

Grow in Grace



St. James' Anglican Church

Holy Cross Day

September 14, 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

Adagio in E – F. Bridge

Processional Hymn #345

King of Glory, King of Peace

Grace

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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

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Gloria

#686

The Collect of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Numbers 21: 4b-9

David Van Schaik

Psalm

98: 1-6

Cantor: Wade Phibbs



Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 18-24

Jane Foster

Gradual Hymn #615

Just As I Am

The Gospel

John 3: 13-17

Deacon:

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

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 Rev. Tianna Gocan

Anthem:

How Beautiful Upon the Mountains – John Stainer

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Karin Mussen

Response: **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

Grow in Grace Prayer (*said together*)

Bookmark

Confession

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The Peace

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Peal of the Bells

Peter Ryde

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn #520

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #3

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Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread #2

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Agnus Dei

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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 #522

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #184

My Song Is Love Unknown

Dismissal

Postlude

Allegro Marziale – F. Bridge

The flowers on the Altar today
are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
~ **The Venerable John Spencer**~
A friend and faithful servant of God.
By Nancy McCallum

NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER 14th

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

Men's Breakfast - Saturday Sept 20th at 8:30 am

Come early for juice/coffee/tea at 8:15am. Invite a friend and join us for this great breakfast. Filled with great food and even better conversations. See YOU there. We welcome more folks for setup and cleanup, just let any of the group know.

Food Bank Wish List

Breakfast is the theme this week:

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

Harmony & Hope – Saturday September 20th at 4pm

A concert series at St. Paul's Anglican Church featuring "Full House Brass Band". Tickets available at the door for \$20. All proceeds will support St. Paul's Food Bank.

Truth & Reconciliation Book Club

Indigenous artists, musicians and writers are giving us new ways of seeing ourselves and one another, while affirming our common humanity. Learning from them helps us discover past and present truths and find pathways to reconciliation. We've been reading and discussing novels and now an autobiography by Indigenous authors. The book we're starting is *My Two-Spirit Journey* by Ma-Nee Chacaby. Our first meeting of the season will be on **Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 pm in the Club Room**. We'll meet weekly, probably moving to Zoom and days get shorter and weather less gentle. New members of the Club are welcome!

Outreach Lunch September 28!

Our first Outreach Lunch of the season is just two weeks away, right after the 10:30 service. The menu is still to be created, but you know it will be awesome! Our guest speaker after lunch will be Jenn Evans, Operations Manager at Victim Services Huron Perth. She'll tell us about the work of her agency, and the community needs it serves. All free will donations will go to Victim Services.

Music and Art Volunteers

A Call-Out for your assistance with Music and Art at St. James on Saturday, October 18 and with Set-Up on Friday, October 17 & Clean-Up at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 18. Stay tuned for more details on how you can help. Please set aside the dates to be a part of this Fundraiser.

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.

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.

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.

Jazz Vespers - Sunday October 19 at 4 p.m.

Musicians: The Steve Holowitz Trio

Paul Stevenson-trumpet

Greg Mainprize-percussion

Steve Holowitz-piano.

Anglican Ladies!

Who would like to be a part of the Uplifted Anglican Team at the Bosom Buddies fundraiser on Nov. 14 in Stratford? Proceeds go to support patients at Wellspring in Stratford. We have reserved a table and tickets are \$50 each! Contact Karen Hunt Mitchell 519-703-1519.

Upcoming Readings – Sunday September 21st

Jeremiah 8: 18—9: 1

Luke 16: 1-13

Psalms 79: 1-9

Chancel Team #4

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Pastoral Visits

If you would like a pastoral visit (either in person or by phone), please contact The Ven. Rob Lemon at: 519-271-3572 (ext,102), home phone 519-305-2338 or roblemon@stjamesstratford.ca. To contact Rev'd Tianna Gocan please call 226-791-0150 or tiannagocan@stjamesstratford.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep. 16 - *St. James Community Foodbank – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall
- Sep. 17 - *Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service
*Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m. in the Nave
*Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Club Room
- Sep. 18- *ACW Luncheon Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Hall
*Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
*Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Sep. 19 - *Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room
*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00 p.m.
- Sep. 20 - *Men's Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Lower Hall
*Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- Sep. 21 - *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
*Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
*Choral Evensong Rehearsal at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
*Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary