

**Harvest Festival**

On **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** at 5 pm for Followers of the Celtic Way and on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** for our regular Sunday congregation, we will celebrate Harvest Festival.

**Church Picnic**

Following the Sunday service on **Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>** we have our Church Picnic, to be held outside on the Church grounds (weather permitting). ACW are providing Hamburgers and Hot Dogs and we are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Also, please bring your lawn chair.

**Contemplative Group**

The next meeting of the Contemplative group has been moved from this weekend to **October 1<sup>st</sup>**; it will be at 2 pm as usual.

**Parish Dinner**

For those who missed our previous announcement, the Dinner at the Church to celebrate Canada 150 has been cancelled. However, we are planning for any interested parishioners to meet at Bryden's for a no-work dinner on **Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm. Please let Jan know ([jsavory2010@gmail.com](mailto:jsavory2010@gmail.com) / 905-335-8982) if you are able to attend, so that we can advise the restaurant how many to expect.

**Followers of the Celtic Way:** Our Saturday Celtic Service has started and at the first service we have 20 people. Many thanks to the parishioners who supported us,

**Worship:**

The following special services are planned:

- September 24 Harvest Festival with the Parish Picnic to follow the Service
- October 29 Reformation Sunday
- November 5 All Saints
- November 12 Remembrance Day

Advent and Christmas services:

- December 3, Advent 1 - Advent Lessons and Carols-
- December 17, Advent 3 – Christmas Lessons and Carols
- December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am, Advent 4 - Said Morning Prayer
- December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm, Christmas Eve – family Eucharist
- December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, Christmas Eve – Candlelight Eucharist
- December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am, Christmas Day – Eucharist
- December 31 at 9:30 am, New Year's Eve – Eucharist

**Our Building and Land:** We are delighted to report that the west side of the Church roof has been replaced and the non-carpeted parts of church floor will be replaced by the end of this month. Further, thanks to the generosity of the Twiss Family, plans are in place to pave the parking lot, in memory of Claude and Francis Twiss.

The final Ash Tree in the cemetery has succumbed to the Ash beetle, and will be removed in the fall; We will be replacing the four trees that we have lost, and are offering the opportunity for parishioners to donate the cost of a tree (or part of the cost) in memory of a loved one.

**Finances:** Our income from collection is still down, and we are still showing expenses exceeding income. However, on the brighter side, our deficit is less than budgeted, due to increased rental income and cost control. But it is still a deficit and we need to increase income.

**Rectory:** There has been significant work done on the Rectory and its grounds this year. Replacement of sewer pipes necessitated landscaping and repairs to the front steps and railings; a new garage door was installed and the water heater has been replaced. The roof will be replaced and the driveway resurfaced before winter. Grateful thanks to Bonnie Powell who has so capably organized and managed all this much needed maintenance

### **Our cathedral**

Here is a link to a story in the Globe & Mail about our diocesan cathedral:

<https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/praise-the-hipsters-how-a-hamilton-church-hopes-to-secure-itsfuture/article36287229/>