Rylan Craig (1); Eric and Ruth Warburton; Sarah Warburton; Pat Ward (2); Stan and Jean Warmington; Don and Sharon Watkins (3);

Casey and Debra Watson; Maisie Watson, Eva Webster (4); Tom and Iris Webster; Kathy Werling, Marylyn White; Bob and Margaret White (5)

Readings for Sunday, Dec 24th

10:00 am: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
4 and 10 pm: Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-10

Readings for Monday, Dec 25th

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14

Readings for Sunday, Dec 31st

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-13; Matthew 2:1-12

THIS WEEK

Today

- 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Celebration of the Birth of Jesus
- 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Celebration of the Birth of Jesus

Monday Dec 25

- 10:00 am Christmas Day Traditional Celebration of the Birth of Jesus
- 7:15 pm—Al-Anon

Wednesday Dec 27

- No mid week service

Sunday Dec 31

- Services of worship at 8:15 a.m., and 10:00 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

St Barnabas' Arrival: On Sunday, January 7, the people of St Barnabas' will begin to worship here. St John's parishioners will gather in the Nave for the 10:00 celebration and St Barnabas' parishioners will gather in the Guild Hall before processing into the Nave to join St John's people. After the opening of the liturgy, the Open Circle congregation will depart for the Guild Hall. Both congregations will gather together again after worship for a congregational luncheon provided by the Hospitality Committee.

January grocery cards will be distributed Sunday January 7th.

Annual Vestry of St. John's is scheduled for Sunday January 28th. Reports will be due into the office mid January. Exact details will be published in the week of January 7th Grapevine.

FOR YOUR INTEREST

Library: Even though it is still Advent, we have added some books in the Library to get you started on your Christmas reading. *My Christmas Star: a Hide-and-Seek Story, The Donkey's Dream, Dickens' Christmas Carol and The Messiah* to name a few.

Grapevine: If you wish to receive the weekly "Online Grapevine", please email Carolyn office@stjohnspeterborough.ca to get on the list. It's sent out every Friday morning with info from the print version as well as ministry rosters and other information of interest.

Ministry Opportunities: Specially marked envelopes for the Warming Room shelter and One Roof Community Centre (both ministries of St John's) can be found on the welcome table. Both programs rely on donations in addition to grants and city funds.

Needs: One Roof Community Centre (705-874-1812) invites our support by the donation of goods and supplies in addition to financial donations. The list of typical needs is on the bulletin board next to the washrooms.

Donations for 2017 must be into the church by December 30th. The church and office are closed December 25th to January 1st. If you require emergency pastoral care during this time please call the church and follow the voicemail instructions to reach Brad.

2018 Offering Envelopes have been ordered but have not arrived yet. As soon as they do they will be in the foyer for pickup. In the interim there are blue undated envelopes on the welcome table that can be used. There is still time to sign up for the monthly preauthorized giving program. Call Carolyn for details.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

December/January Birthdays: Tom Robinson (24), Rob Carter, Terry Noble (30), Miles Lathangue (31), Charmaine Magumbe, Ted

Thorndyke (2), Eric Griswold (3), Christopher McDonald, Eleanor Thorndyke (5), Ken Craig (6), Phyllis Scott (7), June Miller (8), Jean Warmington (9), Perry Smith (12), Noreen Raycroft (13), MacDonald Worrell, Perce Powles (16), Andria Brusey (17), Sue Lumley (18), Isaac Harvey, Mary Rorke (19), Mike Bishop (20), Stuart Hubble, Ellen Robinson (21), Kathy Werling (24), Joanne Findon, Marylyn White (28), Eric Warburton (29), Annie Levasseur (30), Walter Howell, Paul Kyselka (31)

December/January Anniversaries: Arlene and Jim Hill (24), Bob and Joanne MacKirdy (19)

If your birthdate or anniversary is not listed and you would like it to be please contact Carolyn in the office with the details.

Nursery: Please note that the nursery will be open for families to use but Cherry will be away December 24th and 31st.

Christmas at St John's: The schedule for Christmas is printed on the posters around the narthex and available in the weekly email.