

Announcements

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As you prepare for worship...Advent 3C

Note: Advent prepares us for the return of the Lord in Glory to complete the plan of salvation...

Isaiah 35:1-10: In this passage the prophet promised restoration of the land to fertility, the end of human suffering and infirmity, restoration of hope and justice, and the joyful return of the exiles from captivity. All that was taken from Israel will be restored, and more: humanity will be healed and restored to God as well. God's rule will be restored too and His favour will rest, once again, on His people.

James 5:7-10: Early Christians expected Jesus' return immediately. During this waiting period in which we live, some of the faithful have begun to argue with one another about the timing of Christ's return. James wrote against such futility, instead urging his readers to have the patience of a farmer who simply must trust and wait for the crops.

Matthew 11:2-11: John the Baptist has been arrested and imprisoned. He sent word to Jesus asking if he is the "One." Jesus doesn't say "yes," instead he pointed to the signs of the Kingdom. Echoing Isaiah, he pointed out that the blind, the deaf, the lame and the lepers are being healed and good news is given to the poor. Jesus then spoke of John's ministry, quoting from Malachi, identifying that John is Elijah returned (a precursor to the Messiah's appearance).

Next weeks readings: Christmas Lessons & Carols service

Christmas Flowers/Poinsettias

For your convenience, there are flower *offering envelopes at the back of the Church* for the Christmas poinsettias. **Please specify if you want the flowers in for the Christmas Eve Service.**



2026 Church Calendars (\$8.00) - are available and can be purchased in the office Monday to Friday 9 am—1pm or on Sunday in Sarnia after the service, see Leigh Carson. (There is only 1 left)

Activities this Week

- Dec 15 Monday**
7:00 pm—Group Meeting, Basement
- Dec 16 Tuesday**
7:00 pm—Bluewater Chordsmen, Parish Hall
- Dec 17 Wednesday**
10:00 am & 7:00 pm—Bible Study, Rectory
- Dec 18 Thursday**
1:00 pm—Wardens meet, Parish House
3:00 pm—Choir practice
5:00 pm—Martial Arts, Parish Hall
- Dec 19 Friday**
8:00 pm—Group meeting Parish Hall
- Dec 20 Saturday**
10:00 am—Danish Sisterhood, Parish House
4:00 pm—Blue Christmas Service, Sanctuary
- Dec 21 Sunday**
8:00 am—Holy Eucharist BCP
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist BAS

If you are a new member of the congregation please contact the office (519-344-5167) or one of the wardens (see below) with your contact information. Email, mailing address and phone number. Thank you and Welcome.

FROM YOUR SELECTION COMMITTEE - TIPS FOR COMPLETING YOUR CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

When completing your questionnaire, please remember:

1. To highlight our parish's strengths *as you see them*-- especially the things that you hope will never change.
2. To share your hopes for the future (these may involve change, continuity, or a blend of both).
3. That everyone sees things a little differently-- every perspective is valued and welcomed.

To write all comments in the spaces provided (there is a generous section at the end for additional thoughts).

2025 PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Warden:** Heather Norwood
Gord Loeven
- Deputy Warden:** Carole James-Airey
Kathy Hungerford
- Treasurer:** Natalie Beer
- Lay Delegates to Synod:** Susan Memedovich
Maurice Carson
- Alternate Lay Delegates:** Jim Hodgins
Barb Pajuk
- Members at Large:** Leigh Carson
Beverly Woods
Kory Memedovich
Glen Crawford
Don Hunter
- Clergy:** Rev'd Karen Nelles, Priest-in-Charge

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - Friday: 9am-1pm.

In consideration for persons with reactions to perfumes, you are requested to come to church 'au natural'.

We as a church community have taken on the opportunity to feed a full Christmas dinner to 8 deserving families from London Road Public School. This hamper program has been organized by our Outreach and Mission Committee. To fill these hampers, we are asking for your help. Please take one of the marked envelopes from the sides-people and put your donation inside and ensure your full name is on the outside of the envelope. Your donation will be given a a tax receipt at the end of the year with your regular giving. Thank you for your support!
Please see Susan Memedovich if you have questions.

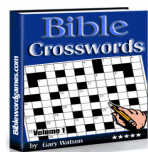
London Road School Christmas Dinner

Anyone wishing to help in the kitchen on December 17th and the morning of 18th in preparing the Christmas dinner for London Road School will greatly be appreciated. Please contact Carol Spence 519-3123-5371 or crspence@cogeco.ca

The St Bart's Knitting & Cochet Group meet at St Paul's @ 10:30 Nov 27th & Dec 11. Anyone interested please come for coffee & conversation. Knitting too!

St Paul's (Point Edward) has **Christmas in the Village** on Sat. Dec 6/ 11 to 3 pm. Also Starting Thursday 23rd at 2"30 they will be showing Classic Christmas movies for the Advent s season.

Our ACW (here at our parish) has decided to help collect **Men's items for Christmas**. Both St Paul's and the ladies from St Bart's have done this for several years. And it was suggested that we could fill the Christmas tree with items for the less fortunate and add to their donation. Of course, women's products can also be donated. Below are some of the items needed. At the front of the church, you'll find large baggies for anyone who would like to participate. Please take two baggies: One to place inside the gift bag so that someone in need can use it inside their shoes to help keep their feet dry, and the second to fill with practical items that will truly make a difference. Socks. Toothpaste, Toothbrushes with Caps (if possible), Soap (ivory or Irish spring) Men's boxers xl, Wet wipes, Combs or brushes, Shampoo, Insect repellent, Rain ponchos, Hats, caps, Granola Bars (individually wrapped foods) Hot pads for hands & feet, Face cloths, Sunscreen, Deodorant. It is suggested that most items be in a zip lock bag. This will helps us with distribution and also the recipient of the donation. We will have a tree up by November 28th. These items will be collected the week before Christmas and donated to the Men's mission.



Bible Crossword events will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30-ish, at the rectory. Next month will be on **January 12**.

Serving Schedule:

PA Monitor: Andi Beer

Greeters: Donna Piggot & Fred Warriner

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE **

(Every Tuesday, 11 am Walking Group meeting at the Animal Farm parking lot with a 12:15 pm Lunch. This week is TBA.

(Every Wednesday, 10 am & 7 pm - Bible Study at the Rectory.

Dec 20 4 pm—Blue Christmas Service

Dec 21 10:30 am—Nine Lessons & Carols Svc

Dec 24 7 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Dec 25 10:30 am—Christmas Day Service

Jan 9 7 pm—Creative Word, TBA

Jan 12 1:30 pm—Bible Crossword, Rectory



The next Creative Word will be **January 9th, 7 pm** at the Rectory.

Selection Committee for Choosing a New Rector

On 24 November 2025, Parish Council met to vote upon a Selection Committee. Archdeacon Amanda Longmoore attended this meeting and outlined the process involved in choosing a new rector. Parish Council prayerfully appointed an eight-member Selection Committee. With only eight places available, Council did its best to draw members from across our predecessor congregations. Care was also taken to choose members who have a strong understanding of the parish's various ministries--some through direct involvement, others through years of working closely alongside those ministries. We are grateful for the willingness of the following people to serve:

Gord Loeven, Heather Norwood, Katharine Hungerford, Carole James-Airey, Beverly Woods, Susan Memedovich, Moe Carson and Heather Prior

Food Bank Sunday

The first Sunday of each month will be food bank Sunday. All items collected will be donated to the St Andrew's Food Bank in Corunna.

Much needed item are canned fruit, snack crackers, cookies, manwich/stew, instant coffee/regular tea, 1 liter juice boxes, toilet paper, fruit / pudding cups, canned meats, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner. **They do not take clothing or empty containers.**



Christmas Carol Synonyms

Diminutive masculine master of skin-covered percussionist cylinders.

