

Grow in Grace



St. James' Anglican Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

10:30 am

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The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron

The Venerable Rob Lemon, Rector

The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon

The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon

The Reverend Allie McDougall, Vicar

The Reverend Diana Boland, Curate

The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate

Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude *Prière à Notre Dame – L. Boëllmann*

Processional Hymn #8 *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

Grace *BAS p. 185*

Land Acknowledgement

Celebrant We gather here today on the ancestral hunting grounds of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, in the territory of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum and the Huron Tract Treaty.

People **From many places and peoples, we come together as one for prayer and worship.**

Celebrant We acknowledge the injustices that Indigenous Peoples have endured since colonization.

People **We commit ourselves to justice and reconciliation.**

Celebrant We honour Indigenous Peoples' wise stewardship of land and water.

People **We will strive to sustain and renew the life of the earth. Amen**

Collect for Purity *BAS p. 185*

Gloria #686

The Collect of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 18: 1-11 *Karen Haslam*

Psalm

139: 1-5, 12-17

Cantor: Catharine Sadler



Second Reading

Philemon 1: 1-21

Phil Guest

Gradual Hymn #467

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

The Gospel

Luke 14: 25-33

Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon:

The Gospel of Christ.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

The Ven. Rob Lemon

Anthem:

O Come Ye Servants of the Lord – C. Tye

Nicene Creed

BAS p. 188

Prayers of the People

Karen Haslam

Response: **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

Grow in Grace Prayer (*said together*)

Bookmark

Capital Campaign Hymn

Dear Lord and Saviour, grant that we
May grow in grace to honour thee.
Help our campaign to find support,
Without your blessing all is nought.

Please pour your blessings on our church,
For help, support and funds we search.
We seek support and help from all,
For any gift, both great and small.

We love this place, its hallowed grounds	Praise God from whom all blessings flow
With praise for you has oft resound.	To us your creatures here below.
Make us good stewards, as we ask	Dear Lord and Saviour, grant that we
For strength now equal to our task	May grow in grace to honour thee.
	Text: Ian T. Sadler

The Peace	<i>BAS p. 192</i>
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Peal of the Bells	<i>Peter Ryde</i>
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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn #431	<i>Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said</i>
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Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #2	<i>BAS p. 196</i>
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<i>Sanctus and Benedictus</i>	#689
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The Lord's Prayer	<i>BAS p. 211</i>
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Breaking of the Bread #2	<i>BAS p. 212</i>
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<i>Agnus Dei</i>	#690
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The Communion

All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion with this community of God's people. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

Communion Hymn #93	<i>You Servants of the Lord</i>
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Prayer After Communion

Doxology	<i>BAS p. 214</i>
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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #438

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Dismissal

Postlude

Toccata - L. Boëllmann

The flowers on the Altar & Pedestal today
are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
~**Clifford George Pitts**~
Beloved husband, father & grandfather
by his family.

NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER 7th

Vacancies for Voices

If you would like to sing in our Church Choir, now is the time to come forward. We are a friendly and welcoming group; no audition is required. Weekly rehearsals; Thursdays evenings, 7.00 - 8.30. Please contact our new organist, Ian Sadler @ sadlermusic57@gmail.com or speak to him on any Sunday morning.

Food Bank Wish List

Breakfast is the theme this week:

- Oatmeal (individual packets)
- Oatmeal (regular bags)
- Cold cereals (various kinds)

Prayers of the People

The list of folks that we are praying for is getting rather lengthy, but we do not want to remove people if they are in need of prayer. If you have requested us to pray for someone and they are no longer in need of prayer, please help us out by getting in touch to let us know who we can take off the list.

ACW SEPTEMBER MEETING

Thursday, September 18,

Coffee - 10:00 a.m.

Programme - 10:30 a.m.

Business Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon - 12 noon.

RSVP 519-273-5398 or sign up at back of church

Grief Support Group

Beginning in mid- September, Cheryl Firby and Nancy Adams will facilitate a small support group, meeting on Monday afternoons in the Club Room at St. James' Anglican Church for 6 weeks. We will be using the book "*Understanding Your Grief*" by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, a well-known grief educator and counselor, as a resource. If you or someone you know would value participating in a conversational group with the goal of normalizing and coming to terms with the process of grieving, please contact Nancy by email at spiritworker@gmail.com to inquire and/or register. The book is available at cost (\$20) from the St. James' church office, from Nancy after the 10:30 service at St. James' Stratford most Sundays or may be ordered from the bookseller of your choice.

Upcoming Readings – Sunday September 14th

Numbers 21: 4b-9

Psalms 98: 1-6

1 Corinthians 1: 18-24

John 3: 13-17

Chancel Team #3

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep. 9 - *St. James Community Foodbank – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall
- Sep. 10 - *Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service
*Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m. in the Nave
- Sep. 11- *Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
*Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Sep. 12 - *Funeral Service at 10:30 a.m. for The Venerable John Spencer with reception to follow.
- Sep. 13 - *Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- Sep. 14 - *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
*Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a. m.
*Choir Practice at 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Hall
*Evensong Rehearsal at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

HARMONY & HOPE

A CONCERT SERIES BENEFITTING THE WORK OF
ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



FEATURING

FULL HOUSE BRASS BAND

A LIVELY, TOE-TAPPING BRASS CONCERT FOR
ALL AGES!

Proceeds will support St.
Paul's Food Bank

4 PM | September 20, 2025
9 Douro Street, Stratford
\$20 at the door



***St. Paul's Anglican
Church***

9 Deane St., Stratford

Home of the "Connection Centre"

**St. Paul's THRIFT STORE is
CLOSING, October 4.**

EVERYTHING MUST GO!

**The store will be open August 23,
September 6, 13, 20, 27 and Oct 4,
11:00am to 1:00 pm.**

Clothing

**Men's and women's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets,
fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.**

Small Household Goods

**Kitchen items (such as pots and pans, dishes, glasses, serving pieces
and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks,
games and small electronics. Odds and ends.**

**Each week the prices will go down even more.
Come early for the best selection.**