

St. Thomas The Apostle Anglican Church

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"KEEPING IN TOUCH – April 2025"

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A FEW DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesdays (7pm)

Bible Study: During this Lenten time we will once again be participating in a multi church experience

Apr 1st St Luke's

Apr 8th Trinity

Apr 15th Trinity

Apr 22nd Christ Church



Thursdays (1pm)

Midweek Holy Communion Service: Pastor Craig invites you to join him every Thursday afternoon for a smaller, quieter gathering for worship followed by a time of discussion and learning.

Thursdays (1 pm)

ACW Meetings: every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Tuesdays (10am-2pm)

Learn how to make milk bag rugs at St. Paul's Lutheran church, beside Trinity, and/or bring your dry & clean outer milk bags to be used. Contact Marlene Mercer for details.

Sat Apr 5th (12&2:30)

Walking the Way of Jesus (See poster below)

Sun Apr 6th (9am)

Morning Prayer

Sun Apr 13th

Safe Church Training after the church service. For all employees, wardens and Parish Council members who haven't had the training or want a refresher and for all others who might be interested.

Thur Apr 17th (7pm)

Maundy Thursday - St Luke's

Fri Apr 18th (10am)

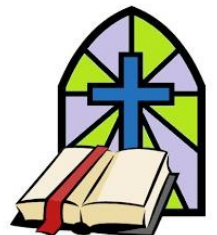
Good Friday – St Thomas'

Sat Apr 19th (TBD)

Joint Easter Saturday Vigil Service – Trinity

Sun Apr 20th (9am)

Easter Sunday – St Thomas'



Minister's Pondering

Sharing our faith with others can be challenging, but as Christians we *show forth the gospel* every time we serve others in love, embodying Christ through our words & actions. As we continue to prepare our hearts (again, once more) to behold the Risen One this Easter morning, let us keep up our words & deeds of kindness & encouragement to others, that they are reminded of God's love in Christ, blessed like us with his abundant life.

Craig+



Alongside Hope issues urgent appeal for partners hurt by aid cuts

March 26, 2025

In the wake of massive cuts to international development assistance by the U.S. Government and some European governments, Alongside Hope partners are reporting that progress is being undone, programs are being forced to shut down, and families and communities are living in uncertainty about their futures

The damage done is staggering. We cannot possibly fill all the gaps, but to maintain as many vital programs as possible, Alongside Hope is launching an urgent appeal to donors. Your support of the "Resilience Fund" will allow Alongside Hope to provide partners with additional support for refugees, HIV-related needs and for women recovering from gender-based-violence. These include:

Tanzania:

Families supported by Church World Service who were preparing for a new life in the United States and had already left the Nyarugushu Refugee camp and given away their possessions were forced to return to the camp with nothing, their dreams of resettlement shattered with the suspension of the US Refugee Resettlement Program.

Kenya

- ⌚ Children are already missing life-saving anti-retroviral medications. And their caregivers are no longer receiving vital support.
- ⌚ 42 staff at National Council of Churches Kenya who were providing youth mentorship programming and support for school fees have been laid off, affecting 8,000 youth and 8,000 orphans and vulnerable children.
- ⌚ Children are no longer able to attend school.

Mozambique

- ⌚ A five-year program with partner EHALE that was improving maternal health services and access to health care for young mothers was forced to shut down.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

- ⌚ Plans for a program with the Panzi Foundation that would have brought dignity to women recovering from gender-based violence have been shelved.

Haiti

- ⌚ Medical services and referrals for community members working with Rayjon Share Care are not being provided due to cuts to hospitals that had been receiving USAID supplies.

How you can help

Please pray for everyone who is affected by these devastating funding cuts. You can support Alongside Hope partners by donating to the **Resilience Fund** online, or by phone at 1-866-308-7973. Or you can mail a cheque to Alongside Hope, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd Floor, Toronto, ON, Canada, M4Y 3G2. Please indicate "Resilience Fund" in the memo field.



The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer presents

Walking the Way of Jesus: From Jerusalem to Your Home

Sat. April 5

12-1.30 & 2.30-4 EST

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87557181835>

Meeting ID: 875 5718 1835

an online pilgrimage with

**The Very Rev. Canon Richard Sewell,
Dean of St. George's College in Jerusalem.**

Dean Richard will offer two reflections on site in Jerusalem which bring the Holy City into your home as he reflects on the ways that we can walk the way of Jesus. Jerusalem still evokes a sense of the presence of Christ, who taught in the Temple, healed people and walked the way of the cross to his crucifixion. He was resurrected in the city and, according to Luke's gospel, ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives. These are not simply events in the life of Jesus but provide the guide for us, as Christians today about how we can live the way of Christ in our contexts. The Holy Land is living under the shadow of war and Dean Richard will ponder how this reality can speak to the Christian life, wherever you live as we approach Holy Week and Easter.

This space left blank for you to fill in with information for local gatherings for the day of pilgrimage

Again this year some area churches are joining with each other for a group Lenten study.

We will be led through a program called “The Hardest Part” written by Kate Bowler



No book is needed and there is no cost to take part, just join us each week for discussion and learning

**WE HOPE
TO SEE
YOU
THERE!**

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

March 4	Christ Church, Ayr
March 11	Trinity Church, Cambridge
March 18	St Thomas Church, Cambridge
March 25	(Deanery Service) No Session
April 1	St Luke's Church, Cambridge
April 8	Trinity Church, Cambridge
April 15	Trinity Church, Cambridge
April 22	Christ Church, Ayr