



Stratford Anglican Ministries
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday January 25, 2026
11:00 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 *Finale (from 'Organ Concerto No. 1 in G') – G.F. Handel*

Processional Hymn #384 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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 #679

The Collect of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 9: 1-4 *Susan Gardiner Marklevitz*

Psalm: 27: 1, 5-13 *Cantor: Dianne Gaffney*



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 *Wendy Reihl*

Gradual Hymn #282 *Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing*

The Gospel Matthew 4: 12-23

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

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 *Karin Mussen*

Response: **Lord, Hear Our Prayer**

Confession *BAS p. 191*

The Peace *BAS p. 192*

Peal of the Bells *Peter Ryde*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn #275

O What Their Joy and Their Glory

Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #1

BAS p. 193

Sanctus and Benedictus

#683

The Lord's Prayer

BAS p. 211

Breaking of the Bread #1

BAS p. 212

Agnus Dei

#685

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 #645

Come Down, O Love Divine

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

BAS p. 214

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #330

O Praise Ye the Lord

Dismissal

Postlude

Toccata (from 'Suite Gothique') – L Boëllmann

The flowers on the Altar today are given
to the glory of God in loving memory
of parents:
~ **Jim & Isabel Ayres**~
by Doug & Pam Ayres

NOTICES FOR JANUARY 25th

Changes to Sunday Service Times

Effective Sunday January 25th our new Sunday Services will be as follows:

*Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:00 a.m.

*Contemporary Holy Eucharist Service at 9:30 a.m.

*Holy Eucharist Service at 11:00 a.m.

Prayers of the People

Effective January 25th we will be “re-setting” our Prayers of the People prayer list. If you currently have a name on the prayer list that you would like to remain, we kindly ask that you re-submit your request. For those wishing to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out a “Prayer Request” form at the back of the church. Alternatively, you can call the office 519-271-3572 ext. 101 or e-mail office@stjamesstratford.ca

Annual Vestry Report & Meeting

It is that time of year again! We ask of those who are required to submit a report to Vestry, to please do so by February 1st. The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday February 22nd.

Ecclesiastical Nomenclature Survivor

Please join us on February 15th after the 11:00 a.m. service where we will gather together to vote and discern the new name for our parish. The voting will be done **live**, Survival style, which means, we will vote on the short list from the Bishop for the name we prefer, and whichever name outlasts all the rounds of voting will be the winner!

Food Bank Wish List

Cleanliness probably isn't as close to godliness as our grandparents wanted us to believe. Still, clean dishes and clean clothes are very good things. This week, our Food Bank at 31 Mornington St. is asking for dish detergent and liquid laundry detergent (large containers are good, but any size is welcome). We also need empty dish detergent bottles.

New Focus Library Collection

Some big books and some big ideas!

Youth and Young Adult Social:

Calling all youth and young adults! If you are interested (or know a youth or young adult who would be interested) in joining us for a social bowling night, please contact Mother Tianna know at 226-791-0150 or at tiannagocan@diohuron.org and she wills send you the link to help us pick a day and time to meet. I know we'll have a strikingly good time!

Outreach Lunch February 8

COMMIT is a Stratford-based team that works with community leaders in an impoverished part of Nicaragua. COMMIT sends teams twice a year to the same area to work on diverse projects that support growth, well-being, and community development. We have a direct link to COMMIT through one of it's founders, parishioner Dr. Doug Thompson. At the lunch, right after the 11:00 am service, we'll hear from Doug and/or other team members about their recent mission. The menu will be Mexican/Latin American. All free-will donations received will go to COMMIT's work. Good food, good fellowship and good work! Don't miss it!

Join the Readers and Intercessors Team

Are you interested in reading scripture or prayers of the people during services? Consider joining the Readers and Intercessors Team; you can read as often or as infrequently as suits your schedule. A welcoming group awaits you! For information, please contact Katherine: write2calum@gmail.com or call or text 519-270-1426.

Superbowl Watch Party:

Join us on February 8th in the Upper Parish Hall to watch the two best teams in the NFL battle it out to decide who wins Super Bowl LX. There will be a potluck dinner and snacks provided, and some games as well. This is an all-ages event! Doors open at 5:30pm and kickoff is at 6:30pm. If you're planning to attend and/or able to bring food to share, please let Mother Tianna know at 226-791-0150 or at tiannagocan@diohuron.org. Free will offering will be accepted for Youth & Young Adult Ministry.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR-

Stratford Anglicans Team...

The walk is Saturday February 28th. Team fundraising goal is \$5,000, but we know we can do better...Donations go to Shelterlink and the Connection Centre. So far, we have 12 walkers with a few more yet to join! Any donation is most welcome- if you wish you can donate online OR give any walker cash and they can enter your donation online- IF donating with cash or cheque- the walker will require your address and an e mail- so a receipt for income tax can be sent out.

If you wish to join the team, you can contact Wade Phibbs OR sign up online <https://cnov.org/home>. Thanks, and help us to reach our goal and beyond!! Team Captain, Wade.

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. Alternatively, please contact Mother Tianna at 519-271-3572 (ext 104), 226-791-0150 or tiannagocan@stjamesstratford.ca

Upcoming Readings – Sunday February 1st

Isaiah 32: 1-8, 16-20

John 5: 1-16

Psalm 10: 12-18

Chancel Team #5

1 John 4: 7-21

John 5: 1-16

Christian Meditation

"Meditation is a way of coming to your own centre, coming to the foundation of your own being, and remaining there - still, silent, attentive. Meditation is in essence a way of learning to become awake, to be fully alive and be still. The way to that wakefulness is silence and stillness....The all-important aim in Christian meditation is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but the *reality* in our lives; to let it become that reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are." *Word Into Silence*.

We invite you to join us in the practice of Christian Meditation at the back of the Church on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 and/or on Saturday mornings at 10:30. Feel free to contact Nancy McCallum (519-273-0297) should you wish more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 27 -	*St. James Community Foodbank – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall
	*Reconciliation Book Club at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM
Jan. 28 -	*Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service
	*Chimes Concert at 12:00 p.m.
	*Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m. in the Nave
	*English Conversation Café at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA
Jan. 29 -	*Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
	*Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Jan. 30 -	*Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room
	*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12 p.m.
Jan. 31 -	*Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
	*"Into the Warmth" Words & Music at 4:00 p.m. in the Upper Hall
Feb. 1 -	*Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:00 a.m.
	*Contemporary Holy Eucharist Service at 9:30 a.m.
	*Holy Eucharist Service at 11:00 a.m.

Into the Warmth

Words and Music

Judy Maddren, readings

Tim Elliott, piano

Saturday, January 31, 2026, at 4 pm

*St. James Anglican Church,
41 Mornington Street, Stratford
Upper Parish Hall.*

FREE WILL OFFERING

**A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE
WARMING CENTRE AT STRATFORD
CONNECTION CENTRE
AT ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**



SUPERBOWL WATCH PARTY

JOIN US FOR THE BIG GAME!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8TH
IN THE UPPER PARISH HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
GAME STARTS AT 6:30PM



ALL AGES WELCOME!
POTLUCK DINNER!
MINI GAMES!

FREE WILL OFFERING:
ALL PROCEEDS GO
TOWARDS YOUTH &
YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRY

EDEN IS BURNING*

Anxiety Reduction for the ~~Nuclear~~ Nuclear Age.



Jimi Bola Akolo. The Garden of Eden (1964).

6 ONLINE presentations and conversations developing solutions to the crises of our times. These conversations are designed to reduce our fears and find ways to take meaningful action, while discovering the mysterious common threads.

Topics:

- Food Security and Prices
- Homelessness
- Environment
- Socio-Political: A *Divine Divide*

Each session would include a brief presentation, group discussion, and a pathway to action, including a model for conflict resolution, and a method for mindful anxiety reduction. *Our goal is not to debate the issues, but to understand how we can support each other to live wisely in an unclear age.*

ONLINE. Monday nights, every two weeks , at 7pm.

February 2. February 16. March 2. March 16. March 30. April 13.

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LIVE: THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 13TH
AT 7:00PM



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