



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,

At the time of writing my article for this newsletter, I was preparing a document for service planning for Sunday services from September to Reign of Christ. The obvious starting place is the readings for each Sunday which then give one an idea of a theme. I will then look at gathering prayers, decide on what Eucharistic Prayer will be used, the prayers before and after communion, or new liturgy to start and/or end the service. With all of this in mind, several of us will meet with Jeff, Director of Music, to pick hymns.

As a priest, I am open to the idea that there are spaces for liturgical changes. We are bound by tradition and authorized liturgy but there are opportunities to try new forms of worship.

One of my joys over the summer holidays is the opportunity to worship in other Anglican churches such as St. Paul's, Beaverton, St. John's, Waverly, or The Church of the Epiphany in Barry's Bay. It is amazing that one can walk into any Anglican Church and can participate in the service because the same traditional liturgy is used. There is a certain amount of comfort in the familiarity of the Collect for Purity, Gloria, or the Eucharist.

However, what is also amazing is how each parish does something in a unique way to that parish. In one church service, the lay reader did all the liturgy right up until the Confession and Absolution. In another parish, the priest wore a chausable over the surplice and cassock – I have never seen this done! What I have learned is that despite the tradition in services which knits us together as a community, congregations are always open to having new experiences of the sacred. It makes the Anglican church unique because our liturgy is rooted in over five hundred years of tradition. At the same time the Anglican communion is a rich and diverse expression.

Perhaps you have had the opportunity this summer to share in a similar experience. I invite you to share that experience with me, and maybe introduce it into our own service. What I like to do in planning for our services, is to bring the diversity and richness of Anglicanism into our own services. This does not mean we are jettisoning our traditions. Rather, we want to find ways to continually invite ourselves and new friends into our worship experience.

September is that time in the church when we come back into our churches. I encourage each of us to invite a friend or family member to come and see what we are doing at St. James'!

Peace, John



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

ONE-OF-A-KIND FASHION SHOW



Coming to St. James' on Saturday, September 23 a Fashion Show and High Tea like none other in town. The Pennywise Shop and ACW are once again collaborating to bring you this unique event. Featuring practical but lovely clothing items from our Pennywise Shop will be models of all sizes and shapes from our volunteers and friends. You are certain to see something that appeals to you and surprises you. The Shop will be open for business following the show should you wish to check out other shop items as well.

Accompanying the fashion display is a fantastic High Tea with the most delicious sandwiches and goodies served up in the typical English way. Last year's attendees left raving about the tea.

Added to the fashions and the tea is a Silent Auction of some very desirable and unique items.

This will be an afternoon full of enjoyment. Tickets are \$25 available at the Pennywise Shop Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. or at the church office from ACW members. You may reserve a table for yourself and your friends. The show starts at 2 p.m.

Rosemarie Freeman

*"As a Christian, my calling is clear. In this life I don't get to play God, I get to imitate Jesus.
John Pavlovitz*



THE RESULTS OF PRAYER

Why do we pray, when God knows our every need already? Are our prayers answered? These are questions many of us may ask and I don't have a definitive, theological answer - but I do have an experiential one, as do most of you, when you look back over your lives in a faith community like our Parish Family of St. James'. Particularly when we are ill or in some sort of crisis, most of us ask others to pray for us - sometimes just close friends in the faith, but sometimes the Prayer Chain, sometimes all who go to St. James or watch our Church Services, on the "Prayers of the People" List on Sunday mornings. Anyone can ask for these various kinds of prayer.

When a family member was in OSMH's ICU, when a relative was diagnosed with cancer, I wanted all the prayers I could get! Is the answer always the positive one I want, the way I want it? No, but the sense of support that I felt and the comfort the fact of those prayers gave to the whole family was tremendous. I felt hugged and upheld, and I thanked God and the people of our faith community for these blessings.

We often pray as well for those farther afield and we don't often hear the results of that kind of prayer. In one case at least, I'm happy to report that we've been told the results so far. Many in this congregation have heard a Baby Boy prayed for, for many, many weeks now - a baby who had to have several critical operations at a very young age. At the moment, he is doing wonderfully well: the prayers of many, many people in several provinces in Canada have been answered - PRAISE THE LORD!!

Mae Cox



SOCIAL JUSTICE & RECONCILIATION GROUPS - FOX LAKE ALBERTA

A dozen interested people from the Social Justice Committee and the Reconciliation Circle Committee met over lunch to discuss the situation in Fox Lake Cree Nation as experienced by Sean and Ashley Davidson on August 1 at St. James'. (Long-time members of St. James' will remember Sean is the son of Linda and Mark Davidson, grandson of Audrey and Ken Lee.)



Sean and Ashley described and reported on their positions as teachers in the Fox Lake Alberta community and the critical events in that community this past spring. Fox Lake is in northern Alberta very close to the border of the NWT. The community has a population of about 5,000 mostly Cree speaking people.

The wildfires near their community escalated unexpectedly, requiring a rapid evacuation of the area population following a controlled burn plan that quickly got out of control. Since the only way out of this community is by water or over ice roads, it was a very demanding feat to rally everyone and arrange for evacuation by barge or personal boats. Problems of very limited accommodation on the barge, plus a barge breakdown and fast-moving fires made for a very challenging and scary departure which took much longer than anticipated (more than twelve hours).

The population was eventually evacuated to the High River area and accommodated in tents there. The fire caused the loss of 100 homes and the police station, the Northern (and only) store and the water treatment building. In addition, most buildings suffered smoke damage requiring extensive cleaning.

Sean found himself in charge of the evacuation process in the absence of the school principal, away on school business, so it was definitely a stressful experience.

On return to a new school year, the pupils and teachers will be accommodated in the village of John Dorr temporarily while the school in Fox Lake is thoroughly cleaned and refurbished. The main public service buildings and destroyed homes also need to be rebuilt – not a quick or easy feat.

The needs of this community will be extensive, but St. James' Outreach will continue to direct our support and funding to the needs of the community school children. Our funds are directed to the school principal so that he can impartially decide on what the most urgent school children's needs are. Sean anticipates that there will be a need for winter apparel and footwear this coming fall/winter. The Social Justice Committee plans to send funds to the school principal of the Fox Lake School for outfitting needy children for the winter.

We hope that the community will quickly recover, and that Sean and Ashley have a successful school year. Our support and prayers go with them.

Rosemarie Freeman

“There is but one good; that is God. Everything else is good when it looks to Him and bad when it turns from Him”

C. S. Lewis



ST. JAMES' BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The St. James' Book Discussion Group resumes September 11th. Come join us in the Church Parlour at 10 a.m. to discuss our first book of the year *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan Henry. This novel offers a strong sense of the defining moments in Lewis' life, as well as the mythical sources for the Chronicles of Narnia. This heart-warming and captivating tale is a treat to read. All are welcome to join us for a lively discussion and the sharing of perspectives.

As well, anyone who is interested in reading or discussing any or all of the books that we will be reading this year is warmly welcomed. Discussion dates along with titles for the books we will be reading are listed below.

September 11/23

Once Upon a Wardrobe by Patti Callahan Henry

October 16/23

The Light We Carry by Michelle Obama

November 13/23

Sisters of Night and Fog by Erika Robuck

January 8/24

God's Secretaries by Adam Nicolson

February 12/24

Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead

March 11/24

To Heaven and Back by Dr. Mary Neal

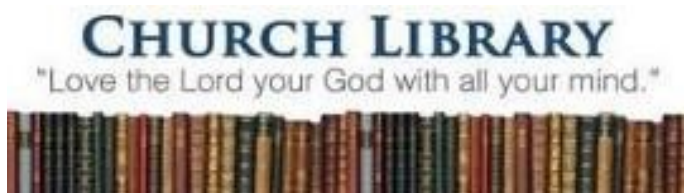
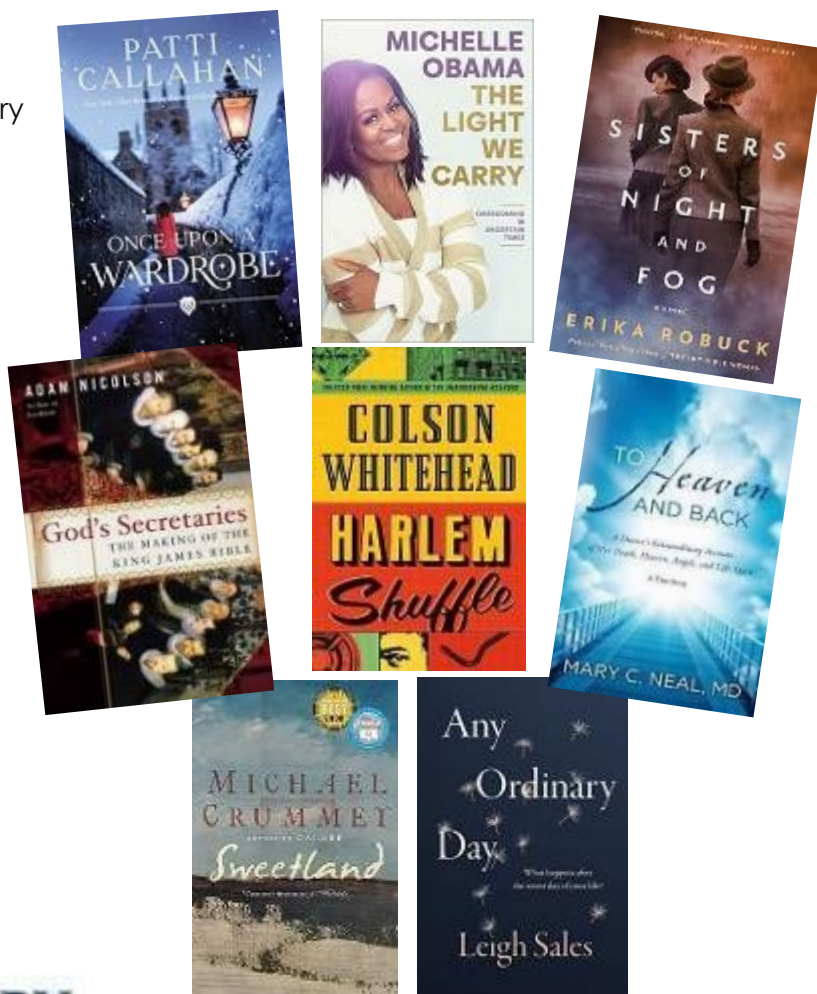
April 8/24

Sweetland by Michael Crummey

May 13/24

Any Ordinary Day by Leigh Sales

Linda Davidson



As a result of the funds raised during the Spring Craft, Plant and Book Sale, we have been able to order 2 much needed new books for our library. Once they have arrived and been processed, you will see a description of each one in upcoming newsletters. We anticipate additional purchases this fall.

Thanks to all who helped to make this possible by either purchasing books or donating.

We're hoping to offer used books again at the winter sale. If you have purchased books recently that you would like to donate, please leave them at the office with a note specifying "library book sale".

We appreciate your support more than you know.

Sue Glowa

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE IN-PERSON STUDY

Please join Archdeacon John Anderson at 10 a.m.



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



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!





THE SHARING PLACE

Oh yes they did! Our Meals 4 Change team has made their 70,000th meal!

The Sharing Place Food Bank have been cooking take out meals in our kitchen for several years. On Wednesday, Nancy Hannah and her fabulous crew of volunteers prepared their 70,000 meal. An impressive feat!



Soon The Sharing Place Food Bank will be leaving us to cook in their new state of the art kitchen. Their lively, industrious team will be missed. (Don't worry – we will still receive take-out meals for the Loonie Lunch crowd.) It has been a meaningful, inspirational partnership that has made a difference in our community. 70,000 – that's a lot of people being fed good food. Well done The Sharing Place gang and thanks for letting St. James' be a part of the process.

HELP - WE NEED SPONSORS

It's amazing all the "little but indispensable" jobs you may find out a person did, after the person is gone. Joan Gardy phoned and found a Sponsor to cover the costs of our Church Family Newsletter every month, every year since it began! WE NEED \$100 each month to defray the expense of sending printed copies to those without computers. Can you help us out? You could do this in memory of someone (like Joan) or to commemorate a special event (like a birthday, anniversary, etc.) or just because. If you can do this some month for your Parish Family, please call the Church Office. Thanks in advance!



COME BACK TO CHURCH
Sunday September 24
10 a.m.



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 Peace John



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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

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

- o Hygiene products
- o Canned Soup Veg/Mushroom/Chicken Noodle
- o Canned Vegetables
- o Canned Meat and Fish
- o Peanut Butter (375 g & 500 g)
- o Pasta Sauce and Pasta
- o Rice (not instant or minute)
- o Wholegrain Cereal (less than 12g sugar)
- o Flour
- o Coffee (not instant)
- o Tea

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday September 3, 10, 17, 24

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:30 - 9:30 Community Breakfast

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday September 5, 12, 19, 26

12 noon Centering Prayer

12 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Wednesday September 6, 13, 20, 27

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

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Thursday September 7, 14, 21, 28

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Friday September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

11:30—1 p.m. Knit & Crochet Group

Sunday September 24

10 a.m. Back to Church Sunday

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES and SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday September 3

Food Bank Sunday

Tuesday September 5

2 p.m. ACW Executive Meeting

Thursday September 7

10 a.m. Social Justice Meeting

Sunday September 10

FundScrip Sunday

Tuesday September 12

7 p.m. via Zoom Ministry Council Mtg.

Tuesday September 19

2 p.m. Pastoral Care

Wednesday September 20

9 a.m. Volunteer Info Session

Saturday September 23

10 a.m.—1 p.m. Pennywise Shop

2 p.m. Fashion Show & High Tea

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy.”

Pope Francis



Recently a small group of women joined together to create Prayer Shawls. While most meet on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at least one person creates all hers at home as she is unable to attend. The rest come when they are able and enjoy a quiet time of Fellowship in the Upper Room while knitting or crocheting (or even other hand crafts). Shawls are blessed then distributed to individuals who are dealing with health issues, suffering from losses, needing some extra support or others we feel should have one. New members are more than welcome as are ideas for a name for our group. A notebook will be placed in the Narthex where you can request a shawl for a friend or yourself. Please note that we need to know who the recipient will be, so we don't give the same person more than one as we have a limited number to give. We also need your name as well so we can get it to you as soon as one is available.

Christine Blair

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 September 10**. Orders and cheques (payable to St James' church) can be dropped off at the Church office. Pick up will be **Sunday September 17** Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project.



Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



September Birthdays

Fred Blair, Bruce Davis,
Jack Gourlie, Nancy Hammond,
Phyllis Jackson, Ed Kalbfleisch,
Marilyn Kalbfleisch, Cheryl Kellas,
Rev. David Lennerton,
George Northrop, Linda Tiffin

September Anniversaries

Christine & John Hager,
Nancy & Pat Morrison

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