



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,

"There is one body and one Spirit... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all... but each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift." (Ephesians 4:4-7)

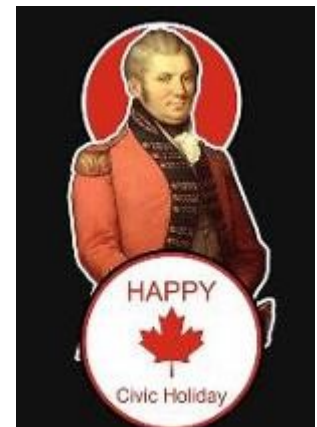
Recently, I circulated documents that further explained the process of regionalization and the creation of an arch parish (my words). These have also been printed and are available for pick up. I would ask that each of you read these documents. I invite your comments, suggestions, and questions.

The wardens and I have raised a concern that my role as the parish priest for St. James' would change as I would also be spending part of my time working with the other parishes. Between my responsibilities at St. James' and as the Archdeacon for the East Archdeaconry, where would I find the time to take on all these duties? I can tell you that I am in discussions with the Congregational Development Office and Canon Administrator Laura to address this legitimate concern. I am confident that a solution will be forthcoming and I will be reporting back to you shortly. At the end of the day I still believe that a new model of ministry in Huronia is needed.

I have always taken the position that the model of parish ministry is antiquated and for the most part is no longer able to respond to the changing religious and social patterns of our communities. This is particularly true for parishes in mid-size communities like Orillia and for rural parishes. If we accept the reality that everyone loves their parish and no one wants to see their parish close, then we do need to find a new model of ministry. If we accept that we live in a world of secularization, and we need to have churches of hope, love, and faith to respond to the secular challenges, then we need to find a new model of ministry. It does not matter if we are big or small; or that a church is well seeded with investments or has important resources like a large building. Size, investments, or programs help us in the short-term but in the long-term, they are not going to sustain us. We can continue to limp along in silos, but I would rather be part of a new group of churches that hears the cries from our communities. A cry for love and compassion. A cry for respect, diversity, equity, and inclusion. I truly believe that the communities we live in are in desperate need of a more expansive vision of church. A church that responds to the diversity of voices and interests, and is a reminder to the people that God is in the midst of the people.

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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





I have chosen the passage (see above) from the Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost, Ephesians 4:1-16, because Paul was speaking to a new church that was in a precarious position. It faced factions from within the new Christian group but also from the pagan world of which it was part. Paul writes about 'unity'. He speaks of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and the unity of the faith and knowledge of the love of Christ.

Unity is not something we choose to do. It is not a passive object we should achieve. It is not a mission statement. All of us as Christians are to use the gifts given to us by God's grace, to celebrate we have these gifts, and to offer them up for building up the body of Christ. It is this which unifies us as a community of faith.

Unity is not sameness, or better yet, it is not uniformity.

I see a new model of ministry where our Huronia parishes will celebrate their gifts, not only with their own congregation but with all the parishes in our new ministry model. Imagine what we can do when we all share our unique gifts with each other! I think then we will know and feel unity with the Spirit, Jesus, and God.

The process we have undertaken for the last two years may seem long and laborious. However, we are also engaging in a paradigm shift from how we have done parish ministry to something new. I believe we are close to finding our new model of ministry. Let us be led by Paul's exhortation as we go forth!

Peace, John

THE WARDENS' CORNER

Greetings from your Wardens!

We are into the last half of the summer season. Hopefully, you have had some time to rest, relax, recharge, visit with friends and family, or, are preparing to do that shortly.

The summer season has seen some of the church activities take a "holiday" too, such as our Wednesday Eucharist, and our Sunday morning Community Breakfasts. However, other activities have continued, such as the popular Wednesday noon-hour musical presentations, and our busy Pennywise Shop.

The work of the church hasn't stopped on several other fronts either, such as: progress on the Kid's Zone/Children's Center; the boiler has been inspected and assessed for tune-up adjustments so that we can enjoy a safe and warm winter; regionalization discussions are ongoing; and we are busy finding an Office Administrator replacement.

Our long-serving (22 years), kind, and faithful Phyllis will be retiring on August 15, and we wish her the very best in this next phase of her life.

It won't be long before sweater weather will be with us again, so take time to enjoy the remaining beautiful summer season. Stay safe, stay hydrated!

Julia Nicholls on behalf of your Churchwardens



Thank you!

June 23

Today was our final choral service at St James' Church before our summer break, and with most of the choir present, I thought it would be a good time for a photo! I am so grateful for each and every one of these amazing and dedicated choir members! I'm already looking forward to our new season in September!

Jeff Campbell - Music Director



10 a.m. Sunday services are held in the air conditioned auditorium over the summer.

St. James' received a grant from the Community Foundation of Orillia and Area (CFOA) for Loonie Lunch and Community Breakfast.



We give thanks for their ongoing support and helping people in need.

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

Corrie Ten Boom

The rallying point for Scottish Festival Parade July 20



ST. JAMES' FUNDRAISER

Order beautiful, personalized Crystal ornaments, pendants, and key chains that will arrive in time for Christmas giving. The ornaments are approximately 2" across and will be personally engraved. These ornaments are perfect for gifts for Christmas, new babies, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.! A unique gift for that special someone who has everything!

The cost is \$25.00 each with the total net profit going back to St. James'!

Samples will be available after the service and in the office along with order forms. Orders must be received with payment by Sunday, September 8th. Please note that orders received after this date are not guaranteed for November delivery!

Speak to Leslie Fortune for more details by calling the church office.

I hope you will join me in this fundraising effort for St. James'!

Leslie Fortune



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"God places us in the world as His fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world.."
Desmond Tutu



FUNNY CHURCH BULLETINS

- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

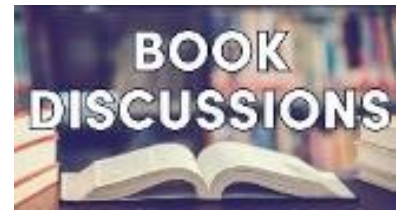
IN A QUIET MOMENT OF REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE...



St. Swithin's by Rev. Jay Sidebatham
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ST. JAMES' BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group has finalized their titles for next season. Please feel free to join us. We're an informal group who enjoy sharing our thoughts about a variety of books that have been chosen on the recommendation of the members. We meet in the parlour on the second Monday of the month at 10. a.m.



SEPTEMBER 9

TRUTH BE TOLD, The Story of My Life and My Fight For Equality, by Beverley McLachlin

OCTOBER 21

SAY YES TO LIFE, by Victor E. Frankl & Daniel Goleman

NOVEMBER 11

ULTIMATE FORGIVENESS by Don Buxcey

DECEMBER 9

LETTERS FROM ACROSS THE SEA by Genevieve Graham

JANUARY 13

THE WALL BETWEEN by Jeffery Wilkinson and Raja Khouri

FEBRUARY 10

MISS MORGAN'S BOOK BRIGADE by Janet Skeslien Charles

MARCH 10

SPLENDID AND THE VILE, A SAGA OF CHURCHILL, FAMILY AND DEFIANCE DURING THE BLITZ, by Erik Larson

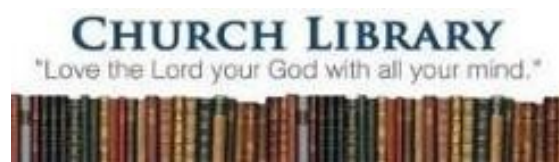
APRIL 14

THE HEAVEN AND EARTH GROCERY STORE by James McBride

MAY 12

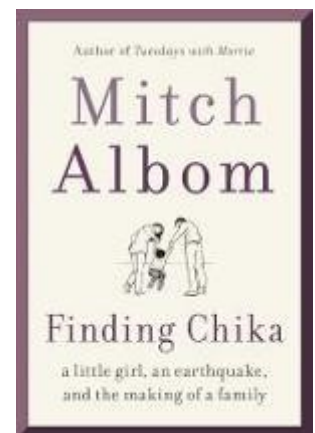
A GRACE DISGUISED by Jerry Sittser

Linda Davidson



Have you been upstairs in the Church lately to see what Sue Glowa has done with the Church Library? She has completely transformed it so that books are clearly organized by titles and she has purged books that were not borrowed recently. The effect is that it is very neat and appealing! One book you will see there is by Mitch Albom, the American best-selling author of "The Five People You Meet In Heaven" and "Tuesdays With Morrie". It is titled, "Finding Chika" and is the true uplifting story of how Albom and his wife took a little girl, Chika, from the orphanage he established in Haiti, back to his home in Detroit. She had developed an illness which could not be cured in Haiti. The story is gripping and a testament to what love, faith, and compassion can do. I highly recommend that you borrow it from our Church Library!

Sue Leslie



Thanks to the generous donation from Reverend Carol and Don Buxcey, we've been able to create two new sections on the library shelves. You'll find a selection of titles dealing with Pastoral Care; as well, Don has donated a collection of fiction and nonfiction Indigenous books.

Please feel free to drop in and browse the shelves. You're sure to find something you'd like to borrow.

Sue Glowa

St. James' Wednesday Noon-Time

Summer Recitals
12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

JULY 3
Autumn Debassige
versatile singer and
Blair Bailey - accompanist/
performer of local fame

JULY 10
Clement Coreise
charming organist from
P.E.I.

JULY 17
Rebecca Campbell, Soprano,
Gary Curran, Tenor,
Morley Curran, piano
a delightful combo

JULY 24
Ron Greidanus
renowned pianist and
conductor of Georgetown
Bach Chorale

JULY 31
Marshall Martin
Organist, per excellence
from St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church



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

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AUGUST 7
John and Susan Smith
soothing Celtic harpist and
clarinet musician

AUGUST 14
Christina Basco and
Alexandra Teske
dynamic duo sopranos and
Cheryl Behan,
accomplished flute player,
Blair Bailey, piano

AUGUST 21
Brent Mayhew,
amazing pianist and
Anna Trubashnik,
a stunning singer

AUGUST 28
Wilhelmina Timmersma
an "ORIGINAL" organist and
a long standing summer artist
at St. James'

90 YEARS  HAPPY Birthday



Jean Kemp's 90th
Saturday August 24
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Open House at Quality Inn
Leacock Room
201 Woodside Dr.
(formerly Highwayman Inn)

Everyone welcome! Please come out to help Jean celebrate this huge milestone. She would love to see you. No gifts please just your smiling faces! Jean is a much-loved member of St. James' Church and a long-time resident of Orillia now living in Okotoks, Alberta with her daughter. Contact Wendy Slatery at wslattery@rogers.com if you have questions

PLEASE NOTE - SUMMER BREAK
There will be **NO Community Breakfast**
Starts July 14 to September 8



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

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

FOOD BANK SUNDAY
First Sunday of every month

TOP NEEDED ITEMS

- Canned Soup
- Veg / Chicken Noodle / Macaroni / 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

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!!



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday August 4, 11, 18, 25

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday August 6, 13, 20, 27

12 noon Centering Prayer
12 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Wednesday August 7, 14, 21, 28

10: 30 a.m. to 12 noon Loonie Lunch
12 - 1 p.m. Summer Recitals
12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Thursday August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Sunday August 4

Food Bank Sunday

Monday August 5

Church office closed

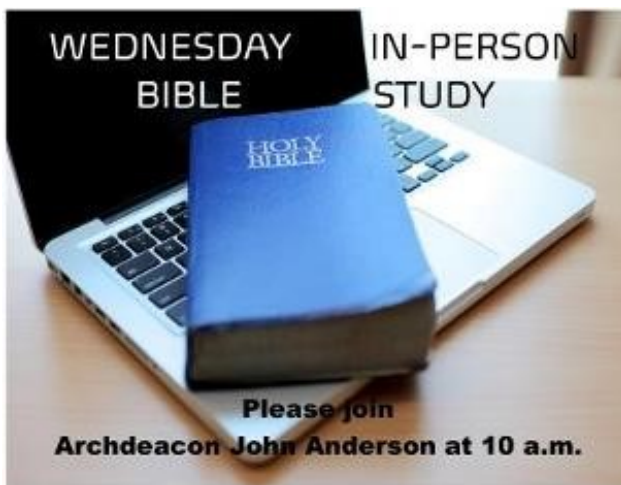
Sunday August 11

FundScrip Sunday

Saturday August 24

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pennywise Shop

- Archdeacon John Anderson will be away: Monday Aug. 19 to Monday Sept. 2 (Rev. Carol Hardie will be taking services)
- The Auditorium floor will be stripped and waxed the week of August 12-16. August 14 the Loonie Lunch will be taken out only.



PLEASE NOTE
Bible Study is on hold until
SEPTEMBER

SAVE THE DATE



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

You are Invited to ...
High Tea in High Fashion



Saturday September 28th at 2 p.m.

Join us for "High Tea", savouries and sweets while viewing thrifty fashions on amazing servers.

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



Save the Date: Saturday September 28 from 2 to 4 p.m.

You are invited to attend a High Tea and Fashion Show in the Stubleby Auditorium. Our servers will be dressed in selected fashions from the Pennywise Shop. If you fall in love with any outfit, you can purchase it for a minimal price after the tea. Additional outfits will also be displayed around the auditorium.

You can enjoy those delicious scones accompanied by strawberry jam and clotted cream along with other High Tea delights. There is also Silent Auction with great items for sale.

Tickets are \$25, available at the Church Office, the Pennywise Shop, or from members. You may reserve seating in advance.

Rosemarie Freeman

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

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 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 September Newsletter by **Wednesday August 21, 2024**

FundScrip

The FundScrip deadline is **Sunday August 11**. Orders and cheques (payable to St James' church) can be dropped off at the Church office. Pick up will be **Sunday August 18**. Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project.

Newsletter Sponsorship



Did you know you could sponsor our monthly parish newsletter in memory of a loved one, for a special birthday or anniversary? A donation of \$100.00 each month pays to produce our internet copies, the paper copies, and their mailing. **Presently available month is October**, Please contact Phyllis in the office at 705-325-2742 if you would like to sponsor a month. *(There are no newsletters for the months of January and July)*

August Birthdays

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



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