

# THE LOOP

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St. James' Anglican Church Newsletter

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## ST. JAMES' MAINTENANCE PLANS CONTINUE!

Since our last edition of "The Loop", the Wardens and Parish Council have met and made some major decisions about more needed repairs to our buildings. Three major undertakings were approved, and two of them have already been completed..

As many of you are aware the entrance way into the Parish Hall from Oxford Street was looking very tired and unattractive. Paint and plaster were peeling and the entire entry area needed a major clean-up. Bill Knott, a local painter, was hired to clean, sand and repaint the area and within a matter of days he and his crew had it looking ship shape again!

The second area that required immediate repair was the roof over the organ chamber. With every major rainfall, water was leaking into the chamber below. Allen Howard, Thames Valley Construction was hired to complete the job.

The third undertaking will be completed from July 31st to August 9th and that will involve refinishing the hall floor. This project will be completed by Stephan Cadieux, another local

several years since the floor was last sanded and finished with polyurethane, so that will be another job well done! There will be no access to the hall while the floors are being refinished. Thank you to Brenda Seaton for assisting with organizing this undertaking.



**Walls and stairs with a fresh coat of paint!**



**Mr. Howard repairing the organ chamber roof.**

All of the repairs have been financed through our Restoration Funds and donations from groups within the church.

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## If you don't like summer

from classroomJr.com

School is out and summer camp start  
And older people feel young at heart  
And even at night it's warm and lazy  
If you don't like summer you must be crazy.

Swim in the pool, eat some ice cream  
Stare at the clouds, get lost in a dream  
Spin in circles until your brain is hazy  
If you don't like summer you must be crazy.

Go to the beach and build a castle  
Or you and your friend in the sand can wrassle  
Lie on the green grass; make a chain with a daisy  
If you don't like summer you must be crazy.

Summer is here and there are countless opportunities for us to kick back and relax after what seemed like an endless winter. I hope over the summer months you are able to find some time to take in all that summer has to offer. It is a great time to relax, recharge, and reflect. As you travel around, remember to take time to take it all in, to marvel in the beauty of God's creation, to bask in the warmth of the sun and to enjoy time spent with friends and family. I hope that as you go about your summer activities you will take time to pray read your bible and come out for summer worship.

Although school is out for the summer, **Church is still in**. During July and August, there will not be formal Sunday school for the kids; however, we will have crafts and activities available for kids in the pews as well as in the children's area at the front of the church.

The week of July 13<sup>th</sup> will be a busy and exciting time for children from around the Ingersoll community as we gather for Vacation Bible School here at St. James'. This year our theme is *G-Force-- God's love in Action*.

At G-Force Adventure Park VBS, children will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to experience God's love in action. During VBS at G-Force: God's love in Action, your children will become Navigators and explore how to serve God and others with active love! For more information see page 5 of the newsletter.  
Blessings to you during the summer months,

Meghan+



## Radio Show Follow-Up



The Wardens want to follow up May's very successful "Radio Show Evening" with a HUGE thank-you to all of you for your participation either as a cast/crew participant or an audience member.

We had a sold-out crowd who enthusiastically embraced this fundraiser. A delicious dinner served by Julie Cook's team (Eat Your Heart Out) and beverages served by The McBeath Family helped to make a very warm evening in the hall enjoyable.

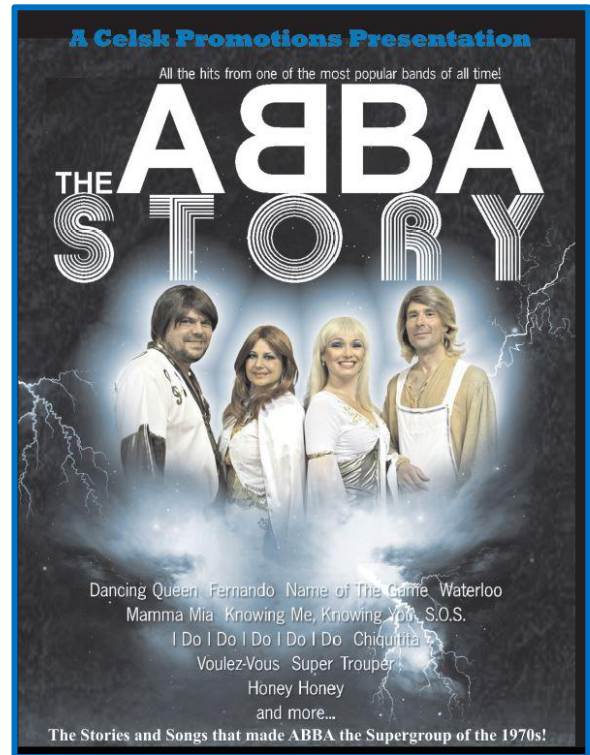
And of course our entertainers, The St. James' Radio Troupe members, were outstanding in all their various roles and personas. Two shows were performed – one from the 1940's "The Dennis Day Show" and one from the 1930's "Lux Radio Theatre". Special thanks to Ted Comiskey, Marty Hoy and Cathy Wegner for their keen participation. Music provided by Jim Gonder and Kristy VanKooten Bossence rounded out the entertainment.

We successfully earned for the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life and St. James' Restoration Fund - \$1374.00, and had a lot of fun doing so!

Bill Wituik took all kinds of great photos and they have been posted on the church website. Just click on the radio below or on the website radio to enjoy the Photo Journal.



## And Our Next Evening of Entertainment Is .....!!!!!!



Mark your calendars ... our next Tribute Show and Dinner will feature a fabulous group from Cambridge, who portray the mega hit group ABBA. This band became one of the most commercially successful acts in the history of popular music, topping the charts worldwide from 1975 to 1982. This Swedish super group's music became the basis for a phenomenal Broadway show and film "Mama Mia".

Our tribute show will be held one evening ONLY – **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

Our Tribute Band will be appearing in Las Vegas this summer! So spread the word to your families, friends, neighbours and co-workers. **Tickets for dinner and the show will be \$37.50 each and may be purchased starting Sept. 1st..** A fantastic evening of entertainment awaits you this fall.





## The Women of the Anglican Church News



We have had a long history of raising money to be used for outreach not only in our immediate community, but for outreach in the greater Anglican community - our Oxford Deanery, our Huron Diocese, all of Canada and in parts of the world that only dream of having the things that we have here every day where needed. We also raise money to go to special items in the church and repairs where needed. We do that through many ways and this fall we are holding a new event.

Many of us need more income than we can get from the usual methods of a 9-5 job, pensions, taking in or going out to babysit or doing the myriad of other low paying tasks. But the home based business has really come into its own in the past few years with products and services that are usually sold at parties like we all know from Tupperware and Avon. There are others that are introduced to us through a friend or an educational meeting and involve regular shipments of the specific product we've selected.

On **September 26, 2015** we'll be presenting a day (9:30 am - 2:30 pm) to see and share the many opportunities for women (and men) to supplement their families' income and operate on their own timeline. As well as checking out these local business women and their products and services, we'll be serving a light lunch at the mid day point. Both the table rentals and the lunch will help us raise the money needed for our outreach and internal needs. This event replaces the Needlework Show and Lunch and Bake Table that we've had for several years.

We are now taking names for table space and we will be limiting it to one table per business so there will only be one Tupperware spot and one Aloette spot and one Steeped Tea spot etc. First come, first served and the openings are for the women within our St. James' Church first but we will be opening this up to the greater local area a week after this newsletter goes out.

Get your name on the list by contacting Susan Winlaw - cell phone 519-532-7852 where I have voicemail, or via Facebook private message. Since I'm going in for knee surgery mid July, there may be a week of delays in responding. Some details of the event have not been finalized yet, but the table fee will be around \$25-\$30. You may make sales that day and you may set up shows or appointments to talk further on your business.

Please spread the word to ANY woman within St. James' if you know she does a small home based business and might like this opportunity to show her line to the Ingersoll area women. The sooner she contacts Susan, the better. Table space will be limited to what we can fit in our big room. The Ladies Lounge will be where the luncheon will be held. And the opportunity will be placed on Facebook and to the many women I know in the area who will be interested a week after this newsletter is sent out.



### BAC NEWS - OUTREACH

**Congratulations to St. James' Team that participated once again in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Ingersoll, Tillsonburg & Area's annual "Bowl for Kids' Sake". The team had a great time and raised \$1208.00 for this important local organization.**



## Vacation Bible School

July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2015  
8:45 – 11:45 AM

Hosted by St. James' and First Baptist Church, Vacation Bible School will be welcoming children back for another week of adventure and fun. At G-Force Adventure Park, children will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to experience God's love in action.

If you have a youngster or know of a child (JK to Grade 7) that would like to take part in VBS, make a call to the church office at 519-485-0385 to register. Registration can also be completed online at [www.cokesburyvbs.com/ingersoll2015](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/ingersoll2015). Volunteers who would like to assist at VBS are also welcome to call. The camp is free.



## Recent Happenings in our Parish

**Baptism:** Georgia May Eleanor Kruger

**Marriage:** Kevin Patry and Sheryl Howe

**Deaths:** Alex Edward Moore  
David Maurice Cole

## Upcoming Event

The McBeath family would like to invite all St. James' parishioners and friends to join in the festivities when Wilson celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on **Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>** from **1 to 5 pm** at the **Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall**. Where else would Wilson go to party?! The church ladies are providing delicious treats. Please come out and congratulate Wilson on this occasion.

## Reflections ( submitted by Bob Hutchinson)



### THE BUZZARD

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.



### THE BAT

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.



### THE BUMBLEBEE

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.



### PEOPLE

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up!

Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around, But faith looks up! Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and trust in our Creator, who loves us.

**God's Hall of Fame** by: Walt Huntley

Your name may not appear down here  
In this world's Hall of Fame.  
In fact, you may be **so unknown**  
That no one knows your name;  
The headlines here may pass you by,  
The neon lights of blue,  
**But if you love and serve the Lord,**  
Then I have news for you.

This Hall of Fame is only good  
As long as time shall be;  
But keep in mind, God's Hall of Fame  
**Is for eternity.**

This crowd on earth they **soon forget**  
The heroes of the past.  
They cheer like mad until you fail  
and that's how long you last.  
But in God's Hall of Fame  
**By just believing on His Son**  
**Inscribed you'll find your name.**

I tell you, friend, I wouldn't trade  
My name, however small,  
**That's written there beyond the stars**  
**In that Celestial Hall,**  
For any famous name on earth,  
Or glory that it shares;  
**I'd rather be an unknown here**  
**And have my name up there.**

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**10 Commandments That Stood  
Time's Test**

**September 03, 1988 By Ann Landers.**

Dear Ann Landers: In a few months Elodie Armstrong will be 90 years old. Forty years ago she was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis. Soon after, she wrote her personal commandments. Our local paper printed them on two occasions, and we are in the third printing for friends and acquaintances who would like a copy. Elodie is a special lady, full of fun, spirituality and faith. She is an inspiration to all who know her. I would like to share her personal commandments with you in the hope that you will print them.

Marge Wisner (her daughter), Longview, Wash.

**My Ten Commandments**

**Thou shalt not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.**

**Thou shalt not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass.**

**Thou shalt not cross bridges before you get to them, for no one yet has succeeded in accomplishing this.**

**Thou shalt face each problem as it comes. You can handle only one at a time anyway.**

**Thou shalt not take problems to bed with you for they make very poor bedfellows.**

**Thou shalt not borrow other people's problems. They can take better care of them than you can.**

**Thou shalt not try to relive yesterday for good or ill - it is gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life today.**

**Thou shalt count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings add up to a big one.**

**Thou shalt be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear ideas different from your own. It's very hard to learn something new when you're talking.**

**Thou shalt not become bogged down by frustration, for 90 percent of it is rooted in self-pity, and it will only interfere with positive action.**





Elodie Armstrong

Dear Elodie Armstrong: What a splendid philosophy! Your positive approach has kept you young at 90. You are a terrific role model for the world's pessimists. They would do well to imitate your can-do spirit. Full speed ahead, dear lady!



Articles submitted by Inez Fishwick














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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00 am - Eucharist  	2	3	<b>4</b> Wilson's Birthday  
<b>5 Pentecost 6</b> 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rev'd Meghan  7:00 pm - Gospel in the Park - Jim Gonder & Ted Comiskey	6	7	<b>8</b> 10:00 am - Eucharist 1:30 pm - Oxford Manor Bible Study 3:00 - Holy Communion at Secord Trails	9	10	11
<b>12 Pentecost 7</b>  10:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rev'd Meghan	<b>13</b> Start of VBS   8:45-11:45 am	<b>14</b> VBS CONTINUES 8:45 - 11:45 am	<b>15</b> 10:00 am - Eucharist  VBS CONTINUES 8:45 - 11:45 am	<b>16</b> VBS CONTINUES 8:45 - 11:45 am	<b>17</b> Last Day of VBS  8:45 - 1:45 am	18
<b>19 Pentecost 8</b> 10:30 Am Holy Eucharist Rev'd Meghan	20	21	<b>22</b>  10:00 am - Eucharist	23	24	25
<b>26 Pentecost 9</b> 10:30 am - Morning Prayer Bob Welt	27	28	<b>29</b> 10:00 am - Eucharist	30	<b>31</b> No Access to Hall - Floors are being refinished  	

Please note: Reverend Meghan will be on holidays from Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup>. Regular services will continue on Wednesdays and Sundays with the assistance of visiting priests, lay persons, and volunteers. Arrangements have been made for Rev'd Father David Joyce, who is Honorary Assistant at St. John's Tillsonburg to care for our pastoral needs. Our Office Administrator, Nancy Gallant will be on a week's vacation from August 3rd to August 10th.



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<b>9 Pentecost 11</b> 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist Fr. David Joyce 1:30 pm - Nursing Home Services at Woodingford, Oxford Manor, Secord Trails  	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 am - Eucharist	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Pentecost 12</b> 10:30 am Morning Prayer Sharon Gillett	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 am - Eucharist	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 Pentecost 13</b> 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rev'd Meghan	<b>24</b>  <b>Mad Science Camp begins</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Mad Science Camp continues</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Mad Science Camp continues</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Loop Deadline for Sept. and Oct. Edition</b> <b>Mad Science Camp continues</b>	<b>28 Final Day</b>  <b>Mad Science</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30 Pentecost 14</b> 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rev'd Meghan						

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