

# the MESSENGER

St James Anglican Fellowship

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## First Thoughts

### A message from our Rector

St James was born on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017, as we gathered with Bishop Charlie Masters along with Archdeacon Tim Parent at our very first worship service. We sang praises, celebrated communion, and the bishop presented me with my license as a priest and rector of this parish in the Diocese of the Anglican Network in Canada.

convinced that his plan is to have a vibrant fellowship of believers who, as the Network states so well are biblically based, gospel sharing and Anglican.

I know each of you struggled long and hard as well to determine if you should become a part of this exciting new beginning.

*We had a glorious time worshiping God and enjoying his presence at our first service on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.*

Of course many things had gone into bringing together this service. The generosity of the Trenton Baptist Church, the planning of a few individuals, and the hard work of many meant that we were able to welcome guests from across the province, worship God and have a glorious time enjoying the blessings God had for us that evening.

I have certainly prayed long and hard about God's intentions for us, and I am

Thank you each and every one for deciding to journey together!

But of course after the excitement of our first service then the hard work begins.

We have had to prepare for Trenton Baptist's move out and to gather together some of the necessary stuff that makes a worshiping community able to worship, learn and grow together more easily. (continued on page 2)

## Our Values



As we gather together as a new Anglican Church in the Quinte Area it's important to think about who we are and what we hope to be. St James is moving ahead so quickly and we need the Holy Spirit's help.

We are a part of the Anglican Network in Canada and so we must be an Anglican church that is: biblical and gospel sharing but doing that requires priorities.

Rev Steve has been talking to lots of people and has tried to put together a summary of things that are important to us.

Important priorities for us include: **Prayer, Worship, Community, Generosity, Groundedness, Authenticity and New Beginnings.**

Check on page 4 for more on each of these priorities.

We have an even more exciting and important task ahead. This is ensuring that this good and blessed start becomes a church in the truest sense of the word. A group of people gathered together, loving God and loving each other, worshipping and learning and growing, being healed by him and showing God's care for this hurting world.

As we begin together we need to think about all that we do. Are we doing things because that's what a church always does? These are often good things but not always the best things. A better question that needs to be with us always is: are we doing things because they are what God is calling St James to be? As we focus on God and his intentions for Trenton, Quinte West, this country, and the world, we will

be amazed at how God uses us to make an impact on this place, and on this world.

We are called St James Fellowship in part because of his insistence on the centrality of prayer. We must pray. Pray for me, pray for each other, and pray for our church as we move forward into the spectacular future God has for us.

Don't forget our first Vestry Meeting on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> after our Sunday Service

## Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Group...

By Rick Pickett

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" *Genesis 1:1*

"God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning- the sixth day. *Genesis 1: 31*

What a Glorious day! St. James Afternoon Bible Study Group opened on Tuesday the 24th of January and was a wonderful success. Our opening discussion was attended by our Rector Steve who added his wonderful insight to our discussion. We discussed Genesis 1:1 along with Micah and James of course. We prayed together in fellowship and oh yeah.. Cookies and Timbits, coffee and tea helped give us fuel for our lively discussion.

## Musical Notes

By: Marilou Timpson

Dear friends in Christ, thanks so much for your joyful singing and worship over these last few weeks!

As most of you are aware, music is currently being shared with Peter Fuller doing more traditional music, and the worship team doing a variety of music with Marilou Timpson on piano, Paul Arsenault on drums and a variety of guitarists including Steve and Christopher Timpson, and Brandon Pasternak.

Thanks for everyone's wonderful support! Our aim is to worship God in spirit and Truth as we enter into his presence with singing. We aim to provide a variety of different types of music, and to have a minimum of 15 minutes of worship prior to each service. That will help us to prayerfully enter into God's presence and prepare our hearts for worship. Words will be provided on the overhead. Let Peter, Marilou or Rev Steve know about your favorite song you would like to be singing! Requests can be submitted to Rev Steve as a text message or email too.

Thanks so much for your prayers and encouragement!  
God Bless Marilou

## Kid's Church

By: Cathy McComiskey

Over the coming weeks and months the children will be learning about the attributes of God...God is our Shepherd, is Love, is Truth, is our Shield, is Everywhere and so on.

In January, we learned that God is our Shepherd... We talked about how a shepherd looks after his sheep/protects/leads them and how God does that with us.

We looked at Psalm 23, learned about David who wrote it, that he was a real shepherd and how these words apply to us.

We learned a song that says.. "The Lord is my Shepherd, I'll walk with Him always". I pray that this will be the experience for each one of us.

In February, we will learn that God is Love and will look at various ways God shows us His love.

We will learn what real love is. (not a clanging cymbal but is patient, kind, etc) looking at

I Corinthians 13; we will learn what is Gods BEST EVER gift to each of us and will look at various verses in the Bible like John 3:16, Romans 8:38,39 and John 14:6 and then in week 3 we will learn about trusting God with all our heart...looking at Proverbs 3:5.

Each week we play or colour on arrival, then we sing, we pray, we have a lesson from the Bible, we learn a Bible verse and do a related craft to our lesson. Lots on the go!

Please pray for each child who comes, that they will feel loved and accepted by those around them, will understand that God loves them and that they can love God back plus, will want to come each week and bring a friend!

Please pray for Sally Honey and Cathy McComiskey as they give leadership, meeting weekly with the children.

Children matter much to God and we want to help the children feel they matter much to us at Kids Church too!

Blessings

Cathy and Sally

## Coming Events

Every Tuesday Afternoon	2:30 pm	Bible Study at the Church
Every Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm	Bible Study at 77 Aspen Drive
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Family Games Night
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	after church	Lunch then Annual Vestry Meeting
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at the church
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service

# Value-able!

## More on some important Values for St. James Fellowship

By Rev Steve

We are a church of the Anglican Network in Canada.

In a nutshell, this means that we are Anglican followers of Jesus, who take very seriously the truths in the bible, our relationship to other Christians across the world, and being faithful to all of God's expectations and plans for his followers. We look to God to help us to understand the world we live in, and to help us live meaningful and empowered lives.

In a sentence we are a "biblically based, gospel sharing, Anglican church"

Here are some values that I believe will form us if we let them, into a church that is transformative in our community.

### Prayer

Our God hears his people when they pray. Prayer needs to be central to our services, and central to our lives. If we endeavor to make Jesus the center of our corporate and personal lives, it makes sense that spending time praying, listening to him, and sharing our concerns for ourselves and the world is important. Our Anglican heritage means we will pray together often, both silently and aloud, both conversationally and using historic prayers that state so clearly some of the core desires of our hearts.

### Worship

It has been stated that our chief purpose in life is to worship God and to enjoy him forever. Worship gives us an opportunity to come into the very

presence of God, and experience his love and caring in many ways. Amazing Grace, A Mighty Fortress is Our God, and the latest Hillsong rendition of the Creed speak to us in different ways but all help lift our thoughts and spirits from the current situation to God's majesty and grace. That's why you will find everything from very traditional hymns to today's worship music used in our gatherings. We worship together using current language, but follow forms that the Anglican Church has been refining for centuries.

### Community

We are so much stronger together, and God designed us to need each other and to count on each other. It is no accident that when Jesus talks about the church, the fellowship of believers, he uses family language. We are brothers and sisters as we follow Christ, and we should try to remember this and to embody this to the world.

Joys and sorrows are both greatly improved by being experienced together. Learning is easier when we do it as a group, and giving or getting a helping hand in a tough spot is God's way. Having an opportunity to help others, or being helped are both important ways we can experience God and his love.

### God Centeredness

We know that God is active in our world, and active within ourselves. He longs to heal us, spirit, soul and body, from all the trauma of this world and to provide for us. It is through this action of

the Holy Spirit that we are able to be sent into the world and to be whole people within it. God did not create us and then turn his back on us. We hope to live expectantly and joyfully into his promises for us.

## Generosity

Jesus was generous and we too can seek to be a generous people. Generous as we give to the church and the work of God, generous with each other in ways that are surprising and a testimony to our love for one another, and generous with those around us, outside our church community. I hope we can be known for our generosity so that God may be glorified through us.

## Groundedness

If we are forever trying to discern through our experience or others, what God's call to us is, we will end up blowing about and shifting our understanding of true at the whim of the world. This is not God's intent for his people. His answer for his people is the Bible and staying faithful to the Bible is part of the reason each of us is at St James. The bible as set out in the Old and New Testament

holds within it everything necessary for us in this world that is searching for truth. It is truthful in a way that transcends us, and transcends various world views.

## Authenticity

We are called St James because of his focus on prayer, and his insistence that faith to be real must be lived out. God calls us to love him, to experience his love, and to show his love to others.

Advocating for, and working for, a better and more just world is what we must do.

## New Beginnings

As Christians we must be formed by Matthew 28. Providing opportunities for people to make the initial step of surrendering everything they are and everything they have to Jesus, and encouraging them in the ongoing working out of their salvation through increased intimacy with Him describes a huge part of our mission! All of us sometimes fail but we must always turn back to Jesus, ask for his forgiveness, and then get up and continue to put our faith into action.

## Do you have something that we need?

Of course you do! As a brand new fellowship, we need you to get involved and pray for us!

There are a few material things we need to gather too, from tables to toothpicks, so be sure to check out the list we have at the back of the church, and see if there is something that you have that we could put to good use!

## A Prayer for St James Fellowship

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Heavenly Father, thank you for your blessing upon St James Fellowship and upon each of our lives. Thank you for the way you encouraged us on our journey. You provide for all our needs. Protect us and keep us safe. Heal us and cleanse us from all our sin. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and give us wisdom and discernment. Help us to be your hands and feet to this community. Help us to see you more clearly, and to see people around us with love and compassion.

Guide your church and help us to know your will. As you taught us we pray your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All these things we pray in the holy and mighty name of Jesus. Amen

Get your  
submissions in!

If you have things to share in our newsletter, website or on our Facebook page, be sure to send them to [messenger@stjamesfellowship.ca](mailto:messenger@stjamesfellowship.ca)

## Outreach

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By: Cindy Davidson-Pickett

*What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? [James 2:14, NSRV]*

Since St. James Fellowship opened its doors on January 15, 2017, we have been hearing lessons from the Letter of James, challenging us to an active life in Christ, though it has been left up to each of us in the congregation to find our own calling.

I have heard many people exclaiming their want to share in the success of our new church, and wonder what they can do to come together as a church community for community outreach activities.

This is my challenge, brothers and sisters, for us to bring forward our creative, original, or tried and true ideas for community outreach or pastoral care projects, as well as ideas for fundraising that will benefit St. James Fellowship.

We have our first annual vestry meeting on February 26, 2017, bring your ideas, energy, and let us move forward with our works. These are truly exciting times! ~ Cindy ~

## International Best Wishes

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Rev Steve wrote to Bishop Mwita of the diocese of Tarime in Tanzania, with the news of the changes that have taken place here in the formation of St James Fellowship.

He is a very busy bishop and wrote to us from Australia where he was teaching, when he got Rev Steve's email. It was a very encouraging response. He started his reply with "Dear Canon Steve...many Congratulations!" and made it clear that his prayers are with us as we move forward.

We can hope that perhaps he will visit us again when he is next in Canada.

# “In the Beginning”

By Rick Pickett

“In the beginning” that is the starting line of Genesis 1 and it speaks volumes. Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup> was another beginning which was anointed by God, and as in the book of Genesis it was a beginning chapter of sorts, it was the beginning chapter of St. James Fellowship. St. James Fellowship was the vision of our Rector Rev. Steve Timpson, and was the culmination of many prayers and deep conviction. With the many changes within the Anglican Church of Canada, Steve along with many that believe in the teachings of the Bible had grown to feel as though they needed a change. This change came with the introduction of The Anglican Church in North America, or ACNA for short. In Canada it is known as The Anglican Network in Canada, or ANiC. The Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC) is a Canadian church established in 2005 under the jurisdiction of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone, a province of the Anglican Communion. It was a founding diocese of the Anglican Church in North America in June 2009.

If you would like to know more about the Anglican Network in Canada, you can visit their web page <http://www.anglicannetwork.ca/about.htm> which will give you more information in greater detail.

For those of you who attended St. James beginning service you were witness to a church filled with the Holy Spirit. There were members from the Trenton Baptist Church who have by the Grace of God, taken us under their wing who came to pray with us and just as importantly to pray for us. A heartfelt thank you to Pastor Terry Gerow and the folks from Trenton Baptist Church. We think that

this is the beginning of a blessed and growing friendship which we look forward to sharing for many years to come! We would like to also thank the Rt. Rev. Charles Masters Diocesan Bishop who heads our Diocese, for not only a stirring sermon, but also for presenting Steve with his Pastoral License in the ANiC.

Bishop Masters was accompanied by Archdeacon Tim Parent who came from Pembroke to assist in the presentation. It was a joy to also see a great many folks representing the Clergy who came to wish Steve and the St. James family well on our inaugural first service. I must admit that seeing that many white collars in one room was a sight to see. St James Fellowship was filled to the proverbial rafters, literally, as there were even folks who stationed themselves in the balcony for this glorious event. (The Nave was standing room only), we even had chairs full in the vestibule! How much more blessed could we have been! After the service there were refreshments and a time for fellowship (sort of a meet and greet) as it were. If you have never been touched by the Holy Spirit before, you could not have helped but be touched this night. I can't remember the last time I heard voices so loud and clear with every song and hymn that I was wondering if the roof was sound enough to hold them in. I can only hope to hear those angelic voices every Sunday. Our Children's Church even got off the ground for the service. Praise the Lord! Cathy McComiskey was ready to go to provide lessons for our youngsters. We are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you to come and be part of our growth. So in closing I would like to quote from our beloved St. James, “For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.”

May Gods peace be with you all as you go about your weekly business! See you on Sunday!

Rick

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# We are Incorporated!

It is with much rejoicing that we can announce that St James Fellowship is now a federal corporation under the not for profit corporations act. A big thank you to Dave McComiskey for his help in getting this important work done!

The work continues however. We need to complete a few more steps to be able to provide tax receipts directly from St James for your tithes and offerings, so for a bit longer we will need to be giving our gifts directly to the Anglican Network in Canada, with a memo line "St James Fellowship" so you can get a tax receipt at the end of the year. All gifts given in this way go directly into an account for our use.

The founding board of directors have passed a set of by-laws that form our structure into what you would expect from an Anglican Church, with wardens, vestry clerk, treasurer, synod delegates and all the rest so be sure to come to our founding Annual Vestry meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February where we will elect these people.

## A Last Word

We are being amazingly blessed in so many ways by God, as we begin our journey as St James Fellowship.

God's intention for his church is to be a people formed together as a family, who show his love to all those around, and who learn and grow more and more into the people God has in mind for each of us. That is God's plan for his people here at St James. We are to be known for our love for each other and for the world. Like St. James who we are named after, we must be a people of prayer and a people of action.

We will be heading into the season of Lent soon. Lent is a season when Christians make intentional changes in their lives, with the help of the Holy Spirit. We do not just give up things, but we add important things as we try to engage our lives with the one who created us.

God intends us to be a people filled with his joy. I encourage you this Lent to allow the Holy Spirit to work within you, to empower you to both dig deeper into the experience of God's love, and in sharing it.

With prayers, for many blessings and many opportunities to engage your faith,

*Steve+*