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St. James' Anglican Church Newsletter

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Synod May 15 - 17th



The theme for this year's Diocesan Synod is from the Book of Micah. The agenda indicates that it will be as usual a very jam packed session. Monday's morning session will feature an address from our new Coadjutor Bishop, The Rt. Rev'd Linda Nicholls. Those of you who receive our diocesan newspaper, **Huron Church News**, may be familiar with her background. For those of you who are not, you will find a brief biography of Bishop Nicholls on page 2. She will be assuming Bishop Bennett's role in November as Bishop Bennett has recently announced his retirement.

This year's Synod will also have a very special Outreach focus based on the scripture - "**I needed clothes and you clothed me**".

- Matthew 25:26

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The following is an excerpt from the College of Deacons -

" These words from Christ are the basis for the College of Deacons outreach at Synod this year. In the past you have been generous in providing food for the hungry, hats, gloves, socks, and underclothes for those in need.

This year the focus will be on blankets. They will be given to shelters, and church outreach projects to provide warmth and comfort to the sick, homeless, and lonely.

"Project Linus" will onbe one of the recipients of the blankets. This organisation collects and distributes blankets to children and teenagers in all crisis situations: ie. hospitals, hospice, ambulance. If you are making blankets specifically for Project Linus, here are their guidelines : A) Most importantly the blankets **MUST** be free from fragrance such as fabric softeners (from prewashing the fabric), perfume, or cigarette smoke

B) All styles, sizes and shapes including quilts, fleece blankets, crocheted or knitted afghans and receiving blankets. All blankets must be new and washable. Please use only new fabric and sturdy acrylic yarns (not wool) for your blankets. Nothing is written in stone. The more important issue is that when blankets are being made for children that they are in child friendly colours and fabrics and sewn or knit well to withstand lots of use and washing.

All other blankets will be gratefully accepted and distributed to the areas of need. Thank you for your generosity, kindness and compassion.

If you would like to donate a blanket, please speak to Rev'd Meghan and it will be delivered to Synod.



The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls, area bishop of Trent-Durham, was elected coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Huron at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Ont. on Feb. 13. The diocese is located in the southwestern part of Ontario and has about 200 parishes.

Bishop Nicholls was elected among eight candidates as the first woman bishop in Huron after three ballots, acquiring a majority of the vote of both the laity and the clergy in Synod.

"I am delighted that people of Huron gathered in Synod have called the Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls to the office of coadjutor bishop for the Diocese of Huron," said the Bishop of Huron, the Rt. Rev. Robert Bennett, upon announcing the results. "She is a gifted and faithful leader who will help chart our future to that place where God-in-Christ wills us to be. I very much look forward to working with her."

As coadjutor bishop, Bishop Nicholls will automatically become the 13th Bishop of Huron when Bishop Bennett retires.

Bishop Nicholls has been a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Toronto since 2008, serving as the area bishop of Trent-Durham. Previous to that, she served in three parishes in the diocese and was the national church's co-ordinator of dialogue for Ethics, Interfaith Relations and Congregational Development. She is co-chair of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue in Can.



Bishop Bob Bennett has indicated to Archbishop Colin Johnson his intention to retire as Bishop of Huron, effective November 1, 2016.

Bishop Bob was ordained a deacon on May 1, 1974, priested on May 8, 1975 and consecrated a bishop on September 14, 2002. On Oct. 25, 2008, he was elected the 12th Bishop of Huron.

Bishop Bob has served the parishes of Trinity, Simcoe, St. John's, Woodhouse and Port Rye Memorial Church; Holy Trinity, Chesley, Christ Church, Tara and Church of the Ascension, Paisley; St. George's, Kitchener; St. Mark's, Brantford and All Saints', Windsor.

Bishop Bob has also been regional dean of Brant, a canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, archdeacon of Brant-Norfolk and Oxford and archdeacon of Essex. He has been a member of Provincial and General Synod, the Council of General Synod, the Provincial Executive, the Diocesan Council, the Diocesan Sub-Council, the Nominating Committee, the Deacons' Board, the Postulancy Board, the Safe Church Committee, the Sexual Assault Response Team, the Catechumenate Network, the Sesquicentennial Planning Group, the Implementation Task Force, the Human Resources Committee, the Pension Trustees, the Bishop's Clergy Conference Planning Committee, the Doctrine and Worship Committee, the Companion Diocese Committee, the Diocesan Executive Staff, the Committee on the Revision of Constitution and Canons, the Strategic Plan Implementation Group, the Bishop Luxton Memorial Scholarship Committee, the McConnell Trust Fund Committee, the Renew Committee, the Council of Advice, the Administration and Finance Committee and the Synod Organizational Committee. He has been the Bishop to ACPO, a member of the Corporation of Renison University College and the Chair of the Huron University College Corporation.

A retirement celebration for Bishop Bob will be held in the fall.

The **Meanest** Mother in the World

I had the meanest mother in the world. While other kids had **candy** for breakfast, I had to eat **cereal, eggs, and toast**. While other kids had **cakes & candy** for lunch, I had a **sandwich**. As you can guess, my dinner was different from other kids' dinners, too. My mother insisted on **knowing where we were at all times**. You'd think we were on a **chain gang** or something. She had to know **who our friends were** and **what we were doing**. I'm ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. **SHE MADE US WORK**. We had to **wash dishes, make the beds** and **learn how to cook**. That woman must have stayed awake nights thinking up things for us kids to do. And she insisted that **we tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth**. By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser and our life became more unbearable. None of this tooting the car horn for us to come running; she embarrassed us to no end by **insisting that our friends come to the door to get us**. I forgot to mention that most of our friends were **allowed** to date at the mature age of 12 or 13, but our **old fashioned Mother** refused to let us date **until we were 15**. She really raised a bunch of squares. None of us were ever **arrested** for shoplifting or **busted** for dope. And who do we have to thank for that? You're right, our **mean mother**. I'm trying to raise my children to **stand a little straighter and taller** and I am **secretly tickled to pieces** when my children call me **mean**. I thank God for giving me the **Meanest Mother** in the world. Our country doesn't need a good five cent cigar. It needs more **mean Mothers** like mine."

- Author Bobbie Pingaro © 1967

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Thanks to Inez Fishwick for her submission above for the Mother's Day thoughts!

Many of us are also thankful that we had "mean" mothers! God Bless Them All.

Anglican Church Women

ACW Meeting Schedule

May – Tuesday the 3rd in the Parish Hall at 10:30 am

June– Tuesday the 7th in the Parish Hall at 10:30 am

All women of the parish are encouraged and invited to attend any of the ACW events and meetings.

ACW BAKE SALE



The ACW will be holding a Bake Sale on **Saturday, May 14, 9am to Noon**. Donations from all parishioners (including men, because we know some of you bake too!) are welcome at the church (Francis St. door), Friday May 13. Please leave the cutting and packaging to us - we'll be doing that Friday evening. This is your opportunity to pick up tasty items for the long weekend (if you don't eat it all first) - for those drop-in visitors or for your own time in the sun after a busy day at your favourite long weekend activity. Gluten free baking is especially welcome!

Bowl for Kids Sake Friday May 6th

St. James' will be represented again with several bowlers raising funds for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Our team which is organized by the BAC will meet on Friday May 6th at 7:15pm at Ingersoll Lanes. If you would like to participate or sponsor a bowler, please contact Randy Naisbitt or Scott Naisbitt.



BAC NEWS

Upcoming Communion Services and

BAC Breakfasts Schedule

Sunday May 8th : Mother's Day Celebration

8 AM Morning Communion Service

8:35 AM – BAC Breakfast Meeting



Our annual "Salute to Mothers" breakfast will be held and we invite all mothers of the parish to attend.

There will be no BAC breakfast meeting in June.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Monday May 30th at 7 PM
St. James' Parish Hall

An organization based out of Ingersoll has been formed to help tackle the sensitive issue of child pornography.

Child Pornography Hurts has the mandate of helping victims become survivors... fighting to end child pornography.

Founder and Chair Charlene Doak Gebauer will present a public lecture on "Internet Sense for Internet Safety". The organization is working hard to spread the message and get people talking about the subject and they will eventually offer specialized therapy for victims. Right now they are trying to raise awareness and Gebauer is doing several speaking engagements in the area. This presentation is open to all members of the community. Please make others aware of the meeting.

More information about the organization is available at -

<http://www.childpornographyhurts.com/>



The Ladies of St. James' hosted a St. George's Day Tea after the church service on Sunday April 24th. The tea fare that they served was delicious and the decorations and displays were greatly admired. Thank you to all the organizers for providing our parish with such a delectable treat!

Delicious Treats for All



TRIBUTE SHOW APRIL 2016



As we go to press with this newsletter, we are anticipating a sold out crowd for our upcoming tribute show, "**The Stars Come Out**". Once again Julie Cook's catering company "Eat Your Heart Out" will be providing a fabulous meal and the entertainment is set to dazzle us! We expect to be entertained by some of our favourite personalities of the past: Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Rosemary Clooney ... to name just a few - (and Phyllis Diller plans on putting in a guest appearance!).

No doubt the evening will be a successful fundraiser for St. James'. Thanks in advance to all who purchased tickets, the organizers, and all our assistants who will make the night flow so smoothly. Stay tuned to the website and our next edition of "The Loop" for photos.



WINDING DOWN



It's time for many of our Outreach Program Volunteers to take a well deserved break! The **Messy Church** program finished last month and will be on hiatus until next fall.

Likewise **The Lunch Bunch** program will finish up its weekly Wednesday meals at the end of May. It will resurface in the fall as well.

These two programs are labour intensive and rely upon so many volunteers to be so successful. Our community of St. James' owes all of those involved a huge thank you for your dedication and drive.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In conjunction with First Baptist Church we will be holding our annual Vacation Bible School for children in **July** from the **18th** to the **22nd**. The camp is open for all children from 4 years and up to 12 years of age. It will operate each day at First Baptist from 8:45 AM to 11:45 AM.

There is also an opportunity for teens and adults to be involved as volunteer leaders, assistants, etc.

Please watch for more details about the theme of this year's VBS and registration details.



Recent Happenings

Baptisms: Jordyn Priya Allan Palmer

Deaths : Pauline Maier



MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 6 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist Sunday School	2	3 10:30 am - Women of the Anglican Church Meeting 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	4 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch 1:00 pm - Service at Woodingford Lodge	5	6 7:15pm - Bowling for Big Bros. & Sisters	7
8 Easter 7 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist followed By BAC Breakfast 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist Sunday School 	9 1:30 pm - Healing Study & Prayer Group	10 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	11 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch 1:30 pm - Oxford Manor Bible Study 3:00 pm - Service at Secord Trails 8:00 pm - Soul Mates Practice	12	13	14
15 Pentecost 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist with The SoulMates, Sunday School 1:30 pm - Nursing Home Services SYNOD - 4 pm St. Paul's	16 SYNOD Continues in London All Day followed by Dinner	17 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group SYNOD - Final Morning	18 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch	19	20	21
22 Trinity Sunday 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist Sunday School	23  VICTORIA DAY	24 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	25 10:00 am - Eucharist 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch	26	27	28
29 Pentecost 2 10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Baptism Sunday School	30	31 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group				

June 2016

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19 Pentecost 5 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist with The Soul Mates, Sunday School 	20	21 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	22 10:00 am - Eucharist	23 Loop Deadline for July / August Edition	24	25
26 Pentecost 6 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist Sunday School *Pot Luck BBQ after the service	27 7:30 pm - Parish Council Meeting	28 1:30 pm - Needlecraft Group	29 10:00 am - Eucharist	30		

* **Pot Luck BBQ** - please bring salads or desserts; hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.