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### Message from the Ven. Rhonda Waters

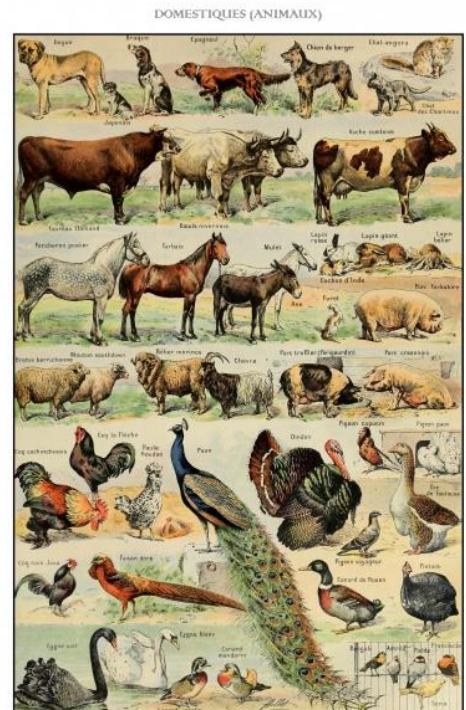
Thank you all for the wonderful warm welcome you have extended my family and me in this first month of our time at St. Helen's. Between August 15 and September 1, I had the pleasure of meeting over 50 St.Helenites, not including Sunday mornings! I have loved hearing stories of your lives, the ministries you cherish here at St. Helen's, and the hopes you have for this community.

I have also loved settling into this beautiful space with its big windows looking out onto our neighbourhood. From my office windows, I have seen countless people go by: walking their dogs, pushing strollers, using walkers, skateboards, scooters, and bikes. Sometimes, they sit for a while in the garden, sometimes they cut across the grass, sometimes they detour through the parking lot. Always I wonder: how might we build a relationship with them? How might we be a more active member of our neighbourhood?

We already have some pieces in place: the Quiet Garden; the Bazaar; the Art Fair. I would like to see us build on this work and create more opportunities to connect with the people around us.

As a first new thing, we will be hosting a **Blessing of the Animals Garden Party** on Saturday, Oct 1 from 2-4:30, featuring a presentation by Little Ray's Nature Centre at 3pm! A small team is working to organize other attractions, including face painting and food, and connections with local pet stores/groomers/and the Ottawa Humane Society. And we will, of course, be offering blessings to any and all animals who come along!

If you would like to volunteer as a host for this gift to our neighbourhood, please be in touch with me as soon as possible! We need people to set up a few tables (outdoors, weather permitting), welcome and direct visitors, provide and serve the treats, and clean things up at the end of the day.



## ***Worship***

Sunday services are at 8am (said Eucharist) and 10am (sung Eucharist).  
Coffee hour follows the 10am service.

Masks are required in the narthex (entryway) and nave (worship space).  
Coffee hour is mask-optional.

September 4 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 11 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 18 - Holy Cross (transferred) **and St Helen's Celebration Day!**  
September 25 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 3 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost **and Orange Shirt Day! Where orange as  
a visible sign of our commitment to reconciliation and justice for Indigenous peoples.**

### **Ministry Opportunities: Readers, Intercessors, and Servers**

Consider offering your time and skill to help lead our worship. Training will be provided.  
The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

## ***Discipleship***

**Youth Group and Church School** are both in a season of transition and re-imagining. If you feel called to offer leadership in these areas, please contact Jeff or Rhonda.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 9:30-11am**, will start on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Join Rhonda in Trinity Hall and spend some time with the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday.

Chair of Discipleship: Jeff McRae

## ***Stewardship***

### **Finances**

Please consider PAR(Pre-Authorized Remittance) as a tool to help you support your church financially. A call to the church office (613-824-2010) or an e-mail to [office@sthelens.ca](mailto:office@sthelens.ca) will help you to set that up or increase your giving for 2022.

**Other Options:** Use Canada Helps button on our website. Setting up your Will or making changes to it? See our Legacy Giving pamphlet, or ask one of the clergy, how to support the Church which has supported you! Read the Legacy Giving section of Stewardship on our website. Thank you if you have been able to be faithful in your financial donations, through PAR, Canada Helps or church envelopes. 2022 church envelopes may be picked up at the church.

Chair of Stewardship: Colin Taylor

## ***Outreach***

### **Outreach Collection**

- Please bring offering of granola bars, fruit cups, and juice boxes for the **September food bank** collection.
- We continue to provide **Muffins with Love** for the Well – leave your offerings in the freezer.

Chairs of Outreach: Carol Danson & Sharon Tremaine

## ***Community***

**Craft Group** begins again in Trinity Hall at 9am on Wednesday, Sept 14, at 9am. All are welcome – even if your crafting abilities are limited to lifting a cup of coffee!

### **St. Helen's Day – Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**

Kick off the program year with a celebration of St. Helen and of St.Helen's Church! The 10am service will rejoice in the participation of both the choir and Emmaus, we will bless schoolbags and the people who carry them, and we will enjoy a special coffee hour with lots of treats!

### **Christmas Bazaar 2022**

Mark November 12<sup>th</sup> on your calendars, we are planning to hold St Helens Bazaar on that day. Please start thinking about what you may be able to contribute both in time, talents and donations.

Now is the time to make an extra few jars of jams, chutneys and pickles for the preserves table.

We will be gathering after the 10am service on September 11 to float new ideas and touch base with those who have helped in the past and anyone who would like to help this year. Please bring your ideas and suggestions to make this a successful event.

Thank you  
Helen Giroux and Sandra Clark

### **St. Helen's Art Fair - Report Back**

The success of the May Art Fair can be measured in many ways:

- The 33 works of original art sold;
- A total of \$3,554 in sales;
- \$2,791 returned to the local artists community;
- 16 very satisfied artists, many of whom are most interested in returning;
- Many more visitors from outside St. Helen's parish than last year's virtual Art Fair, and
- Over 22 fantastic volunteers who helped setup the Art Fair in Trinity Hall and assist the artists and guests.

And most significant, \$1,287 was donated to PWRDF's Initiative E+ campaign to support Ukrainian

civilians displaced by the war as was sanctioned by Council last April.

To undertake a 3<sup>rd</sup> art fair in 2023 will require the efforts of more volunteers early on to spearhead an even larger community promotion and engagement program and to plan and arrange the logistics for the Fair.

Brian Glenn

Art Fair Coordinator

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### **Pastoral Care Ministries**

**Pastoral Care Team** The work of the Team continues, primarily through telephone calls, emails and “snail mail”. Thanks to John Leech for hosting our monthly zoom meetings. The **Prayer Chain** is prepared to offer intercessions on behalf of others for God’s blessing upon any number of concerns, needs or issues. Please e-mail Maggie Lorimer, for pastoral care or prayer support, [mlorimer@rogers.com](mailto:mlorimer@rogers.com)

Chair of Community: Lorna Ponting