



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,

Regionalization – One Step Closer

The last time that I communicated with you about *Regionalization*, I wrote that there was a consensus amongst the parishes that they were in favour of adopting a 'new parish model' versus a hub model. A significant reason for this choice is there are insufficient clergy in Huronia to support a Hub model. Currently, I am the only incumbent in the Huronia Deanery and there are no other associates or priest-in-charge.

The Parish model provides stability with a cleric having overall responsibility for the Huronia parishes working with a team of retired clergy and trained lay readers. Support will be expanded with the hiring of an Associate and the development of lay leadership in important ministry areas.

As discussed in the past meetings and writings, each parish keeps their separate vestries and charitable status. Oversight will come from a Parish Management Team. We will proceed under Canon 13(3) or 'merger' which allows for the diversity of parishes, ensuring self-sufficiency, yet giving us the tools to pivot towards governance stability and streamlining of resources.

In terms of my role as incumbent, I would spend approximately ¾ quarters of my time with St. James' and 1/4 administering the Huronia Parish (and the latter will share in this cost). I raised with our wardens and Ministry Council, that I could not recommend such a model because of my concerns that such a role and my duties as Archdeacon was not sustainable. I brought those concerns to our Canon Administrator Laura Walton and Director of Congregational Development, Canon Janet Marshall.

We discussed that the reality for all parish priests is that much of their work is taken up with administrative tasks that hinder their role as spiritual and a pastoral leader. These administrative tasks include governance, Diocesan policies such as licenses and HR matters, writing grants (and more grants), budgets and finances, conflict management – and the list goes on. With the new Huronia Parish model there would be additional administrative responsibility for streamlining our business practices and resources. Therefore, we came up with an innovative idea that these responsibilities could be assigned to an Executive Director who reports to me. This would free up the incumbent to be a spiritual and pastoral leader and focus on congregational and stewardship development. I say it is innovative because we have not used such a model in the past. As one person noted, it is like creating a mini-Diocese within a deanery.

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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



To make all this work, we drafted a Ministry Allocation Grant for an Executive Director, and funding in part for a new associate and Sunday Supply coverage. The grant is on behalf of St. James' (as canonically there is no new parish) but it is shared by all the parishes including responsibilities that come with such a grant. Synod Council approved unanimously a MAF (Ministry Allocation Fund) grant of \$340,000 dollars to help us with staffing the Huronia Regionalization. The grant is for a 5-year period from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2029. The funds will be allocated in the following stages: \$55,400 for October 1, 2024 and \$55,400 for April 1, 2025; \$45,178 for October 1, 2025 and \$45,178 for April 1, 2026; \$34,543 for October 1, 2026 and \$34,543 for April 1, 2027; \$46,959 for October 1 2027; and \$23,941 for October 1 2028. Each *tranche* (portion) of funding will be released following a review of the project's progress by the Project Enabling and Monitoring Group. What does that mean? All the parishes have to show that the new regionalization model is working and that they continue to support the same.

As your incumbent, I am now able to recommend the Regionalization plan to you. With an Executive Director, it will address my concerns about workload. The Executive Director in the first couple of years will be a full-time position and likely will decrease to part-time once there is stability within the new parish model.

What are the next steps? We will bring this to the congregation for a Special Vestry vote on Sunday, October 6. All the other parishes have done the same and voted in favour. We will then begin the work of assembling a Parish Management Team composed of Wardens, Treasurers, and people with appropriate skill sets from all parishes. As part of the grant, job descriptions for an Executive Director and an Associate Priest were drafted and we can begin the process of recruitment. There are still some final hurdles to work through along with reporting that will have to be done, allocation of staffing costs between the parishes, and development of lay leadership teams in important areas of ministry.

My friends, this has been a long three-year process. I thank both our current and past wardens who have participated in many meetings. We are indebted to Canon Laura who worked many hours on this process. For me, it is a reminder that we are one body, one Spirit, and one Church!

Archdeacon John

SUNDAY AT ST. JAMES'

Stay tuned for details about our Faithworks Sunday services on October 20. The service will include valuable information about the Diocesan Faithworks program for 2024 and an opportunity for you to consider your contribution to this important outreach venture. Keep in mind that when you make a donation to Faithworks 15 % of it is returned to our parish for use in our own outreach projects!

In addition to the services themselves, the Social Justice and Mission committee is sponsoring a small fundraiser for Faithworks at the auditorium coffee hour. We will offer coffee and tea, of course, but also cupcakes for sale – vanilla, chocolate, and spice for \$3.00 a cupcake or 2 for \$5.00 or 6 for \$10.00 To pre-order call the church office at 705-325-2742. All orders must be picked up and paid for after the service on October 20.

Christine Hager





Greetings from your Wardens!

The leaves on the trees remind us that autumn is upon us, even though summer has worked hard and diligently to squeeze every last bit of warmth into her allotted time!

With the repairs and upgrades to our boiler heating system, we are well prepared for a comfortable church building during the coming colder weather.

The main floor office has been repainted and the floor repaired by Jen Hill, with assistance from James and Judith Beamish while Andy (a newer member of our congregation, who's a train engineer) painted the laundry room in the basement. Thanks to all involved for refreshing these spaces.

A crew of volunteers assisted Jen with repairing the floor in the main office and giving it a fresh coat of paint. Thanks to all involved.

Huronian Regionalization is also a work in progress. Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to read the information package that was distributed earlier this summer. We hope you have read Archdeacon John's update on Regionalization carefully to be ready for our Special Vestry on October 6.

As Thanksgiving approaches, may we all reflect on the many blessings we have to be grateful for, in our personal lives and here at St James'. Every day, there is always something to be thankful for!

Happy Thanksgiving, blessings to all, Dean, Polly, Leslie, and Julia

"Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into Harmony with Him"
James Hudson Taylor



2024 OUTREACH & ADVOCACY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our 2024 Outreach & Advocacy Conference, "Communities of Resilience and Resistance," will be held virtually on **Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**



We look forward to hearing from our keynote speaker, Chief Rudy Turtle of Grassy Narrows First Nation. The conference will also include workshops on a range of topics, including taking creation care seriously, overdose prevention in the community, deconstructing myths about homelessness, anti-racism as creedal theology, ending poverty for people with disabilities, and more.

Please plan to attend this free event – and invite your friends, fellow parishioners, and outreach team members to attend with you!

Registration opens **September 3, 2024**. Find registration links and workshop descriptions

[Outreach & Advocacy Conference - The Diocese of Toronto \(anglican.ca\)](https://anglican.ca)

The St. James' Social Justice Committee

UPDATE ON COUCHICING JUBILEE HOUSE

Couchicing Jubilee House (CJH) was founded as a supportive housing program located in Orillia, Ontario. Established in the Jubilee year 2000, the concept of CJH emerged when community groups, including St. James' Anglican church, gathered to address the pressing need for supportive housing for young women and their children within our area. In March 2001, CJH was officially incorporated as a charitable organization. That same year, the doors opened for four local, fully furnished apartments. Over those 20 years St. James' supported CJH both financially and with volunteer service.



Recently CJH was incorporated into the Redwood Park Communities. Redwood Park Communities (RPC) was founded by Tim and Rhonda Kent in 2009, as a response to the need for more affordable housing. Over the last ten years, RPC has grown from just an idea to 49 units of affordable housing created through many initiatives: To date, close to 500 people have been housed. Safe, affordable, hopeful housing is the first step in breaking the cycle of violence, abuse, poverty, and addiction.

In 2022, CJH became part of RPC. RPC is pleased to build on the good work and reputation of CJH to establish a presence in Orillia to help meet the affordable housing needs. RPC creates safe, affordable, hopeful housing where people can thrive. St James' no longer provides financial support except for Christmas baskets given to some residents of the house. They are doing well with their mandate. and are now well-supported within the Orillia area and no longer need our financial support. Our dream 24 years ago has been realized thanks to the support of St. James', other local churches, and a multitude of community and individual supports. We pray for this continued critical service in this city.

Rosemarie Freeman



FUNNY CHURCH BULLETINS

First grade teacher gave each child the first half of well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb.

- Strike while the bug is close.
- Don't bite the hand that looks dirty.
- An idle mind is the best way to relax.
- Where there's smoke there's pollution.
- A bird in the hand is going to poop on you.
- There are none as blind as Stevie Wonder
- A miss is as good as a Mr.
- It's always darkest before Daylight Saving Time
- Don't put off till tomorrow what you put on to go to bed

This is how your light changes the world. ❤️



BE THE LIGHT ❤️



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Our new children's area in the church is now up and running! Each week since this space was created, we have seen children happily enjoying the area while the parents can still participate in our worship service in the same area! As Archdeacon John said on Sunday - thumbs up to our congregation for being willing to accept change to allow for this wonderful and needed addition to our beautiful worship space.

ST. JAMES' BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Monday October 21 at 10 a.m. to discuss Viktor Frankl's memoir, "Yes to Life".

The book is split into three parts, Viktor Frankl says: "And ultimately that was the entire purpose of these three parts: to show you that people can still - **despite hardship and death** (first part), **despite suffering from physical or mental illness** (second part) or **under the fate** of the concentration camp (third part) - **say yes to life in spite of everything.**"

Please join us to share your thoughts on this thought provoking book.



WOW, WHAT A CONCERT SEASON!

Autumn Debassige and Blair Bailey opened our summer season in July with fun songs from musicals. Next, never to be missed, was our guest organist from P.E.I., Clement Carelse. A wonderful mix of classical works. The following week a change of pace, with Rebecca Campbell Garry and Marney Curran as well as Cheryl Behan giving us a taste of folk songs. We ended July with the well-known, highly skilled, Marshall Martin from St. Andrews, an amazing and informative recital.

August was just as rewarding. We started with Susan and John Smith, Celtic harp and clarinet. Soft, entertaining, easy listening, most enjoyable. A hard act to follow, Christina Bosco, Alex Teske, Cheryl Behan, and Blair Bailey were up to the challenge. The close harmony in the Flower Duet from Lakme was outstanding. The well-known classical pianist Brent Mayhew entertained and accompanied the impressive Anna Trubashnik. the next week. Almost a tradition now, we ended the summer concert season with a visit by Wilhelmina Tiemersma.

Following is a thank you email:

Many, many, thanks for ALL the planning and coordinating of the Wednesday Summer Concert series. Such a lot of time and effort for the benefit of many in our community.

Personally, I loved each one...perhaps they aren't genres I would have chosen independently, yet each was a pleasure. The noontime is wonderful...a nice break in a day.

I'm sure for many, these are an opportunity to get out and have a total shift of "mood" and enhancement.

I know yesterday's concert was long, but it was fitting. I quite liked the music appreciation / the info Wilhelmina gave.

Thank You SO much. Looking forward to the December series.

Warm regards and appreciation,



What did it cost? With a volunteer effort of 70-80 hours, the free-will donations totaled \$2028.75. Costs for programs, honorarium for performers, refreshments, etc. were about \$800.00. Giving a positive net revenue of \$1328.75.

A final note: None of this would have happened without the time, interest, and effort of Rosemarie Freeman – many thanks.

Chip Wiest

P.S. Don't miss the noon-time events during Advent.



MAPLE LEAF CLUB DANCE
FALL IN LOVE

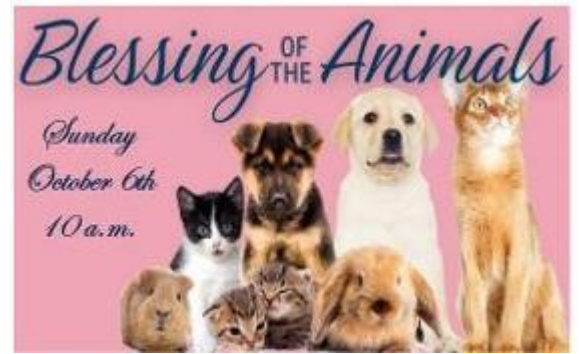
Light Refreshments and Cash Bar
Tickets \$30 each
Email: ofredigband@gmail.com

Contact:
Torrin: 705-327-2044
Rob: 705-323-3423

October 5, 2024
7:00pm
St. James Ballroom
58 Peter St. N.

OBB
Orchestra Big Band
www.oobb.ca

Proceeds to St. James Food Programs



Blessing OF THE Animals

Sunday
October 6th
10 a.m.

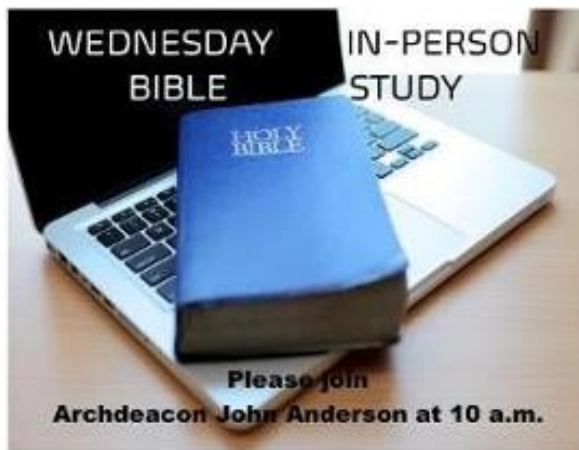


FALLS PREVENTION PRESENTATION
with Cheryl Leavens,
Public Health Nurse
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
Hosted by the Pastoral Care Team

"Mystery Bag"

**Thursday October 10th
at 10 a.m.**

Please register at the Church Office - 705-325-2742
or signup sheet in hall outside office.
Light refreshments will be served



WEDNESDAY BIBLE IN-PERSON STUDY

**Please join
Archdeacon John Anderson at 10 a.m.**



**A Journey to
Spiritual Renewal starting
Wednesday September 4th**

Please join me on the journey to spiritual renewal. One avenue for this enriching communion with God is our prayer life with scripture.

Sign up on email with me for a guided lectio reading, and prayer every Wednesday morning.

My email address is ammacar12@gmail.com



St. James Anglican Church
welcomes you to

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

PRESENTING: CASPER (1995)

Saturday, October 19th

Doors open at 5:30pm
Movie Begins at 6:00pm

Popcorn!
Snacks!
Treats!

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 Anglican-Lutheran, St. Athanasius Anglican,
St. James' Anglican & Community Members.
Our goal is to provide food and fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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



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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday October 6, 13, 20, 27

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:30 –9:30 a.m. Community Breakfast

Tuesday 1, 8, 15, 22, 28

12 noon Centering Prayer

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Wednesday October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

10 a.m. Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Thursday October 3, 10, 17, 23, 31

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES and SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday October 1

7 p.m. ACW Executive Meeting

Sunday October 6

Food Bank Sunday

FundScrip Sunday

Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday October 8

7 p.m. Ministry Council via zoom

Sunday October 13

Harvest Thanksgiving

Monday October 14

Church Office closed - Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday October 15

2 p.m. Pastoral Care Meeting

Friday October 18

7:30 p.m. - Cellar Singers

Saturday October 19

5:30 p.m. Family Movie Night

Sunday October 20

Faithworks Sunday

Monday October 21

10 a.m. Book Discussion

Saturday October 26

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



“The church is not a society of perfect people doing great work. It’s a society of forgiven sinners repaying their unpayable debt of love by working for Jesus’ kingdom in every way they can, knowing themselves to be unworthy of the task.”

NT Wright

HELP NEEDED FOR CHILDREN’S DAY

In 1984 I was unexpectedly left in charge of St. Nick's Children's Shopping Day. I have continued with this since that time. While it is a project I have certainly enjoyed, I feel that I need someone to assist, learn how we function, and at some point in the future, take over this wonderful event. If you want to learn more about St. Nick's or think you'd like to be involved, please talk to me or call me the office 705-325-2742.

Christine Blair

ST. NICK'S CHILDREN'S SHOPPING DAY



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

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.

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 Shannon 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 November Newsletter by **Wednesday October 23, 2024**

FundScrip

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

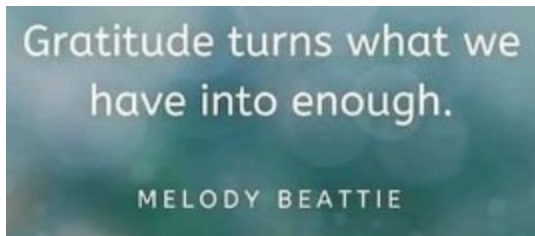


October Birthdays

- Andy Ayers,
- Brian Crate,
- Tim Gillett,
- Bill Kellas,
- Stephen McClelland,
- Mary McEvoy,
- Wendy Slattery,
- George Smith,
- Lisa Walters

October Anniversaries

- Vic & Martha Howarth,
- Bill & Cheryl Kellas,
- Bill Manley & Debbie Woodman



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