

## NOTICES FOR DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>

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### **Lessons & Carols at St. Paul's Church**

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's is hosting a lessons & carol sing service at 4 p.m., with music led by Tim Elliott. The intention is to use the format of the traditional lessons & carols service with a more intimate, accessible musical style. We are planning to open this up to the community and enjoy fellowship together afterwards.

Any and all from St. James would be most welcome to attend or participate. There will be 6 readings and it would be awesome to have some representation from St. James in that capacity. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out! The Rev'd Allie McDougall Assistant Curate St. Paul's Anglican Church, Stratford 519-274-1196.

### **A Note of Thanks from The Rev. Glenda Meakin & Family**

Our heartfelt thanks to all in our faith community of St. James for your kind messages of sympathy and support after David's death. Also our deep gratitude to Elaine and Tom, to the choir and Stephane, and all who made David's funeral a service of praise and thanksgiving. Thanks also go to Pam and the A.S.K group for their hospitality and warm welcome at the reception.

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...is welcoming new choir members! If you are interested in experiencing the joy of singing with others and sharing in this important ministry, please speak with our organist Stephane Potvin.

### **Chime Concerts**

Come and sit in the beautiful gardens of St. James to enjoy a variety of tunes coming from the Bell Tower as Peter Ryde presents a musical concert every Wednesday at 12pm.

### **Help for the Food Bank**

Thanks for the very generous donations in the last two years, the Food Ministries Fund is still in excellent shape. Even so, inflation and increased Food Bank utilization are consuming it faster than expected. We still are not accepting money donations from the parish this year, but it would help stretch our financial reserves (and simplify the shopping) if you'd be able to donate the following items:

Bar soap, shampoo or conditioner, Shampoo or conditioner, toothbrushes (single or two-packs), deodorant, razors, feminine hygiene products (individually wrapped), dish detergent, liquid laundry detergent, dog or cat food.

(Thanks to an amazing anonymous donation, we still have a VERY good supply of toothpaste on hand right now).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Christian Meditation 4:30pm
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