



Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday February 23, 2025
8:30 am

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The Reverend Diana Boland, Curate

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We invite all Christians who are baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity, regardless of denomination, to join with us in receiving the church's highest offering of praise to God, the Holy Eucharist.

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**Join us today after the 10:30 a.m. Service
for our Outreach Lunch in the Lower Hall.**
Sara McIntyre-Roy of the Connections Centre
will tell us about the needs in the community and
the support Connections offers.

The flowers on the Altar today
are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of:
~**The Balsden Family:**
Ethel, Edward & Dorothy ~
From Ellen Atkinson

NOTICES FOR FEBRUARY 23rd

Outreach Lunch Today!

The Stratford Connections Centre, operated at St. Paul's Church by Canadian Mental Health Association Perth is a much-needed lifeline to people who are homeless or at risk. Next Sunday after the 10:30 service on February 23, Sara McIntyre-Roy of the Connections Centre will tell us about the needs in the community and the support Connections offers. The menu will be a smorgasbord of chili to delight the senses and warm the heart, and all free will donations will go to the work of the Connections Centre.

Music and Art at St. James, Stratford:

Upper Hall on Saturday, March 1, 2025

Please put this fund-raising event on your calendar: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Music by Velvet and Ivory (Beverley Maranger and Tim Elliott). Art for Sale from Local Artists. Freewill Offerings and Donations for the Capital Fund.

Jazz Vespers Sunday March 2nd

The next Jazz Vespers (the informal Sunday afternoon worship service featuring jazz) will be held on Sunday March 2 at 4 p.m. It will have a Mardi Gras theme as it's the last Sunday before Lent. The musicians are Our Little Band: Dave Manning, trumpet, Steve Gruchy, saxophone, Tom Garrick, trombone, Steve MacDougall, bass, Tim Adair, drums, Tim Elliott piano, Beverley Maranger, vocals.

Jazz Vespers is supported by parish and community sponsors to pay the musicians an appropriate fee so the offerings can go to special outreach projects. If you'd like to be a sponsor, please contact Canon Rob Lemon, the Rector.

Ash Wednesday Services

There will be three Ash Wednesday Services available to attend on Wednesday March 5th:

- 10:00 a.m. at St. James
- 12:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
- 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's

Lenten Series:

Starting on Tuesday March 11th we will gather in the St. Stephens' lower parish hall for the last five weeks of the *Jesus Shaped Life* series we started last fall. We will gather for supper at 5 pm and then explore some signs of life that we encounter in faith. Each night we will reflect on a sign of life like light, water, food, shelter, and community to deepen our experience and appreciation of church life and open ourselves up more fully to God's grace and love. Please join us as we grow in faith and community through the season of Lent.

Special Vestry Meeting Sunday March 16th

On Sunday March 16th we will be having a special Vestry meeting focussing on the Capital Campaign Consideration. All are welcome to attend following the 10:30 a.m. Service on Sunday March 16th.

Grief Support Group

Beginning in early March, Nancy Adams will lead a small group that will meet weekly on Monday afternoons over approx. 6-7 weeks in the St. James Club Room, using “*Understanding Your Grief*” by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, a well-known grief educator and counselor, as a resource. If you or someone you know would value participating in a group with the goal of gaining insight and support in the process of grieving, please speak to Nancy after church on Sunday when questions about the group can be answered. The book is available from the St. James church office Monday through Friday, 9:00 to noon. Questions may also be addressed to Nancy by email at spiritworker@gmail.com.

Food Bank Wish List

The canned meat and fish shelf is looking a little bare right now. We'd love to receive donations of canned salmon, tuna, ham, chicken and turkey.

We're still collecting empty margarine containers - the small size, and we don't need the lids. Or comparable sour cream, cottage cheese, etc. containers. Robin Rutherford would like to use them as starter pots for tomato plants that Food Bank customers can put on a windowsill, balcony, or porch, or plant in the ground at home or in a community garden.

In The Beholder's Eye Art Project:

Sunday, February 23, 2025.

Displaying Artist for our second 2025 display is **Mary Lou Kingham**.

Wonderful efforts of our creative community! Art makes a difference in All Our Lives.

An opportunity for Everyone: You, a Family Member, a Friend or a Neighbour. Sign-Up Sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.

Upcoming Readings - Sunday March 2nd

Exodus 34: 29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3: 12—4:2

Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43)

Chancel Team #4

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 25 - *St. James Community Foodbank – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
*English Conversation Café at 6:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall
*Truth & Reconciliation Book Club at 7:00 p.m. in the Club Room
- Feb. 26 - *Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service
*Chimes Concert at 12:00 p.m.
*Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m. in the Nave
- Feb. 27 - *Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
*Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Hall
- Feb. 28 - *Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room
*Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00 p.m.
- Mar. 1 - *Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
*Music & Art Show at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall
- Mar. 2 - *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
*Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
*Jazz Vespers at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

CHORAL EVENSONG

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

(41 Mornington St., Stratford)

February 23, 2025—4 pm

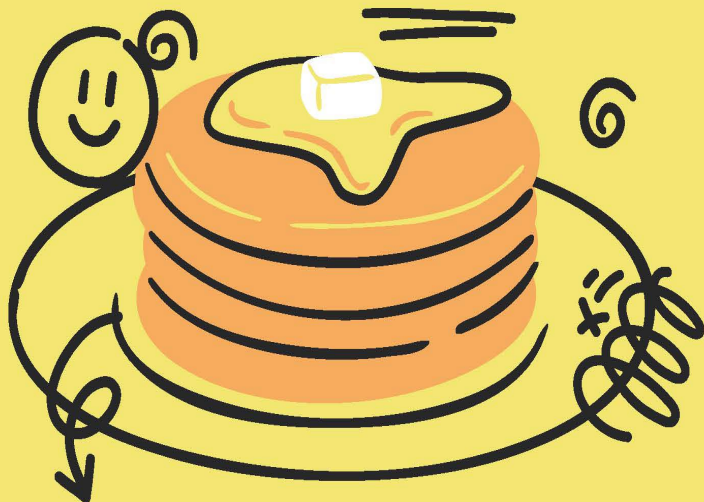
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