

## HONEY & LOCUST



St. John in the Wilderness Anglican Church,  
Bright's Grove



Above Rev Amanda thanks Karl and Mavis Schmid for hanging the logo artwork crafted by Jim Mayer last May or June. We hung it outside of Heather's office in the church hall, so you see it as you enter. Thanks to Lyn Kidd, Ann Hitchins and Leslie Chekan for preparing the altar for Palm Sunday.

## Church Services

Alleluia – Easter is here! For April 11, the Second Sunday of Easter, The Reverend Amanda Longmoore+ will preside over a 10:30 am Facebook Live service. Just log into our Facebook for 10:20 am or so.

We marked Holy Week with a Maundy Thursday Zoom meal, Good Friday Zoom service and Easter Sunday Morning Prayer Zoom. We had more folk attend Maundy Thursday than we have had attend in years – I admit I was hesitant to eat supper over Zoom, but as it turned out I found the service, which focused on the last supper Jesus had with his disciples, very meaningful.

Here are pictures of the Holy Week services.



Good Friday above and Easter Sunday below.



The flowers on the altar on the previous page were given in loving memory of Corporal Brent Poland by Don and Pat Poland and family. God bless.

Brenden Fraser, Ken Walker, and Susan Halliday brought music and song to our church service for Easter – Alleluia!



Above you can see them very much spaced out in the pews singing and playing. Bob Halliday, also in the picture, read as part of the service. Parishioners attending got a look at the pew area of the church (in addition to the sanctuary); it was moving in many ways. Such blessings.

Ken Walker is adjacent singing the psalm with passion, joy, and skill. The music recorded well for the telephone prayer line.



Several ladies wore Easter bonnets, above are Charlene Adams and Nancy Mann with theirs – part of the joy of Easter!

Thanks to Rev. Amanda for putting much thought and effort into our Holy Week journey.



After the Easter service I walked by the church and found Amanda enjoying the bees and gardens in the church yard – she sent me this picture with many of the others included here. God's Peace.



*Please continue to wash your hands, Stay Home except for essential excursions, wear a mask if you are in public, socially distance, acknowledge angst (I sure do;-) and continue to be kind to yourself and others—we are in this together. Vaccines are rolling out, but our infection rate remains high in Lambton as people struggle with the need to take precautions for a few more months. Be strong – comply – and remember “You will never look into the eyes of someone God does not love.”*

The status of church building access remains as outlined in the [January 15 edition](#) of Honey & Locust. Essentially only one person/Covid-bubble pair in the church at a time, with 3 people permitted for a virtual service. Should Lambton move from a Grey zone to an Orange, Yellow or Green zone, then we will reassess options for use of the church building per the [February 11 letter from Church House](#).

## **+Bishop Todd To Dedicate our Wilderness Pollinator Garden**

**Circle May 29th on your calendar.**

That's the day +The Right Reverend Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron is tentatively coming to St. John in the Wilderness to lead the dedication and blessing of the Pollinator Garden behind the church. As you know the garden was installed last summer with financial support from the Anglican

Foundation of Canada and the hard work, inspiration and love of a team led by Bob Halliday. By the time of the ceremony, we expect the plants and trees in the garden will be 'springing' to life. I will (Peter) will put out a request to join me in a yard clean up as spring progresses and the date approaches.

More details on the Bishops's dedication visit will be announced closer to the date.



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.....Peter Langille

## **St. John in the Wilderness Mission and Vision**

### **Our Mission**

To Love God and to share His love with others.

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## Our Vision

To show a welcoming, visible sign of Christ in a growing community, and to strive to meet the spiritual needs of everyone in a facility which is accessible, safe, environmentally friendly, and addresses the space requirements of all.

We continue to pray that Father Shaun will heal and return to work.

## Hello from The Crosslands!

I was walking to the beach at the end of Pine and Old Lakeshore Road yesterday and Tim, Fiona, and Magaidh Crossland stopped on the bicycle ride to say hello....they pass along "hello" to the parish as well. I did not get their picture...so I asked them to send me a couple. The two pictures adjacent are from a few weeks ago on a walk in the Pinery.

Tim is on our Church Council. He attends the 8:30 am church service typically. Fiona is a beloved librarian at Bright's Grove Library. Fiona has helped me buy my appliances, snowblowers, lawnmowers, cars and other miscellaneous items over the years – I go to the library, she helps me find the Consumer Guides and I either photocopy the pages or borrow them and then start my trek. Each visit and conversation is whimsical yet informative!



*Fiona and Tim above top. Magaidh, Toby and Emma directly above. This was a family outing to The Pinery a few weeks ago.*

We caught up on the kids first. Leslie Grieve and I taught them Sunday School a few years back.

Magaith (pronounced "Maggie") is in her fourth year at Guelph University studying to be an Environmental Engineer. She has been attending on-line from Bright's Grove this year but hopes to be in classes at Guelph next year.

Toby is at Lambton College in the Instrument Control & Electronic Technology (ICET) program. He is also attending this from the Crossland's Bright's Grove home.

Both Magaith and Toby use a lot of bandwidth (or whatever IT capacity to Zoom etc is). They have even set up labs for school in the Crossland's kitchen this year. Like many households, they all got just a little closer together over Covid. Tim decided to refinish the basement to get a little more space for all this adult living. Fiona tells me he did a fabulous job. They continue to have conversations with Cogeco on internet functionality, it is better than what they had at the start of Covid, but still poses challenges (says friendly giant Tim...one of the easiest going individuals I know). Tim has managed to join some church services and council meetings as the connectivity improves.

Emma is a graduate of Sheridan College's Animation program. She is an Animator for a First Nation studio called Taqqut. She lives in Hamilton and is a character designer for Inuit children's shows, the mandate has

been referred to as the "Sesame Street of the North". A key goal is to bring the common First Nation northern language to people who speak many different northern languages so that they can communicate with each other in a common native language rather than English. You can check out Taqqut productions by clicking here [Taqqut Productions](#) or going to [Taqqut.com](#).

Fiona's dad is a millwright and immigrated to Sarnia from Glasgow, Scotland in 1970 when Fiona was a toddler. They lived in Camlachie and Bright's Grove; he worked for Petrosar. Tim's dad was a process engineer and left Gulf Oil in 1975 in Montreal for opportunity with Petrosar in Sarnia. Tim moved from Beaconsfield to Sarnia as a kid. I am from one west end Montreal suburb over – Pointe Claire. Gord and Shirley MacKenzie from our parish are from Montreal North.

Tim went to Northern high school and then the University of Western Ontario (UWO) for Chemical Engineering. He worked in Houston for 2 years at a subsidiary of Nova then in London at an industrial paint manufacturing plant. He then got a job at Liquid Carbonic in 1995, which became Praxair, and which is now Linde. He has been there ever since.

Tim and Fiona reflect a Petrosar/Sarnia love story. Tim and Fiona met in 1989 when they were students working at Nova in Corunna. Fiona was painting and Tim was an engineering student. Life is a magical blessing.

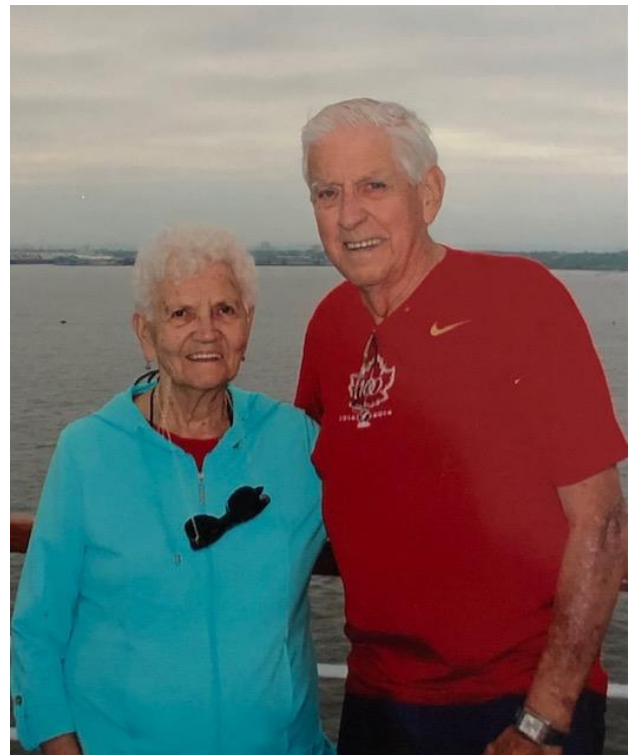
## Happy 65 Wedding Anniversary Jim and Marie!

On April 14, 1956, a very nervous young couple [one of them still a teenager], stood before the altar in Canon Davis Memorial Church and pledged certain vows and promises to each other and to God. He in turn bestowed certain blessings upon them, now here they are, 65 years later still living up to those vows and promises and still enjoying the blessings God bestowed upon them.

.....Jim & Marie

Jim and Marie sent me the above to share the joy of their sapphire anniversary with the parish. They also shared a few pictures, which follow. Jim and Marie discovered the joys of cruise ships when their four children – Kathy, Jim, Karen and Don – gave them a cruise for their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They have been on 50 to 60 cruises since.

Jim says they moved to Bright's Grove in 1970 and are thankful for every moment spent with the people of St. John in the Wilderness parish.



*Jim and Marie Foubister leaving New York Harbour on the Carnival Horizon May 28, 2018.*



*Marie staring into her husband's camera with love and joy. October 2019, New York Harbour.*





*Ok Marie sent this picture to me last summer with her butter tart recipe, but I did not see it until now...it is a classic. Her family in 1945 or 1946: Back Row: Helen, Jack, Marie Middle Row: Margy, Maternal Grandma Kilbreath, Pat Front Row: Ken, Mike, Ginny*



*Jim and Marie – Carnival Dream 2016.*

You have been a blessing and inspiration to the parish Jim and Marie. Happy Anniversary and God Bless!

.....Deb Walker

## Sunday School Kids of St. John in the Wilderness Bright's Grove

### Colouring Eggs – Part of the Celebration of Easter

The Easter egg dyeing kits sent to the Sunday School kids continue to bring joy on a whim. The egg represents new life and the resurrection. Miss Leslie and I have been blessed with a few more pictures to share ♥



*Lola Bond...Love the elastic band technique.  
Beautiful colour!*



*Nancy Mann in her Easter Sunday church service  
bonnet and coloured deviled eggs.... WOW! (She  
made these without a Sunday School kit too 😊)*



*Perrin and Morgan Langille – colouring up Joy!*



*Kenzie  
Macht and  
Haley  
Walker –  
colouring  
eggs with  
Fran  
Macht.  
Breakfast  
was good!*



## All a Buzz! Life is Sweet



Doug Winch and Haley Walker above put up a few signs to let folks know about our bees. They let folks know that bees are great for the environment and if you leave them alone, they will make your life sweet as well as leave you alone.

Doug was given more beehive boxes; and, he in turn gave some to the church. One of our hives did not make it through the winter, so Doug and Haley took the best two boxes to propagate bees and honey and are storing the other two on the north side of the church exterior between the kitchen and church proper.

## Blessings and Happy Easter!

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Above, some neighbours walking past, a common joyous site on our property.



## Hello from Jim and Sue Mayer

Sue Mayer cooked for the Inn of the Good Shepherd last Saturday and when Jim and Sue dropped off the food at my place Jim brought a piece of art he made for Haley – beautiful stained glass bee art. Sue says Jim has been creating throughout Covid; Haley was thrilled.



*Jim smiled at Haley's joy and said, "I should probably make something for Winchie too". Sue is pictured in the next article on the Inn of the Good Shepherd.*

## Calling Cooks for the Inn of the Good Shepherd, Saturday, May 1

We need 3 more cooks for Saturday, May 1 for the Inn of the Good Shepherd...each cook would make 5 lbs of meat loaf and 25 baked potatoes and drop it off hot at the Walker's for 2:30 pm. Just contact Deb Walker if you want to cook.

On April 3, you helped to feed 65+ people at The Inn – Thank you! You are an integral part in The Inn's mission to provide services with dignity to local people who need food, shelter, and other essentials. Thanks for helping folks in need. Pictured here are some of you who cooked and served.



Pictured above and on the previous page are some of the folks from the April 3 team of Sue Mayer, Dianne Funnell, Peter (and Eve) Langille, Denise Hillary, Bob (and Brenda) Clingersmith. Sandra Fraser also cooked. Jesse Macht and Haley, Ken and Deb Walker had the privilege of serving (but we forgot to get a picture!)

## Lay Reader Janice Reflects



If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and

sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:1-2

It seems there must have been some challenges for those early followers of Jesus in the church at Philippi. Why else would



Paul seem to be almost begging the people to get along?

But I love that final request, that final wish be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Being in full accord seems to suggest more than just asking how you're doing and talking about the weather. Agree with each other? Yes. Love each other? Sure. Be of full accord? Hmmm...

That's not someone who is really, really religious or spiritual. It implies truly caring about the other, going beyond yourself to reach out to the other, being ready to sacrifice some of your own desires for the sake of the other.

Who are your deep-spirited friends? Remember them. Thank God for them! You are blessed to have them in your life.

#### Let us pray

God, I stop to remember my friends. I am truly blessed by all my friends but I'm especially thankful for those who are in Full-accord-with-our-Faith friends of mine, people who truly know me, care for me, challenge me, encourage me, and support me. They are a blessing to me and I pray that I can be a deep-spirited friend in return, to them and to others. Amen.

"If you live to be 100, I hope I live to be 100 minus 1 day, so I never have to live without you."  
~ Winnie the Pooh

## A Blessing

*Life is short  
and we do not have much time  
to gladden the hearts  
of those who walk this way with us.  
So be swift to love,  
and make haste to be kind.*

.... from Henri-Frédéric Amiel  
via Rev. Amanda

Yours in Faith,

Deb Walker, Peter Langille, Janice McAlpine,  
and The Reverend Amanda Longmoore  
Wardens, Lay Reader, and Interim Priest

Postscript:



A thought which Sandra Fraser shared with us over her Facebook. Thank you, Sandra ♥

*"You will never look into the eyes  
of someone God does not love."*

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hear the sermon and  
readings from our services  
on the St. John in the  
Wilderness line.

Option 2 for Reverend  
Gord Simmons' silly joke  
of the week 😊

Date	Day of Church Calendar (And Officiant if Other than The Reverend Amanda Longmoore)	Time	Service	Location (See Notes 1 to 3)	Colour	Readings
March 28, 2021	Palm Sunday	8:30 am	BCP Morning Prayer	Zoom	Red	Isaiah: 4-9a
		10:30 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom		Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11 Mark 15: 1-47
April 1, 2021	Maundy Thursday	6:00 pm	Shared Meal with Prayers	Zoom	White	Matthew 26: 17-29 Matthew 26: 30-46
April 2, 2021	Good Friday	10:00 am	Reflection on the Seven Last Words	Zoom	Black, No Hangings	John 18: 1 - 19: 42
April 4, 2021	Easter Sunday	8:30 am	BCP Morning Prayer	Zoom	White	Acts 10: 34-43
		10:30 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom		Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20:1-18
April 11, 2021	Second Sunday of Easter	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	Facebook Live	White	Acts 4: 32 -35 Psalm 133 John 20: 19 - 31
April 18, 2021	Third Sunday in Easter	8:30 am	BCP Morning Prayer	Zoom	White	Acts 3: 12 - 19 Psalm 4
		10:30 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom		1 John 3: 1-7 Luke 24: 36b - 48
April 25, 2021	Fourth Sunday in Easter (Nicole Grieve)	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom	White	Acts 4: 5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3: 16 - 24 John 10: 11 - 18

- Note (1) Facebook Live services...just join the Facebook Live service at 10:20 am (a little before 10:30 am) as folks like to chat together via the text commentary in Facebook Live.
- Note (2) Zoom Services - Deb Walker or Peter Langille will issue, via email, an invitation to the Zoom service a few days before the service.  
-For 8:30 am services these go to traditional attendees pre-covid as well as to people who request invitations (just ask Peter or Deb)  
-For 10:30 am/main services these go to everyone on the parish list with an email, the invitation is also posted on our Facebook
- Note (3) We try to save a video on a Facebook Live or Zoom Sunday and issue a saved and edited version of the service recording.  
It will issue within 1 to 3 days of the service with a link going out via the church's email.  
Audio recordings of the readings, psalm and sermon will be placed on the prayer telephone line on Monday or Tuesday

Please check your e-mail regularly to see if there are changes – this is a fluid time given Covid.

Keep wearing those masks, washing your hands, maintain social distance, be kind, acknowledge Angst, and.....recognize Blessings;-)

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