



Saint James' Anglican Church

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November Update - November 13, 2020

From Rev. Kerri...

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 for the link in advance.

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Episcopal Visit and Confirmations

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.

I'm pleased to share that we have ten candidates for Confirmation: Clare, Sophie, Deanna, Sydney, Caiden, Matthew, Andrew Charles, Ryan, and Jeremy. Please hold them in your prayers as they prepare to affirm their faith and their continued membership within the Church.

Understandably many of you would like to attend our service in person to greet the Bishop. Unfortunately, with Covid restrictions of max 50 people and six families attending for Confirmation, we are already close to our maximum capacity.

Please plan to attend this service online. I'm sorry for any disappointment but am grateful for your understanding!

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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.

As folks arrive for the service, carols will be sung by members of our choir but unfortunately we will not be able to join in.

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

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

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

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

Christmas Outreach

St James' Outreach is again planning food hampers 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 varied selection for the hampers.**

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

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

baby (18-24mth size, Huggies sz 3-4)
boys 10yrs + 15yrs
girls 16 yrs + woman 20yrs
3 Adult women
3 Adult men

Suggested food items

Canned Ham/meats; Canned Tuna
Beans, Kidney Beans; Chick Peas
Canned Vegetables; Canned Fruit
Stagg Chili; Rice & Asian sauces
Pasta; Tomato sauce, Spaghetti sauce
Canned Cranberries; Stuffing
Jams; Cereal (non-sugary)
Juice; Breakfast or Granola Bars
Pancake Mix; Syrup
Peanut Butter; Cookies
Chips & Pretzels; 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 10yrs) 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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No Christmas Market this year but
The CHURCH MOUSE BAKERY
is filling in... SWEET!!

A small team, with big hearts, is working to
provide you with a selection of
sweet treats, puff pastry hor d'oeuvres,
St. James' traditional Christmas Puddings and Christmas Pudding Truffles.
Find the full menu and ordering instructions [here](#).

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 and let Shirley Hilchuk, (envsecretary@stjames-manotick.ca), or Sam know of any necessary corrections.

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.
Thanks!

Coffee Hour

1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month
(next one this Wednesday, Nov 18th)
from 11:00 - 12:00 via ZOOM.
Conversation and catch up with Rev. Kerri and fellow parishioners.
Please use this [link](#).

Church Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday, 9am - 4pm.
Sam will be away from the office this
Tuesday, November 17
Emails will be responded to later in the day.
Note: Emailed/phone messages for Sunday sign-up
will be noted if received by 6:00 p.m. Saturday.

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