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SIMCOE, FRIDAY 20th February 2026

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

First Sunday in Lent and Vestry Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Traditional (BCP). Said service

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Contemporary (BAS) with Music, Choir, & Sunday School
Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY (Chapel)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Traditional (BCP). Said service.



SUN 22 nd FEB	Vestry Sunday	12 noon
TUE 24 th FEB	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00am
TUE 24 th FEB	SVDP Lunch	11:30am
WED 25 th FEB	SVDP Lunch	11:30am
WED 25 th FEB	Lynn Valley Voices	4:00pm
THU 26 th FEB	SVDP Lunch	11:30am
THU 26 th FEB	No Choir Practice	
FRI 27 th FEB	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00am

Light Lenten Lunch and Celtic Spirituality



If you would like to experience Celtic Worship and learn more about our Celtic Anglican heritage please join us. In the Celtic Tradition, God is understood as speaking through two books: the Bible and creation. Influenced by the wisdom of tradition of the Hebrew Scriptures and the mysticism of the John's Gospel, Celtic spirituality sees creation not simply as a gift, but as a manifestation of the self-giving God whose image is to be found deep within all living things. This understanding of God and many other core Celtic beliefs will be shared and discussed in an informal way.

All are warmly invited to participate each **Monday during Lent (Feb. 23rd through March 23rd)** for a soul-stirring Celtic Worship experience starting at **11:30am**. Following the service, we will gather in the Parish Hall to share a simple "light" Lenten lunch of hearty soup and fresh rolls. To ensure we have materials and a place at the table ready for you, please RSVP with the Parish Office.

Rick+

The Holy Week worship will be:

- Morning Prayer: Mon—Thurs 8:45 am in the Sanctuary
- Monday: Celtic Morning Prayer 11:30am
Evening Prayer 4pm
- Tuesday: Evening Prayer 4pm
- Wednesday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 am
Evening Prayer 4 pm
- Maundy Thursday: Eucharist and potluck 5:30 pm followed by Stripping the Altar in church.
- Good Friday: 12 pm. Passion Narrative, Meditation, Taize and lighting of candles and Veneration of the Cross.
- Easter Sunday: Holy Eucharist 8:00 am and 10:30 am



Prayer and Personality

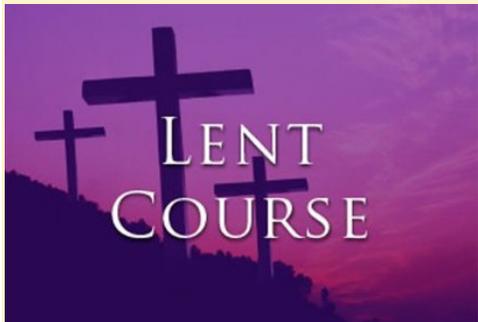
Are you interested in deepening your prayer life! Find the right prayer fit for your own unique temperament.

We will be discovering our personality types and exploring time tested ways of prayer that suit different

temperaments. We'll follow the **Saints: Thomas, Francis, Augustine, Ignatius and more!** Please join us Wednesdays at Noon following the 10:30 service beginning February 25th ending April 1st. All materials are provided.

If you plan on participating, please register with the parish office by telephone or email, so that we have enough resources prepared. Hope you can join us for this relaxed and informative study.

Rick+



Chance had his 5th Birthday on January 16th 2026 and 3 of his Friends he walks with were helping him celebrate!

Left to right: Reese, Roxie, Chance and Maverick.
Photo Credit to Jeff Kowalsky and Artificial Intelligence

😊 Evelyn Sackrider

NORFOLK COUNTY'S BLACK HISTORY

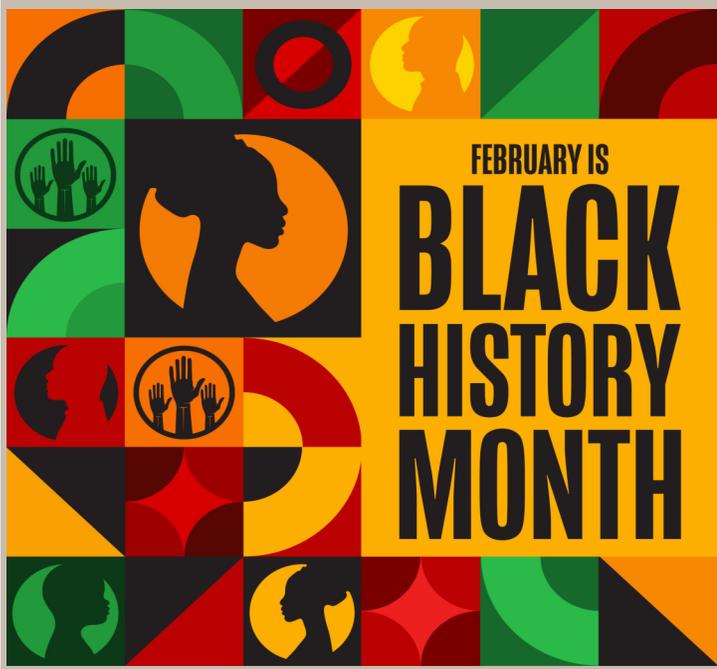
The Brown Family early Pioneers

Charles Brown was born a slave in Virginia around 1821. He was brought to Niagara on the Lake in the 1850's by his masters who were trying to organize prize fights with him. In the midst of the activity around the event Edward Ryerse took an interest and taking Charles one side informed him that he was in Upper Canada and, if he had a job, he was a free man. Charles jumped at the chance and Edward hired him and took him back to Port Ryerse where Charles used his many skills to organize the expanding Port. Edward gave him his own land for a home and he managed the port acting as the King's Custom's Officer as well as farming. It appears that Edward and Charles were an effective team creating a prosperous port, mill and brick works.

Charles was one of the founders of Memorial Anglican Church in 1869. Records show that Charles, with others, provided funds for the new building and hiring of a Rector. Charles and his wife Annie had two sons, Theodore and John. Theodore married Theodora and had nine children. They remained on the family land and farmed. One of their sons, Albert, went on to become a prominent business person in Simcoe and a well-regarded member of the town's Masonic Lodge. At age 15 he began a seven year apprenticeship with the Pt. Ryerse blacksmith, Robert Stalker. Afterward he went out on his own and in 1923 established a busy forge at the corner of Culver and Water Streets. Albert was a very successful blacksmith and became the prime farrier for race horses at the Norfolk County Fair. He was also active in coaching local sports teams and served as a crossing guard at South Public School. He died in 1972.

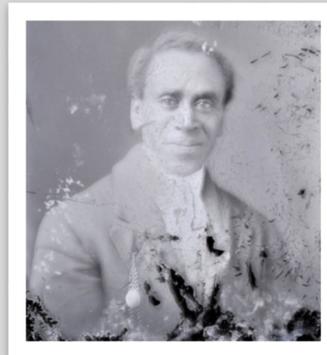
The descendants of Charles and Annie Brown are buried at Memorial Church's historic cemetery. The original grave markers were made of wood, and have been lost to the

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the first national declaration of Black History Month in Canada, following a motion introduced by the Honourable Jean Augustine in 1995. The 2026 theme is "30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations — From Nation Builders to Tomorrow's Visionaries"



elements, however their family descendants have erected a Memorial stone in the cemetery to honour their ancestors. Pictures of Theodore, Theodora and their children are on display in the parish hall at Memorial Anglican in Pt Ryerse.

Albert Brown son of Theodore and Theodora



Theodore, Theodora and two of their children



Albert at the forge

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🕒 **Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday**

9:00am-12:00 noon



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Blessed are those who wear name tags, for they shall be called by their proper names and not 'Hey, you!'

Let's help Rick, new members, and visitors out by wearing our Trinity name tags! Consider it a grace-filled memory booster and a warm 'hello' to our newest members. If you've misplaced yours, or don't have one let the office know.



Calling on all Offertory Envelope users!

Now may be a good time to consider switching to **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**

Benefits of PAG

- Provides better information for Wardens & Parish Council for budgeting income & planning for project expenditures etc. (e.g. Ministry/Mission work or Building expenses)
- Less work for counters.
- Reduces the cost of envelopes for the church.
- Convenient for Parishioners; do not have to remember weekly envelope.
- You can change your offering at any time, more or less, or cancelled it at any time.
- You can still give special offering at Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas via special envelopes.

How to apply for PAG

- Contact the Church office at 519-426-0501, Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 12 noon to arrange pick up of a PAG form or arrange to have it mailed to you.
- Complete the Pre Authorized Giving Form Using a VOID cheque or credit card.
- If you use a credit card with points you still collect the points, however need to notify the Office when you get a new credit card, i.e. new expiry date.
- Plan you contributions – Direct Withdrawals are done on the 10th and 25th each month; Credit Card withdrawals on the 15th of each month.
- The process is in compliance with the Dioceses of Huron Privacy Standards Policy.

Live Entertainment

2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
2pm to 5pm

\$5 cover

March 8th

Frank Sinatra & Micheal Bublè
Featuring

SCOTT BOLLERT

Scotty brings smooth vocals, timeless charm, and modern swing performing Sinatra classic crooner elegance to Bublè's contemporary jazz-pop flair.








Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 79
200 West Street, Simcoe





Fundraiser 2026

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

PURE VINTAGE

Silent Auction, Prizes, and more!

MARCH 28

7PM - 7PM

\$20 @ DOOR







The Royal Canadian Legion

BR. 79

Memorial Hall

West Street, Simcoe

FEBRUARY 20th

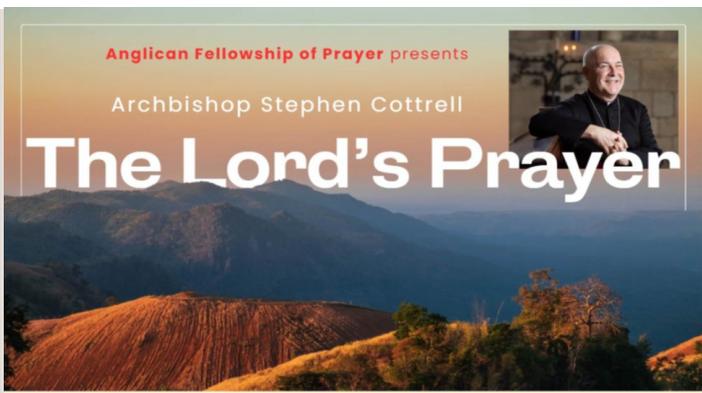
On 26 November 2007, the General Assembly declared that, starting from the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, 20 February will be celebrated annually as the **World Day of Social Justice**.

It is also **National Comfy Day, National Love Your Pet Day, National Muffin Day, National Leadership Day: National Caregivers Day.**

Special events include

1547: King Edward VI of England is crowned.

1965: Ranger 8 hits the moon, transmitting over 7,000 photos.



The AFP's 2026 Lenten Speaker Event welcomes

the Most Reverend & Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York
Saturday, March 7, 2026;
1 pm-3pm EST

This is a free event open to all

Throughout his ministry, Archbishop Cottrell has been inviting people to rediscover The Lord's Prayer—not as familiar words to recite by habit, but as a bold, life-shaping call to transformation. He reminds us that this prayer is meant to stir the heart, challenge the spirit, and draw us into a deeper relationship with God. In this two-hour session, the Archbishop will share fresh insights from his recent teaching tour across northern England, offering a thoughtful and inspiring exploration of this central Christian prayer. This gathering provides a meaningful way to enrich your Lenten journey and reflect on a prayer we often say—but don't always stop to truly hear. All are welcome. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for an afternoon of reflection, learning, and spiritual renewal.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83298720043?pwd=WRD1u0zEqjblKwxi7xatdHni61vF9U.1>

Lenten Prayer for Sundays

4,160. That's how many Sundays most people get in a lifetime. And, so often, we waste them. Why? Because we're busy or unintentional or more concerned with what the culture says than what God says. But Sundays, especially Sundays during Lent, are too good to be wasted. Take just a few moments in prayer each Sunday of Lent, and you'll be one step closer to who God is calling you to be:

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself. Let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Amen.



From the Primate

Published on February 6, 2026

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Dear Bishop Sean and friends in Christ in The Episcopal Church, It has been heartbreaking for us, your northern neighbours, to watch the growing unrest that has arisen and persists in so many of your communities in the United States. We have seen and heard alarming stories of aggression, intimidation and harassment toward targeted communities and individuals, and the dehumanization of those perceived to not belong. We have seen images of violence, brutality and even death for those willing to challenge these actions and call out for justice.

We have also seen the ways your church has acted with faith and resilience in response to the call of the Gospel to serve those in need, welcome those who seek hospitality, feed the hungry and challenge those who abuse power. You remind all who seek to follow the way of Jesus that high cost and risks are sometimes required.

Jesus taught that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed. We want you to know that your courageous words and actions in the face of disturbing and dangerous challenges are themselves a blessing, and we want you to know that you are not alone.

Be assured that my prayers join with those offered across the Anglican Church of Canada—prayers for protection, courage and peace. We are upholding you. We also uphold our full communion partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Moravian Church in North America as they serve the Gospel in this time of distress for your country.

I am sharing this letter publicly to encourage Canadian Anglicans to continue holding in prayer all of you in this intense, unpredictable season in the life of the United States of America.

We remain steadfast with you in our shared belief in the indestructible hope of the Resurrection, that love and peace will prevail, that healing can happen, and that God will make all things new.

Yours faithfully,

The Most Reverend Shane Parker
Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada