

St. James' Anglican Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday December 21, 2025 8:30 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

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	We invite all Christians who are baptized in the							
	name of the H	Holy Trinity, regardless of						
	denomination	n, to join with us in receiving th	ne					
	church's high	nest offering of praise to God, i	the Holy					
	Eucharist.							
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	Blessing							

Join us later tonight for ~Christmas Lessons & Carols~ at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of:

 \sim our Parents who so loved Christmas. And in recognition of our wonderful Family & Friends \sim

Best wishes to all for a Joyful Christmas and A New Year full of Hope, Peace & Love. (From Peter & Karin Mussen)

NOTICES FOR DECEMBER 21st

Amalgamation Name Suggestion Forms Due Today!

Please submit your suggestion forms to the box in the back of the church by Sunday December 21st.

Food Bank Wish List

This week our wish isn't for groceries, but for grocery <u>shoppers</u>. Almost every week, we go to the grocery store for canned goods, pasta, peanut butter and jam, margarine, rice, coffee, sugar, toilet paper, etc., etc. We need more helpers to do the shopping and put it away in the pantry.

- Expectation is to shop once a month; monthly shopping duty is scheduled in advance
- Shopping list is provided.
- Shopping expense is reimbursed by etransfer after shopping; cash advance is an option.
- Vehicle is required.
- Hours: at your convenience
- Wages: treasure in heaven!

If you might be up for this, please contact Robin Rutherford, robinrutherford2@icloud.com, or Tom Patterson, tompatterson@stjamesstratford.ca.

The St. James Parish Office close on Dec. 24th at 12pm and will open again at 9am on Monday Jan. 5th.

Merry Christmas!

Liturgy Committee

Hi everyone, as we begin to work towards amalgamated life, I want to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join the liturgy committee for the 9:30am Contemporary Service. We are hoping to have our first meeting on Tuesday, January 6th at 9:30am in the Club Room at St. James. If you're interested and/or want to learn more, please contact Mother Tianna at tiannagocan@diohuron.org or at 226-791-0150. See you then!

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. You can also contact Mother Tianna for a visit at 519-271-3572 (ext. 104), 226-791-0150 or tiannagocan@stjamesstratford.ca

<u>Upcoming Readings – Sunday December 28th</u>

Isaiah 63: 7-9 Matthew 2: 13-23 Psalm 148 Chancel Team #4

Hebrews 2: 10-18

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 21 -	*Christmas	Lessons	&	Carols	at	7:00	p.m.	in	the
	Sanctuary								

- Dec. 23 *St. James Community Foodbank 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall
- Dec. 24 *Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service *Jazz Vespers Gathering at the Creche Service at 4:00 p.m.
 - *Choir Practice at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 - *Holy Eucharist Service at 7:00 p.m.
 - *Holy Eucharist Service at 10:30 p.m.
- Dec. 25 *Holy Communion Service at 10:30 a.m. *St. James Christmas Community Meal at 12:00
 - p.m. in the Lower Hall
 *The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00
- Dec.26 *The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00 p.m.
- Dec. 28 *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School Returns!

From now until the first week of January we are happy to offer Sunday school during our 10:30am service. The children are welcome to come up during the "Children's Commissioning" after the Collect of the day.

If you come late, that's okay too! Please feel free to join in the Sunday School Room downstairs whenever you arrive. The children will then rejoin us for communion.

Deadline for Tax Deductions for 2025 Donations to St. James

Your Finance Team at St. James again wishes to ensure that you receive your income tax benefits for this year on time. To assure CRA compliance for the receipt of 2025 creditable donations, please have your contributions delivered to the church not later than on Wednesday, December 31, 2025.

As the Church Office will be closed between December 25, 2025 and January 2, 2026, options for ensuring that your 2025 donations are received on time are:

- Submit them in person to the Church Office by end of business (12:00 Noon) on Wednesday, December 24,
- Place them on the collection plate on December 25 or December 28,
- Place them in the secure mailbox at the Hamilton Street door not later than on December 31, or
- Submit them by e-transfer to the Treasurer (treasurer@stjamesstratford.ca) not later than on December 31 (to ensure arrival on time for 2025, please send by December 30, 2025).

Donations received after December 31 will be credited to the 2026 tax year. Thank you, as always, for your generous support of St. James and its mission.

** Christmas Lessons & Carols

Celebrate the miracle of Emmanuel, God with us!



December 21st at 7:00pm

at St. James Anglican Church Mornington& Hamilton Streets, Stratford





Advent & Christmas Services

The Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21st, 2025

8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve - December 24th, 2025

4:00 p.m. - Christmas Jazz Vespers 7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist 10:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day - December 25th, 2025

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion (BCP)

First Sunday after Christmas - December 28th, 2025

8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

