



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.*



FROM THE DESK OF CANON JOHN

Dear Friends in Christ,

Like many of you I have received my second Covid shot.

Fortunately, it was a pleasant experience. I did not have a bad reaction to it that I know some of you have unfortunately experienced. The nurse who gave me the shot just happened to be an old friend whom I have not seen in many years, and we agreed to reconnect. I left the pharmacy thinking that 'things are looking up'!

I do believe that our daily lives are getting better. Canadians have done a great job getting vaccinated and the numbers are increasing every day for those getting their second shots. Covid case numbers continue to decline. The restrictions are beginning to be removed. Thanks be to God!

The members of the Covid Safety Committee have continued to monitor the changes made by the provincial government, the Simcoe County Public Health Unit, and the Diocese. We have also engaged in informal conversations with many of you.

Presently we can have 15% for in-person worship and likely this will change to 30% to a maximum of 50 people. However, the consensus is to take a cautious approach to returning to in-person services. There are still hotspots for Covid variants, and we are waiting to hear what new protocols may look like. Some of you have indicated that maybe we should return in August but for many of you, September seems to be the appropriate time.

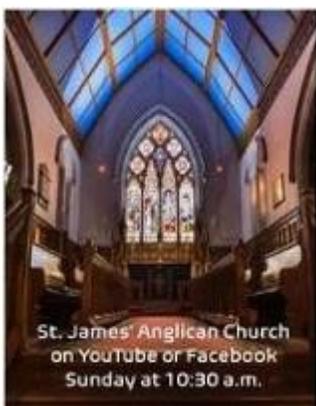
We have moved the videotaping of services to the auditorium. In part this is to take advantage of the central air. It will also allow the remaining work to be done in the chancel including flattening the floor and finalizing the removal of the organ from the pit. We also must make some minor alterations to position cameras for live streaming in September.

I am meeting with our Lay Readers to work out a schedule for Morning Prayer in the church. We are hoping to do this at 9:00 am on Tuesday and Thursday. It will alternate between the BCP and BAS. We have to work through some details such as Covid screening, protocols, etc. It is our hope that this can be a way of easing us back into our worship space.

Once again, I want to thank all of you for your patience and your prayers. We should all be thankful for our community and the blessings that happen on a daily basis.

Peace be with you,

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



*Lord God,
Thank you for wrapping my day
in moments of peace and unexpected joy.
My soul is at peace, and I am filled with hope.
Stay with me as evening draws near, and
help me to sleep without interruption.
In Jesus name. Amen.*

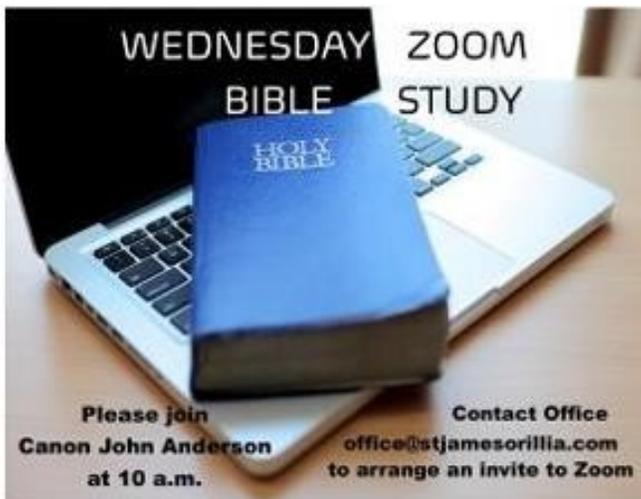


Grand Re-Opening on July 6

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday
12 noon to 3 p.m.

JULY SALE

Most clothing and footwear
included in \$5.00 Bag Sale.
Come early for best selection.
Masks required. Covid protocols
in place. CASH only please; small
bills or coins preferred.



FUNDSCRIP

Participation is down during the Pandemic. Please prayerfully consider taking part of in this worthwhile fundraising initiative. Contact the Church Office.

Where Shopping is Fundraising!

A Great Way to Support St. James' While Giving to Others!

What: Gift card program that gives a percentage to our Church

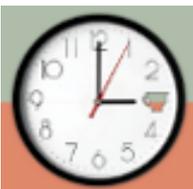
Who: Most major retailers and more! (gas, groceries, entertainment, etc.)

Where: Across Canada

When: Right now! Great way to budget for household shopping

Why: To support St. James' Church

How: Pick up Order Forms by calling the church office;
Place order the first Sunday of each month,
Pick up gift cards the following Sunday



TEA AT THREE ON THURSDAYS

Tea at Three on Thursdays at 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. This will be a Zoom meeting with no agenda other than to connect with Church friends face to face for a casual time. Anyone wishing to join should contact Christine Blair at: office@stjamesorillia.com for an invitation.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Traditionally, the Worship Group has consisted of a representative from the Altar Guild, Choir, Greeters, Servers, Sidesmen and Sound System and of course the Clergy, who do all the planning.

The goal is to enable the recruitment, training, and support of all groups within the Worship Ministry.

We have not met in person since February 2019 but have been updated during Ministry Council meetings (those by zoom since June 2020) which of course has been only one of many changes in our church services.

Going forward, we are ready for new ideas and what will ultimately be the new format for worship. We are excited to be able to meet in person soon and are requesting new volunteers for these groups.

Blessings to all
Susan Scott and Joan Gardy



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM WENDY SLATTERY



To My St. James' Family.

I would like to thank all of you for the outpouring of love I have felt after the loss of my beloved Patrick. The cards, the prayers, the phone calls, the emails and texts, the condolences, the food, the flowers, the walks, and donations in his memory and of course, his beautiful memorial service: all have given me great comfort during this time of grief. Life will never be the same, but I am trying to adjust.

I am so grateful for all your support, and I hope it won't be long before we can see each other again in church.

May God bless all of you.
Your appreciative friend, Wendy.

A LOONIE LUNCH GUEST—CHRIS BELLCHAMBERS

Chris Bellchambers passed away on Sunday June 20th, 2021.

He was a familiar face to many around town and could always be found volunteering at local events, including The Mariposa Folk Festival, The Orillia Waterfront Festival, Orillia Winter Carnival, Santa Claus Parade, Canada Day Celebration, and The Sharing Place. The list goes on. Chris was a guest at Loonie Lunch on numerous occasions.

A vigil was organized in honour of Chris on Sunday at Couchiching Park. Hundreds of people attended along with myself.

A GoFundMe campaign to help cover funeral costs has been created by Jim McRae, Bellchambers' cousin. Any additional money that is raised beyond funeral expenses will be split between Bellchambers' two favourite organizations: the Sharing Place Food Centre and the Lighthouse shelter.

A donation was made on behalf of St. James'.

Joyce Hird



THE WORK AT ST. JAMES'



The back (parlour) entrance, and basement (youth room) entrance at the church got a serious makeover this week! The result is a much safer, and much more attractive layout.



HERITAGE PROJECT

Images are:
Stone Church Proposal
& Stone Church Photo

In 1857, the "Old Stone Church" replaced Chief Yellowhead's council house as "St. James Church". The first image here was the recently discovered painting of the proposal for the new church. The architect was "Wm. May."

The second photo was taken from a stereogram, a pair of photos that were placed in a stereoscope to see a 3-D image. Note that the windows in the tower were narrower than in the proposal, that the white picket fences surrounded graves, and that the barn in the background may have been the carriage barn for parishioners.

Please contact Fred Blair by calling the church office for his email if you would like to receive an email with these two digital images that you can enlarge.

Fred Blair



St. James' Anglican Church has been part of Orillia's history officially since 1841. The church was initially a frame building, then was upgraded to a brick building in 1857. There followed numerous upgrades and additions over the years, including a tower and bell in 1863, though both fell into the church vestry that same fall. The Rev. Canon Richard Greene became the incumbent for St. James' in 1888, and incidentally taught painting to Franklin Carmichael. In March 1891, under Rev. Greene, the old stone church was taken down due to an unsafe foundation, and the new church was opened. St. James' has undergone many renovations and improvements to become the impressive structure we see today. *From Orillia Public Library*

OUTREACH MINISTRY



Pennywise Shop

At long last the Pennywise Shop will reopen July 6 from 12 noon to 3 pm for a maximum of 3 “masked” customers at a time. Many people will be thrilled to know this. Donations to the shop may be dropped off at the church office on weekday mornings.

Loonie Lunch

This service will continue throughout the summer months as an outdoor take-out soup lunch. In addition, every week Sharing Place volunteers prepare a ready-to-heat meal in individual containers for visitors to Loonie Lunch to take with them if they wish. The Sharing Place volunteers and volunteers from Community Living prepare all these meals in our church kitchen, so there is a great partnership going on here.

Sub Committee on Indigenous/Nonindigenous Relationships and Land Acknowledgment

Studies on these subjects will be continuing throughout the summer months. Anyone interested is invited to join the discussions on zoom by notifying the church office of interest. You may have realized that Sunday, June 20 at St. James' service online was acknowledged as National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21) and Canon John reported on the work of this committee in developing a local Land Acknowledgment and on the importance of developing a closer relationship and deeper understanding of indigenous/nonindigenous relationships in our area. Stay tuned for some interesting updates on film discussions, guest speakers, and enlightening books to read.



Guaranteed Annual Income Campaign

The underlying premise of supporting a GAI for all Canadians is that people should not be asked to survive on an income that is less than the poverty level. With this we cannot disagree. However, how to achieve this goal is a complex process. We continue to support the overall goal but are staying tuned for effective ways that the goal may be achieved. The Social Justice Committee continues to study this subject.



SCATEH (Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness)

This is a very long title to a very active local branch of multiple area social services including some churches, city councillors, Lighthouse staff, Native Friendship groups, Information Orillia, Sharing place, Ontario Works, OPP and Youth Groups. The group meets every two months to share information re activities, concerns, actions and then share in trying to address some of the many problems related to homelessness in our area, as well as food insecurity and poverty. Their work is important to this community and to St. James'. We participate in these discussions and when able, promote their activities and actions. It is helpful for us all to know what is happening in this city around these critical issues.



Vegetable Gardens

The gardens are looking very promising and the whole area behind the church is getting cleaned up.

Have a great summer and stay tuned for periodic Outreach updates.
Rosemarie Freeman



June Calendar

We are not able to provide a calendar of meeting times, events, or programs, due to COVID-19. Please join us by watching the Sunday webcast service on our website, Facebook or YouTube.

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 has 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. Please contact Phyllis in the office 325-2742 if you would like to sponsor a month.

Fundscrip

The Fundscrip deadline is **Sunday July 4th**. Orders and cheques (payable to St James' church) can be dropped off at the bin at the Gardys'. If you need directions, please call Phyllis in the office 325-2742. Pick up will be **Friday July 9th**. Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project.



FUNNIEST CHURCH SIGNS

Trust in God, but lock your car.



Church parking only. Violators will be baptized.

We are not Dairy Queen, but we do have great Sundays!

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