



Saint James' Anglican Church

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Weekly Update - August 14, 2020

From Rev. Kerri...

As we gear into the final weeks of summer, I have several updates for you this week—about church re-opening protocol, our financial situation, capital projects, online services, and the photo directory. Read carefully and do not hesitate to reach out to me, our administrator Sam, or one of the Wardens should you have any questions.

Re-Opening Sunday, September 6, 2020 — 8:15 & 10:00

- The church building will be thoroughly cleaned prior to reopening and sanitized after each service.
- Before you attend a service, please screen yourself for COVID-19 symptoms. If you feel unwell or are in a high-risk group, please stay home.
- We are restricted to a 50-person capacity at St James. This could be fewer people depending on seating arrangements.
- You are encouraged to pre-register for the service of your preference through Sam (office@stjames-manotick.ca). If you have not registered and we are at capacity, we will unfortunately be unable to admit you.
- You will be required to sign in upon arrival. You'll be asked to provide your name, telephone number and email address. We are required to collect this information to help with contact tracing in case someone who's been here is later found to have COVID-19. You will also be asked if you have any COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to anyone who is ill in the last 14 days. If you have, you cannot be admitted to the service.
- Masks are required to be worn while in the building. If you do not have a mask, we will have disposable masks available.
- You will be escorted to a seat (in order to optimize physical distancing).
- Pews have been marked off, with every third pew open, side pews off-set to the middle pews.
- All the prayer and hymn books have been removed from the pews.
- The order of service will remain available online and one-time use paper copies will be made available in the pews.
- An offering plate will be available as you enter the church but it will not be passed during the service.
- The congregation is not permitted to sing but we will have soloist.
- Only Rev. Kerri will administer the Eucharist and she will do so by coming to you in your pew. She will sanitize her hands several times both before after the distribution of communion, which will be by wafers only for the congregation.

Please don't feel obliged to return to in-person worship if you don't feel ready to do so, if you are in a high-risk group (because of age, underlying health conditions or as a caregiver to someone at high risk). Online services will continue to be offered on a permanent basis.

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Swans

You're invited to fold your prayers of grief, anxiety, fear, disappointment, loss, hope, or excitement from throughout this COVID time of isolation into an origami swan. The idea is that as we fold, we envelop our prayer in the swan. The swan will then be used in our re-opening worship on September 6th. You can find easy to follow instructions [here](#). Swans may be dropped off at the church Tuesday to Thursday, between 10 am - 3 pm next week. (Call Sam @ 613-692-2082 to ensure she will be in to open the side door).

If you do not feel confident, or are simply not inclined to fold a swan, you can send me your prayer request and I will fold it into a swan on your behalf.

The prayers you fold will remain private and confidential and the swans will be reverently burnt at a later time.

Rev. Kerri

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Sunday Worship

posted on [St. James, Manotick Youtube](#).

Follow along with the service [bulletin](#) for this Sunday.

Please remember in your prayers
those in our parish, family and friends, especially...

**Judy, Randy, Joy,
Clifton, David, Kevin, Rob, Janice, Maxine. Bob & Beth, Maryanne...**

Financial Update

Our YTD (year to date) Income - \$243,030.

This is \$58,696 over our budgeted income for the time of year.

Our YTD Expenses - \$135,295.

This is \$49,039 below our budgeted income for the time of year.

We are currently running at a \$107,735 surplus for the year.

What you need know about these numbers:

- YTD, we are well over budget on our income. **However**, this is due to two unique and special circumstances.
 - We received a very generous, one-time securities donation from a parishioner of \$83,062, and
 - We are well under budget on our expenses, particularly on account of the Diocesan "Time of Jubilee" that allowed us to withhold \$35,607 of apportionment for April and May.
(Without these two gifts the parish would be in a significant deficit of approx. \$11,000 as at the end of July.)
- During July, \$2,373 of hall rental income for the period March 15, 2020 to December 31, 2020 was refunded to three tenants.

Corporation is exceptionally grateful for your generosity during this time of crisis.

Thank you!

While we currently stand in a positive financial position on account of the significant donation and Time of Jubilee, we wish to underscore the rarity of those gifts and that your ongoing financial commitment to St James remains necessary for the healthy and on-going functioning of our parish.

Online Services

As mentioned on previous occasions, I wish to re-assure those who are not comfortable returning to public worship yet that our Sunday services—both 8:15 and 10:00—will be live streamed and made available via Facebook and our website.

Corporation approved the purchase of a Boxcast, a live video streaming service that will allow for easy and immediate recording of our worship.

That said, our camera will become stationary, mounted in place, and therefore the live video service will look (and probably feel) different than it has over the last few months. Without someone tending the camera, the view will be continually the same, with no zoom in on the preacher, readers, or altar. You will however, see the entire sanctuary (pulpit, altar, choir stalls, and lectern).

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Fall Book Club

Photo Directory

We had hoped to undertake a new parish photo directory project, led by Sandi Branker. However, in light of COVID-19 restrictions and varied comfort levels and health implications for folks across the parish, we have decided to postpone this project until we are comfortable in the Green (fully open) phase.



PWRDF - BEIRUT EXPLOSION

On August 4, 2020 a catastrophic explosion at Beirut Port caused widespread damage to hundreds of buildings including grain silos storing around 85 percent of the country's grain. Numerous residences have been damaged or destroyed, including many healthcare facilities and several major hospitals in the Greater Beirut area. Official governmental reports estimate that more than 135 people were killed, over 5,000 injured, and more than 300,000 people left homeless in Beirut. Beirut's governor estimated the cost of damages ranging from \$3-5 billion.

PWRDF expresses our shock and deep concern for the all of the victims affected by this explosion. We stand in solidarity with all of the people of Lebanon, and we pray for all who are responding to this disaster with compassion and care. We mourn for the victims and pray for their families. The explosion has added to the already present trauma of economic and political challenges, and the impact of COVID-19.

PWRDF has been in contact with the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) to express our sorrow, solidarity and prayers.

PWRDF is pledging \$25,000 to the ACT Alliance appeal for Beirut. ACT is in contact with their implementing members on the ground in Lebanon to determine how best to respond.



Please support PWRDF's response to the **Beirut Crisis!**

Online

Donate at <https://pwrdf.org/give-today/> and make your gift in Emergency Response, indicating **Beirut Explosion** in the message box.

By Phone

Call 1-866-308-7973 toll-free (please leave a message and we will return your call), or 416-822-9083 to speak immediately with someone who can process your donation over the phone. Do not send your credit card number by email or fax.

By Mail

Make cheques payable to **PWRDF, Beirut Explosion** and send to:
The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
The Anglican Church of Canada
80 Hayden Street
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2

****As these donations are time sensitive, please **do not** direct your donations through St James****

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