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HUGE DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

All Anglicans are invited to help the Diocese of Huron celebrate its 150th Birthday (Sesquicentennial) at the JLC on Sunday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m. The Bishop has encouraged all churches throughout the Diocese to cancel their main services of worship that Sunday. (We will have an 8:30 am Eucharist at St. James.)

- ◆ Complimentary tickets available in the Church Office or after all services of worship.
- ◆ Tickets are colour coordinated so that our parish (and Deanery of Delaware) will be sitting close to one another. Our colour is royal blue.
- ◆ Yes, you may bring friends but please get a ticket for them.
- ◆ Special offer of St. James Westminster t-shirts and golf shirts (order forms at the church). Shirts are blue with parish name and crest.
- ◆ Many of us will park near St. James and walk the few blocks to the JLC.
- ◆ We will provide several minivan shuttle buses for those who cannot walk that distance.
- ◆ Special program for children.
- ◆ 40 Bishops from across Canada will be present.
- ◆ 500 Voice Choir.
- ◆ We are expecting 10,000 people. St. James has ordered 300 tickets and anticipates ordering more.
- ◆ Special arrangements have been made to seat those with disabilities on the main floor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4

“Old Fashioned Thanksgiving Potluck” at the Menear’s for the Refugee Committee Members and the Dah family

October 6

Marriage of Claire Dowling and Eric Judd

October 7

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING WORSHIP
at 8:30 and 10:30 am**

October 12

Blessing of the Marriage of Graeme and Mara Woodhouse

October 13

Marriage of Teri Whitmore and Adam Germain

October 14

8:30 and 10:30 Eucharist

9:15 am B.A.C. Breakfast Jane Sims, Reporter for the London Free Press, to speak at the on the Stephen Truscott case.

3:45 pm Wheels to Meals meets in the Chapel to attend Jazz Vespers before dinner

4:00 pm Jazz Vespers with Johnny Stevens and his daughter, Tawnya Stevens

October 21

8:30 and 10:30 Eucharist

Parish Anniversary

Special Guests:

The Amabile Youth Singers

October 28

8:30 am Eucharist with Bishop Ben Ogwal preaching and celebrating

No Worship at 10:30

2:00 pm Giant Service at the JLC (note the article on this)

November 4

8:30 and 10:30 All Saints Service



FAITH QUEST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children of St. James are settled into their workshops and Faith Quest is buzzing with activity. As we continue learning the story, found in Mark 2:1-12, of the paralytic let through the roof, we focus on some wonderful themes.

Children learn that Jesus showed he had God's power to heal and forgive, our faith in God helps others and we show our faith in God by helping and praying for others. We have also explored the idea that sometimes it is difficult to get to forgiveness and healing, but like the four friends in the story we must persevere. We also learned of the value of community, about how God brings us together to help one another.

We had a very lively and successful play on Round Up Sunday on September 9 and more than 100 children have registered for Family Ministry programs at St James. If you have not registered your child yet for Nursery, Sunday School or Youth Groups, please fill out a form in the hall after services or see Ann De Bono for more information.



London Knights Hockey November 16, 2007

7:30 p.m. game time
London Knights vs. Owen
Sound Attack
\$15.50 per ticket

There are a limited number of tickets.

SIGN IN A CHURCH ENTRANCEWAY

If after kirk, ye bide a wee
There's some wiuld like to speak with ye.
If after kirk, ye rise and flee
We'll all seem cold and stiff to ye.
All here hae got their fears and cares,
Add ye soul to ither's prayers
And be an angel unawares.

Author Unknown (contributed by Helena Taylor)

ST. JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY



What an exciting fall season in St James' Youth Ministry . We have our four youth groups running with eight dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer youth leaders.

Our leaders are:

Grade 6 & 7 - Alyson Parker Casanova,
Kristyn Parker and Rob Cosh

Grade 8 - Hillary Dencev, Brian Hillier
and Leigh Malloy

Grade 9 - Mary Ann McDowell and Dave
Booth

The St. James youth who went to Taize on the pilgrimage met and voiced enthusiasm for continuing with their group, which we will now call Young Adults in Church. They will meet socially and participate in St. James in various ways, including as Faith Quest shepherds, at Trafalgar Terrace services, outreach and youth evening services. They have also indicated an interest in exploring their own spirituality, and more information will be provided as to how we, at St. James, will support this.

Each youth group has its own calendar which will be posted on the bulletin boards in the hall and copies are available, so families can incorporate the many youth activities into their own family calendars at home. These calendars will also be on our new youth website, currently under construction, but keep checking at stjameswestminster.ca for our new online look.

NEXT BAPTISM DATES

November 18th and December 30th

Please speak to the Rector as soon as possible to confirm your dates. There are already seven baptisms planned for November 18th.

ST. JAMES GREEN TEAM

This new environmental action committee at St James met on September 24 to discuss how we can be a more environmentally friendly church and educate and inform our parishioners on going green.

At the General Synod meeting in June an EcoJustice report was issued stating one of the committee's missions is to "pursue vigorously the church's commitment to the integrity of God's creation, recognizing this generation's accountability to future generations." To that end, we watched a short documentary titled Greening our Sacred Spaces and discussed how best to begin that work in our parish.



There are many examples of leadership shown by dioceses and parishes throughout Canada and we at St. James want to be part of that group of forward thinking, action-oriented stewards. We will meet monthly and make reports to Parish Council on what discussions have taken place and what actions we believe are necessary to renew the sacred balance between humanity and the planet.

We will dedicate a Green Space bulletin board in the Parish Hall and on the church website and a Green Moment in the weekly bulletin to communicate our green action plan.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Westminster Lounge. New members are always welcome. For more information please see Esther Sizeland or Ann De Bono.

WHEELS TO MEALS

A program for Seniors eating alone on Sunday.

- **October 14th** Please meet in the Westminster Chapel at 3:45 pm and we will go into the Church to enjoy Vespers, with Johnny Stevens, before our dinner.
- **November 25th** Gather at 3:45 pm in the Westminster Chapel, enjoy Jazz Vespers with Tim Elliott, and then fellowship and dinner.
- **December 16th** Gather at 5:00 pm for dinner and then go into the Church for the Christmas Lessons and Carols Service.



Transportation is available — Call Esther Robinson at 519-471-7925 or the Church Office at 519-432-1915.

All Saints Celebration

"We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ..."

Each year we set aside a special day to commemorate the lives of our loved ones who have died and who now live in glory. Please mark Sunday, November 4th in your calendars (especially at the 10:30 a.m. worship).

Should you wish to have a family member's name listed in the bulletin and light a candle in his or her memory, please give that information to Carole in the church office (432-1915) or phone Judy Muzyłowsky (455-0806). We need to have these names, along with the name of the person lighting the candle, by October 29th.

TWINNING COMMITTEE - A Letter from Zola

HELLO MaryLou

Each day i woke up its like i see St James westminsters with you between them. To my sense i first should thank you and the excutive of St Pauls church by leting this vistor come through and every effort you as a congregation has made up to this stage

At this Moment I think i would come with one or two delegates By November in the first two weeks,As soon as we get our travelling documents such as passport,then we will set the date.

We are going to have meeting on the 16 september to select those that can make it to Canada. I just want to thank again about the prayers that you keep on having mentioning our GqoGqora parish , in few weeks ago my car crashed with another car and is writte-off now ,but i believe through your prayers i was'nt hurt, This confirms that god is so amazing, I REMAIN IN CHRIST :Zola



**Our Theological Student,
Rob Henderson, Writes ...**

Jazz
JV October 14
espers

**with Johnny Stevens and his
daughter, Tawnya Stevens**

Dear Friends:

As a requirement of my time as a theological student, I have the responsibility of creating learning goals for myself. My time spent here at St. James Westminster is a way to explore different aspects of parish ministry so that I am prepared to lead a parish of my own in the future. Two of the goals I've set forth for myself this fall are:

a) showing leadership in Sunday services by way of leading parts of the liturgy and preaching; and b) putting myself in situations where I can learn more about the administrative duties that are required in a parish setting. I'm also challenging myself to spend time with people in a pastoral role so I can gain as much experience as possible.

I'm very fortunate to have a group of people from St. James who have volunteered to walk with me in my learning. Anna Woodson, Judy Congdon, Michael McKinlay, Kristina Milbourn and Cathie Fleming make up my Learning Support Group. We'll meet a few times this fall to talk about what I'm learning and how I'm experiencing my time in the parish. It's also an opportunity for them to offer feedback on how they are experiencing me as a pastor, preacher and leader. They are a tremendous help and have offered immeasurable support since I came to St. James.

You too are an integral part of my learning. Everyone within this community of faith is part of my development and I am grateful for your presence and willingness to accept me in this role. In the end, it is the body of Christ that holds up leaders in the church. I am conscious of how much I've grown because of this community's commitment to support my preparation for ordination. Your ministry is one that will have lasting effects in Christ's Church.

Rob+

FROM THE BACK PEW
by Lloyd 'Mo' Morrison



Rude, Crude and Tabooed

I hope this isn't seen as just another rant from an 'old guy' who yearns for the 'good old days' - that is, before TV and the internet. I don't want to go there but I do want to register some regret about directions we are taking in today's communications.- on the street, in books, movies and, particularly, on TV. The newspapers and magazines I see still show some restraint.

Let me register a condition: I am in no way unaccustomed to crude language - growing up in a small western rural community during the dirty thirties and going from there into the air force my ears were by no means tender, and I did then, sometimes still do, utter the odd expletive. It's the where and when, and in what company that bothers me. I am regularly embarrassed while watching a so-called 'family' show on TV in the company of my wife, Stella - and even more so when the grandchildren are visiting. The endless warnings on the screen don't seem to register until after the offending 'coarse language' or 'explicit sexual content' has occurred. I say 'I am embarrassed - the kids don't seem to mind.'

While driving along Highway 2 a few days ago, I wondered aloud why my grandfather Arthur Silcox, my mother's father, left the beautiful countryside near Iona Station for the bald prairie of central Saskatchewan about a hundred years ago. Stella asked about what manner of man he had been and, in trying to describe his gentle nature, I recalled an incident when Mother and I were visiting from Manitoba. It was about 1938.

Grandfather decided that we would go 'motoring' one Sunday after church and took the 1928 Model A Ford Touring out of the shed - I don't think the word *garage* had entered our leicon by then. Grandma, my mother, cousin Alice and I happily climbed on board.

Heading out of Bridgford in the general direction of Tugaske, the next town, we traveled the dusty dirt track out past the Nicholson's and were just about at the King's place when the first 'flat' occurred. After a mighty wrestle with the jack and tire irons the offending tire was removed and replaced with the 'spare' one. When we had pumped this up with the ever handy hand pump we were on our way again.

About two miles along, near Renton's farm, the next tire went. Now we were in trouble with no spare for this one. Out came the pump and tools from the running board tool box and the whole game was played again - but this time there was no spare. The 'tube' must be removed from the tire that had been pried off the 'rim', patched, reinstalled and pumped up. By this time Grampa's cheerful whistle had dwindled to a few peeps as we again went through the start-up routine, with Alice at the throttle, spark and choke while Grampa spun the 'crank' - that handle just below the radiator.

And off we go, this time quite a bit further, almost all the way round three sides of the McDonald 'section' or square mile which was the denominator for 640 acre parcels of land in the Western land survey. Well-to-do farmers sometimes had a whole section while less progressive ones may be on a 'half' or even the original 'quarter' where they had 'homesteaded'. However, by this time as a result of the several years' long 'drought' combined with the Great Depression there were no 'well- to- do' farmers on the Prairies - just survivors.

Well, the Ford started again and away we went - maybe made two hundred yards this time when 'Pow' a third tire went. My grandfather just sat there, at the wheel for some time: then he uttered a great sigh and said the closest thing to swearing I ever heard from him: "Confound It!"

Grandmother echoed with a mildly condemning "Arrrrthhuurr --- the children".

After removing all the tires we then drove home on the rims.

Meet Chantal Blackshaw, Our Theological Student

Hello everyone. I am Chantal Blackshaw, your new theological student. I was born and raised in London, my home parish being the Church of St. Jude. I completed my undergraduate studies at Brescia University College with a major in religion and a minor in psychology. I have recently completed a twelve week unit of hospital chaplaincy which I really enjoyed and hope to do more of in the years to come. I am entering my second year of Master of Divinity at Huron University College.

I would like to thank Archdeacon Ken Anderson, staff and congregation for giving me the opportunity to work at this Church. From the moment I stepped into the Church, I was greeted warmly by friendly faces. I look forward to my time at St. James Westminster and meeting lots of new people.



A New Face in Family Ministry

Jennifer Cripps - Family Ministry Assistant



Having grown up in Old South, Jennifer is no stranger to St. James. Youngest daughter of Ron and Randy Cripps, Jennifer is an outgoing and eager young adult.

At an early age Jennifer was baptized by Derwyn Jones, she participated in junior choir, Sunday school and was a head server at St. James before moving to Toronto for University. While at Ryerson University, Jennifer received her Bachelor of Design, which focused on marketing and communications. She then worked for a marketing and promotions company where she gained valuable experience in event planning and graphic design.

Now as a recent graduate from Althouse College, she is excited about working with the families of St James.

In her spare time Jennifer enjoys walks through Wortley Village with Winston, her one year old miniature schnauzer.



Marc Feys and I travelled on his Harley to Grand Bend and then to Bayfield for lunch. I purchased this trip as part of the Silent Auction last fall. Thanks to Marc and Diane for their generosity in providing this adventure!

Barb Robinson