



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 ARCHDEACON JOHN

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lift Up Our Hearts, Lift Up your Thanks, and Lift Up St. James'

On Saturday, September 27th the Lift Up Our Hearts service was held at St. James'. This was a Diocesan service and was the fourth of five services that support the Season of Spiritual Renewal. St. James' was the only parish outside of the GTA that hosted a service, and we had approximately 190 people filling our church. We heard wonderful music, a great sermon was given by The Reverend Rob Hurkmans, and we saw many friends from across the North Archdeaconry and the Diocese of Toronto.

I invite you watch the service online at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/live/JxCKi15s_ow?si=a7paSubHea8pFTjl

While we were hosting this service, it could not have happened without the support of the St. James' congregation who used their gifts, talents, and time to make this worship service a wonderful gift.

The Fellowship Committee under Christine Blair, Ann Thompson, Fred Blair, and Jeri Stone had the difficult task of providing a wonderful meal for what was a moving number of people. It was described by the organizers as first class! Thank you Fellowship for your untiring devotion to this church.

Getting the hall, parking, and worship space ready for a service of this type takes a lot of work and preparation. It includes reserving parking spots, putting up banners, filling in potholes, moving tables, cleaning, getting the platforms set in the chancel, putting out extra chairs, or making the Upper Room comfortable for the chancel team. This work was done under the careful guidance of Jen Hill. She worked and worked in the days leading up to the service. Thank you to our Loonie Lunch volunteers that helped moved the heavy objects.

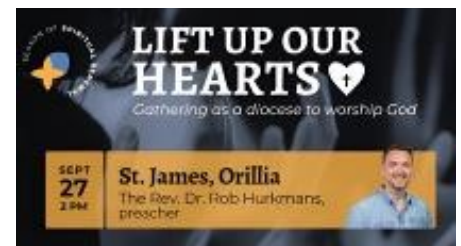
There are so many other people to thank, from Sue Glowa organizing the greeters to the Altar Guild. There were so many of you working in the background and you made a difference!

Several of the bishops, clergy, and Diocesan staff members that attended the service, many of whom have not been at St. James' in the past, remarked on two wonderful points. First, what a beautiful church we have, and it is such a wonderful worship space to do a choral service. It reminded them of what is beautiful about Anglican worship. Secondly, and most often heard, is the outstanding choir and music. People were astounded by our choir and the music leadership and organ playing of Jeff Campbell. Your musical gift made all the difference to our service.

One of the remarks made by several of you and from members of the Parishes of Huronia was the joy in coming together in a large service. To come together to hear beautiful music, inspiring preaching, and settling into our Anglican liturgy. If only we can do it more often? Here is the thing; we can do it. I would like to explore and encourage us and our parishes in Huronia to come together for a quarterly service. It does not have to be at St. James' but can rotate amongst our parishes. It can be an Evening Prayer or Eucharist. The important thing is to come together as one Body of Christ.

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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 Lift Up Our Hearts service is an important reminder that St. James' Anglican, Orillia is truly a wonderful church. It is awe inspiring and the Holy Spirit is with us when we worship. We all need to keep spreading this good news. Share it with your friends and family and lift up your hearts. And when you can, lift up your thanks to all who helped!

Peace, John



THE WARDENS' CORNER

Greetings from your Wardens!

Where did September go? We have been blessed with beautiful late summer weather as we prepare ourselves for the cooler temperatures and beautiful colours that we enjoy in the fall.

We enjoyed welcoming members and visitors to the very successful High Tea held on the 13th. It was a sellout.

That same day, we also held our "Doors Open Simcoe County" event, where Fred Blair provided an excellent slide presentation, as well as an updated Walking Tour pamphlet highlighting the beauty of our church. Thirty-six visitors attended the occasion.

The Diocese recognizes and appreciates our presence in the downtown area and arranged to celebrate with us on Saturday, September 27th. A lot of planning went into this 'LIFT UP OUR HEARTS' celebration. We were happy to host the community from near and far. The offering collected that day went to the Water in the North ministry.

A reception followed, where we shared stories of our beautiful church and spoke of its value in the Orillia community.

Reverend Samuel attended our first Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Eucharist. It was a delight to hear from him. He brings much enthusiasm and energy to St. James' as the Associate for the Parishes of Huronia. Please, join the small Wednesday group and feel the peace of a midweek Eucharist.

By now, you would have received and reviewed the letter from Archdeacon John, but because of the postal strike it has been delayed. We are a generous congregation. Please prayerfully consider how you can help to make a difference in the operation of our church and the delivery of God's message in Orillia and beyond.

On September 28th, we recognized Orange Shirt Day with Reverend Ron McLean. The Social Justice committee displayed numerous books highlighting the many issues faced by Indigenous people.

As you can see, we are a vibrant and welcoming congregation. October will be no different as we embrace the changes that lie ahead. We'll show our friends and families why St. James' is THE PLACE to be.

We hope you have some time to enjoy the glorious fall colours as the calendar marches towards Remembrance Day and then Advent. God Bless.

Julia, Leslie and Sue



THE HISTORY OF ORANGE SHIRT DAY

As a Country, Canada has listened to the stories of our young people.

We are all aware of Terry Fox and the story of his Marathon of Hope and the millions of dollars it has continued to raise, even 45 years after Terry's death.

We may be familiar with "Orange Shirt Day", but do we know the story of the young girl who inspired us to wear orange shirts on September 30?

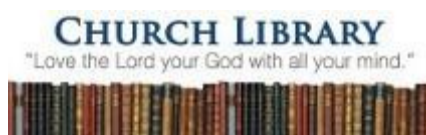
Phyllis Jack Webstad was just six years old when she was shipped off to a Residential School. Before leaving, her grandmother (nookomis) gave her a lovely new orange shirt to wear on the first day of school. However, when Phyllis reached the school, she was stripped of all her clothes, including her brand-new shirt, which was never returned to her.

The loss of the shirt left her feeling worthless and insignificant. This experience is used to represent the broader trauma of Residential Schools,



Orange Shirt Day was first established as an observance in 2013, as part of an effort to promote awareness and education of the Canadian Residential School System and the effect it has had on Indigenous communities for over a century. September 30, the annual date of the event, signifies the time of year when Indigenous children, like little Phyllis, were historically taken from their homes to Residential Schools. The official tagline of the day, "Every Child Matters", symbolizes the belief that every Indigenous child's life is valuable. It is a day to remember the thousands of Indigenous children who died in Residential Schools, many of whom are still unaccounted for. It also raises awareness about the tragic history and ongoing legacy of Residential Schools. It is a call for Reconciliation, encouraging non-Indigenous people to engage in anti-racism and anti-bullying initiatives and to support the process of healing.

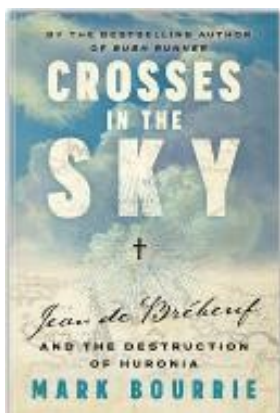
Orange Shirt Day at St. James' is celebrated Sunday, Sept. 28, at our services, so dig out your orange shirt in support!
Pat Hehn, Social Justice and Outreach Committee



Today, the librarian was jubilant! Upon entering the library, she found a bag containing a dozen books that had been returned. One book in particular had been missing for 5 years.

It's wonderful when that happens. Perhaps you have a book, or books, on your shelves with the library card or church stamp marked on it. If so, would you kindly return it to the office or library. This would make me very happy! Many thanks,
Sue Glowa

ST. JAMES' BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The St. James' Book Discussion Group will be meeting again on October 20th. Join us in the Church Parlour at 10 a.m. to discuss 'Crosses in the Sky and the Destruction of Huronia' by Mark Bourrie. Not only is this the first secular biography of the missionary Jean de Brébeuf, but it is also an in-depth look at the impacts of both the Jesuits and Europe on the Hurons, faced with rapid changes and waves of epidemics, while the Jesuits tried to create a model Jesuit state. Though the brutal facts of this history make the book difficult to read at times, it's nevertheless a fascinating and informative re-telling of an important chapter in Canadian history. All are welcome to join us for a lively discussion and the sharing of different perspectives and thoughts.

Linda Davidson





"My wish for you is that you continue. Continue to be who and how you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness."
Maya Angelou --Poet



OPEN
 Tuesday, Wednesday,
 Thursday
 12 noon to 3 p.m.
 Open Every Saturday
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A little Thrift Shop promoting big rewards. Donations greatly accepted.
 CASH only. Phone 705-325-2750

Proceeds go to support Community Programs

St James' Church Pennywise Thrift contributes to the circular economy by cleaning and fixing items. Currently have an electric mulching lawn mower that cuts 18 inches for sale at \$25. Works well.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

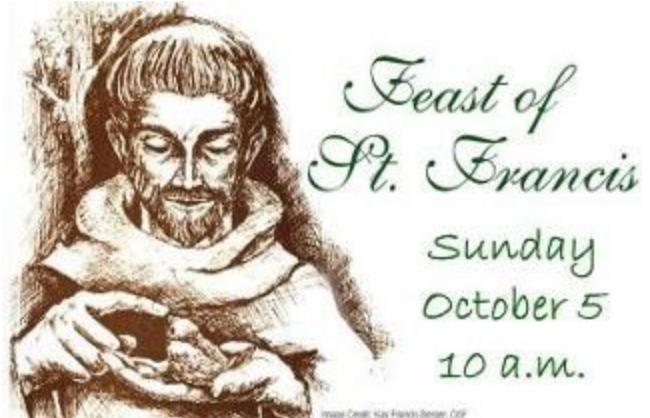
First Sunday of every month

Our Green Bags are located in the narthex for your use. Fill them with any item listed here. They will be delivered to The Sharing Place Food Bank.

Thank you!!

TOP NEEDED ITEMS

Canned Soup
 • Veg / Chicken Noodle / Mushroom / Tomato
Canned Vegetables
 • Corn / Peas / Beans / Tomatoes
Peanut Butter
Canned Meat and Fish
Pull Tab Canned Goods
 Rice
 Sugar
 Flour
 Tea Bags
 Instant and Ground Coffee
 Whole Grain, Low-Sugar Cereal
 Cooking Oils
 Broth / Bouillon Cubes
 Toilet Paper



A Food Centre staff member reported, "With the recent increase in unhoused individuals in Orillia, any food items with pop-top lids and hygiene products would be helpful."

FündScrip

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

St. James' Book Discussion Group

2025/2026

<p>SEPTEMBER 8 The Sweetest Hallelujah Elaine Hussey</p>		<p>JANUARY 12 More or Less Maddy Lisa Genova</p>
<p>OCTOBER 20 Crosses in the Sky and the Destruction of Huron Mark Bourrie</p>	2nd Monday of the month (except October) 10 a.m.	<p>FEBRUARY 9 A Short History of Indians in Canada Thomas King</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 10 Haven Emma Donoghue</p>		<p>MARCH 9 The Mirror & The Light Hilary Mantel</p>
<p>DECEMBER 8 The Maid Nita Prose</p>	All Will Be Welcome	<p>APRIL 13 The Story She Left Behind Patti Callahan Henry</p>
		<p>MAY 11 The Forgotten Feminine Face of God Anne Baring</p>

LAY ANOINTERS WORKSHOP



Friday October 24
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sign up through Rev. Samuel, Archdeacon John or Rev. Carol.
 Call the Church Office - 705-325-2742
 or signup sheet in hall outside office.
 Lunch & Snacks and refreshments provided.
 ALL THOSE INTERESTED ARE WELCOME

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday October 5, 12, 19, 26

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday October 7, 14, 21, 28

12 noon Centering Prayer

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Wednesday October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

10:30 a.m. to 12 noon Loonie Lunch

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Thursday October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

7 p.m. Choir Practice

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES and SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday October 2

6 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.

Saturday October 4

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Turkey Take-out

Sunday October 5

Food Bank Sunday

10 a.m. Blessing of the Animals

FundScrip Sunday

Tuesday October 7

7 p.m. A.C.W. meeting

Sunday October 12

8 & 10 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Worship Service

Monday October 13

Thanksgiving Day - Office closed

Tuesday October 14

Ministry Council 7 p.m. **in person**

Tuesday October 15

2 p.m. Pastoral Care Mtg.

Monday October 20

10 a.m. - Book Discussion

Friday October 24

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lay Anointers Workshop



**CARE FOR CAREGIVERS
WORKSHOP**

Presented by Jenn Hickey
Education Coordinator
Alzheimer's Society

Hosted by St. James' Lay Pastoral Care Team

**Sunday November 2, 2025
at 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.**

Please register at the Church Office - 705-325-2742
or signup sheet in hall outside office.
Light refreshments provided in the Stublely Auditorium.

ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO

The deadline for submitting nominations for the **Order of the Diocese of Toronto (ODT)** is fast approaching. The purpose of the Order is to recognize and honour those members of the laity in the Diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry. This year, every parish in the following deaneries is eligible to submit one nomination: **Huron and Oshawa**. The nomination form is available on the **Diocese of Toronto** website and can be submitted **until November 17, 2025**. We have put some nomination forms on the bulletin board outside of Stublely Auditorium.

Nominations can be made by any parishioner. They're submitted to the incumbent and churchwardens (and can be left at the church office), who will choose only one nomination to be forwarded to the bishop. (Awards will not be given posthumously.) Please have your nominations in by Friday, November 7, 2025.



Your Ministry Council

Anyone interested in reading the current Ministry Council minutes may contact the Church office for a copy. A copy is also posted on the Bulletin Board in the Hall.

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

Beth Morum is a Pastoral Care Visitor for OSMH now as well as Mae Cox. If you know anyone from our Parish Family who is in Soldiers, please notify the Church Office so a visit can be arranged.

Greeting Cards for Parishioners

Lay-Pastoral Team and ACW have had an important ministry of sending out greeting cards for birthdays, anniversaries, sympathy, or get-well cards. If there is a parishioner that you wish a greeting card to be sent to, please let us know! Contact the Church office to connect with Christine Blair for Birthday or Anniversary Cards or Lynda Harris for Thinking of You, Sympathy, Get Well or Congratulations.

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 Shannon in the office at 705-325-2742 if you would like to sponsor a month.

The Next Newsletter

If you wish to place a submission, announcement, prayer, pictures etc. into any future newsletter, please contact Nancy at nancynoakesmorrison@gmail.com. Please provide any submissions for the

November Newsletter by Wednesday October 22, 2025.

FundScrip

The FundScrip deadline is **Sunday October 5**. Orders and cheques (payable to St James' church) can be dropped off at the Church office. Pick up will be **Sunday October 12**. Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project.

- Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- The minister would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.



October Birthdays

Andy Ayers; Brian Crate; Stephen McClelland
Mary McEvoy; Wendy Slatterly

October Anniversaries

Vic and Martha Howarth
Bill Manley and Debbie Woodman
Susan and Anderson Charters

CHURCH FUNNIES



Typos in Church bulletins

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