

HONEY & LOCUST



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

Church Services

Sunday, May 23 is The Day of Pentecost – WHOOSH, Welcome Holy Spirit! The Reverend Amanda Longmoore+ will preside over the 8:30 am and 10:30 am virtual Zoom services ... and I will be focused on this, yet also thinking of past and future years with Sunday School kids doing experiments with fans, streamers and with flaming headbands made from construction paper cut-outs of their hands and a little coloured Bristol board. Come worship with us this Sunday virtually over Zoom as we celebrate Pentecost! Susan, Brenden, and Ken will celebrate with music from church.

Last week many of us joined Church House's Synod Service presided over by Bishop Todd. He had much wisdom. He also gave much wisdom and perspective of our

Anglican church history through the 20th century post World War II spiritual needs and growth boom and compared to a different world with different needs now. I encourage you to view his opening remarks for Synod Day 1 ([click here to do so](#))

Below are pictures from our May 9 service, the 6th Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day. We had music to celebrate – it was wonderful.



Above, Susan Halliday, Ken Walker, and Brenden Fraser sing a hymn over Zoom...with folks singing at home. Below an Animated Rev. Amanda converses.



You can see Lyn Kidd's Bromeliad as our altar bloom in the background – more on this in our next edition.

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 areas 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 to 5 people permitted for a virtual service. Should Lambton move 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](#).



Father Shaun to Retire



Turkey Pie Day – Father Shaun with Janice, Charlene, and Sue.

Father Shaun sent our parish a letter indicating that with some sadness he is retiring for health reasons.

We were blessed to have had him lead us in worship and join in our church life for two years. In his letter to us Father Shaun said “In many cases, I have gotten to know you, your kids and your parents, and sometimes even your pets. And that was a delight. I learned many things in our time together about being a person of faith and about simply being human. Thank you for the many ways that you shared yourselves with me and with others in our community. I will miss you very much.”

I loved both Shaun and Rishi's company as well as the insightfulness of Shaun's sermons and Rishi's children's focus in the church. I will miss them both.

Peter Langille spoke at our church Council meeting when we heard, "Our time with Shaun and Rishi was a blessed time, we learned much about ourselves, they are always welcome in our doors and hearts".



Father Shaun baptizing Francis Macht.



Rishi in the front left – a common, loved sight. Although my best memories of him are the twinkle in his eye and his children focus stories in church...the kids all sitting in front of him as he sits on the step of the sanctuary.



Christmas Pageant 2019♥

Prayers for Shaun's health.

+Bishop Todd To Dedicate our Wilderness Pollinator Garden



Circle September 18th on your calendar.

That's the **NEW 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.

The date was moved from the end of May to September 18 due to the state of Covid. We selected a Saturday with +Bishop Todd so that youth and children would be able to join the ceremony. By this time, we also hope to be able to perhaps share some cake (hoping Covid has subsided by then).

Wilderness Pollinator Garden Images



I spoke with our church neighbour Ross Leckie that other day and he described how he starts his day now by walking over to our hives and just engaging in the fun of watching them. Sometimes a neighbourhood kid will stop by and they will talk about them. His crab apple tree was filled with bees a couple of weeks ago – he said it was amazing to sit under it. Ross and his nephew Sean mow the back church yard – for which we are incredibly grateful!

Share Your Joy/Journey in the Honey & Locust

If you have a paragraph or two you would like to publish in Honey & Locust, perhaps a hello/profile of a parish member, an update for a church/community group you are part of, a favourite project or memory or prayer you would like to share, a family update ...whatever is on your mind that might be meaningful/ joyous for your congregation to hear...please craft the words and send them to debwalker@cogeco.ca

St. John in the Wilderness Red T-Shirts – Order if You Want One

Deb Walker

So far about 20 parishioners have ordered red St John in the Wilderness T-shirts. I will send out another update of who ordered what size in a week or so. Thanks to folks who graciously caught some of my errors in this weeks listing. We are using the same fabric as the Bluewater Triathlon T-shirts in red. This is cool, technical-grade fabric. “St. John in the Wilderness” and a fish symbol will be silk-screened on in the same area we had the with our cherry-red shirts made a few years ago. Cost will be \$25/T-shirt for sizes up to XL. For XXL and above cost will be \$30/T-shirt.

If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, please contact me by May 30.

Number of Hats (Janice) vs. Strawberry Boxes (Maggie) Challenge

.... Maggie Brownridge

A couple of Sundays ago on Zoom the above challenge was put forth. So, here's a little background on why my basement is stacked with strawberry boxes. After many years of Pat Poland's outstanding leadership organizing Turkey Pie Days, Pat decided to retire. In 2011 Nancy and I agreed to take on the project. Nancy and I always marvel at how Pat did this all by herself, and it's taken the 2 of us to try to fill Pat's shoes.



Maggie and Nancy – On a November Turkey Pie Day



It seems the task of obtaining boxes to put pies in as each order is filled fell to me. Over time I discovered strawberry boxes are perfect for holding up to 2 dozen pies in 2 layers. They also fit perfectly in both church refrigerators for orders that need to be kept cool until the buyers arrive. It's a challenge to find enough of these "perfect boxes" each year. In fact, woe the poor stock people at groceries stores who I see stocking strawberries. I pounce on their empty boxes! So rather than put the extra boxes out for recycle each year, I have started taking them home and storing them in my basement.

The answer to how many strawberry boxes are in my basement is 68! Okay Janice, can

you top that with the number of hats you have?



That's a lot of boxes and stuff!

In the picture of the boxes, you'll also see stacks of flat cardboard for putting between layers of pies, the roll of vinyl covering for the island where pie crust is rolled, and boxes with extra pie tins, plastic bags, ties, lids used as patterns for cutting pie crust, etc., etc.

Fun Facts about turkey pies since 2011.

In 9 years we've made 10,385 turkey pies or 865 dozen. The total income from these pies is \$34,680. Just think how much more was done in the years before I starting keeping records. It boggles my mind.

With this money the ACW has purchased a new stove, refrigerator, dish washer, and silverware for the church kitchen. We also contributed money towards the remodeling of the kitchen. Most significantly we contribute hundreds of dollars to outreach each year.

Thank you to each and every person from our church who has made all of the above possible with hard work and donations and volunteerism. What an awesome team. I'll bet you just can't wait to make Turkey Pies once again! I'm all set with enough strawberry boxes anyway!!



The post-pie coffee

Turkey Pie Box Postscript From Deb:

Well, I called Janice today and asked her "how many hats DO you have? I have at least 5 pictures on file with you in different hats...do you have 10 or 100? Janice answered immediately, like a collector of beloved items, "Seventy four. You don't want to see my walk-in closet. They will be displayed at in-church and on-line services although it's getting a bit hot for sombreros, they do retain heat".

Here are four of the five images I have...the fifth is with Janice's reflection later in this issue.



Blessings and prayers to both Maggie and Janice...what JOY you both bring!

Lay Reader Janice Reflects



"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the

Lord." Ephesians 5:19, New International Version

We often immediately think of prayer as a way of praising God. Excellent choice! Today I refer to praise in the form of singing and making music. It's been wonderful with the addition of music to our online services. Thanks to Brenden, Ken, Susan, Sandra L.

Music is a language that connects with us and speaks to us in ways words alone cannot. Music can slip past well-guarded brains and tired old hearts, to touch our souls deeply.

Both my dad and my husband loved to whistle, hum or sing to themselves. I'll admit that I found it a bit unnerving that while I played piano that they would sing along not in the tempo that I was playing. I suddenly became an unwilling accompanist when I began as the soloist. Oh, how I miss those moments. I find myself whistling away or trying to sing harmony to music all the time. It's a good thing to do, especially in these pandemic times. Making music in your heart means you just can't be too gloomy or downcast.

Feeling blue? Start whistling! Get humming!
Maybe even break into song! It can't hurt
and it might help.

Let us pray

For the gift of music thank you, God,
especially singing. So many different styles.
So many different ways of expressing deep
feelings and celebrating the joy of living.
Life is good. And it's even better because of
the music I hear and the music I make.
Thank you, God, for music and for music-
makers. Why, I might just feel a little
whistle coming on right now! Amen.

"Discourse on virtue and they pass by in
droves. Whistle and dance and shimmy, and
you've got an audience." Diogenes (4th
century B.C.)

Joyfully Submitted

... Janice McAlpine



*Christmas Eve 2019 – a few choir members
after rehearsing. Thanks for bringing us
song!*

Bluewater Triathlon and Ironkid cancelled for 2021



Ken Walker looked at the state of Covid and
once again did the right thing. He informed
the community that the event would be
cancelled this year via this post in the
Bluewater Triathlon/Duathlon/Aquabike/
Ironkid Facebook.

*"We regret to announce that Race
Organizers have cancelled the 2021
Bluewater Triathlon and Ironkid Triathlon.
The race date was set for July 24/25 2021 in
Brights Grove.*

*With the current pandemic environment,
and pace of vaccine rollout, it is unlikely that
sufficient herd immunity will be present to
allow for such a large gathering to be
condoned by public health.
Have a safe summer, and please get
vaccinated".*

The church Executive agree with Ken and
thank him for his leadership...this is the
right thing to do, and we look forward to
the 2022 event.

Inn of the Good Shepherd Thanks for Cooking and Serving!

On May 1, you helped to feed 45+ 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.

We have 6 cooks and Tara Fraser will lead a team of 4 boxing food at the Inn for June 5. Everyone still drops off cooking at my place for 2:30 pm Saturday, June 5. Thank you!



Judith Bond...her last cook before she moves. She told me to pitch the cooler. Thanks, and come visit, Judith! Haley is painting beehive boxes in the background.



Sandra L and Sandra F – Thanks!

*Brenda and Bob ...also getting ready for
Cinco de Mayo.*



3 generations in the kitchen with Nicole, Addie, and Leslie Grieve - Thanks All!



Boxers at the Inn - Kate and Sarah Gilchrist, mom Lori Kolano and Deb Walker

Hello from Tara Fraser



"Hello to Everyone from The Frasers"

Tara Fraser is thrilled that she got a new part-time job with the Faculty at Lambton College – this is in addition to her job at OLG. In September she will teach a course called "Leadership Development" to first year students in the Business and Hospitality programs. Says Tara "part-time teaching is my retirement passion". Tara, great to see you taking this step in your long-term plan (retirement one day). Lots of leadership wisdom in the bible as Sunday School kids might say – we share this passion. Please join me in saying – Congratulations, Tara!!

... Deb

Watering Team Formed

... Deb Walker

With the hot dry spring we are having, it became apparent that the pollinator garden would need some watering. We have formed a watering team...so far: Bob & Susan Halliday, Leslie Grieve, Lyn Kidd, Doug Winch, Peter Langille and me. Thanks to Brent Anderson for making a rack to hold the hose.



The team will water when needed and keep each other posted via email if they have watered. Bob and Susan indicated they will do most Sundays when needed. Leslie took Wednesday of this week. It takes about 45 minutes to water and can be relaxing. If you plan to be near the church and are thinking you might want to water, just contact me to see if it is needed. If you would like to be on the Team list, just contact Deb as well.

Farewell Jack Woodall



Jack Woodall

February 3, 1934 to May 19, 2021

Jack Woodall passed away peacefully at Bluewater Health on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, he was 87 years old. I remember Jack as the lively fellow in the pew behind me...lively despite his vision, and mobility issues. The pew would light up with his gentle smile. Wife Marg would smile with him. He has over 50 family members in the area and Marg indicates that due to covid restrictions, a family-only service will occur in multiple sessions on Tuesday, May 25.

Here is a [link to Jack's obituary](#) as well as an extract from it "Jack was active in the Camlachie community serving 35 years with Camlachie Fire Department, he served as a warden in Christ Church in Camlachie, and was a member of Watford Royal Canadian Legion Br. 172. And proudly donated over 150 times to Canadian Blood Services. He

always was willing to give a helping hand
and never said no to anyone who asked”.

Here is a [link to a previous Honey & Locust](#)
with an article on Marg and Jack and their
great big loving family.

God bless.

.... Deb Walker

St. John in the Wilderness Mission and Vision

Our Mission

To Love God and to share His love with
others.

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.

Yours in Faith,

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

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

Postscript:



Blessings and Thanks

Fathers Shaun and Rishi♥

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Church Services

(May 5, 2021 Update)

*"You will never look into the eyes
of someone God does not love."*A free phone line for prayer,
reflections, worship and a
reminder you're not alone.**1-888-229-5422**With love, from the Anglican
Churches of Lambton-KentListen to the prompts to
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 & 2) | Colour | Readings |
|--------------|--|----------|---------------------------------------|--|--------|--|
| May 2, 2021 | Fifth Sunday of Easter | 8:30 am | BCP Morning Prayer | Zoom | White | Act 8: 26 - 40 |
| | | 10:30 am | Morning Prayer | Zoom | | Psalm 22: 24 - 30 |
| | | | | | | 1 John 4: 7 - 21 |
| | | | | | | John 15: 1 - 8 |
| May 9, 2021 | Sixth Sunday of Easter | 10:30 am | Morning Prayer | Zoom | White | Acts 10: 44 - 48 |
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| | | | | | | John 15: 9 - 17 |
| May 16, 2021 | Seventh Sunday of Easter (+Bishop Todd) | 10:30 am | Church House Synod Worship Service | Facebook Live from diocesan website | White | More information on how to join the service will come a couple of days prior to the service |
| May 23, 2021 | The Day of Pentecost | 8:30 am | BCP Morning Prayer | Zoom | Red | Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14 |
| | | TBD | TBD | Zoom | | Psalm 104: 25 - 35, 37b |
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| | | | | | | John 15: 26 - 27, 16: 4b - 15 |
| May 30, 2021 | Trinity Sunday (Lay Reader Sandra Fraser) | 10:30 am | Morning Prayer | Zoom | White | Isaiah 6: 1 - 8 |
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Note (1) 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 (2) We try to save a video 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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