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Our Vision - A strong faith community, reflecting God's Love to those around us.
Our Mission - To serve and share Jesus Christ
Our Values - Faith, Compassion, Integrity, Respect



The Reverend
Canon John Anderson

A MESSAGE FROM CANON JOHN

This is an article about music, choirs, and music directors.

As a new priest, you need to be a historian and an anthropologist to unravel the mystery of a parish.

As a historian, you are consistently reminded of the people and occasions from the past that are the heart of St. James'. I am not simply talking about the concise statements of historic facts one will find at the church (although this is important). It is amazing as a priest what one learns at meetings, fellowship events, or worship meetings.

As an anthropologist, you must study the nuances of relationships between people, how decisions are made, and what practices or services they have adopted – all of this tells you something about the congregational culture of a church.

Quickly, the priest begins to build a picture of the church and congregation, and their inter-relationship. We never have a complete picture but certainly one will have a lot of "Aha" moments: "Oh, that is why they do that!"

St. James' has always been known for its exceptional music and the talented music leadership through Albert. As I wear my historian and anthropologist hat, I discover a choir that has an enormous respect for classical church music and hymnology; a committed group of people who bring their talents to bear not only in this church but also in community choirs; and a group of people who are extremely proud of and loyal to their Music Director. For the last thirty plus years St. James' and Albert have been synonymous with quality and professionalism. St. James' has been blessed to be served by our choir and Albert.

With the advent of Albert's retirement, I hope that all of us can take a moment to give heartfelt thanks to our church maestro.

I am sure some of you have asked yourself, 'Where do we go from here?'

Similar to the departure of a priest who has a long incumbency, it is necessary that we take a collective breath and pause for a healthy interim. We need to reflect upon Albert's retirement and to give thanks for his gift to us. This is also the time to reflect upon our music ministry. Although we need to plan for the future as part of our natural congregational development for our church, there is no need to rush and make decisions immediately. We should use the gift of time to make the right choices for us.

To that end, Jeff Campbell was invited to join us in February to work with Albert in his transition to retirement. Jeff comes from a Baptist and Presbyterian background and trained on the organ at St. Andrew's, Orillia. He also has done supply work here at St. James' and is familiar with our services. We are so fortunate this talented organist and pianist has joined our worship team.

After careful consideration, and with many members of the choir recommending her, Anna Trubashnik will be our Choral Director. Anna comes with an excellent resume in choral leadership (far too long for me to cite in this article). More importantly, her energy, excitement, and sense of humour are infectious.

My sincere message for the choir and the congregation is that the choral tradition of St. James' is valued by the worship team and myself, as a priest and as a congregant. I would not trade it for anything. The future always bring change perhaps a new contemporary service, perhaps liturgy and music changes to the 10:30 am service. This will unfold with time. Be assured that we are committed to Albert's work and his legacy as it is integral to the history and culture of St. James'.

To that end, as a church community we will be giving Albert the distinction of Director of Music, Emeritus, CM – a reflection of his significant work, impact, and legacy. Happy retirement, Albert.

Blessings, Canon John



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WHAT IS FAITHWORKS?



FaithWorks is the annual appeal of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. Since 1996 FaithWorks has provided more than \$24 million to Anglican-affiliated ministries offering help and hope to people in need throughout south-central Ontario and around the world.

St James' first participated in 1998 and the 1999 Campaign at St James' raised almost \$17,000. We have continued to support FaithWorks, year after year since then. Funds are raised through weekly givings by way of blue envelopes included in the annual envelope packages, pre-authorized givings and events like the spaghetti dinner and movie night coming up on April 8.

This year's campaign will kick off with the movie "I, Daniel Blake" that chronicles a man's fight against bureaucracy to receive welfare benefits in Britain.

FaithWorks funds agencies that serve at-risk women, youth and children through seven organizations in Toronto, Mississauga, North Durham, Barrie and Orillia. Outreach to the homeless and prisoners is provided by five organizations in Toronto, Barrie, Peterborough and throughout southern Ontario. Immigrants are assisted through three agencies in Toronto and south-central Ontario. Spiritual care for the terminally ill is provided in the greater Toronto area by one ministry partner and international aid and relief efforts are provided by two Anglican agencies, PWRDF and Giving With Grace (formerly The Anglican Appeal).

As we move through April and hear more about how FaithWorks translates Christ's love into concrete action please consider what you may wish to contribute from your blessings.

FAITHWORKS/OUTREACH EVENT

On Sunday, April 8th at 5:30 p.m. we will be hosting our first Faithworks event for this year. We have planned a delicious spaghetti dinner (salad, garlic bread, assorted desserts with vegetarian and gluten-free choices as well). This will be followed by the movie - "I, Daniel Blake" about the perils and pitfalls of applying for social assistance. Although it is a British film, there are many comparisons to Orillia problems. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the coffee hour or from the church office.

Faithworks is a Diocesan project that supports 18 agencies with Couchiching Jubilee House here in Orillia being our local one. We do keep 15% of all monies raised in the year for our own outreach programmes.



Please come and join us for a perfect evening. Helen makes the best Spaghetti ever!

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BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

ACW would like to thank everyone at St. James' who helped so generously with the Christmas Hamper Project. We looked after food and gifts for 26 families; approximately 100 people, plus some extra supplies for anyone who needed them at the Youth Centre.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

We are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. There will be special treats after the 10:30 service on the last Sunday of the month. If you are celebrating, we would love to know so we can make your special day even more special. Please let our coffee hosts or Christine Blair know.

Are you ill? In the Hospital? Now in a nursing home?

If you or someone you know from our congregation is ill, in the hospital or moved to a nursing home...Please let us know by calling the church office. We have no other way of knowing as the hospital and nursing homes are no longer permitted to give this information out due to the privacy act.

Book Discussion - April

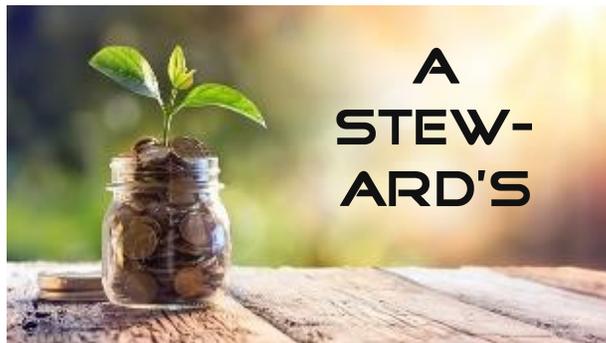
Come and join us April 18th for a discussion of the autobiography "I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban" The book provides insights into the forces, values and supports that shaped her life and catapulted her to becoming a voice advocating for the right to education for females and ultimately risking death. We will be meeting in the Solarium Room at the Leacock Retirement Lodge at 10 a.m. (298 Forest Ave.)

Altar Flower Donations

If you would like to have flowers placed on either the High Altar or the Memorial Altar in memory of a loved one or for a special celebration the following dates are available in April and May. April 8, and 29, May 13, 20, and 27. You can contact Kathy Parks or the church office at 705-325-2742.

Newsletter Sponsorship

A valuable part of this monthly newsletter is the people who sponsor it each month. A donation of \$100.00 will help with the costs of printing and then mailing out to those who cannot pick their newsletter up personally. To lessen this cost though, if you wish to receive your newsletter via e-mail you would receive it in colour and directly to your home. Just advise Phyllis in the office of your e-mail address and you can be added to the list of receivers. Also if your group has upcoming events or you want to let folks know about your past events - please send an article to Nancy Noakes-Morrison at patmorrison@sympatico.ca



Who and what is a good Steward?

Jesus talked about talents, how one steward simply stored his/her talents away to ensure that they would be there when called for, while others invested wisely, so that their talents were not only used but that they ensured stability and growth. Christian Stewardship is challenging!

What is best for me at this time in my life?

I am concerned that St. James' is again operating with a deficit budget – which is not sustainable. My weekly giving through PAR tells our Treasurer that every month a specific amount is deposited to St. James', even though I may not be in church every Sunday. Can I increase that amount? Perhaps, and I will do so by occasional donations on the collection plate and by supporting fund raising/fellowship activities. Is it time to review my Will and let the children know my wishes?

St. James' is known for our many Social Justice and Community Outreach programs; where should I offer my volunteer time and talent? How can I encourage others to become involved? Am I welcoming to newcomers and visitors? Do I make time to stop and chat? How can I best support the ongoing operation of St. James'?

Participating in the dreams and visions for St. James' is not a passive activity. I must make my giving real, realistic and reliable. I must be ready to say 'yes' when asked to participate, to give generously and joyfully of my time, talent and treasure.

Active participation is required through regular attendance, through prayer, bearing witness, forgiving and loving others, and giving generously.

Will you join us? Our Christian journey will be joyful and rewarding as we go forward together.

Your Stewardship Committee

Sergeant Alfred Siddle Bowers

On September 22, 1885, Alfred was born in Orillia to James Andrew Bowers and Annie Siddle. His grandfather, Michael Bowers, was one of the men who signed the 1836 petition for a school or church to be built in the village. He was an early settler and advocate for the construction of St. James' Anglican Church.

In 1916, Alfred left the family farm in Washago to join the 54th Battery as a gunner in the Canadian Expeditionary Force during World War I. In 1917, he was serving in the 2nd Brigade of the Canadian Field Artillery in France. While his battery was being heavily shelled by the enemy, he ensured that his men were all under cover before he left his gun placement but was then struck and killed by the explosion of an enemy shell. He was buried in Etrun, France.

This is one of a series of stories about World War I veterans with connections to our church. There is a framed list of names and a number of brass plaques in the memorial display.

Can you help us remember these veterans? An event is being planned at the church in November. We lack photos of most of the veterans and as you can see by Alfred's photo here, some of them are of poor quality. At this time, we also lack family histories and stories for most of them.

Submitted by Fred Blair

**GEM-U-FLECTION #2****Against Ageism**

Praise to Canadian author, Sharon Butala, whom I heard years ago in Victoria BC, promoting her then recently published book, "Perfection of the Morning", which touched my soul. Her experience of acknowledging ancient, sacred space on their prairie farmland, her sensing its old energy and power, eventually led to its designation as a heritage site. This speaks loudly of genuine beneficence. And now with the obsession of high tech in our present society, her message of concern in the latest April Walrus magazine about aging, seems to indicate a falling away of respect for an aging population, and we are being dismissed and neglected by a younger, seemingly self-absorbed generation.

But may I humbly question who volunteers with experience and expertise at foodbanks, church "loonie" and "Out of the Cold" lunches, Habitat for Humanity, hospitals, prisons, youth centres? Who contributes time and counselling at places for battered women, assists with extra school programs for kids and shelters for the street people? Many retired and devoted folk -that's who!

The present requirement for High School and some university students to volunteer in community projects as part of their educational curriculum, and to take responsibility for helping the disenfranchised, I heartily embrace. Perhaps then, through association with older volunteers may we not be seen as superfluous but appreciated and respected. Although I hold hope for our potential leaders, let us not dismiss the many contributions of elders who have created and are still affecting difference, balance and wisdom in a crazy society.

"The path of service embodies the nature of God"

GREENING OUR CHURCH**ST JAMES' GOES GREEN**

You've probably noticed new containers in the church, auditorium, parlour and all the nooks and crannies that people work out of in our grand building. That's because St. James has taken an important initiative to support our environment and follow the City of Orillia's lead in becoming a waste reduction community and reduce the carbon footprint.

We have four (4) different lids on these new containers for PAPER – RECYCLABLES – COMPOSTABLES – WASTE - you will notice lids are different colours and have notice boards with pictures and an explanation of the type of waste that go in each different container. These notice boards contain information from the City of Orillia's waste management program.

What Orillia recycles is different than other nearby communities – please follow the information on these boards!

For example: Say you have a Tim Hortons coffee cup – please have a look at the signs behind the bins – you will see that the **empty cup** goes in the **Paper container** – the **plastic lid** goes in the **Waste container** – if you've added cream the **empty creamer** also belongs in the **Waste container**.

Working together we will achieve significant improvement in our handling of waste material. Thank you all for your co-operation as we all learn together what goes where!! Any questions or concerns about this Social Justice initiative please contact

Gord Joyce or Maryan Vincent





IRISH PUB NIGHT

Thank you to the 65 or so folk who came out for our pot luck dinner with an Irish theme. You all outdid yourselves with the fine selection of foods and following the "green or potato" theme. George did a great job keeping the evening flowing with music and humour. Of note was our first St. James Pub Night Choir - well done indeed gentlemen and Father Douglas singing the blessing. Thank you all so much!



Sunday Apr 1

Easter Sunday

Food Bank & Fundscrip Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9 a.m. Contemporary Service

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday Apr 2

Office closed

Tuesday Apr 3

12:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

1:15 p.m. Pennywise Shop Open

2 p.m. ACW Executive Mtg

Wednesday Apr 4

11:30 a.m. Loonie Lunch

12:45 - 3:00 p.m. James' Place

1:15 p.m. Pennywise Shop Open

7:00 p.m. Meditation & Prayer Mtg

Thursday Apr 5

1:15 p.m. Pennywise Shop Open

2 p.m. Prayer Circle

Sunday Apr 8

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9 a.m. Contemporary Service

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12 noon Discussion Group

5:30 p.m. Dinner & A Movie

Monday Apr 9

9 a.m. Crafts

1:30 p.m. Euchre

Tuesday Apr 10

12:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

1:15 p.m. Pennywise Shop Open

Wednesday Apr 11

11:30 a.m. Loonie Lunch

12:45 - 3:00 p.m. James' Place

1:15 p.m. Pennywise Shop Open

2 p.m. Communications Meeting

7:00 p.m. Meditation & Prayer Mtg

Thursday Apr 12

1:15 p.m. Pennywise Shop Open

2 p.m. Prayer Circle

Friday Apr 13

9 a.m. James Place Volunteer Mtg

Saturday Apr 14

6 p.m. Albert's Retirement Dinner

Sunday Apr 15

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9 a.m. Contemporary Service

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12 Noon Discussion Group

Monday Apr 16

9 a.m. Crafts

Tuesday Apr 17

12:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

1:15 p.m. Pennywise Shop Open

7 p.m. Ministry Council

Wednesday Apr 18

11:30 a.m. Loonie Lunch

12:45 - 3:00 p.m. James' Place

1:15 p.m. Pennywise Shop Open

7:00 p.m. Meditation & Prayer Mtg

Thursday Apr 19

1:15 p.m. Pennywise Shop Open

2 p.m. Prayer Circle

Sunday Apr 22

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9 a.m. Contemporary Service

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12 noon Discussion Group

Monday Apr 23

9 a.m. Crafts

Tuesday Apr 24

12:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

1:15 p.m. Pennywise Shop Open

2 p.m. Associates of SSJD

Wednesday Apr 25

Newsletter Deadline

11:30 a.m. Loonie Lunch

12:45 - 3:00 p.m. James' Place

1:15 p.m. Pennywise Shop Open

7:00 p.m. Meditation & Prayer Mtg

Thursday Apr 26

9:15 a.m. Social Justice & Mission Mtg

1:15 p.m. Pennywise Shop Open

2 p.m. Prayer Circle

Sunday Apr 29

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Men's Breakfast

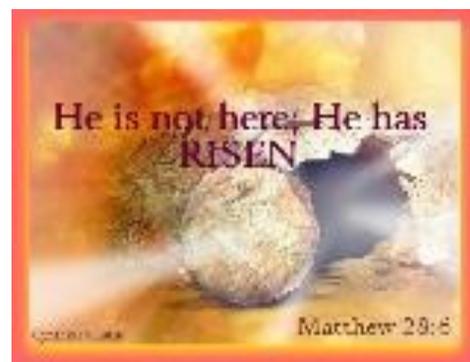
9 a.m. Contemporary Service

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12 noon Discussion Group

Monday Apr 30

9 a.m. Crafts



**ACW
BLOSSOM
LUNCHEON**



Save the date! On Thursday, May 24th we will host our Blossom Luncheon and mini craft sale. It will be a self serve salad buffet. We will be asking for salad donations from all you wonderful chefs so please watch for the sign-up sheets.