ST. THOMAS
ANGLICAN CHURCH

Announcements

Coffee Hour: Please join your hosts, *Audrey and Diane,* after the service for a time of fellowship and a hot cup of coffee or tea.

Snowflake Bazaar: Please refer to the signup sheet in the Narthex. We need people to set up the tables and chairs in the hall Thursday morning, November 26th, help decorate Thursday afternoon, and people to help take tables and chairs down Saturday afternoon, November 28th.

Open Table: Please join us on **Saturday, November 21, 2026**, in the **church hall** for our community supper. Our **doors open at 4:30 p.m**. and **dinner is served at 5:00 p.m.**

Advent People's Pulpit: The air is getting crisper and most of the leaves have fallen. Advent will be here soon and with it the next edition of the People's Pulpit on the second Sunday of Advent. Events coming up in December or in the New Year? Let everyone in the Parish know... Do you have a favourite recipe that you only make in the winter months? A funny story or a Christmas riddle? Please share those and other items by sending them to Mary Anne by **Sunday night November 22.** (This is only 2 weeks away).

Cooks & Bakers: Soup, cookies and squares for the kitchen can be dropped off on **Friday, November 27, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.,** frozen items should be defrosted first. One pan of squares and two lots of carrot soup (recipe in Narthex) are still required. Please speak to Mary Anne for information or to volunteer.

Bake Sale Items: Please bring any baking for the bake sale table on Friday, November 27th between 1 and 3 p.m. or by 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 28.

Book Club: Read the book, *Encampment: Resistance, Grace, and an Unhoused Community*, written by Anglican Priest Rev. Maggie Helwig. Make your own book club or join our virtual book club (email: encampment.study@allsaintswestboro.com to sign up). The month will conclude with a **virtual conversation with the author on November 30th.** For more information and to register for the event, visit: https://ottawa.anglican.ca/what-we-do/homelessness-and-affordable-housing"

Alongside Hope: Christmas is coming, and along with it Alongside Hope's *World of Gifts* online store. Here you will find practical gifts that can change a life. "A tiny seed of faith can move mountains." What seed will you share? Check out the catalogue on their website or go to: World of Gifts Catalogue 2026.

West Ottawa Ladies Chorus: Join us as we present our Christmas concerts *"Tidings of Comfort and Joy"* on **Friday November 27 at 7 p.m. and Saturday November 28 at 3 p.m.** Both concerts take place at **Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Old Richmond Road in Nepean.** Tickets at $25 are available on-line www.westottawaladieschorus.ca at the door or from parishioners Maxine, Barbara or Linda.

Prayer and a Pint Christmas Dinner: We will be holding our dinner meeting at **The Glen Scottish Pub on Thursday 3 December at 6pm.** All men are invited to attend. Please let William know **by November 27.**

ACW luncheon: All women of the parish are invited to join the A.C.W. for their Christmas Luncheon at **The Glen in Stittsville on Monday, December 7th at 12 noon.** We will be ordering off the menu and receiving separate bills. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you are attending. For further information please speak to Diane, ACW President.

Advent Day Retreat: On Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026, Contemplative Outreach of Eastern Ontario will host a one-day retreat at the Galilee Ctr, led by Susan. For more information: https://www.galileecentre.com/advent-day-retreat/.

Donations: We are **NOT** accepting home décor at the bazaar this year. PLEASE **do NOT** drop off household items.