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St. James' Anglican Church Newsletter

March / April 2015

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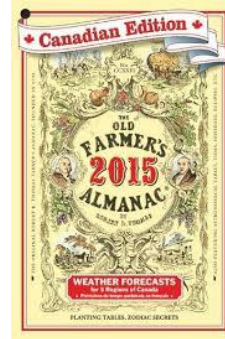


Yes, We Have It On
Good Authority

Spring is Coming! It Has Just Been Delayed A Bit :(

Last August, The Old Farmer's Almanac was featured in the news :

"In 2015, the seasons will bring fierce conditions almost everywhere," Janice Stillman, editor of The Old Farmer's Almanac, said in a release about the Canadian forecast. Only Atlantic Canada and - unsurprisingly - southern British Columbia, will have above-normal temperatures as well as below-normal snowfall." (I think Atlantic Canada would disagree with this prediction!) The almanac goes on to say - "Most everyone will experience a cool spring, but after that, Canadians are in for a good summer."



The almanac, which has been published for 223 years, says it has an **80%** success rate in accurately predicting long-range weather forecasts. So for the next two months according to them we can expect :

March 2015

1st-3rd. Some snow for Great Lakes and points east, then fair and cold.

4th-7th. Light snow and flurries.

8th-11th. Stormy Great Lakes area, then fair.

12th-15th. Rapidly moving storm brings 5 to 12 cm of wet snow to southern Ontario.

16th-19th. Fair skies.

20th-23rd. Stormy weather through Great Lakes and points east, followed by clearing.

24th-27th. Fair at first, followed by increasingly cloudy skies, spotty wet snow and flurries.

28th-31st. Clearing skies.

April 2015

1st-3rd. Gusty winds and showery Great Lakes.

4th-7th.. Pleasant weather at Easter time.

8th-11th. Showery, then fair.

12th-15th. Fair skies for Ontario and all points east.

16th-19th. Unsettled weather, then fair.

20th-23rd. Sunny to partly cloudy skies.

24th-27th. Fair skies.

28th-30th. Stormy weather.

Even during the storms, remember -

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From the Rector's Desk:

Over the past couple of months, I have been asked about some of the exciting happenings around the parish. I have been thrilled to talk about our children's ministry; and so I wish to share some thoughts with all of you.

Each month a team of volunteers come together to provide our Messy Church ministry. Messy Church is an opportunity for families to come together to explore their faith through crafts, music, story time and a shared meal. We started this ministry three years ago and we continue to offer Messy Church each month on the second Thursday evening (5-7pm). Last month 23 children and their parents came out to explore the theme of prayer. I want to thank the volunteers who make this ministry possible.

For six weeks, first communion classes were offered to five children from our Sunday School. Each week the children explored ways to deepen their faith as they prepared to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. It is a great gift to be able to explore our own faith and nurture the faith of our young members.

Last month our church rejoiced as we celebrated the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We welcomed Cooper Gordon Dukeshire into the family of Christ. Baptisms are a wonderful time to reaffirm our faith and to recommit ourselves to support and uphold our brothers and sisters. We look forward to our next baptism on May 10th, 2015.

Our Sunday school continues to grow in numbers; we would like to see the number of volunteers grow as well. We are grateful to Paul Robinson for his teaching ministry. The children of our parish are a great bunch of kids and a pleasure to spend time with each Sunday. If you have time and are able to assist please speak with Paul Robinson (519-485-2397). This would also be a great opportunity for qualified high school students to assist while filling volunteer hours.

As you can see there is a lot going on in the parish supporting our young members. Continued education is provided for adults as well. In January we started a book study looking at C.S Lewis' Mere Christianity. The book is separated into four books, each month we focus on one book. On March 31st we will be discussing book 3 and on April 28th, book 4. Please come out and join the conversation. We have also begun our monthly bible study at Oxford Manor on the second Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm. This bible study is provided for the residents of Oxford Manor as well as our parish and community at large. We have a small group coming out exploring the bible and making connections to our daily lives. There is always room for more to join.

Blessings
Rev'd Meghan+

Recent Happenings in our Parish

Baptisms: Cooper Gordon Dukeshire

Deaths: June Robbins
Lorna Hill
Nora Shirley Macmillan
Pauline Shelton
Paul Jagoe



Meet Your Parish Council 2015

Approved at Vestry January 25, 2015

Wardens :

Veronica Jackson, Rector's

Mike Watson, People's

Deputy Wardens :

Cheryl Barr, Rector's

Bob Hutchinson, People's

Lay Delegates to Synod :

Heather Needham

Carol Turner

Appointed & Elected Members :

Wilson McBeath

Bob Welt

Kendra Thouless

Elisabeth Bond

Don Spragg

James Roode

Inter Church Lenten Services

The annual Ingersoll Ecumenical Lenten Services are being held this year at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. The service is held every Thursday through Lent (including Maundy Thursday) at 12:10 pm and concludes at 1:00 pm. Each week a different member of the ministerial group in Ingersoll will lead the service. The devotions will be followed by a light lunch in the parish hall (Henderson Hall) of soup and bread prepared by the Catholic Women's League. There is a small nominal charge for lunch. The list of speakers is posted below -

Lenten Services

Theme: "The Wilderness Road"

Every Thursday February 19th - April 2, 2015

12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Host: Sacred Heart Catholic Church

(Corner of Bell St. and Thames St. Ingersoll)

Speakers:

February 19, 2015	Norman Visser, Christian Reformed Church
February 26, 2015	Alan Adams, First Baptist Church
March 5, 2015	Mary Dillon, Avon-Putnam Pastoral Charge
March 12, 2015	Bill Mayoros Trinity United Church
March 19, 2015	Meghan Nicholls, St. James' Anglican Church
March 26, 2015	David Thompson St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
April 2, 2015	Nate Wright Crossroads Alliance Church

World Day of Prayer Friday March 6th

This year's theme is :

**Jesus Said to them: Do You
Know What I Have Done to
you?"**



Interchurch Women's World Day of Prayer is being held on Friday, March 6th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Ingersoll with Rev. Bill Mayoros as guest speaker. Communities all around the world will pray for and with the people of The Bahamas. Everyone is welcome.

BAC NEWS

Next Meetings - Sun. April 12, 2015

Communion Service at 8 AM

BAC Breakfast Meeting at 8:35 AM

Sun. May 10, 2015

Communion Service at 8 AM

BAC Breakfast Meeting at 8:35 AM

Please join us for Breakfast – phone Scott Naisbitt – [519-485-5816](tel:519-485-5816)

BAC Diocesan Conference



Welcome all Anglican Churchmen

Conference 2015 - Saturday, April 25, 2015

**"Volunteers In The Church"
Host Church - St. James' Ingersoll**

Program For The Day

9:00 am - **Registration**/coffee

9:30 am **Welcome: Dr. Paul Cavers**

**Morning Prayer -
Chaplain : Rev'd Greg Jenkins and
Rev'd Meghan Nicholls**

First Speaker - Deb Landon
QuestionTime

10:30 am - Coffee/Tea

10:50 am - **Second Speaker -
Rev'd Keith Nethery**
Question Time

12:00 pm - **Lunch**

1:00 pm - Photo

1:10 pm - **Third Speaker -
Dr. Paul Cavers**

2:00 pm - Discussion Time

2:30 pm - Coffee/Tea and Social Time

3:00 pm - **Annual General Meeting -
Diocesan BAC**

3:45 pm - Break

4:00 pm - **Communion Service with
Installation of Officers**
**Celebrant: The Right Rev'd Robert F.
Bennett**
**Officiate: Chaplain Rev'd Greg
Jenkins**

5:30 pm - **Social** – Punch

6:00 pm - **Banquet**
**Banquet Speaker: The Right Rev'd
Robert F. Bennett – Bishop of Huron**

Note: Registration, presentations and banquet will take place in the Church proper, which is wheel-chair accessible.

***Registration forms available from the
Church Office or Contact: Scott Naisbitt
at 226-973-4573 or
e mail: naisbittscott@gmail.com**

Photos Worth Sharing



First Communion -

January 2015

Henry and Edward Rayfield, Esther and Emma Robinson, Annabelle Van Leeuwen with Rev'd Meghan.



Messy Church Participants - Christmas Pageant Dec. 2014



Rector's Warden - Shrove Tuesday

It is great to have our editor back from her 'some what' warm escape to Florida. It is great to have Veronica back with all her spunk and personality. On behalf of the parish and myself I would like to thank Veronica for her time and dedication to the Loop. - Rev'd Meghan



Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday - March 29th - Service begins in the parish hall with the blessing of the palms and procession at 10:15 am

Maundy Thursday - April 2nd at 7:00 pm - A Lasagne Dinner at 6:00 pm; followed by Service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday - April 3rd at 10:00 am

Holy Saturday - April 4th at 8:00 pm beginning outside the front doors of the church

Easter Sunday - April 5th at 10:30 am

Easter Monday - April 6th - Office Closed - (Games Night moved to April 13th)



Mardi Gras Trivia

11 Fun facts about Mardi Gras

Happy Mardi Gras! You may know that Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday" and "*Laissez les bons temps rouler*" is a Cajun French phrase that translates to "Let the good times roll!" But here are a few fun facts about Mardi Gras that you may not know.

1. Thank Pope Gregory XIII for adding the event to the calendar (yup, the Gregorian calendar) [in 1582](#) on the day before Ash Wednesday, which Lent, the 40 days of fasting and prayer leading up to Easter Sunday.

2. Another name for Mardi Gras is "Shrove Tuesday." The word "shrove" comes from the "shrive," which means "to confess." Going to confession is an unofficial practice of Catholics to prior to starting the 40 day spiritual journey of Lent.

3. International names for Mardi Gras include: Martes de Carnaval in Mexico, Fastan in Sweden, Martedi Grasso in Italy, J'Ouvert in Trinidad, and Karneval in Germany.

4. Like many holidays we celebrate today, the festivities include evidence of pagan tradition. Feasting and masquerades, which are important parts of today's Mardi Gras celebrations, were also parts of the ancient Roman festivals of Saturnalia and Lupercalia.

5. It wouldn't be Fat Tuesday without **purple, gold and green beads**, but how did those colors come to be symbolic with the holiday? The International Business Times reports that the King of the first daytime carnival in 1872 selected those colors based on their associated meaning and he would toss them to people he thought fit that meaning.
Purple = justice
Gold = power
Green = faith

6. New Orleans was not the first American city to host a parade for the occasion. That was Mobile, Alabama. Louisiana is where the celebration originated in North America, though, and for that we can thank France for sending the LeMoyne brothers in 1699 to defend France's claim in Louisiana, as they brought the holiday with them.

7. New Orleans held its first Mardi Gras parade in 1837. Floats appeared 20 years later.

8. Lawmakers in **Louisiana** made Mardi Gras a legal state holiday in 1875. It is still observed in parts of the state and is also a state holiday in Alabama and Florida.

9. **Masks** are a fun part of Mardi Gras, but if you're riding on a float, don't leave home without one. It is illegal to ride on a Mardi Gras parade float in New Orleans without a mask.

10. Mardi Gras may be the day before Lent, but it also marks the end of Carnival season, which begins Jan. 6.

11. It is also known as Pancake Day or Paczki Day.





Favourites from the past submitted by Inez Fishwick

Each Spring God Renews His Promise

Long, long ago in a land far away,
There came the dawn of the first Easter Day.
And each year we see that promise reborn
That God gave the world on that first Easter
Morn...

For in each waking flower and each singing
bird,
The Promise of Easter is witnessed and
heard,
and Spring is God's way of speaking to men
And renewing the promise of Easter again.

For death is a season that man must pass
through
And, just like the flowers, God wakens him,
too...

So why should we grieve when our loved
ones die,
For we'll meet them again in a "cloudless
sky"--

For Easter is more than a beautiful story,
It's the promise of life and Eternal Glory.

Helen Steiner Rice

God Sees the Scars




When some friend has proved untrue -
betrayed your simple trust;
Used you for his selfish ends and trampled in
the dust
The past, with all its memories and all its
sacred ties,
The light is blotted from the sky - for
something in you dies.

Bless your false and faithless friend, just
smile and pass along.
GOD must be the judge of it; He knows the
right from wrong.
Life is short, don't waste the hours by
brooding on the past;
His great laws are good and just; truth
conquers at the last.


Red and deep our wounds may be - but after
all the pain
GOD'S own finger touches us and we are
healed again.
With faith restored, and trust renewed - we
look towards the stars.
The world will see the smiles we have - but
GOD will see the scars.

Anonymous (I found this poem which was used by
Roger McCombe when he was interim priest after
Father Tom Griffin passed away - Church Bulletin
April 6, 1992 - Easter) - Inez

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lent 2 8:00 am -Eucharist 8:30 am - BAC Breakfast 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist and Sunday School	2 6:00 pm- Pot Luck Supper Games Night	3 10:30 am - ACW Meeting 1:30 pm – Needlecraft Group	4 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:00 am – Lunch Bunch	5 12:10 pm - Lenten Service Sacred Heart Church	6 2:00 pm World Day of Prayer 	7
8 Lent 3 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist and Sunday School Guest Organist - Angus Sinclair	9 1:30 pm – Healing Study & Prayer Group Meeting	10 1:30 pm – Needlecraft Group	11 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:00 am – Lunch Bunch 8:00 pm - Soulmates' Practice	12 5:00 pm - Messy Church 12:10 pm - Lenten Service Sacred Heart Church	13	14
15 Lent 4 10:30 Am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School With the Soulmates Pot Luck Luncheon	16	17 1:30 pm – Needlecraft Group  Happy St.Patrick's Day!	18 10:00 am – Eucharist March Break NO Lunch Bunch 1:30 pm - Bible Study at Oxford Manor	19 12:10 pm - Lenten Service Sacred Heart Church	20	21
22 Lent 5 10:30 am – Eucharist Service 1:30 pm - Nursing Home Services	23 7:30 pm- Parish Council Meeting	24 1:30 pm – Needlecraft Group	25 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:00 am – Lunch Bunch	26 12:10 pm - Lenten Service Sacred Heart Church	27	28
29 Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist and Sunday School 	30	31 1:30 pm – Needlecraft Group 7:00 pm - Book Study in Sanctuary				

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5 Easter Day 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist and Sunday School 	6 Easter Monday - Church Office Closed	7 10:30 am - ACW Meeting 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	8 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch 1:30 pm - Bible Study at Oxford Manor 3:00 pm - Leisureworld Communion	9 5:00 pm - Messy Church	10	11
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If you know of anyone who would like to receive an electronic version of "The Loop" please email the church office or Veronica Jackson at veronicastjames@gmail.com



The Date Has Been Set!

Saturday May 9th 6:00 pm

**Special Dinner and Show Fundraiser - "Old Time Radio Show"
(proceeds to go to "Relay for Life" and St. James' Restoration Fund)**



**Return to the St. James' Radio Studios once again to be swept away
in an evening of suspense and comedy!
Put aside the date - details will follow SOON!**

Thanks to All our Church and Community Volunteers

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Pancake Supper
readers helpers
altar guild St James's Church
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BAC Messy Church
Sunday School
greeters Lunch Bunch
hospitality
musicians
sidepersons
Nursing Home visitors