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Many of us have been waiting during the month of May for spring to arrive and stay. Unfortunately, as gardeners, we know that there are no guarantees when it comes to weather patterns in May! Our plants, perennials and annuals alike, are at the mercy of the elements. So what do the experts at The Weather Channel tell us about our upcoming growing season? Here's their synopsis: *"After a sluggish and sporadic spring, a warm and humid summer is expected across the region, including London, Toronto, and Ottawa."*

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Early June will feature a quick transition to a much warmer pattern, and we could see our first heat wave before Canada Day. However, we do not expect persistent or severe heat throughout the summer. A few cool fronts will track across the region and deliver periods of more refreshing conditions.

The higher humidity is forecast to keep overnight temperatures significantly warmer than normal, but daytime high temperatures are expected to be near normal or just slightly above normal.

We should experience stretches of drier weather during the summer, but we do not expect widespread or prolonged drought in this region. The muggy conditions will contribute to more frequent showers and the risk for powerful thunderstorms. As a result, most of the region should see near normal or above normal precipitation totals for the season."

So our gardening plans and desires to have our plants flourish, whether in garden beds or patio pots, are dependent upon words such as *"expectations"* and *"transitions"* and of course *"conditions"*.

As members of St. James', we are awaiting the growth of our parish, and, the preparation of our new quarters at 130 Thames St. S. We are also dependent upon many variables and *"unexpected"* conditions and *"change orders"* when it comes to construction and finances. It is a time of anticipation but also a time of patience and stress. Each week we can expect new elements and demands to be brought to our attention.

As a congregation and parish we understand that there will be a major growth season full of transitions, both in our physical move to our new quarters but also in our spiritual growth.

Christian author, Kristin Dang reminds us, *"Moving into a new season does not mean we need to forget the old. Instead, we move on toward the next place God takes us, and we build upon the testimonies He has already given us. We remember, but are not stuck in the old. We move on, and we build. It is easy to get excited about a new season, especially when God has pre-emptively shown you part of the outcome. I recall multiple occasions when God has shown me a little glimpse of what is to come, and I have acted on my own accord. Sometimes, God shows us things in advance so we can prepare. We learn patience in our waiting, and we practice faith in our longing for what has not yet come. When the promise is finally fulfilled, we know it is done not on our own strength, but on the omnipotence of God, and we give Him all the glory. We do not enter a new season on our own accord, but it is God who calls us. It is our 'yes' to Him that allows us to step into it, and our willingness to surrender that enables us to experience it."*

<https://www.christianpost.com/voices/stepping-into-a-new-season-with-god-means-letting-go-of-the-old.html>:

Remember that every season is not a growing season. Every season is not harvest. There are seasons of watering, seasons of planting, seasons of pulling up weeds, and fertilizing the ground. These are important seasons. They are times of testing where God is seeing what you're made of. Are you going to keep a good attitude when you're not making progress? Are you going to do the right thing when you're not seeing growth? Have faith & patience.

Submitted by Your Editor - *Veronica*

Vision Committee News

This year is proving to be very exciting with the launch of our renovation project at 130 Thames Street South on March 10th. By late April our contractor, PK Construction had completed almost all of the demolition and many of the structural enhancements that we had planned.

Our easement plan was successfully deposited at the Ontario Land Registry Office and that opened the door for the Town Building Department to issue our full Building Permit on April 22nd. They promised to expedite the permit once the plan was registered and we are grateful they were able to follow through. This cooperation allowed our contractor to work seamlessly from the original Alteration Permit to the full Building Permit.

Change orders can be expected with any project but more so with a renovation than if building new. We have had our fair share of change orders, 16 of them so far, some saving money and others quite the opposite!

Invoices from our contractor, PK Construction, are received monthly and as of May 26th, two invoices have been received and paid, totaling \$202,307.66.

Good communications are key to the success of any project proceeding smoothly, this project being no exception. In addition to monthly site meetings that include all parties, our contractor keeps everyone well informed, often daily and sometimes hourly. The entire team has been instrumental in keeping our project on schedule.

We remain confident that we will move into our new home in the Fall of this year.

Submitted by – *Mike Watson*

on behalf of Vision Implementation Committee members: Pierre Beaumier, Margaret Burford, Jim Hunt, Veronica Jackson, Rev'd Marty Keatings Bob Welt.

From The Desk of The Reverend Marty Keatings



“Five hundred, twenty five thousand, six hundred minutes. Five hundred, twenty five thousand moments so dear. Five hundred, twenty five thousand, six hundred minutes. How do you measure, measure a year?”

You might recognize these words from a song called ‘Seasons of Love’ from the Broadway musical Rent. I’ve found myself reflecting upon them over the past few months, given the number of changes my family and I have experienced over the past year.

On the personal side of things, we’ve welcomed a son, Ben, and gone from a family of three to a family of four. Charlotte has become a big sister, and a big kid in general, having started school and loving every minute of it. We’ve also welcomed a grandson, Theo, growing our extended family by yet another beautiful life.

And speaking of extended families, St. James has become a rather large extended family for me, and indeed for my family. It’s hard to believe that it has now been one year since we became a part of this family, and I began my ministry with this church. And what a year it has been!

This year we have experienced many ups and downs and bumps in the road: Things that have tested us, things that have brought us joy, and things that in one way or another have brought us all closer together. We can feel the excitement grow as the Wardens give us updates with regard to the progress in the new building. You can see the excitement in the faces of those talking about new ministry, new outreach, new growth. We have come quite a distance since the initial decision to sell the old building. Deanne and I have often spoken about how impressed we’ve been with your love of God, your commitment to this parish, and your commitment to the wider community throughout the entire journey. And changes will continue as we move forward, such as moving into the new building, and the hopes that accompany that with respect to welcoming new people into the family and reaching out to the people of Ingersoll in new and life-giving ways.

Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. Change is not a villain, or our enemy. Change is to be embraced for its opportunity for growth, both individually and as followers of Christ. We have, and we will continue to encounter challenges along the way. The Good news is that we do not encounter them alone; We have Jesus to guide us. Things may change, our Ministry may change, but Who we worship will not. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever! His promises and His love abide with us.

The song ends with the words, “It’s time now to sing out, though the story never ends. Let’s celebrate. Remember a year in the life of friends. Remember the love. Yo

u know that love is a gift from up above. Remember the love. Share love, give love, spread love. Measure in love.”

It’s been quite a journey, this past year, and my family and I look forward to continuing that journey with you in the days, weeks, months, and years to come. It is my prayer for the next twelve months, or the next five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes, as we continue to broaden our ministry and our reach from our soon-to-be new home, that we can continue to measure every moment, all the ups and downs, all the trials and all the triumphs, each and every step of the way, in love. Love for one another, love for our neighbour, and most importantly, love for the one who first loved us. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of

We are so pleased to celebrate with Rev’d Marty his 1st Anniversary with us at St. James’ Church Ingersoll. His first service with us was on June 2, 2024. We are so blessed that Marty chose our parish to begin his permanent vocation and calling with, within The Diocese of Huron!

DEEP ROOTS NEW GROWTH Capital Campaign Committee

"LOOP" Newsletter Submission – May 27, 2025



Campaign Kick-Off a Success – Thank You for Your Support!

We're thrilled to report that our recent Campaign Kick-Off event was a great success! It was heartening to see so many members not only attending the service but also staying afterward to enjoy fellowship with one another. Your presence and support are truly appreciated.

Phase One Progress – Thank You for Your Generosity!

We're excited to share that Phase One of our campaign—*Direct Ask*—has raised **\$103,986.00** to date. Including pledges, that brings our total to **\$149,406**, which represents **37% of our overall campaign goal!** We are incredibly grateful for the generous support of our parish family and look forward to those donations that are yet to come in.

The campaign committee and parish council have worked diligently to keep everyone informed through regular updates and video messages. Transparency and communication remain top priorities.

Looking Ahead – Father's Day Virtual Presentation

To continue keeping our community engaged and informed, we will be offering a **virtual video presentation of the facility** during the **Father's Day service on June 15**. This will include a Q&A session to address any questions or feedback from parish members. We hope you will join us for this important update! If you have any questions you would like addressed in the presentation, please write your questions on the paper available in the foyer and place in the wooden church and we will try to incorporate them.

Phase Two – Exciting Events on the Horizon

Phase Two of the campaign will soon kick off with a series of exciting **fundraising events**, including an **online auction, entertainment** and **direct sale items**. Stay tuned—more details are coming soon! We need your continued support to help reach our goal!

Thank you again for your continued prayers, support, and generosity. Together, we are building a stronger future for our parish.

Deb Landon, Chair

"Deep Roots New Growth" Capital Campaign Committee
St. James' Anglican Church, Ingersoll

"Our Deep Roots New Growth" Open House April 27th



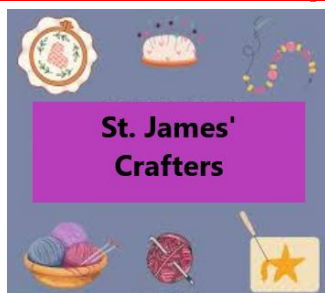
Our Chair, Deb Landon, welcomed everyone who came to our Open House and encouraged them to ask questions, look at the displays, and enjoy the treats provided by some of our team members. Thanks to Vicki, Trudy and Shelley for organizing the refreshments. We tried to show through our displays the past, present and future of St. James' Parish in Ingersoll. Architectural Drawings were also on display for our new location at 190 Thames St. S.



As you can see from the photos, there was lots of conversation and dialogue amongst our attendees. There was also a slide show featuring recent photos of the construction stages.

The "Deep Roots New Growth" team were sporting the new sweatshirts with the Capital Campaign logo on them that they had purchased. Team members include – Rev'd Sue McCullough, Rev'd Marty Keatings, Kendra Thouless, Trudy Groot, Vicki Hunt, Jim Hunt, Pierre Beaumier, Deb Landon, Randy Naisbitt, Mike Watson and Veronica Jackson. Thanks to Pierre Beaumier for providing us with our new campaign thermometer to illustrate and track our financial goal!

Needle and Craft Group Report



Since the March report the Group has been working on individual projects while sharing their creativity with others. Beautiful baskets with colourful yarns are being woven, afghans are crocheted, neck warmers (cowls) are knit, scrubbies are made, and a baby crib quilt is being completed.

The Group has now started on the Veterans' Remembrance Day wreaths. Sharon Gillett is working with Doug Funnell of the Chamber of Commerce to receive orders from the Town's businesses. So along with the poppy panels at Town Hall Ingersoll will have Remembrance Day wreath displays to remind the citizens of the sacrifices made by our veterans. Veteran animal wreaths will also be made to commemorate the animals' contributions.

Money raised by the sale of the wreaths will be equally shared by Ingersoll's Legion Poppy Fund and the Needle and Craft Group's outreach programmes.

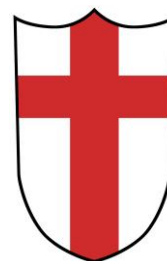
Busy hands are crocheting and knitting poppies, while strong hands of two volunteer men (Scott Naisbitt and Gary Van Kooten) are wiring wreaths together. Thank you for your help.

The Group will be taking some meeting time off during the Summer while still busy making poppies.

While the Group hasn't solved the world's problems during the meetings we, with much laughter and fellowship provide a small oasis for peace and rest. Join us Tuesdays at the Annex between 1:30 - 4:30 for fellowship and, if you wish, crafts.

Submitted by : *Margaret Burford*

BAC News



The St. James' BAC continues to meet on a monthly basis, for breakfast, at Louie's Restaurant in Ingersoll. We average approx. 13-14 men attending each one of the breakfast sessions. Next breakfast date will be **Wednesday June 18th** at Louie's at 9:30 am.

BAC members have contributed \$1115 to the St. James' Building Fund over the past few months.

Submitted by *Scott Naisbitt*

ACW News



Our next ACW meeting will be held in the Wee Cottage on Tuesday June 10 at 10:30 AM.

All women in our parish are invited to come out and join us. I promise this is not a long and boring meeting and I look forward to seeing some new faces (even if they are faces I see at church on Sundays or at Needle & Craft group or from Parish Council or from around town in Ingersoll). All are welcome !

Submitted: by *Susan Winlaw*

Sunday School News

Over the past few weeks, we have been very busy in the upstairs Sunday School classroom at the Masonic Hall. The kids, teens and adults have had many discussions about what it was like to live in Jerusalem and the surrounding area back in what we would refer to as the 1st Century AD (most scholars estimate Jesus' birth between 6 and 4 BC and his death between AD 30 and 36.)

It is difficult for our youngsters to understand what life was like with no modern conveniences, present systems of transportation, and no satellite/communication technology. Often we show a short video that ties into our Sunday theme so that they can not only hear Bible stories that are read to them but also see animated versions of them as well. Lots of crafts, puzzles, games and a few songs are thrown in for good measure, to help explain the importance of all the biblical characters and especially in the season of Easter, Jesus and his sacrifice on the cross for humanity.

We have two Sunday School classes left in June before we take a hiatus for the summer. Our next two Sunday School dates are **June 8th** and **June 15th**. We will have a small bin of activity sheets, crayons and markers at the hall for the summer months in case children, grandchildren, or visitors under 12 are present and need some activities to occupy themselves during the worship service. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back again with us in September!

Thanks again to our volunteers – Fiona, Meryl and Ella for assisting Pat Harrison and myself with delivering the Sunday School program.

Submitted by – *Veronica Jackson*



Prayer List

Prayers of the People, By the People, For the People

St. James' prays for our families, friends, and loved ones who are ill or recovering from illness or are in need of prayerful support. Grant them healing and strength. May they find Peace. Lord, we pray for:

Garnet, Little Jack, Murray, Clara, Nickolas, Matthew, Jo, Mark, Anne, Catherine, Elizabeth, Anne, John, Janey, Judy, Eleanor, Susan, Little J.J., Deny, Linda, Douglas, Matthew, Caitlin, Elise, Edith, and Emerson

Please let the Office know if you have a name for our Prayer List.

Recent Deaths



Murray Livingston

Anni Mucha

Romans 14:8

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Nursing & Retirement Home Services

All parish volunteers are welcome to attend and participate in the worship service at the nursing or retirement residences.

Our next service is on **Thursday July 3rd at 1:30 pm at Woodingford Lodge.**

For Those Who Can't Make It To Church in Person



Our live stream of our worship service from the Masonic Hall at 10:30 am is available on our Facebook Page -

The link is below

- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064560229242>

Alternatively you can reach it from our "Online Services" page on our church website. <http://www.stjamesingersoll.com/online-services>

Huron Church News

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Upcoming Yard Sale



If you haven't heard

St. James' will be taking part in the Town Wide Yard Sale on **Saturday June 7th from 9 am to Noon**. We are looking for your donations! Popular items include puzzles, paperback books, china, glassware, small houseware items, purses, jewellery, small appliances (in working order), music or craft books, yarn, other craft items, children's toys (no stuffed animals). We are **NOT** collecting large appliances or furniture, clothes, shoes, etc.

Items (other than baking) will NOT be individually priced. Everything will be sold for a donation. All items that are left unsold will be given to Good Will or the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Baking Items are welcome! We will be pricing these. If you wish to plate and wrap your items ahead of time that's great! Tarts, cookies, squares, cupcakes are all great sellers!

If you would like to participate on the day of the sale for set up and take down, please let us know!

Baking Items and Yard Sale items can be dropped off on Friday June 6th from 2 to 4 pm at The Annex. If you are unable to deliver your items then, please leave a message at the Church Office and we will attempt to accommodate you for an alternate drop off time. Plastic one use bags, paper bags, and small boxes would also come in handy for our shoppers if you have some to donate.

Construction Photos – 190 Thames St. S.



Construction meetings are held monthly with - St. James' Church Vision Committee representatives, Mike Watson, Margaret Burford, Jim Hunt, and Veronica Jackson; Relèven spokesperson and site overseer, Cory deVilliers; PK Construction Project and Site Managers Tim Landry and Paul McLaskey; POW Engineering architects and engineers; and, representatives of additional trades companies employed on site by PK Construction. At our last meeting, on May 27th the photos above were taken.

Video footage is taken every other week by Mike Watson and shared with our parishioners. If you haven't seen the latest video, you can find it at – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWmsoajyINc>

As you can see much has been accomplished and framing for interior walls is well underway. A new set of stairs now leads from the back door into the back foyer of our building. Electrical and plumbing aspects of the project are well underway.

Volunteers needed for General Synod



Diocese of Huron
May 23, 2025

News / Volunteers needed for General Synod



Diocese of Huron is hosting General Synod in London, Ontario from Monday, June 23 to Sunday, June 29. Opening service is planned for June 23 at St. Paul's Cathedral. Primatial election will also be held at the Cathedral, as well as the installation service for the newly elected Primate on Sunday, June 29. Plenary sessions will take place at RBC Place (London Convention Centre) 300 York St.

Local Arrangements Committee is looking for volunteers to help delegates have the best experience possible in London. Volunteer opportunities include reception/help desk duties (4-hour shifts) at RBC Place (for the entirety of Synod) as well as in the lobby of the Double Tree hotel (for June 22 and 23 only). Volunteers for Registration desk are needed for June 23 and 24 at RBC Place. Greeters are also in demand— for London train station (June 22 and 23), for the Cathedral (Opening service; Primatial election; Installation service) and the RBC Place for plenary sessions.

If you are interested go to: <https://diohuron.org/resources/synod-resources/pages/general-synod-2025-local-arrangements>