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*Dates
To
Remember*

May 27 th	Amazing Auto Adventure (details p.6)
May 28 th	Sunday School Flower Planting Heritage Day – Cemetery Decoration And Blessing Of New Memorial Gifts
May 31 st	New Cookbook Submissions deadline
June 10 th	An Afternoon with C.S. Lewis and his World of Narnia.
June 11 th	Parish Pic-Nic following the 11:00 am Service.
September 10 th	Episcopal Visit and Corn Boil after the 11:00am Service.

For submissions in the newsletter:

Any member of the Parish of St James Caledon East may submit an article for the newsletter. To do so, email to newsletter@stjamescaledoneast.ca or leave your articles in writing or on a disc in the newsletter box at the church office. Articles are considered based upon space availability and relevance.

Thank you for your submission.

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A Word From John

The Reverend Dr. John Stephenson

The sweep of the vision is so grand: from his birth in Bethlehem through his 33 years in Palestine, to the cross, the resurrection, the ascension, the coming of the spirit at Pentecost, and on to the "hope of glory" that we share both for each of our lives at their end when we cross over from these dimensions into those in which he inhabits, and also for the final moment when all things will be fulfilled in and through him. Yes, a grand vision.

In June we will have with us for a weekend Dr. Ian Storey, a great classics scholar and an expert on the work of C. S. Lewis. I am reminded as I write that Lewis became a Christian when, in a walk through the gardens at Cambridge University, he confessed to his friend J. R. R. Tolkien that he didn't see why he should declare allegiance to Christianity and not to one of the other "myths" such as the Greek or Egyptian gods. Lewis later wrote that for him the decisive moment came when Tolkien simply responded to Lewis' doubt by saying, "The difference between Christianity and all other 'myths' is that Christianity is true – it really happened." Francis Schaeffer, the great Swiss-American philosopher, once said that the genius of Christianity is that "it is true to what is." In other words, Christianity offers a meaningful explanation for all that exists: for our world, our lives, and all that happens in them. It is in and through this sweeping vision that we come to understand God, ourselves, and all creation. And, as we survey the great vision that is the Gospel, we realise that it all begins and ends with a person, for in the person of Jesus Christ God has fully and decisively revealed himself to us.

The season of Pentecost is usually associated first with that dramatic moment when God, after Christ had entered into glory, sent his Holy Spirit into the lives of that hapless menagerie of fishermen, tax collectors, and assorted hangers-on. The world has never been the same since, for they were transformed themselves and then they set about to transform the world and not even the greatest empire the world had ever known could stop them. But after the intensity and euphoria of Pentecost, they had to get on with life. Time kept going and day by day, year by year, century by century Christians had to apply their faith to their world. All the exhilaration of that first day of Pentecost may be over but the Spirit is still very much at work in the world and in each of us, day by day. The apostle Paul developed this idea at great length. In his letter to the Romans, Paul said that our hope is that we shall "be conformed to the likeness of his Son." In his letter to the Church at Corinth, Paul said that right now it has already begun: "we are being transfigured into his likeness -- from one degree of glory to another (2Cor 3:18) until finally with unveiled face we will behold the glory of the Lord. Here is the aim of the Christian life: to become like Christ. Our dear Eastern Orthodox friends speak of it this way: we are to become "divinized." That sounds strange to our Western ears but, no, they don't mean that we become God but rather through the daily work of the Spirit within us we begin to take on the characteristics of our Father. Be it ever so slowly we begin, if you will, to think, speak, and act like our Father.

My prayer is that this Pentecost season we might all be conscious of the Spirit's work in our lives prompting, nudging, and changing us so that come September we might all have progressed just a bit farther down the road of "being conformed to the likeness of Christ."

Let me leave you with a prayer from an Anglican Franciscan order for Morning prayer:

Almighty God who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the light and life of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Best wishes to each one of you for a Pentecost season in which God by his Spirit is very active in your lives.

John +



Wardens' Report – May 2006

Bruce Neville - Rector's Warden

Karen Carley - People's Warden

Robin Holder – Deputy People's Warden



At the February Vestry meeting, the congregation elected Robin Holder as our new Deputy People's Warden. We said goodbye to Karen Carley who finished her term as Rector's Warden. Karen said in her farewell speech, "Old wardens don't go away; they just turn up on other committees!" Her words proved prophetic. Shortly after Vestry, Peter Sabbagh resigned as People's Warden and at a Special Vestry held on March 26th, Karen was elected People's Warden for a one-year term. Welcome back, Karen!

At Vestry, Choir Director and Property Manager Gordon Morton, challenged the congregation to jump on board and join our Pre- Authorized Remittance (PAR) program. PAR provides for regular monthly offerings, remitted directly from your bank account rather than through envelopes. PAR is more convenient for parishioners than hunting for envelopes, cash or cheques each Sunday. PAR also helps St. James because it provides a steady cash flow throughout the year, rather than worry-making financial peaks and valleys. We had about 25 parishioners (families) on PAR at Vestry; the "Morton Challenge" is to double that number this year. If you haven't already joined PAR, please seriously consider doing so. Just pick up the form at the entrances to the church and return it, along with a voided cheque, to our Envelope Secretary, Neil Price-Jones. Your Wardens will be grateful!

During the last three months, the Wardens have renewed the license agreements with the Caledon Community Access Centre and the Caledon East Children's Centre. We also have prepared and filed our annual return for the Diocese.

Our stewardship campaign, "Time, Talent and Treasure", finished in March. Thank you to everyone who decided that they could help out St. James by donating a little more of any, or all three. We have new energy and input on several of our committees, qualities vital to a growing church.

You may have noticed the plastic covering the north stained glass window. The Plexiglas covering the stained glass window blew off and smashed during a windstorm. In addition to replacing the storm window, we also discovered the stained glass needs some repair. We have one estimate of \$4,500 and are proceeding to get another. We also need to repair the "Thy Will Be Done" stained glass window on the west side of the church, which will cost another \$800 to \$1,000. Our windows are beautiful and their maintenance is critical.

It is great to see our hall being used by our seniors and youth groups. The life and energy of the community is coming to St. James, which is why we embarked on our expansion in the first place!

Great Opportunity . . .

John Stephenson

The **Chancel Guild** is a crucial organization in any church: its members play a major role in worship. The Guild is steeped in history both Biblical and historical. Its mandate is to maintain the worship articles that are central to our worship life and to prepare what is needed for the celebration of the sacraments each week. Everything that the Guild does, and all that it uses, has deep meaning. Being a member of the Guild introduces you to customs and practices that go back deep into history, some



back into the life of the early church. As a Chancel Guild member you will learn a great deal. So crucial is the Guild that strong leadership is necessary. For 18 years, we have had a most dedicated chair of the Guild in Margaret Forbes. Margaret now feels that it is time for her to retire but her plans have not been realised because we have as yet not found a replacement. **We need a new chair of the Guild right away.** Currently, we have a Guild of excellent and dedicated members but they need a leader. Could that be you? Please prayerfully consider serving as the chair of the Chancel Guild. Here is the ministry description:

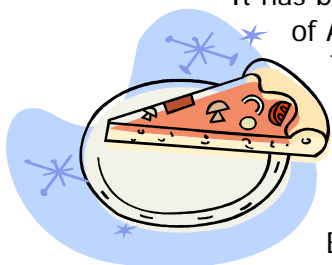
The Chancel Guild Leader is responsible to:

- † chair meetings of the Guild (2 – 3 meetings a year – That’s all!).
- † prepare and distribute the roster of Guild members for our worship services.
- † liaise with the Rector concerning needs for our services.
- † order (with the rector’s help) necessary worship articles (bread, wine, candles, linens – the Rector knows all the good suppliers!)

The Chancel Guild needs you – please call the Rector today.

Youth Ministry Report

Jonathan Massimi



It has been a great couple of months in the area of youth ministry, especially in the month of April when we participated in the 30 Hour Famine with Caledon Hills Baptist Church. Thirty-seven young people took a stand against world hunger by raising money and participating in a 30-hour fast. The night began with a time of contemporary worship, followed by games and the movie “Chronicles of Narnia”. Pizza and cake arrived Saturday afternoon and our fast was over!

Beginning June 22nd, Youth Night will be held on Thursdays. During our Summer Sports Spectacular, every Thursday we will enjoy playing a different sport (baseball, soccer, basketball). As we wind up our pitching arms, we also will be winding down for the summer.

June 18th marks the last Contemporary Service for the summer. We will resume in the fall, after our worship band has enjoyed a much-needed break. Have a great summer everyone!

Chancel Guild

Margaret Forbes

Palm Sunday - This year we invited Trinity Campbell’s Cross to come and learn how to make palm crosses. Reverend Bill Craven arrived with three ladies from Trinity and helped us make 300 crosses. Heather Whittier fashioned her usual great display of palm mats for the aisle, as well as palm flowers and bunnies for decoration.



Easter - Ruth Sowrey beautifully decorated the Chancel for our Easter celebrations. Anne Allengame worked with Ruth to create a very effective Easter garden by the pulpit. This garden, first stark, then glorious in the colour of spring flowers, has become a focal point in enhancing Holy Week worship at St. James. Memorial flowers from the Allengame, Blackburn-Osborne, McEnaney, Wasyliw and Whittier families blessed our worship services further.

On *April 27th*, the Chancel Guild got together and enjoyed a luncheon in Bolton. We had such a good chitchat that we decided to gather again in the not-too-distant future.

We will meet at the end of May or the first week in June to make up the roster for June, July, August and September. I will send out notice of the exact time and date.

As ever, I offer my thanks for your time and your efforts.

Under New Management **Library**

After years of dedicated service, Ena Badger has turned over responsibility for the church library to Deirdre Fowler and Bob Waller, joint library coordinators. It takes *two* volunteers to replace Ena and Deirdre and Bob will continue to look to her for guidance. Everyone at St. James lauds Ena for her foresight and her generosity in providing us this wonderful spiritual resource!

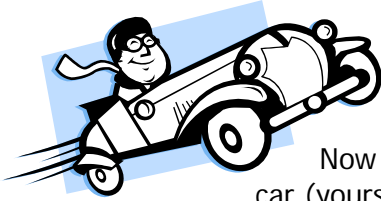


Some first thoughts from your new coordinators:

- We encourage the congregation to make increasing use of the library. Plan a visit to sit and savour the books Ena has so lovingly catalogued. Admire the lovely oak bookshelves Ena so kindly donated. Feel free to take books out or to use the computer. [The library computer soon will be hooked up to the Internet, for those who wish to do research.]
- If you do take books out, please remember to complete the sign-out cards found at the back of each book, and leave the card in the box on the desk. There is no due date or time limit on borrowed books, so indulge yourself! Please place returned books in the marked container under the desk.
- A number of donated books have yet to be sorted, catalogued, etc. before making their way onto the shelves. We have placed them temporarily on marked shelves on the south wall (just to the right as you enter). Please do not remove these books. They soon will be available for you to borrow from appropriate sections - promise!
- Considering book donations (we hope you are!), please remember that we are seeking books of interest to Christians, or for those of an explicitly Christian nature. Any previously donated books that don't fit those criteria will go into a future church book sale. Please search your own collection both for suitable library donations and for book sale items...but don't deliver them to the church just yet. We still are in the planning stages.
- We ask the congregation not to store non-library items in the library without permission.
- We are developing a library policy, which will be taken to the advisory board, and to the rector and wardens for approval, then posted on the St. James website (www.stjamescaledoneast.ca).
- If anyone has any suggestions or questions, please contact Deirdre via e-mail at tdqh@hotmail.com, or Bob at robert.waller@sympatico.ca.

The Amazing Auto Adventure

Carl Kinzinger



Have you signed up yet? The Amazing Auto Adventure is in less than a week from now. Entrants need not be parishioners.

Now here's something you can get into and have a great deal of fun. Take one car (yours, hopefully), you as driver and a partner to navigate and go on a scavenger hunt throughout our beautiful Town of Caledon. This is not a race, but a contest of skill and problem solving. There will be prizes! So get your team together and ...Ready, Set, Go on Saturday May 27th.

Registration: from 11:00 AM.

Start: from the church parking lot at 12:00 Noon.

Finish: back at the church for a BBQ from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Registration will be restricted to 25 cars and is \$50.00 (for car, driver and navigator) and \$10 for an extra adult passenger, \$5.00 per child. Sign up by calling the church office or email office@stjamescaledoneast.ca.

Visit our church website: www.stjamescaledoneast.ca for more details.

On The Light Side

The Bear Necessities

A VERY religious man frequently hiked in the mountains to a secluded area to pray and meditate. One day, as he was heading to his favorite spot, he stumbled and tumbled down the slope. Upon checking himself, he was thankful to find nothing seriously wrong, just scrapes and bruises.

When he looked around to see where he was, he saw a bear watching him. The man began praying, "Please, Lord, let this be a Christian bear. Please, Lord, let this be a Christian bear..." Then he heard the bear say, "Thank you, Lord, for the bounty you have provided today."



Kid's corner

Sunday School News



The recent Great Pancake Race and Pancake Supper is the Sunday school event of note for this issue. We had four entrants in the race - two women from the daycare, and two from the congregation. The big winner was the daycare's Cathy Coulter. In the spirit of a true champion, after Cathy finished her pancakes, she moved to the kitchen where she spent the rest of the evening

washing dishes! Cathy's virtue went unrewarded though, as when she went to get her coat, someone had taken it by mistake, leaving behind a smaller model. If there is a black coat with a zebra print lining lurking in your closet, please ensure that it is in your size!

At the Pancake Supper, 143 customers lined up for pancakes with real maple syrup, donated by Madeline Nelson and sausage patties. All those people made things a bit hectic; our first effort was a learning experience that produced lots of ideas about how we could make it work better next time.

Thanks to all of our helping hands, including the Youth Group and the Sunday school parents pressed into service in the kitchen! Choices Youth Shelter in Orangeville was delighted to receive our extra sausages, milk, syrup and pancake mix.

In addition to being a great community social event, the Pancake Supper raised \$337.57 for St. James. Some of that windfall already has been spent on a much-needed pencil sharpener and there are plans in the works to buy paint to redecorate the Sunday school room.

We are working hard on our next presentation for the congregation. The kids are having fun with it, and we hope you will enjoy it, too!

By the time you read this, the Sunday school children again will be ringing the church bells before the service. On Sunday, May 28th, they also will be planting flowers around the main entrance. On Mother's Day (May 14th), Sunday school members will be treating all St. James' mums to their favourite cookies during coffee hour.

The final pre-summer event for the Sunday school is the annual Parish Picnic on June 11th, the Sunday before Father's Day. We invite everyone at St. James to join us for food, fellowship, and fun (including games for grownups!).

Sunday School will break for the summer after June 18th, and start up the Sunday of the Welcome-Back BBQ early in September.

The Five Finger Prayer

This is beautiful - and it is surely worth making the 5 finger prayer a part of our lives.

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our little finger the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Milestones

Since the last Newsletter, important life passages have been marked in this parish. We congratulate all those who have made new beginnings in the past few months and offer our continued sympathy and support to those who grieve.

Baptisms

Cole Matthew Smith - Son of Georgia Kidd and Jason Smith
Kiara Johnston - Daughter of Lisa Johnston and Blake Rector
Crystal Belle Caschera



Confirmations

Georgia Kidd
Jonathan Massimi
Adam Neville

Funerals

Geraldine (Geri) Grace Drummond



Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

-Psalm 116:15

Every now and then we all get “good ones” in our email. Thoughtful consideration of these words of wisdom from the mouths of babes made me reflect, “ Maybe we were all so uncomplicated once”... I also thought I would share them with you!



Dear God,
maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much
if they each had their own rooms.
It works out OK with me and my brother.
Larry

Dear God,
Please send Dennis Clark to a different summer camp this year.
Peter

Dear God,
I like the story about Noah the best of all of them.
You really made up some good ones.
I like walking on water, too.
Glenn

Dear God,
Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his golf words in the house?
Anita

Dear God,
I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world.
There are only 4 people in our family
and I can never do it.
Nancy

Dear God,
how did you know you were God?
Who told you?
Charlene

Dear God,
please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter.
There is nothing good in there now.
Amanda

Dear God,
Thank you for the baby brother but what I asked for was a puppy.
I never asked for anything before.
You can look it up.
Joyce

Dear Mr. God,
I wish you would not make it so easy
for people to come apart
I had to have 3 stitches and a shot.
Janet

Worship Schedule – June-August 2006

DATE & TIME	LITURGICAL DAY	SERVICES
May 21	6 th Sunday of Easter	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BAS 9:30 – contemporary
Thursday May 25	Ascension Day	7:30 pm Eucharist BAS
May 28	Sunday after the Ascension	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BAS 9:30 – contemporary
June 4	Pentecost Sunday	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BAS 9:30 – contemporary
June 11	Trinity Sunday (Guest preacher: Dr. Ian Storey)	8:00 am Eucharist – BCP 9:30 am Eucharist (cont.) 11:00 am Morning Prayer BCP
June 18	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BAS 9:30 – contemporary (contemporary service ends for the summer)
June 25	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost The rector is away – guest preacher and celebrant	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BCP
July 2	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BAS
July 9	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 am Eucharist – BCP 11:00 am Morning Prayer BCP
July 16	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BAS
July 23	Patronal Feast St. James the Apostle Day	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BCP
July 30	8 th after Pentecost	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BAS
August 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord The rector is away – guest preacher and celebrant.	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BAS
August 13	10 th after Pentecost The rector is away – worship led by the lay readers.	8:00 am & 11:00 am Morning Prayer BCP
August 20	11 th after Pentecost The rector is away – guest preacher and celebrant.	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BAS
August 27	12 th after Pentecost	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BCP
Sept. 3 (Labour day)	13 th after Pentecost	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BAS
Sept. 10 Episcopal Visit and Corn Boil)	Holy Cross Day (Episcopal Visit and Corn Boil)	8:00 am & 11:00 am Eucharist – BAS

Saint James' Anglican Church, Caledon East **Forward to the Future**

Eastertide, 2006

Dear members and friends of St. James' Church,

As you may know, our Bishops and Diocesan staff have embarked on a plan to re-evaluate and reconfigure ministry in our Diocese. To assist the Diocesan process, our regional Dean, the Rev. Canon Greg Symmes, asked all parishes in our Deanery of North Peel to make a special effort to reflect on their strengths and weaknesses in 2006 and to comment regarding goals for the future. On Sunday March 26, your Advisory Board, in response to the Dean's request, met for a special meeting. The following represents highlights from the discussion; we thought that you would like to see the fruit of the afternoon's work. At the end of this page, you will find a portion on which you may write any comments that you might have concerning the direction of the church and goals that you think are important for us to pursue. Please tear off the comments portion and mail it to the church in care of Karen Carley, the People Warden. All comments are warmly appreciated and encouraged.

Saint James' Anglican Church, Caledon East

Our Strengths

- Our resources:
 - Wonderful facilities.
 - A diverse talent pool with leadership abilities and qualities.
- Our commitment to traditional Anglican forms of worship.
- Our commitment to our community.
- We acknowledge, accept and welcome diversity.
- We promote education of our faith and inclusivity in our programs.
- We offer to our members and community a sense of belonging and continuity (in an historical context)
- We have a sense of pride in our heritage.

Our Weaknesses

Areas we acknowledge as deserving of our attention:

- Promotion and achievement of an ongoing regular commitment from members of time, talent and treasure in order to meet the demands of operating our church.
- Meeting the changing needs of our community.
- Promotion of the PAR program more effectively within the parish.

Our Goals

During the next year, our focus will be:

- To have 50% of our givings come through the PAR.
- To identify 200 people within the parish boundaries with Anglican ties who are not members and have at least 100 of these come to church.
- To increase the level of active commitment from the regular members.
- To increase involved membership by at least one on each committee by the end of 2006.
- To create a Mission Statement.



Suggestions for goals in the next year (if you need more space, please attach another page):