

THE LOOP

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St. James' Anglican Church Newsletter

May/June 2011

Father Jim's Retirement

Come and join us!

Sunday May 29th



The Rev. James Carr (our Father Jim) of St. James' Church Ingersoll will be retiring this June. His official retirement service will take place on Sunday May 29, 2011 at the 10:30 am Eucharist service. All who know Jim and his wife Lin, are welcome to attend and take part in the service. It will feature several musical guests including Ingersoll's mayor, Ted Comiskey. A luncheon catered by our A.C.W. will follow afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Father Jim's family will also be celebrating his retirement in the afternoon with an Open House from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Again all parishioners, former parishioners, friends and neighbours are invited to celebrate with Father Jim as he launches into the retirement phase of his life!

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(There will be no summer edition of The Loop).

Vision Committee Update

May 1, 2011

Submitted by Mike Watson, Vision Chair



The mandate of this committee is: "A vision of growth nurturing the Anglican presence through transparency, fiscal responsibility, research and communications."

Since the last update we have accomplished a few things:

In November we met jointly with Parish Council to brainstorm ideas relating to the structure and expansion of Christian Education and Worship. Numerous items were discussed and certainly some of them will be included in our final report. One item of particular concern is the lack of volunteers assisting in the Church School program. With a growing number of young people attending Sunday School, there is a pressing need for volunteers to assist our Director, Keri Noddle. Please contact Keri through the church office if you are able to assist in this ministry.

On January 9/11 the Vision Committee, Parish Council and members of the congregation met with Marilyn Malton of Renaissance College to hear an information session about the Viva program which is a four step process to help determine the direction of our Parish Community. Viva is an acronym for: Values, Identity, Vision and Action. Viva requires a substantial leadership commitment from clergy and lay leaders. There needs to be financial commitment and the program should not be competing with any other major projects. For those reasons and the retirement of Father Jim on the horizon, it was decided we would pursue this project at a later time.

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Vision Report (continued)

At that February meeting we also supported Parish Council on the initiative to ask Marilyn Malton to conduct a workshop on Mar 5th which would be a first step towards preparing us for the search for a new Minister. About 40 people attended a very well conducted workshop that has given our Wardens and Parish Council considerable information and tools to use as they embark on the journey to find a new Parish Priest to sheppard us into the future.

On Feb 18/11 we received the 179 page Hazardous Building Materials Study at a cost of just under \$5,000. This is the first phase of the Comprehensive Study we commissioned last September. This report is encased in a properly labeled binder and is available for viewing in the Church Office. Architect Allan Avis will provide his comments on this report in the Comprehensive Study.

It is clearly very easy to spend money on a building like our beautiful Church – a building of this size requires substantial financial attention, and so we are reminded of our responsibility as stewards of this facility, that going forward, fundraising will be so very important.

Apr 4/11 our consulting engineer, Bob Peterman and Architect Allan Avis, along with other people, made another visit to this facility. They conducted invasive testing, took numerous pictures and compiled considerable measurements from both inside and outside our buildings.

Mr. Peterman and Mr. Avis have indicated a draft report of the Comprehensive Study will likely be available for us my mid to late may. At that time the committee will have an opportunity to respond with questions and comments before the final report is prepared.

Recent Happenings in Our Parish

Baptisms: Aidan John Prouse

Burials: The Rev. Bernard James Rosevear

Sunday School News **Submitted by Keri Noddle, Youth Leader**

We have many activities planned for the next couple months. Highlight these dates on your calendar! There will be **NO** Sunday School on May 22nd 2011. Sunday School will resume again on May 29th (Remember this is Fr. Jim's last day so bring your singing voices.)

There will be an end of the school party for all children and volunteers on June 26th 2011. Fun and games for all. There will be an upcoming date for swimming so stayed tuned for details. Since we all enjoy Sunday school so much it WILL be running again this summer. So come on down for some bible stories and crafts.

It's that time again to start getting ready for Vacation Bible School. We are in need of some people that are willing to help out with this. Remember VBS **CANNOT** run without your help!!!! **The tentative date is the 2nd week in August from the 8th to the 12th.** If you are available to help out in any capacity please phone or e-mail Keri ASAP! knoddle@bell.net..519-537-7181. Pandamania can't happen without you!

We are also always looking for fresh faces down in the Sunday School rooms. You can make a difference in the lives of the children within St. James'. Let me know when you are available for and I can work around you.

God Bless, Keri



Some Sunday School Humour

A Sunday School teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping".

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

ACW DEANERY NEWS

From Shirley Prouse



Camp attire, camp food and camp music all made for a successful evening on Wednesday April 13th for our A.C.W. Deanery event.

I have received many phone calls about the uplifting service, and choice of music ("The Hearts of Praise"). I received comments such as "You people are lucky to have talent like that in your parish"; "How often and what time do they perform at your regular worship?", "The banjo player was excellent"; "Rev. Gerry Adam, Huron Camp director had an uplifting message"; "Sam was a delight to listen to"; "Rev. Megan Nicholls and lay readers were delightful". A guest from Brantford was overwhelmed in the feeling of joy and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our church. These feelings were expressed throughout the whole evening. Many other calls came into me at home one as late as 11:15 pm that evening and as early as 7:30 am the next day.

All messages were positive and uplifting!
So a HUGE THANK-YOU to everyone who helped make the evening a tremendous success!

HYMN SING FOLLOW-UP

The hymn sing committee would like to thank everyone who assisted with the service on Saturday April 23rd. Although the crowd was small the spirit was mighty. As to date, we raised over \$4425.00!

We would also like to thank Father Jim Carr for leading the service, Kristy Van Kooten Bossence and Jim Gonder for their musical gifts, and our readers, Brenda Seaton, Lin Carr, Shirley Prouse and Inez Fishwick.

For those who would like a booklet, please see a member of the committee.

Again, thank you for your support.

The Hymn Sing Committee
Lin Carr, Brenda Seaton, Betty & Phil Yetman

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7 – Church Garage Sale

May 8 – BAC Mother's Day Breakfast

May 27 – 29 – 53rd Diocesan Weekend

June 12 - Sunday Chapel Worship

Service led by St. James' members at Woodingford Lodge 1:30pm; Oxford Manor 2:15pm; Leisure World 3:00pm

June 19 – Church Picnic & BBQ

WARDENS' UPDATE

As outlined on page one, your wardens have been busy planning Father Jim's retirement. It will be both a joyous but sad occasion as Father Jim prepares to take his next step in life – retirement! We know he is going to miss his flock at St. James' just as much as we are going to miss him at the helm. But, he will certainly value his new found time to vacation, travel, visit with family, and catch up on household projects! Lin & Father Jim are not moving away from Ingersoll so we will have lots of opportunity to visit with them in retirement.

Until the selection committee is formed and notified by the Diocese of possible candidates to fill Father Jim's position, we will be loaned an "interim" priest to look after our services and pastoral care over the next few months. We look forward to working with a new priest in this time of transition.

Thank you to all our parishioners and friends of the parish who took part in several of our fundraisers and contributed generously to the Hymn Sing, and Collection Can Drive. Our treasurer, Bob Welt, tells us monthly of the difficult challenges of trying to "balance the books". We would again encourage you to remember to make your weekly or monthly donations over the summer when you are on holidays. Hydro, water, phone bills etc. continue to arrive by mail – they don't vacation!

We are very proud of our dedicated volunteers who continue to perform a variety of duties in the parish from maintaining our buildings and grounds, attending committee meetings, leading us in prayer, completing altar guild duties, and catering both church and community events. St. James' has a well deserved reputation of being a friendly and helping parish! Let us continue to move forward through the next few months with confidence and commitment.

St. James' Wardens

Shirley Prouse, Andy Hodgins, Veronica Jackson

Our Praise List

Brent Burton – who gives of his time and deftly handles our office demands every Wednesday

Shirley Prouse – who goes above and beyond “the call of duty” as People’s Warden to keep the church running like clockwork!

Brenda Seaton, Betty & Phil Yetman, Lin Carr – for organizing another successful Memorial Hymn Sing

Joan Leibold – who so successfully organized the kitchen and volunteers for the Alexandra Hospital Luncheon last month

Kristy VanKooten Bossence & Jim Gonder – for continuing to provide musical leadership

The Soulmates – under Adam Rayfield – who continue to energize our services each month

Mike Watson – for continued leadership with the Vision Committee


Sharon Gillett, Lorraine Livingston & Bob Welt - for dedicated “lay” leadership in our services

Pat Shaddock – for continuing in her role as Hall Rental Convenor, Newsletter Route Co-ordinator and much more

Our Delivery Team – those individuals (you know who you are) that faithfully deliver the church mail around town each month – a huge thank-you for your gas and time – You are an important part of our Outreach Team

Dorothy Griffin – and her team for another amazing year of providing hot lunches and fellowship to the community through “The Lunch Bunch” program

Verna Lord –for organizing the “Coffee Hour” Schedule for after church treats

 <p>A red sign with white text that reads "GARAGE SALE" in large letters, with "Saturday 8am" written in a smaller font below it.</p>	<p>Saturday May 7th 271 King St. 8 am – Noon Phil & Betty Yetman’s Please take items to The Yetman’s or drop off at the Church by Fri. May 6th. All profits to St. James’.</p>
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A.C.W. News

From Barbara Westman

A.C.W. are purchasing 16 new tables for the parish hall to replace some of the worn wooden tables. We are also pricing microwave ovens as the old one had to be disposed of.

A.C.W. members are also planning a trip to St. Monica’s House in Kitchener for their June 7th meeting.

Certificates from the Diocese of Huron honoring several members of the St. James’ A.C.W. for their many years of faithful service were announced at church on May 1st. The recipients were:

Marie Borland, Inez Fishwick, Katie Hutcheson, Jeanette Jackson, Velma Naisbitt and Shirley Whatley. Congratulations to all these worthy ladies.



Life and Faith is a multifaith weekly television program airing throughout Southwestern Ontario.

On the air since 1984, **Life and Faith** shares the stories of the various faith communities in the region. The show began with the Anglican, the Roman Catholic and United faiths. The Baha’i, Jewish and Muslim communities have been partners over time, as well as the Presbyterian church on occasion. Originally airing on Roger’s cable in London, the show moved from cable to broadcast television around 1990 and expanded to three stations: CFPL, CKNX and CHWI. As the stations changed identities and owners over the years, the show has remained a staple part of the Sunday morning line-up.

Life & Faith airs at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings on the ATV network in London, Windsor and Wingham as well as on satellite: Bell express view channel 220 and Starchoice channel 349.

With the launch of its website in 2008, <http://www.lifeandfaith.ca/index.html>, the founders of the broadcast began to share the **Life & Faith** of southwestern Ontario with the rest of the world.

So if you are shut-in one Sunday morning and are unable to make it to St. James’, why not tune into **Life & Faith**. Or, set your VCR or DVD machine and tape it and enjoy an episode of this entertaining and educational show later on in the week.

MAY 2011



**BAC Mother's Day Communion & Breakfast
May 8th 8 am**

The men of the parish extend a special welcome to the ladies/mothers to join us for communion and breakfast. Guest speaker is Sharon Gillett presenting "Messy Church". Please join us!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 2 10:30 am – Eucharist	2 6:00 pm- Pot Luck Supper followed by Games Night	3 10:30 am – ACW Meeting with Pot Luck 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group	4 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:15 am – Lunch Bunch	5	6	7 Pick up plants preordered from the BAC between 11am and noon at the Parish Hall
8 Easter 3 8:00 am – Eucharist & BAC Breakfast Mother's Day 10:30 am – Eucharist Sunday School	9 1:30 pm - Healing Study & Prayer Group Meeting	10 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group	11 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:15 am – Lunch Bunch	12	13	14
15 Easter 4 10:30 am – Eucharist with The Soul Mates Sunday School Pot Luck Lunch	16	17 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group 7:30 pm- Parish Council	18 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:15 am – Lunch Bunch	19	20	21
22 Easter 5 10:30 am – Morning Prayer (No Sunday School)		24 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group	25 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:15 am – Lunch Bunch	26	27 	28 53 rd Weekend Diocese of Huron May 27 to 29 th Theme "Tell Me The Stories of Jesus".
29 Easter 6 10:30 am – Eucharist Sunday School Celebration – Father Jim's Retirement Service & Luncheon	30	31 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group				Go to the Diocese of Huron website for additional information.



JUNE 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Easter 7 10:30 am – Eucharist and Sunday School 1:30 – Nursing Home Service at Woodingford Lodge	6 6:00 pm- Pot Luck Supper followed by Games Night	7 10:30 am – ACW Meeting 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group	8 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:15 am – Lunch Bunch	9	10	11
12 The Day of Pentecost 8:00 am – Eucharist & BAC Breakfast 10:30 am – Eucharist Sunday School 1:30 pm – Nursing Home Services	13 1:30 pm - Healing Study & Prayer Group Meeting	14 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group	15 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:15 am – Lunch Bunch	16	17	18
19 Trinity Sunday Father's Day 10:30 am – Eucharist with The Soul Mates Church Picnic & BBQ/Pot Luck	20	21 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group	22 10:00 am – Eucharist	23	24	25
26 2nd after Pentecost 10:30 am – Eucharist Sunday School- End of School Party for Kids & Volunteers	27	28 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group	29 10:00 am – Eucharist	30		

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