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Open your
eyes and look
at the fields!
They are ripe
for harvest.

John 4:35b



heart melody



Dear St.
George's,

What is the
melody of
your life?
C o n s i d e r

Psalm 147,

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. *Psalm 147:7-11*

Not many own a lyre, much less know how to play one.

But, in the absence of a lyre, you can still make melody to God with your heart. Everyone has a heart. If your heart had speakers what would the song sound like? Well, surely some days the tune would be joyful, while some days it may be sad. Psalm 147 does not require your song to be always joyful, but rather always thankful.

The Psalmist offers the key to a thankful heart-song. He reminds us that God provides rain for our crops, food for our livestock and even for birds that cry. Again, not many in our parish have crops or livestock, but the principle still applies. It is God who has graced you with life, breath, health, strength and talents. He gives you gainful employment. He provides for your needs. Remember, His delight is not in the strength of His creatures, their job titles, or their fi-

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nancial portfolios. Rather He takes his pleasure in our thankful heart-song.

Imagine, the God who speaks worlds into existence finds His joy in those moments when you pause to thank Him for His provision. Each time we re-orient our hearts from self-sufficiency and pride to thanksgiving and hope our lives sing a melody that brings pleasure and delight to our God.

So, what is the melody of your life? Our Book of Common Prayer invites tithes and offerings with a quote from 1 Chronicles 29:14b, “For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” King David is praying near the end of his life, reflecting on the steadfast love of the Lord and preparing to pass the throne to Solomon. At this moment, David’s makes a beautiful melody of thanksgiving to the Lord. He acknowledges that everything he has ever gained in his life has come from the Lord’s hand; even the offerings he has given back to the Lord were His in the first place.

Dear St. George’s, I pray that you will be blessed with a truly thankful heart this Thanksgiving season. Shift your thoughts from your own strength to the steadfast love and provision of the Lord. Make a thankful melody.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving,

Ray David Glenn

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

*Παυλος δουλος Χριστου Ιησου,
κλητος αποστολος . . .*

Ray David and Jonathan Greening will lead you through Paul’s letter to the Roman church, verse-by-verse and word by word.

Although it was written to early Christians some 2000 years ago in the centre of the Roman world, you will find that it speaks directly to your heart.

People are people and God hasn’t changed His mind.

We will meet Wednesdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, beginning October 5th at Crossroads. Bring your Bible, a note pad and a pen.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

St. Paul, Romans 1: 16

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God Is!



He asked a question; I answered it. And so my new life in Christ began. I had started my first year at Mc Gill University; I was well-churched and enjoyed sports and the outdoors. He was the Rev. Bryan Green, rector of Holy Trinity, Brompton in London, England.

I said I had opened the door of my heart to Jesus but nothing had happened. Bryan Green responded with the question, “Will you trust your feelings or will you trust the promise of Jesus, the Son of God? Jesus has promised ‘Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in’ [Revelation 3:20]. I knew enough about my changeable feelings and about Jesus the Son of God to trust Him to keep His promise.

I experienced the change in me the next Sunday at church when I knew with glad certainty, “this is what it is all about.” From then on, my endless questions would be examined in the Light. “Whoever follows me will no longer walk in darkness, but will have the light of life [John 8: 12].” “Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God [John 3: 3].”

For the next three years, a number of us new Christians along with more mature Christians met nightly in our residence for Bible Study and prayer. Those were extraordinary years. What a foundation! Other Christian students and staff in the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship nourished and encouraged me.

Another question and my answer, a year and a half later, set my feet firmly on the path of discipleship. At an IVCF training camp, I complained to a staff member that I didn’t feel I could testify to great changes in my life and he asked, “Are you willing to do anything for God?” My uncertain reply was followed by his response, “Then get upstairs and don’t get off your knees until you are.” So I did.

I believe that the devil was fighting for my soul. What came, and it came from the Holy Spirit, is that “God is loving” and “God is wise.” That Spirit-given truth has kept me in the hardest places in my life. It has spared me the pain of being disappointed by God and the need to ask “why?”, as I watched the painful struggle of my eldest son and his family through eight years of an aggressive cancer and then his death, or as I saw my youngest daughter struck down at the height of an active, vibrant, professional and personal life, made dependent on a wheelchair and full time care. Because I had answered

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Sunday School News

OUR PROJECTS

The St. George's Sunday School class wrapped up this summer by collecting and donating school supplies to St. Matthew's House in Hamilton. We donated back packs, lunch boxes, pens, paper and everything a child would need to start school. The list of supplies that the child is supposed to have when beginning school in September gets longer every year, as every parent knows. The children's Sunday school class made a terrific contribution to ease that burden for several families.

This fall the Sunday School class is collecting for St. Matthew's House Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program. We hope to adopt at least one family in November with the funds that we collect. Thank you for making sure your children come to Sunday school with an offering.

PRAYER PARTNERS

We love the children that come to our Sunday school program. Whether they come every Sunday, every other Sunday, or as often as they can. We also know that every prayer that is said for these little ones makes a huge difference in their lives. This year we are setting up prayer partners for our Sunday school children. We need at least 20 volunteers to commit to pray for one of these children this year. Your commitment would last from September 2011 to Aug 2012. We ask that you pray regularly for your child. The children will complete a profile and have their photo taken so that you can keep their photo on your fridge or other convenient place. We hope that you will greet your child on Sundays and possibly even send them a card for their birthday. Anyone who has done this before knows what a joy and blessing it can be for both the child and the adult prayer partner. Please talk to Shelley Loveless or email shelleyloveless@gmail.com if you wish to be a part of this life changing activity. Anyone can pray and make a difference in someone's life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LUNCHEON

. On Sunday, October 23rd, we will be having a Sunday School luncheon. We welcome both the Sunday School children and their families as well as the Sunday School teachers and helpers. It will be pot-luck so please bring one child-friendly dish that we can all share. We hope to share information about the curriculum and goals for this year and we

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will be asking the parents to register their children for Sunday School. If you have any questions or are unable to attend, but would like the information, please contact Shelley Loveless at shelleyloveless@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

This year St George's is supporting the Samaritans' Purse shoe box program once again. Shoe boxes are available in the foyer. Please pick up a box and an instruction booklet. Fill your box with appropriate items for a child and return the box to the church no later than **November 13th**. Give a Christmas to a child who wouldn't otherwise have one.



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THANK YOU, CHILDREN

Thank you so much to my church family for the wonderful walk down memory lane in June as I officially retired!

At a small parish in Scarborough in 1978 (St. Edwards) when I asked about the opportunities to help in Sunday School, I was told there were many opportunities – when could I start? I have since learned to ask the right questions – there was no Sunday School!

I have just celebrated 33 years (25 at St. George's) with children from 3 parishes during my time in Sunday School. Each child has been a blessing to me and I am honored to have been part of their young lives along with their families.

My bird house and garden banner is a smiling daily treasure to me - the sincere words spoken will always be remembered.

Thank you Lord for the privilege to be of service.

Love,
Mrs. Hunt



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July 15, 2011

St. George's ANIC Church

Dear Friends at St. George's,

We cannot thank the church family of St. George's ANIC Burlington enough for your continued support. Here are some of the gifts you have shared with us at the Milton Food Bank over the past year:

- Ongoing gifts of food from your picnic and from a young family that drops by regularly.
- A beautiful train table that is perfect for our Moms and Tots playgroup as well as for daily visiting children. It is well used!
- Regular volunteers giving us the gift of time – Thank you David Shantz and Tony Parrish!
- Helping hands to assist with the painting of Unit #3 – Thank you Anita, Roger Harris and David Neeb
- Home baked cookies and strawberry jam from a Pastorates group
- Helping hands at our VBS Camp – thank you Emerson, Cameron, Anita and to all the bakers that sent muffins for our snacks
- Financial gift from the Women's Fellowship group and from several church members to ensure the food bank can continue its programming

The Salvation Army – Khi Community exist to "give hope today" to those in need in Milton and Campbellville, year round. We serve over 325 family units who need a helping hand through some difficult times. Thank you for standing with us to make a difference.

We look forward to your continued partnership with us throughout the coming year.

Leslie & Steve Wiseman
Captains and Pastors
Khi Community Church and Family Services
A Ministry of the Salvation Army in Milton



Khi Community
A Ministry of The Salvation Army
"Discovering the sacred in everyday life"



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“yes” to God, my relationship with God progressed from “engagement” which can be broken, to “marriage” which is for life.

After graduation, my life was full. I was part of a wonderful, vital house fellowship at the Frasers’ home twice a week; I was adult leader of an ISCF group in my old collegiate, and later taught Scripture to grades nine to thirteen in a Christian private school. “Moderation in all things, religion included” was the standard in my family. To have a daughter so “excessively” engaged in the things of God’s Kingdom was probably an embarrassment to my parents, though they remained supportive of me. In retrospect, I realize that we who attended the Frasers’ house group were quite radical. After all, we gave testimonies, we had Bible studies led by non-clergy, we sang choruses, and invited people to accept Jesus, and prayed with them.

I married George, an Anglican Church Army Evangelist. Our eight years in that ministry led us to five parishes in three provinces. I enjoyed the varied, though sometimes lonely, role of a minister’s wife.

A desire to give our five children a settled home life led to our move to Milton. While attending a non-evangelical Anglican Church, I continued to grow through the women’s Bible study that met in my home for twenty five years, with babysitting provided. I still enjoy meeting women who were blessed through the outreach of that special fellowship. My greatest joy in ministry was my nine-to-ten years teaching and being superintendent of the Sunday School which reached up to forty children ages two to grade eight.

One summer, I felt led to go back to the beginning, to consider again the absolutely basic questions of existence: “Is God?”, “Is death the end?”, “Is evolution true, not creation?”. I saw the utter blackness of life without God. As an adult Christian, I examined these questions again and am satisfied. I’m not going to go back to them, even if a leading atheist puts forward what seems like a good point. I don’t need to spend any more time on them.

An important verse to me is: “no one can pluck me from His hand” [John 10: 28]. This was very important when the children were young, especially age one and two, and I was exhausted. One thing I know, “GOD IS”. I continue to believe that God is all wise and all loving.

The most challenging years for me are the present ones as a senior senior. What a lot of changes old people must make as we find ourselves less able to do what we have “always” done almost without thinking, and we move into more and more dependence on

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the help of others. I find myself asking, “What have I learned?” “How have I changed?”, “Are there lessons or experiences I want to share?”, “What stands out?”.

One begins to wonder about one’s own usefulness; then I remember that “grey heads” are a reminder of the faithfulness of God. I have filled many roles in my sixty-six years as a Christian. But through them all, I have never learned to make coffee in an urn! How grateful I am for the different strengths and contributions of each part of the body of Christ.

God continues to hold me, however weak my hold on Him may be.

Margaret Willoughby

***OCTOBER 29, at Crieff Hills
Conference addresses pastoral care of women***



St George’s is holding its annual conference day Saturday, Oct 29, 9am -4:30 pm, at Crieff Hills. The speaker, Donna Lee Sisson, a teacher at Women’s Ministries Institute will address *Pastoral Care of Women*. Cost is \$40 which includes lunch.

Please email your attendance

to: office@stgeorgesonline.com. Cheques should be made out to St George's (ANiC) noting Women's Conference in the memo line. Send cheques to St George’s, 1295 North Service Rd, Burlington, ON L7R 4M2. For more information, email or call Donna Rigo 905-335-6222.



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AUTUMN FEAST DAYS

St Michael and All Angels, September 29

On September 29 every year, in the Anglican tradition, the church reflects on the ministry of angels. Angels are not to be worshipped; they are servants and messengers of God; they stand in the presence of God; they glorify God and they worship Him.



It is true that there are many things in the heavenly realm that are hidden from our understanding. But, did you know that Revelation 12 gives a vision of a war in heaven; Satan, our accuser and the deceiver of the whole world, is cast out of heaven and thrown down to the earth by Michael and his angels. The evil one has come down to the earth in great wrath against the church; he knows that his time is short.

Did you know that angels as God's messengers "are ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation" [Hebrews 1: 14]. Do not disparage even small children; their value to God is demonstrated by angels in the presence of God on their behalf [Matthew 18:10]. In the early days of the church, an angel delivered the apostles from prison [Acts 5; 19]; an angel brought a message to Cornelius [Acts 10:3]; and an angel freed Peter from prison and from certain death at the hands of Herod in answer to the church's prayer [Acts 12:7]. God sent angels to announce Jesus' coming [Luke 1:26] and to glorify Jesus at His coming [Luke 2:14]. They were sent to witness to Jesus' resurrection [Luke 24:4], and to declare, at the time of His ascension, the certainty of the promise of Jesus' glorious return [Acts 1:10,11]. We wait for this!

Did you know that when Jesus comes in His glory, He will bring all His angels with Him [Matthew 25:31]. Did you know that in that final harvest, the angels will be sent by Jesus to reap; "they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law breakers" [Matthew 13: 39 – 43]. They "will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" [Matthew 24: 31].

Angels demonstrate to us that God's creation extends far beyond the physical realm that we

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can see [Colossians 1:16]. A view of creation that addresses only the physical realm is totally inadequate to express the Biblical view of creation; even as a worldview that ignores the spiritual and the heavenly realm is similarly inadequate.

Angels provide us one more demonstration of God's care and provision for us.

St Luke the Evangelist, October 18

On October 18, each year, the Anglican church remembers the ministry of Luke the Evangelist. Did you know that Luke was a physician and that he traveled with Paul, the Apostle, on his missionary journeys? St. Luke wrote a two part work found in the Bible: part one, the Gospel according to Luke and part two, the Acts of the Apostles. He set out to write an orderly and true account of Jesus' mission; it was based on eyewitnesses. We are enriched by many things in his writings that are not in the other gospels. His gospel gives us the account of the birth of John the Baptist, the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary and the birth of Jesus. His gospel gives us many parables of Jesus that are not found in the other gospels. Among them is the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15) and two parables about prayer (Luke 18). Luke loved to speak about the Holy Spirit and about prayer.

The Acts of the Apostles contains the record of the glorious ascension of Jesus, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the miraculous beginnings of the church, the ringing witness of the apostles to the resurrection of Jesus, and salvation in Him. We have in Acts an account of how and where the gospel spread among both Jews and Gentiles, an account that dovetails unmistakably with the letters to the churches that we have in the New Testament.

Luke was a scholar; his writings are careful, thorough, and trustworthy. They point us to our Savior. They demonstrate the working of God that continues to this day. We do well to give thanks for Luke's witness.

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REFLECTING ON THE PSALTER



Friday morning at the Men's Group is a very special time for me. It caps off a week of my quiet times with the opportunity to share what the Lord has taught me during the past week. "Tom Time" is a time of sharing, for not only do I share, but so do the men around the breakfast table.

I was not always one who enjoyed the Psalms. It was when talking about quiet times with Jerry Salloum that he suggested that I use the Book of Common Prayer and go through the Psalms systematically day by day. It was to form an extra for my regular quiet time. I have been reading Scripture Union notes daily since the summer of 1947 at Pioneer Camp. The BCP Psalter is not the same as the Psalms in the King James Version! The language is different and was translated for us by Coverdale (1488 – 1569).

Coverdale was the Bishop of Exeter and was a sixteenth century Bible translator who produced the first complete printed translation of the Bible into English. His English is a bit difficult to comprehend at times and often it requires some reflection on what the meaning is. Much like the King James Version, it requires a great deal of study to ascertain the true meaning.

Having been brought on the KJV, the Coverdale version made me do a lot of thinking about what I was reading. The truths are there and waiting to be discovered by the student (reader). Some are hard to take in because they speak directly as to who we are. The Psalms "tell it like it is." They also tell it like it was!

"He brought me out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay, and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings" [Psalm 40:2]. It was not just any rock but THE rock, and this is the rock that has "put a new song in my mouth; even thanksgiving unto our God."

Many shall see what has happened to you and fear the consequences but shall also put their trust in the Lord. People will see you waiting patiently for the Lord to act after you have called upon His Name. How hard it is to wait patiently upon the Lord. We come from a society that "wants it now!", but His timing is perfect and He provides us with our needs in His time and in His way. He encourages us to wait patiently because "Thou art my keeper and redeemer" [Psalm 40:21, BCP]

Tom Wright

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ARDFC

Do you know what the initials mean? NO! it is not 'Ask Ray David For Candy' ! Actually it is 'The Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada ' . It means we Anglicans in Canada partner with Global South dioceses to Restore Health, Hope and Dignity in Jesus' name. So far we have completed a project in Kenya regarding a Malaria education and prevention initiative.

Because ANIC works with the local Anglican Diocese we can be confident that our funds will be used efficiently. We also are assured that the education and carrying out of the plan are done effectively and with Christ's love, using local trained leadership. Take a minute to look at the ARDFC web page[www.ardfc.ca] for the results of our first project in Kenya and for information about the Congo.

For our new project in the Congo, our hope is to help war torn communities return to farming and promoting peace-making. Closer to Christmas, we will have information regarding gift cards that will buy families farm implements, seeds, and even a goat...

Meanwhile, do pray for our Anglican brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Kindu, Congo as they work to train and help other Congolese resettle and build a new life for their families. Pray also that as these Congolese Anglicans minister in Christ's name, many will come to new life in Jesus.

Mary Krucker

Volunteers Needed for the Coffee Fellowship Team

We are in need of at the least three more couples to host the Coffee Fellowship on Sundays, following the 10:15 service. Typically, volunteers arrive about a half hour before the service to put the coffee on. St. George's provides the tea and coffee and the volunteers bring milk and cream plus cookies, etc. (You may be reimbursed for costs)

This is a great way to get to know other members of the congregation and to meet new comers and help make them feel welcome.

Please contact Mary Gillard (905-8775875 or thegillards@bell.net) or speak to any member of the Coffee Fellowship Team



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In The Library

There are several new and slightly used acquisitions in the library. There should be something for everyone. Of particular interest to me is the latest VeggieTales. However, you might also like one of these books:

The Inheritance of Beauty

By Nicole Seitz



“The Inheritance of Beauty is a rich and enchanting story about age and the ability of true beauty to transcend one’s life.” It is a terrific read for anyone with an aging relative or who plans one day to be the aging relative. The story is set in a nursing home. It explores the present and the past of the characters in the novel. It is a story of love and redemption, told with a great deal of humour.

Words Unspoken

By Elizabeth Musser

This is a novel that deals with second chances, forgiveness, and redemption woven through God’s plan for our lives. Elizabeth Musser doesn’t write many books but when she does, they are well worth reading.

We are still looking for help on Sundays (or during the week) for the Library. If you would like to help, please speak to Gillian Fernie, Ed Lewis, or Dyanna Lewis.

Dyanna Lewis

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St Matthew's House Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program

With much help from Margaret Hunt and Shelley Loveless, the Christmas Adopt-A-Family program will happen in 2011.

The program will run from November 20 until December 4. Envelopes for your gifts will be in the church bulletins on Sunday, November 20 and Sunday, November 27. The last day to receive your gifts is Sunday, December 4. This will enable us to purchase the gifts, food vouchers and clothing and deliver them to St. Matthew's House in time for distribution to the families before Christmas. Please place your gift in the envelope and place it on the offering plate. Your gift amount will be included in your yearly offering receipt amount for income tax purposes.

This year, as in other years, our choice of families to "adopt" will be those who are not the first choice of many sponsors. These are single parent families with one or more teens who are attending school. Usually there are two to three children in each family. Each child/teen receives a gift of clothing, many times a winter coat, and a gift of their choice up to the value of twenty five dollars. Each family receives a food voucher from Fortinos/No Frills based on twenty five dollars per person in the family. This food voucher is to provide Christmas dinner for the family; cigarettes cannot be purchased with the food voucher. No money is returned to the family. The money spent is deducted from the value of the food voucher.

In Matthew 25: 35, 36 Jesus tells us when we give food, drink, or clothing "to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you are doing it to Me" [NLT].

For more information, please contact me at (905) 873 1918.

Betty Pristol

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St. Paul Anglican Bible Church

Reaching Out to Hurting People

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

We praise the Lord for the many opportunities we have had through the summer to interact with our neighbours and get to know them. We have continued to make monthly deliveries of information about our House Church, and invitations to meet with us in various ways.

During Passion Week we delivered *The Good News of Easter* gift bags. These were slightly different from the Christmas ones; they had the New Testament on CD, and we added a package of flower seeds and an invitation to a '**Meet n Greet**' at a local restaurant. It was fun to see the change in responses from our last 'knock on doors' delivery at Christmas! People now recognized who we were—they had seen us making monthly deliveries, read the door hangers (and had questions) and some even hugged and thanked us.

The Meet n Greet in early May resulted in one young couple and their toddlers coming out to chat with us. This couple was feeling that their current church 'doesn't fit' and the husband in particular didn't feel he was learning how to apply Scripture to his life. We had a wonderful time talking with them and playing with the children. The next night the young man came out to Bible Study and has continued to come regularly. Thanks be to God for seeds that are beginning to sprout!

Our May delivery was Divinely inspired! Expanding on our vision (*Becoming a community that serves the community*), we delivered a package of dry soup mix to *every other* house, with a postcard that let the recipients know: "Your next-door neighbours did not receive soup. Enjoy your soup even more by sharing it with them!" The really fun part of this delivery was that with the nice weather, lots of folks were outside. More often than not, the house where someone was outside was the 'every other house' we were skipping! We pray that God works in those who noticed they didn't get our delivery to be curious enough to ask their neighbour about it!

Our summer outreach events included invitations to a **Neighbourhood BBQ**, July 9, on the Pennylegions' front lawn. There were many "yes" responses from new friends we made while serving on the Stoney Creek Canada Flag Day Committee (a committee we joined so that we could both serve, and become known in, the community). These same

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folks had previously been invited to our Christmas Open House, but had not attended (we were 'strangers' to them then). God is indeed moving in people's hearts! The second weekend of September was our "**Give it Away**" garage sale. The BBQ and the Garage Sale were preliminary outreach for the fall *Alpha Course* for which there were invitations delivered to our neighbourhood in our third 'knock on doors' the week immediately following the Garage Sale.

Thank you for your prayer support, please continue to pray for us and our neighbourhood, and may you be richly blessed by our Lord as you have blessed us,

In His Love and Service,



John

Zandra

Jim

Jude

St. Paul Anglican Bible Church

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Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Sunday, November 13, has been designated a global day of prayer for persecuted believers.

THEME: Victorious in Christ [Revelation 2: 3, 7]

“I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my Name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. . . . He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”

All ANiC churches are asked to join in this global prayer. Let us faithfully remember those who suffer for the Name of Jesus.

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THE MISSIONARY HEART OF GOD

God's heart is a missionary heart and our hearts need to be missionary hearts too. Even in the Old Testament, God gave a clear expression of His missionary heart. God spoke through Isaiah about the Messiah, the servant of the Lord: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" [Isaiah 49:6]. God sends His message of salvation to the ends of the earth! He proclaimed, "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other"[Isaiah 45:22].

The Gospel of the Lord Jesus is to be proclaimed "to the end of the earth". He commanded his disciples: "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation", to "every creature" as the KJV translates it.

Richard Baxter, Puritan divine of the 17th century, toward the end of his life especially became moved by the lack of concern in the church with reaching the end of the earth. He said "My soul is much more afflicted with the thoughts of the miserable world, and more drawn out in the desire of their conversion than heretofore. I was wont to look but little farther than England in my prayers, as not considering the state of the rest of the world; or, if I prayed for the conversion of the Jews, that was almost all. But now, as I better understand the case of the world, and the method of the Lord's Prayer, there is nothing in the world that lieth so heavy on my heart, as the thought of the miserable nations on earth . . . no part of my prayers is so deeply serious, as that for the conversion of the ungodly world, that God's name may be sanctified, and his kingdom come, and his will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." [Richard Baxter, Autobiography, Christian Focus Publications].

Among those few Christian messengers for whom the task should seem insurmountable, the goal of reaching "every creature" has sometimes burned with passionate zeal. Hudson Taylor, the missionary to China, even when faced with the population of millions upon millions who had never even heard the name of Jesus, even in the knowledge of how few the

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messengers were, made reaching every creature the goal of his mission. He might have been expected to despair. But instead, it was the focus of his team in prayer, the focus in praying for laborers for the harvest, the focus of their decisions of strategy, and the confidence of the mission in the power of God to bring the vision to fulfillment. Another such intercessor was Rees Howells, the famed “Intercessor” who for years prayed that Jesus, the Savior, should have “the heathen for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession” [Psalm 2:8].

The end will come when the Gospel has been taken to the end of the earth. “To every creature” and “to the end of the earth” is still the goal. Jesus said, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” [Acts 1:8]. If this is not our prayer, then it is not our goal. If this is our prayer, then it becomes our genuine vision and our determined goal.

Mary Ann Masters

A PEOPLE OF GRACE

I awoke this morning just before 6:00 and, knowing the probability of my getting back to sleep was slim to none, I decided to get up. It turned out to be an impromptu “quiet time” which I want to share with you.

I believe the LORD led me to see that He has given us at St. George’s a great opportunity to become a **people of grace**. A good friend of mine from my teenage years attended a service at St. George’s a few weeks ago and remarked how she could feel that love was present among us. It was great to know that a visitor could sense it too. But what about grace? It is easy to love when it costs nothing, but grace calls us to love even when a cost is attached.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Don George



Come to the wedding feast

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Ye watchers and ye holy ones,

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim
and Thrones, raise the glad
strain, Alleluia!

Cry out Dominions, Prince-
doms, Powers, Virtues, Arch-
angels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless
rest, Ye Patriarchs and
Prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs
strong, all Saints trium-
phant, raise the song
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Athelstan Riley

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