



***St. James Anglican Church
Stratford, Ontario***

***New Year's Day
Sunday, January 01, 2012***

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Deacon
Director of Music***

**The Rev'd Canon Dr. W. Lorne Mitchell
The Rev'd Lynn Mitchell
The Rev'd Tom Patterson
Susan Nagtegaal**

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People's Warden
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Verger
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Welcome to St. James Anglican Church

All are welcome and all may find a place here

Our Prayer and Praise

- ❖ Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Most Rev'd William Brown Turei Pihopa, Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and for the people under his care. We pray for the Diocese of Huron, for our Bishops Bob Bennett and Terry Dance and for Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.
- ❖ We pray for people around the world who are in crisis; for the people of the Middle East, Africa and Turkey. We pray for the ongoing work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, the Huron Hunger Fund and for all those who strive to alleviate suffering caused by hunger, disease, poverty and the rages of war and natural disasters.
- ❖ We pray for the safety of civilian and Canadian military personnel stationed in areas of unrest in the world.
- ❖ We pray for those who are ill or in need: **Sandy, Enid, Linda Walton, Jean, Hart Kinnear, Diane Sims, Phyllis Amos, Laura Boone, Sheryl and Sylvia Hohol.**
- ❖ We praise God for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week:

Birthdays: Dalton Heard, Robert Packham, Tristen Haggarty, Gary Brodhagen, Jacob Andrew Smith and Robert McCallum.

Anniversaries: Jim and Connie MacDougall

**The flowers at the altar
are given to the Glory of God.**

8:30AM HOLY EUCHARIST

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Reader ~ Jane Kirkpatrick

Eucharistic Assistant ~ Ross Crawford

10:30AM SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST

THE BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

Musical Setting: Picardy

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Marlin Nagtegaal

Community News

Processional Hymn 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you**

Priest Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from
you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your
holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Gathering of the Church School

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Numbers 6: 22-27

Read by: *Louise McColl*

Psalm 8

Refrain



Lord, your name is glo - ri - ous, it re -
sounds through all the earth.

Second Reading Galatians 4: 4-7

Read by: *Karen Haslam*

Gradual Hymn 127

O Come, Little Children

The Gospel

Luke 2: 15-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Lorne Mitchell

The Apostles' Creed

All

I believe in God, the Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Led by: Susan Patterson

Let us pray to the God of all time and space,
in whose love we live, move and have our being,
and by whose love we are saved, saying:

O come: let us walk in the light of God.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant

Invitation to Confession

Silence

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant *Absolution*
People **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 141

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Prayer Over the Gifts

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues

With this bread and cup we remember your Word, Jesus Christ, dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in Christ's death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Blessing, praise and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God
All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Grant us your peace.

The Communion

*Eucharistic Assistants: Jane Kirkpatrick, Susan Patterson
The Rev'd Tom Patterson*

Communion Hymn 132

Of Eternal Love Begotten

Anthem Lo, How a Rose

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 135

Shepherds in the Field Abiding

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Marlin Nagtegaal

*If you wish to get up to go to the back of the church
before the end of the Organ Postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.*

Today

*Please join us at the back of the church after the 10:30 am service
for refreshments and fellowship.*

This Week at St. James

Mon Jan 2	Holiday	Parish Office Closed	
Tue Jan 3	9:30 am	Food Bank	<i>Upper Hall</i>
	1:00 pm	Chime Concert	<i>Bell Tower</i>
Wed Jan 4	10:00 am	Holy Communion <i>The Ven. John Spencer</i>	<i>Chapel</i>
Thurs Jan 5	12:00 noon	Chime Concert	<i>Bell Tower</i>
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice	<i>Upper Hall</i>
Sat Jan 7	5:00 pm	Contemplative Eucharist	<i>Club Room</i>
Sun Jan 8	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist	<i>Church</i>
	10:30 am	Sung Holy Eucharist	<i>Church</i>

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 1: 1-5

Psalm: 29

Second Reading: Acts 19: 1-7

Gospel: Mark 1: 4-11

Community News

Thank-you for Your Support

I would like to express my appreciation to my St. James family. Your support and encouragement over the past year has been a source of strength and comfort. The luncheon after my mother's funeral provided an opportunity to meet with family and friends. I have received many comments about the wonderful "feel" of our parish. Your thoughtfulness and support will not be forgotten. *Thank-you! ~Bobbie-Jo Allely*

ACW

Thanks to all of our members who participated in our meetings, luncheons and coffee hours this year, not to mention the Sale, the Holly Wreath Shop and the No-Work Bazaar. You have made this an extraordinary year. Your Executive wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and don't forget to hand in your favourite Christmas Cookie/Dessert recipe.

Prayer Circle

Help wanted – people who are willing to pray for the needs of the members of the parish and many outside the parish. If you have a few minutes to be part of the prayer circle, and recognize the power of prayer, please call Louise McColl at 271-6942, or email plmccoll@cyg.net

Adult Education Tuesdays 2012 @ St. James

For 6 weeks beginning Tuesday January 10th - 7pm. This is an opportunity to learn about an often-misrepresented world religion. Our weekly “guest lecturer” will be Professor John Esposito, Professor of Religion and International Affairs, and Islamic Studies at Georgetown University. Cost of the course guidebook is \$10.00 and a pre-paid order will be placed mid-December. **Prepaid Only.** Sign up at the back of the church, or call Rev. Lynn @ 519-271-3572 x. 207

Guaranteed!

One sure way to lose weight – donate your extra (left-over) Christmas goodies for Refreshment Time at the back of the church any Sunday in January or February. If you volunteer to be the host/hostess, you won't have time to eat even one calorie! Sign up **today** with Marie Jones.

Jewellery Boxes Needed

The ST. JAMES SALE will be looking for jewellery boxes for next spring, so if you are the happy recipient of a gift of jewellery this Christmas, and don't need the box, please keep it for the sale – *and thanks for recycling the boxes this way.*

Bible Study

Commencing on January 12th, a one-hour Bible Study will be held every Thursday morning at 10:00 am in the Club Room. For more information, contact Louise McColl at 519-271-6942.