

Announcements

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As you prepare for worship... Advent 2A

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

Isaiah 11:1-10: These words were written soon after the Assyrians conquered Israel. The prophet spoke of a future king who like David will have the Spirit of God. To this King will be given six spiritual gifts: "wisdom," "understanding" and "counsel"; he will have "might" to defend his people, "knowledge" of God's ways and "fear" (awe), i.e. proper respect for God. Under this King will be the ideal earthly harmony God intended. Finally, this King will be for all the peoples of the earth and not just Israel.

Romans 15:4-13: Paul wrote to the Church in Rome about the need for the followers of Christ to live in harmony as a reflection of God's glory. God's glory was fulfilled in Christ, first for Israel ("the circumcised") but also for the Gentiles who now glorify God too.

Matthew 3:1-12: At about 26AD John the Baptist appeared in a place where many hermits lived, calling Israel back to the ways of its Covenant with God. His message was one about the nearness of the Kingdom of God and the fulfillment of all the promises of God. John, who looked and ate like Elijah, baptized the people coming out to him, but he doubted the sincerity of the Pharisees and Sadducees (referring to them as vipers, poisonous desert snakes). He also foretold Jesus' mission to bring the Holy Spirit and to judge the ungodly.

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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 are only 2 left)

Activities this Week

- Dec 8 Monday**
1:30 pm—Bible Crossword, Rectory
7:00 pm—Group Meeting, Basement
- Dec 9 Tuesday**
7:00 pm—Bluewater Chordsmen, Parish Hall
- Dec 10 Wednesday**
10:00 am & 7:00 pm—Bible Study, Rectory
- Dec 11 Thursday**
3:00 pm—Choir practice
5:00 pm—Martial Arts, Parish Hall
- Dec 12 Friday**
7:00 pm—Creative Word, TBA
8:00 pm—Group meeting Parish Hall
- Dec 13 Saturday**
6:00 pm—Christmas Feast, Parish hall
- Dec 14 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.

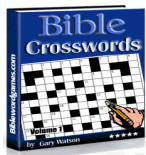
London Road School Christmas Dinner

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



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 **December 8th**.

Serving Schedule:

PA Monitor: Andi Beer

Greeters: Gord Loeven & Wendy Murphy

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 8 1:30—Bible Crossword, Rectory

Dec 12 7 pm—Creative Word, TBA

Dec 13 6 pm—Christmas Feast, Parish Hall

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 10 7 pm—Creative Word, TBA

Christmas Feast

December 13, 2025, 6 pm

The **Christmas Feast** will be Saturday Dec 13th, 6 PM in the Parish Hall. Doors will open at 5:30. Cost is \$25 person. Tickets can be purchased through Heather Norwood (519-658-7245), Sandy Nyp or in the office.



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.**



The next Creative Word will be **December 12th, 7 pm** at the Rectory.