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The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Being 3 **wiseMEN** the journey to baby Jesus took longer than expected because they refused to stop and ask directions.

Claiming God's Promises

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. (Isaiah 60:1-3)



ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA



Anglican Network
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Epiphany Sunday
Sunday, January 7, 2018
10:00 AM



PREACHER
THE REV. MANASSE MANIRAGABA

READING
MATTHEW 2:1-12

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"
(John 7:37-38)

Collect of the Day

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Ministering @ Living Waters Today

Greeters: Jenny Fern & Margo Hyde

Reader: Jennifer Shoniker

Prayers of the People: Tucker Carrington

Chalice Bearers: Derek Waddingham & Carrie Cirtwill

Computer: Ron Bettney

Prayer Team: Manasse Maniragaba & Shirley Underhill

Kidz Zone: Gracie Doering & Katie Dove

Teen Café: MJ Dove

Fellowship: Shirley Underhill & Margo Hyde

Counters: Gail Sulpher & Yolande Chan

Set Up: Derek Waddingham & Kyle Joudry

KIDZ ZONE & Teen Cafe

All children from K to Gr. 12 are welcome to join Kidz Zone or Teen Cafe-- our Sunday morning children and youth program. Young people and crew are dismissed after the reading and return at Communion. Our K-7 class will be following the **Jesus Story Book Bible** curriculum and our teens will be studying the **Book of James: Faith that Works**. For more information about children and youth ministry at LWF - or how to serve in this important ministry area, speak to Kathy Doering. Please keep our children, youth, and leaders in your prayers.

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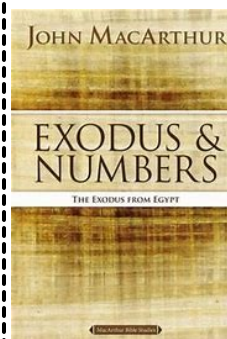
Living Waters Community Sharing

Thank you to everyone who brought in warm socks during the month of November. For the month of

January, we will be collecting **HATS, MITTS, GLOVES, & SCARVES** for men, women and children. Please bring **new** items to church and place them in the basket at the Welcome Table. For more information, speak to Barb Lutz or the Rector.



Exodus & Numbers Bible Study



Although the descendants of Jacob moved to Egypt as honoured guests, in time they became despised slaves, groaning under the mistreatment of Pharaoh. In response to His people's cries, God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt into Canaan, but their journey took a dramatic forty-year detour when they failed to trust God. This study will be an in-depth look at the historical period beginning with God's calling of Moses, continuing through the giving of the Ten Commandments, and concluding with the Israelites' preparations to enter the Promised Land. This study includes close-up examinations of Moses, Aaron, Caleb, Joshua, and Balaam and Balak, as well as consideration of doctrinal themes such as "Complaints and rebellion" and "Following God's Law."

Join us **Fridays from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** at the Kingston House of Prayer (447 Division St.) beginning **Friday, January 19**.

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Life Groups at Living Waters



Small groups were an integral part of the Early Church's structure. The Book of Acts tells us that when the church was first established there were no buildings--people met in the temple and synagogues for their corporate gatherings on the Lord's Day and in homes throughout the week. These groups were small enough to allow individual members to minister to one another, discover and use their spiritual gifts, and be discipled in the teachings of Jesus.

Life Groups at Living Waters are small groups that provide an opportunity for connection, community, and spiritual transformation. There is a place for everyone--from the first steps of finding out more about faith to the deeper questions of life. There are no prerequisites and everyone is welcome and encouraged to join a group. **Currently there are 7 Life Groups meeting at Living Waters and more will be starting in the coming months.** If you are interested in joining a group, please get a brochure from the Welcome Table or speak to the Rector. **Getting involved in a Life Group could be one of the most important things you do this Fall!**

Christmas Pageant Video

Thank you to all those who were involved in this year's Kidz Zone Christmas Pageant. It was truly a wonderful celebration of Jesus' birth!

If you missed the performance or would like to see it again, Jerry Zabel recorded it and would be happy to send you a copy. Please email Jerry at zabel3333@gmail.com and be sure to include your name and email address.



For Your Prayers

Please hold the following people, places, and petitions in your prayers this week.

The World: Pray for an end to all violence and unrest; for countries in conflict and for the people who live in them--that the whole world would know the peace, justice, and freedom of God.

- For Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and parts of Africa.
- For the vulnerable: for women, children, those lost in the sex-trade, refugees, prisoners, and captives.

The Church: Pray for Christians throughout the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel--that Jesus would be known, worshipped, and obeyed.

- For the persecuted church: for Christians in the Middle East, Pakistan, China, and parts of Africa.
- For our Province (ACNA) and Primate: for Archbishop Foley Beach (& Allison).
- For our Diocese: for our Diocesan Bishop Charlie Masters (& Judy); Suffragan Bishops: Stephen Leung (& Nona), Trevor Walters (& Dede); Missionary Bishop, Andy Lines (Mandy); retired bishop Don Harvey (& Trudy).
- For ANiC congregations in the Fraser Valley & Interior of B.C.: for St. Mathew's, Abbotsford; for the Rev. Canon Mike Stewart; and for all who work and worship in that parish.
- For our brothers and sisters in Christ ministering with us in Kingston.
- For our parish & the families of: Jarry Zabel & Narjis Phillips; Karen Zabel & Brett Christopher; Ron & Pauline Bettney; Earle Briard.
- For missionaries at home and abroad--for their safety and protection, as they spread the good news. Pray for Precy Elgincolin ministering with the Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Philippines.
- **Our Country, Province, and City:** for all those in authority--that they would lead with righteousness and truth.
- Pray for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Kathleen Wynne; and Mayor Bryan Paterson.

The Sick and Suffering: Pray for all those who cry out for healing in body mind or spirit.

- Pray for those in our parish: Harry, Barb, Juliet, Barbara, Tucker.
- Pray for our family & friends: Larry, Carolyn, Lowell, Brenda, John, Brian, Lisa, Lise, Rick, Mary-Frances, Phyllis, Caleb.



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Pray up the Space

We are so thankful to have use of the Seniors Centre! We want to consecrate the space to God each week, and set it apart for God's purposes. We welcome any *early arrivers* on Sunday mornings at **9:30 AM** to PRAY UP A STORM for our worship space. ***This is a very important activity!***



Parish Prayer List



If you have any prayer concerns, please add them to the prayer list at the Welcome Table as you come into church and they will be included in the prayers on Sunday morning. Your request will remain on the prayer list until you tell us to remove it, so please keep us updated!

We would also like to hear about answered prayers, so we can give thanks with you. For more information, speak to the Rector.

The Flow: Prayer Gathering



Pray played an important role in the establishment of *Living Waters*, and prayer continues to be the most important thing we can do if we want to grow into the church that God has called us to be. As Jesus says in John 15:5; "Apart from me you can do nothing."

Join us at the **Kingston House of Prayer** on **Friday** afternoons from **2:00 PM to 3:00 PM**, for an informal time of prayer for our church, dioceses, city, and world, as we press into God and discern His will for us. Personal prayer will also be available for those who wish to receive. For more information, please speak to Chris or Kathy Doering.

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Soup & Spirituality



Our Soup & Spirituality group, which ministers to clients of Frontenac Community Mental Health Services, resumes Friday, January 12. If you are able to make a pot of homemade soup, chilli, or stew for 12 people, please add your name to the sign up sheet or speak to Kathleen Young. Thank you to everyone who provided wonderful tasting soups this past fall. This is a very important outreach into the Kingston community and your support is very much appreciated. For more information about Soup & Spirituality, please speak to the Rector.

New Year Resources

There are two resources at the Welcome Table to help you start 2018 off right!

- **9 Questions to Ask Yourself to Help you Prepare for 2018**
- **Read Through the Bible in a Year Reading Guide**

Please help yourself to these resources! May 2018 be a year of spiritual growth and maturity for all of us at *Living Waters!*

