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To
Remember*

Sunday May 8th	Mothers' Day
Saturday May 14th	Adopt-a-Road Cleaning Day and Bar B Q (p.4)
Sunday May 15th	Sunday School Flower Planting Day (p.3)
June 5th	Cemetery Decoration Day 12:30 pm Fathers' Day
June 11th	Theatre Night and Pot Luck (p.5)
June 19th	Church Picnic following 11:00 O'clock Service
July 1st	Canada Day St James at the Tea Room at the Strawberry Festival
July 24th	The Feast of St. James – Our Patronal Feast
Sept 4th	Corn Roast after the 11 o'clock Service
Sept 11th - 12th	St James at the Tea Room at the Caledon Agricultural Fair

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 disk 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



As I write this, we are expecting record-breaking temperatures today for mid-April. After a long and sometimes difficult winter, there are once again signs of new life all around. Early this morning, as I was walking in the village, a cacophony of birds greeted the dawn, and I do love the sound of the “peepers” during the evening in the marshy ground off Walker Road West.

It has always interested me that, so I have been told, a greater number of physicists as compared to the general population have a strong faith in God.

The physical scientist, confronted with both the complexity and order of the

Universe but more important yet, confronted with the realization that our understanding of the Universe does not bring us even close to grasping the ultimate order that holds all things together sees behind it all a Master Designer lovingly caring for his creation (and so Stephen Hawking and all the others still pursue the grand “Unified Theory of All Things”). In creation, evidence of design is all around us and design necessarily implies purpose and purpose necessarily implies a Designer who expresses his purpose in that which he creates.

Today I am struck by the fact that resurrection seems to be so much a part of the great Design. Resurrection is built right into the whole system: winter issues into spring; out of the barren earth, flowers and plants begin to surge forth; even human behaviour changes as we venture out more and feel a new impulse of life as the sun gets stronger and is with us longer each day.

With so many hints all around us, I wonder sometimes why some have such difficulty accepting the reasonableness of resurrection. If “this is my Father’s world” and I am his creation, even that creation made in his image, then as he has built resurrection into the rest of creation, surely he will bring resurrection to me also. And this is the Christian message: Christ has risen and because he rose, so shall we.

In the spirit of resurrection, I am thankful for all the signs of new life at St. James’. To mention a few of the new things that have begun to take shape since the last newsletter: our youth minister Jonathan Massimi is doing a great job with the teens and we have now moved our contemporary service to 4:00 pm on Sundays; the Heritage Committee has launched a comprehensive program to preserve and enhance the wonderful legacy that former generations have left us; the effectiveness of our Outreach ministry has sparked comment in circles outside the church; we have restructured the Parish Council to make it into a more effective instrument to help guide the Church; and we were able to celebrate an Easter season with a full expression of the Christian Easter journey (I think we had eight services in 4 days!). We



We are thankful for all the signs of Christ’s life seen in and through us. This does not mean that there are no problems either in our parish life or in the life of the wider church. A garden still needs to be weeded and cared for. But we care for a garden that is growing, a garden that has been given new life. Resurrection has come, life is renewed for us now and we go on in the knowledge and hope that final restoration and fullness of life for evermore awaits.

Christ is risen; he is risen indeed! Thanks be to God.

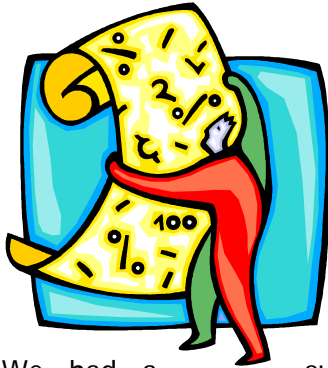
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Wardens' Report - April 05

Peter Sabbagh - People's Warden

Karen Carley - Rector's Warden

Bruce Neville - Deputy Rector's Warden



We have had three meetings since the last newsletter so I would like to pass on some information on the work being done. We are looking at signage for inside and outside the building. This can be quite expensive so Peter Sabbagh is working with a Bolton sign maker to get us the best cost.

Many of you know by now that St. James has started a heritage committee and it is already a great success. The wardens are very pleased with the results. Members of this committee and all the other committees of St. James are extremely hard working and dedicated people. This makes running the church that much easier.

We had a successful meeting with the day-care senior staff and it was agreed that the north downstairs room would be only used for Sunday school and the day-care would use the Children's Gathering Space for 'soft' activities.

We have organized a new fee schedule for renting the hall, kitchen and kitchen equipment. The costs are in the same area as the rest of the town of Caledon.

The wardens meet monthly with the finance committee to help guide our expenditures. Our coffers are lower than expected this year but with the fund-raising committee, adopt-a-road, and stewardship campaign we hope to be in the black by the fall.

As a thank you for five years dedication as a warden, the Wardens and the Rector presented David Finch with a leather-bound Book of Alternative Services.

Sunday School News

Cobina Price-Jones

The primary class has finished its unit on Creation, and is now working on "The Life of Jesus." The junior class is working with a new curriculum, "Kids Can Explore the Bible."

On Ash Wednesday, the annual children's service was held in the Parish Hall. After a delicious potluck supper, Dr. John explained the meaning of Lent to the children. Then, the children participated in the ceremony of the Imposition of Ashes. On Palm Sunday, the children entertained the congregation with "The Circle of Life", a lively song with some funky moves. We've begun work on our next presentation, which occurs on May 8th (Mother's Day).



On May 15th, the Sunday School will be planting some flowers to help beautify the church gardens. Kids, please dress appropriately, and bring along a trowel, if you have one!

It's still a long way away, but be sure to mark the annual Church Picnic on your calendars. It will be held on June 19th this year, and everyone is welcome! We will be providing more details in the Bulletin closer to the date.

Adopt a Road Program

David Finch

The Adopt a Road Program at St. James' A great opportunity to help our community and our Church

The Adopt a Road program was started by John Wilkinson in 1996, and the benefits to the Town are that the roads are cleared of litter at no expense to the Town; there is heightened public awareness of litter control; and the appearance of the roads in the Town are improved.

This program is an independent non-sectarian initiative with no affiliation to any church or organisation. For a small fee an individual or business gets a sign put up by the Town at specified corners of Town maintained roads, which acts as advertising for that organisation. All the fees generated are disbursed to organisations in the Town. At present a donation of 10% of all revenue is made to the Caledon Library, and the balance is donated periodically from the Adopt a Road account to the mortgage financing of the non-denominational, not for profit, Caledon East Day Care Centre at the St James Anglican Church facilities – one of our major outreach programs.

The Adopt a Road program is administered by volunteers and has no obligation to St James Church, though obviously the money donated



each year helps greatly in our debt repayment program. The impact that St James' can bring to this program is in being the major force in coordinating the cleaning of the roads since we are indirectly a major beneficiary. This task happens at least twice a year, in the Spring and Fall.

We are planning to carry out a Spring clean up of particular roads on Saturday 14 May this year, and to be effective we need approximately 40 volunteers to help get the job done. Teams of at least two persons will be allocated a particular stretch of road to be cleaned that day. This could be an opportunity for a family to spend time together or for our youth to earn hours towards their community service. We will provide sticks to be used in picking up garbage to save your back, and there is a Barbecue for the survivors afterwards! The Town is giving a week (3 June) where you can leave as many bags of garbage out as you like, so don't worry about getting rid of it afterwards!

The clean up is being coordinated with the *Citizens for a Clean Caledon* organisation, and with other community groups on that day.

We will be approaching our members for help in this endeavour, which falls within the "here" part of our "near, here, and far" outreach. I look forward to seeing you at this fun day!

We will once again be operating a tea room at both the Caledon Strawberry Festival, July 1st. (Canada Day) and The Caledon Agricultural Fair (Sept. 10 & 11) in the Caledon Village Place. Please look for future announcements in the Church bulletin. Hope to see you there.

Spiritual Quest Report

Karen Carley

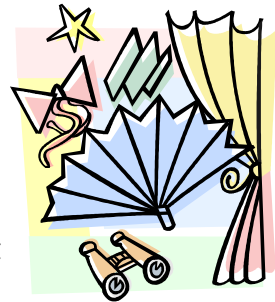


The twelve ladies from St. James went on their ninth annual retreat to the convent in Oakville. They had an interesting weekend. Not everything went according to plan including the snowstorm on Sunday. However, it was a great success and they have already made plans for 2006. The Sisters of the Community of the Church in Oakville is closing so next year we will meet at the Sisters of St. John the Divine on the weekend of April 16, 2006. Sister Elizabeth will lead them on a Celtic knots workshop. The cut-off will be fifteen ladies so please plan ahead.

Theatre Night

Dee McEnany

Live Theatre at its best! Come and join us for the next theatre night on Saturday June 11th, 2005. The play is called "The Things We Do for Love". Please be at the theatre at 7:45pm. There will be a potluck dinner at Irma and Bryan Proctor's house (5771 Charleston Side Road) around 4:30. Tickets are \$14 each. Please be sure to book yours in advance. Please call Dee at 905-838-3255. Thank you.

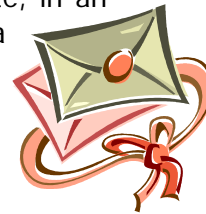


Coffee Hour Funds

Dee McEnany



Coffee hour at St. James is an important time to socialize with other members of our church family and to get to know new people. As such, it is felt that the goodies and the fellowship should be enjoyed without obligation. Since the "coffee hour basket" has been retired, however, the funds for coffee and tea have been slowly depleting. Anyone who wishes to make a donation for the purchase of tea and coffee is encouraged to do so. Please place your donation in the collection plate, in an envelope marked "Coffee Funds". This offers an added advantage in the form of a tax receipt! We are still collecting Canadian Tire money. This is used to buy or replace kitchen items. If you wish to donate Canadian Tire money, you may also put it in an envelope marked "coffee funds" in the collection plate or in the kitchen. Thank you.



Chancel Guild

Margaret Forbes



Palm Sunday - 200 palm crosses were made and 40 for Trinity. Many thanks to Robin, Dee, Irma and Audrey for their help.

Easter - The Chancel was beautifully decorated by Ruth with Easter lilies and memorial flowers donated by Anne Allengame, Karen and John Carley, Heather Whittier Dee Mc Enaney and Susan Osborne.

Thanks to Ruth and Anne for the very effective Easter garden.

There will be a chancel Guild meeting toward the end of May to make up the roster for the next four months. You will be advised later as to the date.

World Day of Prayer - This year in March, the W.D.P. was service written by the women of Poland. We had an going to the National office of the Women's Inter Church provides grants for various projects in different countries



held at St James with a very nice attendance of 43, with \$231 Council of Canada who in turn

Landscaping at St James

Cathy Wells



We have all, with great pride, increased the size of St James. Along with this process we inevitably increased the size of the church gardens.

Now, we need to increase the number of people who will help to keep the flower beds groomed!

There is a plan that will work well! Please talk to, personall, or telephone Cathy Wells at 905-838-3887 to offer to do, on a one-time basis, one side only of the church and thereby personally enjoy the beauty of our church gardens.

Thank you for the support.

Words of Wisdom

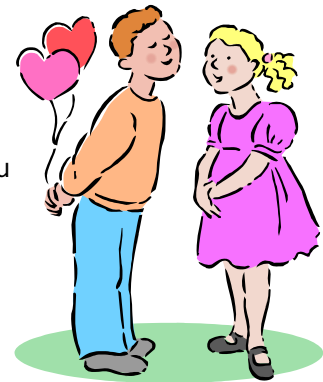
From the mouths of babes

Slow down for three minutes to read this. It is worth it. Touching words from the mouth of babes.

What does Love mean? A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, "What does love mean?"

The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. Here are just a few of them:

- "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."
Terri - age 4
- Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."
Danny - age 7
- "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate,"
Nikka - age 6
We need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)
- "Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."
Mary Ann - age 4



And the final one -- Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four-year-old child whose next-door neighbor was an elderly man who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old man's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry"

Heritage Committee

Diane Allengame - Kuster - Chair, Heritage Committee

Heritage Wall

Over the next few months, the walls surrounding the Gathering Space will begin to tell the St. James' story, from our earliest days in Albion Township to the exciting expansion years of the 1990s. Using photographs, documents and artwork plus descriptive captions, the Heritage Wall will provide a unique visual journey through time. The wall will consist of four sections: *Recalling the Past, 1842-1901*; *Joined by Faith 1901-1945* and *1945-1990*; and *Embracing the future: 1990-*. If you would like to sponsor one of these sections, please let Diane or John know. Your name will appear as a sponsor on the text panel in each section.

We are looking for images of the following people:

The Rev. Canon Lloyd Gesner
The Rev. A. Donald Lee
The Rev. S. P. Booth
The Rev. Randal Johnston
The Rev. W. S. Johnson
The Rev. E. L. H. Taylor
The Rev. R.T. Cathcart
The Rev. F W. Pooley
The Rev. G. B. Armstrong
The Rev. F. Battersby
The Rev. G. Gander
The Rev. A.C. Sparling
The Rev. Y. A. Field
The Rev. A.S. Madill
The Rev. H.V. Thomson



Photographs will be scanned, printed and framed.

Photograph Album



One hundred and four years in this location? That's a lot of parish picnics, potluck dinners, inductions and farewells, pageants and presentations. A Creative Memories™ album has been donated to the Committee in order to provide an archivally safe place for our photographic memories.

We are looking for photographs, clippings, bulletins and other items for the album. Images must be clear, well exposed and identified at least as to date and place.

Please contact me if you have images to lend or donate to either the wall or the album.

Memorial Opportunities at St. James'

Parishioners and visitors on Easter Sunday received a pamphlet outlining some of the memorial gift opportunities that exist at St. James'. The response was overwhelming, with three significant gifts made that day. Memorials are an excellent way to commemorate the life of a loved one, and allow the church to acquire worship and other items without diverting money from the operating expenses or outreach. In light of this early success the brochure will be updated and reprinted and be available in the tract holder.

