

## HONEY & LOCUST



St. John in the Wilderness Anglican Church,  
Bright's Grove

## Church Services

This Sunday, November 7 is both All Saints and Remembrance Sunday. Come worship at 8:30 am or join the 10:40 am walk outdoors from Camlachie Community Center parking lot to the cenotaph and engage in the cenotaph ceremony outdoors in Camlachie.

Remember, turn your clocks back an hour



on  
Saturday  
November  
6 – you get  
an extra  
hour of  
sleep  
Sunday.

Fall colours and more sleep...a great day!



God bless.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAVE!**

Sunday, October 31 was both Hallowe'en and Reverend Dave Hewett's birthday (pictured on Page 1)! Some of the women who bake for "coffee hour" prepared take-away sweets in bags for parishioners, and a cupcake for Dave. Thanks, and blessings! We hummed Happy birthday to Dave.

Dave humbly thanked the congregation and then rewarded us with a sermon based on the Book of Ruth as well as the Book of Mark's "The Greatest Commandment"; he put faith and obedience in insightful perspective.

Below, on October 24, Lay Reader Janice McAlpine, hums; she offered a wonderful sermon. Also pictured are Brenden and Ken singing, Susan Halliday playing piano and Dave Hewett presiding.



My Sunday service started as it often does ... at home listening to Ken practise the psalm while playing on our piano (pictured adjacent).



## ACW Pasta Dinner – We All Joined In!



"Delicious Pasta Dinner. No cooking and very little clean up. My kind of meal!  
Sent from mama Clingy (Brenda)"

ACW president and event organizer Leslie Grieve was thrilled that the pasta take-away dinner from our church embodied 75%+ of the parish between cooks and clients – WHOO WHOO!

Said Leslie, "We all ate the same meal, at different times – apart but together during the supper hour. And it was so fun when Haley brought Francis into the church kitchen from Toronto via Facetime when she delivered the sauce...Fran said in his 3-year old joyous way when he heard it was his Nanny's sauce 'that's a spicy meataballa....mmmm.'"

The dinner raised a bit over \$750, involved 19 volunteers, and 70 meals (we sold out). We froze some of the left-over sauce in meal-size portions and gave it away to folks we thought could use a home-made meal.

Blessings and Thanks,



Nancy and Maggie – heading up the kitchen.



The veggie sauce early during the cooking. We had a couple of gluten free meals and several vegetarian meals.



Lori Kolano (our Triathlon race doctor), Haley and Deb rolling 300+ meatballs.



Jim Gallie – one of 70 of us getting ready to bring home and enjoy a common meal!

## Baby Blankets & Toques for The Inn

Myles Vanni, Executive Director for The Inn of the Good Shepherd sent us the thank you picture below – Norma Hains dropped off 15 baby blankets and toques which she knitted.



Ingrid, Pat, Dave, and Betty – Spaghetti and Meatball Joy!



Norma Hains donating hand-knitted blankets and toques – Thank you, Norma!

Leslie Grieve says Norma actually taught Leslie how to knit over the last 5 years prior to Covid. Leslie would go to the knitting days at the church and have coffee and join the chatter while folks knit. Leslie says "Norma is a good teacher!" In her self-depreciating humour, Leslie added: "miracles happen in our church".

.... Dave Hains and Deb Walker

## AFC Grant Proposal –VBS Young Beekeeper Program

Haley Walker, Leslie Grieve, and I submitted a grant proposal to the Anglican Foundation of Canada's 2021 Say Yes! To Kids campaign.

Applications were due October 1; [click here to see our submission](#). Extracts are also given adjacent.



*Photography by Jayne Primeau*

The AFC received over 80 proposals representing a total funding request of more than \$500,000. Wow! – such a blessing that folks want to focus so much on kids! Per the attached article from AFC, they are on a quiet campaign to close the funding gap: [Churches Say Yes! - Anglican Foundation of Canada](#)

Haley, in her passion for folk and bees, got poetic as she wrote. About \$3,100 is being sought.

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### Project Description:

This grant will be used to purchase children's beekeeping suits and gear as part of a proposed St John in the Wilderness Anglican Church's VBS Young Beekeeper's Program.

The intent of this project is to provide children & teenagers an opportunity to explore nature, pollinators, and the interconnectedness of God's creation by participating in tours of the beehives at St John in the Wilderness Anglican Church. These tours involve opening the beehive and showing children stages of the bee life cycle, from egg to worker bee, and showing them how bees collect honey, pollen, nectar, and the rest of nature's goodness.

The beehives were funded in part by an AFC grant in 2020 as an act to uphold our Baptismal Covenant "to safeguard the integrity of god's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth". We will continue to commit and renew this covenant by providing ongoing education of God's earth and creations to children & teens on a regular basis.

The target community will be the VBS participants (~15 children), plus scheduled beekeeping tours through the summer based on community & school interest. The primary location will be St John in the

Wilderness Anglican Church in Bright's Grove.

[Describe how this project will contribute to the physical, intellectual, emotional, and/or spiritual well-being of children, youth, and young adults in a post-pandemic world:](#)

**Physical** – entering a beehive is a tactile experience that engages all the senses; touching the wax, seeing the life cycle stages, hearing the buzz of bees at work, smelling the rich local flora, and of course tasting the sweet golden honey. In a world where kids spend so much time on screens, providing a firmly outdoor, physical experience is deeply grounding to children and youth.

**Intellectual** – bees are a common thread through many children's books and experiences. Children delight in learning about communities of bees and, as natural learners, can easily translate the habits we learn from bees – of working in a community, as individuals contributing to a larger whole – to their role in a parish, family, and community.

**Emotional** – entering a beehive requires a manageable element of facing fears, remaining calm, and believing in yourself. Children will be fully protected from the bees in their suits; this provides a safe, controlled experience growing comfortable with being uncomfortable.

**Spiritual** – honeybee hives are truly a marvel of perfect design and creation. Exploring the perfect hexagonal shape of bee-created comb; tasting the sweet honey; watching the bees work together to build a greater hive; it is near-impossible to enter a beehive without thinking "These bees are a blessing from God; what a perfect creation".

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Haley, Leslie, and I await to hear from the AFC on funding. Regardless, once again, the AFC caused us to think about what we can do to make the world a better place, and we are grateful.

... Deb Walker

## **FundScrip and Outreach – Please Join in It.**

Since our last communication we have received 3 new **FundScrip** orders, one from the ACW and 2 from parishioners, which generated over \$50 towards the church's fundraising totals and ultimately our outreach program. In the past we have been fortunate in that the triathlon contributed between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to the church annually and this allowed us to support needy organizations in our community. The last 2 years due to COVID we have not been involved in the triathlon. It is difficult to replace this event but we must replace the money if we want to have

**Outreach** as one of our strengths and strong visible presence in the surrounding area. **FundScrip** becomes one of the integral parts of our efforts and as Christmas approaches we ask all parishioners to consider gift cards as presents. We can help with on-line ordering. Please contact either Sandra Fraser, Brian Fogg or Dave Hains for assistance if required.

Thank you for your consideration.

... Dave Hains and Brian Fogg

Postscript from Deb:

Fundscrip really is an easy way to raise money for outreach – please consider it. When Dave and Brian say they will help with the on-line ordering ... they mean literally ... you fill out the paper form to say what cards you want, you write a cheque to the church with “Fundscrip” in the notes and they then order on-line instead of by mail. You do what you did prior to Covid ... fill out the form and write a cheque. Keeping it Simple – Thanks, Dave, Brian, and Sandra!



## Hallowe'en Zombies in The Grove!



I drove up my driveway on October 31 to see two very young princesses trick or treating next door at 4:00 pm and one scary zombie horse with a scary zombie rider on my lawn!



Zombie Kate Gilchrist, and her mum Lori Kolano, once again dressed up their wonderful horse Rain and themselves to bring a little more magic to The Grove. Last year I joined them on a headless horseman walk.



Above: Lori Kolano, Horse Rain, Kate Gilchrist, and Deb Walker.

The princes and princesses of the neighbourhood were awed and thrilled. ❤️

## Share Your Joy/Story/Comments in the Honey & Locust

If you have a paragraph or two you would like to publish in Honey & Locust, perhaps a hello/profile of a parish member, an update for a church/community group you are part of, a favourite project or memory or prayer you would like to share, a family update ...whatever is on your mind that might be meaningful/ joyous for your congregation to hear...please craft the words and send them to [debwalker@cogeco.ca](mailto:debwalker@cogeco.ca)

## Marie & Jim – Thanks!



Last issue I asked who planted the marvelous bushes in front of the church

hall/rector's office. They change to a fabulous range of reds in the fall. It turns out Jim and Marie Foubister planted them years ago. When they were selecting the plants, they figured their name "Burning Bush" was a sign that they should plant them 😊. Thanks, Jim and Marie!

## Reflections on turning 73

...Dave Hewett

This past Sunday, October 31, I arrived at the church and was greeted by the call of a screech owl, a voice I haven't heard in a number of years. It was the beginning of a wonderful day that would include



worshiping with friends at St. John in the Wilderness, a phone call from my sister in Spain, watching my grandchildren in the USA as they went trick or treating, and of course the more than forty young people and parents that called in the evening.

In recent years my birthday calls to mind words from the book *Journal of a Soul* by Angelo Roncalli. On his birthday in 1948 he entered the following into his journal:

"This 23<sup>rd</sup> of November I enter the sixty-eighth year of my age. I now consider my

life has come to its end. Whatever else the Lord may send, be it years or days, I shall receive as something extra."

God would give Father Roncalli seventeen more years of life. During his last seven years he would be known to the world as Pope John XXIII who would summon the church to Vatican 11 and open the windows of church to allow the "winds of change" to blow through the church.

As I think of his ill-conceived words, I am reminded that our God is a God of surprises. You can never predict who he will send into your life, where he will send you, or what task he will set before you and that whatever remains of our lives, they have meaning and value in the eyes of God. Be it hours, days, or even years, God can use whatever remains of our life and will do so in surprising ways.

The Old Testament reading on Sunday was from the Book of Ruth. It is a beautiful short story. There are no villains, only good people and the story has a happy ending. The story ends with the marriage of Ruth and Boaz and the birth of their son Obed who would become the grandfather of King David and the ancestor of Jesus.

Boaz is a central figure in chapters two and three. It is Boaz who offers protection to Ruth when she gleans in his fields. Boaz becomes the kinsman redeemer who arranges for the property that once belonged to Naomi's husband to be restored to the family thus ensuring their financial wellbeing.

However, Boaz is conspicuous by his absence at the end of the story. This has led scholars to argue that Boaz was much older than Ruth and died before the birth of their son. In support of this argument, they point out that Boaz demonstrates the qualities of a mature man experienced in the ways of the world and in the nuances of the law. His treatment of his employees and their respect for him reveal him as a man who has earned their affection.

Boaz is an example of a man remembered for what he accomplished at the end of his life.

Perhaps your greatest work is yet to come. Be prepared to be surprised by God and be willing to be used by him.

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## **St. John in the Wilderness Mission and Vision**

### **Our Mission**

To Love God and to share His love with others.

### **Our Vision**

To show a welcoming, visible sign of Christ meet the spiritual needs of everyone in a facility which is accessible, safe, environmentally friendly, and addresses the space requirements of all.

Yours in Faith,

Deb Walker, Peter Langille, Janice McAlpine,  
and The Reverend Amanda Longmoore+  
Wardens, Lay Reader, and Rector

*"You will never look into the eyes of  
someone God does not love."*

Postscript:

On October 26 there was a howling Northeastern storm in The Grove. As it started to shift to the west, the sun began to peek out. I went out to savour the lake and sky ... something I love to do. The wind was still howling at 27 miles/hour, the waves crashing....and a beautiful full-arch rainbow reminded me of how much God gifts to us every day.



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Option 2 for Reverend  
Gord Simmons' silly joke  
of the week 😊

**St. John in the Wilderness, Brights Grove**  
**Church Services**  
(October 25, 2021 Update)

Date	Day of Church Calendar (Officiant if Other than The Reverend Amanda Longmoore, and Lay Reader Assisting)	Time	Service	Location (See Notes 1 & 2)	Colour	Readings
November 7 is Remembrance Sunday. We will have our regular 8:30 am BCP service at St. John in the Wilderness. The 10:30 am service at St. John in the Wilderness is cancelled. There is no joint indoor service at Camlachie Community Centre; however, everyone is invited to join the outdoor walk to the cenotaph in Camlachie and to join the ceremony there. The walk to the cenotaph starts at 10:40 am from the Community Center; those wishing to join the walk should be at the community center parking lot for about 10:30 am.						
November 7, 2021	All Saints Sunday Remembrance Sunday (see note directly above)	8:30 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church	White	Isaiah 25: 6-9 - The Mountain of the Lord
		10:30 am	Cenotaph ceremony (see note above)	Camlachie Outdoors		Psalm 24 - The King of Glory Revelation 21: 1-6a - The Holy City John 11: 32-44 - The Raising of Lazarus
November 14, 2021	25th Sunday after Pentecost Lay Reader Janice assists	8:30 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church	Green	1 Samuel 1: 4-20 - Hannah's Prayer
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	In Church		Psalm 16 - Trust in God Hebrews 10: 11-25 - Christ's Sacrifice Mark 13: 1-8 - Destruction of the Temple Foretold
November 21, 2021	The Reign of Christ Lay Reader Nicole assists	8:30 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church	White	2 Samuel 23: 1-7 - Last Words of David
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	In Church		Psalm 132 - God's Promise to David Revelation 1: 4b-8 - The Alpha and the Omega John 18: 33-37 - Pilate Questions Jesus
November 28, 2021	The First Sunday of Advent Lay Reader Sandra assists and preaches	8:30 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church	Blue/ Purple	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 - The Lord is our Righteousness
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	In Church		Psalm 25: 1-9 - To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul 1 Thessalonians: 3: 9-13 - Paul Blesses the Thessalonians Luke: 21: 25-36 - Be Alert

Note (1)

**In-Church Services**

**8:30 am:** No invitation is used since attendance has been 5 to 11 people - well under our 20-person limit given Covid.

**10:30 am:** Indoor services please reserve via the invite you receive 2 to 5 days prior to the service from Peter Langille; this is issued to the parish email list. Outdoor services, there is lot's of room, no Evite, just come join us in worship.

Note (2)

We try to save a video of the service and issue a saved and edited version of the service recording. It will issue within 1 to 3 days of the service with a link going out via the church's email.

Audio recordings of the readings, psalm and sermon will be placed on the prayer telephone line on Monday or Tuesday

**Please check your e-mail regularly to see if there are changes – this is a fluid time given Covid.**

**Keep wearing those masks, washing your hands, maintain social distance, be kind, acknowledge Angst, and.....recognize Blessings;-)**

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