

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Harvest Thanksgiving

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Traditional (BCP). Said service

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Contemporary (BAS) with Music

Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER (Chapel)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist



UPCOMING  
EVENTS

|                              |                                        |                 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| TUE 13 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER | Tai Chi Foundations                    | 9:00am          |
| WED 14 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER | Contemplative Prayer                   | 9:15am          |
| WED 14 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER | Lynn Valley Voices                     | 4:00 pm         |
| THU 15 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER | St. Vincent de Paul<br>Community Lunch | 11:30 am        |
| THU 15 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER | Huron Farm<br>Workers Ministry         | 2:00-8:00<br>pm |
| THU 15 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER | Choir Practice                         | 4:00—5:30<br>pm |
| THU 15 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER | Con Brio Practice                      | 6-7 pm          |
| FRI 16 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER | Tai Chi Foundations                    | 9:00am          |
| FRI 16 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER | Huron Farm<br>Workers Ministry         | 2:00-8:00<br>pm |

For All the Saints

Prayers and Readings for Saints’ Days  
According to the Calendar of the  
Book of Alternative Services of the  
Anglican Church of Canada

Teresa of Avila 15 October

Spiritual Teacher and Reformer, 1582 — Commemoration



Teresa of Avila was a Spanish nun of the sixteenth century whose visions of Christ and gifts as a spiritual director have placed her among the greatest of all Christian mystics.

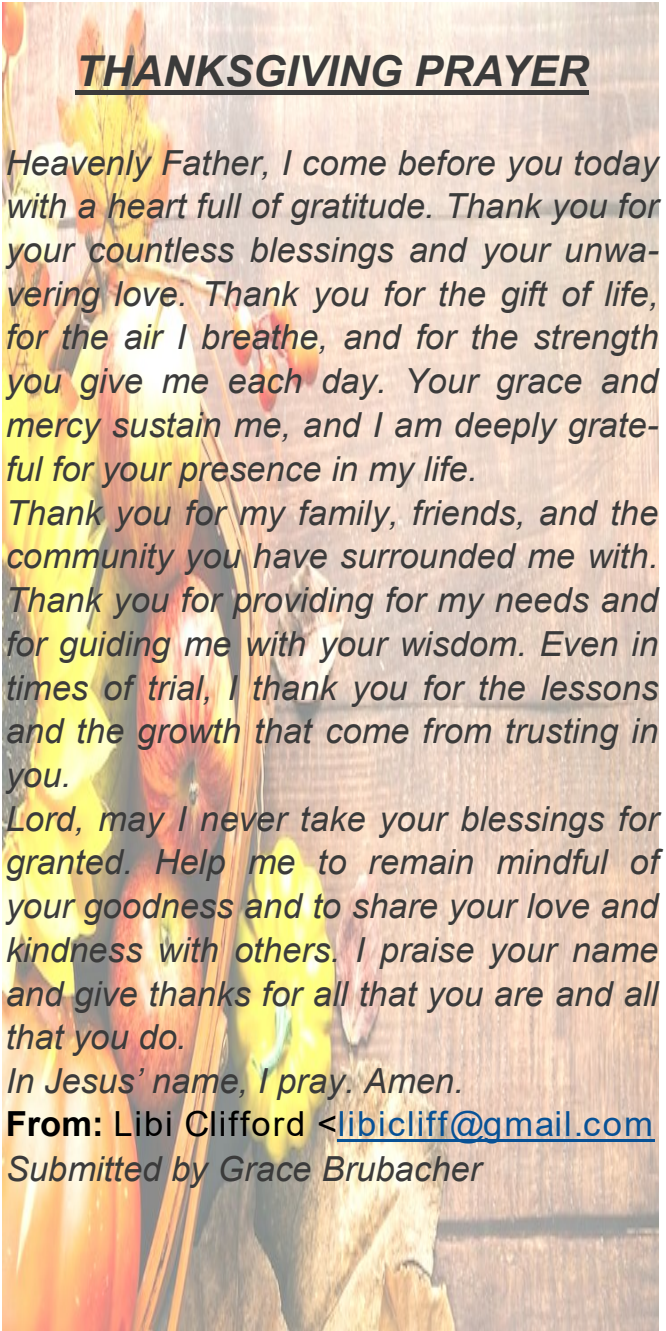
She was the only daughter of a minor nobleman and entered the Carmelite convent in her native town of A’vil-a when she was twenty-one. Over the next two decades she endured many illnesses, one of which left her paralyzed, and also a nagging sense that in her prayers and devotions she was do-

ing nothing more than “treading water.”Then, in answer to her despair, she began to have visions and hear “interior voices.”The most famous of these experiences, known as “transverberation of the heart,” took place over a number of days in 1559. At her left side Teresa beheld an angel who held a golden spear with a flaming tip, with which he pierced her heart again and again. Teresa later wrote that each time the angel withdrew the spear she was “left completely afire with a great love for God,” and knew that her soul would “never be content with anything less than God.”

Three years later, in obedience to another vision, Teresa left her convent with thirteen other nuns to observe the primitive constitutions of the Carmelite Order in all their strictness. Despite fierce, sometimes violent opposition from the Carmelite establishment, Teresa eventually founded sixteen other Reformed Carmelite houses.

In the midst of her other concerns Teresa also found time to write a number of books, which reflect her holiness, wisdom, and sense of humour; and through them she has become one of the most widely loved saints in the Church, attractive even to those who have not shared her Spanish catholicism or her monastic vocation.

“Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.”



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I come before you today with a heart full of gratitude. Thank you for your countless blessings and your unwavering love. Thank you for the gift of life, for the air I breathe, and for the strength you give me each day. Your grace and mercy sustain me, and I am deeply grateful for your presence in my life.

Thank you for my family, friends, and the community you have surrounded me with. Thank you for providing for my needs and for guiding me with your wisdom. Even in times of trial, I thank you for the lessons and the growth that come from trusting in you.

Lord, may I never take your blessings for granted. Help me to remain mindful of your goodness and to share your love and kindness with others. I praise your name and give thanks for all that you are and all that you do.

In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

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Submitted by Grace Brubacher



## A VERY MOVABLE FEAST

Gratitude draws us out of ourselves into something larger, bigger than we could imagine. Gratitude is a powerful emotion as it frees us from fear, releases us from anxiety, and emboldens us to do more and dare more than we'd ever imagined – even to return to a Jewish rabbi to pay homage when you are a Samaritan because you've realized that you are more than a Samaritan, or a leper, or even a healed leper. You are a child of God.

Our world is filled with trouble. The troubles are easy to name. At the same time our world and our lives are also filled with blessings, for which we can voice our thanksgiving, our gratitude: families that care for each other; governments and councils that are far from perfect yet strive to work for the benefit of others; relief agencies that tend to the afflicted; those on the front lines putting their lives on the line at home and abroad; good neighbours supporting each another.

As we near Thanksgiving, I invite you to think of different things for which you are thankful, grateful. For me of late it is fresh water, the privilege to go buy food to name two. Family and friends to name two more. As you become aware the things that you are grateful for in your life, find opportunities to name them out loud. What if one such opportunity is when someone you know well asks "How are you?" you respond "I am grateful for ..."

This world is full of challenges as well as blessings for which we can express gratitude for. Which will we focus on? Truth be told, there is a time for lament, cries for justice and activism. But given that we live in a culture filled with trouble, imagine the breath of fresh air that comes with voicing gratitude. Maybe today, this week, this month, we can be heralds of blessing to the people in our lives, giving voice to the powerful words of gratitude and thanksgiving.

As we sit down to creation's bounty in the form of a magnificent harvest dinner this month, let's be thankful we can plan for this fine-weather feast on the second Monday in October. Historically, the date of Canada's day of thanks has been anything but fixed.

In fact, it was not until 1957 that Parliament first officially set the permanent date we now observe, with Prime Minister John Diefenbaker declaring it "A Day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed."

Before that, the celebration was decidedly, in Hemingway's words, "a movable feast." Often wrongly disparaged as lacking the deep historical roots of American Thanksgiving, English Canada's first celebration occurred 43 years before the Pilgrim Fathers touched American shores. It's linked to 1578, when British North West Passage explorer Sir Martin Frobisher declared a day of thanksgiving for cross-Atlantic and Arctic tribulations survived. An Anglican service was held near Baffin Island by the Rev. Robert Wolfall, expedition chaplain.

For the next 300 years, Thanksgiving dates were ad hoc, and linked, variously, to themes such as military victories, royal jubilees and even the recovery from typhoid of HRH Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, in 1872, when it was observed in the month of April. By the late 19th century, the day was generally celebrated in late October or in early November. But sometimes it came later in November—closer to the U.S. holiday and just in time to kick off the pre-Christmas shopping season, with newspaper ads urging folk to start stocking up early on yuletide treats. In 1879 it was declared an official celebration on November 6, but that did little to fix its date.

In 1921, Thanksgiving was set for the Monday of the week of November 11 to coincide with the Armistice (later Remembrance) Day celebration. But holidays, like good red wine, need to breathe, so 10 years later the two observances were separated. From 1931 onward, the date was fixed by annual proclamation, generally falling on October's second Monday—except for 1935, of course, when the Bennett-King federal election postponed it.

So as you raise a glass in gratitude for Canada's plenty, be thankful, too, that the day is now permanently pegged to T.S. Eliot's "golden October," not "sombre November."



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Brant/Norfolk Deanery

# Men's Banquet

October 28th, 2026 at 6:30 pm  
Trinity Church  
Colborne St., Simcoe  
Chicken Dinner (catered) \$50

Keynote Speakers: Bishop Terry and Diane Dance

Fundraiser for:

**Say Yes! to Kids**

Say Yes! to Kids is a national fundraising campaign of the Anglican Foundation of Canada, supporting ministries for children, youth, and young adults across the country.

Across Canada, young people are seeking spaces where they are known, supported, and encouraged to grow.

Through this campaign, churches and ministry partners are raising funds to create those spaces—through leadership programs, music and arts, mentorship, outreach, and community connection.

For tickets: Contact your priest or your Regional Dean  
Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Hendry at 226-978-1546.



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Branch 79, SIMCOE

**Wednesday, October 14**

**4:30—7pm**

**Fish & Chips**

**Coleslaw, Rolls & Butter**

**1 piece—\$11**

**2 pieces—\$14**

**Chicken Fingers—\$14**

**In the Memorial Hall**





# Christmas

## BAZAAR

SATURDAY 21st November, 2026  
10 AM to 2 PM

Deli & Preserves  
Handmade Items  
Jewellery & Accessories  
Bake Table

Gourmet Deli  
Books & Puzzles  
Raffle Table  
Christmas Table  
Much More

Hot Luncheon served 11am - 1pm

TRINITY CHURCH 80 Colborne St. S, SIMCOE

Sunday, Oct 25

# HARVEST OF Praise

Local international Farm Staff band  
Sunday night service  
FEATURING

## LONDON KIDS COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR



End of season FUNDRAISER for  
**The Chill Spot**  
Community lounge and creative space  
for international farm staff

**6pm** Waterford United Church  
135 Main St S, Waterford, ON

Adults **\$20** | Under 18 years - **\$10**  
*This will be a night to remember*  
Contact Leanne @ 519-277-1102 to reserve your tickets.

## Christmas Bazaar

### PIE MAKING BEE

Monday October 26th starting at 9:30 am  
Come out and help make pies for the Bazaar. Enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship with your Trinity friends. Many hands make light work.

### DELI COOKING BEE

Enjoy a morning of fellowship while helping cook for the Bazaar Deli. Mondays starting at 9:30 am.

Oct. 12 Cabbage roll casserole  
Oct. 19 Shepherd's pie  
Nov. 2 Turkey and wild rice soup  
Nov. 9 Apple crisp

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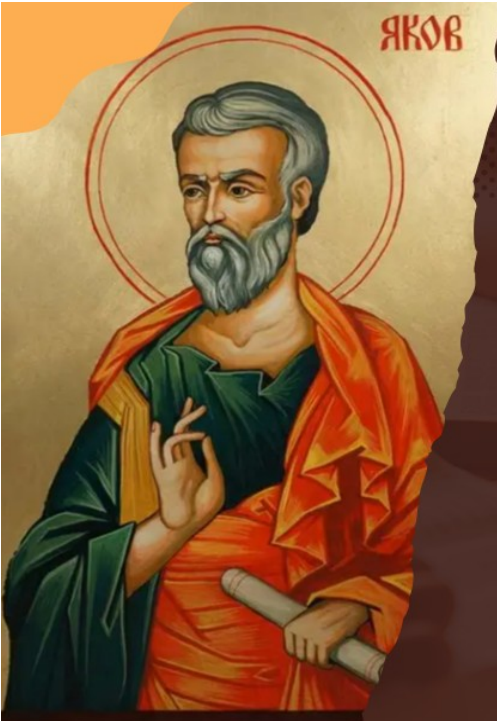
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday  
9:00am-12:00 noon

### THE DIOCESE OF HURON

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MIXER ROOM

# Join Our BIBLE STUDY

The Letter of James  
Leader: Kevin Norbury

Starting Wednesday,  
October 14–November 18

A Six-week study  
11:30–12:30

✦ *Bring your Bible, a notebook, and invite a friend.*

Trinity Anglican, 80 Colborne St.S

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## HELP *Amiera* GET TO THE WORLD DOWN SYNDROME SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**BIG GOAL  
NEEDED  
\$15,000**

Hello everyone! We have an extraordinary celebration—and an opportunity to support one of our own.

Amiera, the talented granddaughter of George Anger, has qualified to represent Team Canada at the World Down Syndrome Swimming Championships in Portugal!

While Amiera has conquered the pool, her family is now working hard to cover the expenses for the trip. George shares the inspiring details of her success, their fund-raising journey so far, and how we can all help in his note below...

**Amiera, my grand daughter, finished well at the Canadian Special Olympics, winning 2 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals.**

**Her performance qualified her to compete at the World Down Syndrome swimming championships in Portugal coming at the end of October.**

**Problem though. No government funding. Amiera and her mom, who is one of the team coaches, has to pay their own way \$15000. They will be part of Team Canada.**

**So we've been fund raising. Last weekend in Turkey Point, we gathered 3500 beer cans and \$175 in bottles. They also had a bottle / can collection in Stratford.**

**Some dear friends helped by making a cash donation. Thanks Liz and Andi and some generous neighbors. But they still have a long way to go. Hence my note. If you can donate in any way, it would be greatly appreciated.**

**Thank you**

**George Anger**

