

HONEY & LOCUST



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

Church Services

Come worship and celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving this Sunday at 8:30 am in the church building or 10:30 am on the church lawn. Bring your own mask for both services and a lawn chair for the outdoor service. We ask that you be 14-days past your second Covid vaccine to join. Such blessings.

We do not need to limit attendance at outdoor services. The leaves are changing and falling the outdoor service will be a memory made for many of you joining. Do check your email; if it looks like rain we will switch to indoor worship and issue an E-vite via E-mail for folk to reserve a spot.

September brought 3 outdoor services in the old trees of our church's back lawn and

two celebratory worship services: The Blessing of our Wilderness Pollinator Garden and Beehives by The Right Reverend Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron, and the Celebration of New Ministry/Induction of The Reverend Amanda Longmoore as our Rector.

As we use the building more, we also found ourselves doing a little maintenance on our building and grounds ... a blessing and stepping-stone in our on-going journey to worship together at the church itself during Covid waves and recovery.

Amanda's Inducted – What a Lovely Celebration and Covenant of New Ministry!



The Venerable Kristen Aikman, Archdeacon Lambton/Kent, on behalf of the Bishop of Huron inducted Amanda Longmoore as the Rector of St. John in the Wilderness Anglican Church, Bright's Grove in a September 26th outdoor service. **Alleluia!!**

The service had a procession at the beginning and a recession at the end...we have not processed/recessed during Covid, my heart grew at the sight. Below Lanna Iacobelli leads the service's recession of Lay Readers Sandra Fraser, Janice McAlpine and Nicole Grieve, then Reverend Amanda, followed by The Reverend Canon Steve Harnadek and Archdeacon Kristen.



Clergy from Kent joined in the celebration and covenant ceremony; adjacent are Reverends Justin Comber, John Maroney, C.J. Adams, and Ken Abbot. It was nice to

chat with them; Ken and I were married at Holy Trinity in Chatham in 1980 and Rondeau Park on Lake Erie was a marvelous summer get-away occasionally (I learned it has an Anglican church and priest ♥)

In the background below are Marie Foubister, Brenda Clingersmith, and Judith Bond (glad you are back visiting, Judith!).





CJ Adams (above), Regional Dean, read the licence She was gracious and sincere; I was touched.

As part of this Covenant of Ministry the Wardens Peter Langille and Deb Walker formally invited Archdeacon Kristen to induct Amanda as our Rector.



A number of objects were then presented to Amanda by folk in our parish community as symbols of our ministry together.



Ann Hitchins and Lyn Kidd presented bread and wine as pictured above.



Deputy Warden
Ingrid Schmid
above, presented

A bible. Also shown here are soprano Shirley MacKenzie, tenor Ken Walker and Organist Susan Halliday leading the congregation in a good hum of several hymns.



Here, Envelope
Secretary Sandra
Lamoureux reads the
Prayers of the People.
Above, Doug Winch

readies to present Amanda with water.



Above, Carolyn, Lanna, and Evan Iacobelli
present books of prayer and music.

Pictured on the next page are Wardens Deb and Peter presenting the keys to the church. Below that The Reverend Canon Steve Harnadek, from All Saints' Sarnia/Corunna is pictured giving a moving sermon. Steve spoke of the promises of the covenant of ministry we were taking; he also spoke well of all the service we focus on in our community: Examples he referred to were Inn of the Good Shepherd, VBS, the Wilderness Pollinator Garden & Beehives, our donations to The Women's interval home and other serving organizations.



Treasurer Dave Hains presented the diocesan canons (below).



Here are links to the [bulletin](#) as well as a [video of the service](#).

Such a blessing and joy. Amanda, we pray, as always, to be a caring, kind, loving parish. We love being this now with you in our community.

God bless.

....Deb Walker

Bishop Todd Blessed Our Wilderness Pollinator Garden & Beehives

Bishop Todd Blessed our Wilderness Pollinator Garden and Beehives in a morning service in the church yard on Saturday, September 18. Such blessings.



We were blessed with perfect weather. Above, Bishop Todd begins his blessing.

Amanda had key folk involved with the garden and beehives each speak briefly:

In the beginning – Deb Walker

How Does a Garden Grow – Bob Halliday

A Sign of Hope – Bruce Grieve

All This and Bees Too! Doug Winch and Haley Walker

Then Bishop Todd with “This is God’s Wondrous World.

I cannot speak enough about how wonderful this project has been for our parish and community during Covid. Peter Langille brought meaningful media coverage to this blessing service – coverage that allowed us to share this joyous gift.

Here are links to the service and media coverage.

Media articles – September 18 Blessing of Wilderness Garden & Beehives:

- [Sarnia This Week - Sept 22](#)
- [Sarnia Observer - Sept 18](#)
- [AFC News - Sept 30](#)

Service bulletin and video:

- [Church Bulletin - Sept 18 Garden & Beehives Blessing Service](#)
- [Video - Garden & Beehive Blessings Service](#)

Amanda placed 3 lovely, coloured photos in the bulletin.

It was fabulous to work together with parishioners during Covid. A few photos from the service follow.



Bob Halliday – who came up with this poetic, meaningful project, his granddaughter Lanna Iacobelli, Bishop Todd, Amanda, and Beekeeper Haley are above.

Bob spoke of the plants and flowers. Lanna served as the Bishop's Chaplain. Haley spoke of how she met and continues to meet kids and adults looking in on the bees and how bees can teach us so much about community, parish, and family life.



Bruce Grieve (above) spoke about the design of the sign, incorporating the shape

of our church windows, the concepts of flowers and bees, and thanking the AFC.



Beekeepers Haley and Doug are above. Doug spoke passionately about bees, community, and his life-long passion of beekeeping and engaging others with bees.

Bishop Todd (top left of the next page) spoke to the richness of the gathering. "Thank you for this day" he said. "Thank you for caring for one another through a really hard period of time in the world creation is good: it's made by God, and it is first good. Even though there are so many tough things that happen, God's mission is to reconcile all things in Christ and make them all good again. I find that so hopeful."



ACW – Update & Pasta Dinner Plans

The ACW met this past Tuesday October 5 in the beautiful backyard at St. John in the Wilderness. We had our usual business meeting and enjoyed making some decisions on how to give away some money, a favourite pastime of ACW!

Our special guest was Steve Longmoore (Amanda's Steve) he spoke about Esther (I along with Deb and other Sunday School teachers love an Old Testament story!) Thanks, Steve for a great reflection reminding us of all the highlights of Esther's story and bringing it home for all of us.



It was wonderful to get back to yet another stage of normalcy ... Maggie, Ann, Sandra L., Sandra F., Norma, and Nicole baked coffee hour sweets which Leslie and Nicole put in little decorated bags for us to have "take away" coffee hour after the service. Blessings

I pray the garden and beehives continue to remind and enable us to engage with God's creation and help support a sustainable planet.



.... Deb Walker

Amanda and Steve also agreed to play the "Oldywed Game". Sort of like the Newlywed game except for folks who've been married for a long time! Thanks guys, for being great sports and just having silly fun!



Our meetings will change to the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm.

Doug Winch is going to teach us about bees at our next meeting (since we are now all beekeepers) and I think we'll play a game I'd like to call "Maybe it's none of your BEEs ness", or maybe it is.....

November 3.

Great turn out gang, we've always got room for more!

Also please support us on October 30 for our Pasta Takeout Dinner:

\$10.00 per meal Pasta, Deb Walker's famous triathlon pasta sauce with meatballs, Parmesan cheese, a buttered bun and a brownie. WHAT A GREAT DEAL!

Book your order at thanksgiving Sunday with Leslie and secure your pickup time or email her at lesliegrieve91@gmail.com

....Leslie Grieve

Postscript from Amanda and Deb:

Amanda had pictures of the September 7 meeting where Brenda transitioned the role of ACW president to Leslie. We thought folks might enjoy these:





Quilts to Lytton - Thank You Response

This is a follow up to an article Shalleen wrote for a [July Issue \(page 9\)](#) of Honey & Locust about sending quilts to Lytton, B.C. fire victims.



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

A little background: Following the fire that destroyed Lytton, B.C., Shalleen, who with her family has camped and visited Lytton, heard of a quilt shop in nearby Kamloops that was collecting quilts to give to the victims of the Lytton fire. Shalleen has sewn 16 quilts with fabric and supplies donated by our church members over the last few years. These have been going to the Inn of Good Shepherd until the Inn could not accept them during Covid. Since she had 2 quilts at home waiting to be donated to a good cause, she asked the church ladies if

she could send them to Lytton. It was agreed upon, and the ACW offered to pay the postage. Shalleen sewed a permanent label on each quilt indicating they were donated by St. John in the Wilderness, Bright's Grove, ON.

Shalleen received a thank you letter from the quilt shop in Kamloops which she shared with the ACW. I will summarize comments from this letter.

The entire town of Lytton is gone with evacuees coming into Kamloops as well as from other surrounding impacted areas. We collected close to 200 quilts, with more coming in, to provide comfort to the people. The generosity is just over the top! We arrived at the Pow Wow grounds, and after 45 minutes there were none left, and there were some very happy people. We hope they will provide some comfort while they tackle getting their lives back in place.

On behalf of St. John in the Wilderness we thank Shalleen and members of the congregation for donating time and supplies to make these quilts possible.

ACW Secretary

Maggie



Inn of the Good Shepherd - Thanks!

Feeding some of Sarnia's hungry on the first Saturday evening of each month is one of our primary outreach programs ... we donate funds, our labour, and good food via cooking and then working at The Inn. 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.

On October 2, you helped to feed 60 people at The Inn – Thank you! Pictured below and on the next 2 pages are some of you who cooked and served.

We need 5 more cooks for Saturday, November 6. Please contact Deb if you can cook and drop off at her place 5 lb of meatloaf and 25 baked potatoes (we can also pick up if this helps).

November 6 will be the first Saturday since Covid that we will have a team serve clients inside of the Inn. Tara Fraser, from our parish, will lead a team of 6 to 8 people to serve at the Inn – and report back on how everything flows and works. Going forward we will determine how to effectively do this as a parish.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATE AND
SUPPORT THE INN HELP FOLK**



Above are cooks Marie Foubister, Sandra Fraser with son Norm (hi Norm!), Peter Langille, and Sue Mayer. Adjacent are cooks Leslie and Nicole Grieve and the team that boxed meals at The Inn: Haley Walker, Brian Bradford, Sandra Lamoureux, and Deb Walker.

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Lay Reader Janice Reflects



"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"

~ John 6:9, NRSV

I don't know about you, but this old world seems a bit harsher, people seem a little less tolerant, there's more animosity than ever before. What difference can any one person make? Does the little bit of good we might do day by day really matter?

It is so easy to get down. It is so much harder to believe in humanity, in decency, in hope. What can one person do?

Well... we have to keep believing and hoping that the little bit we do in the circles we inhabit might somehow be of value and significance. We may not have much, maybe not even 5 loaves and 2 fish, but hopefully we have something. And we do what we can.

Don't let the world get you down. Don't let the news get you down. Don't get caught up in the anger and the animosity. Do the little thing. In love. With hope. No matter what.

Let us pray:

Oh, I pray for this old world, God.

Sometimes it seems like we humans have made a terrible mess of it. We can be intolerant and unforgiving to one another and we can show disdain for the planet and the environment. Forgive us. May I, today, become aware of some little thing I can do, not for praise or recognition, just something that might make even a small difference for others and for this world. May we all find something to do and do it.

Amen.

"Sometimes a little thing you do gives happiness to someone. So never stop doing little things."

~ Anurag Prakash Ray (Indian Author of many spiritual books of quotes)

.... Janice McAlpine

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 Rector

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

Postscript:



We pray you have a happy and blessed
Harvest Thanksgiving.
... Reverends Amanda and Steve Longmoore



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(October 5, 2021 Update)

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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 (Officiant if Other than The Reverend Amanda Longmoore, and Lay Reader Assisting) | Time | Service | Location (See Notes 1 & 2) | Colour | Readings |
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| The Anglican Church of Canada has designated the Sundays September 5 through October 3, as the Season of Creation. Our prayers of the people and possibly some other parts of our liturgy some weeks will reflect this theme, which also connects nicely to the dedication of our Wilderness Pollinator Garden on Saturday, September 18 by Bishop Todd. | | | | | | |
| October 3, 2021 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost Lay Reader Janice McAlpine Assists | 8:00 am | BCP Holy Eucharist | In Church | Green | Job 1:1, 2:1-10 - Job's Suffering Begins Psalm 26 - Test Me, O Lord, and Try Me |
| | | 10:30 am | BAS Holy Eucharist | In Church | | Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2:5-12 - God Revealed in Jesus Mark 10: 2-16 - Jesus Teaches on Divorce |
| October 10, 2021 | Harvest Thanksgiving Lay Reader Sandra Fraser Assists | 8:30 am | BCP Holy Eucharist | In Church | White | Joel 2:21-27 - God's Bountiful Harvest Psalm 126 - The Lord has Done Great Things for Us |
| | | 10:30 am | BAS Holy Eucharist | OUTDOORS? | | 1 Timothy 2:1-7 - A Call to Prayer Matthew 6:25-33 - Consider the Lilies |
| October 17, 2021 | 21st Sunday after Pentecost The Reverend Dave Hewett Presides Lay Reader Nicole Assists | 8:30 am | BCP Holy Eucharist | In Church | Green | Job 38: 1-7, 34-41 - God Questions Job Psalm 104: 1-9, 25, 37b - Bless the Lord O My Soul |
| | | 10:30 am | BAS Holy Eucharist | In Church | | Hebrews 5: 1-10 - The Role of a Priest Mark 10: 35-45 - Jesus Comes to Serve |
| October 24, 2021 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost The Reverend Dave Hewett Presides Lay Reader Janice Assists & Preaches | 8:30 am | BCP Holy Eucharist | In Church | Green | Job 42: 1-6, 10-17 - Job Repents Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22 - Taste & See That the Lord is Good |
| | | 10:30 am | BAS Holy Eucharist | In Church | | Hebrews 7: 23-38 - Jesus as the High Priest Mark 10:46-52 - Healing of Bartimaeus |
| October 31, 2021 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost The Reverend Dave Hewett Presides Lay Reader Sandra Assists | 8:30 am | BCP Holy Eucharist | In Church | Green | Ruth 1: 1-18 - Ruth Commits to Naomi Psalm 146 - Praise the Lord, O My Soul |
| | | 10:30 am | BAS Holy Eucharist | In Church | | Hebrews 9:11-14 - Jesus as Sacrifice Mark 12; 28-34 - The Greatest Commandment |

Note (1)

In-Church Services

8:30 am: No invitation is used since attendance has been 5 to 11 people - well under our 20-person limit given Covid.

10:30 am: Indoor services please reserve via the evite you receive 2 to 5 days prior to the service from Peter Langille; this is issued to the parish email list. Outdoor services, there is lot's of room, no Evite, just come join us in worship.

Note (2)

We try to save a video of the service 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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