



Updates - November 28, 2020

From Rev. Kerri....

Episcopal Visit & Confirmations on December 6

I'm grateful to you all for your understanding that we are at capacity for next Sunday, December 6th's service with Bishop Shane Parker. With our current limited seating capacity, the service is completely full with our 12 Confirmation Candidates.

Please hold our Candidates in prayers they prepare to recommit to their Baptismal vows: Julia Brien, Andrew Brien, Sophie Hammel, Andrew Maynard, Matthew Maynard, Ryan Miller, Sydney Norman, Caiden Norman, Jeremy Owen, Clara Paré, Sophia Thomas, and Jocelyn VanHees.

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Advent

Refusing to allow a pandemic to dampen our holiday moods, we are eagerly preparing for Christmas at St James. Yes, it will feel different this year, no doubt about it! But there will also be old familiar traditions to grab hold of and seek comfort and joy in!

Advent Wreath & Prayers

As you prepare throughout Advent to celebrate Christmas, you might consider creating for your home an Advent Wreath.

All you need are five candles!

Head out for a walk or to your backyard and find some greenery to add to the base to literally, spruce it up!

Did you know: Advent Wreath candles can be all white. Alternatively, they can be four red (originally, they were!).

Or if you're lucky enough to find them, they can be three blue and one pink (we light the pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent).

The Christ Candle for Christmas is usually white and sits in the middle of the wreath.

I'm including [prayers and reflection](#) you can use each week as you light your candles.

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Christmas Schedule & Pre-Registration

Open house – 12:00-3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

The church will be decorated, carols will be playing, the Christmas story will be recorded for your listening enjoyment, and Rev. Kerri will be available to offer you Communion.

Safety protocols remain (50 distanced people, masked in the building at a time). We will clean throughout the day to ensure the safest space for you to come into.

Christmas Eve In-Church Service – 4:00 p.m. is FULL

Christmas Eve In-Church Service – 7:00 p.m.

Registration required in advance with Sam at office@stjames-manotick.ca

Christmas Eve In-Church Service – 9:00 p.m.

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Christmas Day In-Church Service – 9:30 a.m.

Registration required in advance with Sam at office@stjames-manotick.ca

All services will also be livestreamed.

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Donations or Memorials for the Christmas Services

Donations to the glory of God for the plants and flowers are welcome.

Contact Sam at 613-692-2082 or office@stjames-manotick.ca by **Sunday, December 13.**

Cheques/Donations made payable to St James (memo Christmas Flower Fund) may be put on the collection plate, mailed in or dropped off during office hours.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Centre 454 Annual Christmas Gift Bags for men and women

With your help we are hoping again to support Centre 454, The Well/La Source and St. Luke's Table.

The 'Gift Bag Checklist', pictured here, will help you put together a complete gift bag **OR** help "build" bags by supplying one or two of the many items on the list. Please attach a "Male" or "Female" tag to your completed Gift Bag before dropping it off.

The bags will be picked up and delivered to The Well (in the basement of St. John's Church) Dec. 10 and again on Dec 16th. They will then be given to clients who attend the three locations.



Gift Bags and individual items may be dropped off at the following locations:

the church during Sam's office hours (Tues & Thurs, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., and Wed, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Barrhaven: Tim and Jane Venus at 79 Tripp Crescent, Nepean, K2J 1E1;

Manotick: Todd and Sharla Sandrock at 5435 North Riverside Drive, Manotick, K4M 1 H2

Riverside South: Ron and Heather Brophy at 4123 Canyon Walk Drive, Gloucester, On K1V 1P8

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Christmas Hampers

St James' Outreach is collecting food and gifts this Christmas for 4 local families in need.

Normally we have a sign-up sheet in the church, however due to Covid we ask that you contact Sam to "sign-up" for specific items to ensure a good selection for the hampers.

Monetary donations also gratefully accepted - please mark as "Christmas Outreach" on envelopes and we will do the shopping for you!

Small Gift (ie. \$15-25) for:

baby (18-24mth size, Huggies sz 3-4)

boy 11yrs and **boy 15yrs;**

2 Adult women and **2 Adult men**

Suggested food items

Canned Tuna; Beans, Kidney Beans, Chick Peas

Canned Vegetables Canned Fruit

Stagg Chili; Stews Rice & Asian sauces

Canned Cranberries Stuffing

Jams Juice

Cereal (non-sugary) Breakfast or Granola Bars

Pancake Mix Syrup

Peanut Butter Chips & Pretzels

Cookies
Chocolates
Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant)
Surprise them!

Your contributions help make Christmas a special time.
Please drop off all donations & gifts (unwrapped and labelled ie. Boy 11yrs) to Sam at the church by **Tuesday, December 8** to ensure they are delivered in time for Christmas. Any questions, contact Sam (office) 613-692-2082 or office@stjames-manotick.ca.

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THE CHURCH MOUSE BAKERY

A small team, with big hearts, is working to provide you with a selection of sweet treats, puff pastry hor d'oeuvres, and St. James' traditional Christmas Puddings and Christmas Pudding Truffles.

Check out all the options by clicking [here](#).

Submit your order at churchmousebakery@gmail.com on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday for pick up & payment on Saturday in the church parking lot.

Last order taken Wednesday, December 9th for pick up **December 12th.**



Offertory Envelopes

The 2021 PAR and WEEKLY envelopes are available for pick up.
Contact Sam Hills at 613-692-2082 or office@stjames-manotick.ca to make arrangements.

Please verify that the address shown is correct.

If you are not enrolled in the PAR
(Pre-Authorized Remittance) program,
now is a great time to consider doing so.

Not only is it easier for you to support the church,
it also gives the church a regular, dependable
flow of contributions.

Please help reduce paper and postage costs.

E-mail envsecretary@stjames-manotick.ca

with your **request to receive your
tax receipt by e-mail**. Thank you!!

