

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

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

Opening Hymn: **"Garments of Praise"** #106

The Gathering of the Community p185
 "Kyrie Eleison" p186

The Collect of the Day: ***God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
Psalm: Psalm 126 p885
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
Gradual Hymn: **#101** #318
The Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28
Message/Children's Presentation at St. John's
The Apostles' Creed p189
The Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution p191
The Peace
Offertory Hymn: **#362** #478

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #1 p193
The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread #5 p212
The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion p214

Closing Hymn: **"Go On Out..."** #155(vv. 1-4)

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 North Carolina 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; St. John the Evangelist, Smiths Falls and the Ven. Jim Roberts; St. Thomas', Stittsville and the Rev. Jane McCaig; for all who travel at this time of year and for all Custodial Staff serving the Parishes and Diocese of Ottawa. We pray for those who feel a calling to ordained ministry.

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 South Dundas Evangelical Lutheran Parish and the Rev. Norine Gullons.

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, 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, James and Carl.

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.

IT'S ANNUAL REPORT TIME!

All those who are lead persons of organizations in the Parish, please note: You are asked to submit an annual report on your group's activities and a financial report (if applicable) to the parish office no later than January 23. Written reports should be short and to the point. We ask you to send your reports electronically to st.james@hotmail.com if at all possible. If not possible, please send your report early so that it can be prepared. For more information, contact Rev. Sue or Elizabeth.

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: Dorothy Houze (613-543-2048) or 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.

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 St. John's today. Please call Joan Larocque (613-543-0722) if you would like to join us for dinner on Christmas Day.

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.

Don't forget our **Second Annual Potluck Epiphany Party** at St. James' on **Tuesday January 3.** We will gather at 5:30 p.m. to be ready to eat at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be followed by a time of singing carols until we are hoarse before we have to put them away for another year. Please plan on coming!

The Way of Prayer: This parish study group on Wednesday evenings is taking a break until Jan. 18. There will be five more sessions before Lent begins. It's not too late to join the group. We have some books available (cost: \$12), please contact the parish office.

This Week in the Parish

Tuesday Dec. 13	7:30pm Choir Practice at St. James'
Thursday Dec. 15	10:30am Christian Meditation at St. James' 12 Noon Martha's Lunch at St. James'
Sunday Dec. 18	8:00am Holy Eucharist at St. James' 9:15am Family Eucharist at St. James' 11:00am Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity 11:15am Holy Eucharist at St. John's 3:00pm Christmas Service at the Hartford Retirement Centre

Readings for December 18, the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Canticle 18 (Luke 1:47-55); Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38.

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

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food and fellowship at Martha's Lunch at noon on Thursdays. The last Martha's before Christmas will be on Dec. 15 at St. James'. Martha's will start again on January 12.

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' 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.

St. James' Notices:

There will be a **Brass-Cleaning Bee** tomorrow, Monday, December 12 at 9 a.m. All helpers welcome!

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 or if you would like envelopes please 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.

St. John's notices:

The boxes of offering Envelopes for 2012 are available now.

Thanks to all those who were involved with preparing for the children's presentation today!

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.)**

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.

A NEW AND EXCITING IDEA: "THEOLOGY ON TAP"!!

The idea is three-fold:

1. To give parishioners and interested folk a casual, safe venue for engaging in theological discussion outside of the church buildings;
2. Encourage our deanery (parishioners and clergy alike) to intentionally socialize and converse outside of regular liturgical or coffee-hour times;
3. Embark on a gentle evangelism - simply to be a visible presence of the Church in the wider community.

The first session will happen on Thursday, January 19 in Morrisburg at the McIntosh Inn (the pub side) at 7:30pm.!!

Topic: "Ask the Religion Expert". We will have a number of articles published by The Ottawa Citizen for participants to read and discuss. For example, one article might be "Is religion alive and well or struggling to survive in Canada?"

Interested participants are asked to please call the Rev. Kerri Brennan, Trinity, Cornwall (613-220-9260) or the Rev. Jon Martin, Parish of North Dundas (613-769-4035) to confirm so space can be reserved.

N.B.: The January Parish Central Committee meeting has been postponed until Jan. 26 so that members can attend this evening event in Morrisburg.