

THE LOOP

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St. James' Anglican Church Newsletter

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ST. JAMES' SPRING MAINTENANCE

Over the winter, those cold blustery breezes blew one of our storm windows right out of the church tower. It was that kind of winter!

So with the assistance of Ingersoll's Glass Doctor and with the generosity of the ACW and Needlecraft groups we were able to replace the broken storm window and secure the other two on the tower. We thought you might enjoy these action photos of the work crew as it went about its task.



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Thanks to People's Warden, Michael Watson for the photos and for co-ordinating all the repairs at St. James'. Much appreciated, Mike!



From the Rector's Desk:

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:5-6)

These past few months have been filled with great joy and celebration. As we journeyed through the liturgies of the Passion of Christ, we experienced many emotions, all culminating with the celebration of Jesus' mighty resurrection on Easter Sunday. During this Easter season we experience again the resurrection stories and begin to see Jesus revealing himself to us in new and inspiring ways. This was a time of great conversation among the disciples and it continues for us as we are encouraged to share these accounts for those we meet. For there is much comfort to be found in the different ways Jesus appeared to the disciples and continues to today. A friend and teacher, the good shepherd and leader; I pray that you may find comfort in the many ways that Christ comes to us now.

On Mother's Day Sunday we will celebrate the service of Holy Baptism where we will welcome another member to God's family. This is a great opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ and to serving our neighbours. We celebrate God's love for us and share that love with all whom we meet.

God Bless

Rev'd Meghan+



Upcoming Event – Saturday May 9th Radio Show & Dinner

Step into the time machine and head back to the glorious days of radio of the late 1930's and 40's as we recreate the feel of the famous NBC and CBS radio broadcast theatres. The St. James' Radio Players Theatrical Troupe, including Ingersoll's Mayor Ted Comiskey and Tillsonburg Radio's Cathy Wegner, and our very own Jim Gonder, Kristy Van Kooten-Bossence, Rev'd Meghan Nicholls, Wilson McBeath, Mary McBeath Knowles, Cheryl Barr, Ian Blain, Joanne & Paul Barker, Bob Welt, Martin Jackson, and ITOPA's Marty Hoy will once again be presenting an evening of old time radio standards. Your evening will begin with cocktails at 6:00 pm; hot buffet dinner at 6:30 pm; and then, the Radio Show at 7:45 pm. Our talented cast will entertain and delight you with their renditions of classic radio episodes, songs and commercials from the past. Tickets for the evening are **going very fast!** They are \$25.00 each and a portion of the money raised will be donated to The Ingersoll Relay for Life. Call Nancy at the church office at 519-485-0385 to reserve your tickets if you haven't already done so.

Recent Happenings in our Parish

Deaths: Shirley Smith
Alan Ward



BAC News

Conference Follow Up

Congratulations to all the BAC members, and especially The Executive (Scott Naisbitt, Randy Naisbitt, Paul Robinson and Ian Blain) for hosting and organizing the very recent BAC Diocesan annual conference. The event was well attended and there were many positive compliments made to the St. James' crew. Thanks also to the ACW members for providing a delicious lunch. (Group photo p.7)

Big Brothers, Big Sisters' Bowling

Speak to Randy Naisbitt ([519-485-5264](tel:519-485-5264)) if you haven't got your sponsor form yet for the annual "Bowl for Kids Sake" event on May 8th.

Tim Hortons
April 23-25 ~ Broadway Lanes
May 6-9 ~ Ingersoll Lanes

Bowl for kids sake

All Bowlers Enjoy:
One & Half Hours of Bowling ~ Donuts
Door Prizes ~ Team Photo

Prizes for
Top Fundraisers
& Best Dressed

\$30 min pledges per person

40
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS
1975 - 2015

Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Ingersoll, Tillamook and Area

If you are unable to bowl but wish to sponsor a bowler from St. James', Randy will be able to accept your pledge and donation.

Next Breakfast Meeting – Sun. May 10th at 8:30 am – Mother's Day

BAC Fundraiser – **Spring Flowers**

Flowers will once again be purchased from our local nursery in Ingersoll, **Back Yard by Design**. Order forms are available from the church.

Flowers will be ready on **Saturday May 30th** for pick up in the church hall from 10 AM until Noon. Or, you may pick up your plants on Sunday **May 31st** after church until 1:00 PM. Happy Gardening and thanks again to Sharon Gillett for organizing the plant sale.

Vacation Bible School

July 13th – 17th 2015



This year St. James' will be running its annual Vacation Bible School in conjunction with First Baptist Church of Ingersoll. We will be pooling resources, personnel and VBS campers to create a terrific experience for all our VBS campers. Updates about registration will be posted soon on our website and will be in our weekly church bulletins. Stay tuned!

ACW News

May 5th – Monthly Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch starting at 10:30 am in the Lounge of the parish hall. All women of the parish are invited.

The ACW has several social and fundraising events lined up for the fall of 2015. As details are confirmed, updates will be sent out via email, posted in church bulletins and published in the July/August edition of "The Loop". So stay tuned!

Your Smile for The Day



(submitted by Marie Borland)

A Mother's Walk

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked. And the guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the night came, and the storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you." And the mother, when she lay down at night looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today, I've given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting glory, and it guided them beyond the darkness.

And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God." And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them".

And the children said, "You will always walk with us Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street; she's the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks; she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not well. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop. She's the place you came from, your first home; and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love and your first heartbreak, and nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space... not even death!

- by Temple Bailey

You might like to pass this on to all the mothers and children you know. May we never take our mothers for granted.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



Submitted by Inez Fishwick



2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Mom 2 Mom Sale Henderson Hall
3 Easter 5 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist and Sunday School 1:30 pm - Nursing Home Services	4 6:00 pm- Pot Luck Supper Games Night	5 10:30 am - ACW Meeting 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	6 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch	7	8	9 6:00 pm- Radio Show & Dinner
10 Easter 6 8:00 am -Eucharist 8:30 am - BAC Breakfast - Mother's Day 10:30 am - Holy Baptism & Eucharist and Sunday School Guest Organist - Angus Sinclair	11 1:30 pm - Healing Study & Prayer Group Meeting 7:30 pm- Parish Council Meeting	12 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	13 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch 1:30 pm - Bible Study at Oxford Manor 3:00 pm - Communion at Leisure World 8:00 pm - Soul Mates' Practice	14	15	16
17 Easter 7 - Ascension Sunday 10:30 Am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School With the Soulmates Pot Luck Luncheon	18 Victoria Day	19 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	20 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch	21	22	23
24 The Day of Pentecost 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist and Sunday School Synod Begins in London	25 Synod Continues	26 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group Final Day of Synod	27 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:00 am - Final Lunch Bunch for the Season	28	29	30

31 **Trinity
Sunday**
10:30 am -
Morning Service
and
Sunday School



June 2015

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	1	2	3 10:00 am - Eucharist	4	5	6
7 Pentecost 2 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist and Sunday School	8 6:00 pm- Pot Luck Supper Games Night	9 10:30 am - ACW Meeting 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	10 10:00 am Eucharist 1:30 pm - Bible Study at Oxford Manor 3:00 pm - Leisureworld Communion	11	12	13
14 Pentecost 3 8:00 am - Eucharist 8:30 am - BAC Breakfast 10:30 am - Morning Service and Sunday School	15 1:30 pm - Healing Study & Prayer Group Meeting	16 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	17 10:00 am - Eucharist 8:00 pm - Soulmates' Practice	18	19	20
21 Pentecost 4 10:30 Am Eucharist and Sunday School With the Soulmates Father's Day BBQ Lunch	22 7:30 pm- Parish Council Meeting	23 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group Loop Deadline for July & August Edition	24 10:00 am - Eucharist	25	26	27
28 Pentecost 5 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist	29	30 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group				

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Spring Conference 2015
Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen
held at St. James' Church Ingersoll



The aims and objectives of the diocesan BAC are as follows –

To build a growing Christian Community in which the men of the Diocese may receive spiritual refreshment, share Christian fellowship and concerns with one another, and be encouraged to:

WITNESS: show by a living example our belief in our faith

UNITE : unite Anglican Churchmen in a common effort by encouraging an appreciation of, and a loyalty toward, the whole Church

GROW : pledge ourselves to regular Church attendance and to active participation, in the life and work of our Church

LEAD : aid and encourage all the youth of our church to play their full part in the Church's life

EXTEND: render all possible assistance to Church extension, by bringing the Cross of Christ to unchurched hearts and places