

St. John's Eaglet

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are lovingly knit or crocheted by several parishioners for anyone facing a time of difficulty, or for a time of celebration. This ministry is prepared to meet needs by keeping a small inventory of shawls on hand. Prayer shawls are a tangible way to show someone that they are loved and cared about by our parish family. At the time a shawl is being made it is not necessarily known for whom it is intended, but when the need arises the shawl is intentionally blessed by one of our priests, and a prayer is said for the person. A label that reads "Prayerfully made for you by a member of St. John's Anglican Church in Port Hope" is sewn on to the shawl.

Prayer blankets are made by our talented Laurie Woodruff to be given at the time of Baptism. These are knit or crocheted in white with the design of the "cross" for boys and the "angel" design for girls. A baptismal card is included in the gift bag and is delivered prior to the day of baptism so that if desired, the blankets can be used on the day of baptism.

To date, about 68 shawls have been blessed for people enduring difficulty and 14 for baptisms or as a baby gift. In 2011, 10 shawls were given to Regency Nursing Home and in 2012, 14 were given to Port Hope Extencicare for residents who do not normally receive a Christmas present. The Phillip Aziz Centre in Toronto has been given 11 shawls to comfort children in respite care.

Please contact Diane Fraser or Joan Fraser if there is someone you know in need of a shawl.

Coffee Anyone?

An analysis by the Martin Prosperity Institute in 2011 found the city with the most Tim Horton's for the population is Port Hope. That could explain a lot about the people of Port Hope. Do we like our coffee or the social gathering it creates? The coffee hour held each Sunday after the 10:30 service is a chance to get to know the members of our Parish family. This social hour is in danger of ending due to the lack of volunteers.

Please sign the form at the back of the church to volunteer one Sunday; there are instructions provided and people willing to help you if the task seems too daunting.



Alexandra Headed for Ghana on Medical Mission

A Roast Beef Dinner at St. John's on April 12 will be in support of Alexandra Foley-Ebey's medical mission to Ghana. Here is what she had to say about the trip:

I grew up being told by my father that every person has a calling; that some people never find it, but that God has something he wants each of us to do. Even as a child I saw this as a "love at first sight" type of improbable ideal. Today I can say, however, that I found my place in the world. I realized when I was about 12 years old that what truly made me happy was helping others, and that what I excelled at was science. I volunteered with several Saint John's summer camps, Students Supporting Seniors and worked as a babysitter. By grade 12 I had my heart firmly set on getting into medical school. I did a co-op in the chemotherapy clinic at Northumberland Hills Hospital until June last year, at which point I planned to get a summer job. Instead, I kept my co-op Monday-Friday 9am-2pm until a week before Labour Day. I can honestly say it was the best experience of my life. I'm currently in the Dalhousie Integrated Biomedical Science Program at Dalhousie University, Halifax.

This year I wanted to gain experience with a medical missionary group. Dalhousie Global Medical Brigades were recruiting and I decided to join for the 2013 Brigade to Ghana. Ghana is a country on Africa's west coast and is one of the safest and most stable African countries. The trip is scheduled for August 16-27. Up until I depart I will be fundraising monetary donations and supplies, and we will also be actively recruiting medical professionals. While I am in the country I will be shadowing doctors, helping with triage, vitals, education, and home-visits. It is a program that promotes the eventual independence of the host country with the education and tools they need while avoiding continued dependence on western intervention.

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime." ~ Martin Luther

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Easter Monday</i>	2 Retirement Home Visit: Regency 10:30 AM	3 Holy Eucharist St John's Church 10:00 AM Trinity Group (following 10 AM service)	4	5	6
7 Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Choral Eucharist / Children friendly Easter Service & Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 AM Laying on of hands with Prayer Food Bank Sunday Focus Group Meeting following 10:30 Service	8 Focus Group Meeting 7:30 PM	9 Focus Group Meeting 1:30 PM	10 Holy Eucharist St John's Church 10:00 AM Retirement Home Visit: Rose Glen 2:00 PM	11	12 Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser 4:45 & 6:00 PM 	13 Area Day of Celebration at St. Peter's <i>Hidden Treasure: Discovering God's Kingdom</i>
14 Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Choral Eucharist / Sunday School 10:30 AM	15	16 Retirement Home Visit: Extencicare 2:00 PM Advisory Board 7:30 PM	17 Holy Eucharist St John's Church 10:00 AM	18	19 Fun Family Bingo Night 7:00 PM	20
21 Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Choral Eucharist / Sunday School 10:30 AM	22	23	24 Holy Eucharist St John's Church 10:00 AM Retirement Home Visit: Community Care 2:00 PM	25	26	27
28 Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM PARISH BREAKFAST 9:15 AM Choral Eucharist / Sunday School 10:30 AM	29	30	 <p>Treasure Trove: Wednesdays 6 - 8 pm / Friday & Saturdays 9am to noon <u>Upcoming Events for May:</u> May 4- 6: Anglican Women Alive Renewed Enriched (A.W.A.R.E.) weekend May 1, Trinity Group Fashion Show, 7:00 PM May 11, Trinity Group Plant Sale May 26, Faithworks Speaker and Soup Lunch</p>			