



***Stratford Anglican Ministries***  
***Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany***  
**Sunday February 8, 2026**  
**8:00 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*  
*Neil Young, Contemporary Musician*

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*We invite all Christians who are baptized in the  
name of the Holy Trinity, regardless of  
denomination, to join with us in receiving the  
church's highest offering of praise to God, the Holy  
Eucharist.*

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Please join us after the 11:00 a.m. service  
for the **Outreach Lunch** in the Lower Hall.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Doug Thompson.  
Proceeds will go to COMMIT Stratford.  
Menu: Mexican/Latin American.

The flowers on the Altar today are given  
to the glory of God in loving memory  
of our beautiful daughter:  
~ **Melissa Anne Ayres**~  
by Doug & Pam Ayres

## **NOTICES FOR FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Outreach Lunch Today!**

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!

### **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.

### **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!

### **Name That Church Day - Sunday Feb. 15th**

After the 9:30 service on Feb 15 there will be coffee and treats available hosted by Ron and Koleen. Please plan to stay for when the vote starts!

## **Jazz Vespers – Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for Jazz Vespers next Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. featuring “The Home Cookin’ Dixieland Band”. All are welcome to this informal evening worship service. Free will offering.

## **Pancake Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for the Anglican Church Pancake Supper on Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. Enjoy a hot coffee, tea or juice with pancakes, sausage and dessert. Gluten free pancakes and sugar free syrup available upon request.

We will still need helpers for the pancake supper, please sign up on the sheet at the entrance to the church. We need 4 oblong electric skillets for cooking the pancakes. PLEASE bring to church on Sun. Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

## **Food Bank Wish List**

This week, our Tuesday Food Bank at 41 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
- Kleenex

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

## **St. Stephen's Deconsecration Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup>**

The date of the deconsecration for St. Stephen's will be Thursday February 26, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Please join us as we grieve, remember and celebrate the good ministry that happened there.

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

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

## **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. ny 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.

We have 13 walkers...probably 15 ..with the Lemon clan walking as one entry. We are in 5<sup>th</sup> place so far for the Stratford group...(The Photo I sent a week or two ago was from last year's walk).. We are close to \$4,000 raised our goal is \$5,000...we can make that and MORE...Don't forget to support any walker..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.

### **Vacancies for Voices**

If you would like to sing in our Church Choir, now is the time to come forward. We are a friendly and welcoming group; no audition is required. Weekly rehearsals; Thursdays evenings, 6:30 - 8.00. Please contact our new organist, Ian Sadler @ [sadlermusic57@gmail.com](mailto:sadlermusic57@gmail.com) or speak to him on any Sunday morning.

### **The Venerable Rob Lemon – Vacation Time**

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

### **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 February 16th**

Exodus 24: 12-18      Matthew 17: 1-9  
Psalm 99                Chancel Team #2  
2 Peter 1: 16-21

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Feb. 8 -                \*Superbowl Watch Party at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Hall
- Feb. 10 -              \*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. 11 -              \*Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service  
                             \*Coffee in the Club Room at 10:30 a.m. in the Club Room  
                             \*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. 12 -              \*Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.  
                             \*Liturgy Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Club Room  
                             \*Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Feb. 13 -              \*Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room  
                             \*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12 p.m.  
                             \*Community Meal at 5:15 p.m. in the Lower Hall  
                             \*Phantom of the Opera Screening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Feb. 14 -              \*Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave  
                             \*Valentine's Day Chimes Concert at 12:00 p.m.
- Feb. 15 -              \*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.  
                             \*Ecclesiastical Nomenclature Survivor following the 11:00 a.m. service.  
                             Jazz Vespers at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



# 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.

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



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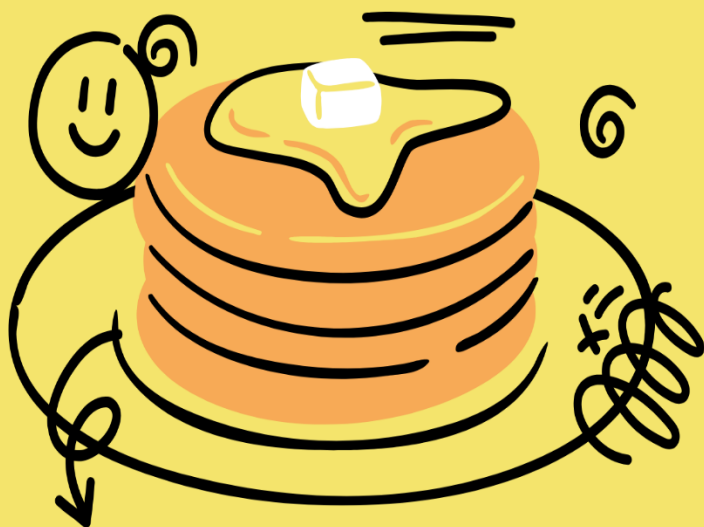
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PANCAKE SUPPER



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 5-7 PM  
41 MORNINGTON ST, STRATFORD  
(FORMERLY ST JAMES CHURCH)

ENJOY A HOT COFFEE, TEA OR JUICE WITH PANCAKES,  
SAUSAGE AND DESSERT.

GLUTEN FREE PANCAKES AND SUGAR FREE SYRUP  
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

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## Join the *Difference* course

Dinner and the *Difference* Course  
Wednesday Nights in Lent  
February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
beginning at 5:30pm in the Lower Hall

Stratford Anglican Church  
41 Mornington St. Stratford

*Stratford Council of Churches & Kiwanis Club presents the 2026*

# LENTEN LUNCHESES

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 (*1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. John's Lutheran Church*)

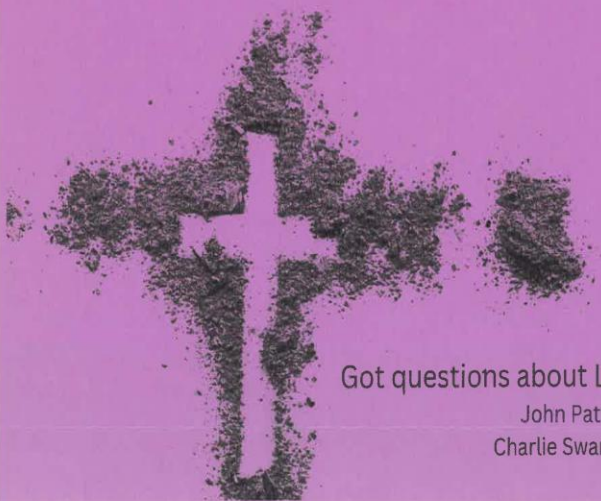
February 25 - Pamela Wideman (*New Hope Community Church*)

March 4<sup>th</sup> - Bruno Hacquebard (*Jubilee Stratford Church*)

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

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

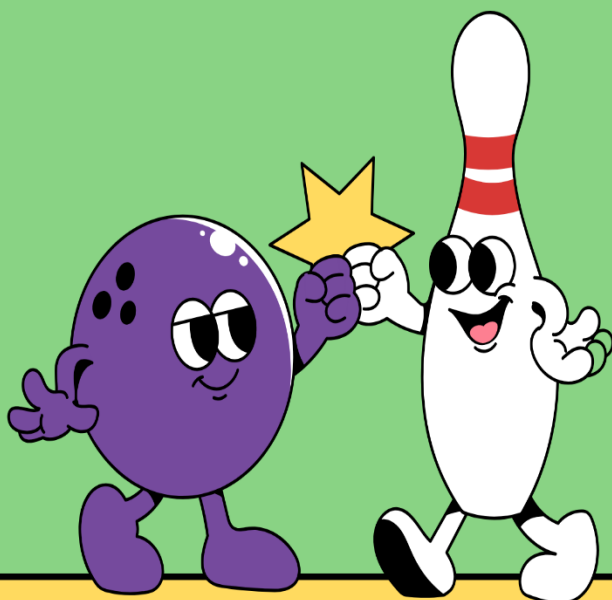
March 25 - Charlie Swartwood (*Bethel Pentecostal Church*)



Got questions about Lenten Lunches?

John Patterson (519-273-3523)

Charlie Swartwood (519-272-7111)



**YOUTH AND  
YOUNG ADULT  
BOWLING NIGHT**

**Sunday,  
March 1<sup>st</sup>  
5-7pm**

**MIKE'S  
BOWLING  
LANES**