

THE LOOP

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St. James' Anglican Church Newsletter Summer 2024

A SUMMER BLESSING

May you walk with God
This summer

In whatever you do
Wherever you go

Walking with God ...
Walking with honesty
And with courage,
Walking with love
And respect

And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God
This summer
And every day and
In every situation

Talking with God ...
Praying words of praise
For the beauty of creation
Saying prayers of thanks
For friends and good times,
Asking God's help
In all your decisions
Expressing sorrow
When you have failed

May you talk with God
Every day.
Amen.



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What's
NEW
What's
NEXT

AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH

This summer issue of The Loop has lots of news so we hope you enjoy reading it!

Some news will be already familiar to our regulars who have been attending worship services at the Ingersoll Masonic Hall. For those who have not been able to come out on Sundays for various reasons, we hope you will enjoy getting caught up on all our parish news.

Summertime is typically a time of refreshment, relaxation, recreation and refuge from many of the activities that we are involved in during the other seasons of the calendar year. However, there is no rest for St. James' as we forge ahead with preparations to get our new location at 130 Thames S prepared for occupation. You will read more about this in the newsletter.

We are also busy welcoming two very important individuals to our parish – our permanent rector, The Reverend Marty Keatings, and our new office administrator, Amy Thistle. Welcome aboard both of you!

On another note we are also busy with fundraising plans for early autumn. So read on and keep abreast on what's going go! - Your Loop Editor, *Veronica*

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Welcome Rev'd Marty



Rev. Marty is originally from Toronto and accepted his first assignment in the Diocese of Algoma, followed by positions in the Diocese of Toronto. While there he sat on several Diocesan Boards including Synod Council and Treasury Board.

He joined the Primary Reserves in 2006 and served as the Padre of the Queens York Rangers in Toronto. He accepted a component transfer a year later to the Regular Force Naval Element in Esquimalt British Columbia which began 13 years of service during which he was posted off the coast of Hawaii for naval exercises, in the Gulf of Oman during anti-piracy patrols and off the coasts of South and Central America against the illegal drug trade.

In 2010, Rev'd Marty was attach posted to CANOSCOM and deployed with the CST (Casualty Support Team) to Landstuhl Germany where he served as the Canadian Chaplain to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Centre.

Early in 2011, he assumed duties back here in Canada as ASU (Area Support Unit) Toronto Chaplain in Denison Armouries Downsview and was asked to sit on Chaplaincy Board for the Diocese of Toronto in May 2011.

After serving a second time at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Centre in Landstuhl Germany in the summer of 2013, Rev'd Marty joined the staff of St. Jude's Church in Oakville Ontario as an Honorary Assistant.

Later that same year, Rev'd Marty met his wife, Deanne, at St. Jude's where she also served as the Associate Priest. They were married at St. Jude's in 2015 and they have a one daughter, Charlotte.

After retiring from a military career as a Chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces, Rev'd Marty served as an Honorary Assistant at St. Bride's Church in Clarkson (Mississauga) ON.

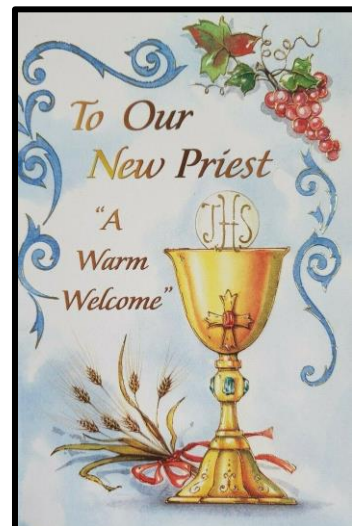
Then with his move to the Diocese of Huron, he provided spiritual leadership to St. Michael and All Angels Church in London. Once that parish had secured a new permanent rector, Rev'd Marty was free to respond to our parish profile. And here he is and we are so blessed that he is!

Rev'd Marty will be half time with St. James' but will always be available to speak or meet with you if the need arises and he is "out of office".

His email is –

stjamesrector@execulink.com

Phone # - 519-485-0385 – leave a message and he will get back to you as quickly as he is able.



From The Desk of The Reverend Marty Keatings



The Rector's Desk

Something to think about...



Scripture: James 4:13-15; Psalm 90:10; 12

For many of us, July and August are 'getaway' times. Times to travel, to visit family and friends, to enjoy the warm weather, fellowship, and the great outdoors. It provides us a time to get away from our busy schedules and to rest and renew ourselves.

For others, it is a busy time of work, or planting, or home repairs. For those with seasonal jobs the summer can be out-right hectic. Whichever the case may be, it is easy for us to lose our perspective and get tunnel vision with respect to our priorities.

Our society often makes things worse, providing us with so many obligations, demands and distractions that we are left trying to prioritize our activities and wishing for a 28+ hour day. To help to prioritize the process I thought I would share a story I read a few years back. The source is anonymous:

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, what began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time.

I was listening to my favorite Saturday program on radio where listeners would call in and share their issues and so on. And besides the host, other callers could also offer their perspective. Someone by the name of Tom made a call and shared how he had to stay away from his family due to the nature of his work but that the job paid him really well and that he was having the time of his life. He was thirty-two years old and his question was what should be his priority - job or family?

Another listener called in, an older-sounding chap with a golden voice. You know the kind, he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business himself. He offered some advice I would never forget.

"Well, Tom," he said, "it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. They must pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to secure his future."

"Let me tell you something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities," the old man continued. "My theory of a thousand marbles. You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about 75 years. I know, some live more and some live less but on average, folks live about 75 years.

"Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900 which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. It took me until I was fifty-five-year-old to think about all this in any detail and by that time I had lived through over 2800 Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be 75, I only had about 1100 of them left to enjoy."

"So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had," the old man went on. "I ended up with 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside a large clear plastic container next to the radio. Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time. I hope you spend more time with your loved ones. Have a good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop when he finished. Even the show's moderator didn't have anything to say for a few moments. I had planned to do some work that morning, then go to the gym. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast."

"What brought this on?" she asked with a smile.

"Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids."

She jumped out of bed in excitement.

"Plus," I said to her, "I need to buy some marbles."

Have a safe and blessed Summer.

Marty+



Welcome Amy Thistle Our New Office Administrator



We welcome Amy Thistle to our parish and are very happy that she has agreed to take over the office upon Kristy's departure for a full time position as Executive Director at the Ingersoll 50+ Activity Centre.

Amy brings to us a wealth of experience from the many careers and professions where she has worked.

Amy originally hailed from Stratford and presently resides in Zorra Township. She loves to be outdoors so the countryside fits her lifestyle perfectly!

Amy is very comfortable working on administrative tasks behind a desk, landscaping in a garden, and attending to custodial duties. Because of her high energy and background experiences, she has also agreed to take on extra duties both at The Annex and at The Masonic Hall. The Wardens and Rector particularly appreciate the way she has stepped up to all the requests that we have sent her way!

As well, Amy is familiar with the liturgy of the Anglican church so she is a perfect fit for St. James' Office.

Amy's hours are –
Monday, Tuesday and Friday – 9am – 1pm
You can reach her at the Church Office
Email – stjamesoffice@execulink.com
Phone - 519-485-0385

She always welcomes folks to drop by and introduce themselves. Just don't try to coax her away to another job!

Vision Committee News



As of June 30th, we have officially owned 130 Thames St. S. for one complete year. The excitement continues to build as we anticipate renovations getting started.

On May 1st, Diocesan Council approved our application to the Huron Development Fund as well as a loan from the Diocese's Revolving Loan Fund. Fortunately, the loan has a three year grace period wherein only interest payments will be required. These two sources of revenue will bolster our existing investments and give us the capability to launch the renovation project.

PK Construction recently delivered their construction budget and, while it came in approximately \$500,000 less than the preliminary budget, we continue to review each line item looking for more efficiencies and ultimately additional cost savings.

On May 3rd, following many months of design considerations and revisions, we successfully delivered our Building Permit Application to the Town of Ingersoll. The permit reviewer sited a few issues that needed to be addressed by our team. Progress is being made, and with continued patience we should soon see renovations begin.

Submitted by *Michael Watson*,
Vision Implementation Committee Chair
On behalf of VIC members:
Rev'd Marty Keatings, Pierre Beaumier,
Margaret Burford, Veronica Jackson,
Bob Welt.

ACW News



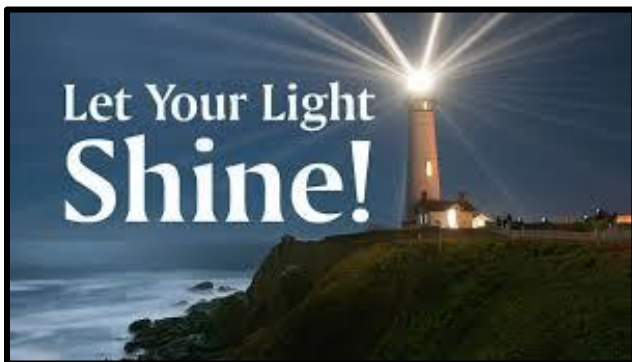
ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

It has indeed been a challenging time for me as leader of our local ACW group, but I am confident that things will right themselves. And if this photo that I am sending makes it to Veronica - you can see why I am feeling held in the right hands.



Sciatica has ruled the roost for me since mid April and it has prevented me from being mobile until the afternoons. I do plan on getting back to regular 10:30 AM meetings at the Wee Cottage from September forward.

In the fall our Diocese ACW has the honour of hosting all of the Presidents and Vice Presidents of Dioceses all across Canada here in Stratford at St. James' Church (how fitting a name for us here in Ingersoll) from September 26 to September 29th 2024. The theme is "Let Your Light Shine".



We don't yet know how many people are actually able to attend, but there are usually around 40 women. We plan to provide

Goodie bags for them to take home and we'd appreciate some ideas and creation of very small items to go into these bags.



One suggestion is for some of our favourite Church Lady delights - in paper recipe form. I know we here in Ingersoll can certainly rise to that occasion. If you have something specific, please submit it to me - whether it be an idea or a recipe or two that has worked for you. Another idea is a good write up on a "No Bake" Bake Sale. It sure has worked for us and I am sure it would be well received to spread from coast to coast to coast.

Any of our ladies are welcome to attend the Fun Fashion Show on Friday evening September 27th starting at 7:00 pm followed by a meet and mingle and then Compline. The big church service will be on Sunday September 29th starting at 10:30 am and although we'd all like to be here at St. James' Ingersoll, perhaps a few would like to attend at St. James' Stratford where there will be many, many Bishops conducting the service.

I apologize in advance from taking a few away from our local service on that Sunday. Talk to me at any time 510-532-7852 (except early in the morning before 10 am as that is still night time for me - hahaha).

Later in the fall we will be having a Fall Deanery meeting hosted by St. John's in Tillsonburg. The date is not yet set but it will be after Synod. If you have any guest speaker ideas, please send them to me or call me (see above for times) and I will submit them to the committee and will also use whomever is not selected in our upcoming Women of Faith gatherings in our new and amazing home in the core block of downtown Ingersoll.

Yours in Faith with God's Love,

Susan Winlaw (Leader of St. James' Ingersoll ACW, President of ACW Deanery of Oxford and Vice President of ACW for Diocese of Huron)

BAC News

The St. James' BAC continues to meet on a monthly basis, for breakfast, at Louie's Restaurant in Ingersoll. We average approx. 12-13 men attending each one of the breakfast sessions.

We just finished up our June breakfast on June 19, 2024, with 13 men in attendance. After a summer break the next BAC breakfast will be held on September 18, 2024 at 9:30 am at Louie's Restaurant. Enjoy the summer!

Submitted by *Scott Naisbitt*



To find put more about the BAC in the Diocese of Huron, click on the photo above.



Julie Ellen Cook, known affectionately as Jules by her loved ones, passed away peacefully on June 24, 2024, at Sakura House, Woodstock, at the age of 71. Born on November 17, 1952, in Ingersoll, Ontario, Julie's warmth and vivacious spirit were a gift to all who knew her.

For over two decades, Julie was the proud owner of **Eat Your Heart Out Catering**, where she was not only a respected entrepreneur but also a mentor and friend to her catering family. Her passion for her work was paralleled only by her love for the people she served, and she will be deeply missed by all who worked alongside her. Julie's life was a testament to her belief in the power of community. She was actively involved in local events and initiatives, always eager to lend a helping hand or a listening ear.

Julie and her staff catered many meals for our parish and she will be dearly missed.

<https://www.brockandvisser.com/obituary/Julie-Cook>

Needle and Craft Group Report

The Needle and Craft Group has continued to meet every Tuesday afternoon at the Annex to enjoy fellowship while doing varied hand crafts for future fund raising events, personal and community projects.

Poppy making by members and friends has continued for our Remembrance Day project. As of June 3rd over 1,180 poppies have been submitted. Wow!! We will continue to make the poppies and in September will begin assembling the panels for the Town Hall.

Group members are also involved in the assembling of children's school snack bags for the Food Bank under the leadership of Sharon Gillett and Jeannie Lee. The need to continue providing snack bags for the children during the Summer months has been identified. As a result we will continue to assemble the bags and provide supplies as needed for the Food Bank.

June 25th was the Group's last meeting until September 10th. We wish everyone a healthy and happy Summer while enjoying its beauty and all that it has to offer.

Submitted by *Margaret Burford*



SAVE THE DATE!



St. James' Church Ingersoll presents

Cabaret in a Crooner Style

"RICK KISH & FRIENDS"



*tenor
saxophone
Ken Foster*

*vocalist
Rick Kish*

*piano
Nevin Campbell*



*bass
Larry Ernewein*

*drums
Sandy MacKay*

Friday September 13th 6:00 - 9:00 pm

UNIFOR Hall Ingersoll

Catering by Janice's Fine Country Catering

Turkey Dinner with All the Trimmings

6 pm - Cash Bar 6:30 pm - Dinner followed by Show

Call the office at 519-485-0385 to reserve your tickets

SAVE THE DATE DETAILS

St. James' Church Ingersoll presents Rick Kish & Friends

From Sinatra to Bubl , this upcoming dinner show presented by St. James' Church Ingersoll will celebrate songs made famous by some of the greatest crooners of all time.

Rick Kish and Friends will be appearing at the Unifor Hall in Ingersoll on Friday September 13th. Get ready for an early fall scrumptious turkey dinner with all the trimmings catered by Janice's Fine Country Dining followed by swingin' tunes and great stories in this high-energy trip down memory lane.

Rick Kish & Friends play together a lot. And it shows!! They are a tight group that always provides a great vibe!! These musicians love what they do, and it shows!

Of special interest for all Ingersoll folks is the group's percussionist extraordinaire, Sandy MacKay, who was born and raised in Ingersoll before moving to London and onto an amazing music career. Sandy will be part of this amazing quartet along with "The Friends" – pianist, Nevin Campbell; bassist, Larry Ernewein, and tenor saxophonist, Ken Foster.

Lead singer, Rick Kish is a very busy guy. He's several times nominated for, and holds the title of Forest City London Music Awards Jazz Vocalist 2019. He's performed on many stages around Ontario at Huron Country Playhouse, Drayton Festival Theatre, Port Stanley Festival Theatre, Blyth Festival Theatre, Bluewater Summer Playhouse, and elsewhere... Locally, some stages include ITOPA, The Grand Theatre, Wolf Hall, McManus Theatre, Paul Davenport, The Palace and more. He served as Artistic Director at Port Stanley Festival Theatre, The Bluewater Summer Playhouse and currently LINK theatre & concerts in London.

This outstanding dinner concert will be held one night only. Imagine all this talent on stage with a delicious meal included!

Your evening will begin with cocktails at 6:00 pm (cash bar); dinner at 6:30 pm, and, concert at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the evening are \$60.00 and the venue is the Unifor Local 88 Hall on Victoria Street in Ingersoll.

So act now and call the church office at [519-485-0385](tel:519-485-0385) to reserve your tickets. Simply tell Amy, our office administrator, how many tickets you require. A wonderful dinner and show awaits you this fall. Don't miss out ... it's sure to be a "sell out"!

<https://rickkish.ca/biography> click for more entertainment info about Rick & Friends

Dinner Menu –

Creamy Coleslaw Mashed Potatoes Carrot medallions and sweet peas
Turnip sweetened with brown sugar
Oven Roasted Turkey with stuffing, brown gravy and cranberries
Fresh Rolls and Butter
Cheesecake with Fruit Sauce Raspberry * Cherry * Blueberry





Janice Mitchell receiving a Recognition Award from the St. Mary's Rotary Club

Janice Mitchell, our caterer for our September dinner is a chef well known throughout the Embro / St. Mary's area. Several of us have enjoyed her meals in the past. Her company is known as Janice's Fine Country Catering. Janice sent out the following message to us - *"Thank you for considering our company for your catering needs. Janice's Fine Country Catering takes pride in serving fresh, local produce and meats to your guests. The desserts are made from fresh ingredients in our kitchen. We are a Southwestern Public Health inspected and approved facility. We work with you try to create a menu with your taste and budget in mind. We do our best to accommodate special diets with prior notice."*

If you have any dietary concerns when you order your Dinner/Show tickets please let Amy know and we will see if Janice can accommodate your concerns.



Tickets will go on sale on Monday July 8th!

Volunteers needed!

It may seem like a long way off, but we are putting out the word NOW that we will need some assistance with putting on our September fundraiser!

Janice's Fine Country Catering will deliver the dinners to the UNIFOR Hall but we will require extra assistance with serving it. As well we will need folks to help with set up and clean up.

Please start thinking about how you or family members might assist with this major fundraiser for St. James'. If you have secondary school students looking for volunteer hours as part of their **40 hours** of community involvement activities (volunteering) to get their high school diplomas, this may be one area where they can not only help themselves but their church as well.

Let the office or one of your wardens know if you are able to assist! Thanks in advance for donating your time to this fundraiser.

Prayer List



+++ Prayers of the People, By the People, For the People. +++

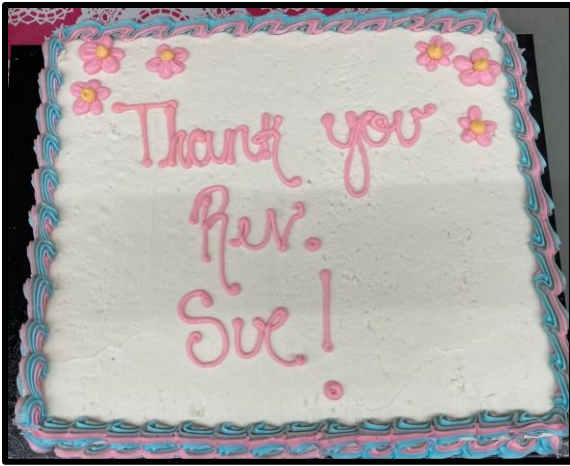
We pray for our families, friends, and loved ones who are ill or recovering from illness. Grant them healing and strength.

May they find Peace. Lord, we pray for:

Gwen, Justin, Myra, Anne, Little Jack, Murray, Clara, Dorothy, Nickolas, Matthew, June, Amy, Beverly, Catherine, Elisabeth, Oswald, John, Janey, Mary, David, Pat, Joan, Kim, Matthew.



Some Photos to Enjoy!



A Special Cake for a Special Rector – The BAC held a Coffee Hour to thank The Reverend Sue McCullough for her service to St. James' as Interim Rector from 2023 to 2024



Rev'd Sue and Music Director, Kristy at Sue's "Thank You" Party



Reverend Sue on her final "official" day as Interim Priest



Ted Pittock with his daughter-in-law on the 68th occasion of Ted's wedding anniversary to his wife, Gwen, who resides in Woodstock at Caressant Care Nursing Home



Ted and Gwen at their 50th Anniversary party at our former Parish Hall



Flowers Dedicated for a Special Occasion

SUMMER OUTREACH PROJECT

Once again, St. James' Church Ingersoll will be collecting items of clothing and other items (see the list below) to support the Diocese of Huron's Farm Workers Ministry. Last year with Trudy Groot's assistance and the Salvation Army Thrift Store, we were able to deliver to the organizers in Tillsonburg many bags of clothing.

If you have items donate please drop them off at The Annex during business hours.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

- *Your Wardens*

HURON FARMWORKERS MINISTRY
86 King St, Delhi ON. N4B 1X6

Huron Farmworkers Ministry

March 20, 2024

Greetings Dear Friends of the Diocese of Huron:

As another growing season approaches and as our farm workers start to arrive, the Huron Farmworkers Ministry would like to ask for your generosity once again this year. We had such a successful year last year that our donations are depleted. Here are some of the ways you can support our farm workers:

- Clothing (sizes: S, M, L, XL; shoe sizes: 6-10 or 36-40) including winter clothes, hoodies, safety shoes and boots as well
- Personal hygiene items
- Supporting our coffee fundraiser
- Cash donations using our brand new donate button on our website - <https://hfwm.org/donations/>

As you know, farm workers play a crucial role in our communities and we seek to provide these workers with the above donations and safety items, complementary to the services that our Ministry and the Anglican Church offer.

Your valuable contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of these migrant workers and give them the opportunity to feel more welcome and comfortable. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your support.

God Bless You,

Luis Enrique Martinez

Fr. Luis Enrique Martinez

Director of Huron Farmworkers Ministry

2 Corinthians 9:11 "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will