

THE LOOP

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Vestry Update



Our annual Vestry Meeting was held on Sunday January 29th after a service of Morning Prayer. It was Rev. Meghan's first opportunity to participate in a St. James' Vestry Meeting and we were very pleased with the discussions that took place and the motions that were put forward.

If you did not get the opportunity to attend the Vestry Meeting to pick up an annual report, or did not receive it electronically, call Michelle in the office and she will arrange for you to receive one.



Thank you to all parishioners who were able to attend and especially to the catering group who looked after the Vestry Lunch!

The slate of representatives of St. James' appointed and nominated to sit on Parish Council was announced and approved. Thank you to Margaret Burford who sat on the nominating committee with the rector and the wardens. As well appreciation goes to Pat Shaddock who volunteered to take over the duties of Vestry Clerk.

Your 2012 Parish Council representatives are as follows -

People's Warden - Shirley Prouse

Deputy People's Warden - Wilson McBeath

Rector's Warden - Veronica Jackson

Deputy Rector's Warden - Michael Watson

Synod Lay Delegate - Sharon Gillett

Synod Lay Delegate – Heather Needham

Alternate Lay Delegate – Gary VanKooten

Members Appointed - Lou Gormandy
Meredith Walker

Members Elected – Rob Bossence

Bob Welt

Shelley Riddick

Mary Fitzmorris

Carol Keeping

Parish Auditors – Ian Blain

Scott Naisbitt

All Council Members will be happy to discuss any parish issues with you. Please contact the Church Office if you need a phone number or e-mail address to correspond with a member. Bob Welt has agreed to continue on as our Parish Treasurer - "Thanks Be to God"! His dedication and skills are greatly appreciated.

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Meet St. James' Servers
(submitted by Brenda Seaton)

St. James' is very pleased to have a group of young people who have decided to assist at our weekly services. A server's job is to assist in the worship service, lead by example and be a model for all. Today you are going to meet three of our servers.

Chelsea Gordon is returning to the role of server after a couple of years on sabbatical. Chelsea has been a server for approximately 2 years. She is presently a grade 8 student at Royal Roads Public School where she enjoys Music and History. She participates in Community Service club food drives within her school community. Chelsea is also a volunteer helper with our Sunday School program and takes her turn as a Reader.



Keegan Bourque is an enthusiastic Junior Server who has been volunteering since September. He is eager to participate and has shown his talents in the last two Sunday School Christmas pageants. He is presently a student at Harrisfield Public School. He would like to learn how to play the guitar and the drums. He enjoys video games, Apple computers and snowball wars with his cousins.



Taurie March answered our call for servers in December. She has attended St James for several years and has assisted with the Sunday School summer camp program and the Sunday school. Taurie is a grade 12 student at Ingersoll District Collegiate and loves hanging out with her family and friends, listening to her I-pod, playing on the computer and most of all -- sleeping in. We welcome Taurie to the St. James' Servers group.



We thank all of our young people for volunteering to assist at our services.

Induction Service
Sunday January 8th



Rev. Meghan cutting her "Welcome to St. James'" cake at her induction service. Over 165 in attendance!

Reports

FYI - In this issue of "The Loop" you will **NOT** find any reports from the Rector, the Wardens, The Vision Committee or the Parish Council! Collectively, we decided since all our reports had just been filed in the Annual Vestry Report we did not wish to duplicate information at the expense of paper and space.

The Wardens would like to add to their report a heartfelt "Thanks" to Minnie Dawe who donated time and talent last year to create a beautiful crocheted afghan and doll. With Heather Needham's assistance tickets were sold on the items and a draw was held on Mother's Day 2011. The draw brought in \$572.00 for our Restoration Fund. Bravo!

Upcoming Events

ACW

Valentine's Luncheon

Friday February 10th



11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Once again, the ACW is holding its annual February Valentine's Day themed luncheon. We have lots of volunteers lined up to assist with the preparations and serving of the meal. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in one way or another as we approach this yummy luncheon! Tickets are available - \$12.00 and are available at the church office or call Pat Shaddock at 519-485-3732. Take Out is also available so when you order your tickets please specify if you are "eating in" or "out".

BAC

Another BIG fundraising supper is fast approaching. Members of St. James' Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen are anticipating big crowds for their annual pancake supper. All the details are below. If you can volunteer any time to assist with set up or serving or clean up please contact the BAC President Scott Naisbitt.

If you only have time to come and eat and support the group that is fine as well! Please share the invitation with your friends, neighbours and co-workers.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday February 21st

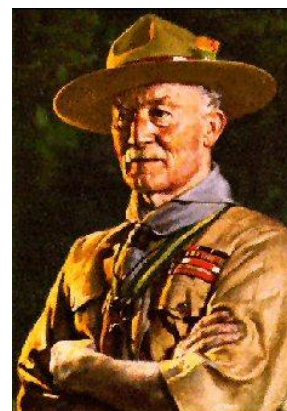


The best pancakes in town served with, ham or sausage, dessert and beverage. What a deal! Tickets are only \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Children and Preschoolers are FREE! Continuous serving from 5 to 7 PM - No waiting! Call the church office for your tickets or Randy Naisbitt at 519-485-5264

1st. Ingersoll Traditional Explorers

Association 9th ANNUAL

B-P SPAGHETTI FEAST



Every February The Explorers celebrate the birthday of their founder, Lord Baden-Powell. As always, they will be serving up the best spaghetti dinner Ingersoll has ever seen! Menu includes: Meat or veggie sauce, rolls, coffee, tea or juice.

When: Friday February 24, 2012

Where: St. James' Parish Hall

Time: 5:00PM to 7:00PM

Cost: \$7.00 per person or

\$20.00 for a 4 member family

Recent Happenings

Burials -

William Henry Burton

William Charles Phillips

Shirley Ann Joyce Whatley

Harold Robotham

Jeanette Jackson

Envelope Reminder

Please remember to pick up your 2012 envelopes in the front foyer of the church. If you do not have regular envelopes and would like some contact Michelle in the office.

Those parishioners who contribute to the church through monthly pre-authorized debit or credit cards and would like to increase their donations to cover the annual increase anticipated for 2012 church expenses such as electricity, water, fuel, etc can also make arrangements through our office to do that. Our budget for 2012 will reflect a 2 to 3 % increase over 2011.

ACW News

Recently the ladies of St. James' ACW donated \$500.00 to The Diocese of the Arctic. They received the following thank you letter from Debra Gill, Executive Officer.

St. Jude's Cathedral Nunavut



New Construction Above 2011

January 5, 2012

Dear Ladies,

I am writing on behalf of Bishop Andrew and on behalf of St. Jude's Cathedral to thank you for your most generous support of our cathedral project. I have enclosed the receipt for your recent contribution.

As you may know, the arson and eventual demolition of St. Jude's Cathedral has left deep impressions on Anglicans and others across Canada and they have wholeheartedly responded to our fundraising campaign.

The spire and cross have been erected and the exterior is almost done. Although costs have increased and we thought this would lead to further delays, we are pleased to say that NCC Dowland has made a commitment to completing the cathedral in time for Synod in May 2012. Plans are underway for the dedication service on June 3, 2012.

The fire spray installation is complete and they have now begun installation of the sprinkler, electrical and mechanical systems in the congregation area. The bathrooms are framed and electrical and mechanical work has begun. Mechanical ductwork is being done in the crawl space. The mezzanine construction has begun. Once completed the remainder of the steel stud work can be finished. It is expected that dry walling will commence this month. Things are moving well and progress is noticeable daily.

Should you be interested in following our progress, bi-monthly updates are placed on our webpage at www.arcticnet.org. As well updates are placed in Arctic News, or you might want to check our new Facebook page.

It is only with the financial and prayer support of people like you that we will be able to see our project through to fruition. Once again, thank you so much for your kind contribution & support to this project.



After the fire June 2006

Sunday School News

We are sorry to say goodbye to our Sunday School superintendent, Keri Noddle. Keri has advised the rector and parish council that she will no longer be able to serve in her present capacity as Youth Coordinator. In her letter of resignation Keri expressed her sadness in leaving her position. As well she reaffirmed the joy and pleasure that her work at St. James' has given her. Here are some excerpts from her letter;

'I was truly blessed to be given the opportunity to nurture and support the youth of St. James' as they explore the world of Christianity. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support throughout developing and maintaining a curriculum that supports the learnings and teachings of Christ our Saviour.

I have been delighted with all the opportunities I have had to connect with families, youth, other Churches and parishioners of our Church. I embraced and embarked on an amazing journey with these people and I know my journey does not end here.

Again, I would like to thank-you. For all your continued support, encouragement, and devotion throughout my journey as Youth Coordinator."

Keri's final day as Sunday School leader will be on Sunday March 4th but she intends on remaining in the parish as a "regular" parishioner.

Rev'd Meghan would like to welcome Keri's replacement on Sunday March 11th. She is pleased to announce that Tricia Wolfe will take over the duties of Sunday School Superintendent on Sunday March 11th.

Stove Appeal

As reported at Vestry, our kitchen stoves and burners are on "their last legs". These ancient appliances have fulfilled their "life terms" and now it is time to replace them. They are used weekly by the Lunch Bunch, and monthly by the ACW, BAC, Messy Church, Happy Gang, and Catering groups.

Walt Murray has been doing some of the groundwork for us getting quotes on ten burners, two stove replacement units. He reported at Vestry that we are looking at a price tag anywhere between \$7500 and \$9000 for installing upgraded gas lines, new appliances and removing the old equipment.

This is not a kitchen reno that we can afford to put off indefinitely as we rely on these stoves for our fundraising events.

The Needlecraft Group, the BAC and the ACW have all pledged to help with the replacement costs. Since Vestry was held, several parishioners have come forward to donate additional funds to help with the purchase.

We would ask at this time for everyone that is involved with St. James' to prayerfully consider giving a donation towards the Stove Fund. If you have it within your financial capability to contribute \$50, \$100 or whatever you can to the fund, it would take us no time at all to raise the necessary funds. All donations will be kept strictly confidential by the rector and wardens, but tax receipts will be issued for them. If you are making a donation, please write on your cheque or envelope the designation "Kitchen Stove Fund". We would like to order and replace the stoves by Easter.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in all our efforts to keep our parish running smoothly.

- Your Wardens

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Messy Church – Thurs. Feb. 2nd at 5pm

Games Night with Potluck – Mon. Feb. 6th at 6pm

Parish Council Meeting – Mon. Feb. 20th at 7:30 pm

Thursday Lenten Services – beginning Thurs. Feb. 23rd at 12:10pm (see page 6 for full schedule); soup & bun luncheon follows each service in the parish hall



Easter Services

Ash Wednesday- Feb. 23rd at 10:00am and again at 7:00 pm - Imposition of Ashes

Maundy Thursday - April 5th at 7:00pm

Good Friday - April 6th at 10:30am

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - April 7th at 9:00pm

Easter Sunday – April 8th at 10:30am

Cursillo Weekend in Niagara - May 3rd to 6th at Mount Mary Immaculate Conference Centre, Ancaster (see Kristy VanKooten Bossence for details)

Diocese of Huron Synod – May 27th to May 29th



Ingersoll & District Ministerial Association Lenten Services

“We Are Christ”

A seven week series beginning
Thursday, February 23

February 23	Rev. Dr. Lonnie Atkinson	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
March 1	Rev. Bill Mayoros	Trinity United Church
March 8	Rev. Norman Visser	Ingersoll Christian Reformed Church
March 15	Pastor Shawn Robinson	First Baptist Church
March 22	Rev. Stew Deller	Youth For Christ Chaplaincy
March 29	Father Gilbert Simard	Sacred Heart Catholic Church
April 5	Pastor Phil Carroll	Hi-Way Pentecostal Church

Services are being held at
St. James Anglican Church
184 Oxford St. , Ingersoll
at 12:10 pm






February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 5:00 pm - Messy Church	3	4
5 Epiphany 5 10:30 am - Eucharist and Sunday School	6 6:00 pm- Pot Luck Supper followed by Games Night	7 10:30 am - ACW Meeting 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	8 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch	9	10 11:00 am - 1:30 pm ACW Valentine's Luncheon	11
12 Epiphany 6 8:00 am - Communion 8:30 am - BAC Breakfast 10:30 am - Eucharist and Sunday School	13 1:30 pm - Healing Study & Prayer Group Meeting 7:30pm - Parish Council Meeting	14 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group 	15 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch	16	17	18
19 Epiphany 7 10:30 am - Eucharist with The Soulmates & Sunday School Pot Luck Luncheon	20	21 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group 5 pm - 7 pm BAC Pancake Supper 	22 10:00 am - Ash Wednesday Service 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service	23 12:10 pm - Thursday Lenten Service	24 5 pm - 7 pm Explorers' Spaghetti Supper 	25
26 Lent 1 10:30 am - Eucharist and Sunday School	27	28 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	29 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch			

March 2012



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18 Lent 4 10:30 am – Eucharist with The Soul Mates Sunday School Pot Luck Lunch	19 7:30 pm- Parish Council	20 1:30 pm – Needlecraft Group	21 10:00 am – Eucharist	22 12:10 pm – Thursday Lenten Service	23	24
25 Lent 5 10:30 am – Eucharist and Sunday School	26	27 1:30 pm – Needlecraft Group	28	29 12:10 pm – Thursday Lenten Service	30	31

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