



Saint James' Anglican Church

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Weekly Update - February 16, 2021

Lent

Ashes, specifically the reminder that we are dust and that to dust we shall return, usually plays a significant role in our commencement of Lent. And it's something notably missing from our experience this year on account of Covid restrictions. And yet, it is not our only means of observing and honouring the season. Lent draws us into deeper, more intentional prayer, fasting, and self-reflection. We are meant to use these days to meditate on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus before we can celebrate Easter, and particularly, how our lives are affected by His life and death as Christians.

And so, despite our inability to celebrate the start of Lent with our usual smudge of ash on our foreheads, I still invite you to observe a holy Lent—acknowledge within yourself that which is broken, accept and truly believe that you are worthy, loveable, and will one day be made whole because of, and regardless of that brokenness; seek out and be aware of the frailty of life that surrounds you in relationships, body, mind, spirit, creation...and commit to gently tending to that frailty; and recall that yes, you were created from the dust, and you will return to dust.

Rev. Kerri

Ash Wednesday

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday, February 17. The service will be shared online at 10:00 a.m.

Ashes will be made available for those who wish to pick them up from the church as of Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. so you can have your ashes in time for the service on Wednesday. The ashes were burned from palms remaining from Palm Sunday 2020 and with the origami swans made in prayer for each parishioner early in Covid.

The Ash Wednesday service can be found **on page 281** of the **Book of Alternative Services** [The Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada](#).

Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

Please register with Sam at office@stjames-manotick.ca.



Donations

A note on how we make our donations to the church. Depending on the means in which you make your donation, there are fees applied to the transaction. We wanted to let you know what those fees can look like, should you wish to adjust how you make donations.

Donations of **cash, cheque, and e-transfer** cost the parish nothing. If you make a \$100 donation, St James receives \$100.

PAR costs the parish \$0.50. If you make a donation of \$100, St James receives \$99.50.

Other means of donation (Canada Helps, credit cards) cost the parish 2.5 - 4% of the amount in fees. If you make a \$100 donation, St James receives \$96 - \$97.50.

Your donation is made with the ease and ability of your household, and every donation made is valued and appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of St James.



Church Office closed today

Due to snow/driving conditions today, the church office was closed.

Sam will plan to be in, instead, on Wednesday, 10am to 2pm and Thursday, 9:30am to 2pm.

Vestry Report

Please contact Sam, at 613-692-2082, if you would like to pick up a copy of the Vestry Report.

