

HONEY & LOCUST



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

Church Services

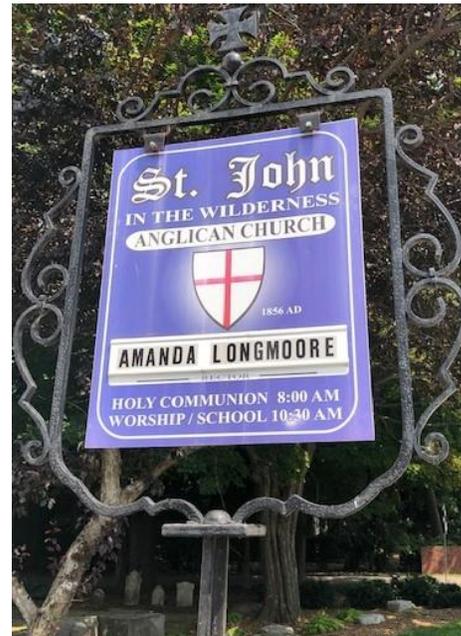
Sunday, September 5 is the 15th Sunday after Pentecost - The Reverend Amanda Longmoore+ will preside over 8:00 am and 10:30 am in-church services, with Lay Reader Nicole Grieve assisting.

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. This connects nicely to the dedication of our Wilderness Pollinator Garden on Saturday, September 18 at 10:00 am by +The Right Rev'd Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron.

We are allowed to operate indoor services with folks wearing Covid masks and

maintaining 6-foot social distancing. This translates to about 20 people in pews and 3 or 4 people in the sanctuary (presiding and providing music and song). We are using Evite to enable folks to reserve a spot at the 10:30 am services. Typically, 10 or fewer folks get up to join the 8:00 am service – so no reservation is needed. We do not issue an invitation to the 8:00 am service, you just show up and join folks in worship. The September schedule is attached as the last sheet of Honey & Locust.

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. Our next outdoor service is September 12 at 10:30 am.



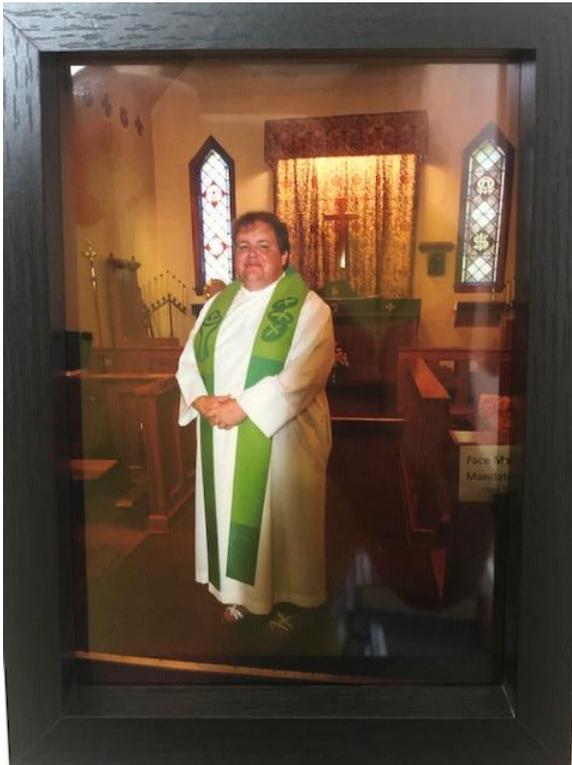
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We took a little break on publication of Honey & Locust in August but got a few other things done during this glorious month.

Firstly, we got our new Rector's name on our church signs in front of the church and Jim Foubister graciously took her photo, framed it, and placed it on the southeast wall of the church with photos of our previous rectors. Amanda's picture is below. It is fun to remember our previous rectors – I encourage you to peek at this collection in our church and enjoy the memories. Blessings.



As Covid restrictions have relaxed, our ability to use our building is slowly increasing. During the week, we ask that

you keep visits to the church to only essential trips. Masks must be worn, and distancing maintained except with someone in your own household. We need to continue to sign in and use hand sanitizer when we enter.

Indoor services have been magical, particularly as we see faces we have not seen at a worship service in a while. I saw Ann Hitchens a couple of weeks ago, her broken wrist healed and ready for physiotherapy...had not seen her for a couple of months. Thinking of you in physio, Ann!

Below, Lyn Kidd finishes some touch up of the altar flowers – Thanks Lyn for bringing the joy of creation to us!





Pictured here are Nancy Mann collecting names for the Prayers of the People, Maggie Brownridge ready to greet people as they enter to worship and Pat Poland the sides person for the service...ready to hand folks bulletins, books and count attendance for entry into our Vestry book. As a new warden at the start of Covid I did not really understand the concept of weekly Vestry book entries. In preparing for my first vestry meeting as a warden in January of 2021 and having to develop the statistics given our priest was on medical leave (God bless you, Shaun) ... I now am very grateful to sides people!

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

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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

Honey, Crafts and Baked Goods Sale on Saturday, September 11

That's Only A Week Away!

... Haley Walker & Doug Winch

Haley is harvesting honey this weekend and the honey labels have arrived!

Pass on the word to your neighbours and friends, please "Come to our joyous honey, craft, baked good and plant sale"



*St John in the Wilderness
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Many of you have been busy during COVID – knitting, painting, woodworking, baking and more. And you are keen to share your gifts with the community and contribute the proceeds to the church for outreach - Awesome!

What are we interested in selling?

- If you've got it, we'll sell it! We will have honey from the hives, plus baked goods,

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beautiful handmade aprons from Betty Johnson and Jane Gallie, jewelry from Nancy Mann's granddaughter, knitted goods from Norma Hains and Lyn Kidd, art from Fran Taylor, candles from Jane Gallie, plants from Doug Winch & the Hallidays, and so much more!

How do I drop off my donations to the sale?

- You have several options to drop off donations:
 - Leslie Grieve will be at the church to receive and price goods on Friday, Sept 10th from 2pm-4pm. She particularly wants to get your baked goods then and will repackage if you need this.
 - If you have access to the church building, you can let yourself in to drop off donations – just let Haley Walker know what you've dropped off
 - You can deliver donations to Ken and Deb Walker's house at 2472 Hamilton Road – just let Haley Walker know what you've dropped off

How are you pricing donations for the sale?

- For some particularly precious donations, we understand you may only want to part with them if we get a good price! Please include a note with your donation if you want a specific price –

otherwise Leslie & Haley will price as we feel appropriate.

Additional Help Needed for the Sale?

- What a great parish...thanks to everyone who is helping. Now go embrace your friends and neighbours and have them come out to buy our loving gifts

Thank you, looking forward to our big day!



Wilderness Pollinator Garden



Circle September 18th at 10:00 am on your calendar.

That`s the day **+The Right Reverend Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron** is 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. We plan to have cake!

Please bring your own mask and lawn chair.

We have been doing a little weeding and watering of the pollinator garden and have beautified the beehive area by laying mulch under the spruce tree, sodding a small area and planting a little grass seed. The mulch also helps to keep the approach to the beehive safe from tripping hazards.

Brian Bradford and Doug Winch are pictured next unloading a trailer of mulch from Guardian Tree Services – Great work, Thanks! The beehives are between the chimney and Spruce tree trunk in the background.



Below is Scott Winch after unloading dirt in the area that Peter Langille, Doug Winch and Deb Walker later applied sod and grass seed to.



All of this work was done during a very hot and humid two weeks; that hot humid weather turned out to be a blessing.....

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OH, LA LA! I am still amazed that over one week, with a sprinkler on a timer for a couple of hours each night that the grass seed and sod flourished so! God's blessing!

Fran Taylor Sends Her Love!

Fran sent me a quick email upon receiving the link to our church service video this week...thought I would share her joy with you.

Fran and Al ... we all sure wish you well in New Hamburg. Love.

Deb Walker

"Thanks for the link to church! Hope all is going well there. We are moved in, and our daughter, Susan, came up from Pennsylvania for a week. It is nice to have her here in person after being apart for nearly two years. Give our love to everyone at St. Johns

All the best,

Fran"

Inn of the Good Shepherd - Thanks!

On August 7, you helped to feed 70+ 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 below and on the next 2 pages are some of you who cooked and served. Everyone showed up at once with food at the Walkers. All were double vaccinated also. It was a fun time!

We have all the help we need for September 4 – Thanks very much!





Thanks Dianne Funnell (top) and Jim and Susan Mayer by the beehives!

Thanks Sandra Fraser and Maggie Brownridge (above). Thanks also to Doug Winch, Charlene Adams, and Bob & Brenda

Clingersmith (not pictured). Bob even backed Maggie's car down the long curvy Walker driveway.



Thanks to Jesse Macht, Sandra Lamoureux, Amanda Longmoore, and Ken Walker for boxing up the meals at The Inn. I had the privilege of boxing meals with them also.

Lay Reader Janice Reflects



I can't remember a week with more distressing news stories. The situation in Afghanistan is a nightmare, after decades of nightmares. The people of Haiti, who have already suffered beyond belief, are dealing with another earthquake. The global pandemic shows no signs of letting up, and in many countries we see hospitals overflowing and the frustration of medical

staff. Fires and severe weather patterns continue to grow worse as climate change accelerates. Add to that the ongoing news of violence, oppression, and scandal, and it's too much to bear.

What are we Christians to do in the face of impossible problems and insurmountable suffering?

I believe our response begins in prayer. And we should not just start there. Praying without ceasing is never the wrong thing to do. Prayer on its own can change things, and prayer can certainly shape our own hearts. Prayer is action, but it's not the only kind of action.

As the old saying goes, if you feed someone, you're not changing world hunger, but you are changing one person's hunger. That's simplistic, and there are all kinds of problems with this approach. It's also not wrong.

So, one person can change the world, one life at a time starting with our own. There are lots of small ways we can respond to the suffering in the world beyond our prayers (and I hope we always pray!). We can contact politicians to seek policy changes. We can donate money to reputable non-profit organizations who are working in the places about which we're concerned. We can look at our own behavior and encourage behavior changes in our friends and colleagues. We can be bearers of grace and mercy in a world that often lacks both.

Whenever I'm not sure where to begin, I pray. Lately, I've found the Great Litany to be just the thing. I also like to talk with wise friends who are also seeking to offer a compassionate response to what we see in the news.

The worst thing we can do is to accept evil, suffering, and sin as inevitable. We must make no peace with oppression, violence, degradation, or suffering of any kind. After all, we follow a Savior who defeated the forces of might and evil in his day by his death and resurrection on the third day. God's love is always stronger than the evil of this world.

Will you join me in prayer? And then let us offer grace and mercy in this world.

Yours faithfully

Janice

Farewell Margery Anderson



Margery Florence Anderson peacefully took the hand of Jesus on August 1. Margery was a remarkable woman. She was born in rural Saskatchewan, worked on the family farm then returned with her family to Sarnia when she was 17 and worked at CHOK radio and The Lambton Health Unit.

Brent Anderson, her son, is on our church Executive. He indicated Margery's mind was sharp and she took care of all she needed and wanted to in her last days at hospice before departing this world.

I loved our conversations on her porch when I delivered her Honey & Locust.

Here are links to her obituary [Margery Anderson | Obituary | Sarnia Observer \(remembering.ca\)](#) as well as an article about her in Honey & Locust from April 23 of this year [2021 04 23 honey-locust.pdf \(stjohninthewilderness.com\)](#). Margery was buried in Blackwell Cemetery.

God bless, Margery.

....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 Rector

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

Postscript:

Jim and Jane Gallie say "Hi There". I dropped by to pick up a few items for the September 11 Honey & Craft sale. Jim just finished mowing his lawn. The patio stone in the front, right of this picture comes from St. John in the Wilderness from a few years back. I love community.



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(August 29, 2021 Update)

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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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		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 (Email Invitation)	Green	Proverbs 1: 20-33 Psalm 19
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	OUTDOORS Church lawn, bring a mask and lawn chair		James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38
Saturday September 18, 2021	Bishop Todd	10:00 AM	Wilderness Pollinator Garden Dedication	OUTDOORS 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 (Email Invitation)	Green	Proverbs 31: 10-31 Psalm 1
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	In Church (reserve via Evite)		James 3: 13 - 4:3,7-8a Mark 9: 30-37
September 26, 2021	18th Sunday after Pentecost Lay Reader Nicole Grieve preaching and assisting	8:00 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church (Email Invitation)	Green	Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22 Psalm 124
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	In Church (reserve via Evite)		James 5: 12 - 20 Mark 9: 38 - 50

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: 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.
--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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