



***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*



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 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **Changes to Sunday Service Times**

Effective Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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@diohurong.org](mailto:tiannagocan@diohurong.org) and she will 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](mailto: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](mailto: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://cnoy.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](mailto:roblemon@stjamesstratford.ca). Alternatively, please contact Mother Tianna at 519-271-3572 (ext 104), 226-791-0150 or [tiannagocan@stjamesstratford.ca](mailto: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!

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**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8TH**  
**IN THE UPPER PARISH HALL**

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

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**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~~ uNclear Age.



*Jimo Bola Akola. 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.

[nomadcollective.ca](http://nomadcollective.ca)

# LIVE: THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 7:00PM



1925 B&W SILENT MOVIE

WITH LIVE ACCOMPANIMENT BY OUR ORGANIST  
IAN SADLER BRINGING THIS CLASSIC MOVIE TO LIFE

ADMISSION IS FREE

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