



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,

Assembling the Board of Management

As we all know, Synod Council approved a Board of Management (BOM) for St. James on March 26, 2026, pursuant to Canon 25. The BOM assumes the governance and responsibilities of the parish. It is comprised of the Incumbent, up to six members elected by the congregation, and two members appointed by the Bishop. Just like at our Corporation meetings, decisions are made by consensus.

Our Diocesan reps are faithful Anglicans. Don Smith's background is in accounting, and he is an instructor at Georgian College. He was trained as a Congregational Fresh Start facilitator. He was also the Canon 24 Administrator at Trinity Barrie, most recently and knows the ropes vis-à-vis Diocesan policy. He attends worship at St. John's, Craighurst. Stephen Rodaway was a longtime Young Anglican leader – he was the youngest-ever recipient of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. He was a Financial/Investment Advisor at Edward Jones for years, but now works in private practice closer to his home. He has served on the Parish Financial Assistance Committee (PFAC) for years, is an active Stewardship Coach and serves on the Anglican Foundation Board. He attends worship at St. Margaret's, Barrie. We are fortunate to have these two gifted leaders helping us at St. James.

Also sitting on the BOM will be our two wardens, Julia Nicholls and Susan Glowa. They will be charged with the day-to-day administration of the parish. It has been difficult finding four other candidates, but we have two committed new members. I need to find people who have a sensitivity about outreach, evangelism, and mission. In many cases, when finding people for a BOM, it is good to look at possible members in the community at large and from other parishes. They can bring a fresh perspective and help make connections between St. James and the other parishes and the community. It is finding that balance between doers and leaders, and people who ask questions but also dream! As always, if you have any questions about the process, please speak to me.

Saying Goodbye

Sunday, June 14 or Pentecost 3, will be Jeff's last service with us as our Director of Music. He is going to follow his dream of playing the organ at St. Andrew's Presbyterian. Like many of you, we say goodbye with mixed emotions as we lose a valued musician and choir director, but are left with the uncertainty of finding someone to replace him. As well, most of you know that our two leads, Christina and Alex, will also be following Jeff, so we say goodbye to them. And again, there are those mixed emotions, as these wonderful vocalists have made our worship so much richer.

I know that for some of you, this is sad news, and for others, it creates anxiety about our future. In my 36 years of professional life as a priest and an employment lawyer, I have learned that good people will leave for new jobs, opportunities, and to follow their dreams. While that may cause an organizational headache, we always move on, and indeed, it becomes an opportunity for us to envision differently. Frankly, this may all come at a good time as we begin a Board of Management and visioning here at St. James and in the Community of Churches of Huronia.

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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

For now, I give sincere thanks to Jeff. He was with me almost from the start in coming to St. James in 2017; he was there when I had cancer, keeping things together; we kept worship alive during COVID and brought on Alex and Christina; and he put up with me pushing the liturgy into new paths. While I may lose a colleague, I give thanks I still have a friend. So let us embrace people who pursue their dreams and vocations!

Peace, John

THE WARDENS' CORNER

Greetings from your Wardens!

As June edges its way into our welcoming lives, we embrace the reprieve from our seemingly endless cold winter and spring. As a church, though, we look forward to sharing those things that make St. James' such a special place. Increasingly, we also enjoy similar events with the St. David's congregation.

We will celebrate the music ministry under the direction of Jeff and thank him for the endless hours of music that he, together with our wonderful choir, has enriched, not only our Sundays, but also the various special celebrations and events that are part of our church life. We wish Jeff all the best as he moves along in his career. We know he will remember fondly the many friendships and associations he has made at St. James', as, we hope, will Alex and Christina, who are following him.



Through the summer, the wardens and corporation will be meeting with the Board of Management team to learn and develop a plan for moving forward with the congregation now that the regionalization process in the Huronia Deanery is complete.

June will also be a time of celebration of ministry for Reverend Samuel. His enthusiasm and positive messages have been enjoyed by all of the churches in our Community of Churches of Huronia. We are happy to be able to share this special time in his life with him and his family. You won't want to miss his special moment on Saturday, June 6, at 2 p.m. here at St. James'.

Whatever it is that makes summer special for you, feel confident that our church will not be away on holiday. There will continue to be a place for each of you as summer moves along.

Sue, Julia and Leslie



St. Luke, Price's Corners



Good Samaritan, Port Stanton



St. Paul, Washago



St. John, Waverley
(Parish of Elmdale)

Saturday June 6th
A Celebration for
Rev. Samuel Fayomi, Associate of the
Community Churches of Huronia
at 2 p.m. St. James Anglican Church



St. David, Orillia



St. Athanasius, Orillia



St. George, Fairvalley

"Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us."
Robert Baer

ST. JAMES BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



June Meeting - Last Meeting until September!

The St. James Book Discussion Group will be meeting June 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlour. We will be considering books to become our book list for the coming year. Please come with 2 or 3 selections of books that you think will be of interest to others and generate discussion. For books being nominated, in addition to letting the group know the 'why' behind your suggestion (s), please have handy the author's name, title, genre, length and public availability. Anyone is welcome to come and join us with your book ideas.

Linda Davidson



The Ven. John explains the Ascension window

Ascension Sunday
Sunday May 17

Alan Cooper playing the bagpipes before the service

ACW Spring Sale—Saturday May 9



Special guests passing through!



PLEASE NOTE - SUMMER BREAK
 There will be **NO Community Breakfast**
 Last one June 28 resumes September 13



Parish seeking Director of Music



St. James' Anglican Church, Orillia, is seeking a Music Director who is creative, collaborative and passionate about honouring music as a fundamental part of worship and parish life. Skill and experience as an organist and/or pianist, ideally both, and choir director well-versed in the Anglican form of worship and improvisation are preferred. See the [full job posting](#) for more details. To apply, submit your curriculum vitae with a cover letter outlining your music experience (Links to recordings and/or videos showcasing your music abilities are also welcome.) to Leslie Fortune, Search Committee Chair, at stjamesorilliawarden@gmail.com. The posting will remain open until a successful candidate has been found.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN
ST DAVID CHURCH
At The Orillia Pride March 2026



*Join us as we flood the streets
 with colour, love, faith and pride!*

Location: Start at the Orillia Public Library
 Date: June 13 2026 Time: 1:00 pm

Pride March Highlights

Live performances by queer artists
 Pride Merch and vendors

St. David Proudly welcomes
PASTOR STEVE HOFFARD
 Member of the ELCIC Eastern Synod Queer Committee



Pennywise has found a way to generate \$\$ from the last piece of real estate assigned to our Thrift Shop. The hall between the boiler room and Thrift Shop, leading to the laundry area, is lovingly called "The Closet" - sales items in this area, dresses, gowns, men's suits and accessories.

JoAnne Barr



St. James' Wednesday Noon-Time



2026 Summer Recitals
 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

JULY 8
 TO BE ANNOUNCED

JULY 15
 Duo Regale
 Corey Gemmell,
 Aaron James
 Violin & Organ

JULY 22
 Brent Mayhew,
 Piano

JULY 29
 Cadence Brassard,
 Organ



AUGUST 5
 Dynamic Duo
 Randy Nichol, Tenor,
 Christina Bosco, mezzo
 soprano with guest pianist
 Blair Bailey

AUGUST 12
 Dan McCoy,
 and friends, piano and
 eclectic music

AUGUST 19
 Ron Greidanus,
 Sebastian Ostertag
 Piano & Cello

AUGUST 26
 Rebecca Campbell,
 Ellen Meyer
 Vocal & Piano duo

All are welcome.
 Bring a bag lunch.
 A cool drink will be supplied.
 Free will offering welcomed.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday June 7, 14, 21, 28

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Community Breakfast

Tuesday June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

12 noon Centering Prayer
12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Wednesday June 3, 10, 17, 24

10: 30 a.m. to 12 noon Loonie Lunch
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Thursday June 4, 11, 18, 25

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop
7 p.m. Choir Practice (last: June 11)

Saturday June 6, 13, 20, 27

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pennywise

Sunday June 7

Food Bank Sunday
FundScrip Sunday

Tuesday June 2

6:30 p.m. A.C.W. meeting

Saturday June 6

2 p.m. Celebration for Rev. Samuel Fayomi, Associate for Community of Churches of Huronia

Sunday June 7

1 - 4 p.m. Celebration of Life for Shirley Huntley

Monday June 8

10 a.m. Book Discussion

Tuesday June 9

7 p.m. Advisory Board Mtg. IN PERSON

Thursday June 11

6 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg

Sunday June 14

Farewell Luncheon following the 10 am service for Jeff Campbell

Tuesday June 16

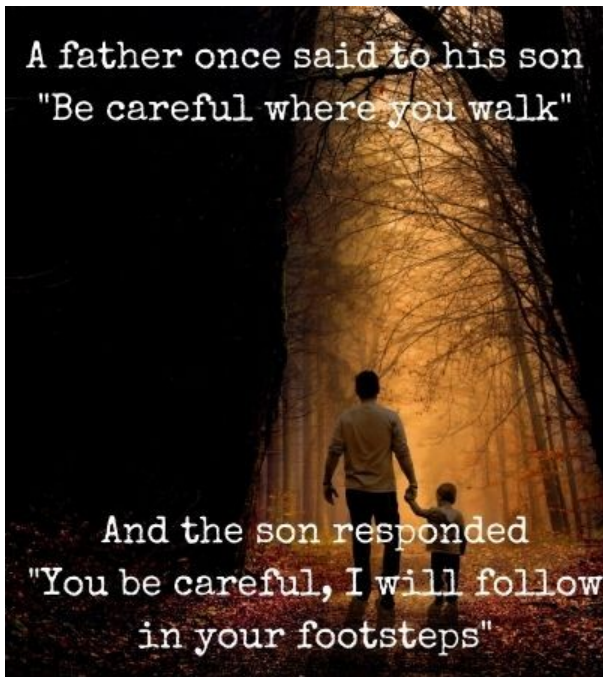
2:15 p.m. Pastoral Care Mtg.

Sunday June 21 (Father's Day)

National Indigenous Day of Prayer
Anointing Sunday

Sunday June 28

Last Community Breakfast
Canda Day Celebration
12 noon - Fellowship Volunteer Luncheon



Canada Day Celebration is on Sunday June 28



CHURCH FUNNIES

Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following statements about the bible were written by children.

- In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
- The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
- The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

Your Advisory Board

Anyone interested in reading the current Advisory Board 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 birth-days, 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 the office at 705-325-2742 if you would like to sponsor a month. **(November & December are unsponsored.)**

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 **August Newsletter** by **Wednesday July 22, 2026.**

FundScrip

The FundScrip deadline is **Sunday June 7** Orders and cheques (payable to St James Anglican Church) can be dropped off at the Church office. Pick up will be **Sunday June 14**. Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project. July dates: Sunday July 5 and July 12.

IMPORTANT

Any cheques made out to the church must read as follows:

“St. James Anglican Church” Alternately, please consider an e-transfer office@stjamesorillia.com



June Birthdays

Christina Boscoe, Kay Ashmore, Robert Greenwood, Martha Howarth, Nancy Noakes-Morrison, Len Glowa

June Anniversary

Brian & Marg Allen, Leslie & John Fortune
Len & Sue Glowa, Dianne & Ronald Howell

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