

THE LOOP

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Memorial Hymn Sing

Come and join us!

Saturday April 23rd 7:00 pm



You are invited to participate in a celebratory Hymn Sing. The service will be part of our Holy Week celebrations and will consist of ten hymns, and readings that will honour our past, present and future. Letters containing all the details about this event are presently being mailed out or may be picked up at the church hall.

This activity was a huge success in its inaugural year of 2010. Approximately \$7 550 was raised and the special acknowledgement booklet that was distributed to donators and participants added greatly to the event. This event booklet will be issued again in 2011. On page eight of our current issue of "The Loop" you will find a list of the hymns selected for this year's event. The committee of Brenda Seaton, Lin Carr, Betty Yetman and Phil Yetman hope that you will find one of your favourite hymns on the list.

Meet Your Parish Council 2011



People's Warden - Shirley Prouse
Rector's Warden - Veronica Jackson
Deputy Rector's Warden - Andy Hodgins
Synod Lay Delegate - Sharon Gillet
Synod Lay Delegate – Andy Hodgins
Alternate Lay Delegate – Andrea Cryderman
Alternate Lay Delegate – Heather Needham
Members Appointed – Robin Naisbitt
Adam Rayfield, Carol Prouse, Shelley Riddick
Members Elected – Rob Bossence, Bob Welt,
Gary VanKooten, Paul Robinson
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.



THE PREACHING
COMPETITION

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The Wardens, and the Synod Lay Delegates will make up part of the **Selection Committee** responsible for undertaking the task of finding a new rector for St. James' upon Father Jim's retirement at the end of May. The Parish Council will also be endorsing four additional people from the parish to make up the committee.

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Lunch Bunch Report

From Dorothy Griffin

Lunch Bunch continues to attract many diners. We serve an average of 130 meals each Wednesday. Our fantastic cooks prepare delicious meals, which are much appreciated by both adults and children. Some changes in the menu were introduced this year and were well received by all. A big thank you also goes to our "super shoppers", always on the lookout for best prices and produce.

We understand that the opening of the new school will probably occur in January 2012. In the meantime we are in consultation with the principals to ensure we are ready when the move actually takes place.

Some recent cash donations came at just the right time, as our funds were running very low. A thousand thanks to our caring supporters as well as our faithful volunteers. YOU make this much-needed program possible. We are so blessed!!!!

Wednesday 11:15 am – 12:30 pm



Niagara Anglican Cursillo Weekend

March 31st – April 3rd For all the info about this exciting weekend contact Kristy VanKooten Bossence who will be part of the Music Team at Ancaster. Visit <http://www.niagaracursillo.org/>



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ACW DEANERY NEWS

From Shirley Prouse

The ACW ladies of the Oxford Deanery will meet at St. James' for a "Camp Night". Please join us for a fun evening and help support our Huron Church Camp. If you can't make the dinner you are welcome to attend the service and hear our guest speaker, Gerry Adam who will be with us at 8:00 pm. All BAC members are also welcome. The evening offering will go to the Huron Camp.

"Hearts of Praise" will provide music for the service and Rev. Megan Nichols from the Anglican parishes in Delhi and Otterville will be the celebrant. We look forward to seeing you at our special event.

ACW DEANERY

"Camp Night"

April 13th, 2011

At

St. James', Ingersoll



Guest Speaker

Gerry Adam

Director of Huron Church Camp
Registration 6:00 pm / Meal 6:30
pm

TICKETS - \$7.00

(Contact Shirley Prouse at 519-485-3330
by April 10th with numbers attending)

Wear Your Camp Duds

Enjoy a Camp Meal

Sing Camp Songs

Camp Style Eucharist



ACW NEWS

From Barbara Westman

Our annual Valentine luncheon was well attended, and we realized \$2013.27. Many thanks to those who donated food, money and help – both *men* and women.

ACW have purchased signs directing people to St. James' Church. These will be installed when the town sees fit.

Barbara Jean Douglas and Andrea Cryderman took part in the World Day of Prayer at Hi-Way Pentecostal Church on March 4th.

We will be catering for a bowling banquet in April and as usual, the Hospitality Group have been busy with receptions.

Altar Guild Report

From Donna Hunter

"A chance to renew, reuse, recycle."

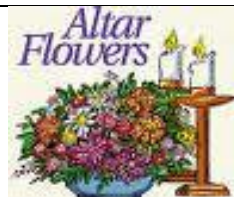
The ladies of the altar guild are housecleaning the Sacristy and have come across items used many years ago that are no longer relevant in our present church life. Since storage is at a minimum, we would like to find a home for them – to renew-reuse-recycle! Some of the items are:

- (1) White baptise confirmation veils (Does anyone know of a congregation or other group who would have a use for them?)
- (2) A box of small glass candle followers
- (3) A box of brass followers
- (4) A box of tea lights
- (5) A box of long white (slim) candles

Any input would be appreciated. You can call Donna Hunter at 519-485-2655. Footnote: These items will not be returned to the Sacristy.

Easter Flowers

Parishioners wishing to donate for Easter Flowers please speak to Andrea Cryderman or phone 519-485-2542.



Recent Deaths in Our Parish

Heather Lynn Sorensen
(daughter of Barb & Ron Moore)

Relay for Life

From Mary Fitzmorris

St. James' has always been a big supporter of the Relay for Life. Betty White has been the top fundraiser for the past couple of years and Bob Hutchinson has faithfully been the Team Captain. We still need your support St. James'! It would be nice if someone would volunteer to be the Team Captain and I am sure that Bob would offer assistance. Why Relay?

Below is a letter I wrote to the editor of the Ingersoll Times earlier this month. Hopefully it will inspire you to get involved and be a part of the Relay for Life, Ingersoll. The next Captain's meeting will be on Wednesday April 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the IDCI School Library.



CELEBRATE, REMEMBER, FIGHT BACK.

As Ingersoll approaches the 9th year for the Relay for Life, I encourage you to take the time to find a way to be part of this biggest Cancer Event to make the biggest difference.

Celebrate – Celebrate cancer survivors. I celebrate my sister in law, little Hannah, Steve, Bev, Wayne, Tanya ... and the many, many other survivors.

Remember – Remember our loved ones. I remember my Mom, father in law, Jane, Roger, Heather, Connie ... and the many others who fought the fight hard.

Fight Back – Fight Back in the hope of finding a cure for this terrible disease. Thanks to Michael for fighting back in cancer research, to Julia (cancer survivor) for being involved in the cancer treatment, for every Canadian Cancer Society Employee and Volunteer, for every Relay for Life Team, volunteer, committee member and sponsor. You have made a difference. Continue the FIGHT. We will and can kick cancer in the face.

To get involved, come to the Captain's Meeting, tonight (March 2), at the IDCI Library starting at 7:00 pm or call, Jim Fitzmorris, at 519 485-5083. You can also register on line. The Relay for Life Ingersoll will be at IDCI on June 24/25. Ingersoll raised \$80,000 last year and we will surpass \$1,000,000, total money raised over the 9 years, this June. This is a celebration.

You can make a difference, CELEBRATE, REMEMBER, FIGHT BACK.

Mary Fitzmorris, Relay for Life Ingersoll, Co-Chair

Thoughts from Sharon

Submitted by Sharon Gillett, Lay
Reader and Outreach Co-ordinator

April 3rd is our next Nursing Home Service. We begin at Woodingford Lodge at 1:30pm, where we meet in the lounge; then on to Oxford Manor at 2:15 pm, and finishing at Leisure World at 3:00 pm. The residents like to sing, so it is nice to have a group of people with me to lead them in song and to help them with their song books.

I would appreciate the help and support of someone who could read a lesson and/or read the gospel. Please consider joining me for this worthwhile outreach program.

Spring IS Coming! Please watch your bulletin for your opportunity to order your spring flowers.



Undie Sunday!

Job well done Sunday School class! Thanks for wearing your pj's to church to help celebrate "undie" Sunday. Thank you to the congregation for your gifts of "undies" and "jammies". This was a deanery project, so our gifts will be gathered with the other churches and given to the Children's Aid Society. These gifts will be used for families living at the Ingamo residence and those staying at the Women's Emergency Shelter.

\$ Financial Recap \$

Tithes & Offerings

Weekly required for church operating budget - \$3,300

Average weekly (Year To Date) - \$2,500

Feb. 28th (Y.T.D.) Operating Income - \$22,084

Feb. 28th (Y.T.D.) Operating Expenses - \$39,817

Lent / Easter Services

Ingersoll Community Lenten Services

Hosted by the Ingersoll & District Ministerial Assoc
Mar. 10 – Rev. James Carr (St. James')
Mar. 17 – Rev. Phil Carroll (Hi-Way Pentecostal)
Mar. 24 – Rev. Norm Visser (Christian Reformed)
Mar. 31 – Rev. Jeff Sensenstein (Crossroads Alliance)
April 7 – Rev. Bill Mayoros (Trinity United)
April 14 – Rev. Shawn Robinson (First Baptist)
April 21 – Major Larry Bridger – Salvation Army
Services are being held at St. Paul's
Presbyterian Church, 56 Thames St. S., at 12:10 pm
Soup will be available after worship.



St. James' Services

April 17 Palm Sunday - Holy Eucharist 10:30 am
April 21 Maundy Thursday – Lasagne Dinner 6 pm; followed by Church Service at 7 pm
April 22 Good Friday – 10:30 am
April 23 Holy Saturday – Hymn Sing at 7 pm
April 24 Easter Sun. – Holy Eucharist 10:30 am

Our Praise List

A huge thank you to:

Our Painters - to Walt Murray, Bob Hunter and Phil Yetman who continue to brighten up our lower levels of the Parish Hall.

Our "Ex-Warden" – David Douglas for his support and leadership in the congregation over the past year. Dave will be missed by the Parish Council for his expertise and experience.

Our BAC Members – for organizing and hosting a fabulous Shrove Tuesday pancake supper; it was a great team effort under Bob Hunter's convenorship.

	<h3><u>Choir Members</u></h3> <p>We have 30 gowns patiently sitting in our choir room waiting for someone, anyone to try them on! Whatever Sunday service you could donate some time to be in the choir would be immensely helpful. No experience or permanent commitment necessary! Try it! You might like it!</p>
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Format for the morning:

35 parishioners were present and we were led through our discussions and goal setting by Marilyn Malton, our congregational coach from the Diocese of Huron. Marilyn has a passion for working with groups to build on the strengths and gifts of individuals and organizations.

Marilyn and Sharon Gillett led us in prayers of which one was tailored especially for those gathered for the workshop –

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St James', your Church, and so guide the congregation during this time of transition, as they prepare to choose a rector for their parish, that they may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip them for their many ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then we established our purpose for the morning.

Our Goals:


A) Gather and document input for parish selection committee for a new rector

B) Honest assessment

- congregational identity – description of who we are, what is important to us, and how we serve
- gifts, challenges
- essential and desired qualities and skills in a rector needed at this time to help you live out your mission and ministry

Marilyn gave us an overview of the morning's activities and through a powerpoint presentation she had us consider a broad overview of: "Within St. James' - Ministry Activities, People, Building and Finances"

This is summarized in the chart below.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Within St. James'</u></p> <p>MINISTRIES – activities; congregation; partnerships</p> <p>PEOPLE – demographics/mix of people; leadership and involvement in activities</p> <p>BUILDING – What are the buildings like? How do they help or hinder ministry?</p> <p>FINANCES – Where money comes from and how it is spent?</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MINISTRIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many activities – worship; outreach; fellowship; Christian education • Identified as important • What is it about these activities that is important? 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PEOPLE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who are the current members of St. James’? • what gifts are evident in our congregation? • pool of trained lay people committed to lead ministries? difficult to find people to lead and be involved in our various ministries? • how do lay and ordained leaders work together as a team? what additional skills are needed?
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BUILDING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive study of building is being done • can visitors find the church and the time of worship? • initial impressions? • fit of the building to ministry needs - are there areas under or over utilized? how adaptable is the worship space and other spaces? • good environmental stewardship? 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FINANCES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating budget % of income from current givings, rentals, investments • % dedicated to clergy compensation, staff compensation, building related costs, programs, non-members

Marilyn had us divide up into 4 groups based on a mixture of the number of years parishioners had attended St. James’

We looked at themes of **Outreach, Fellowship, Worship & Music, and Building & Stewardship**; for each topic we considered “How do these activities help us love God and our neighbours?”, and “How are we changed?”

Each group had an opportunity to discuss and jot down thoughts and observations about each topic and then these were summarized and shared.

After a well deserved short coffee break, Marilyn had us continue with some individual tasks. These included:

A) Completing a Survey About “Marks of Mission” – How are we doing living out the 5 Marks of Mission?

- 1) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- 2) To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- 3) To respond to human need by loving service

- 4) To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- 5) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

(How are we doing living out the 5 Marks of Mission? Think about all our activities and our stewardship of people and their gifts, physical resources, and financial resources.

10 – Thanks be to God, we are fully living out this mark of mission

6 – Pretty good, but definite room for development

3 – Rather thin on the ground on this mark of mission

0 – Nothing is happening re this mark of mission)

B) Writing about each of the following topics:

1. 5 Best things about our church
2. 3 Challenges for the future
3. 3 Key areas for development over the next several years (Be realistic, prayerful and hopeful...)
4. 3 Essential qualities and skills of rector needed at this time in St. James’ history to help us live out our mission
5. Other desirable qualities and skills of rector needed at this time in St. James’ history to help us live out our mission

Marilyn drew out from each group a consensus of ideas about each of the topics listed above. These were shared in a large group format, charted and much discussion ensued. ***(The results of our discussion will be summarized and copies will be made available in the church office and on our parish website later this month).***

We ended the morning with a prayer and a promise to Marilyn that we would share our discussions with the parish and complete some homework for her!

We are to strike a committee and brainstorm, discuss and report on the following-

What is Ingersoll like?

Why would someone want to live here?

List the 3 best things about Ingersoll . . .

List 3 challenges about living and ministering in Ingersoll. ..

The “homework” will enable us to inform potential candidates for the ministerial leadership at St. James’ some important information and impressions about our community. If you would like to be part of this discussion talk to one of your wardens or e-mail Veronica at veronicastjames@gmail.com We would like to thank Marilyn again for her devotion and dedication to assisting congregations like ourselves. As we enter the upcoming period of transition from Father Jim’s period of ministry to a new one under a new rector, we are fortunate to have such talented diocesan leadership to assist us. The selection committee, which will be formed later in the spring, will use the output from this workshop to guide it to choose a minister that will meet the needs and aspirations of our parish.

Memorial Hymn Sing List

- #1 The Lord is My Shepherd
- #2 They Will Know We Are Christians
- #3 There is a Green Hill Far Away
- #4 On Eagle's Wings
- #5 All Things Bright and Beautiful
- #6 Lift High the Cross
- #7 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
- #8 Onward Christian Soldiers
- #9 Breathe on Me Breath of God
- #10 Shine, Jesus Shine



SAMPLE CONTRIBUTOR CARD

If you wish to sponsor a hymn, please use the following form.

I am enclosing a contribution to St. James' Memorial Hymn Sing – 2011

(Circle One) In Memory of: / In Honour of:

Name: _____

Hymn # Requested: _____

Donation Enclosed: _____

Contributor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Please return to St. James' Church by Sunday April 3, 2011

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

[Psalms 66:1-2](#)

Please note: Coffee Hour follows the 10:30 AM Service every Sun.; come join us for some fellowship!

Church Web Site – www.stjamesingersoll.com



MARCH 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:30 am – ACW Meeting with Pot Luck 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group	2 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:15 am – Lunch Bunch	3	4	5 9:00 am – Parish Workshop with Marilyn Malton
6 Last Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 am – Eucharist and Sunday School “Undie Sunday” donations	7 6:00 pm- Pot Luck Supper followed by Games Night	8 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group 5:00 pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	9 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:15 am – Lunch Bunch 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service	10	11	12
13 Lent 1 8:00 am – Eucharist & BAC Breakfast 10:30 am – Eucharist Sunday School	14 1:30 pm - Healing Study & Prayer Group Meeting	15 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group 7:30 pm- Parish Council	16 10:00 am – Eucharist	17	18	19
20 Lent 2 10:30 am – Eucharist with The Soul Mates Sunday School Pot Luck Lunch	21	22 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group	23 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:15 am – Lunch Bunch	24	25 12:00 pm – Alexandra Hospital Luncheon	26
27 Lent 3 10:30 am – Eucharist Sunday School	28	29 1:30 pm – Handicraft Group	30 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:15 am – Lunch Bunch	31 Niagara Anglican Cursillo Weekend Begins		



APRIL 2011

Happy Easter
 The gift of love and forgiveness comes with the responsibility to love and forgive.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Niagara Anglican Cursillo Weekend	2 Niagara Anglican Cursillo Weekend
3 Lent 4 10:30 am - Eucharist and Sunday School 1:30 - Nursing Home Service at Woodingford Lodge Niagara Anglican Cursillo Weekend	4 6:00 pm- Pot Luck Supper followed by Games Night	5 10:30 am - ACW Meeting with Pot Luck 1:30 pm - Handicraft Group	6 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:15 am - Lunch Bunch	7	8	9
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24 Easter Sunday 10:30 am - Eucharist Sunday School	25 7:30 pm- Parish Council	26 1:30 pm - Handicraft Group	27 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:15 am - Lunch Bunch	28	29	30

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Don't forget to see Heather Needham for your draw tickets for a chance to win - Prize #1 - Bed Size Crochet Afghan or Prize #2 - Crochet Dressed Doll (both beautifully created by Minnie Dawe) \$1.00 each. The draw will be held on Sun. May 8th - Mother's Day!