



**LEST WE FORGET**

**ST. ANDREW'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**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.*

***St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brampton***

Remembrance Sunday, November 8, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: *Almaine*

R. Johnson

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

Silent Prayer and the Lighting of Christ Candle

***Approach to Worship***

Call to Worship - *In Flanders Fields*

Prayers of Adoration

See & Hear: "A List of Names" Muriel's Story

**(Click here to See & Hear Muriel Gemmell tell her story.)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXM7PflMHYk&t=43s>

Act of Remembrance (See insert for responses)

Call to Remembrance

The Tryst

Reading of the Honour Roll

Laying of the Wreath:

Last Post, Minutes of Silence, Lament, Reveille,

[https://youtu.be/\\_qEgebUgTGc](https://youtu.be/_qEgebUgTGc)

(CTVNews: 2018 National Remembrance Day, Ottawa)

Prayer

Hymn: *God save our gracious Queen*

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Litany of Peace

National Anthem: *O Canada*

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***The Word Proclaimed***

Prayer for Illumination:

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we  
pray may your Word remind us of your steadfast love for us.**

**Amen.**

First Reading: John 15:9-17 (See Readings below)

Second Reading: Romans 16:3-16

(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

Sermon: "NO GREATER LOVE: A List of Names" Rev. Geoff Ross

Hymn: "O day of peace that dimly shines"

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## *Response and Thanksgiving*

### Offering Announcement:

*Thank you for your support for the ministry of St. Andrew's.*

*Thank you to those who are on the PAR Program or who mailed in their donations – your generosity is appreciated.*

*Click here to give to St. Andrew's through PAR or online:*

<http://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate-today/>

*To give by Interac e-Transfer. Go to your banking website, select Interac e-Transfer, use the email: [treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca) then follow the prompts. In the message area put your name, envelope number, and how you want the donation distributed:*

### Doxology:

**We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be.**

**All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

### Offertory Prayer:

**Gracious God, accept these gifts as we give them in grateful remembrance of the many sacrifices made on our behalf.**

**May they further your kingdom in which love triumphs over hate, justice over evil, and life over death. Amen.**

Prayer of Remembrance (See insert)

### Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

## *Returning to Service*

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Commission & Benediction

Postlude: *Gigge*

J. Bull

## *In Worship this Week*

Minister: Rev. Geoff Ross

Lay Leader: Regan Ross

Simpson Ross

Reader: Ken Jackson

Music Director: Shelagh Tyreman

## *Special Remembrance Day Participants*

See & Hear: Muriel Gemmell

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## **St. Andrew's Zoom "Fellowship" Zoom Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:30 am.**

You are invited to join Rev. Geoff and others for our Zoom "Fellowship" every Sunday after the Worship Service at 11:30am.

Here is the Zoom meeting information – just click on the links below:

**To join the St. Andrew's Zoom "Fellowship":**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3752656843?pwd=ZnJtb3VGZkgxZjNxWlQvYUUVseDlpUT09>

**Meeting ID: 375 265 6843**

**Passcode: 489011**

**By Mobile Phone: One tap mobile**

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We hope that you will join us – it would be great to 'see' you!

## THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

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(\* Those who are able are invited to stand. Responsive text is in bold.)

\* CALL TO REMEMBRANCE:

Let us remember the kindness of God,  
As we remember those lost to us during times of war.

Let us remember the courage,  
The devotion to duty,  
and the self-sacrifice of those in our armed forces;  
for the toil, endurance,  
and suffering of those who were not in uniform;  
the support of those who sent all they had to defend peace.

**All: We will remember them.**

Let us remember those  
who perished in air-raids in their homes;  
Those who fell in battle, and are buried at sea  
Or in some corner of a foreign field;  
And especially those whom we may have known and loved,  
Whose place is for ever in our hearts.

**All: We will remember them.**

Let us remember those who were our enemies,  
Whose homes and hearts are as bereft as ours,  
Whose dead also lie in a tomb of everlasting remembrance.

**All: We will remember them.**

Let us remember those who came back;  
Those whose lives still bear the scars of war;  
Those who lost sight or limbs or reason;  
Those who lost faith in God and hope for humanity.

**All: We will remember them.**

\* THE TRYST:

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

**All: We will remember them.**

\* READING OF THE HONOUR ROLL:

## HONOUR ROLL

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WORLD WAR I: 1914 – 1918

JAMES K. DONALDSON

FRANK G. EARLY

WILFRED HUNTER

WILLIAM LINDER

ALEX MCCLELLAND

JOSEPH A. MCCLINTOCK

WORLD WAR II: 1939 – 1945

LLOYD W. BIGHAM

WILLIAM A. BIGHAM

GEORGE W. DONALDSON

CRAWFORD W. HODGSON

CHARLES T. H. MACINTOSH

GORDON H. MCCLURE

LLOYD E. MCCRIMMON

ROBERT H. MCKILLOP

JACK E. M. NIXON

ALMER C. RAINE

JOHN C. ROBERTSON

THOSE WHO SERVED

87 MEN AND WOMEN

\* LAYING OF THE WREATH:

- \* Last Post,
- \* Minutes of Silence
- \* Lament
- \* Reveille
- \* Prayer

\* HYMN: "God save our gracious Queen"

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\* LITANY OF PEACE:

Where there is hate, may we sow love;  
**Lord, make us servants of your peace.**  
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
**Lord, make us servants of your peace.**  
Where there is strife, may we make the world one;  
**Lord, make us servants of your peace.**  
Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
**Lord, make us servants of your peace.**  
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
**Lord, make us servants of your peace.**  
Where all is night, may we sow light;  
**Lord, make us servants of your peace.**  
Where all is tears, may we sow joy;  
**Lord, make us servants of your peace.**

Jesus Christ, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but to look for hearts to understand.

**May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.**

**(All) Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day; Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light. Amen.**

\* NATIONAL ANTHEM: "O Canada"

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PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE:

Loving God, you are the giver of every good gift, and we remember today that one of your gifts is peace. You have blessed us with freedom, and provide for all our needs.

**O God, help us never to forget your gifts.**

We remember those who gave their lives in two world wars, the Korean War and the conflicts in the Gulf and Afghanistan. We know that their sacrifice was part of your plan for us – for our peace and freedom.

**O God, help us never to forget the price they paid.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said that people have no greater love than to lay down their life for their friends. You laid down your life for us, and you call us your friends. We remember those who were killed or scarred in wars and laid down a piece of their lives for us.

**O God, help us never to forget your or their sacrifice.**

Holy Spirit, we remember the homes and communities – the workplaces, schools and families – that raised, and sometimes lost, these brave men and women, who heard your call to fight for your dream of peace. May we live up to their example and accept the peace that you have offered to us through the love of Jesus Christ.

**O God, help us to accept your offer to live in peace.**

We remember that you are the source of peace and justice. We pray with all our hearts for peace in our times. Bring true peace to those places where conflicts rage: Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Sudan, Somalia, and many other places.

**O God, help to bring an end to hatred and give us peace.**

We hold up before you, O God, all those who work for peace: the Canadian Armed Forces, our Canadian peacekeepers, the RCMP, and those who work alongside them: may they together know of our support and prayers, as they show us what it means to live and die for peace.

**O God, help us to be your peacemakers in all we say and do.**

Lord's Prayer: (*Debts/Debtors*)

## Readings for Sunday, November 8, 2020:

### First Reading: John 15:9-17

*“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;  
abide in my love.*

*If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.  
I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you,  
and that your joy may be complete.”*

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another  
as I have loved you.*

*No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.*

*You are my friends if you do what I command you.*

*I do not call you servants any longer,  
because the servant does not know what the master is doing;  
but I have called you friends,*

*because I have made known to you*

*everything that I have heard from my Father.*

*You did not choose me but I chose you.*

*And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,  
so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.”*

### Second Reading: Romans 16:3-16

I commend to you our sister Phoebe,  
a deacon of the church at Cenchreae,  
so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the  
saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you,  
for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus,  
and who risked their necks for my life,  
to whom not only I give thanks,  
but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

Greet also the church in their house.

Greet my beloved Epaenetus,  
who was the first convert in Asia for Christ.

Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you.

Greet Andronicus and Junia,  
my relatives who were in prison with me;  
they are prominent among the apostles,  
and they were in Christ before I was.

Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.

Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ,  
and my beloved Stachys.

Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ.

Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus.

Greet my relative Herodion.

Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus.

Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa.

Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord.

Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord;  
and greet his mother – a mother to me also.

Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas,  
and the brothers and sisters who are with them.

Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas,  
and all the saints who are with them.

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

(The Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God.*)

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# Canadian buried in the Netherlands as an unknown soldier in 1945 identified

MAAN ALHMIDI – OTTAWA; THE CANADIAN PRESS  
PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 2, 2020 UPDATED

A Canadian soldier buried in a nameless grave in the Netherlands near the end of the Second World War has been identified 75 years later, the Department of National Defence said Monday.

Trooper Henry George Johnston's identity was confirmed under a program dedicated to identifying newly found skeletal remains and Canadian service members who were buried anonymously.

Sarah Lockyer, an anthropologist and casualty identification coordinator at the Department of National Defence, said research in archival and historical information confirmed Johnston's identity.

Johnston was buried as an unknown soldier in 1945 in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Mook war cemetery in the Netherlands.

"The headstone had basic information on it. It was a soldier from a Canadian regiment and had a date of death," she said.

After training in Ontario, the Alberta-born Johnston arrived in the United Kingdom in July 1944. He was killed in Operation Blackcock in the Netherlands the following January, a fierce fight to push German troops east across a major river.

Starting with that information, researcher narrowed down the soldier's identity using historical documents. "We're looking at any historical information that we can find. Things like war diaries, grave concentration and registration reports, casualty cards," Lockyer said. "For Trooper Johnson, that's exactly what happened."

National Defence Canada says Johnston's family was notified of his identification and provided with support.

The department says a headstone rededication ceremony will take place at the cemetery in Limburg, in the Netherlands.

"It's all about returning a name to an individual who has remained an unknown person," Lockyer said. "This individual died in combat, gave his life for Canada and the Canadian Forces at the time. And we kind of owe it to this individual to try as much as we possibly can to return his name."

There are more than 27,000 Canadian service personnel from the First and Second World Wars and the conflict in Korea without known graves, she said.

Lockyer said the Casualty Identification Program started in 2007 but it's become more systematic in putting names to graves and remains since 2019.

"We are now starting to put in much more regulated processes into making that happen," she said.

Johnston is the second Canadian soldier identified under this program this year. Lt. John Gordon Kavanagh's grave in the Netherlands was identified in January.

The department is working on identifying 47 unknown Canadian soldiers' graves and 45 sets of remains that have been discovered as well, Lockyer said.

Thirty-one Canadians' remains have been identified since 2007, Lockyer said. The successful identification of Johnston shows that it's possible to identify soldiers buried in an unknown graves even without examining remains, she said.

"There's other ways that we can do identification as well, when there's enough historical and archival material that supports the identification of a previously unknown grave that now becomes one with a name on it," she said.



Trooper Henry George Johnston is shown in a DND handout photo. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Announcements for Sunday, Nov 8, 2020

### **Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – Online!**

We are glad that you chose to join us for worship today. We hope you will find our worship inspiring and our fellowship warm.

### **Welcome Back!**

*"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'"*

We are so very excited to be back in the beautiful St. Andrew's sanctuary! It has been a long time – 223 Days! 32 Weeks! A LONG TIME! Thank you to the Session – in particular the Summer Session Team 1 – and the Property Committee for all of their work to clean and prepare the building for this to happen. Thank you to the Worship Committee – especially Shelagh Tyreman and our Scripture Readers – for their willingness to take part in the in-Church services.

### **UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Bear with us!**

Our in-Church, online services are still a bit of a 'work in progress'. We are investing in new equipment to help make the service better looking and sounding. To that end; if there is anyone out there who knows their way around social media – give Rev. Ross a call.

### **New Re-Opening Date Set!**

At its November meeting the Session met and, in light of the rising COVID19 cases – and the Province's recommended shutdowns, decided to push back the re-opening date to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. The Session will review the COVID19 situation at its December meeting. For more Session information about this decision and others, see the attached Session Summary below.

### **Mark the Date! Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 2020 at 11:30 am.**

#### **Annual Congregational Budget Meeting**

At its October meeting, the Session voted to hold its annual Congregational Budget Meeting on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – after the online service. This meeting will be held via Zoom. This meeting is for the sole purpose of approving the 2021 Budget. More information – including the proposed 2021 Budget – with be provided as we approach the date.

## **Have Any Questions?**

If you have any questions or concerns about anything related to St. Andrew's – and our website or Facebook page doesn't help – please call: Rev. Geoff Ross 647-524-1870; Kim Shepherd, Clerk of Session - 416-557-5001; or Jean Bradshaw, Deputy Clerk - 905-872-0272. We will do our best to answer your questions.

### **Yes, you can still have your cake – and cookies – too!**

Bruce – the cookie man – is back selling his, oh-so-good shortbread cookies and fruit cakes. Email Bruce ([brewsterwlu@hotmail.com](mailto:brewsterwlu@hotmail.com)) to order yours today!

## **Upcoming Worship Services**

From Egypt to the Promised Land: "How long?"

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### **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

*"From Egypt to the Promised Land: Living in the Wilderness."*

### **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>: Annual Budget Meeting**

*"From Egypt to the Promised Land: Along the Way."*

### **"Arise & Shine" – AN ADVENT SERIES**

#### **Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent & Communion**

*"Arise & Shine: A Rising Light."*

#### **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"Arise & Shine: Reflected Light."*

#### **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"Arise & Shine: Healing Light."*

#### **Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>: Blue Christmas Service**

*"Arise & Shine: A People in Darkness."*

#### **Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"Arise & Shine: Eternal Light."*

#### **Thurs., December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Services**

**4:00pm: Family Christmas Eve**

*"Arise & Shine: This Little Light of Mine."*

**7:30pm: Traditional Christmas Eve**

*"Arise & Shine: A Glorious Light."*

**10:00pm "Candlelight" Communion**

*"Arise & Shine: A Shining Light."*

## Annual Stewardship Poinsettia Fundraiser

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Don't let COVID19 rob you of the joys of the Christmas season!

What better way to brighten up your home - and bring in the festive season than a splash of colour!

Buy a beautiful poinsettia and help support St. Andrew's through this fundraiser!

We are again offering the plants that were so popular last year:

- 6" (in red, white, pink, or burgundy) for \$10.00
- 8" (in red, white, pink, or burgundy) for \$20.00
- 10" (in red, white, pink, or burgundy) for \$25.00
- And a 7" mumsettia - (a white potmum with a red poinsettia in the centre) for \$15.00

The deadline for orders is Friday, November 20, 2020. Delivery will be Wednesday, December 2, 2020 in the Great Hall. Details to follow closer to the date for pick up.

To place your order email Helen Collins ([johnco@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnco@sympatico.ca)) or phone 905-450-6314 with the details of your order.

You will find the poinsettia fundraiser information/order form on both our church website and on page 10 of the November edition of the In St. Andrew's Newsletter.

Cheques are to be payable to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. No postdated cheques please.

Cheques and envelopes with exact cash may be dropped off at - or mailed to 10 Parkview Place, Brampton, Ontario L6W 2G1.

Payment can also be made by e-transfer to:

[treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca)

*(It is very important that in the message area you add your name, and the information that these funds are for the poinsettia fundraiser. This cannot be changed later.)*

Lastly, all taxes are included in the prices.



### Poinsettia Sale

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#### When?

Sunday October 25 until Friday, November 20.  
Pick up will be on Wednesday, December 2.

#### Where?

In the Great Hall - details to follow closer to the pick-up date.

#### What?

6, 8 and 10" Poinsettias (See above picture)

Red, white, pink or burgundy (Below Right)

Or Mumsettia  
(Below Left)



For more information check out the Church's website, the November edition of the Newsletter, or call Helen Collins at 905-450-6314. Thank you in advance for your support.

# **St. Andrew's Session** **Meeting notes from November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU!

## **SUNDAY SERVICE BACK IN SANCTUARY!**

It has been three weeks since Geoff Ross & Shelagh Tyreman returned to the sanctuary to do our online worship services. While there have been some hiccups, the Social Media and Technology team have been working to improve your online experience. Worship Services will continue to be streamed on Facebook Live and later posted on our YouTube Channel and the St. Andrew's website, [www.standrewsbrampton.ca](http://www.standrewsbrampton.ca).

## **SESSION NEWS**

### **Re-opening Date Revised – Again!**

In light of the ongoing rise in COVID19 cases – and the Provinces' recommended shutdown – in the Peel/Brampton region, the Session has regrettably decided to push the re-opening date to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. This decision will be reviewed at the December meeting. More to come next

### **2021 Budget Meeting**

The annual Budget meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2020 following the Worship service. Due to the situation of the pandemic, the meeting will be held via Zoom. Session made the decision that the meeting on Sunday November 22nd, will be for the sole purpose of presenting the Proposed 2021 Budget. The Zoom link for the meeting along with the Proposed Budget package will be posted on our website, the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>. We pray that you will attend the Budget Meeting via Zoom – you can also attend by phone.

### **“THANK YOU” May!**

The Session has accepted, with regret, the resignation of May Jackson as Treasurer of St. Andrew's effective January 20, 2021. We thank May for her 18 years as Treasurer and we acknowledge her dedication and commitment to St. Andrew's: Thank you!

### **Treasurer Transition**

A transition team has been approved by Session for the role of Treasurer. The team of Stan Loree and Anna-Marie Dewar will work with May over the next two and a half months. We also approved the role of Transitional Treasurer to assume duties as of January 20, 2021 for a one-year term. Our Transitional Treasurer will be Stan Loree. Session would like to thank both Stan Loree and Anna-Marie for volunteering their time and talents to assist with the transition.

## **Elder Elections**

With the uncertainty of the COVID pandemic, Session made the decision to post-pone the Elder Election until May of 2021. The congregation will be voting for six positions on Session and the Induction of New Elders will take place in September. We are hopeful that the COVID situation will be in a better position and the Elder Elections will be able to happen at that time.

### **“THANK YOU” Gord!**

Earlier this year, Gord Warren, rendered his resignation from Session as a Serving Elder. Session accepted Gord's resignation, with regret. We want to say “Thank You” to Gord for his dedication, time & talents that he brought to Session over the past four years.

## **Board of Trustees**

The Session voted to put together a Session Prep Team to go over and review the Standing Orders with respect to the Board of Trustees. The Prep Team will provide to Session, for approval, nominations to be presented at the February Annual General Meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Worship:** It is good to see Rev. Geoff Ross and Shelagh Tyreman back in the sanctuary for Sunday services. Worship and Property are working to improve our online presentation.

### **Upgrade of Church Website**

Our web team have been working on our new updated website, with the assistance of the PCC. Keep watch for the announcement in bulletin for the launch of our updated site.

**Social Media:** We want to keep you as up to date as quick as possible. Email blasts are being sent weekly, if you have email and would like to receive these updates, please send an email to [socialmedia@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:socialmedia@standrewsbrampton.ca).

- We have a **Facebook page** ([St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – Brampton](#)).
- We have also created a **YouTube channel:** [St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church: Brampton](#). The services, hymns and Bible readings are posted here to watch anytime. Please look click the link above and subscribe.

**Pastoral Care:** If you know of someone who needs pastoral care due to illness or personal strife, please notify Rev. Geoff Ross 647-524-1870 (email: [geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca)) or you can members of the Congregational Care Team so that we can provide appropriate care. Requests can be sent by email: [wecare@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:wecare@standrewsbrampton.ca)

**Property Committee:** The Property Committee has been working hard to get ready for our eventual return to the Church building. Here are some updates.

- **Church Security:** Most of you may be aware of the sad news that fell upon St. Andrew's a couple of weeks ago. A woman OD'd on the property of the Church. The Property Committee was able to provide the police with video of the occurrence. The Church's security has been an area that the Property Committee has been diligently working on. The motion sensors have been updated at all doors and an additional security camera has been installed by the doors off Church Street (the alcove). This is the camera that was able to record the events and provided to the police. The security alarm is scheduled from 8:00pm through to 8:00am.
- **Entrance to Church Building:** Permission must still be received to enter the building. Request are to be submitted, in writing, to the following persons: (Richard McMechan (Property Chair) Peter Shepherd (Property Member), Kim Shepherd (Clerk of Session), Jean Bradshaw (Deputy Clerk of Session) and Geoff Ross (Lead Minister). Approval for going in the building is granted when 3 out of the 5 persons agree to the admittance.
- **Sanctuary:** Most may have noticed that TV Screens have been mounted to the walls in the sanctuary, on either side of the organ pipes. The screens will be replacing the bulletin, when we come together in person. Watch as the screens will start to be used during our online Facebook Live services.
- **Online Upgrade:** The Wi-Fi for the church has been upgraded, which has and will continue to assist in the live streaming of service. An additional splitter-box has been purchased to assist with the streaming so that not only those who are speaking but also Shelagh playing the music for the service.

**Stewardship:** The work of the church continues even in these difficult times of the COVID pandemic. There are several expenses that continue such as stipends, salaries and utilities, but also expenses of items to allow us to continue the ministry of St. Andrew's in preparation for when we can gather together. We thank you for continued support. You can continue to contribute in the following ways:

- **Electronic Givings:** 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)**

- **Online through our Website:** You can contribute using a creditCard on the webpage: <http://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate-today/>. 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.
- **PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):** You can also sign up for PAR. The PAR registration for also be located <http://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate-today/> .
- **Mail in:** Cheques (no cash please) can be mailed to the church; the address for the church is: 44 Church Street East, Brampton, Ontario, L6V 1G3. The mail for St. Andrew's is being forwarded to our Clerk of Session, Kim Shepherd. **Please do not drop off cheques in the mailbox outside the church at the entrance off Church Street.**

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