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St. James' Anglican Church Newsletter Spring 2024



It has been a busy first three months for our parish as we have had many meetings of all our committees to both move our “new home” plans along and at the same time, keep our parish running smoothly.

We welcomed Rev'd Sue back as our interim. Her second knee surgery went well and she was able to resume services with us again on Palm Sunday.

Read on and you will find out what's been going on!

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Parish Council 2024

Our annual Vestry meeting for St. James' Church Ingersoll was held at the end of January on Sunday the 28th after our regular worship service. Our council members were appointed and elected and put into place for this calendar year. We would like to thank all of the people listed below that have agreed to serve St. James' as parish councillors and take on other roles as well.

Warden - Michael Watson

Warden - Veronica Jackson

Deputy Warden - Pierre Beaumier

Lay Delegate to Synod & Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Delegate - Rosemarie Brokenshire

Alternate Lay Delegate to Synod - Susan Winlaw

Parish Council Members

Joanne Barker

Marnie Cryderman

Kendra Thouless

Kristy Van Kooten-Bossence

Susan Winlaw



Internal Auditors-

Debbie Landon

Scott Naisbitt

Our attendance at our Vestry Meeting was excellent and we appreciate everyone who attended. We know that Parish Council will have your full support moving through this rather exciting and complex year as we prepare to move into our new quarters at 130 Thames St. S late next fall, and, as we await the arrival of a new priest to lead St. James'. If you require more information about Vestry, please contact a warden. - *Veronica Jackson*



A Little Something From Sue's Perspective

"The road is long

With a many a winding turn

That leads us to who knows where

Who knows where..." - B. Russell/B. Scott "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother"

It has been a long and sometimes arduous trip down the road of life over the past eighteen months. We have had some ups and downs along the way – the change in direction for a “new home” for St. James’; the death of our priest and friend, Paul to name but two. As we wait for decisions from the diocese regarding funding for renovations to our new building, we find that the anticipation can be overwhelming. I, for one, am tired. Yet I continue because, as with every journey that is lifegiving...

"The road is long..."

Can you imagine what any kind of journey would be like if it was as straight as an arrow? The sameness would drive us mad. Often, I think about each of my days and wonder, “What was different about today? How was it different from yesterday?” As much as they seem to blend into one huge monotonous collection of hours, each is vastly different. Sometimes when I expect to do one thing, something crops up and takes me in an entirely different direction. You never know if it will be in a direction that you want to go, but you go anyway. That’s where the road goes...



With a many a winding turn..."

Part of the adventure of life is not knowing precisely where it is you are going. When, in my life’s plan, did I jot down that I would be in this place at this time? Believe me, getting here was an adventure second to none. Major life changes can redirect you in the blink of an eye. When I left Ingersoll in 1999 on the journey God had set before me, I truly did not think that I would be back here to live. Never did I think that I would be here to serve the people of St. James’, my church family. Yet here I am, and I continue along this long and winding road...

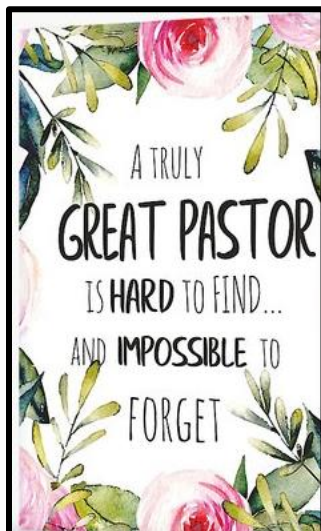
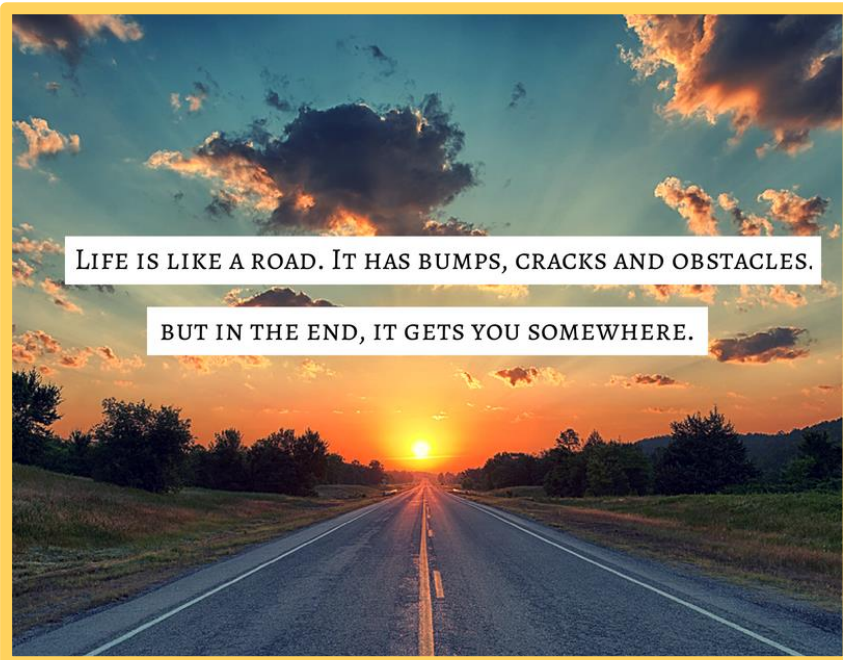
That leads us to who knows where...

The adventure continues. Where will it take me next? Well, for now, the road is taking me on new adventures. Now is the time for me to honour me and live my retirement in a new way. I am **not** leaving the parish. I am stepping back from the priestly role that I have filled since October of 2022. This is my time. The road is winding in a new direction and it's leading me to...

Who knows where..."

You have allowed me to serve you and love you. That is a gift that I shall always cherish. I shall continue to be a member of St. James' and on occasion I shall be here as a "fill-in" when needed if I'm available. In the meantime, thank you from the bottom of my heart. God's blessings be with all of you now and always.

Sue



Reverend Sue's "official" last day as our interim is **Sunday April 28th**. But as she indicated, she will be available to fill in on an occasional basis. In fact she will do that on **May 5th** – her first "supply" of 2024 with us! We appreciate everything that she has done for us over the past year and a half as our interim and know that God sent her back to St. James' Ingersoll for many reasons! We wish Rev'd Sue all the best as she retires a second time, and, happy and safe travels on the next journey that she sets out on. (Maybe Australia again?)

Epiphany Party 2024

EPIPHANY PARTY!

EPIPHANY PARTY – SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH @ THE MASONIC HALL

Who's up for a potluck dinner and singing our favourite Christmas songs/hymns until we're hoarse, and before we tuck them away for another year?? Well, then come and join us at the Masonic Hall on Saturday January 6th. We will gather at 5:30 pm, sit down and share a potluck meal at 6 pm and then sing, sing, sing!!! To save time in cleaning up, please bring your own cutlery and dishes. We will provide beverages and cups. Please email or call Kristy at the office to let us know you are joining us so that we can set up enough places.

This was the notice in our church bulletins at the end of December 2023!

Saturday January 6th

5:30 pm

And so We did have a party! Lots of wonderful food was served from our pot luck table, games were played (Rev'd Sue's trivia about Epiphany), and so many Christmas carols and songs were sung! The weather cooperated and just as we were packing up the snow came!

Thank you to Kristy, Carolin and Rev'd Sue for organizing us all and providing the entertainment.



And a Good Time was Had by All !



Vision Committee Report

With vestry approvals completed for both the design and the construction budget for renovations at our new church, we moved forward in concert with Trinity Centres Foundation preparing and delivering our application to the Huron Development Fund.

Since Veronica and I were invited to speak to the Grants and Loans Committee on March 21st., we prepared an eight minute presentation covering most of the significant events in our parish over the last six years. Additionally, we supported our application by pitching all the features and benefits of our low risk project. During the 45 minutes we were with the Committee, we were able to answer all their questions. They seemed pleased with the completeness of the application, all the work that went into it, and the professionalism of our presentation.

As part of the application, Archdeacon Osita Oluigbo submitted a very strong letter of support for our project. In it, he said he's been following our plans with excitement and cited our openness to different possibilities, the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and he commended our willingness to try something relatively new in the form of a storefront church. He believes the project is a win-win for the Diocese and for a continued Anglican presence and ministry in the Town of Ingersoll.

The Grants and Loans Committee recommendation will go to the Administration and Finance Committee this month and then to Diocesan Council in May for a final decision. We will share that decision with you as soon as possible after it is rendered.

In the meantime we'll continue to work with our consultants at Trinity Centres Foundation, PK Construction and our architect on finding efficiencies in the design and construction process of our project.

Submitted by - *Michael Watson*
Chair of the Vision Committee

Selection Committee Report

The committee was active at the end of January as we made email contact with all the Canadian religious colleges and universities that educate Anglican priests. Our correspondence was as follows; we "personalized" it for each college / administrator that we reached out to -
"St. James' Anglican Church in Ingersoll Ontario is searching for a new priest. Our Selection Committee for the Parish has decided to be proactive and reach out to the principals and presidents of theological colleges and universities across the country in hopes that administrators like yourself would be willing to promote our search for a new permanent priest. We hope that you can make the attached information available to your professors and heads of department in the Religious Studies program.

In conversation with our Bishop of Huron, The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townsend, and several of the Archdeacons in the Diocese of Huron - The Venerable Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs, The Venerable Stephen McClatchie, and, The Venerable Doctor Osita Oluigbo - we have been encouraged to actively promote our parish and our intentions of finding a new permanent priest. With a shortage of candidates within Huron, we are broadening our search across the province and country.

We sincerely hope that you might assist us in forwarding our Parish Profile information to those in your area that may be interested or know of someone who has recently graduated and is searching for a position. Any assistance that you can give us, is gratefully appreciated. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have concerns and or questions.

Please find attached a cover letter as well as a poster of the Parish Profile. The QR code on it has been activated to our profile."

We received back several replies that assured our committee that the personnel at these institutions would assist us with our search. We continue to patiently await news from Church House this spring with names of interested priests to interview!

Submitted by - *Veronica Jackson*
Recording Secretary of the Committee

BAC Report

St. James' BAC currently has 14 members who have paid their dues to the Diocesan BAC Council for this year - 2024.

We currently are meeting for breakfast, on a monthly basis, at Louie's Restaurant in Ingersoll. Rev. Sue usually joins us there too. **Wed. April 10th at 10:30 AM** is our next meeting. (This was held earlier this week)

The Diocesan BAC will hold their **Annual Conference and Meeting on Saturday, April 20th, 2024 in Waterloo.**

Details are below –



BROTHERHOOD OF ANGLICAN CHURCHMEN
DIOCESE OF HURON

CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 20th, 2024

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH – 400 Northfield Dr. W.
WATERLOO, ONTARIO


Moving Forward

Registration at 10:00 a.m.

Topic/Discussion:
"Where Do We Go From Here?"
Facilitator – Rev'd Matt Kieswetter

Annual Meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
Celebrant – Bishop Bob Bennett



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SATURDAY, APRIL 20th, 2024

PROGRAMME/AGENDA

10:00 – 10:30	Registration & coffee
10:30 – 11:30	Eucharist
11:30 – 12:00	Preparation for discussion
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00	Facilitated discussion on the future
3:00 – 4:00	Annual Meeting
4:00 +/-	Adjournment

Submitted by – *Scott Naisbitt*

Needle & Craft Group Report

What a busy fun group we have meeting every Tuesday at 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm for exercising our hand craft talents, sharing ideas, donating to charities while enjoying fellowship.

Since January members continue to assemble school snack bags for the Food Bank under the dedicated leadership of Sharon Gillett and Jeannie Lee who keep the group aware of the needs of the community. The Food Bank and our group (as needed) provide the supplies for the snack bags we assemble. Sharon and Jeannie deliver the bags to the Food Bank where they help.

Due to conflict booking dates and guests the Needle and Craft Group decided not to sponsor public fund raising events this year until we move to our new church home. We will certainly continue with our community charity donations. Besides the ongoing Food Bank donations, we have given to The Cycles of Life and the Ingersoll and District Interchurch fund since January.

The Group decided to expand our poppy display for Remembrance Day this year. Members with family and friends have so far submitted 414 poppies for the panels at Town Hall. Our aim is 1000 poppies then possibly further expanding our display ideas.

If you are interested in helping make poppies we will provide the pattern for crocheting or knitting and the yarn if needed. Please contact Margaret Burford at 519-303-2001. We will be glad to deliver supplies as needed.

At our meetings members bring projects on which they are working for their selves or as gifts while other members work on projects for the Group such as quilting a baby crib quilt or projects for future sale events. Come join us for fellowship while relaxing with hand work and of course tea and cookies.

Submitted by – *Margaret Burford*



join us!

ACW Report

Well we held our first gathering of the year in March and decided to give \$500 to the Interchurch group for immediate needs. With the challenging times we are all witnessing, there are more demands on this group outside of the historic Christmas hampers and gifts. I delivered it in person after our service on April 7th and there were still a few parishioners having coffee and wonderful treats to welcome me at St. Paul's Presbyterian. I resisted the treats even though they were calorie-free as all wonderful foods are that are available at church. But I sure wanted those brownies.....

God willing....our next ACW gatherings will be **Tuesday April 16 and Tuesday May 14** at the Wee Cottage The Annex) starting at 10:30 AM. As I no longer have control of my comings and goings with my hubby's dementia and Alzheimer's we are tentative for the May date. We have decided to hold off on any fund raising activities, but will review that as we find out more about our new Church building and what is needed to bring that to fruition. If you have any ideas on any kind of event, please just contact me at 519-532-7852.

The Huron Diocese' ACW Annual will be held at the Church of the Ascension in London on Saturday April 27th with coffee and goodies starting at 9 AM, business at 10 AM (including a report from the ACW Futures Committee which has been going on for 2 years). There will be a 2 page summary handed out at the meeting and if anyone wishes the 26 page full report, they just have to let us know and it will be emailed. We have a wonderful speaker and Bishop Terry Dance will be officiating at the service in the afternoon. Luncheon costs \$18 in advance or \$20 on that date. Please let me know 519-532-7852 if you wish to come. I will pay at our Diocesan meeting the day before and will provide the names in advance to our ACW Diocesan secretary. Any woman in our church may attend the Annual and are definitely welcomed. You don't have to attend any ACW meetings/gatherings as we are all members of the ACW.



ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN - DIOCESE OF HURON

ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

“All Glory, Laud & Honour”

**Church of the Ascension
2060 Dundas St. East, London, Ontario
Saturday 27 April 2024**

Registration and Meet & Greet @ 9:00 a.m., Coffee/Tea
Opening Prayers – 10:00 a.m.

Please bring your A.C.W. Banners for display.

Guest Speaker

The Reverend Doctor Dawn Davis
on “Power of Prayer”

Holy Eucharist – 2:00 P.M.

The Right Reverend Terry Dance
Celebrant

Lunch will be catered by
Church of the Ascension

The lunch includes assorted sandwiches, vegetable / fruit trays & desserts.

Coffee & tea will be provided.

(Gluten Free/Vegetarian/Vegan available – see below)

**The cost of the lunch is \$18.00 per person, in advance.
or \$20.00 at the door**

I have recently found out that some of you stopped receiving your hard copy of the Huron Church News sometime after the pandemic started. They had put an ad inside some of the editions during 2020 and 2021 indicating that you had to confirm you still wanted the hard copy mailed to you. Many completely missed that information and their papers stopped arriving. There is an easy fix - you just need to request to get back onto the mailing list. Let me know if you'd like this and I will help.



Submitted by *Susan Winlaw*

Sunday School News

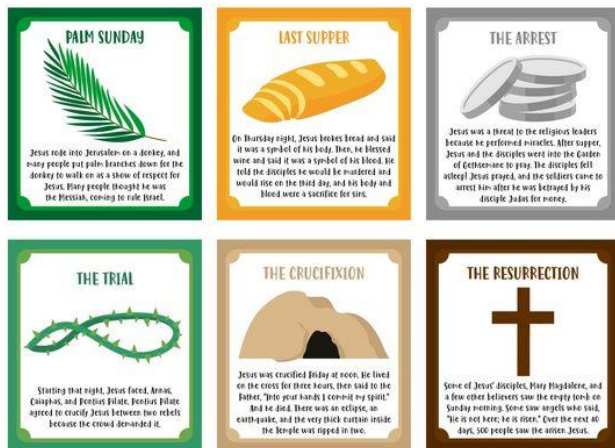
We are continuing to have a fun educational time in Sunday School since our last report. We continue to have monthly classes and explore topics related to Saints and Easter. Our teenage volunteers continue to help our smaller attendees and it is much appreciated. Thanks so much Meryl, Fiona and Ella.

The Sunday School is open to all children age 3 and up. Just have your little ones show up for the 10:30 Worship time. All are welcome.

We have purchased a small mini projector so we can enhance our lessons with some videos – stories about the Bible and fun songs to sing.

Our next dates for Sunday School are – **May 12th** and **June 16th**

Holy Week Easter Story For Kids



Submitted by – *Veronica Jackson*

Rest In Peace



Edna Joy Cole

Church Office News

Our Administrative Assistant, Kristy VanKooten-Bossence, has accepted a full time position at the Ingersoll Seniors Centre as their Executive Director. Obviously, this is very “sad” news for us at St. James’ but it is “exciting” news for Kristy, who will use her excellent administrative and leadership skills with all of Ingersoll’s seniors who frequent the Seniors Centre. This position is full time so between work, family, community service work with the Kiwanis Club and the Embro Thistle Singers, hobbies and representing citizens as a town councillor, Kristy is going to be a very busy lady! Oh and did we mention ...she will continue to be our amazing music director every Sunday! The Wardens on behalf of the parish, have extended our sincere appreciation to Kristy, for all she has done for us in her office role, and we wish her every success in her new role.



As a result, we will soon begin the process of finding a replacement Administrative Assistant.

We will also be looking for a new part time custodian for The Annex and to assist at the Masonic Hall with setting up the furniture for church, and, putting it away after our worship services on Sunday.

The details for both positions are on page 11 of this newsletter.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep these parishioners, family members and friends in your prayers-

St. James' prays for our families, friends, and loved ones who are ill or recovering from illness. Grant them healing and strength. May they find Peace.

Lord we pray for:

Gwen, Justin, Myra, Anne, Tony, Little Jack, Murray, Brittany & Clara, Susan, Dorothy, Nickolas, Cassidy, Matthew, June, Amy, Ann, Beverly, Catherine, Elisabeth, Amy, Mark, Oswald, John, Janey, Mary, David, Ted Jr.

If you would like a name placed on the prayer list, please contact Rev'd Sue at our church office.

Thank You

The Parish Council and Wardens would like to thank The Reverend Stephen Yeo for taking such good care of us in Rev'd Sue's absence from February 4th to March 17th inclusive. It was wonderful to have Father Stephen's leadership for all of our worship services. We appreciated his interesting and diverse topics in his homilies. Father Stephen is welcome back anytime to lead us in prayer or simply be a visitor in the seats!



Altar Guild News



Memorial Donations for our Easter Flowers were received from:

- Rev'd Sue In Memory of her father, Geoff Terrett
- Rosemarie and Rick In Memory of the Stewart and Brokenshire Families
- Margaret Burford In Honour and Memory of Loved Ones
- Andrea Cryderman In Memory of Dave and Loved Ones
- Terry and Pat Harrison In Memory of Sheila and Anne Marie Harrison
- Donna Hunter In Memory of Loved Ones
- Barbara Hutchinson In Memory of Loved Ones
- Joan Leibold In Memory of Loved Ones
- Barbara Moore In Memory of Ron and Heather
- Gladys Mott In Memory of Loved Ones
- Larry Shier In Honour of Myra
- Kristy, Rob, Addi and Gary In Memory of Lorna and BJ
- Eleanor Wardrop In Memory of Jim and Roger
- Barbara Westman In Memory of Loved Ones

The Altar Guild would like to thank you for your support at both Christmas and Easter seasons with the purchase of flowers, palm fronds, and floral arrangements.

Also a big thankyou to everyone who assisted with the making of the palm crosses for Palm Sunday.



Part Time Vacancies at St. James' Parish

Office Administrator –

We are looking to hire an office administrator for our parish this spring. Here's a few things about the part time job at St. James' Church Office that a person should know if considering applying.

#1 - 12 hours a week at \$17.90 an hour - our treasurer will pay the employee every two weeks by cheque

#2 - usually 4 hour time slots - 3 days a week – the employee can choose which days and which hours during the day from 9 am to 4 pm

#3 - job duties - preparing weekly bulletins for church services; sending out emails to remind parishioners of various tasks (ex. who is reading on a Sunday and provide the person with a copy of the reading)

#4 - mailing out letters to pay bills; general correspondence

#5 - purchasing office supplies as needed

#6 - answering the phone - inquiries from companies, parishioners, townspeople

#7 - inputting donations into the database (we presently use a product called Verse which the newly hired person would get training on)

#8 – will be working under the guidance of our new permanent or interim priest to complete administrative tasks required by the priest

We would prefer to hire an applicant who is familiar with the Anglican Liturgy and is interested in being a part of our worshipping community.

The employee would get vacation pay and would not work statutory holidays. Holidays can be negotiated. The past admin people sometimes took two weeks all at one time while others used various days over the months.

The employee would have a period of trial for three months and this would allow both the employee and the employer time to see if the working relationship is viable and acceptable to both parties.

Our office is called The Annex and is located at 231 Thames St. S in Ingersoll (beside First Baptist Church). When our construction is completed at 130 Thames St. S, the Office Administrator will work out of that location.

Custodian –

Similar to hiring an office administrator for our parish this spring, the Wardens are also looking to employ a new part time custodian. Here's a few things about this position that a person should know if considering applying for the job.

#1 – 5 hours (in total for work at both The Annex and The Masonic Hall) a week at \$16.25 an hour

#2 – light housekeeping duties at the parish office, The Annex including – vacuuming rugs, dusting, cleaning the bathroom, putting garbage out for weekly pick up, sweeping, etc.

#3 – preparing the Masonic Hall worship space for Sunday services –setting up furniture, sound system, 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM – one hour; and, putting furniture and other equipment away after the service – 12 – 1 PM, one hour

The employee would get vacation pay and would not work statutory holidays. Holidays can be negotiated. Two weeks holidays paid.

These jobs can be combined if an individual who is applying feels that they have the necessary job skills and time to fulfill the conditions of both part-time positions.

Please email one of the wardens – Veronica or Michael if you are interested in setting up an interview for either position. We will be advertising this position outside of the parish if we do not have any suitable interested candidates. This will be done at the beginning of May.

Please be prepared to submit references and a resume of past job experiences.

Emails –

Michael Watson – stellar@rogers.com

Veronica Jackson –
veronicastjames@gmail.com

Some Parting “shots” – Photos!



SMILE!



Beverly Leighton modelling her Easter bonnet! We hope the Easter bunny visited you, Bev!



Parishioner/lay person Jill Richardson who led Morning Prayer for our congregation on Sunday March 17th. Thanks, Jill!

Diocesan News



Compiled on April 5, 2024

TO ALL: Clergy, Churches, Wardens, Treasurers, Members of Committees, Lay Delegates to Synod, Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Members, Diocesan Staff and Postulants for Ordination

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Primate Linda Nicholls announces her retirement

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, informed the Church of her intention to retire in September this year.

"In the fall of 2024 I will complete thirty-nine years of ordained ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada. Although it had been my hope to continue until General Synod 2025, I will also reach our mandatory retirement age. I have therefore written to the Senior Metropolitan, Archbishop Anne Germond, to offer my resignation as of September 15, 2024", says Primate Nicholls in her letter issued on April 9. Archbishop Nicholls had served as a suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Toronto, and then as the diocesan bishop of the Diocese of Huron before she was elected Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada in 2019.

In her letter, she thanks for the privilege of serving our beloved church: "Thank you for your prayers, care and support through the good times and the difficult ones".

[READ PRIMATE NICHOLLS' LETTER on the following page](#)

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A message to the Anglican Church of Canada

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When I began ordained ministry I had no idea of the adventures and privilege that lay ahead of me serving as a deacon and priest in three parishes; in the national office in the Faith, Worship & ministry department; as a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Toronto; as diocesan bishop of the Diocese of Huron and, in these past nearly five years, as Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The greatest joy has been to share in the relationship between God and God's people through pastoral care, preaching, teaching and sacramental ministries and advocate for justice and compassion for all. To see God at work bringing healing and hope in the midst of the sorrows, pain and joy of daily life for individuals, families, communities and our wider world is a privilege that cannot be measured. I have also delighted in bringing the voice of the wider church – across Canada and the world – into parishes and dioceses through being present on Zoom or in person in travelling coast to coast.

Initially, after retirement, time for rest without the responsibilities of leadership will be welcome. Then I will enjoy walking with God's people, not as a leader, but as a friend, teacher and mentor alongside opportunities that allow my soul to sing – literally and figuratively.

Thank you for the privilege of serving our beloved church. Thank you for your prayers, care and support through the good times and the difficult ones.

May God grant us all courage to confess Jesus Christ as Lord
and to proclaim with joy the good news of the Gospel wherever we may be!

Thanks be to God,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls
Archbishop & Primate