

The Vine – April 2024
St. Helen's Anglican Church

We have some exciting news! Keep this under your hat. The Vine is being transformed!



Looking back.....

Paint Workshop

Over 30 people participated and over \$1000 was raised for the St. Helen's Discretionary Pastoral Support Fund. Many thanks to Brenda Reid and her volunteers!



Holy Week and Easter



We had daily services from Sunday to Sunday. A few highlights:

The Maundy Thursday Service & Soup Supper was well attended with eighty or so people gathering to enjoy a dozen different kinds of soup and fellowship.

Both Good Friday services were appreciated by those in attendance. The Children's Service included 17 people under the age of 12 as well as quite a few over it.

The Easter Vigil service started in the sanctuary with candles due to the Ottawa fire ban but was nonetheless a dramatic way to mark Christ's Resurrection.

We enjoyed a full house at the 10am service on Easter Sunday with sidespeople scrambling to add chairs. The Alleluia balloons were a fun addition to a service full of glorious music and joyful hearts.

Easter Chick sales by the Craft Group raised approximately \$600!

Looking ahead....

The Rev. John Holgate:

Last Sunday, we received a letter from Bishop Shane with the exciting news that our dear Assistant Curate, the Rev. John Holgate, has been appointed to serve as the Incumbent of St. James in Manotick, beginning July 30th. John's last Sunday with us will be July 28th. We will be sorry to see you go, John!

St. Helen's Ministry Fair – April 28th, 9am

There are many ways to be involved at St. Helen's – including new opportunities still taking shape. Come to the Ministry Fair between the 8am and 10am services to learn more about what is going on in our parish and what might be going on in the future!

Memorial Stones for Our Quiet Garden



The memorial stones in our Quiet Garden are a symbol of our reflection on memories of departed loved ones or other fond memories. During the Easter season, we will be accepting requests for new memorial stones for our Quiet Garden with a view to blessing the newest stones in the season of Pentecost. If you would like to contribute to such a memorial, please go to the Quiet Garden section of our website, under the Parish Life menu, and follow the link to “Thanks for the Memories” donation form.

Young and strong volunteers:

Looking for a way for your highschooler to fulfill their 40-hour community service commitment? We could certainly use some help working on grounds maintenance this spring/ summer! Starting in May we would love to have some young people riding the tractor, guiding the self-propelled lawn mower, or saving the planet with electric weed trimmers. Soil will soon be delivered for the island gardens. Please reach out to Allen Whetter at allan.whetter@gmail.com for this great opportunity.

April collection for the Foodbank:

Canned tomato paste, canned fruit and juice boxes.

Parish Calendar

April 12 - Games Night 7:00 p.m.

April 13 (Apr. 20 rain date) – 3:00 p.m. Queenswood Ridge Park clean-up with games and a pizza supper afterwards. Gloves and bags provided.

April 27 – 9:00 a.m. St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery Clean-up

April 28 – Ministry Fair

May 4 - Queenswood Heights Spring Fling:

May 9 - Ascension Day Service

May 10 – Games Night

May 11 - St. Helen's Grounds Clean-Up

May 29 - Prayers for Healing

June 1 – The Big Give Gardening Giveaway and St. Helen's Art Fair:



Thank you for your previous support and we very much look forward to another successful event this coming year! Watch for the volunteer sign ups sheets to appear soon!

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June 8 - Children's Planting Party

July 28 - John's last Sunday at St. Helen's