



# 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,

The Diocese of Toronto as part of the Casting the Net Visioning, undertook several surveys with both laity and clergy. At the top of the list consistently was deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ. People wanted more discipleship resources!

Bishop Andrew has retained Rev. Canon Judy Paulsen to head up a new initiative called **Seasons of Spiritual Renewal**. Bishop Andrew stated, "My hope is that this will lead us to a deep and profound joy in the gospel of Jesus Christ and a sense of communities large and small feeling a part of a rekindling of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Toronto." We are inviting every member of our parish to participate in some way in this season of spiritual renewal at a Diocesan or parish level or both.

#### **Seasons of Spiritual Renewal On-Line Workshops**

A series of workshops will be offered online. The workshops being offered from September to December have now been scheduled. You will see in the newsletter a separate poster with an outline of the interesting workshops you can participate in. As you'll see, most workshops are being offered in a **1 to 2 p.m. timeslot**. This will enable lay people to participate during their lunch hour as many of us have other commitments in the evening.

Registration for the fall workshops will open on Aug. 27. If you register for a workshop, Carol and I would ask that you let us know and give us your feedback about the program but also what learning lessons we can bring to St. James'.

#### **Advent for Everyone**

An online teaching series with our bishops to which everyone in the Diocese is invited (7:30-8:30 p.m.)

- Nov. 26: Bishop Andrew
- Dec. 3: Bishop Kevin
- Dec. 10: Bishop Riscylla
- Dec. 17: Bishop Andrew

Also being planned is a preaching series to be held throughout each territory in the Diocese. It will be hosted at larger churches with the intention for us to come together and share in the good news.

In the spirit of furthering **Christian Education and Spirituality**, Rev. Carol and I would like your input on what kind of programs you would like to see at St. James'. Here are a few suggestions:

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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



**Confirmation Classes by Zoom and In-Person** with participants invited from the various parishes participating in regionalization. General sessions are to be held by Zoom with in-person meet and greets at individual parishes. We would encourage a leader from each parish to participate and help lead in one of the topics. We would hope to then have confirmation at the Cathedral in the spring. If you are interested in confirmation classes, please speak to John or Carol or email [rector@stjamesorillia.com](mailto:rector@stjamesorillia.com)

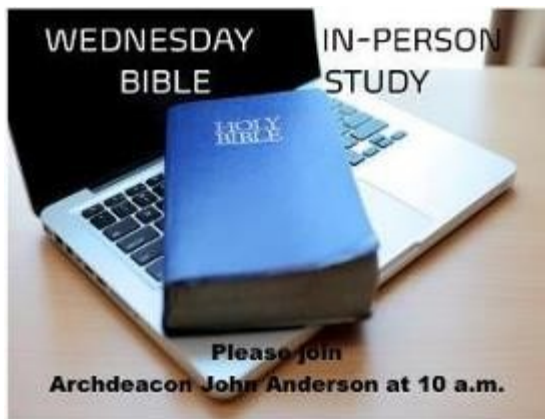
Carol and I would like to start an **Alpha Program**. Alpha is organized as a series of sessions over 10 weeks, including a day away (optional). Each session starts with a meal, followed by a talk and then a discussion in small groups. The talks aim to cover the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. We are thinking of a start date in late fall or mid-January. It takes a lot of planning and training of volunteers to run Alpha. To make Alpha work, we need about 4 or 5 core volunteers to help us run the program. A key feature of Alpha is to invite a friend, colleague, or neighbour to come and see what the Christian faith is about! If you are interested in assisting on the team or the program, please speak to John or email him at [rector@stjamesorillia.com](mailto:rector@stjamesorillia.com)

Carol will be bringing back her **Lectio series** in the new year. She did this program last year and many found it to be a refreshing start to their day.

Many of you will have seen the **new children's area** in the nave. At our workshops, there was a consensus that we needed to make our place of worship more welcoming for families with young people. Until such time as we can develop a Sunday School program, we have created a spot for children with a lot of resources for them. It is important to have an adult person available to be present in this space to answer parent's questions and be a watchful eye. If interested, please speak with Bill Manley.

Finally remember that there are programs such as the **Book Group (Monday), Contemplative Prayer (Tuesday), and Scripture Study (Wednesday)**. All are invited to join in these programs! Also, every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. there is a mid-day Eucharist. It is for about ½ hour and we assemble in the chancel area. We encourage you to come to the Lord's Table and find some comfort.

Come and see!  
Archdeacon John



### Online Workshops: Fall 2024

(all from 1-2pm unless stated)

#### September

- 11<sup>th</sup> **Scripture Engagement for Spiritual Renewal: Tools to Support the Church's Ministry**
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Disability and the Life of the Church**
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Small Group Ministry and Parish Renewal (Cantonese)** \*1-2:30pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Equipping Leaders for Engaging and Effective (Adult and Youth) Small Group Bible Study** \*7:30-9pm (6-week workshop series)
- 26<sup>th</sup> **Prayer 101**

#### October

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Healing in the Landscape of Prayer; What is Anointing**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Everyday Witness: how to use this resource to build a culture of faith-sharing**
- 9<sup>th</sup> **Small Group Ministry and Parish Renewal** \*1-2:30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **Preaching through Advent**

#### November

- 6<sup>th</sup> **A Workshop on Christian Meditation and the Jesus Prayer**
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Silence, Stillness, Simplicity: An Introduction to Leading Christian Meditation**
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Equipping Parents as Spiritual Nurturers**

#### Advent

- Advent for Everyone: a teaching series from our bishops** (7:30-8:30pm)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Bishop Andrew
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Bishop Kevin
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: Bishop Riscylla
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For more information and to register, visit [www.toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal)

### 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 conversation with Christ to communion with Christ.

George Sanders leads the group. For more info contact: [office@stjamesorillia.com](mailto:office@stjamesorillia.com) or 705-325-2742



Greetings from your Wardens!

September is a time for new beginnings! Welcome back to all those who have been away to their cottages for the summer! Welcome as well to any visitors who have joined us over the summer! We enjoyed having you with us and hope that you felt welcome. We hope that you will consider making St. James' your home church! Please feel free to speak with the Clergy, Wardens, or Greeters if you have any questions.

We were sad to say goodbye to Phyllis Johnson after 22 years as our office administrator. We will miss her efficient work and wonderful sense of humour very much. However, I am sure you will join us in wishing Phyllis all the best in her retirement!

We want to welcome Shannon Walker as our new Administrative Assistant. She is proving to be a terrific addition to the team! Shannon will be working Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Closed 12 noon to 1 p.m.) The office will be closed on Fridays.

Archdeacon John and his family have moved back into the Rectory. Many parishioners were able to attend the open house. If you missed it, there will be another chance later in the year.

Information about the Huroinia Regionalization has been circulated. Please take time to read it over. Your input is appreciated.

Thank you to the many talented soloists who supported our summer services! Thank you also to Jeff Campbell for organizing this! We welcome the choir back on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Blessings,  
Dean, Julia, Polly and Leslie

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

## HIGH TEA IN HIGH FASHION

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



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



while the auditorium floor is being stripped and waxed.



**Wednesday Noon Time  
Summer Recitals  
August 14**

What an amazing concert  
at the church  
today, and a huge crowd!  
Well done Alex, Christina,  
Cheryl, and Blair!



**Thursday August 15  
was Phyllis Johnson's last day...**

After 22 years as our office manager at St James'.  
She is a wonderful lady, and we will miss her a lot, but she has earned her  
well deserved retirement! We will miss you very much, Phyllis! Thanks for all of the memories!!

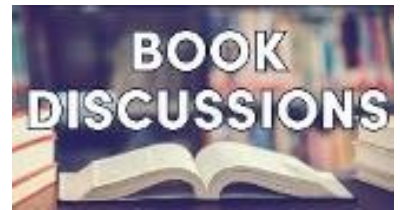


**Saturday August 24  
Jean Kemp's 90th  
Birthday Party**



# 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

## 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



*"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here"  
2 Corinthians 5:17*

Have you ever wondered about the books chosen by the Book Discussion Group?

A selection of the books chosen over the past several years is now available in a separate section of the library shelves. Please drop in and check them out. Perhaps you may decide to join the group and bring your own favourite book suggestions for a future list. The library is open on Sunday after the 10 a.m. service and Wednesday mornings.

Kindly remember to sign the card in the back of the book before removing it from the library. Thank you.

Sue Glowa



## FUNNY CHURCH BULLETINS

Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by Kids. (Incorrect spelling has been left in.)

- In the First Book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
- The greatest miricle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- One of the Opposums was St. Matthew, who was also a taximan.
- Christians have only one spouse. This is called Monotony.
- Jesus was born because Mary has an immaculate.

## ST. JAMES' FUNDRAISER

Beautiful personalize Crystal ornaments, pendants, key chains

- Ornaments approx. 2" across
- Personally engraved
- Cost \$25.00 (with total net profit going back to St. James')
- Samples available Sundays and in the office with order forms.
- Order by September 8 (after no guaranteed for November delivery)
- For more info speak to Leslie Fortune by calling church office





### 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](mailto:ammacar12@gmail.com)

Stop looking for the perfect church. Go worship a perfect God with a congregation of flawed people who need grace as much as you do.

*Amen*

## Happy Retirement

# PHYLLIS!!!

## Saturday September 21 at 7- 10 p.m.

Please RSVP to  
[musicstjamesorillia@gmail.com](mailto:musicstjamesorillia@gmail.com) by Sept 14

**LIVE MUSIC - CASH BAR**  
Sandwiches, Sweets served with  
Coffee/Tea and Soft Drinks.



## 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

- Canned Soup
- Veg / Chicken Noodle / Mushroom / 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

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

\*8:30 –9:30 a.m. Community Breakfast

*\*(starting back on Sept. 8)*

### Tuesday September 3, 10, 17, 24

12 noon Centering Prayer

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

### Wednesday September 4, 11, 18, 25

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 September 5, 12, 19, 26

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

## FUNDSCRIP

We are pleased to tell you that we received a commission cheque for the orders placed between January and June this year in the amount of \$836.69! We have a small but loyal group of about 10 people who faithfully place their monthly orders. Thank you!

Please consider joining us! Think how much we could raise if more people ordered gift cards. Christmas is coming! If you are giving gift cards, perhaps you would consider purchasing them through the church.

Your September order is due by September 8<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are available at the back of the church, in the envelope outside the office, and online. Please speak with Sylvia Baker or Leslie Fortune if you have any questions.

## ST. NICK'S CHILDREN'S SHOPPING DAY



## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES and SPECIAL EVENTS

### Sunday September 1

Food Bank Sunday

### Monday September 2

Church office closed

### Tuesday September 3

7 p.m. ACW Executive Meeting

### Sunday September 8

FundScrip Sunday

### Monday September 9

10 a.m. Book Discussion

### Tuesday September 10

7 p.m. Ministry Council via zoom

### Friday September 13

2 p.m. Pennywise Volunteer Meeting

### Tuesday September 17

2 p.m. Pastoral Care Meeting

### Saturday September 21

7 p.m. Phyllis's Retirement Reception

### Saturday September 28

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. High Tea in High Fashion



"Anyone can love a rose, but it takes a lot to love a leaf. It's ordinary to love the beautiful, but it's beautiful to love the ordinary." - Unknown

## HELP NEEDED

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

**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 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](mailto:nancynoakesmorrison@gmail.com). Please provide any submissions for the October Newsletter by **Wednesday September 18, 2024**

**FundScrip**

The FundScrip deadline is **Sunday September 8**. Orders and cheques (payable to St James' church) can be dropped off at the Church office. Pick up will be **Sunday September 15**. Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project.

**September Birthdays**

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

**September Anniversaries**

Christine & John Hager, and Nancy & Pat Morrison



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

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

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

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