



St. James Church

In the Heart of the Village

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News & Views, Summer 2020

Summer is here and although some of our usual pursuits aren't available yet, it is still a time of delight! Be it an early morning coffee on the porch, a snooze in the hammock, game of golf or evening campfire, summer recharges our batteries — and this year, we all need that!

Because of Covid19, and the changes we've made at St. James, you can stay connected and enjoy worship services wherever you are. Our weekly blasts give you all the links and information you need to access us online.

So relax and take some time to be with God in the glory of this season.

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time. — John Lubbock

**Lessons from
Chippy: Stay close
to home, stay out
of the sun, enjoy a
snack**

From Father Chris

Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:10

Thank you to those who submitted photographs of their gardens for this summer issue. These beautiful, thriving plants are the product of slow, imperceptible progress and much conscientious work on the part of the gardener. Pruning, weeding, watering and fertilizing are arduous tasks, but they are necessary to ensure optimum maturation, blossoming and fruitfulness.

As you continue to tend to your lawns and gardens throughout the summer, the Church calendar reminds us to do the same for our hearts and lives. The Trinity season of the Church year is all about our spiritual growth to become the people God wants us to be: thriving and fruitful branches grafted onto Christ the *true vine* (John 15:1). The Sunday Bible readings throughout this season are selected and arranged to facilitate this growth.

On the first two Sundays after Trinity (14, 21 June 2020), we were encouraged to be *rooted* and *grounded* in the Triune God who is love. This is achieved by actively loving God and our neighbour (1 John 4:7-21; 3:13-24).

The Third to the Ninth Sundays after Trinity (28 June – 9 August 2020) are for *pruning* and *weeding*. There are many things in our hearts and lives that prevent us from loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbour as ourselves. Seven of these are identified, one on each Sunday: pride (Trinity III), vainglory (Trinity IV), dejection (Trinity V), anger (Trinity VI), sloth (Trinity VII), covetousness (Trinity VIII), and lust (Trinity IX). These are misdirected growths that hinder the blossoming, fruitfulness and vitality of the plant. They must be pruned from our hearts so that we may thrive.

Over the next seven Sundays (Trinity X-XVI, 16 August-27 September 2020), we *blossom* and *produce the fruits* of the Spirit. The Epistle readings all have to do with the work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us.

Finally, over the last seven Sundays of the Trinity season (Trinity XVII – XXIII, 4 October – 15 November 2020), we *reap, enjoy and give thanks* for the spiritual fruit that God has yielded through us. The themes of the Epistles and Gospels here include consummation, rest, feasting, and sustenance.

I look forward to growing in Christ together with you all over these coming months.

Look what we're up to!

In addition to our on-going weekly worship services, which are accessed by phone or GoToMeeting, check out this amazing list of programs! Details are on the website.

Children and Youth

Faith Lab @ Home - This on-line event will explore Christian faith with fun science experiments.

Terrific Tuesdays — organized by Crosstalk Ministries (who ran our VBS last summer), and aimed at children who don't want to do science but do enjoy puppets, songs, craft ideas and a weekly challenge.

Youth Alpha — following on the global success of the Alpha Course, this program is geared at youth, helping them explore life's biggest questions in a safe and encouraging environment.

Reaching out to Youth — submit the name of a young person important in your life, and he/she will be prayed for and will receive a Youth Bible, tee shirt and gift card.

If you know children or youth who would enjoy any of the following programs, please contact Amy at amy.dow@outlook.com or call her at 226-200-2788

Adults:

Christian Foundations - providing solid ground for uncertain times. This on line course follows

the Gospel of John, and is designed for seekers, questioners and those new to the faith.

Following Jesus — a followup to the Foundations course, participants are encouraged to continue learning and growing, finding ways to incorporate faith into every day life

Father Chris is the contact for these courses. See the last page of the newsletter for his contact information.

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Virtual Book Club - if you didn't take part and would like to the next time, and/or suggest a book, please contact Father Chris

Women's fellowship/Bible study - organized by Amy and covered several significant women in the Bible and lessons to be learned from them by women today.

Craft kit — in the late spring a number of craft supply kits were put together and delivered to families in the area who expressed an interest. Although not church focused, it made important connections and helped families in need.

On break

Vesper Prayers with Diane will take a break in July but will return in August. Prayers will be live on Thursday nights at 9 pm on Facebook, also taped and available anytime on the church's Facebook page.

Outreach update — Valerie Jones

When Covid19 shut down much of our world, it exacerbated the needs of those in difficult circumstances. As a result, our support for local outreach projects is more important than ever.

Brampton Prison Ministry

The Bridge closed its doors permanently on April 30th after more than 42 years serving the community. A group of former Bridge staff and volunteers are continuing to work with vulnerable ex-offenders, in the community and in the prison system, assisting new releases and running weekly meetings using Zoom. This new group will be known as Brampton Prison Ministry.

Their new website can be found at:

www.bramptonprisonministry.com

St. James has supported this ministry since the 1980s. Individual donations can be made to the Brampton Prison Ministry at:

PO Box 78001

Fletchers Creek PO

Brampton ON L7A 0N0

Or transfer to

bramptonprisonministry@gmail.com

Choices Youth Shelter

Choices is a non-profit organization providing temporary supportive accommodations and services for youth 16-24 who are experiencing homelessness.

The pandemic has caused staff to change the way they work, and has significantly increased their cleaning and health-related expenses. In addition, donations have fallen short of expectations and has put the shelter operations in jeopardy.

Choices is another organization supported by St. James for many years, including the collection and delivery of non-perishable food items on a weekly basis, and the provision of gift bags at Christmas. Until we are able to gather together, you may wish to support Choices privately.

Individual donations can be made to:

Choices Youth Shelter

59 Townline

Orangeville ON L9W 1V5

In addition, funds for Choices can be sent to their GoFundMe site:

www.gofundme.com/f/choices-youth-shelter

Elizabeth Fry Society — Halton/Peel

The EFS provides support and services for women in the prison system, helping them reintegrate with society.

In May homemade treats were delivered to their residence, and were greatly appreciated by these women who have had very few opportunities to feel cared for in their lives.

If you would like to send some baking again, please contact Valerie Jones at 905-584-0980 or **valerie.jones@live.com**

Valerie will coordinate and deliver.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9

Plans for re-opening

While some businesses, restaurants and stores are gearing up to re-open in some capacity now, the Anglican Diocese of Toronto is working towards September as a possible time churches could reopen.

Many of the activities we take for granted in a church service such as greeting each other, singing, sharing communion, passing the peace and enjoying coffee hour are all still seen as risky.

Over the summer St. James will continue 'broadcasting' live from the church each Sunday, accessed at home via GoToMeeting. If you are unsure about how to do that, please read the piece Gordon Morton wrote on our website.

Work is continuing on the roof, and Mr. Alder has moved his skyjack to the west side. In the photo below you can see the sandblasted portion (light grey). All vestiges of the black paint must be removed before the new coating is applied.

Even when the church is open, the Diocese is encouraging us and all churches to continue to provide online services and other means of sharing the Gospel. They are studying the numbers and discovering that people are joining worship on line who are not part of the traditional Sunday morning group.



David Jackson

After a courageous battle with cancer, David died on June 21. He passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by Muriel and his children Lisa, Stephen and Mike.

David and Muriel attended St. Alban's in Palgrave (with the Taylors) prior to that church being closed. At St. James, David was an enthusiastic and meticulous worker (as you can see by the uniformity of his pancakes!).

Muriel has requested donations to Trillium Health or St. James. Rest in peace, David.



What's up in the garden?

Ask a gardener how they feel about the pandemic and they might give you a mixed answer - not liking lockdown but loving the extra time in the garden! So, to make all those hard working gardeners feel better, here are some lovely photos of parish gardens. Thanks for

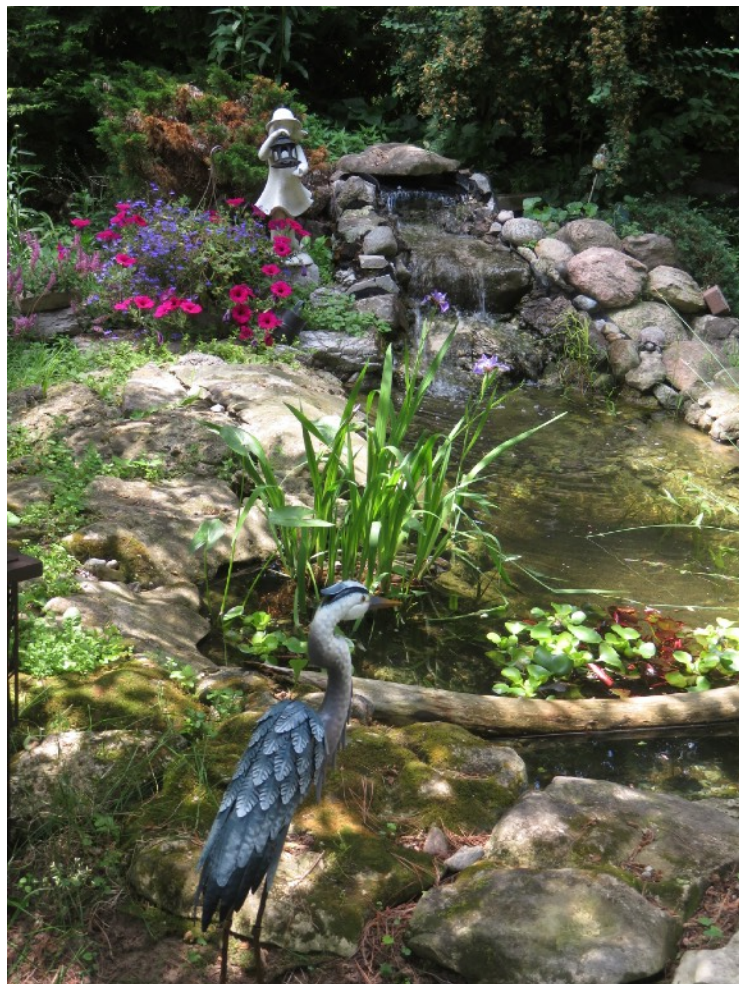


Can you match these photos and gardeners?
Answers next issue!

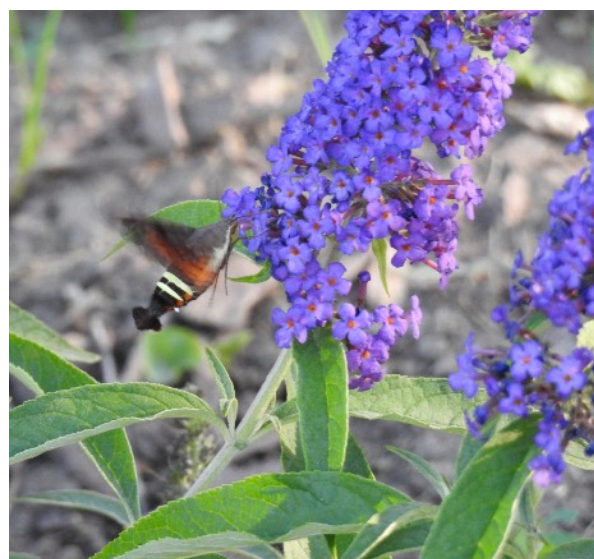
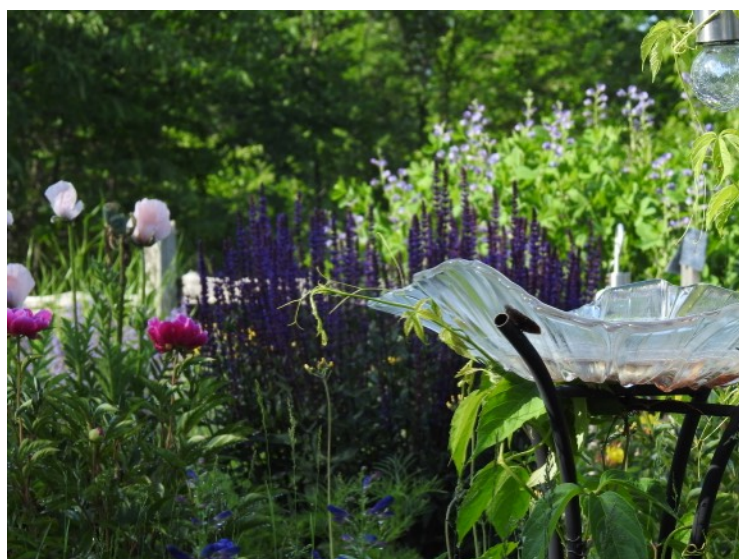
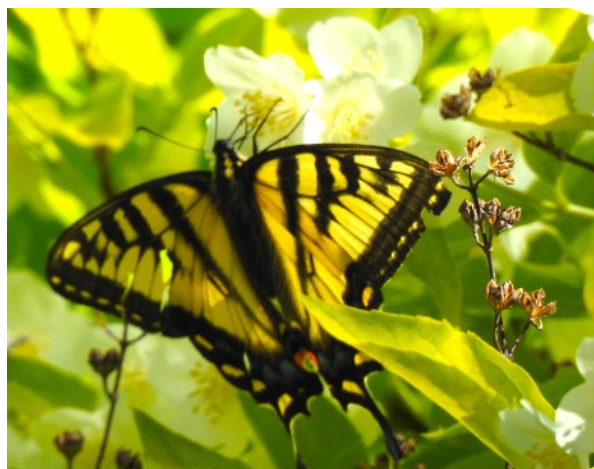
Contributors: Todd & Chris; Lori R.; Diane;
Donna Davies; Valerie & Howard, Trudy

(Diane has a couple!)





Next issue's photo challenge— 'the harvest' your own, the farmer's market, or the fields around Caledon East. Images to Diane by August 15, please.



Summer Reading – anon.

One of our parishioners is a voracious reader but his/her public library, has been revisiting the home book shelf!

The words 'summer reading' suggest books that are light but engrossing, the sort that keep you up late at night because you simply *must* see how things work out. However, that is not what I have been reading. The libraries were shut down and I have had to make do with what was in the house. This worked well for the first eight weeks or so.

I picked up *Love and Friendship* by Allan Bloom because (a) it was on the shelf and (b) I hadn't read it. There was an essay on Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. I have always loved Jane Austen's books so I read the essay and then reread *Pride and Prejudice*. Loved it, but realised that I am a very superficial reader compared to Allan Bloom.

But now Bloom had got me going so I then read his essay on *Madame Bovary*, a book which I hadn't read in decades. Perhaps thanks to Bloom's essays, perhaps not, but I think I appreciated *Madame Bovary* even more on my second (or third) reading.

Time for something different so I picked up *When I am Old I Shall Wear Purple*, edited by Sandra Haldeman Martz. This is a selection of essays and poems written, presumably, by women of a 'certain age.' Well, I thoroughly enjoyed many of them, laughed with some and wept with others.

By this time I had still not read all, or even much, of Allan Bloom's book but didn't care. I was on a roll now and went searching to see what else I might find on the shelves. There was no shortage.

My eye fell upon *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold. Leopold was a naturalist who wrote beautifully, an essay for each month depicting the seasonal changes in his part of the United States. Leopold died in 1948, but his

words live on in my heart and I reread some of his essays every so often.

Then a TV program on Sylvia Plath's life, and battles with depression, led me to reread *The Bell Jar* which was published a mere month before she killed herself. She was so very young and talented, and lost. One can only mourn her death.

Next came *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, a famous Nigerian writer. His novel describes the rise and fall of a village man in the late nineteenth century as the effects of colonialism reach his area. Achebe once said that he wrote this story because people usually heard only the white man's version of traditional life. It's powerful story.

My last book is by Tim Flannery: *An Explorer's Notebook. Essays on Life, History and Climate*. You may have heard of Tim Flannery. He's an Australian-born scientist and explorer who writes wonderfully about many things including our use and misuse of natural resources. He can get me interested in subjects as unlikely as when did people first reach the Americas, or the lives of tree kangaroos.

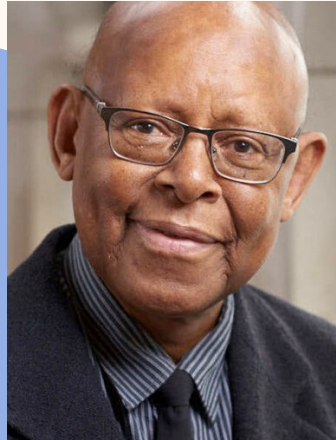
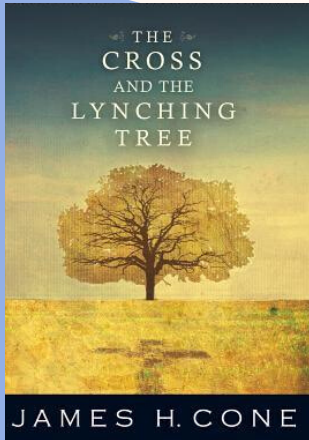
But by now I am beginning to wish for something lighter and lo, in the nick of time the NY Times had some suggested thrillers to keep us going.

The Last Flight by Julie Clark
This is How I Lied by Heather Gudenkauf
The Guest List by Lucy Foley
The Choice by Gillian McAllister
These Women by Ivy Pochoda
A Good Marriage by Kimberly McCreight
Clean Hands by Patrick Hoffman

I fell upon the titles, intrigued to note in passing that the authors are mostly women, and promptly requested as many as the local library has. Now I must wait until they open up and let me actually have them. **I can't wait!** But if I must then there is no shortage here at home.

Anonymous Book Lover

Read with Bishop Jenny



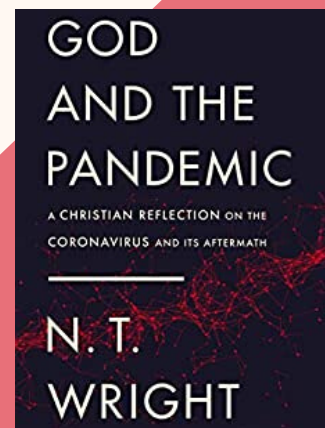
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Supporting the Taylor family

Although the funeral itself was restricted to Norm's immediate family, on Sat. June 20 hundreds of people drove by the farm to say farewell and to comfort Lois.

Al Lawrie played his bagpipes, as he did at the graveside the previous day, and the haunting laments swirling around Norm's beloved farm brought many to tears.

Numerous St. James parishioners were in the procession. A sign propped up against Norm's tractor reflected our feelings, and the church sign also paid tribute to Norm. Comments gathered from the parish family have been turned into a book for Lois and her family.



Next Issue:

Deadline for sending info to Diane will be August 22.

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The website has current information on:

- Upcoming services and how to access them
- How to donate to the church when envelope giving is suspended
- Links to special events such as Bishop Jenny's talks

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