

YES, I want to make a contribution to St. James' Caledon East in the following manner:

- † Donation of \$ _____ to the general memorial fund to be used by the Heritage Committee as required.
- † Donation of \$ _____ for the following specific memorial item:

- † I'd like more information, please contact me.
- † I will consider leaving a memorial legacy to St. James' Heritage Fund in my will.

Name: _____

Address:

Phone: _____

Thank you

...they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of the Lord, and also workers in iron and bronze to repair the house of the Lord. So those who were engaged in the work labored, and the repairing went forward at their hands, and they restored the house of God to its proper condition and strengthened it.

2 Chronicles 24 :12-13

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Memorial
Opportunities
at
St. James'

Joined by Faith,
Recalling the Past,
Embracing the Future.

The St. James' Story

In the 1820s Christian settlers in this area met and worshipped in each others' homes. Church of England missionaries visited the area from time to time on horseback, and administered the Sacraments of baptism, marriage, and Holy Communion.

In 1843 a small log church, known simply as the Albion Church, was built on land donated by the Wilson family to the west of the village. A frame church was built in 1848 in the same area, and was called St. James'. A cemetery was established around the simple wooden structure, and remains today at the corner of Innis Lake Road and Old Church Road, a silent testament to the faith of early residents.

In 1901 construction of the present St. James' began in the village of Caledon East. The altar from Old St. James was taken apart and moved by horse and wagon to the new church.

Our history is filled with many stories; some moving, some amusing, some tragic and some glorious, but all contributing to the rich fabric that is our life together.

Many of those stories are told through the items dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of individuals and families connected to the Church. Beautiful windows, worship articles such as the silver ciborium and chalice, pieces of furniture and other items in the church have been generously given and enhance our worship experience

I thought the church needed money just to pay the bills, why should I consider giving even more?

Yes, finances are as tight at St. James' as they are at most churches. We depend on the weekly offerings of our parishioners to pay the bills and keep the doors open. Gifts for memorial items are *above and beyond* this level of giving. Memorial gifts are the **only** way that St. James' can afford to replace, repair and enhance the special items which enrich the worship experience for all.

A gift in memory of a loved one is a lasting testament to their role in your life. Alternately, you may wish to consider a gift in order to commemorate a special event or blessing in your own life. You may also give as an anonymous benefactor.

But my family wasn't part of St. James' in the past...

Memorial gifts can be made in anyone's name. In addition, gifts for major acquisitions can also be made in celebration of an event such as a wedding, baptism or anniversary.

What happens to items that are given as memorials but are not longer needed?

From time to time, items given as memorials wear out or are no longer appropriate for their original purpose. In order to preserve the stories associated with these memorials, information about the gift and if possible, the item itself, will be showcased in a secure display area. In addition, the church maintains an album which documents new gifts and records information about the people involved. A separate Memorial Register is maintained by the Chancel Guild.

What if I want to give something that isn't on the list?

The St. James' Memorial Fund is administered by the Heritage Committee. This group meets regularly to preserve and enhance the rich heritage of St. James'. As needs are identified, the committee researches the options, and establishes priorities. Items in use which may be in danger of falling apart, for example, would rate higher on the list than those which are perhaps just looking a little 'tired'. You may have an idea for a memorial item that is not on the memorial opportunity list. Please feel free to discuss your thoughts with Dr. Stephenson.