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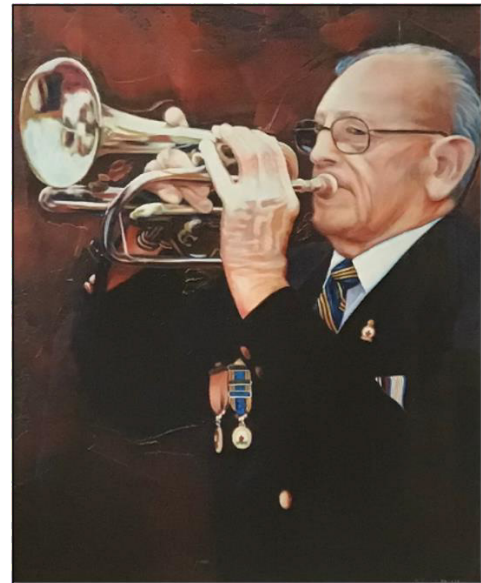
At St. Andrew's, Brampton, we: learn together to know God's love through worship, study, and prayer; put our faith into action by loving and caring for each other; use God's gifts to go forth to bring others to Christ.

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## This month...

George "Potsy" Burrows – 1918 - 2023



George's Last Post

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

*Psalm 27:14 (ESV)*



# BIRTHDAYS



## February 2023

- 1 Kaitlin Shepherd,  
Katherine Tomlinson
- 2 Sarah Massy
- 3 Susan McGoogan
- 4 Sullivan Sampath
- 5 David Dean, Sr.
- 6 Leslie Calhoun, Robert Miller
- 12 Dolores Young
- 13 Saffron Anjum Bhatti, Rajeev Wijesinghe
- 14 Margaret Silva
- 15 Pieter Bakkeren, Mike Harvey
- 16 Gerry Holmes, James Silva
- 18 Gwen Arbuckle, Louis Julius
- 19 Grace Brewster-Yates
- 21 Adriel Babar
- 22 Adam Cornish
- 23 Maurice Armstrong, Marilyn White
- 25 Marg Hunter
- 26 Ashleigh Wightman
- 27 Holly Rhind
- 28 Sydney McFarland



## March 2023

- 2 Frank Holmes
- 3 Renate Schultz
- 4 Anna Eitner, Preston Osborne
- 5 Josephine Hendricks, Margaret Penrice,  
Tim Roberts
- 6 Nasreen Akhtar, Emmanuel Osubronie
- 7 Helen Collins
- 8 Ian Jess, Barbara Young



Carole Jones and the family of George Burrows who died on January 8 at the age of 104. His funeral service took place at St. Andrew's on Monday, January 16.

## A quiet place

I daily seek a quiet place  
that's far from trouble and strife.  
Where I can piece together all  
the puzzles of my life.  
It's there, away from TV and books  
and far from the telephone,  
that I can fellowship with God;  
just He and I alone.  
And there God pours His balm of love  
into the life I live,  
And there I find a peace and joy  
That only He can give.  
I will not fear the circumstances  
I face from day to day,  
For daily, in my quiet place,  
I'm learning how to pray.

*Glenda Fulton Davis*



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## Wayne's World

### COURAGE

Deuteronomy 31:6 *Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.*



Six-year-old Tommy was afraid to enter the first grade when school was about to start. Tommy's parents were puzzled by Tommy's fear. Finally, he told them the reason for his fears, "I don't want to go to first grade because my teeth will begin to fall out like Johnny's did when he went into grade one!"

Chances are that ALL of us are afraid of something. Our fears may be very rational, e.g. afraid of the dark; or very irrational, e.g. if we don't follow our routine, something untoward may happen.

Listed here are the ten most human fears, with a three-way tie for third place.

1. Speaking in front of a group
2. Heights
3. Insects and bugs, financial problems, and deep water
4. Sickness
5. Death
6. Flying
7. Loneliness
8. Dogs

Author's question - "What about mice and snakes?"

Back in the days of the Roman Empire, during a circus in the Colosseum a Christian was thrown to a hungry lion. As the spectators cheered, the wild beast pounced. But the Christian quickly whispered something in the lion's ear and the lion backed away in terror. After this happened several times, the emperor sent a centurion to find out what magic spell could make a ferocious lion cower in fear. A few minutes later the guard returned and said, "The Christian whispered in the lion's ear, "After dinner you'll be required to say a few words."

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## Wayne's World continued

General George Patton was once highly praised for his courage and bravery, to which he replied, "Sir, I am not a brave man... The truth is, I am an utter craven coward." In his autobiography this statement is put forth by the General: "I learned very early in my life never to take counsel of my fears."

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, "I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along." You must DO the thing you think you cannot do, as set forth by Eleanor Roosevelt.

There is much in life to make us afraid for ourselves and others, but our Faith tells us that our Lord goes with us, and nothing or no one will overtake us, but that our Lord is with us and will see us through to the end.

Fear not,

Be of good courage in HIM.



### 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.

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**Deadline for submissions for the March issue is  
February 22, 2023**

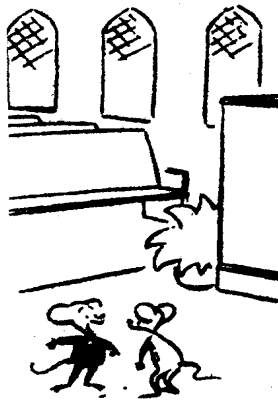
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# News from the Pews



The Dewar Family kicked off 2023 in Orlando, Florida, spending a week at Walt Disney World! They visited all four theme parks, played nine holes, and made lots of magical memories. With the kids growing up, finishing school, and moving on to new and exciting things, it was great to spend a week together on this family vacation!



On January 15 John Collins presented Rev. Geoff Ross with a \$400 donation from sales of his memoir - *How I Lost My Hair Raising Teenage Girls and the lessons I learned*. He is donating 20% of the profits from all sales, and although sales are low, the book has received five star reviews from twelve book reviewers in eight different countries.

Early on December 24 - with the wind howling - Betty Moore, her daughter Catharine and grandson James left Canada on a flight that was actually on time, to start their two-week vacation in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Their first week's accommodation was great - not far from the airport, and the weather was sunny and warm. There was always a breeze, and only a sprinkle of showers. They had a quiet Christmas Day, then enjoyed a special Christmas dinner at the Marmalade Restaurant.

They took a tour of San Juan - a great way to know the district and its beaches, which were great for swimming, snorkeling and kayaking. They also enjoyed a drive up the mountains through the rain forest. There were many interesting stops, including a picnic at the Visitors' Centre.

Then they moved to Laquilla - a much quieter area with lots of vegetation and a beautiful beach, and they had a day trip up the mountains to a coffee plantation. Betty relaxed and enjoyed a coffee while Catharine and James toured and went horseback riding. Betty reports that they returned home safely, but admits that she was tired after a great trip and fun in the sun.



(L - R) Austin Slik-Taylor, Melanie McArdle, Felicity, Helen, Matthew and Mark McArdle

Felicity Alexander was one of the two "grandmas" in a group of three generations of her daughter Helen and son-in-law Mark McArdle's friends and neighbours - 17 people in total - who spent a relaxing holiday in the Turks and Caicos in the week after Christmas. The weather was warm and wonderful, and the beach was just a two-minute walk from their accommodation.

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Many thanks to those who assisted with the UN-Decorating of the church on January 8 and January 9. Special thanks to Susan Jess, Sandra Jackson and Pam Loree who know all the secret places where the decorations are “hidden” during the year!



Early in January the choir (photo above) had a Zoom Epiphany Party. Games were provided by Shelagh to test how well they knew each other. There were many laughs and surprises.



Many of our readers will remember Mary Cation who lived on Union Street – near the church.

Some years ago she moved to a Retirement Home in Lindsay, Ontario to be closer to her daughter, Marlene Jehu. Mary is now 100 years old, and she hasn't changed a bit!

## St. Andrew's Welcomes the Bibi Family to Canada



*L – R: Jessie Bashir, his wife Sundrella, their son Jasmile, Johnson Masih, Sosan Bibi, Rohail Massy (Sosan's brother and co-sponsor of the family), and the Rev. Geoff Ross*

On Christmas Day 2022, those attending worship were given a special – and long-awaited – surprise. After five years of process, waiting, hardship and fear, St. Andrew's second refugee family was finally in Canada!

Approved by Session, the sponsorship application was submitted in December 2017 with Mr. Rohail Massy – a St. Andrew's member, and brother to Sosan Bibi and uncle to her two sons, Johnson and Jessie – acting as co-sponsor. Over their five-year wait in Thailand, they endured detention and had to overcome many health issues – as well as COVID- related travel delays – until in early 2022 they were cleared to come to Canada.

Due to her health issues, Sosan and her son Johnson arrived in Canada on June 20. Since Sosan's other son, Jessie got married while waiting for their application to be processed, and his wife, Sundrella was pregnant, they were not able to travel until their son – Jasmile – was born. Jessie, Sundrella, and Jasmile arrived in Canada on October 20.

The family is excited to be in Canada! Sosan's health issues are being addressed. Both Johnson and Jessie have found work, and Sundrella is happy that Jasmile is getting the food and medical care he needs. They are living with Rohail Massy and his family.

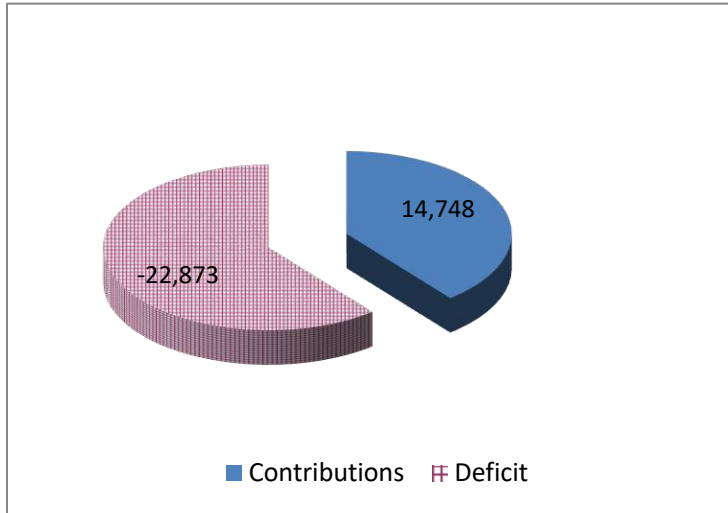
We look forward to baptizing Jasmile and welcoming the whole family into the St. Andrew's family!



# Church Finances

## Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of January 23, 2023



**Happy New Year!** As we start another year, Stewardship would like to ask everyone to consider going on PAR or revising their PAR givings.

On a monthly basis St. Andrew's needs about **\$25,000** to cover salaries and benefits and fixed monthly operating costs.

You can contribute by credit card through our website, mail a cheque, do an Interac e-Transfer or go on Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR).

To process an Interac e-Transfer: Go to your banking website, select Interac e-Transfer, enter the amount you wish to donate and in the message area indicate your name, envelope number and how you want the donation distributed i.e. amount for 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, **this cannot be changed later. It is vital that you use the email [treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca)**

*"When God blesses you financially, don't raise your standard of living.  
Raise your standard of GIVING", Mark Batterson*

## Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Jan 23, 2023	Jan 1 - Jan 23, 2022
<b>Contributions</b>		
Offerings	14,538.19	13,884.33
Other Revenue	210.00	-
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>14,748.19</b>	<b>13,884.33</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Education	-	-
Mission	1,155.14	576.20
Property	17,437.74	16,289.83
Stewardship	18,882.18	11,900.92
Worship	145.99	340.91
Donation - Ukraine Relief	-	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>37,621.05</b>	<b>29,107.86</b>
<b>Net General Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(22,872.86)</b>	<b>(15,223.53)</b>
<b>Presbyterian Sharing donations*</b>	<b>754.66</b>	<b>1,304.66</b>
<b>PWS&amp;D donations*</b>	<b>349.16</b>	<b>511.66</b>
<b>Food Bank donations*</b>	<b>3,901.10</b>	<b>1,441.24</b>

\* NOTES: 1) Presbyterian Sharing, PWS&D and Food Bank donations are not included in the Offerings numbers above.



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

Happy New Year everyone. It is so hard to believe that a new year has started, and here I sit - writing for the February newsletter.

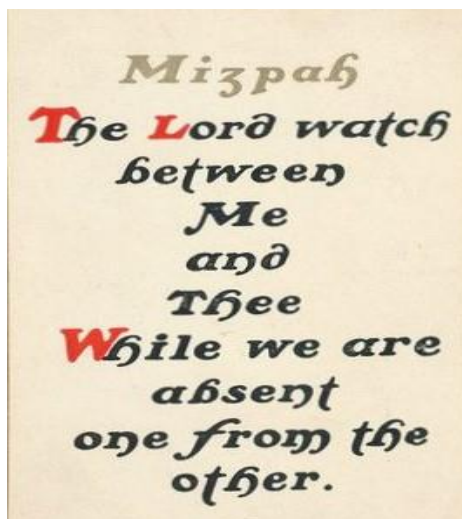
January's meeting was a time of fellowship as we all caught up with one another from the Christmas holidays and other journeys that took place.

Calling all ladies who would be interested in attending WMS meetings. Do you have to be a member....NO! Do you have to attend in person...NO, we are still meeting virtually for ease on all who attend (okay – especially with the winter months – no driving in the snow). We would love to have you join us for a time of fellowship and study with other women within the congregation.

We gather together via Zoom (at the present time) on the first Tuesday of the month, from September through to June. Our meetings start at 7:00 pm with a welcome and opening prayer. February is the month of LOVE and a program has been put together by Doreen Scott-Dunne and will be led by Felicity Alexander.

If you have any questions please contact our President, Kim Shepherd at [kimbers1269@gmail.com](mailto:kimbers1269@gmail.com).

We wish everyone a blessed February and I will close this month's article with the Mizpah Benediction:



## COOKIE CAMPAIGN REPORT 2022



The 2022 annual cookie campaign was a huge success!

To the members of St. Andrew's who have supported this fundraiser for over 35 years, I personally say THANK YOU!

COVID-19 has changed the way the cookies, fruit cake and shortbread are sold, but the online order system, telephone solicitation (other than duct cleaning) and door-to-door delivery of the product has resulted in a huge increase in sales.

Not only that – the word is spreading, and with those who assist me, we've expanded our client base to include some corporate clients ... Brampton Brick bought 1,000 tins of those "oh so good" shortbread cookies with chocolate chunks. That sale resulted in a profit of \$1,500, all of which benefited the St. Andrew's Food Bank.

Overall, \$2,429.29 was raised, all of which has been turned over to our Food Bank.

The **COOKIE CAMPAIGN** for 2023 will be starting very soon ... **NOVEMBER 1, 2023**.

Thank you, again, for your continued support.

**Bruce the "cookie man" Cornish**

# THANK YOU





## Stewardship Corner

The Annual General Meeting has been changed from a March date to Sunday April 23, 2023.

The reason for the change is to allow sufficient time for the auditors to complete their work. This gives the auditors more time to ensure that their report is finished and will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Members of the Congregation who wish to sign up for PAR should look for the booklet in the Great Hall. Copies of this will be displayed alongside the Weekly Bulletin and Newsletters every Sunday. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to ask anyone on the Stewardship Committee.

Thank you to everyone who supports St. Andrew's with their donations and/or gifts that each of us possess.

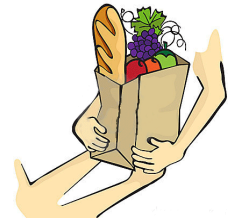
Yours in Faith,

Helen Collins  
Chair, Stewardship Committee



## Food... for Thought

by Gord Warren



**Generous** (adjective) – showing a person who is ready to give more of something, as in time, money or material things, than is strictly necessary or expected.

**Generosity** (noun) the quality of being kind and generous.

During the last part of 2022 your Food Bank had many cases of generous support and individual generosity. There were food drives from schools that had never done it before, grocery stores that donated food and items to help us fill the Christmas backpacks, donation of knitted goods, sales of cookies, monetary donations from individuals and corporations. The list goes on and on, with more examples than there is space to mention them.

Sometimes you wonder how people can support those in need until you come across the likes of the little girl mentioned below. This young lady saved up her money and rather than spending it on toys or candy decided to purchase things needed by the Food Bank for use by the clients in Brampton.



Ariella Huether is the granddaughter of Mello and Sankar Roopnarine, daughter of Trina and Todd Huether. and she purchased toothpaste and other toiletries and showed them to Felicity Alexander before delivering them to the Food Bank. She now knows how good it feels to help others, and this will continue into her future.

With the uncertainties of the economy and what will happen in the future, the Food Bank is prepared for 2023 because of generous people like Ariella.

## CALL TO PRAYER



*by Ray Scanlan*

With Christmas and New Year's behind us and many New Year's resolutions already forgotten, it may be time to reflect on 2023 as our first "post pandemic" year and what this means to life at St. Andrew's.

Even though we still hear regularly of a friend or relative who has contracted COVID, we now venture out to shop, work, attend church in person or have a meal at our favorite restaurant. We have all been affected by this virus, either personally or through an associate, and we are genuinely thankful that the outcomes are not as life-threatening as we once thought just a couple of years ago.

Looking back to that time we can be thankful that God did answer our prayers and did provide not one but several vaccines to stem the tidal wave that was COVID.

Thanks to everyone who spent some time in prayer each month to pray for the plethora of issues we faced, along with the rest of the world. So we start 2023 looking at COVID more and more through the rear-view mirror. Thank you Jesus.

Although there are many corporate issues that face us as a global community, today feels like a good time to share some quiet moments in prayer, giving thanks to our wonderful Saviour.

Thank you Jesus.



The L6T/L6P group met, once again on Zoom - a good thing, as several of us are recovering from illnesses that mean our exposure to others should be limited.

We discussed George Burrows' funeral - the funny parts, the significant contributions he made to life in our community and the very meaningful way the service concluded. We also discussed the challenges of watching our Sunday morning church services on Facebook.

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The L6X/L6Y group met in person on January 10. We were a small but mighty group. We shared news and missed the folks who were not there. Grace shared the most amazing butter tart squares and Sue brought a box of delicious chocolates.

We continued our study on Loving Like Jesus by Dr. Les Parrot, who talked about being "Approachable" as Christians and making sure no one felt left out.

We had an excellent discussion on the importance of inclusion, and a great time of fellowship.



**Pre-Lent Event**  
**February 22 – 6:30 pm**



We are happy to announce that indoor Coffee Fellowship is back – but we need volunteers to make it happen weekly! Michelle Tedder is the Fellowship co-ordinator. She will draw up and manage a roster of volunteers. Michelle will also provide all supplies each week, so volunteers don't need to bring anything! This is where we need YOU!

We are looking for two volunteers each week to set up, serve and clean up. This is a perfect service opportunity in the life and work of our church. If you can help, please provide Michelle with your contact information, and the dates below that you're available, Thank you!

**MAR 5   MAR 12   MAR 19   MAR 26**  
**APR 2   APR 9   APR 16   APR 23   APR 30**

Contact Michelle Tedder at [tedderm@rogers.com](mailto:tedderm@rogers.com) or 647-261-2066.



John Bakkeren would appreciate help with ushering and greeting on Sunday mornings.

If you are willing to assist please call John at 905-455-9377

## Calling all Elders and Supporting Elders

We are calling on all Elders and Supporting Elders for their help. All you need is a warm smile and an enthusiastic/can do mentality!!

Can you volunteer occasionally on Sunday mornings as a Duty Elder? The frequency will depend on the number of responses we receive. It's easy... all that is required is your enthusiasm, and assistance in the Great Hall during the worship service!!!

You are there to make sure the children get safely to their Sunday School classroom, to help anyone coming in from the Sanctuary who may need assistance, as well as to greet any late arrivals who may wish to make their way into the Sanctuary.

Please reach out to Jean Bradshaw (Clerk of Session) 905-455-6573 or June Young (Elder) 905-456-7224

Thank you for your continuing support!!!!!!

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The Annual Congregational Meeting takes place in person and on Zoom on Sunday, April 23.

Committee/group reports must be submitted by **February 21** through email to Valerie Barrett at [office@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:office@standrewsbrampton.ca).

## Excerpt from the PresbyCan Daily Devotional of January 11, 2023



**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

**Hebrews 10:24-25** – *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (NIV)*

**1 Corinthians 12:7** – *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (NIV)*

When the COVID-19 virus raised its ugly head and travelled worldwide, striking down so many and leaving many with ongoing, lingering disabilities, many things were shut down for the safety of all. This included, out of necessity, the churches. The Body had to stay home and watch services on television or over the Internet. Some did and some chose not to. Over the past three years, many became accustomed to not fellowshiping with others and even found that they really didn't miss it that much. Others became disillusioned with the Body, as their pastors or study groups did not stay in touch, and they felt abandoned and alone. Thus, when the churches were allowed to reopen, many chose not to return to fellowship, for one reason or another.

But God calls us not to neglect, not to give up meeting together for the encouragement of one another, that we might spur one another on to love and good deeds and use our gifts for the common good. For as we do so, the Body shines so much more brightly and strongly than when each of us remains in our own small corner, even though we may still be diligently working for God.

So, this week, as the day of worship approaches, if you have been one who has chosen not to go back to our reopened churches, reconsider and take to heart and put into action the words in today's passages from Hebrews and 1 Corinthians.

Lynne Phipps  
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