



*a Faith Community in the  
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## **What's Upcoming in Your Parish**

### ***A Message from the Concurrence Committee***

Our Parish profile and the job posting for a new minister is now a reality and has been posted. They are attached for your reading and information.

### ***Pray during Vacancy of a Minister***

Heavenly Father,

During this vacancy, guard and grow our Parish as we serve you together in this period without an incumbent.

Lord Jesus, we know that you have plans for us and that these plans are always good. We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers and visitors.

Holy Spirit, please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future of Gathering Table and see your kingdom grow. Amen.



**PWRDF**  
The Primate's World Relief  
and Development Fund



### ***“Pay it forward” and make a donation to PWRDF’S Vaccine Equity Fund.***

Archbishop Anne Germond in her charge to Synod in the fall of 2021, talked about the importance of the **PWRDF’S Vaccine Equity Fund**, a resolution to support this project was passed by Algoma’s synod. When you receive your vaccine, “Pay it forward” and make a donation to PWRDF’S Vaccine Equity Fund. Your gift will support PWRDF partners in the most vulnerable parts of the world as they prepare for vaccination rollout, including work already underway to supply PPE, thermometers, sanitation and hand washing facilities, and accurate public health information.

## **“Update News”**

### ***Vaccine Equity gains support***

PWRDF is grateful to everyone who has donated to the Vaccine Equity Fund, totalling \$110,500 to date. When you receive your vaccine, “Pay it forward” and make a donation to PWRDF’s Vaccine Equity Fund. [Your gift will support PWRDF partners](#) in the most vulnerable parts of the world as they prepare for vaccination rollouts, including work already underway to supply PPE, sanitation and handwashing facilities, thermometers and accurate public health information. Watch our [100-second video](#) with the Primate and many Anglican Bishops and make your donation today.

After you make your donation, you can help yourself to a Christmas tree ornament at Gathering Table as a thank you from the Deanery. You may donate online by going to [pwrdf.org/give-today](http://pwrdf.org/give-today) and click on Vaccine Equity Fund. Or phone Donor Relations Officer Mike Ziemerink at 416-822-9083, or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and someone will return your call. Or send a cheque with “Vaccine Equity Fund” in the memo field to PWRDF, 80 Hayden St, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2 For further information go to [www.pwrdf.org](http://www.pwrdf.org)

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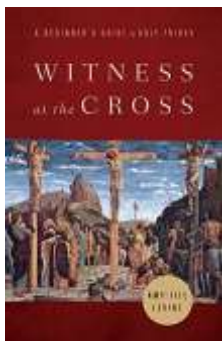
### ***2022 Envelopes***

are now available at the back of the church.

Or ask about Electronic Offering Program

### ***Annual Vestry Meeting Via Zoom***

Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 1:30 p.m. Zoom information to follow. See the Vestry information package for more information.



### ***Lenten Book Study with Rev. Gail Clifton***

The Lenten Study is called Witness at the Cross: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Friday. It will start Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> and then March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> all 2-4. If necessary, we will include April 5<sup>th</sup>.

For more information contact Rev. Gail @ 768-9865 or [gailx2@shaw.ca](mailto:gailx2@shaw.ca)

### ***Reminder about Visitations:***

Pastoral care visits will continue to be restricted to emergency situations – please call the office if such a situation arises.

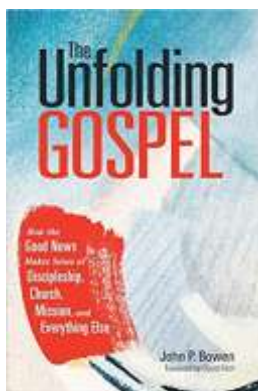


### **World Day of Prayer March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - Pray Now**

The World Day of Prayer (WDP) 2022 program was written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the theme, "I Know the Plans I have for You" based on Jeremiah 29:1-14. The traditional WDP time is the first Friday in March. Its international committee is calling women and men to join in prayer for *Pray NOW*. *Pray NOW 2022* is a 4-part series of informed prayer together. Each will be a video or podcast link for you to join anytime. The 30-minute video will consist of a panel conversation with information related to WDP followed by prayer. You will learn more about WDP and will also experience different styles of prayer. <https://wicc.org/get-involved/events/>



Photos from England, Wales, and Northern Ireland – remember WDP donations fund grants all over the world!



Jim & Frances will be hosting a 10-week Thursday evening Zoom discussion of the 2021 book "The Unfolding Gospel", by John Bowen. John is an Anglican, and also a retired professor of evangelism at Wycliffe College – but don't let the evangelism part scare you off. Here is part of his own description of what the book is about:

The church is at its heart the community of disciples of Jesus. And why are they disciples? Because they believe he has brought the very Good News the world needs to hear—that God is on our side, and working in love to renew, redeem, and restore everything that is broken. As Tolkien has Sam Gamgee ask Gandalf in *The Lord of the Rings*, "Is everything sad going to come untrue?" And the answer, gloriously, is "Absolutely yes."

The book is written in an easy conversational style and discusses most everything we do as individuals and as a church through the lens of the Gospel. We think it is a timely book for Gathering Table during this transition time.

Here is a link to John's "self-advertisement" on the Niagara Anglican news

<https://niagaraanglican.news/2022/01/12/the-unfolding-gospel-an-exercise-in-self-advertisement%ef%bf%bc/>

And here is a link to a preview of the book itself:

[https://www.google.ca/books/edition/The\\_Unfolding\\_Gospel/ynwqEAAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbp v=1&printsec=frontcover](https://www.google.ca/books/edition/The_Unfolding_Gospel/ynwqEAAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbp v=1&printsec=frontcover)

Ten books will be supplied, but any donations to help cover the cost are appreciated. Start date to be determined as we are waiting for the books to arrive - hopefully soon!

Interested? Please contact us directly at 622-6263, or through the church office at 345-6898.

### ***Gathering Table Prayer Chain***

During this time of social isolation and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to pray for one another. If you would like to be a part of the Gathering Table prayer chain or you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the prayer chain please contact Sheila Chisholm at [chisholmsheilak@gmail.com](mailto:chisholmsheilak@gmail.com) or text /phone 306-240-0771.

### ***Sunday Sermons***

Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream