



ST. JAMES' JOURNEY

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*Welcome to the Church of St. James', Orillia
Whether you are a follower of Christ, or on a spiritual journey, all
are welcome to this Holy and Sacred place.*



A MESSAGE FROM CANON JOHN

Dear Friends in Christ,

Seasons of Creation

In a planning for our return to church services on *Sunday, September 13*, Carol, Colin and I wanted to find a way that we could still make our worship uplifting and joyful. We know that we cannot ignore the realities of the Covid-19 pandemic. Lately, all it seems that we have been talking and writing about are safety protocols, video services, and tailoring our worship services to fit into this new pandemic reality.

For each Sunday of September through to Sunday, October 4 we will be celebrating the *Seasons of Creation*. Christians around the world are invited to give particular attention to praying and caring for God's creation. This is an ecumenical undertaking that Anglican Church of Canada has participated in and we are all invited to join in.

I invite you to look at the Anglican Church of Canada website for prayer and devotion resources.

<https://www.anglican.ca/publicwitness/season-of-creation/>

This year's theme is 'Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope'. It is a time to consider how each one of us can be a caretaker of God's creation. It is an opportunity for our parish to talk about its own environmental impact and what we have done and want to do.

I think it is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God's creation in word and song. September is always seen as a time of new beginnings and reviving old friendships. In the Seasons of Creation, we learn "to care for our common home and the sisters and brothers who share it." Not forgetting our furry friends, I also can tell you that we are trying to find a way that we can continue our tradition of having an 'Animal Blessing' on October 4th!

I just want to sound one word of caution. I know that there is a pull to want to come back to worship. Please care for yourself and others. If you feel any of the signs of Covid please stay home, get tested, and get better. We need to care for each and everyone of us.

Yours in Christ,

Canon John



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

PLANNING FOR SAFE WORSHIP

Returning to St. James' Sunday Services September 13, 2020 (Diocese of Toronto Covid Amber Phase and Protocols for Safe Worship)

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.”
(Romans 12:4)

As we plan our return to church services, there will be many noticeable changes due to Covid pandemic protocols that must be followed by everyone. We know that these changes are uncomfortable, not what you are accustomed to and that you want to return to normal. We indeed are many but when we come together, we are all one body in Christ. It is our hope and prayers that your church experience will be Spirit filled.

The Holy Trinity: let us confess our obligation, as we say, I will practice physical distancing, wear a face mask, and wash my hands/use hand sanitizer!



Seating space is limited so we encourage you to phone the church 705-325-2742 and press # to advise if you are attending the 8:30 or 10:30 service. This helps with our planning and ensures you have a seat at the service.

Please arrive early and expect some delay before you can enter the church. You are encouraged to bring your own mask and water bottle. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided before entering.

Handwashing and hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the church for your safety.

You are asked to follow all signs and floor markings and to cooperate with all requests made by sides people.

A Greeter will provide you an Order of Service and check off your name for legislated contact tracing purposes. If for some reason your name is not on our parish list, or you may be visiting us, your name and phone number will be required.

A greeter will escort you (and your partner/group) to an available pew so we can ensure physical distancing of 2 m. **Unfortunately, you cannot insist on sitting in your favourite spot!** If you have a special need such as using a walker or wheelchair – an area has been reserved. If you are unable to wear a mask for health reasons, you will be directed to a designated area.

Children under the age of ten must always remain with their family. Please ask the sides person for a package of material to entertain your child and which must be taken when leaving the church

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My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;

but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

Philippians 1:23b-24

PLANNING FOR SAFE WORSHIP

Please note:

- Choral and congregational singing are not permitted,
- Only make a sign of peace, bow, or smile during the Peace,
- Designated washrooms will be well marked,
- No wandering through the church building.

The Eucharistic Service and What to Expect:

The Eucharist is in one kind, while the priest will consecrate both the bread and wine, only the bread is distributed.

There will be no processions including at the Offertory. There will be no passing of the offertory plates. We encourage everyone to use PAG or place envelopes on offering plates before/after the service or as you proceed to communion.

The Celebrant and one server will handle the elements, set the table, and do the ablutions. Hand sanitizer will be used repeatedly. The Celebrant will wear a mask throughout the service including during the sermon.

Communicants will come forward following instructions from sides people. Please use the side aisles along the stained-glass windows. Floor markings will assist in keeping physical distancing. Masks will always be worn .

Communicants will receive the host while still wearing a mask-then move away from the communion minister to remove their mask, consume the host, replace their mask, and return to their seats.

There will be no anointing. There can be a blessing but no touching.

Following the closing hymn and announcements, the congregation will exit from the church **by the center aisle** and keep their physical distancing.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

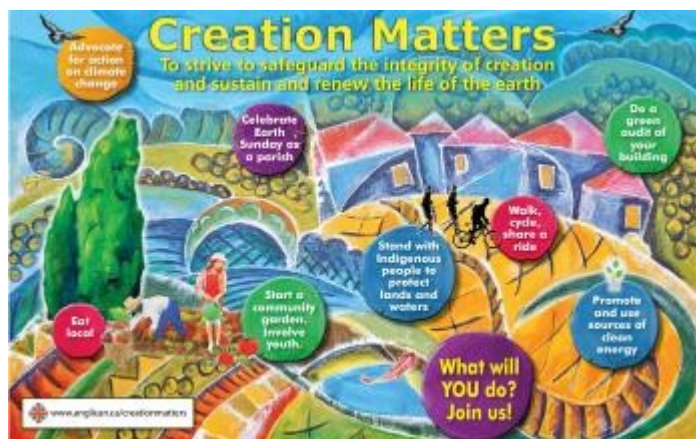
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A video has been produced to help prepare us on the changes, and protocols on reopening to the public September 13. Please take time to view this video to see what to expect when we return to church.

Reopening for Pubic Worship in the Diocese of Toronto

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yt82HGrc7dl>



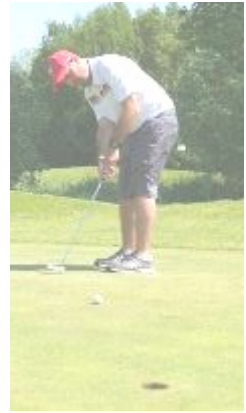


Calling all Golfers!

A **DO IT YOURSELF GOLF TOURNAMENT** will be held at Hawk Ridge Golf and Country Club this summer. You and your foursome may play nine or eighteen holes from now until the end of the Golfing season.

Last year's Nine and Dine event was very successful and great fun. This year will be different but definitely **NOT CANCELLED!**

Your fundraising committee continues to work hard to raise funds for our Community Outreach programs. Thank you for your support!



ST. JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH
2020 Do-It-Yourself Golf Tournament

Our summer fundraiser is back in full swing!

Register by yourself, or with your Foursome, to play any time during the 2020 golf season at Hawk Ridge Golf & Country Club.
 9 Hole Par 3 or 18 Hole regulation courses

Don't Golf??
 Become a Couch Caddy
 For a registered golfer, pay \$25 and get a tax receipt.

Proceeds to Support Ongoing Community Outreach Programs

THANK YOU to our hole sponsors:

A and G Roofing	Crate's Lake Country Boats	Italian Gelato Market
JMB Property Maintenance and Management		Karen & Dan Newman
Morris Shelswell and Sons Excavating and Grading		
RHA Environmental Inc.	Roderick H. Young Architect	Zac Hele Century 21 BJ Roth

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EVENING PRAYER

Compline (/kəmˈplɪn/ KŌM plin), also known as Complin, Night Prayer, or the Prayers at the End of the Day, is the final church service (or office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. Compline tends to be a contemplative Office that emphasizes spiritual peace.

We invite you to our meditative Evening Prayer for spiritual peace.

<http://stjamesorillia.com/>

TEA AT THREE ON THURSDAYS

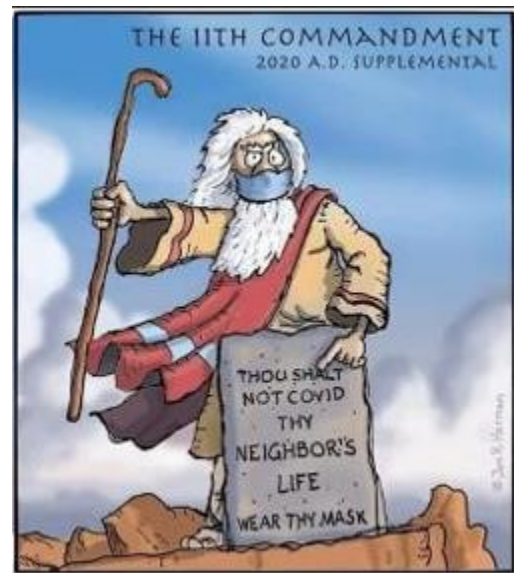


Tea at Three on Thursdays at 3:00 from 3:30 p.m. This will be a Zoom meeting with no agenda other than to connect with other Church friends face to face for a casual time. Anyone wishing to join should contact Christine Blair at: office@stjamesorillia.com for an invitation.

ZOOM TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Please join Rev. Colin Bowler for Tuesday Bible Study 11 a.m.

Contact Church office
 office@stjamesorillia.com
 to arrange an invite to Zoom



FAITHWORKS NEWS

FAITHWORKS in our PARISHES

From the Church of the Ascension in Port Perry

Father Phil flatfoots for Faith

My Name is Phil Gearing. I am a priest in the Diocese and I am walking 1000 km this summer as a way to raise funds for FaithWorks. I am just past the halfway point in my project which will see me walk 10 km a day for 100 days! But...

Don't sponsor FaithWorks because I am walking 1000 km.

Don't be motivated to write a cheque to FaithWorks because I have walked for an hour before breakfast and another one after dinner each of the past 67 days or because I'll do the same for the next 40 or so.

Don't do it for the day it snowed on me, or the days I got soaked to the skin, not even all those days when it was 30-something degrees out. You know why I don't want you to actively support Faithworks for these reasons?

'Cause I'm havin' a ball! I am loving this project! I am well blessed!

I want you to write a cheque to FaithWorks, not for the 1.2 million steps I will take this summer but because of who walks with me as I take these strides.

In my mind's eye my silent walking partners include the refugee couple that is hoping to hear good news from AURA about a sponsorship before she gives birth to the child she is carrying.

I'm walking with the addict that will show up at **All Saints Church and Community Centre** because nobody there will judge her.

I walk with the terminally ill kid who already knows he's not going to get better but is pleased that today the nice lady from **The Philip Aziz Centre for Hospice Care** is coming over, 'cause, well, she just makes the day better.

So, if you can afford it, please take a moment today to write a cheque to FaithWorks. Not because I am walking 1000 km this summer, but because of the folks I'm walking with...each supported by a FaithWorks Ministry Partner.

Thank You and God Bless you.

Phil+

For details and to sponsor Fr. Phil, link to:

<https://www.ascensionportperry.com/news/fr-phil-flatfoots-for-faithworks>



Couchiching Jubilee House, Orillia
**A NEW \$100,000
MATCHING CHALLENGE GRANT FOR PARISHES !!!**
Virtual & Video sermons available



FAITHWORKS with our Ministry Partners

COUCHICHING JUBILEE HOUSE, Orillia

We've been very busy at CJH. We temporarily closed our offices and suspended many programs March 16 due to COVID restrictions and in an attempt to keep our community safe. We've been able to successfully implement a "work from home" program for our staff and have returned to our mandate of helping vulnerable women through transitional housing. We currently have 9 people (3 families) living in our transitional home and have focused our efforts and programs on meeting their needs and helping them build better lives for themselves. The concentration of this has allowed our residents to feel loved, seen, supported and heard through these challenging and isolating times.

In January our property suffered a significant flood, resulting in the loss of our 4th unit and basement apartment. Construction of significant foundation issues was almost complete when Covid struck. We've been able to correct this since, however due to the loss of our major fundraising events, the necessary repairs to have this unit returned to a habitable apartment have been out on hold. The postponement and potential entire cancellation of our biggest fundraisers has our income down by 42% this year- a significant impact on what we can offer for housing and supportive programs.

We are tremendously blessed however by supporters like FaithWorks to be able to continue our needed work in our community. The support of our area Parishioners and churches has been unwavering. The reminder of God plan and path is one close to our hearts and we're blessed to be able to walk it with His guidance. Thank you for all your support and may you stay well.

Bre Plue, Program Director (24 June 2020)



ROATAN UPDATE

The Episcopal Church of Roatan/Nelson and Kara Ministry. Please continue to pray for this ministry. You may click on the link below to read the August Update .

<https://nelsonandkara.wordpress.com/2020/08/03/roatan-update-august-2020/>

LIGHTHOUSE MEALS

Our small St. James' team (Joyce, Rosemarie and Bruce) are still preparing and delivering very delicious meals to the Lighthouse guests. Most recent meal was a cold salad plate with ham. Thank you team and all those who support this worthy service.



Committees and Processing Matters

Every day there are a multitude of permissions, questions and church matters that are referred to Canon John. Many of these should be sent to the appropriate ministries first. To help everyone understand the process, guidelines are currently being drafted and should be available soon. The Communications Committee

Your Ministry Council

Anyone interested in reading the current Ministry Council minutes may contact the Church office for a copy

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.

Newsletter Sponsorship

Each month we ask for a sponsor to support the publication of our parish newsletter. Many of our family receive it via the internet but many still enjoy receiving the paper copy and/or, they might not have access to a computer. The donation of \$100.00 each month pays to produce our internet copies, the paper copies and their mailing. Some go to parishioners who have moved away or their families who still want to feel a part of St James'. The past two months, we had NO sponsor. If you could consider taking a month on, please contact Phyllis in the office 325-2742. Also if your group has upcoming events or you want to let folks know about your past events - please email to Nancy Noakes-Morrison at nancynoakesmorrison@gmail.com

Fundscrip

Please deposit your order form (and cheque payable to St James') in the plastic bin on our deck. If you need directions, please call Phyllis in the office 325-2742. The order will go in the first Sunday in September (6th) however due to the long weekend pickup (again in the bin) will be **MONDAY September 14**. Thank you for your continued support. Joan Gardy

September Calendar

We are not able to provide a calendar of meeting times, events, programs, worship services etc. due to COVID-19.

Please join us IN Church on September 13 or by watching the Sunday webcast service on our website or Facebook



September Birthdays

Fred Blair, Bruce Davis, Jack Gourlie, Nancy Hammond, Phyllis Jackson, Ed Kalbfleisch, Marilyn Kalbfleisch, Cheryl Kellas, Rev. David Lennerton, Vickie MacDonald, George Northrop, Linda Tiffin

September Anniversaries

Christine & John Hager,
Pat & Nancy Morrison



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