

Announcements – Aug. 23 - 29, 2026

1. **The church office will be closed on Mondays during August.**
2. Tues. August 25 – Knitters – 9:30 – 12 noon

Coming events/ Activities

1. **Message from our new Director of Music (Emanda Richards):** Choir members are invited back for the remaining summer services to lead out in the hymns. We'll meet at 9:00a.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining the choir, **rehearsals will officially start on Sunday, September 13, 9:20 a.m.**
2. Come on out for an opportunity to **learn a structure to write your own prayers.** As part of Heidi's course she is hosting a workshop on writing your own prayers similar to our weekly opening prayers (collect), at 10:00 on Monday 14 September or at 6:30 16 September. She is looking for some participants to come out for either a morning or evening class. There will be a sign up sheet in the hall to indicate your choice of timing. You can also contact Heidi directly by email at hjduttile@gmail.com.



3. **Sunday, September 13** will be our Welcome Back Sunday with a light luncheon after the 10:30 service. Yes, we return to 2 services that Sunday (8 am & 10:30 am) and everyone from both services are welcome to come for lunch. Also we will be having **“Blessing of the Backpacks”** so please have your children bring their school backpacks to be blessed for the coming school year.

4. **Doors Open** – On Saturday, September 12, from 10 am until 4 pm, St. Thomas' Church will be part of **Doors Open Belleville**. We are one of 22 sites registered for the day. Please check out the website for more information www.doorsopenontario.on.ca. Visitors get free behind-the-scenes access to local historical, 8. cultural, and architectural landmarks, with guides and volunteers on-site.

5. Beginning Tuesday Sept 8th at 9:00 - noon, **the Stitchers will resume their weekly meetings.** Everyone is welcome to join us and the knitters. Come out and learn some new skills and join us as we make items to sell at our Christmas market and at functions through out the year. Come to check us out and enjoy a coffee during our weekly gatherings.

6. Belleville Pregnancy and Family Care Centre:

We are so excited to share the results of our 2026 Baby Bottle Drive. To date we have received \$38,144.21. A heartfelt thank you to the St. Thomas Anglican Church congregation for your incredible support in raising \$565.70. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of the individuals and families we serve, and we simply can't do it without you. Thank you for your ongoing support!