



Saint James' Anglican Church

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Newsletter - February 2020

from Reverend Kerri....

When I began my discernment process around 2007, my priest, The Rev. Canon Gary Hauch, gifted me with a copy of Barbara Brown Taylor's "Leaving Church." It's a memoir on keeping faith amidst the relentless demands of modern life, and specifically, her decision to leave full-time parish ministry leadership. I remember thinking, as I was in the midst of being all gung-ho about church and leadership: "what an odd, pessimistic even, outlook to set me up with!"

Gary was always so very wise.

Rachel Held-Evans wrote a similarly-themed book titled: "Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church." In it, she addresses her struggle with no longer wanting to participate in Church on account of politics, budgets, hypocrisy.... I might add in, competing schedules, exhaustion, and indifference to the list.

Gary knew and, I suspect, was probably preparing me for what I would personally face and what my fellow congregants would face to varying degrees: being Church today is hard. It is also choice we often find ourselves making over and over.

Both Barbara Brown Taylor and Rachel Held-Evans over came their cynicism and misgivings because something continued to draw them back to Church. Their job, they discovered, was to remain on the journey to better understand Church and to find their new place within it.

I'm not sure everyone in our pews has knowingly faced this struggle. But I'm confident many of you have. I certainly have, more than once. And those of us who remain and who have returned, understand the push-and-pull that unfolds.

As we prepare to move from the season of Epiphany into Lent, I'd like to remind you that you are never alone on this journey. That it is encouraged that you question, respond to, lean in to, and explore. Because out of our misgivings re-examined, comes clearer vision, renewed hope, and new life.

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Rev. Kerri Brennan's Induction Service

will be held Sunday, **February 9 at 4:30 p.m.**

All are welcome to attend!
Light refreshments to follow.

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St James Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 23, 11:30 a.m.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

The following motion will be presented:

“Moved by Bob Gillett, Warden, and seconded by Jim Sevigny, Deputy Warden: Whereas the parking lot is in poor repair and on-street parking is becoming increasingly difficult, and Whereas this work has been postponed for several years and further delays will result in increased costs, and Whereas funds are currently available in a contingency fund.

Therefor be it resolved that the parking lot be re-surfaced in 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.

Brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea provided.
(Vestry reports will be available February 16th)

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Ash Wednesday – February 26th

**Imposition of Ashes Services
offered at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Up and Coming...

[from the website calendar....](#)

- February 1 **Men’s Brew Date** 10am to 5pm in Tomkins Hall
- February 2 **ACW Meeting** following the 10am service in Tomkins Hall
- February 3 **Women’s Prayer** at 7pm
- February 9 **Induction Evensong Service for Rev. Kerri** at 4:30 p.m.
- February 15 **Men’s Breakfast** at 8am in Tomkins Hall
- February 15 **Indigenous Relations Circle** 12 – 2pm in Tomkins Hall
- February 16 **Altar Guild Annual General Meeting** 11:30 am in Tomkins Hall
- February 17 **Women’s Prayer** at 7pm
- February 18 **Parish Council** at 7pm in Tomkins Hall
- February 21 **Jr. Youth Meet** 6:30 – 8:30pm in Tomkins Hall
- February 23 **Vestry Meeting** following the 10am service (*Brown bag lunch*)
- February 25 **Pancake Supper** 5 – 6:30pm in Tomkins Hall
- February 26 **Ash Wednesday Services 11am and 7pm**
- February 28 **Senior’s Lunch** from 11:30am to 1pm.
- March 2 **Women’s Prayer** at 7pm
- March 10 **ACW Meeting** at 7pm in Tomkins Hall

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2019 Income Tax Receipts

2019 Income Tax receipts are available at the entrance to the church
this **Sunday, February 2nd**.

Please help us save on postage costs by picking yours up. Thank you!

Electronic Income Tax Receipts have been emailed to those who requested them.

Please check your mail and spam folders carefully.

They were sent from envsecretary@stjames-manotick.ca

Offertory Envelopes: The 2020 PAR and WEEKLY envelopes are available. Please contact Sam in the church office if you are looking for yours.

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Memorial and Celebration Flowers

Flowers are a great way to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. If you would like to request flowers, please sign the Flower Chart at the back of the church or put a note in the collection plate. You can also make several requests throughout the year, and include them all in one document, so no occasions get missed! Please specify if there is a colour or type of flower you would like included. Please let one of the members of the Altar Guild know if you would like to take them after the 10 a.m. service. A donation of \$65/memorial is suggested to cover the cost of the flowers.

Opportunities to Give...

Outreach

Pamela Best, one of our choir members, is still looking for one more **small helmet** for a refugee family. If you have one to give, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Valentine Boxes for Nelson House Women's Shelter

ACW meeting this **Sunday February 2** after church service, lunch provided. First meeting of 2020 with calendars of upcoming events and the packaging of 10 decorator boxes with a bathrobe and extras. Please come and participate, have lunch, welcome in the New Year by showing our love and acceptance of these women going through a troubled time in their lives.

Donations of bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, lip balm/gloss, nice scarves, gloves would be gratefully received.

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Outreach – Bun Run – Volunteers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Bun Run (picking at the Sobey's in Barrhaven and delivering to a family in Barrhaven and Lazarus House Food Bank in South Mountain)– it will take approximately two hours of your time or less base on your availability, we do weekly pickups and deliveries schedules are prepared monthly once all volunteers indicate their availability. If you are able to commit once a month or as a spare for when we are in a crunch that would be great as well.

Contact [Marlene Grant](#) for details.

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Photo Directory

It has been 5 years since the last photo directory for St. James was done. Would you, or a group, be interested in taking a lead in organizing this project? If so, please contact Rev. Kerri or Sam in the church office.

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Sunday Morning Coffee

Putting on the coffee for after the 10 am service is so easy! It takes 5 minutes to organize and everyone helps clean up.

If we all took a turn it would be once every few months and we could enjoy a chat and fresh coffee.



Please sign up! The list is on the outer wall of the kitchen

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Indigenous Relations Circle

The Indigenous Relations Circle aims to advance Reconciliation as a Spiritual Practice

with activities under four themes: Self-Awareness (Education), Acts of Healing, Social Justice, and Self-determination. See <https://www.stjames-manotick.ca/indigenous-relations-circle-ministry/> for details.

We will soon have our Indigenous library up and running!
We have chosen about 20 books by First Nation, Metis and Inuit authors.
There is something for kids, youth and adults.



We have a number of great events planned for the year, the first of which will be a book study during Lent. We will be reading "Fatty Legs: A True Story", By Christy Jordan-Fenton, Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, Liz Amini-Holmes (Illustrator). This is a moving memoir of an Inuit girl who emerges from a residential school with her spirit intact.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/8585187-fatty-legs>

Please contact the office to sign up for the book study. Check the church calendar, bulletin insert or with the office for confirmed dates in March.

The **next potluck and meeting of the IRC is on February 15, from 12-2 pm.**
All are welcome! If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact Sharla through the Office.

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Altar Guild Annual General Meeting

Will be held on **Sun Feb 16th** immediately following the 10am service and coffee break. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Altar Guild is welcome to attend. Please bring your own sandwich. Soup and coffee/tea will be provided.

Gifts to the Community...

Jr Youth Group

Families with children (roughly ages 8-12) consider joining Deanna Hammel and Rev. Kerri on the third Friday of each month for Jr Youth Group!
We will meet for the first time **Friday, February 21st for a Games Night from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Food and drinks will be provided.
Please confirm by **signing up at the back of church or by emailing the office!**

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St. James Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 25 from 5:00pm to 6:30 pm

Pancakes, maple syrup, sausages, fruit salad and baked beans

Coffee, tea and juice

"No cooking, no cleanup". Bring a neighbor or a friend. Everyone Welcome!
Free Will Offering at the door.

About Us...

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In case of a pastoral emergency contact Rev. Kerri at 613-875-4210

Note: Rev. Kerri is away January 31 to February 2.

**Rev. Stephen Silverthorne will take your pastoral emergency calls
at 1-613-361-1942 or fr.stephen@goodshepherbarrhaven.ca this weekend.**

If you have any questions regarding items in our newsletter
please call or e-mail Sam Hills at the church office,
Tues – Thurs, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
613-692-2082 or office@stjames-manotick.ca