

# Farringdon Church



Sunday, February 14, 2021

### Announcement:

The province of Ontario is currently under strict lockdown restrictions for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the Farringdon Advisory Board has made the decision that we will be unable to conduct our Annual General Meeting as usual. Restrictions will not allow us to meet for in person meetings, even in small numbers. Therefore, we have decided that the Annual Report will be prepared as usual, with committee reports and other pertinent information. The Annual Report will then be printed and sent out by mail or email to all members. The Advisory Board is approving an interim budget being prepared by our treasurer, based on current financial reports. After receiving the Annual Report, members may direct any questions to the appropriate committee member. We hope to have the committee reports submitted by the end of February, so that the Annual Report can be compiled and printed as soon as possible thereafter. If the need arises for a congregational meeting when it is again safe to meet, arrangements will be made to do so. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we continue to navigate through these times to the best of our ability. ~ ***Cyndy Kirk, Senior Elder***

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## *Worship Service with Communion*

**Sunday, February 14, 2021**

*“God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.” – Psalm 46:1*

Pray:

**Our loving Heavenly Father,**

**Thank you for this new day that is full of new possibilities and opportunities.**

**This is your day and so I rejoice and am glad in it.**

**Thank you for the health you've given me.**

**Lord, my mind is open to you, ready to hear your truth.**

**My heart is open to you. Help me to love you as you deserve.**

**And help me to open my hands and my wallet to those who need you.**

**Heal the sick and help their caregivers.**

**Holy Spirit, fill me and use me for your glory.**

**Thank you for Jesus, the beginning and the end, the Saviour of all, in whose mighty name I pray. Amen.**

Bible Reading: 2 Samuel 9

1 King David asked, “Is anyone in Saul’s family still alive—anyone to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

2 He summoned a man named Ziba, who had been one of Saul’s servants. “Are you Ziba?” the king asked. “Yes sir, I am,” Ziba replied.

3 The king then asked him, “Is anyone still alive from Saul’s family? If so, I want to show God’s kindness to them.” Ziba replied, “Yes, one of Jonathan’s sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet.”

4 “Where is he?” the king asked. “In Lo-debar,” Ziba told him, “at the home of Makir son of Ammiel.”

5 So David sent for him and brought him from Makir’s home.

6 His name was Mephibosheth [or Meribaal]; he was Jonathan’s son and Saul’s grandson. When he came to David, he bowed low to the ground in deep respect. David said, “Greetings, Mephibosheth.”

Mephibosheth replied, “I am your servant.”

7 “Don’t be afraid!” David said. “I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan. I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king’s table!”

8 Mephibosheth bowed respectfully and exclaimed, “Who is your servant, that you should show such kindness to a dead dog like me?”

9 Then the king summoned Saul’s servant Ziba and said, “I have given your master’s grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family.

10 You and your sons and servants are to farm the land for him to produce food for your master’s household. But Mephibosheth, your master’s grandson, will eat here at my table.”

11 Ziba replied, “Yes, my lord the king; I am your servant, and I will do all that you have commanded.” And from that time on, Mephibosheth ate regularly at David’s table, like one of the king’s own sons.

12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica. From then on, all the members of Ziba’s household were Mephibosheth’s servants.

13 And Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet, lived in Jerusalem and ate regularly at the king’s table.

Listen to: ‘Grace Wins’ (Matthew West) listen by clicking the blue url link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JXI1czvh7g>

or read the lyrics below:

- 1    *In my weakest moment I see you shaking your head in disgrace  
I can read the disappointment written all over your face  
Here come those whispers in my ear,  
saying ‘who do you think you are?’  
Looks like you are on your own from here*

*because grace can never reach that far  
But in the shadow of the shame, beat down by all the blame  
I hear you call my name, saying 'it's not over'  
But my heart starts to beat so loud, now drowning out the doubt,  
I'm down but I'm not out*

Chorus: *There's a war between guilt and grace  
and they're fighting for a sacred space  
But I'm living proof grace wins every time  
No more lying down in death's defeat, now I'm rising up in victory  
Singing, 'Hallelujah, grace wins every time!'*

2 *Words can't describe the way it feels when mercy floods  
a thirsty soul  
A broken side begins to heal and grace returns what guilt has stole  
But in the shadow of the shame, beat down by all the blame  
I hear you call my name, saying 'its not over'  
But my heart starts to beat so loud, now drowning out the doubt, I'm  
down but I'm not out*

Bridge: *For the prodigal son, grace wins  
For the woman at the well, grace wins  
For the blind men and the beggar, grace wins  
For always and forever, grace wins  
For the lost out on the street, grace wins  
For the worst part of you and me, grace wins  
For the thief on the cross, grace wins  
For the world that is lost, grace wins*

Message: **No Longer Meribaal, but Mephibosheth** by Rev. Mike Rattee

Listen to: 'When I Survey' listen by clicking the blue url link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kimLXNhzZMA>

or read the lyrics below

1 *When I survey the wondrous cross on which  
the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

- 2 *Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.*
- 3 *See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*
- 4 *Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Communion: (have bread and juice/wine ready)

The Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried:  
He descended into hell:  
The third day he rose again from the dead:  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

Bread:

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
*Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.*

Wine:

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:

***This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed to forgive your sins.***

***Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.***

In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul says that,

***Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup together  
we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord,  
until he comes.***

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name.**

**Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive them that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen**

### News and Announcements

❖ Virtual, on-line Worship Service for Sunday, February 14, 2021



*Happy Valentine's Day*

❖ Meetings and events this week – Feb. 14 – Feb. 20, 2021

❖ *All midweek children and youth programming is online once again.*

**Kid's Club meets online**

Tuesdays 6:00-6:45 p.m.

**Youth Group meets online**

Thursdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

*Katelyn can be contacted for further information regarding ages,  
content and zoom links and passwords!*

*I just wanted to send a heartfelt  
thank you to our Farringdon family for  
the thoughts and prayers as well as  
the beautiful flowers.*

*It was greatly appreciated*

*Thank you*

*Karen Thompson*



### STEDMAN HOUSE UPDATE

For many years, the maintenance of both the church building and Stedman House has been the responsibility of our Board of Deacons. As Stedman House is aging, the ongoing maintenance required has been increasing, which has placed a significant demand on the time spent by the Deacons in arranging repairs and maintenance. It has become increasingly evident that this is becoming unsustainable for the Deacons, when added to the time required for the maintenance of the church building. Therefore, a contract has been negotiated with Vision Property, Brantford, who will become the property manager for Stedman House, effective February 3, 2021. All maintenance concerns will be communicated by the tenants to Vision Property, who will then investigate and obtain proposed cost estimates to present to the Deacons for approval. All maintenance work will continue to require Deacons' approval before being undertaken. It is our hope that this arrangement will be beneficial for both the church and the tenants. Maintenance requests will be addressed in a timely manner while reducing the volunteer hours currently required of the Deacons. The Deacons will continue to supervise any urgent issues at Stedman House if required and will continue to be responsible for all ongoing maintenance of the church building.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** – COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS TO MARGOT **NO LATER THAN FEB. 26** FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT. SUBMISSIONS BY EMAIL ATTACHMENT ARE PREFERRED. IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING A HAND-WRITTEN REPORT AND REQUIRE MARGOT TO TYPE YOUR SUBMISSION, PLEASE SUBMIT BY FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>. WE REALIZE THAT MANY COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY INACTIVE THIS YEAR, SO A BRIEF OR NIL REPORT IS CERTAINLY ACCEPTABLE.

By now you have probably noticed that Rev. Mike is currently recording the service video from his home on Sunday mornings instead of from the church. With the recent provincial stay at home order which took effect January 14, we felt it was important to keep everyone home if possible, in order to comply with the order and to keep everyone safe. Therefore, the sermon is currently recorded from Rev. Mike's home, then emailed to Wyatt for editing and is then posted to the You Tube page sometime Sunday evenings. This arrangement will be temporary until restrictions are eased. We appreciate your understanding as we endeavour to keep everyone as safe as possible.



**DIMES FOR ETHAN** – For the past few years, our congregation has been collecting dimes to contribute to Ethan Golden, a young man who is raising funds for Juvenile Arthritis Awareness. We normally invite Ethan in the spring to present our donations. Due to the church closure, we were unable to do so this year. We hope to set up a date in the spring to bring Ethan back. This is a reminder to please continue to collect your dimes until then!

For any Bulletin News or Announcements please contact Margot at the Church Office by Thursday mornings at: [secretary@farringdonchurch.com](mailto:secretary@farringdonchurch.com) or 519 759-2495



***Happy Birthday!***  
**Celebrating Birthdays in February**

**17 – Scott Waters**

**19 – Claudette Tiller**

**25 - Wyatt Thompson**

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries - Do we Have Yours?**

**If your birthday, family members' birthdays and/or anniversaries are not in our newsletters or bulletin and you would like them to be, please make sure we have them. We know from the list we have that many are missing. We don't print the year**

**⌚Please provide the dates to Margot in the Church Office**

### **Website Address and Social Media**

Check out the Farringdon website and Facebook page for all updates and information. Our website address is [www.farringdonchurch.ca](http://www.farringdonchurch.ca). To access Member's content, you need to register at the new site. You will receive a temporary password via email which can be changed when you log in.

### **Farringdon Next Week**

- ❖ Virtual, on-line Worship Service for Sunday February 21, 2021
- ❖ Meetings and events next week – February 21 – February 27, 2021

*All midweek children and youth programming is online once again.*

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### **Farringdon Church regular office hours**

**During the Government restrictions for Covid, please do not come to the Church except to drop off in the mailbox.**

**You are welcome to call during office hours.**

*Monday* ~ Closed ~

*Tuesday* 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Wednesday* 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Thursday* 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Friday* 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Office: 519 759-2495**

**If calling after hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day. Rev. Mike can be contacted on his cell phone when the office is closed at 1-226-339-4340**