

# Westminster Chimes

## Christ Has No Body but Ours

The 16th century Spanish Carmelite mystic, St. Teresa of Avilla, composed one of my favourite meditations:

*Christ has no body on earth but yours;  
no hands but yours; no feet but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which the compassion  
of Christ must look out on the world.  
Yours are the feet with which Christ  
is to go about doing good.  
Yours are the hands with which Christ  
is to bless his people.*

This prayer reminds me that I am Christ in the world – and so are you! If people are to know the love of Jesus, it will be through us. If they are to see the heart of Jesus, it will be in us. If they are to see the work of Jesus, it will be from us. Yes, Christ has no body but ours.

Call me naïve or idealistic or simply foolish, but as a Christian, I want to make a difference in this world – to impact my community in some positive way and to change lives in Jesus. I hear the same from parishioners all the time. One person who made a donation to our community breakfast programme said that it gave him enormous satisfaction to know that his money was helping to feed people who otherwise might not eat that day. Another person who gives to the youth ministry said that reaching our young people with the gospel was one of the most important things the church could do. Still another person who gave to our music ministry said that it gave him hope to see people in church who would otherwise not be there; perhaps music was a way of reaching their hearts when words could not.

When I see people coming to the altar and falling on their knees, when I see families moving forward to unite their lives with Christ, when I hear testimonies of how a marriage was rejuvenated or

an alcoholic or drug abuser was rehabilitated, when grieving families tell me how much the church's ministry meant to them after a loved one died, when I see children singing their love for God with sincere smiles on their faces, when people share that they have drawn closer to God through our worship – that proves to me that the work of the church is vital to our well-being. Quite simply, we at St. James Westminster Church are changing the world – one life at a time.



We will be moving forward together this fall without our assistant priest Val Kenyon (who becomes Rector of Trinity Church, St. Thomas on September 15<sup>th</sup>). While we will miss Valerie's outstanding ministry, we are delighted to have Matt Martin as her replacement. Matt will oversee pastoral care, work with youth, and spearhead a Counterpoint worship service for seekers and young adults.

Under Matt, youth ministry at St. James will move toward greater diocesan involvement and joining together with other Anglican churches, while maintaining a vibrant parish-based ministry. While we must attract and

support our youth within the parish, partnering with other Anglican churches and being involved in diocesan and national youth events is the way forward.

Deacon Gerry Adam's resignation as Family Life Director has given us the opportunity to rethink our church school programme. We need to re-imagine our church school and envision a viable model for the future that aligns with our resources, commitment and number of children. This includes re-examining the position of Family Life Director and its role, responsibilities and time commitment. With money always an issue, we have asked, "Can the parish afford to have a full-time family life director?" Perhaps the question we now have to ask is, "Can the parish afford not to have one?"

The Italian political philosopher Machiavelli said, "Never let a good crisis go to waste." We are in a crisis now regarding our Family Life Ministry. However, the Chinese characters for "crisis" mean both danger and opportunity. This is an opportunity for us to explore new models of family life ministry that will attract parents, nurture children and grow our youth as mature disciples of Jesus. While we have serious challenges ahead of us, I remain hopeful about the eventual outcome.

Finally, please remember to pray for our church: our clergy, staff, lay leaders and the entire parish family. As Christians we have our work to do – God's work. So go on: Be Christ's Body in the world. Be Christ's hands and feet so that everyone may know how wondrous is the love of Jesus!

*O God, the Giver of all life, transform our lives and renew your Church through the power of your Holy Spirit; that we might better share with others your life and joy through Jesus Christ, who is our life. Amen. (1)*

Your Friend and Rector,  
The Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi

1. Bishop Morse Robinson, the Fifth Suffragan Bishop of Huron, composed this prayer. The diocese has asked that we use it in our personal devotions and corporate worship throughout this Year of Renewal begun with our May 2013 Synod.

## A HISTORY OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Beginning on Sunday, September 29 from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. in the Westminster Lounge, and continuing each Sunday to November 24, Dr. Nicolosi will teach a course on the History of the Book of Common Prayer that will explore the doctrine, development and structure of Anglican Prayer Books from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. This course will appeal to anyone interested in the study of Anglicanism, or who wants to understand the liturgical developments and theological controversies of the Church over the centuries. Class notes will be distributed at each session. Topics include:

1. September 29 – Historical and Theological Prelude to the Prayer Book
2. October 6 – The 1549 Prayer Book
3. October 13 – The 1552 Prayer Book
4. October 20 – The 1559, 1604 and 1637 Prayer Books
5. October 27 – The 1662 Prayer Book
6. November 3 – What the Reformation Was All About: Eucharistic Presence and Eucharistic Sacrifice
7. November 10 – The Canadian and American Prayer Books
8. November 17 – Liturgical Renewal, New Prayer Books and Other Worship Books
9. November 24 – The Future of Anglican Worship and the Book of Common Prayer
10. December 1 – Anglicanism in a Post Christian World
11. December 8 – Anglicanism in a Post Modern World
12. December 15 – Anglicanism as a Missional Church



## A Stewardship Reflection from the Rector

Sometimes I hear from clergy that raising funds for ministry is not what they signed up for. I understand that. In the blush of discernment and a growing sense of call, few of us, who are ordained ever gave serious thought to some of the practical aspects of parish ministry: leaky roofs, the occasional disgruntled member, parish council and vestry meetings, church finances and particularly stewardship – fundraising.

To that I ask: “Well, what did you sign up for? Was it not to help people be transformed? To be changed, converted?” What could be more life transforming than to convert people from a life of fear about money, as a paralyzing sense of scarcity, to a life of gratefulness and gratitude to God, and generosity in giving as a response to all God’s blessings (perhaps starting with ourselves and our own fears about money)? As preachers and teachers, clergy have the privilege to help people do this, to overcome money fears and realize the joy and fulfillment that comes from being a generous giver to the church’s mission.

In many of the parishes in which I served, it was standard practice to sing the Doxology with joy and vigor when the offering was received. The collection plates were then placed on the altar and left there, as the money represented what we had received by our time and abilities, and we were returning to God what God had given us. Money was not treated

as evil or worldly, but as God’s – to be used by the church for the building of God’s kingdom.

The Right Reverend Charles Longest, a former Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, tells the following story explaining why the offering should be left on the altar.

“A bishop friend of mine, a very good steward himself, and a very good teacher of Christian stewardship, tells this story about an experience he had in a parish in his diocese. As the rubric in the Book of Common Prayer directs, the bishop placed the offering plates on the altar. The acolyte, under audible directions from the rector, started to remove them from the altar. The bishop moved more quickly than the young acolyte and poured the contents of the two plates onto the altar, and went on with the Great Thanksgiving. All that we are and all that we have, we are to return to God in thanksgiving, and it is to be “placed on the altar” – the altar of God’s love and God’s self-giving and God’s creation and re-creation. This total offering of “our souls and bodies” is placed on the altar of Thanksgiving. God accepts it; God takes it; God blesses it; God gives it back to us – healed, restored, forgiven, and strengthened for God’s service.”

Amen!

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Children and Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed:** Do you have a passion to insure that our children and youth become committed Christians? Do you have the skills, experience and willingness to assist with a Sunday school class or youth group? If so, consider using your gifts in one of the most important ministries in our parish – family life. Speak with our Sunday school coordinator Laura Manias, our curate Matt Martin or with the rector for more information on how you can be part of this vital ministry.

**Attention Servers and people interested in serving:** There will be a meeting for servers

and people interested in serving following the service on September 15th in the Westminster Room. For more information please contact Reverend Matthew Martin.

**Visitation Team Expanding:** We are looking to grow our visitation team. If you feel you can give some of your time to journey with your fellow parishioners who are in need, please join us September 29th following the 10:30 service in the Westminster Room. This dynamic ministry will be fulfilling to you and the people that you serve. Please contact Reverend Matthew Martin for more information.



# Nourishing Our Youth and Young Families

By Revered Matthew Martin

The recent resignation of our Family Life Director, Reverend Gerry Adam has created a hole in the family life ministry at St James Westminster. We are incredibly thankful for the work Gerry has done at the Parish including her dedication to teaching our children the gospel and drawing attention to the importance of caring for and nurturing our planet. Our prayers are with Gerry as she moves forward with her many responsibilities at Huron Church Camp. As a parish we also need to move forward together, looking at what we can do to help our children and youth as they grow as Christians.

My primary role at St James Westminster is to provide Pastoral Care. St James Westminster is the largest parish in the diocese. We have many people in our congregation that are shut in or struggling with illness or family crisis. I have spent my summer visiting many parishioners and, as you can imagine, it is a never-ending endeavor.

One of my secondary responsibilities at St James Westminster, which by its very nature ties into my primary role, is to act as a Chaplain to young families and our youth. Many of our young people have struggles of their own. It seems daily the news speaks of a young person being bullied, or underage drinking or difficulties children face in school or at home. As their Chaplain, I am able to offer some insight and encouragement to our young people as they journey in their paths towards adulthood. Our young families also have a unique set of challenges with which I am very much in tune as a father of twin boys. In my capacity as Chaplain to the youth and young families, I believe now is the time to begin to develop and grow in our church family relationship. I am convinced that because St James Westminster does not have the numbers to sustain a full time youth worker we need to find a new way of doing things.

St James Westminster is a thriving church that exists within The Diocese of Huron. Our youth need to engage with other youth from beyond the walls of our building and be in community with our diocesan family. Young Christians will grow and thrive in their faith when they are able to share and engage with others. Our faith is a faith that from the beginning involves community: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We need to instill in our young people the value of community and, in that vein, I am encouraging our youth to tap into the diocesan community and grow with their brothers and sisters in Christ from around the city and province.

Each month we will encourage our youth to attend a different event at a new parish and we can take our turn at St James Westminster hosting youth from the Diocese in our building. On September 14 from 4pm to 8pm, all youth (ages 10 and up) are invited to St Alban the Martyr Anglican Church for a free BBQ where they can begin to meet friends from around the diocese. Our youth also can join the Anglican Lutheran Stewards of Creation. A.L.S.O.C. is a dynamic youth centered ministry with modern music,



youth-led worship and team building. This group, for ages twelve to nineteen, meets for a weekend every two months at a church within our diocese. As Chaplain to the youth, I will be present at all of these events to provide a familiar face and to share in the continuing growth of our young people.

St James Westminster also has many young families. Although many of our children know each other from Sunday School, some of the parents have yet to have met. I believe that it is important to make time to get to know our parish family; life in the church becomes much more meaningful when we can gather with one other outside of Sunday. Many of our long time members at St James Westminster developed in their faith and fellowship as they raised their young families and those bonds of friendship and support continue to this day. Keep your eye on the bulletin. I will be inviting young families to get together on occasion and participate in activities as a church family. Now is the time to mark Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> down on your calendar. Parents and children are invited to meet at Crossroads Alliance Church to participate in The Bethlehem Walk, an outdoor multi-media interactive event portraying the events surrounding the birth of Jesus two thousand years ago.

Times are changing. Those who live in the past are depressed and those who live in the future are anxious. There is no place like the present. Our present reality is that we are in a time of change and we need to embrace this change and tap into what so many in our diocese have already engaged in. 1 Corinthians 12:12 reminds us that, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." Let us move forward as members of the body of Christ. Let us embrace our Diocese family and take the time to get to know our church families. We all need to work together to make this happen but the reward of a thriving church and satisfying spiritual life awaits.

## Follow Us on Twitter

Were you puzzled by the sermon? Perhaps you need a bit of clarification on a point of scripture. Maybe you want to know who those fantastic musicians were who played during the service, or say it's Wednesday and you want a spiritual boost. What do you do?

St. James Westminster now has a Twitter account (search on Twitter: [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) for @stjameswest) where you can ask questions, get answers or follow ongoing spiritually-relevant conversations from the St. James Westminster community.

Not sure how to set up a Twitter account or how to "tweet"? Don't worry, we will be hosting short tutorial sessions to which you can bring your smart phone, tablet, netbook or laptop and we'll help you get set up.

With your help (and your tweets!), we'll have lively, ongoing, interesting, informative conversations that enrich our community and our spiritual lives. One request - please refrain from tweeting during the Sunday services!

## FAMILY MINISTRY

### Round-Up Sunday – September 8, 2013

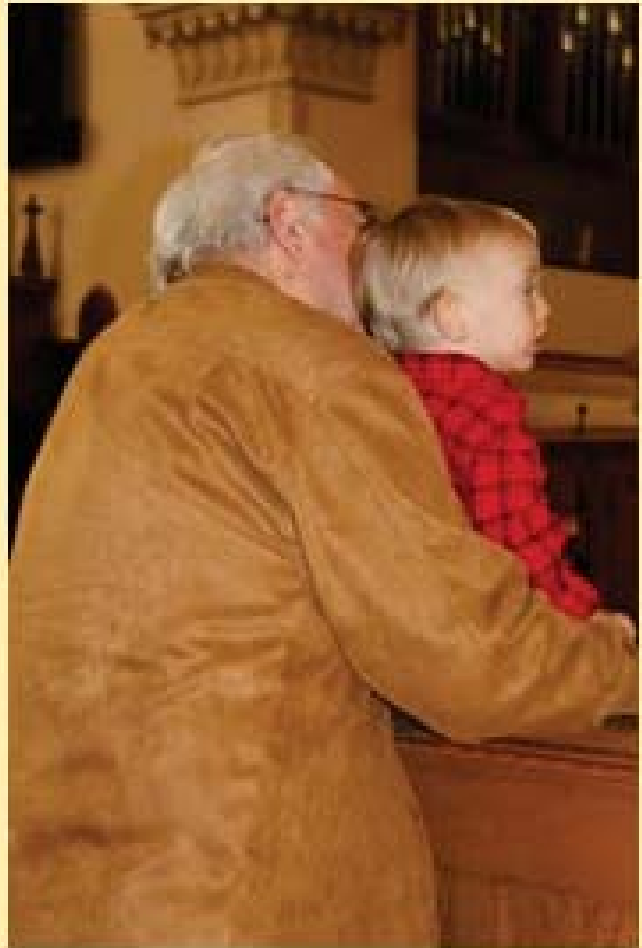
Welcome home at St. James! Celebrate our gathering together in learning, worship and service, sign up for Nursery, Church School and Youth Group and stay to share in a delicious lunch after the 10:30am service!

#### Church School

We hope you had a great summer away, visiting family and friends, playing outside, or going to camps. We missed you and welcome you back home to St. James.

Starting in September, we invite children 3-10 years old (approximately Kindergarten to Grade 5) will meet in the chapel every Sunday at 10:30 for music, prayers and a story, and then connect to the story with an activity.

**Youth Group:** Youth (ages 11 and up, grade 6 and up) meet in the basement rooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. The other Sundays they are encouraged to join in the service.





## Youth Events!

### Youth of the Diocese BBQ

September 14<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-8pm at St. Alban's the Martyr Anglican Church. All youth (ages 10 and up) are invited to join us for a COMPLETELY FREE BBQ!!

### ALSOC

Anglican Lutheran Stewards of Creation is a dynamic youth centered ministry with music, youth-led worship and team building. This group, for ages twelve to nineteen, meets for a weekend every two months at a church within our diocese.

### Crash the Cathedral

This is a fun youth worship service featuring the band from Youth Conference. There will be lots of dancing, singing, snacks and activities afterwards. First Crash is September 28<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. More information coming soon!

### Youth Conference

The first fall Youth Conference will be held October 18-20<sup>th</sup>. Laura Manias will have details soon!



St. James Westminster Youth at Spring Youth Conference 2013



Youth Conference 2013 Participants – 60 youth and 20 leaders gathered for the weekend to pray, learn about Jesus, dance, sing, and join in fellowship.

# A Call to Ministry

By Rev. Matthew Martin

St. James Westminster Church has been an important constant in my life from the beginning. I was baptized at St James Westminster and enjoyed attending services with my family throughout my childhood. Shortly after my confirmation, I became a server, a position that I filled for many years. Interestingly, in my grade 8 Yearbook, when asked about my future goals, I did not follow the whims of my peers who aspired to be astronauts, Hollywood actors and NHL superstars. I wrote that I wanted to be an Archdeacon! It seemed that I had a calling to the church from a young age - a calling that was pushed aside as I pursued other interests.

High School afforded me the opportunity to explore my diverse interests. I pursued with enthusiasm my love for the arts at H. B. Beal Secondary School where I became very active in musical theatre, television broadcasting, and school politics. My post-secondary years were spent in Hamilton, Ontario where I studied at Mohawk College, graduating with a Diploma in Television Broadcasting. After marrying the love of my life, Claire in 2000, we purchased a house in London and I began working at an office.

Eight years into my career, Claire and I adopted our twin boys, Brandon and Bryson. I left my job to become a Domestic Engineer, also known as a stay-at-home dad. Focusing on my young children forced me to evaluate my own life. I realized that for many years I had been living with a great void. Life on paper looked good yet I felt, inexplicably empty inside. It occurred to me that I was trying to fill this void in all the wrong ways.

Turning toward our Lord's radiance the darkness illuminated. I began to read my Bible voraciously. The Word became alive for me again. I couldn't put the scriptures down and wanted to learn more and more. I felt my life changing and through deep prayer and



meditation the Holy Spirit began stirring within me.

I knew when the boys entered school I wanted to start a second career and for a long time I was certain I wanted to become a Police Officer. My certainty however turned to doubt when I stopped and listened. I engaged in long prayers on the roof of the London Hydro Building where I worked part-time as a Security Officer. The more I listened, the more I could hear God's voice. I discovered that what I was seeking was not a career, but rather a vocation. I reflected on my past, from my innocent childhood days, to my adventurous high school and post-secondary years. I thought about the lonely and dark moments of my life that led me to mature. I thought about my beautiful wife and children. Suddenly, it was clear that in some way the hand of God had touched everything in my life. God was with me through all of life's bumps and bruises guiding me safely through until today.

My call would lead me to Huron University College where I was able to grow and nurture my faith as I studied to achieve my Master of Divinity. During my time at Huron I was blessed to be accepted by Father Gary Nicolosi as a student intern here at St James Westminster. Father Gary took extra time



out of his busy schedule to teach me and help me as I finished my degree. Father Gary has been an excellent role model and mentor over the years and I continue to be blessed by his wisdom.

As required by the Diocese of Huron, I spent the summer of 2010 working on my first Clinical Pastoral Education Unit at Parkwood Hospital. Upon completion of this CPE unit, St Joseph's Health Care hired me to work as an On-Call Chaplain in their facilities, which include, Parkwood, Regional Mental Health Care London and St Thomas, St Joseph's Hospital, Mount Hope and Marian Villa. Working at St Joseph's Health Care I have discovered that I have a passion for Pastoral Care and recognize that this is a gift that I will continue to cultivate. This past May, I completed my second unit of Clinical Pastoral Education and was awarded the Irish Benevolent Society's Pastoral Care Award from Huron University College.

Last summer, The Diocese of Huron sent me on my parish placement at Huron Church Camp. I was blessed to learn from Reverend Gerry Adam. The placement allowed me to preach and teach the Gospel and be a Chaplain to the staff and children at the camp. My experience at Huron Church Camp helped pave the way to my ordination as a

transitional Deacon this past June 6<sup>th</sup>, with the goal of being priested in the fall.

Reverend Val Kenyon has been a tremendous help to me. She has taken time teaching me some of her many responsibilities at the parish which she has been able to fulfill over the years with marvellous grace. She has done an awe-inspiring job during her time here and I am humbled to have been asked to take on this position, which she has fulfilled with excellence. Val, you will be missed and Trinity is blessed to have you as their Rector.

The boy in Grade 8 who proudly proclaimed that he wanted to be an Archdeacon is still within me. There is no doubt what I have been called to do and in some ways there never really was any doubt. I am delighted to begin my ordained ministry at St James Westminster with a congregation that I know and love. This church has supported me through every stage of my life: I was baptised here, married here, and my own children were baptised here. I ask for your patience as I navigate my ministry here. I ask for your continued prayers that God bless us as we begin our walk together.

## Coming: Classes Offered by Heather Nicolosi

**FALL TERM: Biblical Truth or Science Fiction:** If you think the Bible is boring, well think again! Join us as we examine ancient biblical mysteries foretelling recent American events and discuss what the Bible says about seed wars, giants in the land, new hybrid species, signs in the sky and more. You may not believe what you hear, but you will never forget. Truth can be stranger than fiction!

**DURING LENT: Be Heavenly minded, Be Earthly good:** Is it even possible to be heavenly minded? The writer of Colossians states, "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth (Col 3:1&2). We will explore what all this means and examine ways to develop a heavenly mindset that will indeed be of earthly good!

Dates TBA

## Rector's Warden's Report

This is just a brief update on events, business, and other affairs at St. James over the past few months.

The RENEW campaign report is separate, but from the Wardens' perspective, the younger members of the congregation have responded superbly to the request of "taking leadership" in the forward planning, maintenance, and survival of our parish. Since the volunteer initiative has been in place, there has very obviously been a new sense of "family involvement" in the church. People are connecting, and for those who wish, being a member of St. James is more than just "going to church on Sunday". There is an exciting, new sense of involvement in our parish.

The major happenings have been:

- a) The arrival of our superb Yamaha piano, which several musicians have said sounds magnificent in our building.
- b) We have new fencing on the complete west side of our property— all erected by volunteers.
- c) We have removed three diseased trees this Spring in the Bruce Street Garden and will consider replanting others.
- d) The building condition study is under way and at print, the smaller spires and leaking roof are being assessed. The rest will follow.

- e) "Music in the Garden" was a fantastic success with all five concerts having an attendance of over 100 people. Katie's concert was amazing, Scallywag had 140 people present and the final concert, which was held indoors, with Angus and a violinist, was unbelievable.

The resignation of Gerry has left us in an unenviable position regarding our children's and youth ministry that necessitates careful consideration. It is imperative that we rebuild our children's and youth programs again and we, as Wardens, are working on this with great care.

Thanks for recent Trojan work done:

- a) The Aldcroft family, who volunteered to do the setup and takedown of all the "Music in the Garden" concerts and also to all others who helped.
- b) Mark Dencev, who single-handedly, despite severe discomfort, repainted the church office. The floor is also about to be re-tiled.

For all the above and anything or anyone I may have forgotten, we as Wardens of this wonderful parish, thank you all and ask for your ongoing participation in volunteering and joining us in worship.

*Robin Shearer*

## Thank you from Rev'd Valerie Kenyon

Thank You So Much! Where do I begin to thank you, the good people and clergy of St James Westminster, for all I have received over my time with you. You can imagine that I have very mixed emotions at this time – I am grateful for and looking forward to a new opportunity for ministry as the Rector at Trinity, St Thomas, and I am saddened at the thought of leaving.

Not only was St James my first place of extended ordained ministry (September will mark four years that I have been here), but St James has for many years also been home to myself and my family, who grew up here. As well, St James encouraged and supported me

as I studied at Huron and moved towards ordained ministry. For all of this I shall always be grateful and you can be sure that you will all forever hold a special place in my heart.

May God richly bless you for all your faithfulness in ministry, and all your many kindnesses to me. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as we transition into this new chapter of our lives.

Yours in Christ,  
*Rev'd Val Kenyon*

*Thank you!*



## Thank you from Rev'd Gerry Adam

Dear Friends:

I want to start by thanking you for inviting me to St James. After much thought and prayer and another busy summer at Huron Church Camp, it has become evident to me that I can no longer devote my time and energy to two jobs! With Rev. Gary's kind support I have tendered my resignation as Director of Family Ministry effective August 31.

As the Diocese of Huron Renew campaign continues to unfold, there have been more demands for me to represent the camp on parish visits and donor calls. There has also been an increase in the time required to oversee the implementation of plans for renovations and repairs!

I want to thank everyone who has journeyed alongside our children, youth and their families - from the our clergy, Gary, Valerie, Matt, our staff, Laura and Shannon with their teams of volunteers, particularly Natalie Tattersall, Kaylee Hillier, Norman and Ann De Bono, Claire Danaher and Dorothy Marchesan. The support of Rebekah in the office and Harold absolutely everywhere else, has been invaluable and so much appreciated. I would also like to thank our wardens, Robin, Becky, Bill and Erin.

It was always exciting to work with Stephen, Katie and the choir who were always willing to give their voices to support our young singers!

And thanks to all of those who prepare food and hospitality for all of God's children of all ages through breakfasts, lunches and snacks.

I also thoroughly enjoyed my short time with the Taizé pilgrims led by Elaine Chick, Brian Hillier and Sarah DeKay with support from Rachael Chick during the preparation time. What a unique and exciting opportunity for our youth and their families to engage in this adventure on the way to a deepening faith and commitment to life-long learning!

Thanks especially to our children and youth who shared so very much of themselves as together we gathered in story, song, and prayer to explore the meaning and mystery of God in lives as Jesus taught us!

What a whirlwind these past two-and-a-half years have been! What an experience of such a large parish with all of its joys and challenges. What an inspiring group of children and youth! It has indeed been life-changing and I thank God and all the people of St. James for this opportunity. Blessings and peace!

In the name of Jesus,  
who welcomed, blessed  
and served little ones,  
*Rev'd Gerry Adam*





# PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

## *What are prayer shawls?*



*Sometimes they are given to those undergoing medical procedures or as a comfort after someone has suffered a loss.*

*Sometimes they are given during a time of bereavement, or during a time of illness and recovery.*

*Sometimes they are given to mark a transition time in someone's life.*

*Always they are created to bring comfort and strength when the way is difficult, challenging or unknown.*

*Always they are filled with prayers of the heart for those in need.*

*Always they are meant to remind the wearer of God's eternal love for them and of His abiding presence with them.*

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If you would like to learn more about prayer shawl ministries, please visit:  
<http://www.shawlministry.com/>

Many, many thanks to all those who have come forward to be a part of this new Prayer Shawl Ministry. We will be gathering in the Board Room for a brief meeting on Sunday, September 22nd at 9:30 am to see what everyone has been working on over the summer months. New members are always welcome. Please speak to Heather Nicolosi if you have any questions or would like to participate in any way.

## **Kitgum School Update**

On August 15th, we sent \$965.16 American to our school in Kitgum, Uganda — the least sent over the years. A letter was sent to Bishop Benjamin Ojuang to tell him the money is in Kitgum. He was asked to send some news of the school. Over the years, we have sent money every year. They have improved the school. It started with 4 rooms and an office with 80 children. Now it has a nursery class plus 8 grades and rooms.

We have 790 children (a lot of them girls), 18 school teachers, and 2 cooks as well as one person who cleans. They have added a well and water tower, latrines, a kitchen, some desks, and even planted some trees. The Principal is a woman Anglican priest. Thanks to all who donated. Special thanks to our Anglican Church Women who paid \$30 to wire the money and to Sarah Mills for doing the bank duty.

Love and hugs from Jean McBride.

P.S. We feed the children 1 meal a day.

## New Photo Directory

As of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 170 families have their photos in the Church data-base! A great big thank you to everyone who has either submitted a photo or come to have one taken.

We would like to be able to print directories by the end of September, but we need to have at least 240 family or individual pictures first. How it can happen:

Submit your own snapshot to [directory@stjameswest.ca](mailto:directory@stjameswest.ca)

OR

Come to the Chapel on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 am and noon and we will take your picture. It is free and painless.

This project can only succeed with your cooperation. Whether you use the picture directory or not, many others do, and it isn't their own pictures they want to see, it is yours so that they can put names to faces and faces to names.



PLEASE help make it happen. If you have any questions, contact Christine (your friendly envelope secretary) at 519-858-1752 or at [cThorpe@isp.ca](mailto:cThorpe@isp.ca).

*The Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi, Rector*

### Join the new Jeweller's Guild of St. James Westminster Church!

Apprentices will work with Welwyn Wilton Katz on every Saturday afternoon starting Sept 14 and ending November 30, creating as many pieces as possible for a Guild Jewellery Sale in the Church Hall on December 1.



At the beginning Welwyn will refresh jewellery-making skills for any apprentice who needs it, but all apprentices should be imagining what they want to make on their own (if Welwyn has the necessary tools). Apprentices will pay only for the materials they use, and will own what they make, with the understanding that each piece will be offered at a fair retail price at the Guild Jewellery Sale first. The owner of any piece that sells will receive half of the balance after material costs, with the Church receiving the remainder.

Cost: only materials (\$50 non-refundable deposit on Day 1)  
Register: phone Welwyn at 519-850-5262.





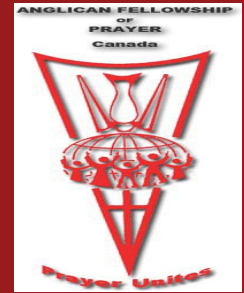
## WHEN PRAYING IS A CHALLENGE

*Saturday, October 5, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.\*  
St Michael & All Angels 397 Springbank Drive, London*

*Led by Sister Sue, SSJD*

*We all have times when praying is a challenge, no time, no energy, no interest. Join us as we consider how to meet these obstacles to prayer. A freewill offering will be taken. Drinks and snacks provided. Please bring your lunch.*

Co-sponsored by the Associates of the Sisterhood of St John the Divine and the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Huron). To register please e-mail: [vvkenyon@rogers.com](mailto:vvkenyon@rogers.com) or call 519-854-9998



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*Saturday, Oct 26, 7:30 pm*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **SPEAK OUT! THE YOUTH OF THE DIOCESE**

**BBQ:** All youth are invited to an evening of food, fun and fellowship September 14 from 4 to 8pm at St Alban the Martyr Anglican Church, 1350 Huron Street, London. Please contact Reverend Matthew Martin for more information. [curate@stjameswest.ca](mailto:curate@stjameswest.ca)

Godspeed to Rev. Valerie: Come and celebrate Rev. Valerie's ministry with us these past four years on Sunday, September 8 at both our 8:30 and 10:30 worship services. After the 10:30 Eucharist, we will have our annual Round-Up Sunday luncheon in the parish hall in which parishioners can express their personal thanks to Valerie for her outstanding ministry. There also will be a special reception for Valerie after the 8:30 Eucharist in the Board Room. Rev. Valerie's farewell sermon will be on September 1 at both 8:30 and 10:30 services. She begins her new ministry as Rector of Trinity Church, St. Thomas on September 15.

Round-Up Sunday: Round-Up Sunday will be held on September 8 with registration of children and the Sunday school program beginning a new year. Following the 10:30 Eucharist will be a parish luncheon for everyone in the parish.

Thank You, Deacon Gerry: The Rev. Gerry Adam has submitted her resignation as Family Life Director effective August 31. We at St. James have been blessed to have Gerry's considerable skills and experience in family life ministry these past 2 ½ years, and we wish her every blessing in her work in the diocese, her leadership of Huron Church Camp and the success of its capital campaign.

Family Life Ministry Update: With the departure of Deacon Gerry Adam, the wardens have decided to do an extensive review of the Family Life Ministry in our parish. In the interim period, Laura Manias will take leadership of the church school and Matt Martin will work with the youth ministry (assisted by our youth leaders) as we move toward more diocesan involvement and partnering with other Anglican churches. *There will be a "town hall" meeting for parents and*

*interested parishioners about the family life ministry on Sunday, September 15 at 9:30 am.* The Rector, Rev. Matt, Laura and the wardens will be present for what we hope will be a productive dialogue about family life ministry.

Huron College Sunday: Huron College Sunday will be celebrated on September 22 as we welcome the Rev. Dr. Todd Townshend, Dean of Theology at the Huron College, as our guest preacher at both 8:30 and 10:30. At 9:30 Dr. Townshend will lead a forum on Huron College and theological education today in the Westminster Lounge from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a brief meeting in the Board Room on Sunday, September 22 at 9:30am.

Thank You, Mark Dencev: Thank you, Mark Dencev, for your labour of love in painting our parish office. What a beautiful job! Mark spent many an hour painting the office walls, window frames, cupboards and baseboards. People who now walk into the office smile – there is something fresh and renewing about the room that lifts the spirit and makes work and conversation more pleasant. The parish owes our gratitude to Mark for his time, energy and skill in transforming the office into such a lovely room.

Mark your Calendars: ACW BAKE SALE - Sunday October 6th after the 8:30 and 10:30 services. We need lots of donations and lots of buyers!! Jam, jelly, rhubarb, vegetables, cakes, squares, cookies, pies, etc.

Congratulations Sei Moo on becoming a Canadian citizen (July 18, 2013).



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**September 1** – Return to 8:30 and 10:30 Worship  
Schedule: Rev. Valerie preaches her last sermon.

**September 8** – Round Up Sunday and Farewell  
Celebration for Rev. Valerie with parish luncheon  
and church school registration

**September 15** – Town Hall Meeting on the future  
of the Family Life Ministry from 9:30 to 10:15 in  
the Westminster Lounge. All parents of children  
and youth are invited to attend as well as any  
interested parishioners.

**September 18** – Wednesday 10:00 am Holy  
Eucharist resumes at the Murray Altar in the  
church

**September 22** – Huron College Sunday: Dr. Todd  
Townshend, Dean of Theology at Huron College,  
preaches at 8:30 and 10:30 am, and conducts a  
forum in the Westminster Lounge at 9:30 am

**September 23** – October Chimes deadline: all  
submissions should be sent to the parish office.

**September 27** – Concert: The Choir of Girton  
College, Cambridge on Friday at 7:30 pm (\$15.00 at  
the door)

**September 29** – Rector's Course on the Book of  
Common Prayer begins from 9:30 to 10:20 am in  
the Westminster Lounge and continues each  
Sunday until December 15.

**October 6** – Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

**October 13** – National Thanksgiving Sunday

**October 20** – Amabile Singers at 10:30 Eucharist

**October 26** – Concert: Stephanie Manias (soprano)  
and Heidi Wall (piano) on Saturday at 7:30 pm  
(\$15.00 at the door)

**October 27** – Founders' Day Sunday and Parish  
Luncheon after the 10:30 Eucharist

**November 1** – All Saints Day Camp: Details TBA

**November 3** – All Saints Sunday:  
Commemoration of the Departed

**November 10** – Remembrance Day Sunday

**November 18** – Chimes Deadline for Advent/  
Christmas: submit all articles to the parish office

**November 24** – Reign of Christ (Last Sunday of  
Pentecost)

**December 1** – Advent 1 and Renew Sunday /  
Advent Wreath Services throughout Sundays of  
Advent / Parish Luncheon / Children's Advent  
Programme

**December 22** – Christmas Lessons and Carols  
Service at 4:00 p.m.

**December 24 (Tuesday)** – Christmas Eve  
4:00 pm – Pageant and Eucharist  
7:00 pm – Jazz Mass  
10:00 pm – Solemn Eucharist

**December 25 (Wednesday)** – Christmas Day  
10:00 am BCP Holy Communion



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