

## HONEY & LOCUST



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

### Church Services

**Come celebrate and worship this Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> on our church lawn at 10:00 am when +The Right Rev'd Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron, comes to his parish of St. John in the Wilderness, Bright's Grove to dedicate our Wilderness Pollinator Garden and Beehives. Alleluia!** The Anglican Foundation of Canada enabled us to establish this during Covid. It is a gift of God's creation and has enabled us to get to know many of our neighbours, during Covid, as they stop by to enjoy the garden and bees. Such blessings. Come meet your Bishop, worship outdoors, and take home a little treat of "coffee hour sweets in a bag".

We do not need to limit attendance at outdoor services – folks just bring a mask and a lawn chair. Awe and wonder are

words that come to my mind during these services. Nancy and Duncan Mann put out the word on our welcome sign!



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The September schedule is attached as the last sheet of Honey & Locust. We have 3 outdoor services. Saturday, September 18, Sunday September 19 and Sunday, September 26. Below Rev. Amanda speaks to the Sunday September 26 Celebration of New Ministry.



**Couldn't  
Bee  
Happier!**

When I began my time as your interim priest back in February, you gave me such a

warm welcome even in the middle of a pandemic lockdown. From the moment

Archdeacon Kristen called (less than 24 hours after Steve and I arrived in Sarnia), told me a bit about the parish, and asked if I would consider joining you for a while, I could feel that there was something beautiful about St. John in the Wilderness. Worshipping in a church building with just one other person (and eventually 2, and then 4 other people — the Sunday we could add music I was smiling from ear to ear under my mask). Discovering how much fun a group of women could have during a Zoom social time. Exploring the coming Sunday's Gospel reading with such a thoughtful group of people in our study group. Holy Week and Easter. Shaun's announcement that he would be retiring, and the stories you shared with me about the gifts he brought during his time here. Celebrations and tough stuff. Making the most of technology and muddling through what I lovingly call "Zoom-tastrophes". It was 6 months full of learning and growing together, and I am so glad that I now get to stay with you long-term as your rector.

**On Sunday, Sept 26 at 2:00 pm we will gather as a parish for a Celebration of New Ministry. It will be the only service in the parish that Sunday, and it will be held outdoors on our back lawn.** Our Archdeacon, The Ven. Kristen Aikman, and our Regional Dean, The Rev'd CJ Adams, will lead in the process of inducting me as rector, and we will be joined by other clergy in the Deanery as we celebrate the work of our whole parish with the presentation of symbols of ministry and a celebration of the Eucharist. As with all of our outdoor services, please bring a chair and mask, and

there's no need to reserve a spot since we're gathering outside. Rain date will be Sun, Oct 3, same time and place.

I look forward to our celebration together on the 26<sup>th</sup> and continuing to walk with you as your priest and rector as we learn and grow together.

Grace and peace,  
Amanda

## **Proud of our Students And Blessings to Them!**

.....Deb Walker

September is a magical time as kids and youth begin a new school year. The lake takes on a deeper colour, the leaves start to change, the breeze is cool, and our children and youth meet up with school friends and rekindle their journey of formal learning. Turns out we have many adults who work in schools as well.

The parish folk are very proud of you all as you go to school, we hope you find meaning and joy this school year, and that you know God holds you in the palm of his hand throughout the year. Lay Reader Sandra Fraser has passed on these words to me during several journeys I have undertaken. It took me years to really understand these words. I hope you keep them in mind during your journey.

"Let all you do be done in love"

*1 Corinthians 16:14*

To celebrate with the parish, many of our students sent in pictures during their first week; here they are.



Sully is off to his last year of daycare!  
Helena started Grade 1 today. Lorelai Grade 3 and Meron Grade 5. They were all very excited to go and see their friends. They all LOVE Math class and Lorelai is the "experimenter" and loves to try out all the Science activities. ... Mum Heather



Clingersmith girls: Lexi, Grade 2, Rosedale, wants to be a ballet teacher. Haley, Senior Kindergarten, Rosedale, wants to be a chef.



Addie is five and is headed to SK.



Perrin Langille getting on the bus to start her final year at Northern.



Lanna is starting Grade 11 at St. Pat's, her favourite subjects are Biology and Music.



Evan attends Grade 8 at St. Anne's School. His favourite subjects are Science and Geography.



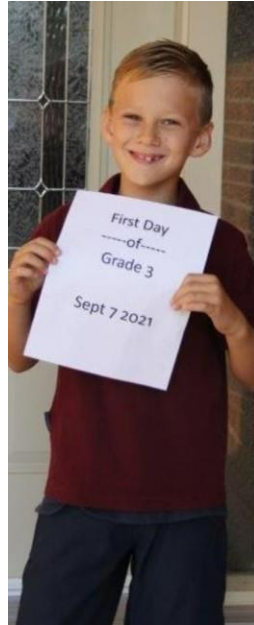
Benjamin, Lucas, and Grant Eddie with Piper the pup. First day at the office – Bright's Grove Public School.



The first day of school for the Carroll Girls! McKenna (Grade 6), Camryn (Grade 4) at Errol Road Public School. McKenna enjoys Math & Science and Camryn likes Math and Lunch.



Lauren and Ally Fraser go to Errol Village Public School. Lauren is in Grade 8 and her favourite subject is Recess. Ally is in Grade 6 and her favourite subject is Art.



The Lewis Boys attend Sarnia Christian School. Above are Carter (Grade 5) and Wyatt (Grade 3). Below is James (Grade 8). They are excited to be back in class learning and are enjoying seeing their school friends.

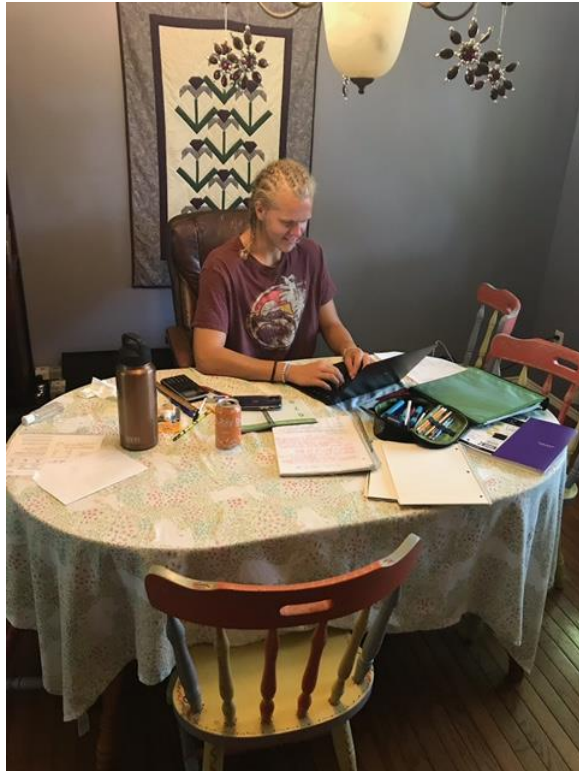


Harrison Chadwick is entering the fifth grade at Cathcart Public School in their French Immersion program. His favourite subjects are recess and gym.



Emma-Li Chadwick is in her first year at Huron University College in London, studying Political Science. She says, "Hello St. John in the Wilderness, this past week

settling into university has been quite an adjustment, but despite being away from home, I've met a bunch of wonderful friends and I am enjoying all my courses".



Here is Toby Crossland studying on-line for Year 2 Instrumentation at Lambton College.



Durham Langille gives the thumbs up as he attends on-line. He is in 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Mechanical Engineering at the University of Guelph. His favourite subjects are Calculus and Engineering Design.



Magaidh Crossland studying in last year's winter flora and fauna for Environmental Engineering at Guelph University. She is currently on a work term for the Ministry of Climate Change in Gatineau, Quebec (working from home). Magaidh is in Year 5 of 5.



Morgan Langille is starting a Master of Microbiology and Immunology at Western University in London. She says "I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying

the beautiful summer we've had this year! I'm so grateful for all the love and support from the congregation throughout the course of my education and helping me become the person I am today ♥



Sarah Hayter attends a church on London Line. She sold glorious corn on this Bright's Grove corner this summer. She is going to Guelph

University for her second year of Food and Agricultural Business. She says, "Hello and thanks for supporting my veggie stand this year"!



Spencer Leckie and I chatted a few times in the church yard this year. He is the son of Ross Leckie – our neighbour

to the west. He is watering our Wilderness Pollinator Garden above. Spencer has a

degree in Aviation and Geography from the University of Waterloo. He started Teachers College at Laurier University in Kitchener this month. He was a pilot for Sun Wing prior to Covid. He moved back home during Covid. Now his plan is to follow the calling of many of his family members – teaching. Spencer did his first Bright's Grove Ironkid when he was 8 years old. He says his first week back at school is going well so far, lots of reading to do.



Sarah Gilchrist is at Cape Breton University, in Sydney, Nova Scotia where she is in her final year of study in Public Health. She and her family have volunteered at many of our church events; they are regular volunteers at the Triathlon/Ironkid and the Inn of the Good Shepherd. Sarah says to you all, "Hi and best wishes"



Jesse Macht, my son-in-law, started a Master of Applied Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at the University of Toronto. He says "First day complete! Outside the Convocation Hall Rotunda". Proud of you Jesse!

**PROUD OF ALL YOU STUDENTS!!**  
**BLESSINGS**

### Fran Visits the Halliday Farm

When Bob and Susan Halliday heard Jesse, Kenzie, Fran (2 ½ years old), and Ari (3 months old) Macht were moving back to Toronto so Jesse could go to school...they invited Fran to see their farm before going to the big city. Mum MacKenzie took a few photos and recorded these highlights for Fran:

- Seeing Bob and Susan ♥
- Seeing cows and their babies – 10 boys and 2 girls this year!



- Seeing the pollinator garden at his tenant's house (Nick...who put in our church's pollinator garden).
- Lots of space dedicated to woodlands of native species and a beautiful alfalfa field full of butterfly.
- Seeing the chicken coop and all the friendly chickens. Fran held an egg and watched a mother brood (sit on her egg).



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- Seeing the infrastructure of an unused dairy farm (lots of pipes)
- A log cabin hand built from scratch by Bob from 1978 to 1983 using wood from his lot.
- Multiple mighty machines for processing hay.
- Bob loves to talk about his tractor.



Thanks Bob and Susan, Fran was thrilled to see a farm up close!

## 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](mailto:debwalker@cogeco.ca)

## The Honey and Craft Sale was a Buzzing Success!

...Haley Walker

The Honey & Craft sale was a wonderful neighbourhood event and together we raised \$3,100 for the church – which will help with our outreach! A big thank you to the volunteers who came out and made the day a success, plus the congregation who donated their art, baked goods, COVID puzzles, and more – you are a talented bunch! For anyone who did not have the opportunity to purchase honey, Doug Winch will have more for sale over the next week – please call or text him at 519-330-4960. THANK YOU!

A few pictures follow here to try to convey the joy of the day.



1 - Honeycomb straight from our hives.  
Mmmmm, good!



2 - Beekeeper Haley (yes, me) explaining how a "queen excluder" works to Volunteers Shirley & Sandra - Shirley is considering a hive in her back yard!. Next issue of Honey

& Locust I will explain how a "queen excluder" works and where bees keep their honey.



3 - A Ford Model T showed up at the sale and took a few folks out for rides - this car is over 100 years old! Perhaps the subject of a future Honey & Locust article.

4 -On the next page, Judith, Lola, and David Bond made the trip from London to check out the sale. Here they are browsing our puzzle section, which was a big hit - we sold over 30 puzzles! Lola is in Grade 3...Happy first week of school, Lola!



*5 - Volunteers Leslie, Shirley, and Edna stand at-the-ready to lend a hand. Not pictured is Nancy Mann - she and Leslie worked very hard prior to the sale-day pricing, sale day, and clean up!*



*6 - Line-up at the cash...it is nice to see folks at the church again!*

Postscript from Ma Deb:

Haley, thank you very much for thinking of this and leading it...and to you and Doug for harvesting the honey pre- and post-sale!

I loved the social aspects of the whole day. Two highlights for me:

Pat Poland hugging an oversized glass Pyrex baking dish, just thrilled she found it...and it was only \$4.00. Three hours later, Ingrid Schmid's friend Shawn shows up (some of you know Shawn from The Inn of the Good Shepherd meals we do). Shawn was wondering how her kitchen stuff was

selling...I told her of Pat's joy with her Pyrex dish....it brought a big smile to Shawn's face!

About 1 pm, I needed a little snack. I wanted chocolate. So I looked to the bake table and saw an individually bagged brownie. I bit into that brownie and WOW... what a burst of chocolate! Who made this brownie I asked? "Why Ann Hitchins" said Leslie ♥

## Inn of the Good Shepherd - Thanks!

On September 4, you helped to feed 66 people at The Inn – Thank you! This is one of our primary outreach programs ... we donate funds, our labour, and good food. 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 below and on the next 2 pages are some of you who cooked and served.

*We need 4 more cooks for Saturday, October 2. 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)*



Above are volunteer cooks Denise Hillary (with Ken), Bob Clingersmith, Sandra Fraser, Don Poland and walking up behind him Sandra Lamoureux.

On the next page is the boxing crew at The Inn: Ingrid Schmid, Deb Walker, Ken Walker,

Antony Deakin (a server at the Inn) and  
Brian Bradford.



Antony Deakin works at The Inn. He is from the UK and some of you may remember him from the picture below, which was in The Journal (I think...it was in a local paper). Antony is proposing to his bride. They plan to marry in May. Such blessings.



## Lay Reader Janice Reflects



And the disciples  
were perplexed  
at these words.  
But Jesus said to  
them again,  
“Children, how  
hard it is to enter

the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Mark 10:24-26 NRSV

Jesus talks about the difficulties of rich people entering the kingdom of God, but the disciples were not particularly rich. Maybe a few, like the tax collector, had acquired some wealth, but others were closer to the “have nots” than the “haves.”

They know Jesus is speaking not only to the rich. Things—regardless of the quality and number—can become props to keep a life we are afraid of losing. I am in the midst of de-cluttering our home and it’s a very difficult task. It’s been a year since Mike passed and it seems a fitting time to acknowledge this by passing on his tools, equipment and clothing to others. It’s a gut-wrenching task.

Jesus’ instruction to give everything away and have treasure in heaven points us toward a different relationship with our possessions. Our stuff is meant to be a gift from God that we use for blessing ourselves

and others. When we give it away out of love, God blesses us in new ways. Holding on out of fear raises barriers between God and us. Jesus knows it is impossible for us to be perfect, especially in relationship to wealth, so he assures us the impossible is still possible with God. As we strive to live into the possibility of God's generosity, we will find greater joy and happiness.

Consider culling your possessions and giving to others.

Grace and Peace ... Janice

## Vacuum Replaced

Our upright Dyson vacuum power brush just would not go anymore. Christian Eddie tried repairing it (he owns one just like it) but it needed enough parts to call it a day. Peter Langille had an Electrolux Ambassador which he donated to the church...works well! Thanks to Christian for trying, Peter for donating this, and thanks to everyone who uses this vacuum!



## Designated Substance Survey (DSS)



From Brian Fogg:

The Diocese has asked each parish to complete a DSS of their facilities. St. John contracted with INSPEC Environmental to carry out this assignment. The field work inspection was completed in July and samples were taken in the Hall and Church. The samples are required to assess if there are designated substances such as lead and asbestos present that are a risk to the parish. The preliminary visual inspection by ENSPEC indicated there were no immediate risks to the parish and its facilities. The final report with sample results and recommendations indicated we are in good

shape with minor findings that we would need to manage should we renovate, for example.

From Deb Walker:

The picture on the previous page shows Brian Fogg on his hands and knees patching a hole where one of the samples was obtained in the Hall. Brian is always filling in things, nothing new here. There were seven samples obtained and the resulting holes have been repaired. Brian says to consider the following game (if you choose) .... find the other six holes in the walls that were repaired.

Thanks very much, Brian!

## 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:



Come join us in worship and joy as Bishop Todd blesses our Wilderness Pollinator Garden and beehives this Saturday on the church lawn. The neighbourhood has been abuzz with joy at having both.

## Church Services

(September 12, 2021 Update)

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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
The Anglican Church of Canada has designated the next 5 Sundays, up to and including 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.						
September 5, 2021	15th Sunday after Pentecost Lay Reader Nicole Grieve Assists	8:00 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church (just come worship)	Green	Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	In Church (reserve via Evite)		Psalm 125 James 2: 1-17 Mark 7: 24-27
September 12, 2021	16th Sunday after Pentecost Lay Reader Janice McAlpine Assists	8:00 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church	Green	Proverbs 1: 20-33
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	In Church (reserve via Evite)		Psalm 19 James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38
Saturday September 18, 2021	Bishop Todd	10:00 am	Wilderness Pollinator Garden Dedication	Church Lawn, bring a mask and lawn chair		TBD
September 19, 2021	17th Sunday after Pentecost Lay Reader Sandra Fraser Assists	8:00 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church	Green	Proverbs 31: 10-31
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	OUTDOORS Church lawn, bring a mask and lawn chair		Psalm 1 James 3: 13 - 4:3,7-8a Mark 9: 30-37
September 26, 2021	18th Sunday after Pentecost The Venerable Kristen Aikman Archdeacon of Lambton Kent	2:00 pm	Amanda's Induction as Rector BAS Holy Eucharist	OUTDOORS -Church Lawn, bring a mask and lawn chair	Green	TBD

Note (1)

**In-Church Services**

**8:00 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.

**--Both Services:** We must maintain 2-meter social distances in church, wear masks and minimize conversation. In addition, we request that those joining us in worship and who are eligible be 14 days or more past their second Covid-19 vaccination.

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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