



Stratford Anglican Ministries
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday February 1, 2026
9:30 am

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The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron
The Venerable Rob Lemon, Rector
The Venerable Tanya Phibbs, Associate Rector
The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon
The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon
The Reverend Diana Boland, Vicar
The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate
Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music
Neil Young, Contemporary Musician

NOTICES FOR FEBRUARY 1st

Annual Vestry Report & Meeting – Deadline TODAY!

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.

The Venerable Rob Lemon – Vacation Time

Rob is currently on vacation and will return to church on Tuesday February 10th. For any Pastoral needs please contact Mother Tianna at 519-271-3572 (ext. 104), 226-791-0150 or tiannagocan@stjamesstratford.ca. Or, Archdeacon Tanya at 226-927-3632 or tanyaphibbs@diohuron.org.

Appointment by the Bishop

We are thrilled to welcome The Venerable Tanya Phibbs as the Associate Rector of our newly formed Stratford Anglican Ministry. Tanya will continue to provide support and guidance to the Bishop and Diocese on legal issues as well as serve the national church as the Prolocutor of General Synod. In recognition of this and of her long service in senior diocesan roles, Tanya will continue to hold the title of "Archdeacon".

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!

Love Is In the Air!

On Valentine's Day - Saturday February 14th our Chime Master Peter Ryde will be playing a selection of romantic songs to get you in the mood for Valentine's Day. Chimes start at 12pm.

The Stratford Anglican's Library – What's the Big Idea?

SOME Big Books and Big Ideas (ie. Theology/Mysticism).

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 its 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!

Food Bank Wish List

This week, our Food Bank at 31 Mornington is asking for:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes (single- or two-pack)
- Bars of soap
- Deodorant (men's and women's)
- Razors (men's and women's)
- Lip Balm

P.S.: We still need empty dish detergent bottles for packaging our environmentally friendly all-purpose cleaner.

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. 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.

Altar Flower Requests

If you would like to make an Altar Flower Dedication, it is quite simple! You can fill your name out on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Alternatively, you can call the office at 519-271-3572 (ext. 101) or e-mail office@stjamesstratford.ca. Please note that we can have two people signed up on the same day. So, if you happen to see a name down already for a date you would also like, we can certainly accommodate your request.

Chimes Concerts

We received a lovely note from Wendy who had a joyous moment when she heard the song "Windy" playing during last Wednesday's chime concert! See her words below:

“Back in the 60's as a child I was in the Children's Hospital in London for 3 months. During that time the nurses would bring us little patients out to the area where the hifi stereo was. At 6:00 there was a radio show on with music and the nurses would sing and dance with us. One of the songs was Windy which they called me however my name was Wendy. It's probably why I became a nurse. The bells were quiet all summer and it was so lovely to hear them playing Christmas carols right before Christmas. I only moved here 6 months ago and as a senior it takes a bit to find your footing. Today at noon while I was walking my dog, I heard the bells chiming the song Windy. I sang, I cried, I skipped and I felt like I belonged. Thank you, St. James, for opening your arms with delightful songs at noon by the bells.”

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

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

Upcoming Readings – Sunday February 8th

Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b -12)	Matthew 5: 13-20
Psalm 112: 1-9 (10)	<u>Chancel Team #1</u>
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12, (13-16)	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 3 -	*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
Feb. 4 -	*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
Feb. 5 -	*Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
	*Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Feb. 6 -	*Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room
	*Pizza Lunch for Intermediate Students at 11:20 a.m. in the Upper Hall.
	*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12 p.m.
Feb. 7 -	*Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
Feb. 8 -	*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.
	*Outreach Lunch in the Upper Hall following the 11:00 a.m. Service
	*Superbowl Watch Party at 5:00 p.m. in the Upper Hall.



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.



Jimoh 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.

For more information contact: donjustrabo@gmail.com or loisjustrabo@gmail.com

nomadcollective.ca



Coffee in the Club Room

*At (the soon to be renamed) St. James Anglican Church
41 Mornington St, Stratford*

Enter by glass doors or accessible ramp off Hamilton St, or office entrance at east end of building.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 10:30 am to noon

NO AGENDA!! Social only

Pop in or sit awhile.

Socialize or go for a quiet stroll in the church.



Coffee, tea, juice, water, and a wee sweet provided.



Bring your own mug, if you like, but some will be available.

Feel free to bring a neighbour, or a Shut In.

Questions? Email or text Karen Hunt Mitchell at

519-703-1519, carinalamama@gmail.com

*Feel free to share this invitation with anyone who might benefit from
getting together with other folks.*

If you do not have a ride, invite someone who will drive you.

LIVE: THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 13TH
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
DONATIONS FOR THE GROW IN GRACE CAMPAIGN ARE WELCOME

Stratford Council of Churches & Kiwanis Club presents the 2026

LENTEN LUNCHES

Every Wednesday of Lent

Immaculate Conception Church

50 Well Street, Stratford

12:00 - 1:00pm

\$15 / person at the door

Speaker Schedule:

February 18 - Will Kramer (*1st and 2nd St. John's Lutheran Church*)

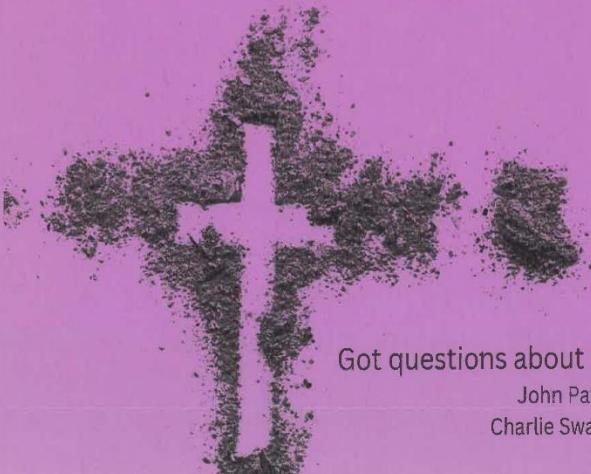
February 25 - Pamela Wideman (*New Hope Community Church*)

March 4th - Bruno Hacquebard (*Jubilee Stratford Church*)

March 11 - Sarah McIntyre-Roy (*CMHA Connection Centre*)

March 18 - Jeff Laustsen (*Zion Lutheran Church*)

March 25 - Charlie Swartwood (*Bethel Pentecostal Church*)



Got questions about Lenten Lunches?

John Patterson (519-273-3523)

Charlie Swartwood (519-272-7111)



JAZZ VESPERS

Sunday February 15th, 2026, 4 pm
St. James Anglican Church
41 Mornington Street, Stratford

Featuring:

THE HOME COOKIN' DIXIELAND BAND

ALL WELCOME
TO THIS INFORMAL
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

(FREE WILL OFFERING)