



St. James' Anglican Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 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, Vicar

The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate

Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Les Rêves – Alex Guilmant

Processional Hymn #323

Ye Holy Angels Bright

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

HOLY BAPTISM

Examination of the Candidate	<i>BAS p. 153</i>
Prayer for the Candidate	<i>BAS p. 155</i>
Thanksgiving Over Water	<i>BAS p. 157</i>
The Baptismal Covenant	<i>BAS p. 158</i>
The Baptism	<i>BAS p. 160</i>
The Peace	<i>BAS p. 192</i>
Peal of the Bells	<i>Peter Ryde</i>

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn #503	<i>Fight the Good Fight</i>
Prayer over the Gifts	
The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #2	<i>BAS p. 196</i>
<i>Sanctus and Benedictus</i>	<i>#689</i>
The Lord's Prayer	<i>BAS p. 211</i>
Breaking of the Bread #2	<i>BAS p. 212</i>
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	<i>#690</i>

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 #649

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

BAS p. 214

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #84 *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour*

Dismissal

Postlude

Toccata – G Musher

Join us later today for:
~ **Choral Evensong** ~
in the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m.

NOTICES FOR OCTOBER 26th

All Souls Memorial Service November 2nd

Join us on November 2nd at 7:00 pm for our All-Souls Memorial Service. This is an opportunity to remember and give thanks for the lives of those people that we have loved and lost. We will gather together, light candles in memory of our loved ones and remember them in prayer. Please join us for this service.

Outreach Lunch November 2

The weather is getting colder, but a buffet of hot and delicious homemade soups after the 10:30 service will drive the chill away. Our guest presenter will be Joe Gladding, Peer Support Worker at Canadian Mental Health Association, Huron Perth Addiction and Mental Health Services. From his work and his own experiences of addiction and homelessness, Joe speaks with authority about overcoming stigma and seeing our hurting neighbours with respect and compassion, instead of fear or judgment. Free will donations will go to CMHA.

Food Bank Wish List

Breakfast cereal flies off the shelf these days, especially since we serve so many families with children. We need a variety of kinds: Corn Flakes, Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Rice Crispies, Bran Flakes, etc. Granola would be welcome, too.

A Special Vestry - Sunday November 9th

A Special Vestry to consider amalgamation with St. Stephen's and St. Paul's will take place on Sunday November 9, 2025 following the 10:30 am service. The meeting will be chaired by retired Archdeacon Peter Townshend. We will consider two motions that day. The first will be a motion to participate in creating a new Anglican community in Stratford through amalgamation at this site and the second will be a motion to transfer all of our operating and trust funds to the new parish with all current restrictions on use remaining. A list of eligible members of vestry will be available shortly. Between now and the meeting please pray for our Anglican family in Stratford and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our discernment. Yours in Christ, Rob +

2026 Canadian Church Calendars

It's that time of year again! We are taking orders for the 2026 Canadian Church Calendars. The cost will depend on the quantity we order, so we are not able to quote a price until we receive them. To order, please contact Kelly in the office at 519-271-3572 ext, 101 or office@stjamesstratford.ca. Order deadline is Monday November 3rd.

Christmas Pantry Wish List

The Christmas Pantry at the Mini Mistletoe Market needs donations of home-made goodies, such as fudge, cookies, cakes, bread, pies, tarts, squares, muffins, jams, jellies and all kinds of preserves.

Please leave muffins/tea biscuits for the Snowflake Cafe in the Kitchen, and everything else in the Upper Hall between 9am and 4pm on Friday, November 28th. We look forward to attractively packaging all of your delicious contributions.

Calling All Our St. James Crafters

Our big pricing day is coming up quickly and we need as many of your crafts by **Tuesday, November 25th** if possible. Please take your crafts to the Upper Hall before 4pm that day.

Sincere Thanks, St. James Family, for your greatly appreciated support!!!

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

Wednesday Morning Eucharist

Join us for our mid-week Book of Common Prayer Eucharist services. If you miss the old BCP service, and prefer a quieter form of worship, this is the service for you! Everyone is welcome to join us Wednesdays at 10 am in the Chapel. Please use the ramp door.

Upcoming Readings – Sunday November 2nd

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

Psalms 149

Ephesians 1: 11-23

Luke 6: 20-31

Chancel Team #5

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 26 - *Evensong Choir rehearsal at 2:00 p.m.
*Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Oct. 28- *St. James Community Foodbank – 9:30 to 11:00
a.m. in the Upper Hall
*Reconciliation Book Club at 7:00 p.m. in the Club
Room
- Oct. 29 - *Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service
*Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m. in the Nave
*English Conversation Café at 6:30 p.m. at the
YMCA
- Oct. 30 - *Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
*Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Oct. 31 - *Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club
Room
*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00
p.m.
*Happy Halloween!
- Nov. 1 - *Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- Nov. 2 - *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
*Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
*Outreach Lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Hall
*Choir Practice at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Hall
*All Souls Memorial Service at 7:00 p.m.