



# News and Views

St. James Anglican Church

Caledon East, Ontario

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## Some Early History of St. James Anglican

(Excerpts from “Settling the Hills” and St. James History Book)

**O**n Lot 21 on the northeast corner of Innis Lake Road and Old Church Road lived the family of William “English” Wilson. The 1851 Census records against the name of James Wilson (William’s son), “Church of England, built of logs contains 250 persons.” This little church was the beginning of what is today St. James Anglican Church in Caledon East. The log church, named Albion Church, built in 1843 was situated on the southwest corner of Lot 21, Con. II of Albion (northeast corner Old Church and Innis Lake). This church was torn down and the frame church was built in 1848 by the parishioners on land given by William Matthews, across the road on the northwest corner of Lot 20, Con. II. Prominent early Anglican families, such as Bracken, Matthews, Milburn and Wilson – are buried with their friends and neighbours in St. James Albion Cemetery on the southeast corner of Old Church and Innis Lake roads.



“Old St. James,” as the frame church was called by the local people, was in use until 1901. Several well-known ministers served the congregation. Among them was Henry Bath Osler (1865-1866), who was renowned for having entered Lloydtown after The Rebellion of 1837 to minister to the inhabitants, in spite of the fact that it was unsafe for Anglican clergy to enter the village, and that troops were stationed there to keep the peace. Another minister, the Rev. W.F. Swallow, painted a watercolour of the old church, and it is still hanging in St. James in Caledon East. (Shown here – courtesy Peter Elms)

The third and present site of St. James Anglican is on the south side of Old Church Road, just east of Airport Road. On November 19, 1901, Eli Roadhouse and his wife sold part of Lot 20 to the Diocese of Toronto for the sum of \$1. The cornerstone of the church had been laid on June 7, 1901 by W. R. Brock, Esq., and in the following year the Diocese of Toronto, the Wardens and the Church of St. James took out a mortgage for \$1,500. from W.J. Beatty. The church, built by Joseph O. Proctor of Caledon East, was consecrated in 1915.

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A Word From Lyndon

## Welcome and Happy Birthday!

Thank you all for welcoming me so well, and doing your jobs so well so that I know what is mine to do, and I actually have time to do it. So far I've had a pretty good time here at St. James. Many people do lots of great work to keep this parish running smoothly. I've been out to dinner and lunch with some people. I've had some great discussions with people about the church and the future. I've heard lots of great things about the past.

This interim time, as I have said on Sunday Mornings, can be a stressful time. Many of the leaders in the parish need to do some extra work, putting together a parish profile, choosing priests to interview, visiting the places where the priests are working now, doing interviews and then actually making a decision about who would be the best priest to help you, the people of St. James, to continue your baptismal ministries in this place. There will be feelings of sadness and grief over missing John Stephenson, and there will be feelings of fear over who is coming next. Remember that there are many people here who will keep doing the same thing they have always been doing, and that constant can be comforting.

The challenge in this interim time, while dealing with feelings of sadness and grief, is to remember those feelings of excitement and anticipation about the future. Transition is a time of mixed emotions and we all need to support each other in this time of transition. I think we are doing a pretty good job of this. Keep up the good work.

After these great 50 days of Easter are done we will celebrate the birthday of the church. On the day of Pentecost we recall to mind that we are filled with the Spirit. God is with us and, with the help of the Divine Spirit of Love and Life, we need to continue to do the work of discerning the future of this church. The church is the people, the followers of Jesus. So as we continue to move through this interim time I say "Happy Birthday!" "Happy Birthday" to the church in our world and "Happy Birthday" to the FUTURE of St. James in Caledon East.



**Pentecost, the birthday of the church, is the day the Spirit of God inspired a group of followers of Jesus to go out into the world and spread the good news that the Divine Life and the Divine Love is in us all. All we need to do is be open to the guidance of this Life and Love.**

The people working at choosing a new priest are endeavouring to work under the guidance of the Spirit. As we all work at envisioning the future of St. James with our hopes and dreams, may we do so in love and joy with the Spirit of hope guiding us to become makers of peace and sowers of love in our community.

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### Chancel Guild

By Christina Wiggins

Thank you to all who helped to make the crosses for Palm Sunday, including three ladies from Trinity. We made approximately 300 crosses. Special thanks to Heather Whittier who made the lovely floor mats. Ruth created a wonderful display with Easter Lilies and flowers on the chancel steps. The church looked beautiful.



## The Anglican Church of Canada



St. James Cathedral, Toronto, [Diocese of Toronto](#). Photo © Michael Hudson

**I**n Canada more than 800,000 Anglicans worship in 30 dioceses, from Vancouver Island to St. John's, Newfoundland, and from the country's southernmost point to the Arctic Circle. The Most Rev. Andrew Hutchison is the head (called the "Primate") of the national church. The Anglican Church of Canada supports churches in large urban areas, small rural villages, and in remote northern regions. In addition to English, worship is conducted in many other languages, including French, Spanish, Cantonese, Japanese, Mandarin, as well as Indigenous languages.

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## TREASURERS' REPORT

By Neil Price-Jones

The first four months have been a large learning curve. Fortunately for me, Elizabeth has continued to carry much of the work while I try to figure out what is going on. Alan has agreed to continue doing the government forms for the first year so that has also reduced the workload substantially. Supported by the Financial Committee (Bruce, David, John and Susan), I have been able to ease in rather than taking over everything in its entirety immediately.

Looking forward, we are hoping to make some changes to streamline some of the processes, building on what Alan already put into place.

### PAR Program:

St. James offers a program by which you can switch your weekly givings via cheques and cash in the envelope to a **monthly** withdrawal from your bank account. This works the same way as any other withdrawal program like: cable bill, phone bill, credit card, taxes (Town of Caledon), etc.

On a fixed day each month (currently the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month), the program automatically withdraws an amount set by you from your account and transfers it to the Church. The amounts may be credited to any of the programs supported by the church in any proportion you desire: Regular Givings, Faithworks, Special Outreach or Youth Ministry. You may change the amount at any time (there is a bit of a lag time) or the proportions at any time.

Speaking as someone who has been doing this for some time, I can guarantee the following:

1. No search for the envelope and cheque book or cash on Sunday morning.
2. Less cost for cheques in a year.
3. Flexibility to add if I wish for special occasions (like flowers)
4. Smaller statements from the envelope secretary (I always like to give myself less garbage).

Enrollment is simple, fill out the purple form, attach a cheque marked VOID and place it in an envelope with my name and PAR on the front. Place it in the offering tray and I will get it the

following week. Withdrawals will start the following month or the month following that depending on how soon I get it processed. I have explanation sheets here and the forms are at the back of the church. My name and number are on the form and I can answer any questions you have.

Currently we have 29 enrolled a 30% enrollment rate. We would like to reach 50%.

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## St. James' Parish Selection Committee

By Diane Allengame

Phase One has been successfully completed! A comprehensive and lengthy Parish Profile was sent to Bishop Philip Poole after Easter. The profile is more than just facts and figures; the questions asked by the diocese require the Selection Committee to think carefully about the physical, fiscal and faith resources of the parish and to provide an accurate account of our successes and failures.

The Bishop has supplied names to the committee and the visitation has begun. Please understand that during this next phase of the process the committee cannot discuss who is being evaluated. This is not to keep you in the dark, but to protect the prospective incumbents – some of whom may not have told their parishes they are interested in us.



We know it seems that this process is taking a long time – we would just like to remind you that it took the same amount of time to find our last incumbent.

You should be comforted by the fact that at least one prospective incumbent approached the Bishop before the profile was completed, expressing much interest in us! That's no guarantee of a 'fit' – but it does mean that St. James has a good profile within the diocese.

Please keep the PSC in your prayers as they enter this challenging phase of the transition.

## Getting "It" Together

One of the areas of concern that came out of the Parish Profile is the fact that many of our committees are running out of energy. Vital parish work such as fundraising, maintenance and welcoming new members are being shouldered by a very small group of individuals, and everyone is getting tired.



Yes, you're busy. But if you're asked to do a specific job, with guidelines and timelines, won't you consider it? Committees work when people make commitments and get things done. Most of us will tackle something new if we know we don't have to shoulder the full load. The Wardens are working on committee outlines and job descriptions in order that we can get back on track before the new incumbent is here.

If you're asked to join in, it's because you've been considered as the best person for the job – that's a compliment!

## The Power of Shopping

By Cobina Price-Jones

A big thank-you to all of our dedicated Shop & Supporters! Do you know that you have raised \$2,300 so far? Joseph Campbell alone has helped us raise \$1,500—he's building a house, and he uses gift certificates to pay his bills at Home Hardware.

Most of us won't be able to achieve such spectacular results, but we can still raise a significant amount. Just to give you an idea of how much you can raise by using **Shop & Support** for your regular shopping, see how much these people have raised in the last 12 months:

Dee McEnaney -- \$115

Gordon & Elizabeth Morton -- \$95

Howard & Valerie Jones -- \$80

Thanks to all of you. Your support is much appreciated. If you haven't joined the program yet, what's holding you back? Talk to Sandra or to me, and we'll walk you through the process!

### Warden's Report

By Diane Allengame

Where do you find a team that's fuelled by coffee, meets for hours and cares passionately about the well-being of St. James? At a Saturday morning Wardens' meeting! Every month we get together to go over issues – and boy, we have issues! Most things are handled behind the scenes without ever bothering the parish at large. However, some issues require everyone's help! Here's the current list:

**Finances:** We could probably strike this from the agenda if everyone was giving two percent of their gross income through the PAR program. We didn't decide on the two percent, that number comes from the diocese and is considered 'best practice' for Anglicans. You ALL know what your gross income is, because you've recently completed your tax return. Even the math-challenged can use a calculator and figure out what two percent is! If you can't, we'll help you figure it out! Put your offering on the Pre-Authorized Remittance program and relax! You've stepped up to the (collection) plate!

**Committee Work:** We can't wait for the new incumbent to get things organized, nor is that really a good use of his/her time. If all our active members make a commitment to at least one committee, we will all feel revitalized and encouraged. St. James is so much more than just a place of worship – we are a family, and a family with something very important to share in the community.

So here's your spring challenge: give St. James two percent of your income on PAR and make a mental commitment to helping with one activity or committee.

Robin, Bruce and Diane



Curb Appeal

Are you a fan of those ‘fix it up’ television shows? Like before and after shots? Don’t worry, we’re not putting St. James on the market, but we are going to be working on our own curb appeal this summer. Parishioners Robert and Laverne Bell have graciously donated their time and supplies to paint the wooden entrance doors to the church. The Bells carry *Farrow & Ball* paints in their store on Airport Road – a very exclusive English line of paints said to be the best in the world. All *Farrow & Ball* colours are heavily pigmented based on historical colours, perfect for our church with its strong English character.



We’re also going to try, with the help of our neighbour in St. James’ House, to rehabilitate the grass beside the driveway. Our gardens, thanks to Cathy Well’s dedication will certainly look even better if not surrounded by dead lawn!

The landscaping, portico, doors and narthex are the first thing that many newcomers to St. James see, so it’s important they are in good repair and say ‘welcome.’ Please let the Wardens know if you would like to get involved in the rest of the project.

### **A Little R.E.S.P.E.C.T.**

Without Caledon East Children’s Place we could never have built our additions. Their continued presence here enables us to pay the mortgage – so they are Very Important People!

We need to respect their space. Parents, please note that children are not allowed anywhere in the lower level once Sunday School has concluded. This includes the nursery room.

Living with a licensee (the official diocesan word for renter) successfully requires clear communication. The Wardens meet with day care reps regularly and have also installed a log book in the lower level for more informal communication. If you have any issues or concerns about the day care, please let a warden know.

## **Sunday School News**

By Cobina Price-Jones

If you are down in the Sunday School room, you will notice that it is getting a much-needed coat of paint. We are painting it a sunny yellow (since it is an inside room, this will make it brighter). The yellow will make a good back-drop for our students’ art work.

Mark your calendars now for the Parish Picnic, which will be hosted by the Sunday School again this year. It will be on June 3. This is a bit earlier than usual, but it is the only day Caledon East Park was available. (Unfortunately, the Community Centre, where we had it last year, is under construction.) Don’t worry, there will still be Sunday School until June 17! Tickets are \$2 per adult, \$1 per child, and will be on sale during Coffee Hour. We will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. If your last name starts with A-M, please bring a salad to share; if it starts with N-Z, please bring a dessert. A folding chair or picnic blanket might also be handy!

We will be doing our annual flower planting on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please come dressed appropriately!

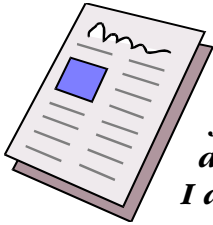
On Father's Day (June 17), the Sunday School is hosting Coffee Hour. All students are requested to bring a box of cookies to share with Dad.

The Pancake Race and Supper attracted a smaller crowd than last year, but we still raised about \$180. Thanks to all our helpers, big and small, and to everyone who came out to support us. Congratulations to Kate Bilton, who won the race, and earned her family a Pancake Supper for Four!

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### **Editor's Corner**

**By Donna Davies**



*Since I love history and am always fascinated with how places have evolved, I decided to start putting some of the story of our church in these newsletters. I know that many of you are very familiar with the church's history, but for those who are not, or are relative newcomers to our community, this might be of interest. I also intend to add a bit about the Anglican Church of Canada in general. At a time when we are so much engrossed in the future and the success of our church, it might be a good time to reflect on the past and how far we have already come.*

*I would welcome your comments on this idea and would be happy to receive any anecdotes that you might have concerning the history of St. James.*

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**



May 27 – Sunday School Flower Planting

June 3 - Immediately after the 11 a.m. Service - Parish Picnic  
At Caledon East Park

June 5 – Advisory board Meeting at 7 p.m.

June 17 – Father's Day - Coffee Hour Hosted by the Sunday School

June 24 - Jonathan Massimi's last day – A Special Coffee Hour to wish Erika and him well in the future

July 15 - The Reverend Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell  
starts his vacation

July 22 - Patronal Festival for St. James the Apostle

August 15 - The Reverend Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell returns from vacation

September 9 - The Annual Corn Roast – Immediately following the 11 a.m. service

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### Milestones

Since the last Newsletter, this Parish has been touched with sadness. Our hearts and prayers are with all those from this parish who have lost loved ones in the last few months. Especially we remember one long time member of this parish who is now living in the Divine Presence:

Madeline Elms.

"I have done what is mine to do. Now go and do what is yours to do."  
- St. Francis of Assisi at the time of his own death.

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**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](mailto:newsletter@stjamescaledoneast.ca) or leave your articles in writing or on a cd in the newsletter box at the church office. Articles are considered based upon space availability and relevance.

Thank you for your submission.

Donna Davies, Editor

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