



The Church of St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

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Get Involved with Pudding Factory 2023!

Charles Stuart

If you're new to St. John's, you might not be familiar with one of our oldest traditions, Pudding Factory. Since 1949, members of St. John's Anglican Church Women (ACW) have organized this event, which over the course of several days produces hundreds of pounds of Christmas puddings.

Made from a cherished recipe, these traditional desserts are sold to raise funds to support mission and ministry at St. John's; indeed, Pudding Factory is one of the church's primary fundraisers.

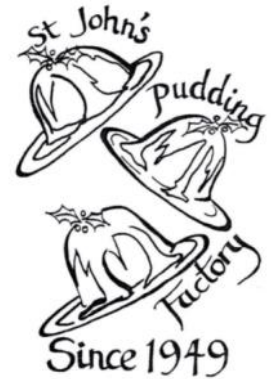
In early November, the upper parish hall transforms into a pudding-making assembly line. Dozens of volunteers from both the church and community measure ingredients, mix batter and steam puddings. Other volunteers package the finished puddings and manage pudding pick-up, which takes place this year on November 11–12.

Pudding Factory is a wonderful opportunity to experience life at St. John's and to support the work of the church. There are many different ways to get involved and we would love to have you join us. Please contact Carol Thurnell at 519-725-9022 or cathurnell@hotmail.com to learn more.

If you would like to show your support by purchasing puddings, you can order them at <https://www.stjohn316.com/pudding-orders/>, or via e-mail at acw@stjohn316.com, or by calling Sharon Sapelak at 519-503-5241.

Plum puddings not only provide a delicious finale to a Christmas meal, but they also make great gifts! Considering buying one for your own festive seasonal table and another for a beloved family member or friend.

Puddings are available in one-pound (\$15) and two-pound (\$30) sizes. One pound of pudding serves 4–6 people. Quantities are limited, so please place your order by Friday, November 3, to avoid disappointment.



Parish Council Wellness Check

Anne Hopewell

In the next several weeks members of the Parish Council & some volunteers will be calling you to check in with you, to see how you are doing and if you have things you would like to share about St John's or any other concerns.

It has been a while since we have done a parish phone-a-thon and we are looking forward to connecting with you. Thanks for your co-operation

The next issue of On Eagle's Wings will be available on November 19th, 2023.

St. John’s Turns a New Page with Free Library

Viv Snead

St. John’s joined the Little Free Library (LFL) movement by unveiling our own free community library at the church’s Duke St. entrance on September 9 to celebrate International Literacy Day.

Volunteers with the parish’s Anglican Church Women (ACW) set up an information display on Waterloo Region literacy agencies, an activity table for children, and supplied refreshments.



ACW volunteers Rosemary Cliff, Viv Snead and Judy Shantz



Mohan Thomas built St. John’s Little Free Library

Passersby enjoyed peeking inside our distinctive, two-shelf, navy blue and canary yellow library constructed by Mohan Thomas while picking up free hand-made bookmarks. Mohan is putting the final touches on it and the library will be permanently installed within the next few weeks. It will be kept stocked throughout the year with books for all ages.

One of the attendees was Shannon and her two young daughters, Audrey and Isla. They were on their way to visit the Memorial Garden where her grandparents' ashes are interred.

Shannon told volunteers she attended St. John’s Sunday school as a child. She was delighted to read with her daughters from two of the library’s children’s books, and use watercolours and stickers to help them make their own bookmarks.

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Bales

Rosemary Cliff

Clothing for the Hispanic migrant workers was delivered to Fr. Enrique Martinez on October 13, and between the three churches that were able to give clothing we did very well and handed over quite a number of full bags and boxes that filled Fr. Enrique’s truck and cab. The other churches involved were able to send monetary donations. A very big thank you to all those who contributed clothing and monetary donations. As before, it was very much appreciated. Our next delivery of donations will probably be late March/early April and I will keep you posted on this but please remember the migrant workers when you next do out your closets.

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Above: The information table offered details about literacy agencies in Waterloo Region, ballots for a free draw, and to name the library, and free hand-made bookmarks.

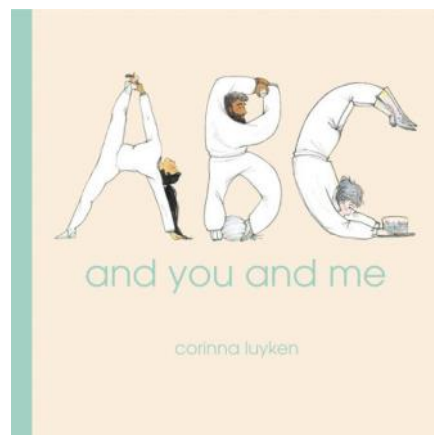
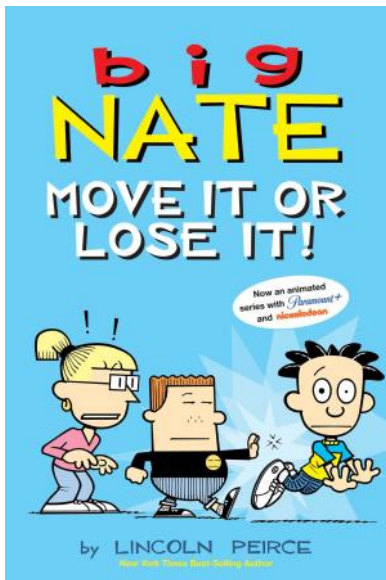
Left: Happy participants enjoy creating bookmarks with their mom.

There was also a suggestion box for names for the library, and a free draw for prizes.

Draw prize winners were Stephen (prize pack); Amanda (poster); Nancy (three hand-made bookmarks); and Brandi (two books). The library's name will be announced at a later date.

We extend our deepest thanks to Jeremy Cammy, Executive Producer, Events, Indigo for a donation of four children's hard cover and soft cover books featuring both beautiful and amusing illustrations and fascinating photographs.

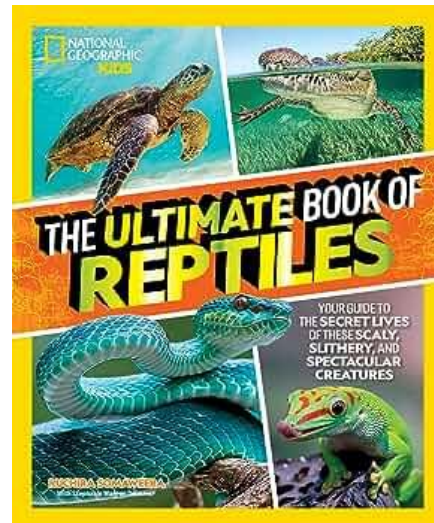
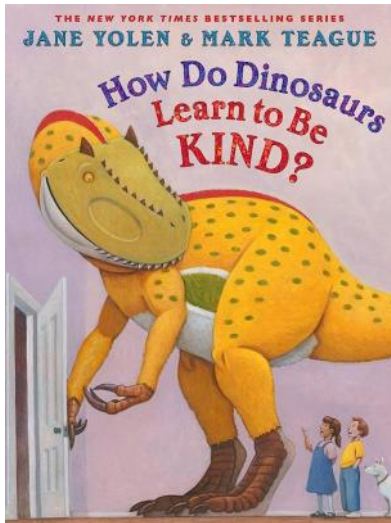
The books include the latest escapades of Nate and his friends, in "Big Nate Move It or Lose It", by Lincoln Peirce, a New York Times best-selling author. "ABC and you and me" by Corinna Luyken, encourages children and adults to get their bodies moving by making the shapes of each letter in the alphabet.



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"How Do Dinosaurs Learn to Be Kind?" is the latest in the best-selling series by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague. And National Geographic Kids' latest publication "The Ultimate Book of Reptiles" by Ruchira Somaweera with Stephanie Warren Drimmer, completes the foursome.



Thank you to everyone who supported the library, especially launch day volunteers Jennifer Uttley, Viv Snead, Rosemary Cliff, Nancy Chittick, Gladys O'Hara, Judy Shantz and Eleanor Brown.

Photos by Jennifer Uttley

Short Bread Time

Once again Jean's Short Breads will be on sale starting on November 12 (1, 2 or 3 dozen). There will also be a crafts table (mitts, toques, Afghans, baby blankets and soft toys). Extra this year are beautiful Christmas cards at \$1 each. The money for the cards goes towards our refugee support. Money from shortbreads and crafts goes to ACW (Anglican Church Women). ACW supports your church as well as the needs of others.