



# 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,

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Easter is a time when we are reminded that we are people of good news. We are a people who are inspired to not only believe but know that our faith in the resurrected Christ means that there is new growth, renewal, and transformation in our lives and in the life of our Church.

Over Lent I participated in two Christians studies: N. T. Wright's Surprised by Hope, and Creation Care. In each study I was reminded that the more we are engaged in the biblical story, and we share this story with each other, it does lead us to a place of deeper understanding for what it means to be a follower of Christ and to find ways to be joyful.

I think we need to find ways to take the biblical story and the Easter spirit and live it out as we meet the challenges faced by St. James'. That is, despite our challenges, as resurrection people, we have to know that there is hope for transformation. We need to bring that hope, faith, and love into our discussions, meetings, planning, water cooler talks, meditation, and table discussions.

I have asked our Treasurer and Corporation over the next year, via email blasts, Ministry Council, and the newsletter, to report on the state of our finances and property so that you can be aware of the challenges we face. You will find these in the newsletter under Stewardship Corner. It can be upsetting to read about the challenges that we face as a Church.

Remember, stewardship is not only about money. It is about the use of our time and talent. Keep an eye on the important mission and outreach that we continue to engage in at St. James'. Remember the work of those who help and serve at Loonie Lunch, Pennywise, or the Reconciliation Circle. Give thanks for Susan Glowa as she has made impressive improvements to the library and has gotten it ready as we return to our buildings. Then there are the impressive efforts of Duncan and Mark, who make St. James' look good every Sunday in our live-stream or video services. These are but a few of the people who make this a place of hope and joy. I hope you see that good things are happening at St. James', and that this is important ministry that is transformational in the lives of people.

My friends, I ask that we clothe ourselves with humility and a love for our neighbour, and in this Easter renewal, it will start us down the right path in hope, joy, and love. Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ,  
Canon John

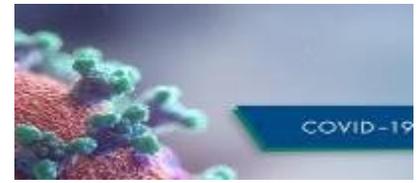
Three ways you can celebrate with us:

In-person Sundays at 8 a.m. or 10 a.m.

Livestream at 10 a.m. on YouTube

Sunday 10 a.m. recordings can be viewed any time from our Past-Virtual Services

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



## COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATES

Dear Friends,

On Monday, March 21, the provincial government lifted mask mandates for most indoor settings in Ontario. Those places with vulnerable populations, however, such as long-term care homes, health-care settings, shelters, and public transit, continue to require masks until April 27. Our Sunday gatherings for worship have many of the same risk factors as those settings that continue to carry a mask mandate, and all of us are anxious to see if March Break and the ongoing reality of the Omicron variant will make an impact on our COVID-19 hospitalizations.

For these reasons, masks continue to remain in place until April 27. However, during worship one person at a time may unmask for the purposes of liturgical speaking, e.g., preaching, reading, or spoken intercessions. (If a person is adamant that they will not wear a mask, seating will be provided in the back pew and communion will be brought to them.) Masks may be removed for eating and drinking using “restaurant rules”. Parish employees, staff and volunteers may now remove their masks indoors when working at a distance from others. Licensees and tenants in our buildings are subject to their own rules according to governmental policy.

The Diocese of Toronto has announced that we will move to Green Stage – the removal of all COVID-19 restrictions, except the vaccine policy for staff and volunteers – as of April 27. On that date, across the Diocese, the wearing of masks becomes optional, all parishes may resume the informal sharing of food and drinks (e.g., coffee hours) and may once again offer the Common Cup in the Eucharist.

However, the Diocese anticipates that these changes may be anxiety-producing for some. Parishes and individuals may prefer to take a staged, or phased, approach when moving to Green. For example, a parish may choose to become mask-optional before adding a coffee hour or offering the Common Cup. Some people may choose to continue wearing a mask, or make their communion in one kind only, for some time to come. We also know that some of our adaptations of the past two years, particularly around online worship, are here to stay.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 705-325-2742 or [rector@stjamesorillia.com](mailto:rector@stjamesorillia.com)

Yours in Christ, Canon John

## HERITAGE PROJECT

In March, George McDonald donated the Rev. Canon Richard W.E. Greene's desk to the church. Richard had been the incumbent at our church from 1888 to 1911. There are memorials to Richard and his wife on the north wall of the church. He carved the eagle lectern in front of the church's organ pipes and was also known as a landscape painter, a painting teacher, and a temperance leader. Richard died in 1934.

The desk had passed down to Richard's fourth and last daughter, Madge Kathleen Greene (1915-2009), and had then passed to her daughter, who married George. George had moved to Orillia last fall but is now leaving the city. The desk is to be restored and then will probably be used in the church library. We do not know if the desk was purchased while Richard lived in Orillia or if he acquired it after moving to Toronto in 1911.

I am currently trying to learn more about one of Richard's painting students, Barbara Perry, and the Group of Five women painters in Orillia.

Fred Blair



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Every month we want you to understand the stewardship developments at St. James'. Stewardship traditionally is about time, talent, and finances. However, it is also about our volunteerism and congregational development.

Here is a current snapshot of our finances:

### Revenues

The revenues to date are \$ 69,821 which is \$ 10,354 short of plan. The donations in total at \$62,713 are under budget by \$ 9,787. Offerings/donations at \$ 55,217 is the significant contributor to this shortfall of \$ 11,033. Church users and "in memoriam" donations results offset each other. Fundraising at \$ 7,107 is pretty much on target.

### Expenses

March expenses are \$ 81,237 which is well under budget by \$14,428. All ministries remain cost conscious with the result that all are under plan.

### The Bottom Line

We are reporting a year-to-date deficit of \$ 11,417 which represents a better than plan performance by \$ 4,073.

### Investments

We were required to drawdown our investments \$ 14,559 this month to address cashflow requirements.

It is hoped that with returning to in-person worship offerings will continue to increase. It is also important to remember that there is a virtual congregation, and they are encouraged to participate in the life of the church, including in givings, through preauthorized givings and/or using the donate button on the website.

Canon John and the Corporation continue to participate in the Orillia Regionalization discussions. While not a part of that process, the shared Ash Wednesday service was well received by all churches, and it was wonderful to be with each other. A lengthier report will be forthcoming following the next meeting.

The churches are also working together to further our mission and outreach. A working group has been meeting to develop a Sunday breakfast program. This is a continuation of the same ministry undertaken by St. David's for the last ten years. It is coming along nicely with support from local churches and the community.

Canon John and Dave Simpson



## A LENTEN VACCINE COMMITMENT FOR YOU

It is a long-standing practice among many Christians to make a special “sacrifice” or commitment during the Lenten period. Here is a suggestion you may want to practice for Lent 2022.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has launched a vaccine equity fund to contribute to the world-wide vaccination effort against COVID19. Money donated to this fund will be used to support preparations for vaccine rollouts in third world countries.

As people in the Western world have easy access to vaccines those in other countries are still waiting.

In Canada 3 out of 4 people have been fully vaccinated. In Africa less than ten percent of people have been vaccinated and the resulting health crisis has many countries pushed to the brink. Schools have been closed for up to 80% of the time and the effect of those closures are seen in a large uptick in child marriages, teen pregnancies, and increased child labour. Three out of four health care workers in struggling countries remain unvaccinated.

The Anglican Church of Canada has established a “pay-it-forward fund” so that if you have received your vaccinations for COVID19 you can “pay it forward” with a donation to PWRDF Vaccine Equity programme. To make your donation to this fund during Lent you may submit a cheque to the church office for desired amount (maybe \$5 for each vaccination you received) made out to PWRDF earmarked Vaccine Equity Fund. All your donations will be forwarded at Easter time to PWRDF. A donation receipt will be available from that organization. Help disadvantaged countries fight COVID 19 by donating to this fund!

In addition to promoting your personal donation to this cause, the Social Justice Committee is preparing a form letter for you to sign and submit to your local Member of Parliament asking that the government of Canada send all excess vaccine medication and supplies to third world countries as swiftly as possible. This letter will be sent to you via an eblast. Please print it off, sign it and send to your MP. We will provide the address. Help us with this important global effort.

Social Justice and Mission Committee - Rosemarie Freeman

*“Now that we have learned to fly in the air like birds, and dive in the sea like fish, only one thing remains....to learn to live on earth like humans.”*

*George Bernard Shaw*

## WANT TO HELP THE UKRAINE?

Many of us are anxious about the fate of the Ukraine and the world involvement but wonder what we can each do.

1. We can pray for the people of the Ukraine, and all involved in this war.

Here is a sample prayer if you want to use it:

Lord Jesus, the protector of the vulnerable, stretch out your hand over the frightened people of the Ukraine. We pray for those who are displaced and for those who wait in anxiety. Gather them each to the other for courage and solidarity. Offer them your peace to relieve their apprehension. We pray for the smooth and speedy resolution to this conflict and especially for the safety of all during this chaos. Amen

2. Make a donation if you are able to a reliable donation centre. Two suggestions are:

- a) Primate's World Relief and Development Foundation Ukrainian Relief Fund (make cheque payable to St. James' noted for PWRDF Ukraine)
- b) Canadian Red Cross -visit their web site at [give.unhcr.ca](http://give.unhcr.ca) and follow instructions





**A.C.W. SPRING SALE**

**Saturday May 14**  
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

-  Plants
-  Baking
-  Crafts

If you have a garden that needs a bit of downsizing or need to make space for other plants, please consider potting (or bagging) your treasure and labelling it for our sale.

We also need our famous bakers to make their wonderful creations again. There will be a mini craft area also of our own parish family's treasures. We will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Do mark us on your calendar.  
Joan Gardy

### How Does Our Garden Grow?

#### With the help of our community and YOU!

Planning for the 2022 gardening season has started. Your expertise and ideas are welcome as our vegetable capacity will be increasing, along with new flower beds & green space.

We plan to include **3 Sisters** grouping of beans, squash and corn as well as sunflowers to provide food for birds and pollinators.

**We can find the right job and right time for you!**

**Especially if you dig dirt!**



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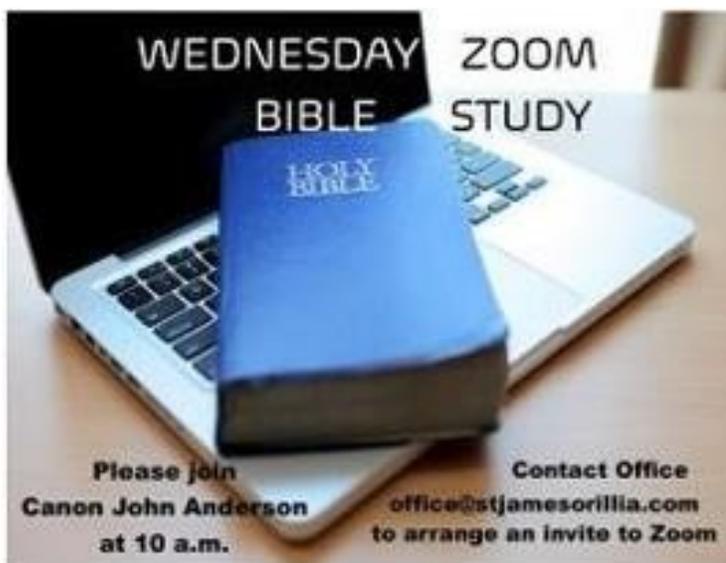
Social Justice & Mission Committee



**ST. JAMES' LOONIE LUNCH**

**Take-Out Service**  
Every Wednesday  
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

A free will donation of a loonie or more is greatly appreciated



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ZOOM**

Please join Canon John Anderson at 10 a.m.

Contact Office [office@stjamesorillia.com](mailto:office@stjamesorillia.com) to arrange an invite to Zoom

## 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](mailto:office@stjamesorillia.com) for an invitation.



# PENNYWISE THRIFT SHOP

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

## Bulletin Board

- ⊕ Needed - Reusable Shopping Bags. We are phasing out plastic. Please donate any of your clean reusable bags for a better environment
- ⊕ 50% off all Winter Coats. Donations gratefully accepted.

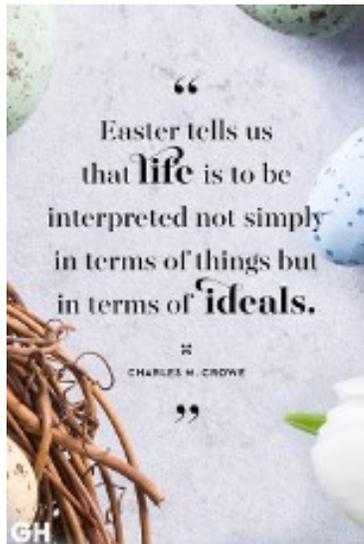


Come early for best selection. Masks required. Covid protocols in place.  
CASH only please; small bills or coins preferred.



# DIGGIN' FOR GOLD

COVID-19 has affected all of us. We NEED your help for our Outreach programs. Locally we currently assist The Sharing Place Food Centre, Green Haven Shelter, Lighthouse Shelter, Couchiching Jubilee House as well as our own Loonie Lunch on Wednesdays. Drop off your broken or unused gold jewelry to our Pennywise store. We accept 10k, 12k, 14k, 18k yellow or white gold.



# PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

## What is the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan?

Sponsored by the Diocese of Toronto, Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.) assists parishioners in the diocese to make their regular offertory donations to their church by direct debit.

## Why Should I Participate?

### Advantages for you:

- Convenience: your offering is received automatically every month and automatically deposited in the Parish account.
- You can plan your giving in advance for the whole year
- You can continue to support St. James' when you are away.
- You can continue to support of ministries and programs
- Decreased environmental impact to reduce envelope use.
- Changes may be made any time by contacting the church office
- Givers do not have to write a cheque or carry cash each week
- Safe and secure

### Advantages for St. James'

- A regular, dependable flow of contributions to St. James'
- Easier to plan the budget in advance for the whole year
- A reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping.
- Decreased environmental impact.

**JOIN TODAY! CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**FundScrip**  
*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

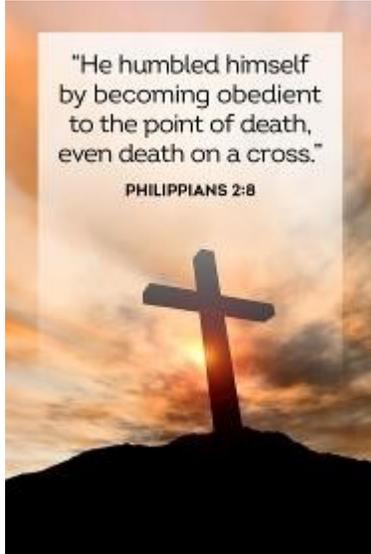
**Why:** To support St. James' Church

**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

# FUNDSCRIP

While we can not fundraise in our usual manner during the pandemic e.g. Concerts, Dinners, Cabaret, Bake & Craft Sales, FundScrip is a great way to support St. James'. Please prayerfully consider it!

*“The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in.”*  
*Peter Marshall*



# CHURCH LIBRARY

“Love the Lord your God with all your mind.”



Spring cleaning came early to our church library. Through the winter and with help from Canon John, books were sorted and discarded. Many new books were catalogued and prepared for borrowing.

As well as books of a topical nature, you will find a range of topics including prayer, worship, healing, spirituality, fiction, and biography. Borrowing books for a loan period of a month is made easy by following the instructions on the desk.

Have you read an interesting book lately and want to share it with others? We are looking for people to submit book reviews for the newsletter and that could be welcome additions to the library. Please speak with Susan Glowa if you want to learn more. Three of our new books have already been reported on in recent newsletters.

The library is open through the week, except for Tuesday afternoons.

Just climb the stairs or step off the elevator and you will notice the fresh new look of your library.  
Enjoy!

Sue Glowa

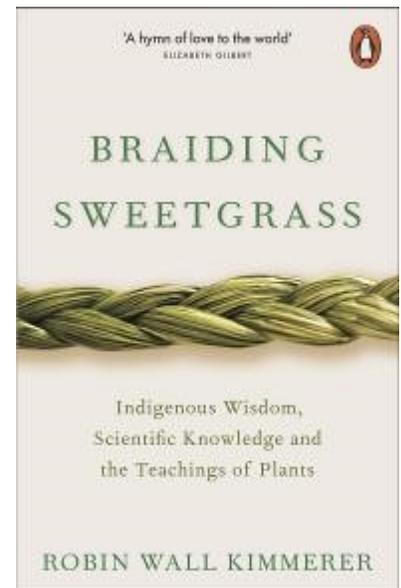
## BOOK REVIEW

*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* is a book by Robin Wall Kimmerer that looks at creation care or environmental sustainability from what becomes two complementary perspectives – that of science and that of indigenous teachings. Kimmerer makes a strong case that ecological awareness is built by acknowledging the reciprocal relationships of the living world. She uses indigenous teachings, practices and language as a way to help build an understanding of creation as a harmonious whole sustained by natural relationships. This is reinforced by the scientific perspective as well as examining the contrast in outcomes to the earth between Western and Indigenous practices. The idea of gifts and reciprocity as well as recovery and restoration are consistent themes she discusses. She believes that we have the capacity to change how we live on a daily basis and in how we think about the world and that by changing hearts and minds it is then possible to heal and restore earth's generosity.

Kimmerer uses personal stories from her life as a mother, professor and as an Indigenous person in exploring both Indigenous teachings and scientific explanations. In her own words, “I wanted readers to understand that Indigenous knowledge and Western science are both powerful ways of knowing, and that by using them together we can imagine a more just and joyful relationship with the Earth”. This is definitely not a book to be read in one sitting, as there is much to reflect on as well as savour. And while she warns against cultural appropriation, there are definitely indigenous practices and teachings that warrant at the least, being mindful of.

You can find this book in the church library.

Linda Davidson



**April Calendar**

We are not able to provide a calendar of meeting times, events, or programs, due to COVID-19. Please join us for in-person Worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. or 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.

**Hospital Pastoral Care**

Having met the required hospital protocols, Mae Cox, our Pastoral Care Visitor for OSMH, is now able to actually visit patients in person. If you know anyone from our Parish Family who is in Soldiers, please notify the Church Office so a visit can be arranged.

**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 705-325-2742 if you would like to sponsor a month.

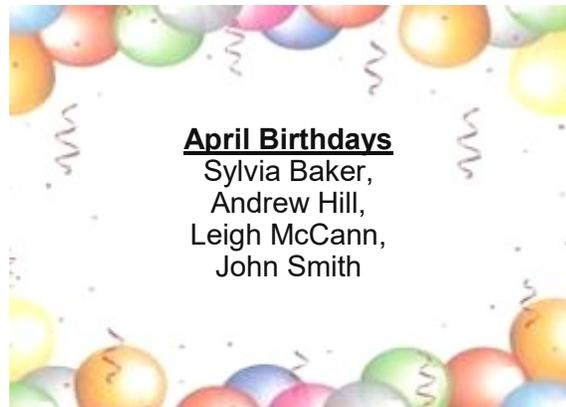
**Fundscrip**

The Fundscrip deadline is **Sunday April 3**. Orders and cheques (payable to St James' church) can be dropped off in the bin at the Gardys'. If you need directions, please call Phyllis in the office 325-2742. Pick up will be **Friday April 8**. Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project.

**FUNNY CHURCH SIGNS**



- Exercise daily. Walk with the Lord.
- Body piercing saved our souls.
- Does your spiritual house need spring cleaning?
- Eternity is a long time to think about where you went wrong.



**April Birthdays**  
Sylvia Baker,  
Andrew Hill,  
Leigh McCann,  
John Smith



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