



A community loving God by loving our neighbours.

At St. Andrew's, Brampton, we: learn together to know God's love through worship and study; put our faith into action by loving and caring for each other; use God's gifts to go forth to bring others to Christ.

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Dear Lord, I turned the calendar –  
Another month gone by!  
It looked so fresh and clean and new,  
It made me pause and sigh.

What would the weeks ahead all hold  
And would I treat them right?  
I hoped the days would be all good  
And filled with love and light.

Please help me, Lord, to do my best  
Whatever lies in store,  
Reminding me you're always near  
To turn the page once more.

Iris Hesselden

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living...” (2 Timothy 3:16).



# BIRTHDAYS



## February

- 1 Evan Rae, Kaitlin Shepherd,  
Katherine Tomlinson
- 2 Sarah Massy
- 3 Susan McGoogan
- 4 Sullivan Sampath
- 5 David Dean, Sr.
- 6 Blake Armstrong, Hayley Armstrong,  
Leslie Calhoun, Robert Miller
- 7 Robina Marcus
- 12 Natasha Kastner, Dolores Young
- 13 Saffron Anjum Bhatti, Rajeev Wijesinghe
- 14 Alexander Dawson, Nova Hakim,  
Margaret Silva
- 15 Pieter Bakkeren, Gilbert Burry, Mike Harvey
- 16 Gerry Holmes, Paul Roopchan, James Silva
- 18 Gwen Arbuckle, Louis Julius,  
Kelvin Massey-Mubushar
- 19 Grace Brewster-Yates
- 20 Ella Whiteman
- 21 Bill Ramsay, Adriel Babar
- 22 Adam Cornish
- 23 Maurice Armstrong, Nick Volpe,  
Marilyn White
- 24 Austin Prechner
- 25 Marg Hunter
- 26 Rhianna Lachhman, Ashleigh Wightman
- 27 Holly Rhind
- 28 Sydney McFarland



## March

- 1 Sara Adil, Nicholas Bragg, Gabriel Tegzes



# Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to Anna Eitner and family on the death of her brother Donald McLean.

I want to thank the congregation for their support over the last 18 years as your Treasurer, it has been a true honour to serve our church over the years.

I thank you for being there through many of the low points in my life, including the loss of both of my parents, and also the incredible joy of having so many of you witnessing my marriage to the love of my life, Kennedy Jackson.

I look forward to when we can be together again in the Sanctuary but for now please accept this virtual hug.



With much love and blessings,

May Jackson

*It's not how  
much we  
GIVE  
but how much  
LOVE  
we put into  
giving*  
—MOTHER TERESA



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## Rosemary's Reflections



A couple of months ago I received a gift – a blanket or throw for my bed or to wrap around me on a cold day, as I sit in my chair at the window and watch the world go by. The throw is soft and comforting. It helps on a day when I feel as old as Methusaleh and the only word in the paper or on TV or Internet seems to begin with a C, end with a D and have a V in the middle! A unique feature about the throw is that on it are written many words that we associate with Jesus – peace, love, redemption, forgiveness, Resurrection, sacrifice, salvation amongst others. So I call it “The Jesus Throw” and when I wrap it round me, I find that it can warm both body and soul.

The words about Jesus come from the Bible - our go-to book for Christian living. In a letter to his “son in the faith”, Timothy, Paul writes “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults and giving instruction for right living...” It lays out for us how, as God’s people, we are to live, how we should relate to God and our neighbour, what to do with our resources etc. Think of the Ten Commandments or Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount or the words of the prophets and apostles. They are full of wisdom, even if we don’t always pay enough attention to them. We tend to shut our ears to the challenges of God’s word, when it would mean changing our ways. We’d rather just remember the gentle, comforting parts!

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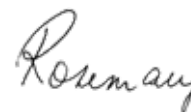
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## Rosemary's Reflections continued

But over and above all of the things Paul says about Scripture is love. The Bible is the story of God's love for all people. Often in the Old Testament the writer – prophet, preacher, psalmist – speaks to people worn out by life. And the message is consistent. God says “I will be your God ...until your hair is white with age.” “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me.” In the New Testament Jesus' own words touch the hurting heart: “Come unto me all you that are weary...and I will give you rest.” “Let not your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.” And in Romans Paul tells us that “nothing – not even death – can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

So just as I wrap myself in the “Jesus throw” for outer comfort, we can wrap ourselves in the words of the Bible for inner comfort. And we shall surely find there the peace that our hearts sorely need, together with the inspiration and strength to get our act together yet again and go forth to do whatever we, as God's people, are called to do to help heal our world.



### *INSIDE ST. ANDREW'S*

PUBLISHED MONTHLY (except August) to inform our church community about activities within this congregation and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and to provide inspiration to our readers.

Submissions can be made by email to [newsletter@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:newsletter@standrewsbrampton.ca), left in the office, or given to a newsletter committee member.

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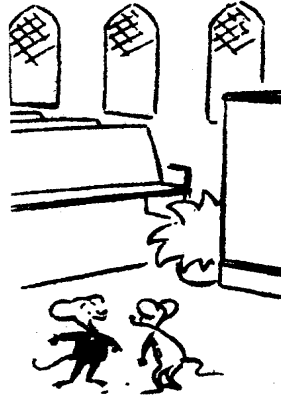
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# News from the Pews



The Newsletter Committee thanks Tony Persaud of PostPlus for printing the entire January issue of the newsletter in colour as a gift to St. Andrew's. You can also see a full colour version of all issues of *Inside St. Andrew's* on the St. Andrew's website: [www.standrewsbrampton.ca](http://www.standrewsbrampton.ca)



Barry and Karen Hutchinson are thrilled to share the news that their daughter Vanessa, and her fiancé Brandon Gregory, were married in Michigan in August 2020! As you may remember, Brandon and Vanessa were engaged in February 2020 while on vacation in the Bahamas.

Vanessa inadvertently “moved” to the U.S. when she visited for a weekend in March and the borders closed; and she has been happily stuck there since! As a result of the many obstacles that COVID presented, Brandon and Vanessa decided to have a very small ceremony in August. Luckily, Karen and Barry were able to fly down on short notice!



Held on the beach of the beautiful lake they live on, the ceremony was very personal and touching. Their wonderful neighbours hosted a small backyard reception on their amazing property. As few family and friends could attend due to COVID restrictions, they are all looking forward to celebrating at wedding #2, which will take place in June 2022.



Thank you to the Christmas church mice – Rev. Geoff, Regan and Simpson Ross and Pam and Stan Loree, for putting up the beautiful “poinsettia” Christmas trees and other decorations in the Sanctuary that we enjoyed when we watched the Christmas services online.

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### A Note from Michelle Tedder

Thank you all for the lovely wishes after my surgery on January 11 for carpal tunnel on my right hand.

Thank you to Sue and Kwasi for the lovely flowers, they are absolutely beautiful.

Thank you to Ken Jackson, as on Friday, January 15, I went for a long walk to Shoppers World and somewhere near Harper and Bartley Bull my right shoe became undone. As I knew I was not able to tie my lace up I tucked the laces into my shoe and kept walking towards Shoppers World. I was able to get to Ken and May's place and thankfully Ken was home. I rang the doorbell and to Ken's surprise I asked him if he could do me a large favour and tie my shoe. Ken was very gracious and tied my shoe up. What we won't do for our St Andrew's family!



How and where do you watch the St. Andrew's services on Sunday mornings? Do you "dress for church?" Send us a picture.

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*Live every moment*

*Love beyond words*

*Laugh every day*



**Please join us on Zoom for the Annual Meeting at 11:30 am on Sunday, March 7, using the information below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3752656843?pwd=ZnJtb3VGZkgxZjNlWGQvaUVseDJpUT09>

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The Agenda and Committee Reports to be discussed and approved will be posted in advance on the St. Andrew's website [www.standrewsbrampton.ca](http://www.standrewsbrampton.ca).

A limited number of printed copies will be available upon request. Please contact Clerk of Session Kim Shepherd at 905-457-2127.



**St. Andrew's-Pringle  
Women's  
Missionary  
Society**

**January 2021**

At the December 2020 meeting it was decided that the WMS would hold monthly meetings via Zoom until in-person meetings can be resumed.

The first meeting of the new year took place on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 with ten members participating.



Prior to the start of the meeting there was an enjoyable social time when members of the group chatted about various events in their lives.

President Kim Shepherd welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

Doreen Scott-Dunne and Felicity Alexander were in charge of the program, and Doreen invited the ladies to share their reflections on 2020 and their hopes for 2021.

Items of business were then discussed, including:

- The Annual World Day of Prayer Brampton service will be hosted virtually via Zoom, by the St. Anthony of Padua Church, North Park Drive on Friday, March 5.
- Suggestions were offered on fundraising projects to enable our group to continue providing financial support for the charities which depend on us every year.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.



**Stewardship  
Corner**

*by Helen Collins*

The Stewardship Committee wants to thank all of the Committees and Teams at St. Andrew's for their continued dedication and service for God. In addition, thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church through PAR, mail-in offerings, credit card and e-Transfer.

As you know, the 2021 offering envelopes are here. However, due to the current State of Emergency in Ontario due to COVID, the possibility of a pick-up date in January 2021 is now on hold until further notice.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in church again when it is safe to do so.

God bless and stay safe and well.



We have researched alternatives to credit cards, so we have now also set up the ability to accept **Interac e-Transfers**. Go to your banking website, select Interac e-Transfer, and enter the amount you wish to donate. **It is very important that in the message area you indicate your name, envelope number and how you want the donation distributed: i.e. how much to General Funds, Presbyterians' Sharing, PWS&D and Food Bank.** If you do not indicate a split your entire donation will go to the general operating fund, and this cannot be changed later. **Another very important part is to use the email: [treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca)**

Also, for those who donate online through our website, you will receive your tax receipt from Canada Helps. It will not be included on your receipt issued by the church.



## CALL TO PRAYER

*by Ray Scanlan*



We continue to pray every Friday at 3 pm for an end to the pandemic and for all those affected in some way.

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*by Doreen Scott-Dunne*

The L6T/L6P GRACE group had a lively Zoom meet up on January 21. After the usual connection challenges we discussed New Year's Reflections about what we learned in 2020 and what our hopes and goals are for 2021. We extended our call for a second 40-minute stint and enjoyed the company of 12 of our members. We managed the whole 80 minutes without once mentioning events south of the border! Topics ranged from white water canoeing to growing hibiscus, orchids and African violets and training puppies.

The L6X/L6Y group continues to meet on Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of each month. We met on January 25<sup>th</sup>. We regularly have five faithful souls attending. Doreen and Ray plan to spend the next month trying to entice other members of our group to begin to meet on Zoom, as a few have the technology, but so far have not quite been confident enough to try to do it. Since we knew nothing about Zoom before COVID started, and are still learning, we will be willing and able to help others. It's really a matter of jumping in!!

## Food... for Thought



*by Gord Warren*

**Generosity.** Noun. "The quality of being kind and generous. The spirit and action of freely and frequently giving to others."

That is a very beautiful word that describes what the members of St. Andrew's and others in the Brampton area have demonstrated these past few months. We are all spending more time at home and not being able to be in contact with our friends, but we have managed to remember those that are not as fortunate. When we are shopping, even though the cost of food has risen, the donation bins are being constantly filled, grocery stores are topping up donations with their own, and warehouses are diverting stock to food bank distribution centers. The need is great – but so is the generosity.

Many donors have decided to give money rather than food as it is difficult to take the food to the food bank. This means that when St. Andrew's Food Bank re-opens we will be able to restock. We have depleted our supply, as we donated it to Regeneration Marketplace before its expiry date. We have given over 3,000 lbs of non-perishable food that was stored in the cupboards of our Food Bank, and on a weekly basis we supply fresh fruit and vegetables to Regeneration in order to give the clients a balanced diet.



This pandemic will end; we will be able to open up St. Andrew's Food Bank again, and we will be able to enjoy each other's company. Until that time comes, please be safe.