



*Church of St. John the Evangelist*

*Elora, Ontario  
Diocese of Niagara*

*October 1, 2023  
11:00 am*

*Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)**

*Welcome to St. John's*

*Hearing Assist devices, hymn books, prayer books and children's activity packs  
are available from the Greeters at the back of the church.*

**Mass Setting Missa Brevis No 1**

Healey Willan

**Introit**

**Opening Hymn 606 There's a Wideness in God's Marcy**

Gott Will's Machen

*1. There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.*

*3. There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.*

*2. There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.*

*4. Foolish hearts, why will you scatter  
like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Fainting souls, why will you wander  
from a love so true and deep?*

*5. For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.*

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Celebrant:** ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(congregation may be seated or kneel)*

**SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

**Celebrant:** OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

**Kyrie** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**GLORIA**

Merbecke

*(congregation please stand)*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

**Celebrant:** You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Lesson Isaiah 40.25-31**

To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

‘My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God’?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

**Psalm 19** (sung)

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy-work.

One day telleth another; and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language; their voice cannot be heard;

Yet their sound is gone out from all lands; and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

*(please stand)*

**GOSPEL Matthew 7.7-20**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** ***And with thy spirit.***

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 7<sup>th</sup> verse.

**People:** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! 'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. 'Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow

and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. 'Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **NICENE CREED**

**Celebrant:** I BELIEVE in one God

**People:** the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; light, of light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Anthem** "Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness," from *The Beatitudes* Patrick Hawes  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

**HOMILY** Canon Paul Walker

**Offertory Hymn 259 For the Fruit of All Creation** Ay Hyd Y Nos

*An offering plate will be passed during this hymn. Your donation to support St. John's is most welcome*

*1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God,  
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.*

*2. In the just reward of labour;  
God's will is done.*

*For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.*

*In the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.*

*In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry  
and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.*

*3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the food we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

## **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

*The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19.1*

## **INTERCESSIONS** (You may kneel or sit for prayer)

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

**Have mercy on us.**

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,

**Have mercy on us.**

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives,

**Have mercy on us.**

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

**Have mercy on us.**

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,

**Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,

**Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,

**Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

These prayers we offer to you in the name of the One who calls all people together, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Leader:* YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

*Celebrant:* ALMIGHTY God,

*All:* **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Leader:* Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him: Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. - *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. - *John 3:16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - *1 Timothy 1:15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. - *1 St John 2:1, 2.*

## THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you;

**All:** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts;

**All:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

**All:** **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*Cantor:* Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the Highest.

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*Celebrant:* BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he give it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and



thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**All:** Amen.

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you;

**All:** And with thy Spirit.

**All:** We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies May be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

**Choir:** Agnus Dei

### Administration of Communion

*All are welcome to receive communion as a reminder of your baptism. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the sacrament or a blessing during the singing of the Agnus Dei. You are welcome to participate in receiving the chalice by either touching the base of it, or drinking from it. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know.*

**Communion Motet Sicut cervus**

G.P. da Palestrina

### PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.  
OUR Father

**All:** 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.

*Celebrant:* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

**All:** And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.  
And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

## BLESSING

### Recessional Hymn 564 Lead Us, Heavenly Father

Mannheim

*1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep his, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.*

*2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.*

*3. Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with ever passion blending  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy*

## POSTLUDE

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Join one another downstairs for tea or coffee and some sweets.

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barecca, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Readers	Lisa Arnott, Ted Arnott
Chalice Bearers	Bob Cooper, Jeannie Houston, Thomas Littlewood
Altar Guild	Wendy Donohue, Susan Hirt
Flower Guild	Jane Anne Murray
Technician	Rod Murray

*St. John's church sits on the traditional unceded territories of the Attawandaron, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. These lands are covered by the Between the Lakes Treaty and the Haldemand land grant. These lands are also part of The Dish With One Spoon Treaty, all subsequent newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. Today this land is home to many diverse Inuit, Metis and First Nations peoples.*

## **Events This Week at St. John's**

### **Monday**

5:30 Elora Children's Choir (Parish Centre)

7:00 Bible Study at Portage

### **Tuesday**

5:30 Volunteer Choir

6:30 Compline Choir Rehearsal

8:00 Compline Service

### **Wednesday**

9:30 Knitters and Quilters (Parish Centre)

10:00 Holy Communion

12:00 Centre Wellington Ministerial Association (Thompson Hall)

6:30 Men's Dinner (Thompson Hall)

### **Thursday**

9:00 Yoga (Parish Centre)

### **Friday**

10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)

### **Sunday October 8 - Harvest Thanksgiving**

8:00 Holy Communion

9:00 Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir

11:00 Choral Matins with Parish Choir

### **Welcome to St. John's**

We are delighted you are here today. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex before you leave. To receive the weekly "Pastoral Letter" with a reflection from the Rector and updates on events, please send an email to [rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

### **Washrooms**

Washrooms are located at the west entrance of the church, downstairs in Thompson Hall, and an accessible washroom is located at the Parish Centre (yellow house east of the church).

### **Memorial Flower Donations**

If you would like to make a donation towards memorial flowers for Harvest Thanksgiving, please contact Elaine Dightam at 519-846-5911.

## **St. John's Four Areas of Ministry**

*Proclaim the Love of Christ - Engage and Involve - Musical Outreach - Open Doors*

Rector:	The Rev'd Canon Paul J. Walker	<a href="mailto:rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com">rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com</a>
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### **All Things Bright and Beautiful Sale**

We raised \$725 for the Choir Fund which supports our singers and music program. Thank you to everyone who participated.

### **Parish Retreat Day - Saturday October 21, 10:00 to 3:00**

Let us know you are coming to this annual event by adding your name to the list at the back the church. This is a time to be together as a parish for reflection, prayer, fellowship and updates on our Vision. The event is held at the Aboyne Room at Wellington County Museum and the guest speaker is Rev'd Canon Dr. Drew Macdonald who will address the theme of "Stages of Faith."

Drew is a retired priest who led parishes in the Dioceses of Toronto, Huron, and Nova Scotia and PEI, and worked as Chaplain at Ridley College. Presently Drew is the Stewardship and Campaign Advisor for the Diocese of Niagara.

### **Elora Children's Choir - Monday at 6:00**

Under the direction of Kate Wright we welcome children ages 8 and up to come to sing. For information and to register contact Patrick Murray at [music.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:music.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

### **New Microphones Installed**

To address one of our Vision goals of "Musical Outreach" we have installed 4 new hanging microphones to enhance our online choral quality and create the capacity for choral recording. Please let us know your feedback as we review the experience of this installation.

### **Compline - Tuesday October 3**

If you wish to participate in the Compline Choir at 6:30 please let Patrick Murray know. The liturgy begins at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome.

### **Evensongs**

THURSDAY October 19 and November 23 at 7:30pm.

The Parish Choir is also offering an Evensong with the choir from the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Kitchener on Sunday October 15 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Kitchener.

### **Song Circle**

Fridays at 10:30 in the Parish Centre. Join Stan on ukulele as he leads us in singing some favourite old tunes. Song books provided. Bring your enthusiasm and a friend.

### **Order of Niagara**

Congratulations to Jurgen Petrenko who is to receive the Order of Niagara on Sunday October 29, 4:00 p.m. at Christ's Church Cathedral. There will be a reception for Jurgen after the 11am service on Sunday November 5.

### **Common Supplications**

Deadline for submissions is October 23 for an All Saints edition of the parish newsletter. Please send submissions to Thomas.

### **Culture Days in Centre Wellington**

Ontario Culture Days are on through to October 15. There are 98 events in Centre Wellington, four of them at St. John's.

## **Centre Wellington Municipal Parking Strategy**

The township invites your input as they develop a comprehensive plan to address the needs and challenges of parking downtown. Offer your thoughts on the online survey at [Centre Wellington Connect](#).

## **A Memorial to mark TRC DAY**

Initiated by the Knitters and Quilters this memorial, created by congregation members last Sunday, was installed last week to demonstrate our commitment to learn more about the legacy of residential schools in Canada and to remember the children who did not return home.

## **Lunch and Learns from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation**

There are some excellent resources featuring speakers from across Canada available on [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation YouTube Channel](#). Here are some of the topics: Indigenous Peoples and the History of Residential Schools; Unconscious Bias and Debunking Stereotypes; Intergenerational Impacts and Ongoing Systemic discrimination; Taking Action Toward Reconciliation

## **Help Create a Food Secure Centre Wellington**

There are several ways to create food security in our community:

- Harvest Thanksgiving Food Drive. Bring food items to the hamper in the church narthex for a special offering at Harvest Thanksgiving.
- Participate in the Community Lunch program served at the Legion on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.
- Learn about the Mobile Market - rescuing safe for consumption food and repurposing it each week to create nutritious packaged meals and grocery boxes for 60 households weekly. On Saturday October 14 attend a [Food Rescue Picnic](#) at the Skol House in Bellwood to learn about sustainable food practices.
- Volunteer for a shift at the community fridge outside of Geddes Market in the parking lot. Contact Deb Reynolds for more information.

## **Diocesan Campaign**

Presently there is a feasibility study to gather the feedback of people in every parish across the diocese, about what you believe are most important priorities for our ministries, where you see the Spirit leading the diocese, and to gauge support for a major parish-focused fundraising campaign. The planning study will include personal interviews, a mail and online survey, and a series of town halls and listening sessions. The diocese is looking forward to hearing your opinions.

## **Snow Blower Available**

Craftsman, 30 inch blade, 11.5 hp Briggs and Stratton engine.

Works in good condition. Available for pick up only. \$100 or best offer.

Contact Garry Cantlon, our Sexton, for more information at 519-846-5911 or [sexton.stjohnselora@gmail.com](mailto:sexton.stjohnselora@gmail.com)

We have replaced the snowblower and lawnmower with lighter battery powered equipment.

## **Men's Dinner - Wednesday October 4, 6:00**

Contact [Ian Hornsby](#) by tomorrow if you want to attend. Suggested cost is \$30 per person. Speaker: Gerry Punnett on classic cars, especially Citroens.