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## **November Newsletter - October 22, 2020**

### **From Rev. Kerri...**

Now, I realize that Halloween and Remembrance Day are not yet past and for some, looking toward Christmas and the year-end feels like its "too soon!" For others, the sooner 2020 wraps up, the better! Both are reasonable and true. Because here we are in October preparing for Christmas and year-end.

First, I wish to extend my warm appreciation of the ways in which you each have been supporting St James throughout this year. Your commitment to remaining connected with the parish through phone calls, email, ZOOM meetings, online and in-person worship services is a reminder of how tightly the threats of this community are sewn. Your financial contributions at a time when many are concerned over a shrinking economy assist your parish in our ongoing ministry.

Second, as I mentioned in a previous newsletter, due to the Diocesan "Time of Jubilee", St. James benefitted from a one-time savings of \$36,064. As such, we are well-under budget on our expenses to date. However, it is important to mention that had we not received the Time of Jubilee reprieve, we would be facing an operating deficit of \$23,374.

You will receive in short order of this newsletter an update from our envelope secretary on your personal donations to St James year-to-date. As you review, please consider whether you are in a position to make an additional contribution to help us close our deficit before year end. That said, should you find your household is struggling through this challenging year and you need to adjust or put a hold on your donation, trust that Corporation understands and supports you in this decision.

As I marked my one-year anniversary with St James on Thanksgiving I was overwhelmed with gratitude to be serving in this place, to be with you, and at this intensely bizarre time.

Continue to care for each other and keep safe,

Rev. Kerri

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### **In-House Worship**

We've been worshipping together in person again for a month and a half and the transition was nearly seamless. That said, it was only so on account of the significant advanced planning and processing of provincial and Diocesan rules on the part of Corporation and our administrator Sam. Registration, cleaning and distancing protocols were largely smooth, with few adjustments required after our first Sunday.

Additionally, the incorporation of a soloist by our music director Ellen to refreshen our worship has been much appreciated!

While we continue to explore ways to improve the quality of our video streaming (looking into lighting and sound potential), having Douglas Frost assist us in the purchase of a streaming software was invaluable.

I remain thankful for the team that comes together, works on the fly, adjusts without complaint to pull off our worship services at this unique time!

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## Kids & Youth

Of all the things we're missing from Sunday morning, the faces and voices of little and young people is one I am personally missing the most! Caitlyn Hellard and I stopped by the homes of our kids and youth last Saturday, October 17 to door drop pumpkins. While carving pumpkins wasn't a viable option this year, it was wonderful to catch up with families!



If you did not receive a visit from us, it could be that we are missing you on our parish list! Please give Sam a call and we will make sure we do not miss you at our Christmas door drop!

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## Coffee Hour

**\*\*New\*\* 1st & 3rd Wednesdays** each month  
from 11:00 - 12:00 via ZOOM.

Conversation and catch up with Rev. Kerri and fellow parishioners.  
Please use this [link](#).

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## Up & Coming....

### Synod – Saturday, October 24

Please hold synod delegates, especially Ron Brophy, Sarah Dunphy, and Todd Sandrock, the clergy of the diocese, and Bishop Shane in your prayers this week as we prepare to participate in our annual Synod meeting, albeit virtually. You can expect an update from our delegates in time for our next newsletter.

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### Remembrance Day

We will commemorate Remembrance Day on **Sunday, November 8 at both 8:15 and 10:00 services.**

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### Parish Council

Parish Council resumes on **Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.** via ZOOM. We will check-in and attend to year-end business. As always, parish council is open to all, should you wish to join, please reach out to Sam at [office@stjames-manotick.ca](mailto:office@stjames-manotick.ca) for the link in advance.

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### Episcopal Visit

Bishop Shane Parker is looking forward to joining us on **Sunday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m.** As such, we will hold only one service that Sunday. As usual, the service will be livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube. In the event we remain in Amber phase and able to worship in person, you may register to join in person with Sam at [office@stjames-manotick.ca](mailto:office@stjames-manotick.ca) in advance.

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### Outreach Committee

At our last Corporation meeting, a new Outreach Committee was established, to be co-chaired by Jim Sevigny and Rev. Kerri. The Committee's creation comes on the heels of a report to Corporation by Jim on the Outreach performance and potential of St James. Expect to hear more exciting news from this Committee in the coming months!

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## Christmas Schedule & Pre-Registration

Of all the upheaval the pandemic has unleashed upon us, I suspect we feel the effects most acutely at holidays. Christmas will undoubtedly come with its own uniqueness. It is reasonable to expect (at least to

plan for) our inability to all be safely gathering in the church for Christmas Eve. As such, we're preparing for ways that you can still come into the church safely, see the space decorated, hear carols, even if remaining for an in-person service is not an option for you personally.

All services will be livestreamed.

**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 (maximum 50 distanced people, masked). We will clean throughout the day to ensure the safest space for you to come into.

**Outdoor Christmas Carols – 3:30 p.m.**

As folks arrive for the 4:00 p.m. service, carols will be sung outside. Masks are required. And we are restricted to a maximum of 25 persons gathered. But if you've missed singing, you may register in advance to join. Alternatively, you may proceed directly into the church to sit and listen to the carolers from outside.

**Christmas Eve Service – 4:00 p.m.**

Please register in advance with Sam at [office@stjames-manotick.ca](mailto:office@stjames-manotick.ca)

**Outdoor Christmas Carols – 6:30 p.m.**

Please register in advance with Sam at [office@stjames-manotick.ca](mailto:office@stjames-manotick.ca)

**Christmas Eve Service – 7:00 p.m.**

Please register in advance with Sam at [office@stjames-manotick.ca](mailto:office@stjames-manotick.ca)

**Christmas Day** – Rev. Kerri will provide a message Christmas morning from home. She may be in her pajamas!

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