

## HONEY & LOCUST



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

## Church Services

Sunday, July 18 is the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - The Reverend Amanda Longmoore+ will preside over an 8:00 am in-church service and 10:30 am bring-your-own-mask-and-lawn-chair outdoor service. WHOO WHOO!! Please see page 2 for details for being able to attend etcetera.

Last week Lay Reader Fran Taylor likely presided over her last service before her and Al move to the Kitchener area. Fran gave a sermon packed with greatness!

*Pictured adjacent are Lay Reader Fran Taylor and psalmist Ken Walker with pianist Susan Halliday from our July 11 service. Thanks to all who hosted/contributed and attended.*



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. There should be 10 or fewer

people in the building at any time, 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.

There is a good possibility that AA may return on Saturday evening July 25

**Sunday, July 18 – assuming the weather is good – everyone is invited to come together (yes, in person!!) for an outdoor Holy Eucharist service on the church lawn on Sunday, July 18th at 10:30 am.** There are no restrictions on numbers of people gathering outdoors as long as distancing can be maintained. We will be celebrating Eucharist together (bread only). This is BYOLC&M - Bring your own lawn chair & mask – masks must be worn even outside because we're gathering in a larger group, and as exciting as it will be to be back, we really do need to keep our 2m distance. We request that those joining us in worship and who are eligible be 14 days or more past their second Covid-19 vaccination. Congregational singing will not be allowed, but we will have music .... perhaps even a keyboard! If it rains, we will move the outdoor service to the following Sunday (July 25th). Please check you email in the days before the service to be sure of logistics and rain alternatives.

**On July 18 we will also have an 8:00 am** indoor Holy Eucharist service for our regular 8:00 am attendees. Deb Walker will issue an email to these folks reminding them and providing details for attending. Note, the service is 30 minutes earlier than previously

to enable sufficient time to prepare for the 10:30 am service. If it rains, we will go to Zoom for this service instead to enable set up for the 10:30 am Zoom. Deb will keep folk informed of status via email.

There is a significant possibility that Covid will be sufficiently under control by **July 25** that Bishop Todd will indicate we may operate our services at 25% capacity (maintaining social distance and with masks etcetera). This translates to 20 people in pews and 3 or 4 people in the sanctuary (presiding and providing music and song). ***Please monitor your e-mail as we will inform folks via email on the nature of worship services taking place.*** Should we worship together in church at 25% capacity we will use Evite as we have done previously to enable folks to let us know they will worship in church and ensure we maintain a safe number of folks in church.

One last thing to note: we often use the language of "reopening the church" to talk about being able to gather in the building again. The church isn't the building, it's us; it's people. Because of that, the church was never closed. Ministry has continued, maybe not in the usual ways, but there has been creativity in making things happen while we haven't been able to be in our building. So, while we use the term "reopening" to describe this process, you might think of it more as "regathering" since it's impossible to close the church.

## St. John in the Wilderness Curbside Meal Fundraiser!!

By the time you read this, it will be only a day prior to our first Curbside Sitara/Alton Winery Fundraiser. Many thanks to Eve Morgan for leading this and her hubby Warden Peter for helping ...you can see a picture of Eve and Peter later in this issue as they also served at The Inn of the Good Shepherd in July for St. John in the Wilderness, Bright's Grove.

The proceeds which come to the church will enable us to continue our outreach to the community. Great meal, great outreach!

**St John In The Wilderness  
Parish  
Curbside Fundraiser**

Each Order Includes 2 Entrees, Samosa, Naan Bread  
PLUS 1 Bottle of Alton Farms Pinot Noir or Off Dry Vidal



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**\*\*St John fundraisers support charitable agencies in THIS community INCLUDING The Inn, Women's Interval Home, Alzheimer Sarnia, & Sexual Assault Survivors' Centre\*\***

Cheers and Blessings, Warden Deb Walker

## Wilderness Pollinator Garden



**Circle September 18<sup>th</sup> 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. By this time, we also hope to be able to perhaps share some cake (hoping Covid has subsided by then).



Pat and Don Poland laid new mulch in the memorial garden this week.

Pat and Don...we decided to beautify



the beehive area across the way – thank you for the inspiration!

Peter Langille, Doug Winch, Blair Winch and I got together and laid a boarder so that we can lay cardboard, then lots of mulch by the beehives under the big fir tree that was significantly pruned in 2020 to protect the church siding and roof. Such a blessing, the tree was pruned, then we later determined this location enabled us to meet all location regulations associated with beehives. It is also a little more visible than the previous beehive location and is attracting more kids and neighbours to the property and beehives.



*Doug Winch (bending), son Blair standing, and Peter Langille getting ready to saw the border piece.*

The pruning left a big not-so-attractive bare spot, which we used for the beehives - Blessings.



To beautify the area, and to keep the area open, so people do not trip as they approach the beehives, we are mulching the area, including a

small area covered by myrtle. We will also plant grass or sod a small area (where Blair is standing in the picture).



So basically, a couple of improvements enabled and led to other great things ... blessings are bountiful!

## **We're Moving – Fran & Al**

...Fran Taylor

Allen and I are moving to New Hamburg on August 12th to be closer to our daughter and son-in-law. They have been a big help to us lately, and this will save them a two hour drive each way when they come to help out. We are moving to a Seniors' Community that has all sorts of activities and amenities and takes care of snow removal and lawn care. We already know some of the people who live there, and they have assured it is a friendly community.

Over the years we have met so many wonderful people at St. John in the Wilderness and will miss you all more than you know! We are really looking forward to the Outdoor Service and being able to talk to you all in person. This Church Community is very special as it is one that puts its faith into action through service to others. We wish St. John's all the best in the future!

Allen and Fran Taylor

*Postscript from Deb,*

Well, it is really fabulous that you will be near Jean and her hubby, Fran. I sure will miss your can-do pragmatic approach. You have cooked for The Inn of the Good Shepherd for years, when I needed help writing Christmas Pageant...you came to my dining room table and wrote with me, your artwork has helped and brought joy to many. As a Lay Reader you brought care

and insight to us. I hope to hear from you both again.



God bless you, Fran & Al.

## **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)



## **Inn of the Good Shepherd Thanks, and We Need 6 Cooks, Please!**

On July 3, 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.

On August 7, Tara Fraser and team will box at the Inn. We need 6 cooks; please call or email Deb Walker if you will cook (5 lb of meatloaf and 25 baked potatoes per cook). Note with Fran Taylor and Judith Bond moving we have lost a couple of cooks, so if you have been thinking about volunteering....we, and the community, could use your gift of service!



*Lexi and Haley Clingersmith...Thank you very much for helping cook the meatloaf and potatoes with Nana Brenda and Papa Bob.*



*Fabulous meatloaf and hair Marie Foubister. Thanks for the smile right through the mask Sandra Fraser.*



*Thanks for celebrating your retirement with cooking, Dianne Funnell.*



*Thanks Sandra Lamoureux, Doug Winch, and Boxing Team at the Inn: Perrin Langille, mom Eve Morgan, dad Peter Langille and family friend Nancy Michieli. Cooking and serving at The Inn is one of our key outreach contributions – we contribute labour, funds and care.*





## St. John in the Wilderness Sunday School Kids

*School is Out, Summer is Here, We are so  
Proud of You All! What a year!*



It was a very different school year in 2020/2021 and we wanted to let the Sunday School kids know how proud we are of them for facing the storm of confusion the giant pandemic of Covid....they faced a giant as David faced Goliath and we hope they felt the love of Jesus as the disciples felt when He calmed a storm. To celebrate, Miss Leslie put together Summer Fun Packages for each child and several folks delivered them. Here are some pictures and a couple of the many thank you notes and posts received. Each child is a blessing.



*Bird seed craft*



*Packaged in Foodland bags – how BG!*



Wyatt...getting  
the hang of this  
ball game!

From Mom  
Noelle Lewis:

*"Dad [Gord  
MacKenzie]  
dropped off a bag  
of goodies from  
the church on  
Wednesday. The  
kids brought  
them to the  
cottage and have  
thoroughly  
enjoyed playing  
with them. So  
fun!!"*

Proud of you Wyatt!



From Warren & Cole Askew:

*"Thank you for the summer fun pack that was dropped off. He likes the fact that he can throw a ball and play catch with himself, and it would appear I have a card game to master with him!*

*I hope you and your family are staying well. I feel like we are heading to a better place now with this pandemic.*

*Blessings to you!*

*Warren and Cole"*

Lyn Kidd, Gord MacKenzie, Leslie Grieve and Deb had the joy of delivering the fun packages....it is always nice when we get to chat with kids and parents during the trip!

**Proud of all you kids!! Hoping by September we may just have Sunday School again!**

**God bless,**

Leslie Grieve, Deb Walker & Sunday School teachers and helpers.

## Quilts to Lytton

Shalleen Hunt sent Warden's Peter and Deb and Interim Priest Amanda Longmoore the following note earlier in the week. Thanks and blessings to Shalleen and our quilting group.

"I have 2 of the charity quilts in my house – these were made by our quilting group at

St. John in the Wilderness. They were to go to the Inn of the Good Shepherd, but they have not been accepting donations because of COVID restrictions. I think one quilt might have been blessed but the other has not. Since the group started making quilts in 2016, we have made 16 quilts. One quilt (with the cats) is at the church, 13 have been donated to the Inn of the Good Shepherd (they stay there and are not given away) and 2 are at my house. Of the 2 at my house, one has some fabric donated by Jane & the rest of the fabric is from the people of our church and the other has fabric donated by me and the people of our church. The backing on the second quilt was donated by Sandra Fraser.



The town of Lytton BC has been almost destroyed by fire. As a family we have camped & visited Lytton. There is a quilt shop (Heather's Fabric Shelf) in Kamloops BC that is collecting quilts for the people of Lytton. Kamloops is about 2 hours north and east of Lytton. One person is co-ordinating the collection and distribution of the quilts. After the Calgary flood in 2013 several quilts shops did this and I am confident that quilts will be given to people who need them.



all agreed that the quilts could be donated to the town of Lytton, BC

I will donate the 2 quilts that I have at my house to the people of Lytton. I put a label on the quilts (it says St. John In the Wilderness Anglican Church, Bright's Grove ON) so that people who receive the quilts will know who donated them. I have contacted the coordinator for Quilts for Lytton and she is happy to hear we are sending 2 quilts. The ACW has offered to pay to ship the quilts to Kamloops.

I have included pictures of the 2 quilts.

Shalleen"

P.S. From Deb

*THANK YOU, GOD BLESS.*



Nancy Mann read this info to 2 different groups of ladies that met this week. They



## ***Haley & Doug are Selling Honey This Saturday – Church Fundraiser***



The honey production has been excellent this year, due to lots of sunshine and timely rain. Haley and Doug decided to harvest 150+ pounds and are selling it on a first come first serve basis from the Walker home per the poster adjacent. Note, bring your own clean container (yogurt tub, jar etc), and please wear a mask when you come. Cash, cheque, or e-Transfer. Haley posted this on her Facebook page so folks from the community could see it. Per the poster and the article below, a second harvest will be sold from the church property on September 11.

## **Mark your Calendars – Honey & Craft Sale on Saturday, September 11**

Based on current COVID restrictions, St John's plans to hold a **Honey & Crafts Sidewalk Sale** at the church on **Saturday, September 11!**

More details to follow – the bees will provide the honey, but we need you (the congregation!) to come up with the crafts. We know you've been busy during COVID – knitting, painting, woodworking, baking and more. Let's share our gifts with the community! If you have anything you'd like to contribute, or if you'd be interested in staffing the event, please email Haley Walker at [haleywalker91@gmail.com](mailto:haleywalker91@gmail.com).



### *Postscript from Ma Deb:*

Thanks to many of you who voted on the name of the honey, here is the label Haley made for the Honey that will be sold on September 11. She started with concepts from Jim Mayer's Honey & Locust logo and learned a new computer programme of some sort with consultation from her buddy Asia on aesthetics. If you have crafts/art to sell along with the honey and/or want to help at the sale, please contact Haley.

Given this is the second year of not having the Triathlon, we are looking for different ways to raise money for outreach. I hope many of you enjoy the journey of this change!

## Hello's

I was at the church and caught Jim Mayer as he was mowing. We used his donated lawnmower later in the week to help in the beehive lawn/mulch beautification project. Jim, as always, gave a cheerful hello!



Hazel Millholland was out when I was at her place delivering Honey & Locust...and so were her Hydrangea's. The flowers are about 30 years old or so and the colours have blended and changed over the years. Such magic, joy, and blessings.



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## Lay Reader Janice Reflects



"Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, you will find a future, and your hope will not be cut off. ~ Proverbs 24:14, NRSV

### A Thought or Two

I was reading an article titled "13 Ways to be Happier". One way was to let go of living life to other people's expectations. I liked that one. So much of our life can be spent trying to fit into social archetypes.

We allow the expectations of others to determine the job we do, the car we drive, the clothes we wear and much more! Maybe it was our parents, siblings or friends. Often it could be the media, celebrities, or social influencers. How much happier would we be if instead we followed our hearts and did things the way we wanted to do them.

But we are all individuals. Each one of us is gifted in some way. We need to nurture our talents, our gifts and wisdom to do what we think is best, to do what we love, rather than simply doing something just because we think is expected of us.

Let us pray:

I know I can worry too much about what other people thinking of me and how I need to live up to their expectations. Sometimes those expectations are good and can help, but a lot of the time I'm just not being true to myself. I pray for discernment on this one, God, the wisdom to know when I should be living up to the expectations of others and when I should really be keeping true to myself. Amen.

"I do my thing and you do yours. I am not in this world to live up to your expectations, and you are not in this world to live up to mine. You are you and I am I, and if by chance we find each other, then it is beautiful. If not, it can't be helped." ~ Fritz Perls - Perls coined the term 'Gestalt therapy' to identify the form of psychotherapy that he developed with his wife.

... 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 Interim Priest

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

Postscript:

What a wonderful library we have in Bright's Grove. Here Librarian Fiona Crossland has just given my grandson Fran Macht some books on Maple Syrup. Life is truly a joy!





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of someone God does not love."*

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**Church Services**  
(July 11, 2021 Update)

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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
July 4, 2021	6th Sunday after Pentecost	8:30 am	BCP Morning Prayer	Zoom	Green	2 Samuel 5: 1 - 5, 9 - 10 Psalm 48
		10:30 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom		2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 10 Mark 6: 1 - 13
July 11, 2021	7th Sunday after Pentecost (Lay Reader Fran Taylor)	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom	Green	2 Samuel 6: 1 - 5, 12b - 19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1: 3 - 14 Mark 6: 14 - 29
July 18, 2021	8th Sunday after Pentecost (Rain date for both services is July 25)	8:00 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church Email Invitation	Green	2 Samuel 7: 1 - 14a Psalm 89: 20 - 37
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist	Outdoor at Church (bring your mask & lawn chair)		Ephesians 2: 11 - 22 Mark 6: 30 - 34, 53 - 56
July 25, 2021	9th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church Email Invitation	Green	2 Samuel 11: 1 - 15 Psalm 14
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist	In Church (Evite)		Ephesians 3: 14 - 21 John 6: 1 - 21

Note (1)

**In-Church Services**

8:00 am: Email invitation sent to the regular few parishioners who attend, if you want an invitation contact Deb Walker

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

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 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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