

# St. Thomas The Apostle Anglican Church

110 Francis Street, Cambridge ON, N1S 2A1

## “KEEPING IN TOUCH – January 2021”

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Congratulations to JOAN STANLEY who won the December “Advent Activity Challenge” by completing 18 of the suggestions during the month! Your \$25 Sobeys card is on its way.

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### Some Good Advice to start off the New Year

- ♥ Be patient with yourself. Nothing in nature blooms all year.
- ♥ A good sleep solves many things.
- ♥ Your value does not decrease based on someone else’s inability to see your worth
- ♥ Figure out what you love to do, and then figure out how to get someone to pay you to do it
- ♥ Attitude is the difference between an ordeal and an adventure
- ♥ If you don’t like where you are, change it. You’re not a tree!
- ♥ Treat others the way you would want to be treated.
- ♥ Treat yourself the way you want others to treat you.
- ♥ Don’t argue with a fool. The spectators can’t tell the difference.
- ♥ If you don’t ask, the answer is always “no”.
- ♥ Have the courage to live a life true to yourself, not the life others expect.
- ♥ Never attribute to malice that which can be explained by stupidity.
- ♥ Don’t make decisions when you’re angry. Don’t make promises when you’re happy.
- ♥ Strive to be the type of person you want your child to marry.
- ♥ When knowledge and ability aren’t enough, be persistent.
- ♥ If the grass is greener on the other side, there’s probably more manure there.
- ♥ Wait 24 hours before discussing something that really upset you.
- ♥ Never judge someone by the opinion of others.





**\*\* CHURCH ENVELOPES \*\***

For anyone who uses offering envelopes (instead of automatic withdrawal), please note that your 2021 envelopes are ready and available for pickup from Fr. Steve on **Thursday Jan 14 or 28** (between 10:30 & 4:00) or **Thursday Jan 21** (between 10:30 & 12:00) **at the church**. If you are unable to pickup your envelopes – please contact the person who delivers your “Keeping in Touch” newsletter and they will get your envelopes to you.

If you would prefer to begin having automatic monthly withdrawals instead of using envelopes, please contact Kathy Dooley at (519) 622-8076.

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**VESTRY Meeting**

***Sunday, January 31, 2021***



This year’s Vestry Meeting will be held via Zoom. Please email Fr. Steve for the login information. You can attend using your computer or tablet.

OR, if you do not have computer access, you can call in on your phone. Please contact Fr. Steve at 226-755-0903 to get phone in details.

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH → Hearty Tomato Soup**

*(submitted by Kathy Dooley)*

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| 1 med onion, finely chopped (about ½ cup) | 1 tbsp margarine or butter              |
| ½ tsp paprika                             | ½ tsp dried basil                       |
| ¼ tsp garlic granules                     | 1 – 8oz package cream cheese            |
| 1 ¼ cups milk                             | 2 cans (10 ¾ oz) Campbell’s Tomato Soup |
| 1 (28 oz) can diced tomatoes, undrained   |   |

Cook and stir onion and butter in 3 quart saucepan until onion is transparent (2 to 3 minutes); remove from heat. Stir in paprika, basil, garlic granules and cream cheese. Gradually stir in milk and soup; beat with mixer until smooth. Break up tomatoes with fork and stir into soup. Heat over minimum heat, stirring frequently, until hot. Makes 8 servings (about 1 cup each) 215 calories per serving.



# JANUARY

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

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By Evelyn Johnson - [www.qets.com](http://www.qets.com)

Blizzard	Furnace	Quilt
Boots	Garnet	Resolution
Carnation	Hibernate	Shovel
Dreary	Ice	Skate
First	January	Ski
Flu	King	Snow
Fog	Parka	Winter

## **Pastor's Ponderings**



New decade, new year, new liturgical season, yet unfortunately many of our problems have not disappeared even though 2020 is officially over. Last year may be behind us yet, we still walk in the muck and mire of the pandemic. We still hurt by the deception of trusted and elected voices (ie. Ontario's Finance Minister, Rod Phillips) and the growing and dangerous groups that promote belligerent and maleficent behaviour (ie. anti-mask "freedom fighters"). A new year is here and yet, the same old, same old.

With Jesus, we know it is never the same old routine and as we are in the season of Epiphany (Epiphanytide) we are given the exciting opportunity to manifest God's glory and grace to those around us and make a lasting mark to those around the world. As the Magi bore gifts to the King of Kings and as our Saviour revealed Himself to the priests from the Zoroastrian faith, we too are called to manifest and reveal our love, faithfulness and gratitude to the One who desperately loves us and wants us to be changed. We are called to confront the world's culture and septic content with a transformative love and subversive resistance.

It is by the Biblical story of the wondrous encounter between the Holy Family and the Magi, we are drawn into how our God, the God who heals the broken-hearted and the destroyer of divisions, woos us into a new season regardless of our past mistakes, sins and failures and to live this rich and mysterious life. A life that reveals the Holy Spirit's leanings and learnings. We are called to and into the epiphany of God, the revelation of God to us, that we shift away from the prevalent worldview and embrace the glorious role we have been ordained to exercise. With pure and full hearts, living without concern for self nor for any external rewards, we are called to free others and have them live life to its' fullest, rooted and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Yes, many personal, local, national and international problems will be with us for some time, yet we are blessed to be called, redeemed, transformed and deployed into our communities, revealing the majesty and grace of Jesus and that what we are going through, struggling with, is not greater than the power, identity and love of God.

This year and in this new season, let us say, "*Here I am. Send me.*" (Isaiah 6:8)

Your Servant-in-Christ,

Steve+

**Self-Reflective Questions**

1. What are you grateful for?
2. What do you have to be sorry for?
3. What virtue is Jesus inviting you/prompting you to grow in?
4. How did Jesus express His love for you today?
5. What do you most desire in a relationship with God today? With others?
6. What are some new practices you can develop to deepen your daily walk with the Holy Spirit?
7. Do you have a spiritual mentor (ie. Paul)? If you do, has this relationship been beneficial and edifying? If you do not, why not? Do you have a spiritual mentee (ie. Timothy)? If you do, have you spoken pastorally and prophetically into the person’s life? If you do not, why not?



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**Solution to “January” Word Search – Hidden Quotation by *Ralph Waldo Emerson***



## Great “Covid-Safe” Things to do in Cambridge in the Winter

The City of Cambridge is committed to promoting activities through the “Winter City” initiative that the community can do independently and outside. These are free outdoor recreation opportunities to help you stay active and enjoy this Winter season.

Looking to make your outdoor time better than ever this winter? Visit the City of Cambridge website at: [www.cambridge.ca/wintercity](http://www.cambridge.ca/wintercity) - your one-stop-shop for winter outdoor ideas, resources and programs.

### ***Move, Play, Explore Outdoors This Winter!!***

**Winter Connect:** Displays, self-guided tours and workshops you can enjoy outdoors.

- eg: - Cambridge Centre for the Arts (virtual & outdoor) Photography Exhibit
- Build Your Own Bird Nesting House (online workshop)
  - Virtual Snow Sculpting Club
  - River Walk Highlights: Downtown Galt
  - Post Office Projection Show (12 Water Street South)

**Winter DIY:** Creative project ideas, tips and instructions for engaging in outdoor activities.

- eg: - Back Yard Maple Syrup Taffy
- Create Your Own Land Art
  - Fireside Conversation Starter Ideas
  - Hot Chocolate Flavour Boosts
  - How to Create an Amazing Snow Maze
  - Make Your Outdoor Deck, Patio, Balcony More Inviting



**Winter Places and Spaces:** Find out about Cambridge outdoor amenities including trails, parks and rinks.

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### **Joke of the Month**

How does a penguin build a house?

→ Igloos it together!

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**STAY TUNED** → Susan Grenville’s **“Monthly Chats”** will be returning in our February Edition of “Keeping in Touch with St. Tom’s”.