

# Westminster Chimes

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## Faith, Family and Fun

The comedian Robin Williams, who died recently, happened to be an Anglican, or as they say in the United States, Episcopalian. In fact, Williams played an Anglican priest twice in his career, both times with great humor but also with respect for the sacred office. In 2002 Robin Williams went public with his faith and explained to an HBO audience why he was an Anglican. Here are his top ten reasons:

10. No snake handling
9. You can believe in dinosaurs
8. Male and female, God created them; male and female, we ordain them.
7. You don't have to check your brains at the door.
6. Pew aerobics
5. Church year is colour-coded
4. Free wine on Sunday
3. All of the pageantry, none of the guilt.
2. You don't have to know how to swim to get baptized.

*And the Number One reason for being an Anglican:* No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Anglican who agrees with you.

There is enough truth in Robin Williams' observations to be funny. We all have our reasons for being Anglican. I love the Anglican Church because it is both Catholic and Protestant at one and the same time – a church that has all the heritage and time-tested truth of Catholicism but also freedom – freedom of conscience, freedom of

inquiry, freedom to explore the truth openly without having to accept simplistic answers or dogmatic pronouncements. Anglicanism takes into account all the difficulties of an issue and reaches assurance the hard way – by thinking faith through.

No doubt you have your own reasons for being Anglican and a member of St. James Westminster Church. Some people come to us eager to explore the spiritual life without excessive religiosity. Some come because they have been hurt by other churches and find here a place of grace that accepts everyone. Others come because of our liturgical and sacramental worship, our use of both the Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Alternatives Services. Still others come because of our outstanding music, solid preaching and teaching, extensive pastoral care, and programs for children, youth and adults, including our Taize pilgrimage.

Regardless of why you are here, you are welcome with open arms. Every Sunday we have on our bulletin: "Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome." And we mean it!

I like to think of St. James as an open church with a wide embrace for all people. An open church is a place where people can make a lot of mistakes and still feel loved,

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accepted and forgiven. An open church is people bound by their strengths and their brokenness, people who are limping toward the sunrise, but know God's love claims them, everyone. An open church blesses rather than curses, affirms rather than condemns, and counts people in rather than kicks people out. An open church is always willing to expand its circle of love just a little bit more so that no one is left out. In fact, in an open church the only way for you to be excluded is for you to exclude yourself.

From my vantage point at the pulpit and communion table, I see the faces of the people who come to our church every Sunday, both members and non-members alike. There are people of all ages, sorts, conditions and states of mind. Some bring great burdens, loads of sadness or worry. Some are out of work and feel out of luck, emotionally drained or grieving, or bent by a bad relationship or illness or depression. Some come to church to celebrate, to sing and praise God for the beauty of creation and the wonder of life. We all bring to worship our joy as well as our pain, our sense of fullness as well as our feelings of emptiness. We come to be fed and our hearts are filled. We come to celebrate and our spirits soar – for we encounter the presence of the living God.

A man walking down the street saw two men working with bricks. He asked them, "What are you doing?" One of them said, "I am laying bricks." The other said, "I'm building a church."

What are we building? We are building a church – a place of amazing grace – a centre of ministry where God's mercy, love and acceptance richly abound, and people find strength and hope for their lives. Quite simply, we are building a church that you can call home. Remember Robert Frost's famous description of home? He said, "Home is that place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." St. James is home for everyone willing to live with grace towards everyone in need of grace.

As we move into the Thanksgiving Season, I want us to be thankful for God's abundant blessings to us in Jesus Christ, for the ministry of St. James Westminster Church, and for the members of our parish. My hope and prayer for this church is that we will be a witnessing community of unquestioned integrity, where our compassion and joy in Christ allow us to effectively respond to the pain of the world. In these turbulent times when the world seems out of kilter, the essential question for us is not how shall we grow, but rather how can we be faithful?

Robin Williams may have said it in a funny way, but he had it right. The Anglicanism you and I affirm is worth sacrificing for, worth supporting with our time, talent and money, and worth passing on to our children and grandchildren. So let us resolve to be Anglicans who possess an inquiring mind, an inclusive spirit, and a heart for people.

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

## **A Prayer for Our Pets**

(Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4<sup>th</sup>)

**In your infinite wisdom, Lord God, when you created the universe  
you blessed us with all living creatures.**

**We especially thank you for giving us our pets who are our friends  
and who bring us so much joy in life.**

**Their presence very often helps us get through trying times.**

**Kindly bless my pet. May my pet continue to give me joy  
and to remind me of your goodness.**

**Help us to realize that as our pets trust us to take care of them,  
so we should trust you to take care of us,  
and in taking care of them we share in your love for all your creatures.**

**Enlighten our minds to preserve all endangered species  
so that we may continue to appreciate all your creations.**

**Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Some travelers came to a village, carrying nothing more than an empty cooking pot. Upon their arrival, the poor villagers were unwilling to share any of their modest food stores with the hungry travelers.

“That’s all right,” the travelers said, “We’ll make a pot of the best soup in the world – stone soup!”

Then the travelers went to a stream and filled the pot with water, dropped a large stone in it, and placed it over a fire as a crowd of curious villagers gathered to watch. One of the villagers asked, “What are you doing?”

“Making stone soup!” replied the leader of the travelers. “It tastes wonderful! But it needs a little bit of garnish to improve the flavor.”

“I have a couple of carrots in my hut,” said the villager. “If I give them to you for the pot, can I share this wonderful soup?”

“Of course!” replied the travelers, and the carrots got added to the soup. Another villager asked about the pot, and the travelers mentioned that a bit of seasoning would really enhance the flavor. The villagers handed them a little salt and pepper to help them out. As the pot continued to boil, more and more villagers were drawn by the smell, each adding another ingredient – a handful of onions, a potato or two, a chopped turnip, even a slice of beef. With each contribution, the stone soup looked and smelled more delicious.

Finally, the head traveler declared, “The stone soup is ready!” All the villagers brought dishes and bowls from their homes, and a delicious and nourishing pot of soup was enjoyed by all. “Isn’t it amazing,” all the villagers said, “what a wonderful meal can be made from nothing more than an ordinary stone!”

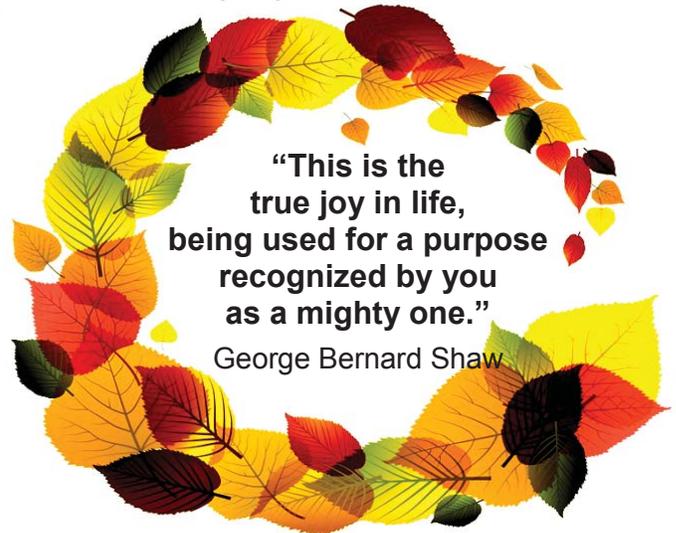
The point of the story is that it doesn’t take a lot from any one contributor to make a delicious, soul-satisfying meal of stone soup. You may even start with ingredients that appear very unpromising – like an ordinary stone from the riverbank. But when many people take part, each offering something small but significant from their personal stock, the results can be amazing.

Many of the Anglican Church of Canada’s stellar churches, including St. James Westminster, grew up in the same way as stone soup – by combining humble ingredients from many people in a single pot. From very ordinary beginnings came extraordinary churches.

It’s amazing what we can do when we pull our resources together, focus on common mission, and

give as we are able. We can transform lives, impact our community, and make a difference in the world by witnessing and sharing the good news of Jesus. Think about it, pray about it, and ask yourself three questions:

- What kind of people do we want to be?
- What kind of world do we want to live in?
- What are we going to do about it?



## Parish Life: Hopes and Ideas

Let’s meet to share hopes and ideas for our Parish life together at St. James Westminster. The week of October 6, I’ll be calling and emailing to extend invitations to meet with you. The four optional methods to meet between October 14 and November 15 will be:

1. Little luncheons – a series of small group meetings, over lunch, in the “Upper Room” meeting room at St. James
2. Sweet desserts in the Upper Room– a series of small-group after-dinner meetings at St. James
3. Sweet desserts in your home – a series of after dinner meetings to which I’ll bring dessert and meet with you in your home, if that is more convenient for you
4. Facilitated Feast – a large group luncheon in the auditorium at St. James, after the 10:30 Service, date to be announced.

Looking forward to meeting with you!

*Peggy Roffey,*

Children, Youth, and Parish Life Coordinator

## Two Great Thanksgiving Prayers

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits thou hast given me,  
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly,  
day by day. Amen.

St. Richard, Bishop of Chichester

St. Richard of Chichester served under King Henry III in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. When the king would not recognize his election as bishop, and locked him out of his residence, pocketing the revenues, Richard lived with another priest and spent two years walking barefoot through his diocese – preaching to fishermen and farmers and correcting abuses. He died in 1253.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Sir Edward Reynolds

Sir Edward Reynolds was a Puritan divine and priest who remained loyal to the Church of England and the Crown during the time of Oliver Cromwell. When Charles II assumed the English throne, Sir Edward was appointed Bishop of Norwich in 1661 – in which capacity he treated Dissenters with great moderation. He died in 1676.



# Be Blessed: Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness - You'll never know what you'll discover!

10 years ago I had a very different view about God than I do today. It was a busy period for our family. Time was precious and for all three of us it was go, go, go. We were living in that California sun but we certainly weren't spending a lot of down time relaxing on the beaches. In fact, it was so busy for me I just attended church and church activities and never gave much thought to personal faith issues. I was pretty good at split second prayers and five minute bible readings. A couple of times I tried to learn more about the Holy Spirit in the hopes of maybe feeling something deeper, but life would happen and off I'd go.

I remember driving home one day; traffic was slow so I shot up a couple of prayers. As I prayed I pondered at how distant God seemed to me. After much thought I guessed that he probably really wasn't interested in every detail of my life as I had once believed. Things seemed to be going all right so I thought maybe that's the way it is – he's just.... distant. In any case, I was relieved to be married to a clergyman who did enough praying and scripture reading for all three of us.

Today, I no longer believe God is distant, not in the least. I know He loves us, He wants to bless us and He wants a relationship with us. And I believe he is interested in every detail of our lives. Often, it is we who are unaware of his constant efforts to connect. Yet, every part of God speaks about relationship; His glorious creative ability we see in the world, His son, Jesus coming to earth and dying for the salvation of mankind, the availability of His Holy Spirit to guide us and of course the great wisdom of the Bible. It's quite amazing when you think about it, for no other Religion can boast a God like ours.

So what was it that changed my view of God? It's a long story, but basically I came to a place where I needed answers. So, like a student in a mad rush to search out the best material for an important thesis I began to do something I'd never done before; I started to intentionally pursue Jesus. I didn't think it would be an ongoing endeavour. I thought I'd seek him about some things and then get back to my regular life activities. I just wanted resolution on some personal matters; I wanted things to look a certain way. Well, in time that didn't happen, but I was hooked. I continued on and in the process, learned amazing things about God, His ways and the incredible value of making the pursuit of the Lord front and centre in my life.

The Bible gives us many lessons and verses about the importance of pursuing God. The well-known scripture of Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you seek and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" is actually translated as "Ask and keep on asking, seek and keep on seeking and you will find; knock and keep on knocking, and it will be opened to you." And then there is one of my favourite parables found in Luke; the story of the two houses, threatened by flooding.

The builder of the house that withstood the swollen stream was vigilant and dug deep to locate the rock for the foundation. "And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against the house and could not shake it for it was founded on the rock."(Matt 8:48). I think that is a picture of where our focus should be; digging deep and pursuing Jesus, the rock of our salvation.

If you have issues or questions about God or you want a closer relationship with the Lord, then pursue him and you'll be amazed by what you find.

## Wisdom for the Walk

Sessions held on Wednesdays at 10:30am  
In the Westminister Lounge

This October join us as we discuss what it means to pursue Jesus, along with other topics that affect our journey as Christians.

### Wednesday, October 8

What does it mean to intentionally pursue Jesus?  
What does that look like?

### Wednesday, October 15

How does the enemy work? It's always good to know what the opposition is up to.

### Wednesday, October 22

What does hyper grace mean and why does it have some people worried?

*Heather B. Nicolosi*

## Staff Updates

### **Dr. Peggy Roffey Called as Parish Life Coordinator**

Upon the recommendation of the search committee, the Rector and Wardens are pleased to announce that Dr. Peggy Roffey has been appointed as our new Children, Youth and Parish Life Coordinator.

Peggy has been a member of St. James since 2004 and was drawn to the church because of its interesting combination of lively, world-aware community spirit and traditional forms of reverence. In particular, she appreciates the way the sermons help keep her mindful of Jesus' message and model of faith, hope and love.

As an educator, facilitator and leader at both St. Joseph's Health Care in London (1984-1999) and the University of Western Ontario (2000-2013), Peggy has worked with people in very diverse roles, with the goal of "increased productive work time and better collegial relationships." She has led leadership development courses and staff development opportunities, facilitated goal setting and team retreats, and led organization-wide initiatives to build community and a sense of shared mission and values.

Peggy envisions the job of Parish Life Coordinator at St. James as one that taps parishioners' talents and desire to contribute to their church community to the degree they are able and willing. She looks forward to working with the congregation to generate and implement creative ways to keep on engaging current and new parishioners – children, youth and adults – in the spiritual and social life of the parish.

Peggy received her doctorate from Western in English Language and Literature. Her thesis on George Grant and Dennis Lee – Technology and Reverence, won an award for best thesis in Canadian literature. Since 2000 she has been an assistant professor at Western teaching introduction to Literature, Renaissance Literature, Shakespeare and Contemporary Canadian Literature.

Please be sure to welcome Peggy as our Parish Life Coordinator and offer her your support, encouragement and prayers.

### **Jeff Sercombe - Assistant Sexton**

The Rector and Wardens are delighted to announce the appointment of Jeff Sercombe as our new Assistant Sexton. Jeff is no stranger to our parish, since he has been a member of our children and youth ministries, a Taize pilgrim and presently the youth representative on Parish Council. He is a person who truly loves the church as a center of Christian community for all people.

Jeff will assist our Sexton Harold Ford in maintenance and care for our facilities, working on those days and times when Harold is off campus. Jeff is presently a student at Fanshawe College, which makes the part-time sexton's job ideal for him at this point in his life. He is a highly responsible, conscientious, and diligent young man who is sure to bless us by his care for our campus. Please be sure to offer Jeff your prayers, support and encouragement as he begins his new ministry.

### **McKayla Connery - Sunday School Assistant**

McKayla Connery is our new Sunday school assistant. McKayla, along with her family, is a parishioner at St. James and is presently studying divinity at Huron College as she discerns her call to ordained ministry. She is an incredibly talented, energetic and dedicated Christian worker with a genuine love for children. We are delighted to have McKayla as part of our ministry team. Please offer her your support as she leads this very important ministry in our church.

### **Welcome Back Keith & Cathie Fleming**

Keith and Cathie Fleming have returned to St. James Westminster Church after three years of service at St. Paul's Cathedral. Keith and Cathie need no introduction to many of us who remember their many years at St. James, Keith's service as Interim Rector in 2009-2010, and his status as Honorary Assistant afterwards.

Along with the Rev. Brian McKay, Keith will serve as Assisting Priest, celebrate the Eucharist, preach and teach midweek classes throughout the year. He remains Chair of the History Department at UWO and has just completed a book that will be out this fall published by University of Toronto Press on the influential Canadian John King Gordon, who was a pastor, CCF founder, United Nations diplomat and university professor.

Keith and Cathie, welcome home!

## Sunday Worship Celebrations

Every Sunday in October and November is a special celebration at St. James, and we want to encourage you to bring your friends and relatives to church. They will experience a positive, inspiring and uplifting worship service that will draw them closer to God. Here is what we will be offering for the next two months:

- October 5 Harvest Thanksgiving
- October 12 National Thanksgiving
- October 19 Amabile Singers at 10:30
- October 26 Founders' Day Sunday: parish social and ministry fair
- November 2 All Saints Sunday: Candle lighting and commemoration of the departed
- November 9 Remembrance Day Sunday
- November 16 Holy Baptism at 10:30
- November 23 The Reign of Christ Sunday
- November 30 Advent Sunday with parish luncheon and intergenerational activities

## Leadership Development Workshop

Stewart Smith and Greg Yarrow will be conducting a Leadership Development Workshop over two evenings in November, i.e. Wednesday, November 5th and 12th from 7:30pm-9:30pm.

This voluntary no-fee Workshop is open to all members of the St. James Westminster Church but since space is limited (and the workshop will be run on an annual basis) preference will be given to current members of Parish Council and chairpersons/leaders of Guilds, Clubs and Committees. Otherwise selection will be on a "first-come first serve" basis.

The goal of the Workshop is to provide leaders and would-be leaders with soft skills development in leadership and facilitation as well as hard knowledge exposure to applicable diocese and church regulations and canons; and of course, a brief summary of Roberts Rules of Order.

A Certificate of Participation will be given to participants who have attended both workshops. Refreshments will be provided.

Please email Greg at [greg\\_yarrow@hotmail.com](mailto:greg_yarrow@hotmail.com) to indicate your interest in participating. Confirmation of participation will be made on October 29th.



**Ladies' August Tea at the Archibald Home**

## The Least of These

By Christine Thorpe

Only snow, snow on a screen abuzz with static  
and I imagine the face of God, his voice.

I wiggle the ears for reception, and listen  
again, look for patterns, shapes in the storm.

No money to pay for satellite. I gave it away  
to a banker, friend of a friend, fine manners,  
earnest eyes, convincing talk of better return  
on investment, and now I have little

to give to the one who clutches my sleeve  
by the beer store, begging for help—  
his cat's been hurt and the vet wants money.  
I'm sure this guy needs a drink most of all.

I have little to lose; we drive to the vet's  
and the doubted cat is for real. My cheque  
will cover the bill and what's left  
in my wallet buys us drinks at the pub.

Trev tells me his story, so unlike mine  
yet to suffer's to suffer and here we are kin.  
I look at Trev's squinty eyes, his unkempt visage  
and there, for a moment, is the face of God.

That's where the telling should end  
but there's more—Trev's become a bother;  
he's a cadger, a liar, and smelly to boot,  
I wish he'd stop dropping around.

Trev's not nice but I always relent,  
maybe drive him to Windsor to see his mum,  
hear him out, trust him, fool that I am,  
search his face when he's unaware.

## Wardens' Report - Outreach Program Update

At the September meeting of the Parish Council, a motion was passed to immediately reactivate the Parish Outreach Committee. Currently, the members will be Ken Andrews (chair), Joan Barnum and Robin Shearer. We are seeking members who wish to participate in this extremely important facet of parish life. There have been changes to our previous recipient list and we require to readdress our priorities.

As part of the Outreach Program, we have previously supported the Daily Bread Program at St. Paul's Cathedral. Their requirements for donations have recently changed. We were approached, as recently as last week, by The Church of the Epiphany, which organizes a food bank for the residents of that area in southwest London. As the Rev. Teresa says, they are the "forgotten souls", because there are no services for the needy in that area. She told me that she was aware of one family who desperately require footwear. As a result of this, Parish Council has donated \$1000 in the form of Shopping Vouchers to The Church of the Epiphany's food bank and since this is our sister church, recommends that donations of suitable food and other items be forwarded to them on an ongoing basis. They currently have nothing to give! Rev. Teresa has asked me to pass on their sincere gratitude as a result of our decision and we in turn hope that the ties between the two churches may grow in the future.

*Robin Shearer*  
Rector's Warden

## Candle Lighting for the Departed

On All Saints Sunday, November 2, St. James will again remember all the departed who have died in the past year. If you have a relative, friend or spouse that you would like us to remember, please let the parish office know. The departed do not have to be members of the parish or be members of St. James. If you would like to speak with a priest about the service, please see either the Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi or the Rev. Brian McKay. On November 2 we will remember the departed at both the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services.

# FündScrip Facts

- Fundscrip is essentially a gift card
- Saint James gets anywhere from 3 - 10% of the value of the gift card, depending on the merchant
- Funds raised by Fundscrip go towards the Taize pilgrimages
- Cards come in a range of values – from \$5 to \$250, depending on the store
- You may pay by cheque or cash
- You may use the cards in store or ONLINE!
- The Fundscrip table is available after the 10:30 service in the Great Hall
- If you don't see a gift card you want, we can order it for you to pick up the following Sunday
- You don't have to use the full value of the card with one purchase – merchants will simply deduct your purchase and leave the balance on the card for use at another time

## RESTAURANTS & CAFÉS

- Boston Pizza
- Earl's Restaurants
- JOEY Restaurants
- Keg Restaurants
- Kelsey's Restaurants- Kelsey's, Harvey's, Milestones
- Montana's, Swiss Chalet
- Moxies Classic Grill
- Pizza Pizza
- Prime Restaurants- Prime, Casey's, D'Arcy McGee's,
- East Side Mario's, Fionn MacCool's
- The Old Spaghetti Factory
- Red Lobster
- Starbucks
- St-Hubert BBQ
- Subway
- Wendy's

## GAS

- Esso
- Petro-Canada
- Ultramar

## GROCERY

- Food Basics/Metro (Ontario Only)
- Loblaws- Extra Foods, Fortinos, No Frills, Real Canadian Superstore, Real Canadian Wholesale Club, Valu-Mart, Your Independent Grocer, Zehrs
- Longo's
- M & M Meat Shops
- Sobeys, Foodland, FreshCo, IGA, Price Chopper

## OTHER RETAILERS

- Aldo
- American Eagle Outfitters®
- Bath and Body Works Canada
- Best Western
- Body Shop
- Build-A-Bear Workshop
- Cabela's
- Canadian Tire
- Chapters - Coles Books, Indigo
- Cineplex Odeon - Coliseum, Colossus, Galaxy, Scotiabank, SilverCity
- Fairmont Hotels - WillowStream
- Foot Locker
- Fruits and Passion
- Gap - Baby - Banana Republic, Old Navy
- Giant Tiger
- Home Depot
- Home Hardware - Home Furniture
- Hudson's Bay - Home Outfitters
- iTunes
- Kernels Popcorn
- La Senza - La Senza Express
- La Vie en Rose - la Vie en Rose aqua
- Laura Secord
- Mark's Work Wearhouse
- Payless Shoe Source
- PetSmart
- Rona/Réno Dépôt
- Roots
- Running Room
- Sears - Sears Home, Sears Travel
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- Sport Chek
- Staples/Business Depot
- The Children's Place
- Toys R Us - BabiesRus
- Walmart
- WaySpa
- Winners, Home Sense, Marshalls





# Taizé



A pilgrimage is a journey or search of moral or spiritual significance. It is an act of religious devotion involving a journey, especially a long one, to some sacred place. Typically, pilgrims leave their homes, families, and comforts to travel hundreds of miles to focus on their spiritual goal and as a symbol of their life long spiritual pilgrimage. Ultimately, the purpose of a pilgrimage is to come to know God better. Pilgrims are also called to be witnesses for Christ on their journey. As a Christian and a foreign visitor, pilgrims are ambassadors for Christ and the nation of their citizenship.

Many modern pilgrimages focus on Youth. Adolescence is a time of great and rapid change. Young people begin to think more broadly and in a more abstract way, and they make connections with many new people. Now more than ever, young people need an opportunity to explore their faith in a context separate from their families and home parishes, and removed from secular activities and temptations. We know that with a strong grounding in church and religion, young people are more likely to remain in, or return to, church over their lifetime.

The Taizé Community in France is an ecumenical monastic order founded on the intuition that God is love, and love alone. The community has focused on youth programs since the late 1970s. Each year, thousands of young people make a pilgrimage to Taizé where they are encouraged to live in the spirit of kindness, simplicity, and reconciliation. Together with a diverse group representing many different countries, young people are challenged to move towards a new solidarity in the peace of Christ and in visible communion with one another.

For many years, St. James Westminster has sponsored a pilgrimage program for youth church members with Taizé being the destination in recent years. These pilgrimages have involved a year (or more) spiritual preparation as part of our youth program at St. James, a trip to Taizé, and participation in follow up activities during the year following the pilgrimage. Many of our St. James Westminster families have had one or more members participate in a Taizé pilgrimage.

Right now, there are 15 young people preparing for a Taizé pilgrimage at St. James. Pilgrims will

travel either in the summer of 2015 or 2016. In addition to spiritual preparation, these pilgrims are working towards the practical goal of raising funds for their trip. Over the next few months, you will hear more about opportunities to support their fundraising efforts. The support of the parish of St. James Westminster is greatly appreciated.

Here's how you can help:

- purchase FundScrip cards after the 10:30 service each Sunday
- attend our 'Taste of Taizé' event on Saturday, Nov. 15th
- order a Christmas tree

If you have questions, please contact Ann De Bono (519-681-5441) or Lisa Archibald (519-433-7169).



## A Taste of Taizé

Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fundraising for our St. James Westminster Pilgrimage Program. You will enjoy sampling a delightful array of appetizers and hors d'oeuvres, and listening to beautiful music with friends. Start your Christmas shopping early at our Silent and Live auctions filled with unique and elegant items for your consideration.

Date: Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>  
Doors open at 6:30pm

Tickets will go on sale soon!

Your support of this special St. James Westminster youth event is greatly appreciated!



## Taize Pilgrimage Christmas Tree Fundraiser

All trees are locally grown, fresh cut, #1 Fraser Fir. Order your 5', 6', 7', or 8' tree at last year's prices! Ask a Taize youth or order at the FundScrip table.





# Plant a Tree for HCC!



## Donations and Volunteers Needed

Huron Church Camp lost 500 trees this year to the invasive Emerald Ash Borer. We invite you to sponsor a tree, volunteer to plant trees, or both! We'll be planting 140 trees this fall and next spring.

### SPONSOR TREES

Small Trees \$25  
Large Trees \$50

Plant a tree for a loved one, in memory or celebration, or just for yourself! Donors or their designees will be recognized on a plaque to be hung at the camp. Charitable receipts will be issued.

Tree sponsorship details and Volunteer registration online or call Julie Ryan at 519-434-2868 or email Gerry Adam at [huronchurchcamp@gmail.com](mailto:huronchurchcamp@gmail.com).

### VOLUNTEER TO PLANT

Saturday, Oct 25  
10am-4pm

Huron Church Camp  
74969 Bluewater Highway

#### • Registration required

- all participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- Be prompt
  - training will begin at 10:15am
- Wear sturdy shoes
  - no sandals or flip-flops please
- Wear clothing appropriate to the weather
  - we plant rain or shine!
- Bring drinking water and lunch
  - we'll have water to refill your reusable bottle
  - we'll serve dinner for all volunteers at 5pm

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# Announcements

**Holy Baptism** will be celebrated on Sunday, November 16 and again on Sunday, December 14 at the 10:30 Eucharist. Any in the parish interested in being baptized or having their child baptized should speak to the Rector who will be happy to accommodate them. Baptism also will be available during the Christmas holiday season. If parishioners know of any non-member who would like baptism, do invite them to contact the Rector. No one is ever refused baptism at St. James.

**Bishops' Friends:** The London Area Bishops' Friends dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 12 at the Sunningdale Golf and Country Club. For parishioners unfamiliar with Bishops' Friends, the fund is designed to support clergy families with unforeseen difficulties. For those who wish to attend the London Area dinner, we ask that you forward your cheque made payable to "**The Diocese of Huron**" (suggested minimum of \$200 per year). Response forms are available throughout the church or in the church office. For more information on Bishops' Friends, speak with John Thorpe.

**Renew Update:** The upcoming Renew Campaign at St. James is anticipated to begin as soon as our building and grounds study is completed, and estimated costs are finalized for the various projects. In addition, we hope to support children, youth and social ministries that will enhance St. James as a place of vibrant Christian witness in Old South and the Greater London Area. There also will be opportunity for parishioners to donate to various diocesan ministries such as Huron Church Camp. If you would like to be part of the Renew Campaign Team, speak with one of the wardens or the rector.

**Grand Wood and Parkwood Worship Services** – Our Choir will sing at the Grand Wood residence on Sunday, October 5 at the 2:00 pm worship service. Our Choir also will sing at Parkwood on Sunday, November 9 at the 2:15 p.m. worship service held in the auditorium. This will be a special Remembrance Day service and we hope to have many of the resident veterans present for the ceremony. Thank you, Choir, for sharing your gift of song with those who are unable to attend church regularly. The residents of Grand Wood and Parkwood greatly appreciate your efforts.

**Rector's Forum** on the Articles of Religion continues every Sunday throughout October and November in the Westminster Lounge from 9:30 to 10:20 am. Learn about historic Anglicanism – what Anglicans believe and why – as well as how our faith connects with the world today. Notes are handed out at every session. The course is ideal for cradle Anglicans as well as seekers who know little or nothing about Anglicanism.

**Taste of Taize:** Mark your calendar for November 15. A special auction, social and entertainment evening will be offered at St. James to support our Taize youth pilgrims who will be journeying to France next summer. This is a very important event and a major fundraiser for our Taize program. Please try to attend and support the event, and if you are unable to be present, be sure to make a generous donation.

**Are You Interested in the Parish? Then join the newly re-energized Outreach Committee.** Outreach includes social ministries, evangelism ministries, grants and financial support to ministries in the London area, the diocese, and the Anglican Church of Canada. Outreach is an essential component of any vital church. Bishop Bill Burrill has said that "the church that lives to itself dies by itself." Archbishop William Temple noted, "The church exists for the benefit of those who do not belong to its membership." Help St. James continue as an externally focused church that looks beyond itself to others. Get involved with our Outreach Committee. Speak with either the rector, one of the wardens or Ken Andrews.

**Plant a Tree for HCC!** Huron Church Camp lost 500 trees this year to the invasive Emerald Ash Borer. Join us to reforest the camp and add new shade trees to the cabin and program areas. You can help through a financial donation, as a volunteer, or both! Trees can be sponsored for \$25 or \$50 each, and volunteers are needed for an Oct. 25 planting event. More information and registration available in the Great Hall after both services or at [huronchurchcamp.ca](http://huronchurchcamp.ca).