

St. James' and Holy Trinity

December 4, 2011

8:00 a.m. St. James' Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Opening Hymn: "Knowing You" #103

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The Collect of the Day: ***Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11
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Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a
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The Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8
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The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn: "Here I Am to Worship" #528(vv. 1-4) p214

In the World: We pray for peace. We remember Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Fred, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Colin, Metropolitan of Ontario. We pray for Mary Sherwood, our missionary in Madagascar. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray today for the Diocese of Western Kansas in the USA. In Canada we pray for the people and clergy in the dioceses of the Council of the North. We pray for the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families and for those of our church family who serve in the U.S. military.

In our Diocese: We pray for John our Bishop; for St. Thomas the Apostle, Ottawa and the Ven. Peter Crosby; for all the Church Musicians serving in the parishes of the Diocese of Ottawa and for the staff and volunteers of Librairie Saint-Paul & Canterbury House Bookstore. We pray for the Ottawa Hospital Chaplaincies - Civic and General Campuses with the Rev. Di Jaggassar, Chaplain and Sheila Granger, Volunteer Coordinator at the Civic. We pray for those who feel a calling to ordained ministry and for those who were ordained to the priesthood on Nov. 30.

In our Parish: We pray for: Sue and Sid our Priests; Elizabeth our Parish Administrative Assistant; those ministering to our youth & our Kids' Church; our Liturgical Assistants; our Parish and Congregational Councils; our church musicians; the Apple Tree Ministry; Martha's; the Dundas County Food Bank; Naomi House; the Dundas County Hospice; the Pastoral and Spiritual Care Team at Winchester Hospital; our Prayer Ministry and our Pastoral Care Team. We pray especially at this time for those who are planning our annual Christmas Dinner and those who will attend. This week in the South Dundas cycle of prayer we pray for the Iroquois United Church Pastoral Charge and the Rev. Janet Evans.

In our Extended Parish Family we pray for:

Syd, Gerda, Ronnie, Ralph, Penny, Sean, Michael, Kathy, Attila, Irene, Patricia, Mark, Curtis, Micheline, Bill, Mary, Brenda, Jeffrey, Patricia, Donald, Bill, Cheryl, Lise, Wendy, Brenda, Dorothy, Edna, Stuart, Scott, Gabby, Helen, John, Carolyn, David, Bonnie, Bill, Verna, Jim, Iva, Doug, John, Mahlon, Al, Arnell, Diane, Rick, Dianne, Pat, Madalene, Dave, Margaret, Elaine, Melanie, Lois, Bill, Dawne, Harry, Laurie, Heather, Wim, Beverley, Bob, Jordan, Allan, Bernie, Joan and James.

The names on the Extended Parish Family prayer list are reviewed regularly. Please notify Elizabeth of any updates pertaining to the people whose names are on the list.

Parish Office Hours at St. James' are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Please call or leave a message at 613-543-3904 or email: st.james@hotmail.com if you would like to contact Elizabeth Irwin. **If you would like to contact the Rector directly in an emergency, phone 613-543-1873.** Our weekly bulletin is available on the parish website: www.seawayanglicans.com,

A reminder that the alarm system at St. James' is in use. Anyone opening the church must use the Parish Office entrance in order to activate and/or deactivate the alarm. Please remember to check that all the church doors are locked before setting the alarm.

We have hand sanitizers available for your use in our churches. Please remember that dipping the Communion bread in the Communion Cup is not permitted.

At St. James' each Sunday at the 9:15 a.m. service there is an opportunity for private prayer at Communion time. We invite you to join the weekly prayer team in the north-west corner of the church for confidential prayer for any personal concerns.

Minutes of the St. James' Congregational Council and the Parish Central Committee meetings are available now at the back of the church at St. James' to be reviewed by anyone interested.

CHURCH CALENDARS:

-A message from Melody Praine: "Thank you to all at St. James' who bought Church Calendars this year. The profits from our sales have been sent to the rebuilding fund of St. Jude's Church in Iqaluit, Nunavut. See www.arcticnet.org/igloocathedral for photos of the steeple in place. A grand piano has been donated in Ottawa and is currently stored at our cathedral. When St. Jude's is ready the piano will be shipped to Iqaluit. Angela Hewitt will play at the consecration of the new cathedral next summer. Thanks again."

-There is a small number of calendars still available at St. John's. Contact Judy Lapensee at 613-652-6278.

The Dundas County Food Bank needs our support year-round. As well as food and monetary donations they are looking for volunteers to help during their opening hours. Please pick up a Food Bank shopping list at the back of the churches.

Christmas Flowers:

If you wish to make a donation of flowers as a gift to the glory of God in memory of loved ones or as a thank-offering please contact Sheila Cruickshank (613-543-3048) for St. James', Mary Bright (613-652-2041) or Ethel Armstrong (613-652-2358) for St. John's or Isobel Tuttle (613-543-3397) for Holy Trinity.

If you know of anyone who is a shut-in and would like to have Christmas Communion at home, please contact the Parish office at 613-543-3904.

St. John's notices:

- **Your box of offering Envelopes for 2012** will be available in early December. If you are interested or thinking about switching to the PAW (Pre-Authorized Withdrawal) program, now would be a good time to change. Applications are available from Arlene.

- **Congregational Council Meeting:** Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7:30p.m.

- **Pot Luck Lunch:** Sunday, Dec. 11 following the 11:15 a.m. service.

- **The Greeters' Schedule** for 2012 is ready today. Please pick up your copy from Jim Millard.

This Week in the Parish

Tuesday Dec. 6	10:00am Service at the Hartford Centre 7:30pm Choir Practice at St. James'
Wednesday Dec. 7	7:30pm "The Way of Prayer" at St. James'
Thursday Dec. 8	10:30am Christian Meditation at St. James' 12 Noon Martha's Lunch at St. James' 7:30pm St. John's Congregational Council
Sunday Dec. 11	8:00am Holy Eucharist at St. James' 9:15am Family Eucharist at St. James' 11:15am Holy Eucharist at St. John's with Pot-Luck Lunch following 4:00pm Advent Festival of Readings and Music at St. James' with Chili supper following

Readings for December 11, the Third Sunday of Advent:
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28.

A Joint Anglican - Lutheran Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent is planned for Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. at St. James' with a chili supper to follow.

The regular monthly service at the Hartford Retirement Residence will take place Tuesday, December 6 at 10am.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food and fellowship at Martha's Lunch at noon on Thursdays. Martha's is at St. James' on Dec. 8. The last Martha's before Christmas will be on Dec. 15 at St. James'.

St. James' Notices:

- The New St. James Service Roster is ready. Please be sure to pick up your copy for your involvement in the services. If you need to switch your duties, please let the Rector or the Liturgical Assistants know. Please contact Joyce LeRoy if there are changes for the next roster. Thank You!

- Ministry of Hospitality:

We would like to set up a roster of people who would be willing to help with coffee time after the 9:15am service at St. James'. If you would be willing to take a turn in this ministry of hospitality on a rotating basis, please contact Elizabeth in the parish office.

- Notice to all St. James' envelope holders: Your 2012 envelopes are ready to be picked up from the back of the church. Please do not use any 2012 envelopes before the first Sunday in January. Please do not use 2011 envelopes or those of any previous years after the end of December in order to keep our records accurate and current. For more information call Anne Hunt at 613-543-0993.

- St. James' welcomes:

The Ontario Early Years Centre which has a great new "Play and Learn" group in Morrisburg at St. James' on Monday mornings, 9am-12pm. There is lots of space to play, a cozy baby play area, a craft and play dough area, a snack space with a high chair and circle time at 11:30am. Parents/Grandparents and caregivers with children 0-6 years are welcome to come and play. It is a free playgroup you can drop in any Monday. A parent resource library is also available.

Advent and Christmas Services in the Parish:

Sunday, December 11:

**4:00 p.m. - Joint Anglican-Lutheran Advent
Festival of Readings and Music
followed by a Chili Supper.**

Sunday, December 18:

**3:00 p.m. - Christmas Service at the Hartford
Retirement Centre**

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve:

**4:30 p.m. - Family Eucharist at St. John's,
Iroquois**
7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist at St. John's, Iroquois
9:00 p.m. - Carols at St. James', Morrisburg
**9:30 p.m. - Choral Eucharist at St. James',
Morrisburg**

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day:

10:00 a.m. - Holy Trinity, Riverside Heights
**12:30 p.m. - Community Christmas Dinner at the
Morrisburg Legion**

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1:

10:00 a.m. - St. James', Morrisburg
**(This is the only service in the parish on
New Year's Day.)**

Planning for the Annual Community Christmas Dinner is well underway! The sign-up sheets for donations for the December 25th dinner are available at St. James' and Holy Trinity today. Please call Joan Larocque (613-543-0722) if you would like to join us for dinner on Christmas Day.

The Outreach Committee of **Lakeshore Drive United Church**, in collaboration with **Upper Canada Playhouse** is presenting a dramatic reading of **Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" TODAY**, Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital Foundation. There will be special music as well as light refreshments. Tickets are \$15 and are available from Scotiabank, which will be matching every ticket they sell.

Seaway Valley Singers Christmas Concert:

"Nutcracker Jingles" with the Junior Handbell Ringers of Winchester United Church, conducted by Robert Jones with Margaret Whisselle, accompanist, will take place Friday, December 16 at 7:30pm at Iroquois United Church. Tickets: adults \$10, students \$5 at the door or from choir members. For more information call 613-448-1647.

What is as old as Christianity, brings joy and peace to those who practice it, and is the best-kept secret in the church today? The answer is **Christian Meditation**. In this season of rush and noise it is essential that we find time to be still and quiet. Christian meditation is a silent prayer in which we find God who dwells within our own heart. In finding God we also find our true self and thus we are renewed. Christian meditation is the natural progression of our prayer life towards a deeper experience of God.

A group meets at St. James' Church each Thursday morning at 10:30. The one hour meeting includes music, a talk on Christian meditation, 20 minutes of silence, following by a question period. Everyone is welcome.