



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 REV. CAROL HARDIE

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this note, the sun is shining, the sky is blue, the temperatures mild, and the autumn colours are vivid. What a reminder of the beauty and bounty of Creation, and our call to our personal and collective stewardship of nature.

There is also the call to the stewardship of our church family, and the operating costs of our church building, and our ministries as a whole alongside the Board of Management. As we move into November, thoughts go to Christmas, our music ministry, worship services and many outreach programs to assist others.

As we ponder this, we need to remember that you and I are God's chosen ones – the beloved. This implies that God reaches out to each of us inviting us into a living and growing relationship. An important part of this is our prayer life, and the impetus to find the ways that nourish our own souls, and to ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and empowerment.

May we all respond to God's invitation to a rich and promising relationship, empowering us to continue to build a financially strong, viable and engaging faith community.

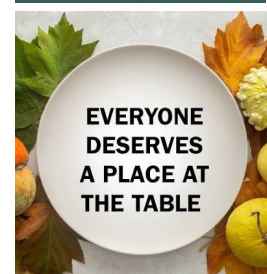
Yours in Christ,
Rev. Carol,

THANKS GIVINGS TO THE SHARING PLACE FOOD BANK

Contributions to Sharing Place at this thanksgiving time were very generous. For October a whole trunk load of valuable groceries, donated by St. James' people, were delivered to our local food bank and were most gratefully received by them.

Don't forget that **Sunday, November 1** you can make another nonperishable food donation for the Sharing Place here at the church. Every little bit counts!

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 WARDENS' CORNER

Greetings from your Wardens!



November is such a conflicting month for many of us. We say goodbye to the glorious fall leaves on the trees. The sun rises later and sets earlier. The body adjusts to the end of Daylight-Saving time, and there is always one clock that we didn't remember to turn back. The days get cooler and cooler, as we rush to finish off all of those outside jobs that need to be done before the first snowfall, or at least the first one that stays for more than a day or two. Windows washed, the last of the gardening prep, snow tires, winter boots and coats out of storage, all of the things that take up our time in our personal life. At the church, there are many things happening in this preparation season as well. Our heat has been turned on for our worship comfort. The Sunday services have been planned for Remembrance Day, ACW Sunday, and others building up to Advent. A review of the other articles in this newsletter will point out to you the many other wonderful events to celebrate, both weekly, and those just for November, to come together in fellowship and in worship.

The raised gardening beds have not been used in at least 2 years, maybe 3, so they are being taken down to make room for 4 or 5 additional parking spots. Hopefully we can obtain some gravel before the ground freezes, but paving that area is currently out of the equation.

You may or may not know that our financial resources have been dwindling over the past few years, and we find ourselves substantially behind on our financial obligations to the Diocese. The Board of Management is currently working on the 2027 budget, to potentially reduce this deficit, although it's not likely to be eradicated in 2027 by itself. We have been paying our day-to-day expenses (water, hydro, gas, etc.) but the re-vandalism of the A/C unit, and the need now for preventative security has not helped our bottom line at all. Even the regular costs like telephone, toilet paper and coffee, go up each year over year. Many hard decisions will have to be made.

We appreciate your faithful financial support of St James and we thank you for all you can do.

Blessings, from your wardens Julia, and Leslie, Sue

"We are all called to be saints, St. Paul says, and we might as well get over our bourgeois fear of the name. We might also get used to recognizing the fact that there is some of the saint in all of us."
Dorothy Day



FROM THE DESK OF REV. CANON DAVID WARDEN

Dear St. James Parish Family,

Thank you! Thank you for your warm welcome to St. James. You are truly a wonderful, inviting community of faithful people. Your leadership team from Wardens through lay volunteers are a testament to a well managed organization. Also from this foundation, you provide an excellent ministry to the greater community. Well done, good and faithful servants.

In order to sustain this vibrant ministry and presence in the community we need to face the harsh reality of dwindling financial resources. As Reverend Carol Hardie has already noted, during the summer St. James was placed under a Diocesan Board of Management because it is in significant debt to the Diocese. Since the beginning of the year St. James could not meet its obligations to pay for Clergy and the Diocesan Assessment. Attempts are being made to rectify this situation but this needs to be addressed by the whole community. Going forward, ministry adjustments, more than part-time clergy, may have to be made. These are difficult times for everyone, including St. James.

Please pray that your church can find the resources it needs to continue to be a beacon of hope and support for our community.

May God's blessing shine down upon us all.

The Reverend Canon David Warren

A.C.W. SUNDAY

On Sunday November 15th we will be celebrating ACW Sunday. We will be having Joanne Barr from Pennywise speaking at the 10 a.m. service. We will have cake in the auditorium afterwards.

Come join us for our celebration.

Also, mark your calendars for December 5th for St Nick's day!

Blessings, Donna Mandley

P.S. This is also the month to donate for the Christmas Project.
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*"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall chap their hands."
Isaiah 55: 12*

ST. JAMES' BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

November Book Discussion

The St. James Book Discussion Group will be meeting November 9th to discuss 'The Good Eye' by Jess Gibson (daughter of Margaret Atwood and Graeme Gibson). This first book is described as a collection of sharp, punchy short stories about power imbalances, the limits of perception and, occasionally, ghosts.

All are welcome to join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlour for coffee and fellowship along with a lively discussion about these short stories.

Advance Notice - December

The St. James Discussion Group will meet December 14th to discuss 'Behind the Pickle Jar' by Wendy McCuaig. The author draws on local history and area landmarks in creating the background to her novel contrasting the lives of two women from different periods of time.

All are welcome to join us for fellowship and coffee while we share thoughts and responses.

Linda Davidson

HALLOWEEN POT-LUCK



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

FAITHWORKS SUNDAY REVIEWED

Thanks to Maryan Vincent and Nancy Hannah, a very enlightening presentation was made at the service on Sunday, October 18 outlining the importance of supporting the work of FaithWorks in the Diocese. It is clear that our own food security services (Loonie Lunch and the Sunday Breakfast) are enhanced by grants from FaithWorks and our customers benefit from the meals they receive. If you did not get a chance to make a contribution to FaithWorks yet, you can still do so. Just submit cash or cheque or etransfer to St. James Anglican Church, designated to FaithWorks. All donations gratefully accepted no matter how small.



Rosemarie Freeman, Social Justice and Mission Committee

CHRISTMAS AT PENNYWISE THRIFT SHOP



*SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd at 6 p.m.
Doors open at 5 p.m.*

Church Members
**Christmas
Dinner**

*Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings.
Free Willing Giving. Numbered Tickets are
available until Sunday November 15th
Contact Anne Thompson or Christine Blair*



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Will you help our St. James' Annual Christmas Project?

Did you know? It's been well over 45 years that St. James' ACW has been heading up our Christmas Project. Long ago at its start, we managed gifts for six families through their social workers with an agency in Orillia called "Tamarac" - which later become "Catulpa-Tamarac". The number of families grew and what we provided did, too: from random presents to a "Special Wish Gift" plus extras, plus mittens and hats; from any food we were given to food to prepare a Christmas Dinner plus extras, and the choice of a turkey or ham. Our number of families not only grew to come from more agencies - Couchiching Jubilee House, New Path and Community Living Huronia, as well as Catulpa - but we also sometimes added single teens from the Orillia Youth Centre - from perhaps 20 people to over 100! (We used agencies because they know their clients' needs already.) We also have added some people who came directly to St. James' to ask for help.

Then came COVID. Like everyone else, ACW had to "pivot" but we didn't miss a Christmas! Now we provide GIFT CARDS: in November, cards to buy children's presents (\$50 per child); in December, cards to buy Christmas Dinner plus (\$25 per person in the family). It's not as much fun as our "Wrapping Day" used to be, but it's safer for health reasons and it's cost effective because we purchase the gift cards through our St. James' FUNDSCRIP program, which brings in at least a bit of money for St. James' on the side.

WILL YOU HELP US? **All through November and especially on ACW Sunday (Nov. 15),** we will be collecting money for our FUNDSCRIP gift card orders for November and December. Simply note that your money is for the "**St. James' ACW Christmas Project**" and it will get to us - on a Sunday or through the Church Office, Tuesday through Thursday. Any amount will help. THANKS!

Mae Cox



CHRISTMAS STORIES AND CAROLS

12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

DECEMBER 2nd

DECEMBER 9th

DECEMBER 16th

Join us for delightful seasonal Christmas Stories and your favourite Christmas Carols. Your hearts will be warmed and your spirits lifted.



**Hot Cider
provided.
Free will
offering.**

**See you in
the Church,
all are
welcome**

CELLAR SINGERS MESSIAH



Handel's Messiah

Saturday, Nov. 28 at 7.30 pm

St. James Anglican Church, Orillia.

58 Peter Street N. Orillia

Tickets \$30. Youth under age 15 - \$15

From members of online at

info@cellarsingers.com

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Community Breakfast

Monday November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

9 a.m.—12 noon St. David's Quilters

Tuesday November 3, 10, 17, 24

9 a.m.—12 noon St. David's Quilters

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

12 noon - Centering Prayer

Wednesday November 4, 11, 18, 25

9 a.m.—12 noon St. David's Quilters

11 a.m. - Eucharist

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

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Thursday November 5, 12, 19, 26

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday November 7, 14, 21, 28

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

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES and SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday November 1

All Saints' Day

FundScrip Orders

Food Bank Sunday

Tuesday November 3

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

Sunday November 8

Remembrance Sunday

FundScrip Pickup

Monday November 9

10 a.m. - Book Discussion

Tuesday November 10

7 p.m. Advisory Board Mtg.

Sunday November 15

ACW Sunday and Anointing

Tuesday November 17

2 p.m. Pastoral Care Mtg.

Sunday November 22

Parish Christmas Dinner

Sunday November 29

First Sunday of Advent



FUNNY CHURCH SIGNS

A Safety Tip

1. Don't ride in cars. They are the cause of 20% of all fatal accidents!
2. Don't travel by air, rail or water...16% of all accidents are the results of one of these activities.
3. Don't stay home, either...17% of all accidents occur there.
4. Don't walk on the streets....4% of the accidents happen to pedestrians.
5. Only .001% of all fatal accidents occur in church, so it is obvious that being in church is the safest place to be!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Taking pictures during the service for our Instagram.

No pictures of children please. Email them to me at

donnakmandley@yahoo.ca before the end of the day on Sundays.

Thank you for your assistance.

Why must people kneel down to pray? If I really wanted to pray I'll tell you what I'd do. I'd go out into a great big field all alone or in the deep, deep woods and I'd look up into the sky—up—up—up—into that lovely blue sky that looks as if there was no end to its blueness. And then I'd just feel a prayer."

~ L.M. Montgomery - Anne of Green Gables

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 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 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 **December Newsletter** by **Wednesday November 18, 2026. (No January)**

FundScrip

The FundScrip deadline is **Sunday December 6th** Orders and cheques (payable to St. James Anglican Church) can be dropped off at the Church office. Pick up will be **Sunday December 13th**. Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project.



November Birthdays

Anne Thompson, Mae Cox, Glen Bagley,
Dianne Howell, Fran McCordic, Beth Morum, ,
Maureen Naylor, Donna Mandley, Alison Campbell,
Carol Hardie

November Anniversaries

Jacquie and Kai Schmidt

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