



ST. JAMES' JOURNEY AUGUST 2023

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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,

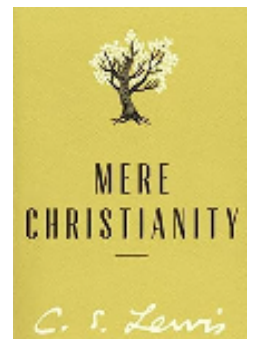
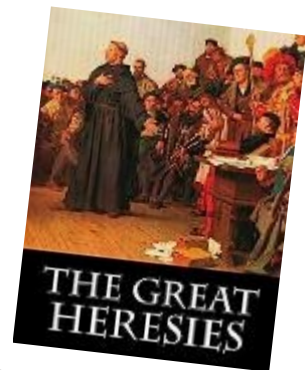
"A Season of Discipleship"

Happy Summer to all of you. At the time of my writing my article, I have been on holiday at Lisa's family cottage in Barry's Bay. I have brought up a pile of books with me, of which many are mysteries but equally I am catching up with books on pastoral care, theology, and congregational development.

Time and time again, I have heard from you, such as in the town halls I conducted at St. James', and in the sessions for Casting the Net (visioning undertaken by the Diocese), that people want to go deeper in their faith journey and their walk with Jesus. I think that in the need to address budget shortfalls, property matters, or congregational attendance, we can lose sight of why in fact we come to church. I would like to turn things on their head and make Christian discipleship our focus from September through to June. I call this a Season of Discipleship.

A Season of Discipleship will be an array of programs that will be offered in different formats such as in-person and by zoom; some will follow the Sunday service and another time it will be in the evening; or perhaps mid-week. In this way there will be an opportunity for all of us to participate. However, I remind you to attend George Sanders contemplative sessions on Tuesday, and Wednesday Scripture Study at 10 a.m. to which we return in September studying Romans. The mid-week Eucharist/Mid-Day Prayer will also return in September.

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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 following format is being considered:

- ✝ September – Theme of Back to Church with testimonials at the 10 a.m. service of one's walk with Jesus. This will culminate at the end of the month in a lunch with an invitation to all members (and those who are following us virtually) and, hopefully, a Ministry Fair.
- ✝ October – We begin our Confirmation classes. These will be open to the other churches in the Huronia Deanery (as with any of our programs). They will likely occur following the Sunday service. I have discussed with my colleagues whether this will be for an eight-week period or a couple of weeks each month over a 4-month period. In this way we can pause classes so that people can participate in other studies. It will also allow us to coordinate the timing for Confirmation to take place at the Cathedral.
- ✝ October – Lectio series led by Rev. Carol, likely, mid-week (in-person).
- ✝ October/November – Great Heresies will be an evening study that unpacks the importance of heresies, and how they led the Church to develop orthodox practices (in-person).
- ✝ December – Advent Study following the Sunday service (in-person).
- ✝ January – Epiphany Edification – A mid-week prayer session with focus on how Christ manifests himself in our daily lives (in-person/zoom).
- ✝ February/March – Lenten Study following Sunday church.
- ✝ May – C. S. Lewis Book Study on "Mere Christianity" (zoom)

This is a draft of what I am considering and I invite your comments and suggestions by emailing me at rector@stjamesorillia.com. I hope the rest of your summer brings rest, relaxation, and God's peace to you.

Archdeacon John



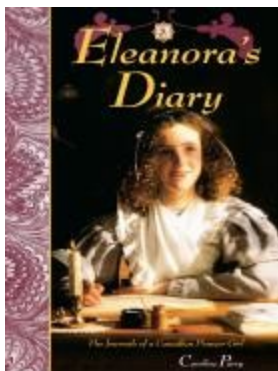
MISSION GROUP RETURNS

A very successful medical mission was completed by 17 team members in Kenya in May-June. Hundreds of local Kenyans were seen each clinic day. There were 4-5 physicians, one optometrist, one dentist and 3 pharmacists seeing clients on every clinic day (some of these professionals were Nairobians who joined us). Clients were given free medications for their medical needs, eye-glasses, and offered a variety of lab and other tests as indicated. All team members worked very hard, from the 12-year-old to the oldest of us. Most of us did develop a lingering cold but otherwise came home in one piece. The need there continues to be urgent among the poorest civilians of that country. We plan to continue to support this mission with funds for medications, lab supplies, tests, etc., with your support.

On Sunday, October 15 at 11:30 a.m. after church you are invited to join us for a picture/talk presentation and a sandwich lunch in the auditorium. Don't worry, we will send out reminders closer to the time.

Rosemarie Freeman





Eleanora's Diary, The Journals of a Canadian Pioneer Girl, by Caroline Parry, Scholastic Canada Ltd., 1994.

As this book was a Scholastic publication for young readers you might make the mistake of believing that it is not of interest to adults and people living in Orillia. The diaries are an accurate historical account of the experiences of early settlers in Medonte Township and reveal details about families associated with the creation of St. James' Anglican Church, like the Steeles and Drinkwaters.

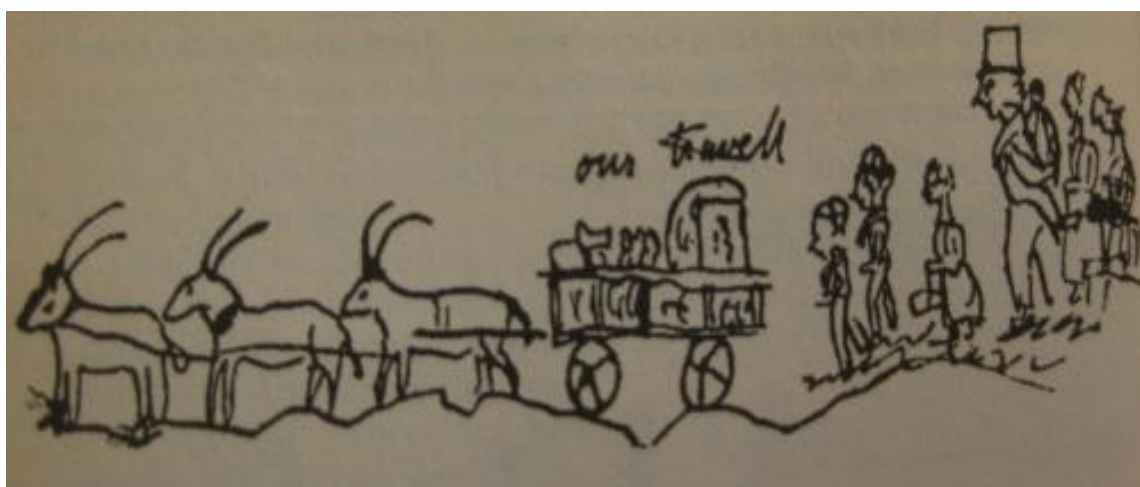
Over half the book tells of life in England in the early 1830's and thirteen year old Emily's family's journey to Ontario. Sir Samuel Steele's father, Elmes, encouraged the Rev. George Hallen to minister to the settlers in the new community of Fairvalley, about halfway between Orillia and Coldwater. On November 4, 1835, the family arrived at the Narrows on board the steamship Peter Robinson. Eleanora's brother George caught perch for breakfast the next morning while fishing on the wharf. His father found a man with 6 oxen and a wagon to carry their first shipment of crates and boxes to the Steele's home. The wagon would have proceeded up the trail that would later be West Street to the Coldwater Road. As they turned left on Coldwater, they may have looked east and seen Chief Yellowhead's meeting house which later became St. James' Church. Eleanora's drawing of that journey appears in the image here. The remainder of the book is mostly about the family's experiences during their first year living in Fairvalley.

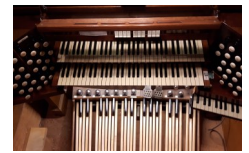
There are multiple connections between the Drinkwaters and St. James' Church. Eleanora's sister Sarah Hallen married John H.S. Drinkwater. Eleanora did not approve of that marriage. John's father was one of the first two wardens at our church. John himself became a warden the following year and again in 1846. There is a memorial at the back of the church for Thomas Hallen Drinkwater who was the son of John and Sarah. Some of you will also remember Catherine Drinkwater in the congregation.

In 1848, Sir Samuel Steele was baptized in the marble font at St. James' and the 1861 Census recorded the Steele family living in Orillia Township. This suggested that the family were attending services at St. James' as well. There is a memorial for Elmes in the church on the north wall near the back. He had been a naval captain in active service during the Napoleonic Wars.

If you would like to read about Eleanora's experiences, you can borrow a copy from the church library or purchase one at the Orillia Museum of Art and History.

Fred Blair





WEDNESDAY SUMMER RECITALS



A cartoon by John Deering

Wednesday noon-time recitals continue through the month until August 30. We have enjoyed some really wonderful musical hours thus far. Those in attendance have many compliments. Still to come in August, the recitals feature:

August 2 - Marshall Martin organist from St. Andrew's is renowned for his versatility on the organ and his lovely personality.

August 9 - John & Susan Smith from our parish treat us to relaxing Celtic harp and clarinet music. This couple always enchant us with their music.

August 16 - our own **Rebecca Campbell**, soprano and her talented friends **Marnie** and **Gary Curran** will bring us great vocal duets, solos and piano - promising a most exciting hour of music.

August 23 - Anna Trubashnik, a stunning singer, and **Brent Mayhew**, an amazing pianist team up to present a hour of piano music and thrilling vocal music. These accomplished musicians are local Orillians too!

August 30 - Wilhelmina Tiemersma. The finale recital features Montreal organist. She brings us an organ recital with a difference.

Spend a lovely noon hour with us!!

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

CENTERING PRAYER AND MEDITATION TUESDAY AT 12 NOON in person in Choir Room



Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of the experience of God's presence within us. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth to all prayer and facilitates the movement into a receptive prayer of resting in God. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Christ.

George Sanders leads the group. For more info contact office@stjamesorillia.com or 705-325-2742

FREE SUNDAY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



ALL ARE WELCOME

**Every Sunday
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
in St. James' Auditorium**

A joint venture with St. David's, St. Athanasius, St. James' and Community Members
Our goal is to provide food and fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNSCREEN DRIVE



Starbucks Coffee Shop are launching a "Sunscreen Drive"

at St. James' Food Programs, Loonie Lunch and Sunday Community Breakfast to help keep people safe!



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday August 6, 13, 20, 27

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:30 - 9:30 Community Breakfast

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

12 noon Centering Prayer

12 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Wednesday August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

12 Noon Summer Music Series

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Thursday August 6, 13, 20, 27

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Friday August 7, 14, 21, 28

11:30—1 p.m. Knit/Crochet Group

Saturday August 26

10 a.m.—1 p.m. Pennywise Shop

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES and SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday August 3

11 a.m. Social Justice Meeting

Sunday August 6

Food Bank Sunday

Tuesday August 8

2 p.m. Pennywise/ACW Meeting

7 p.m. via Zoom Ministry Council Mtg.

Sunday August 13

FundScrip Sunday

FUNDSCRIP

For the next two months

(because of the holidays)

Fundscrip Sunday will be Sunday August 13 with delivery on Sunday August 20 and Sunday September 10 with delivery on the Sunday September 17.

Leslie Fortune and Sylvia Baker

CELEBRATION OF LIFE - JOAN GARDY JULY 1 CANADA DAY



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

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 Bulletin Board in 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

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 August 13**. Orders and cheques (payable to St James' church) can be dropped off at the Church office. Pick up will be **Sunday August 20** Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project.



FUNNY CHURCH SIGNS

- Q: Who was the smallest person in the Bible?
A: Knee high Miah!
- What did Daniel tell his real estate agent?
"I'd prefer a house with no den."



August Birthdays

Christina Blair, Alan Cooper,
Phyllis Johnson, John Lennerton,
Gerry Murfitt, Susan Scott,
Betty Slocum, Jeri Stone,
Mark Webster, Chip Wiest,
Ophelia Wiseman



The Pennywise Shop & A.C.W. of St. James'

Invite You to ...

*Renew and Refresh
Tea & Fashion Show*



Saturday September 23rd at 2 p.m.

Join us for "High Tea", savouries and sweets while viewing a Fashion Show with items from our Pennywise Shop featuring dazzling models of all shapes. A Silent Auction is included.

Tickets **\$25**

Available at Pennywise Shop
Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday - 12 to 3 p.m.
Or Call Church Office 705-325-2742



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