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St. James Church

In the Heart of the Village

From the Rector's Desk



Many years ago I read a short article by Norman Vincent Peale entitled *"Things will be great in '88."* Dr. Peale believed that the secret to renewed energy and renewed spiritual direction is to stop putting off needed action. It is often these unfilled tasks that can become a fatigue factor in all our lives. They are like *"...tiny leaks in our reservoir of energy."*

He goes on to suggest that we would all benefit enormously if we would make a resolution consisting of just two words; **DO IT!** They can make it possible for a person to accomplish just about any worthwhile goal.

Dr. Peale's words have been part of my ministry from practically day one and I bring them with me to St. James.

So;

Have you got a promising idea to share? **DO IT!**

Have you got a ministry you'd like to be a part of here?

DO IT!

Do you have a hidden ambition?

DO IT!

Do you have a cherished dream?

DO IT!

Is there a frayed relationship that would be helped by a friendly gesture or word of apology?

DO IT!

Is there some little action - like a note to an old friend; a visit to someone - that would help to dilute the misery in our world?

DO IT!

DON'T CONTEMPLATE

DO IT!

A new ministry is a time to evaluate the goals of our lives and our parish and assess the quality of our relationship with God and those around us. God calls us to **DO IT!** Not just for the sake of action but to fulfill his purpose for us here and now; directing each one of us toward the distant goal of a loving and peaceful world and assuring us that if we would just take the first step in the right direction, God will uphold and support us in the rest of our journey.

I look forward to many years as your Rector as we journey along the path we will set together. May God bless you all abundantly as you seek to discern his voice in all areas of your lives.



Mark

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CRANKY OLD MAN



When an old man died in the geriatric ward of a nursing home in an Australian country town, it was believed that he had nothing left of any value. Later, when the nurses were going through his meager possessions, they found this poem. Its quality

and content so impressed the staff

that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital.

The old man's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas editions of magazines around the country and appearing in magazines for Mental Health. A slide presentation has also been made based on his simple, but eloquent, poem.

And this old man, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this 'anonymous' poem winging across the Internet.

What Do You See?

*What do you see nurses? What do you see?
What are you thinking when you're looking at me?*

*A cranky old man, not very wise,
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles his food and makes no reply.
When you say in a loud voice, 'I do wish you'd try!'*

*Who seems not to notice the things that you do.
And forever is losing a sock or shoe?
Who, resisting or not lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feeding the long day to fill?*

*Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse; you're not looking at me.
I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still
As I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.*

*I'm a small child of ten .with a father and
mother, brothers and sister who love one
another*

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*A young boy of sixteen with wings on his feet
Dreaming that soon now a lover he'll meet.
A groom soon at twenty; my heart gives a leap.
Remembering, the vows that I promised to keep.
At twenty-five, now I have young of my own.
Who need me to guide and a secure happy home.*

*A man of thirty my young now grown fast,
Bound to each other with ties that should last.
At forty, my young sons have grown and are gone,
But my woman is beside me to see I don't mourn.
At fifty, once more, babies play 'round my knee,
Again, we know children my loved one and me.*

*Dark days are upon me; my wife is now dead.
I look at the future I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing young of their own.
And I think of the years and the love that I've known.*

*I'm now an old man and nature is cruel.
It's jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles, grace and vigour depart.
There is now a stone where I once had a heart.*

*But inside this old carcass a young man still dwells,
And now and again my battered heart swells
I remember the joys I remember the pain.
And I'm loving and living life over again.
I think of the years, all too few gone too fast.
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people, open and see.
Not a cranky old man.*

Look closer see ME!!

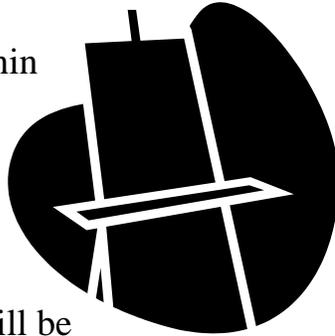
Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within. We will all, one day, be there, too!



44th ANNUAL FALL ART SHOW AND SALE PRIMER

By John Walsh

As a proud venue within the Hills Of Headwaters Arts Festival, the Orangeville Art Group's 44th Annual Fall Show and Sale will be held October 5 and 6, returning to the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Complex, Orangeville. Mark those dates in your calendar in order to notify your friends.



Members consider this as the highlight event of the OAG year. Under the chairmanship of John MacKenzie our show committee is active and invites your participation.

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

MILESTONES

Marriage: Jami-Lynn Belliveau to Jason Levy

Baptism: Austin Scott James Keith,
son of Georgia and Timothy Keith

Death: Art Morrison
Ena Badger
Roy King

THE WARDENS' VIEW

We have so much for which to be thankful.

First, for the wonderful Interim ministry provided by Bill Craven and his lovely wife Elizabeth. We will certainly miss them.

Second, for the good Lord who sent us Rev. Canon Mark Tiller and his beautiful wife, Margaret. They are already making their presence welcome.

Third, for the work of the Parish Selection Committee. What a magnificent crew.

Fourth, for all our parishioners who kept their offerings up-to-date. We ended the summer with a healthy bank balance to carry us into the fall/winter seasons.

Fifth, for the Neville family who contributed so very much to this parish but have now moved on to a new residence in Pickering. Bruce and Desiree will continue their work with Lifetree Café until mid-October. We thank all who contributed to the farewell party on July 21st.

We also want to thank all who helped get the rectory ready for Mark and Margaret. To mention a few: John Carley, Juergen Schmeltzer, John Heighton, Stan Cameron, Karen Carley. Work included a new kitchen sink and taps, a new laundry tub and taps, new basement shower taps, and painting of the main bathroom, the master bedroom and bathroom, all the upstairs hallways. We also have had new eaves trough and downspouts installed and a new roll-up garage door with automatic door opener.

During the summer we went to one service at 10 a.m. and everyone seemed to like this compromise. Music was provided most Sundays by either Joanne on piano or Mary on organ and we thank them for their contribution to the services.

This fall brings certain challenges: the future of Lifetree Café, the continuing large debt and a financial campaign to eliminate it as soon as possible and a new vision statement for the next 5 years. More about these issues as we and the various committees grapple with solutions.

Yours in Christ,

Carl Kinzinger Helen Swinden
Juergen Schmelzer

LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

By Kenneth Jones

Accessions

Thanks to gracious donors the library now has nine new titles on its shelves;



1) *Gospel*, by Wilton Barnhardt. Fiction.

The cover notes describe this book as “daring, rich, learned, hilarious, profound, adventurous.” It tells the story of a professor and his student in their journey to find a lost gospel.

2) *The Christmas Box*, by

Richard Paul Evans. Biography.

Written to express his love for his two daughters this little book was originally self-published as twenty copies for circulation among friends and family, but grew to be an international best-seller with 7 million copies printed.

3) *The Christmas Box Miracle*, by Richard Paul Evans. Biography.

This describes the story behind The Christmas Box; how the author came to write and publish a book which has helped lost souls and grieving people. It tells of the author’s spiritual journey, and contains stories of miraculous healings.

4) *The Carousel*, by Richard Paul Evans. Fiction.

A love story that takes place in the real world

where life doesn’t turn out the way we planned, but requires faith, loyalty and sacrifice.

5) *Dreams from my Father*, by Barack Obama. Biography.

A book about Obama’s life before he became President of the USA , and the problems of race and class in that country.

6) *The English Patient*, by Michael Ondaatje. Fiction. A story of war and love, with the mysterious patient troubled by memories of a romantic affair in the North African desert.

7) *If I Pass This Way but Once*, by Peter A. Sabbagh. Faith.

The author says of his book “This book is not to be read as a story, nor is it a self-help guide...Rather [it] is the result of my living 65 years of life...I stopped to ponder...what was that all about? Perhaps you are ready to do that, also”

8) *The Christmas Wish*, by Richard Siddoway. Fiction.

The jacket reads “An inspiring message wrapped in an irresistible mystery.[A] heart-warming Christmas tale”.

9) *God’s Chinese Son*, by Jonathan D. Spence. Biography.

The story of Hong Xiuqan, who, introduced to Christianity, became convinced that he was the younger brother of Jesus and led the Taiping revolt, between 1845 and 1864.

The library gratefully acknowledges the gift of a further 32 books. Unfortunately, it was not possible to have them on the shelves before the deadline for the newsletter. (Your red-faced librarian ran out of pockets and cards). They will be listed in the next issue of News & Views.

CHANCEL GUILD

By Christina Heighton

On behalf of the Chancel Guild and our church community, I wish to thank June Laver for the beautiful gladioli from her garden, which have graced the altar for the last several weeks.



BOOK REVIEW

By Kenneth Jones

God on a Harley by Joan Brady

This book is on the library shelves under the classification Fiction.

I was reminded of this when our new Rector mentioned in his inaugural sermon that his mode of personal transportation was a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, and I resolved to read it to determine if it had any relevance to St. James' parish.

The book describes itself as A Spiritual Fable; the protagonist is a 37 year-old woman, Christine Moore, who has spent the last seven years of her life in a state of self-pity and depression, consequent upon her having broken off an affair with a man who refused to marry her.

One evening she meets a man who is sitting on a Harley motorcycle, on a strip of beach near her home. He is an attractive, charismatic person who reveals to Christine that he is God, come in search of her. To her protest that His rules - the Ten Commandments - are too rigid He replies that, for her, He has replaced them with six others. These are revealed to her over the course of the next few weeks, and as she begins to follow them she is overwhelmed by a sense of peace and fulfilment.

The book ends with her meeting a saxophonist. They fall mutually in love at first sight and drive off into the sunset on his Harley-Davidson.

It seems that this is a book which will divide its readers into two camps. One will view the depiction of God - the creator of Heaven and earth - as an ordinary Joe (albeit one with

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supernatural powers) who admits to making mistakes, as an act of lèse-majesté. The other, pointing to Christ's words that "He is all things to all people," will reply that this is how God works; He appears to each individual in a unique fashion to suit that individual's needs.

Editor's Note

A reminder that our St. James Boutique is still up and running. Ruth has many more items to add as soon as she gets some time – it's a busy fall. Also books are still available for a very nominal price and more stock keeps arriving every day. Plan to visit both venues.

Benefit Concert Featuring St. James' Organ

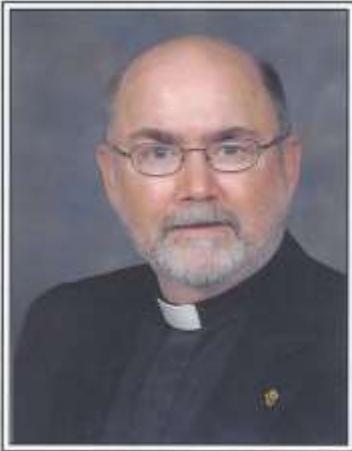
Sunday, November 17, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.

Circle it on your calendar because that is the date of a benefit concert at St. James. The concert will feature Arkady Yanivker, violin and Quirino Di Giulo, organ. This will be the first time in many years that our organ has been used in a concert setting.



Built by the Lye Organ Company of Toronto around 1870, St. James' tracker organ is one of only two still in service in Ontario and remains a valuable possession. A "tracker" is mechanically operated and pressing a key causes a system of wooden levers, leather straps and steel rods to activate a device which injects air into one of the 425 pipes. The sound produced is unique to this instrument. Pitch, tone and timbre are determined by the length, shape and material (wood and various metal alloys) of the pipes. Before being installed in St. James at the end of the Second World War, the organ was in use at St. Cyprian's Church in Toronto.

Proceeds from the concert will be shared equally by Caledon Chamber Concerts, who is organizing the event, and St. James Church. Watch for further details in the church bulletin and plan to come out to hear our venerable organ. Please speak to Gordon Morton for more information.



The Reverend Canon J. Mark Tiller

Welcome to Our New Rector – Rev. Canon Mark Tiller started his journey with St. James officially on August 15, 2013. Many parishioners have already met Mark and his wife Margaret.

“Mark received his Licentiate in theology from Trinity College, Toronto in 1986. Most recently he has held the position of Interim Priest-in-charge at the Church of the Resurrection in Hamilton. Prior to this he spent nearly fifteen years as Rector at St. Alban the Martyr, Acton, followed by two years as rector of Grace Anglican, Waterdown.

In addition to his parish responsibilities, Mark has served in the Diocese of Niagara in many capacities, including as Regional Dean of Greater Wellington, Member of Synod Council, Member of the Diocesan Evangelism Committee and Certified Natural Church Development Coach.

Mark and his wife, Margaret, will be living in the Rectory.

Please welcome the Rev. Canon Mark Tiller to St. James, Caledon East and hold him in your prayers as he prepares to take up ministry among you.

I look forward to being with you on September 29 for the Celebration of New Ministry.”

Bishop Philip Poole

And We Welcomed Everyone Back to Church with a Corn Roast on Sunday, September 8



Thanks Trudy for the photos and to everyone responsible for the wonderful food.

WHY MILLENNIALS ARE LEAVING CHURCH

An Excerpt from article by Rachel Held Evans, *Special to CNN*

Many of us, myself included, are finding ourselves [increasingly drawn to high church traditions](#) – Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, the Episcopal Church, etc. – precisely because the ancient forms of liturgy seem so unpretentious, so unconcerned with being “cool,” and we find that refreshingly authentic.

What millennials really want from the church is not a change in style but a change in substance.

We want an end to the culture wars. We want a truce between science and faith. We want to be known for what we stand for, not what we are against. We want to ask questions that don't have predetermined answers.

We want churches that emphasize an allegiance to the kingdom of God over an allegiance to a single political party or a single nation.

We want our LGBT friends to feel truly welcome in our faith communities.

We want to be challenged to live lives of holiness, not only when it comes to sex, but also when it comes to living simply, caring for the poor and oppressed, pursuing reconciliation, engaging in creation care and becoming peacemakers.

You can't hand us a latte and then go about business as usual and expect us to stick around. We're not leaving the church because we don't find the cool factor there; we're leaving the church because we don't find Jesus there.

Like every generation before ours and every generation after, deep down, we long for Jesus.

Now these trends are obviously true not only for millennials but also for many folks from other generations. Whenever I write about this topic, I hear from 40-somethings and grandmothers, Generation Xers and retirees, who send me messages in all caps that read "ME TOO!" So I don't want to portray the divide as wider than it is.

But I would encourage church leaders eager to win millennials back to sit down and really talk with them about what they're looking for and what they would like to contribute to a faith community. Their answers might surprise you.



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UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

Wednesday, September 25, 7 pm - Lifetree
"Secrets of Finding Contentment"

Saturday, September 28 & Sunday, September 29
– Bridge Tournament Catering – a Fund-raiser for St. James.

Sunday, September 29 - 4 pm - The Service of Installation for the Rev. Canon Mark Tiller.

Wednesday, October 2 - 7 pm - Lifetree "On the Brink - Islam and the Middle East"

Sunday, October 6 – 10 am – Breakfast –
Followed by Sabbath Rest Service

Sunday, October 13 - Harvest Thanksgiving
and National Thanksgiving

Saturday November 2 - Turn your clocks back!

Sunday, November 3 – 10 am Breakfast –
Followed by Sabbath Rest Service - All Souls /
All Saints

Sunday, November 10 – Remembrance Day
Service

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For submissions in the newsletter:

Any member of the Parish of St. James Church may submit an article for the newsletter.

To do so, email 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 on space availability and relevance.

Thank you for your submission.

Donna Davies, Editor

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*We look forward to
seeing you at our
Fall Services*

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