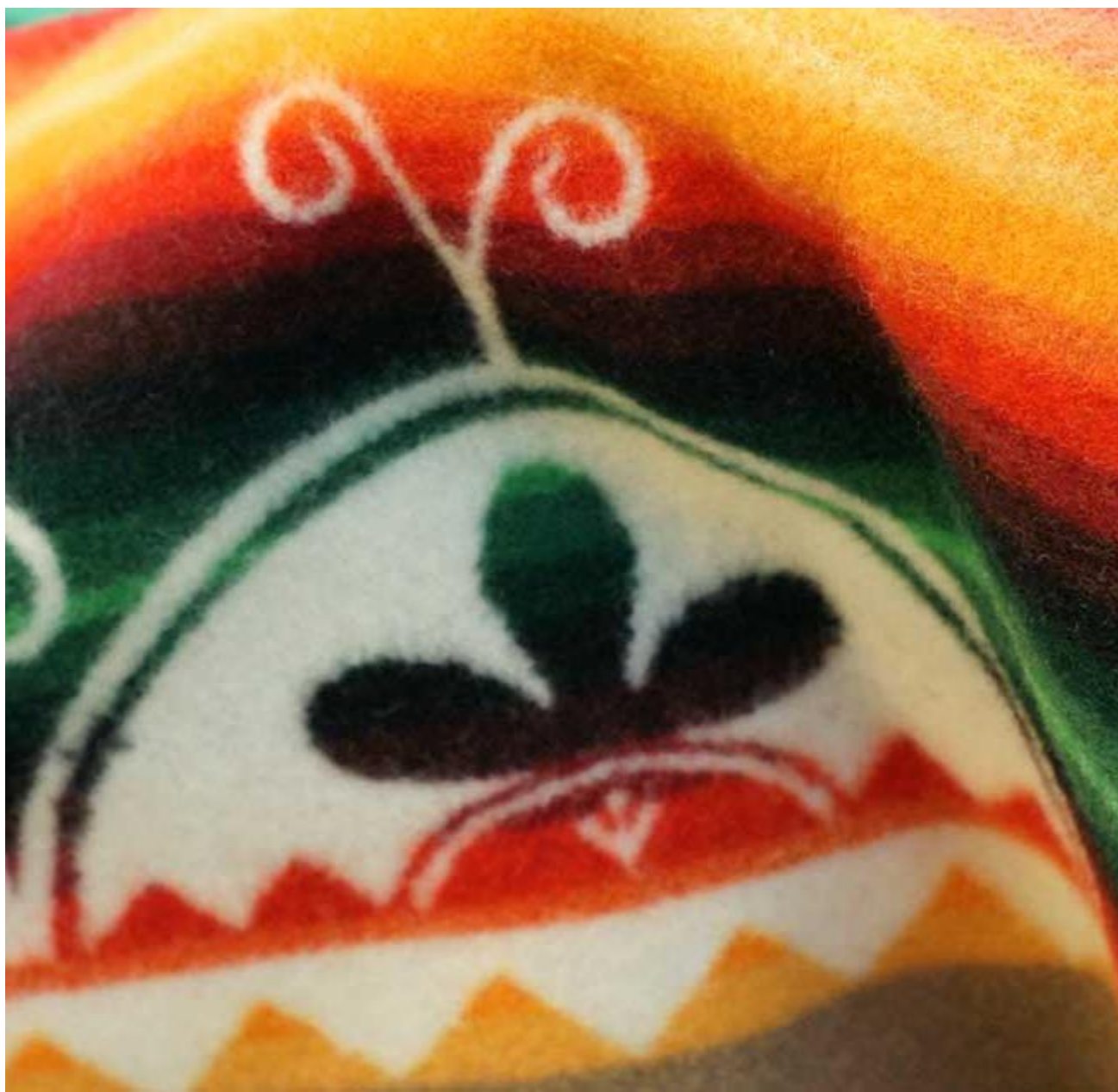


# ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

National Indigenous Day of Prayer



June 21, 2026

*The flowers on the altar are made in loving memory of the  
Right Reverend Bernard Ntaboturi who died on June 21, 2025.  
From his son Yannick Mugisha.*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting: The Addington Service

*Richard Shephard*

**Prelude:** Air

*William H. Harris*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We worship this morning upon the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. **May we live upon this land in peace, truth and love.**

**Opening Hymn:** 7 vv. 1, 2, 6 New Every Morning Is the Love

*Melcombe*

### **Honouring the Four Directions:**

*The congregation is invited to turn in the four directions as indicated below.*

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We face East:

To your symbol colour red, the hue of revelation;

To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing;

To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in harmony with others;

To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,

We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face South:

To your symbol colour gold for the morning star;

To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly;

To your lessons calling us to balance of mind in the spirit of humility;

To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision; help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul,

We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face West:

To your symbol colour black, still and quiet;

To your animal symbol the Thunderbird;

To your symbol the thunder mighty and purposeful;

To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of gentleness and honesty;  
To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within;  
Give us your strength and the courage to endure,  
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face North:

To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness;  
To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things;  
To your lessons calling us to balance of our body in the spirit of a good sense of humor;  
To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love;  
Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing,  
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to complete the circle and to look:

To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain;  
To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action,  
**Come to us, Great Spirit.**

## **Collect of the Day**

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. 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. **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40:25-31

“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God”? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 19**

*Gordon Johnston*



**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: 716**

*David Young*

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Psalm 19:1

**The Holy Gospel:** John 1:1-18

*From the First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament. Note: the names in brackets are normally not said when reading aloud.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same.

Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create. Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out.

Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (*Judea*) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (*John*). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of this world.

He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above—by the Great Spirit.

Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father—full of his great kindness and truth.

Gift of Goodwill (*John*) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater—my elder! He has more honor, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born."

From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (*Moses*) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), the Chosen One.

No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon:** The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

**Apostles' Creed**

## Prayers of the People

*A deacon or lay member of the community leads the prayers.*

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth. We pray first for your community, the Church, the Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God,

We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask it to:

**Teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that they:

**Teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they:

**Teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask them to:

**Teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to:

**Teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:

**Teach us and show us the way.**

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our hearts soar, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with God and with one another.

*Silence*

For all that separates our hearts from God and all that closes our eyes to God's love:

**Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

*Silence*

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf:

**Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

*Silence*

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven:

**Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

*A deacon or lay person using the following form of absolution substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."*

The Lord enrich *you* with grace, and nourish *you* with many blessings; the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil; the Lord accept *your* prayers, and absolve *you* from *your* offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Hymn: 455** vv. 1, 2, 5 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

*Repton*

## The Prayer over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving:**

God the Creator is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God the Creator**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ.

With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the saints, and all our ancestors as we sing (say):

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at your creation.

You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator.

Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering.

By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other. Surrounded now by saints and angels, with the heavenly community which gives you worship forever, may we also live in unity and live as relatives to all.

United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise. Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger  
**and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**

So, come to the table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*Shephard*

## **The Communion**

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**Anthem:** Be still, for the presence of the Lord  
performed by Michael Zappavigna, Baritone

*David J. Evans*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds, strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Saviour, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn:** 484 vv. 1, 2, 4 In Christ There Is No East or West

*McKee*

### **Dismissal**

Go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Toccata in 7

*John Rutter*

### **Clergy Home Visits**

Our clergy are happy to visit you. To arrange for a home visit with one of our clergy members please contact the office at 613-234-4024.

### **Pastoral Care Emergencies**

For Pastoral Emergencies please contact Rev. Geoff Chapman at 613-854-0643.

## Readings for Next Week

Genesis 22: 1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6: 12-23  
Matthew 10: 40-42

## Worship Leaders & Volunteers

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Greeters: Janice Sonnen

Sidesperson:

Servers: Cathy Simons, Owen Farrelly and Julia Adjogble

Reader: Pam Mackenzie

Communion Ministers: Janice Sonnen, Paul Wefers-Bettink and Catherine Thurlow

Prayers of the People: Cathy Simons

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Rector's Warden: Janice Messam

People's Warden: Kevan Pipe

Deputy Wardens: Wendy Pullan and Frances Berkman

## This Week, Please Pray For:

**In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of South India (United)

**In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar:** Kathryn, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Primate; as well as

- Our Diocesan Partners: International Anglican Women's Network of Canada (IAWN Canada), The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Archbishop Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Sacred Circle Events, and the ministry of reconciliation
- The Parish of West Carleton-March, St. Mary's, North March, St. Paul's Dunrobin, St. Thomas, Woodlawn and The Reverend Dr. Alana McCord
- All church musicians serving in our Diocese.

**In our Parish:** Our Rector, The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman and our Honorary Assistants: The Most Reverend Barry Curtis and the Reverend Katherine Tait.

**Those who are in need of our prayers and those who are ill:** Lois, Susan, Rachel, Tom, Suzanne, Chuck, Ann, Lee, Hagen, Mary Ann, Beverley, Kelly, Pam and her daughters Jessica, Sarah, Mallory & Stephanie.

**Please give prayers for those who have died, may their souls rest in peace and rise in glory, and may all who mourn know God's comfort and peace.**

This morning we give prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Maureen Anne Varette, who died to new life on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Kingston. We pray for God's peace for her sisters, Sharon, Paula, and especially Patti Davis (a member of our parish), Maureen's children, family and all who mourn her death.

### **Liturgical Calendar**

Thursday	June 25	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 4
Sunday	June 28	9:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
Thursday	July 2	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 5
Sunday	July 5	9:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
Thursday	July 9	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Week of Pentecost 6
Sunday	July 12	9:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### **Announcements**

**New! Welcome our new Director of Music, Owen Spicer:** Please join us in welcoming Owen to St. Matthew's. Owen is a conductor, organist and accompanist based in Montreal, Quebec. In 2025, Owen graduated from McGill University with a Master's in organ performance, studying organ with Isabelle Demers and Conducting with Jean Sebastian Vallée. Most recently, Owen was Director of Music at Trinity Anglican Church, where he helped launch the Jubilate Choir, a children's choir aimed at providing free music education to the broader Cornwall community. Owen also teaches piano and organ to students of all ages and is an avid runner and terrible chess player. Owen is incredibly excited to start his work as Director of Music at St. Matthew's.

**New! Thank You:** A special thank you to Carolyn McMaster for generously donating a new bookshelf for our parish library!

**New! Library:** The Church library has just received a generous gift from Bishop John Chapman: a subscription to the journal “The Christian Century”. The journal’s tag line is “Thoughtful, Independent, Progressive”. The first issue is June 2026. In the library, journals will be placed in a magazine holder on one on the lower shelves. Please check this out. I think you will find it a very interesting journal. Many thanks to Bishop Chapman.

Also new in the library are three books by Richard Rohr Geoff mentions in the June Pulse of the Parish. These titles can be found in the church library under the following call numbers:  
232 ROHR The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality can Change Everything we see, Hope for, and Believe.  
248.4 ROHR Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the two halves of life. revised and updated.  
231.004 ROHR The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation.

As always, please note the books borrowed and the date. Also note the date returned. For further library searching at home, log into our catalogue by downloading LibraryThing: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/StMatthewOttawa>. Jean McCarthy

**Summer Service Times:** Please note that the summer service times will begin on June 21 at 9:30am.

**Pulse of the Parish:** The June edition of the Pulse of the Parish is now available online. Please follow link below. <https://irp.cdn-website.com/d2a2b468/files/uploaded/Pulse+June+2026.pdf>

**June Outreach - Harmony House:** We continue our collection of *new items* most needed by **Harmony House**, a transitional stage women's and children's shelter in Ottawa. Some of these items are a bit more expensive. This is simply the cost of furnishing units offered to families building new lives after leaving abusive situations. To help keep units uniformly equipped, suggested locations for purchases are: Ikea, Canadian Tire, Dollarama and Giant Tiger.

- Single and double bedding (*no* queen size)
- Basic white dish sets
- Stainless steel cutlery sets; basic cooking utensils
- Non-stick or stainless steel pots and pan sets
- Plastic or glass food storage containers sets

Please place items in the box at the back of the church. Thank you for helping the women and children of Harmony House! Contact Julia Lipinska, Outreach Chair, with questions: [lipinskaj@rocketmail.com](mailto:lipinskaj@rocketmail.com).

**Donations over the summer months:** Summer is soon upon us and travel, cottages and family time beckon! Just the same, the costs of running our church continue. Please consider joining PAR ( see Janice Sonnen), contributing through Realm from wherever you are or time

your donations to suit you. All donations are most appreciated and will help us manage our costs over the summer. Have a great summer!

**Plastic Free July - Be Part of the Plastic Pollution Solution:** Plastic Free July is a shared global movement that helps millions of people reduce plastic waste in the choices they make everyday. The Creation Matters Working Group is hoping that every parishioner will be part of the movement. Information is available on line at Plastic Free July. We will be asking people to help us with recipes to make so we can avoid condiments in plastic containers. Sharing ideas of how you have helped to reduce plastic in your life will help us all reduce plastic pollution.

**Meditation:** St. Matthew's Christian meditation group will meet in person in the chapel on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. For the months of July and August meetings will be held on Zoom each Wednesday from 11 to 11:30 AM. For more information about the group, and to receive the Zoom link, please call Sue Rayner at 613-558-7899 or email [m.s.rayner@sympatico.ca](mailto:m.s.rayner@sympatico.ca). To learn more about Christian Meditation and view many opportunities to begin or deepen a practice, please visit <http://wccm.org/>

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