



THE CHURCH OF
THE APOSTLES
**(ST. JAMES &
ST. MATTHIAS)**

Diocese of Niagara * Anglican Church of Canada

Sunday, February 3, 2019
Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Services on February 10, 2019

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP); 9:15 am Contemporary
Eucharist; 11:00 am Holy Eucharist (Incense will be
used at the 11:00 am service)

Readings for February 10 - Isaiah 6:1-8 * 1
Corinthians 15:1-11 * Luke 5:1-11

Flowers at the High Altar are given to the honour and
glory of God by Marian Jordan & family
in loving memory of Alice & Willard Bayne & Carl
Jordan.

*A sanctuary for prayer and healing; a centre for
community and social action; the heart of Jesus in
the world.*

Prayer as Contemplation meets next on **February 6 at 10:30 am**. The text being used is “Radical Amazement” by Judy Cannato, Sorin Books. It considers how our theology needs to reflect our capacity for new knowledge.

Prayer as Resistance meets next on **February 20 at 10:30 am**. The text being used is “Sacred Resistance” by Ginger Gaines-Cirelli.

The 2019 Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, 24 February 2019. All groups in the parish are invited to submit short reports which will become part of the historical records of the parish and, as such, are very important. They need not be complicated – a paragraph or two on what your group accomplished during the year and what members were involved would be very helpful. In order for the complete 2019 Annual Vestry Report to be collated and circulated before the meeting, we are requesting that your individual reports be submitted by **11 February, at the latest**. They may be submitted to the Parish Office (stmattjam@gmail.com) in Word form electronically or in print form. Thank you for your co-operation.

There will be one service only on Sunday, February 24 at 10:00 am followed by lunch and the Annual Vestry Meeting.

People who would like to try their hand at bulletin design are invited to make photo/vector/watercolour sketches for the Holy Week and Easter covers. We cannot guarantee which ones we will use but the services will range from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday (the last supper), Good Friday, Easter Eve and Easter Day. Less literal and more metaphorical is the goal. You may either take submissions to the office or email them to *stmattjam@gmail.com*.

We extend our thanks to Judy, Rick and Jonathon of Relative Harmony for a lovely concert on January 27 with some old favourites and some new. You were in fine voice and

it made for a great way to spend a snowy January afternoon while also making \$495 for the church. Thanks also to Joan Barr, Ann Murray, Joy Purdy and Marion Furkalo, without whom the concert could not have happened, and Sharon Popkey for help with the reception.

Thank you to everyone who crafted squares for “It Takes a Knitwork.”

Calling All Green Apostles - We are starting a new environmental committee that will initiate projects around the church. Our intention is to make the Church of the Apostles even more environmentally friendly. This committee will be looking for fresh ideas, and simple ways to help diminish our footprint on our beautiful earth. **There will be a short meeting today, February 3 at 10:15 am** to determine interest and to set a meeting day and time. Hope to see you there. ~Pat Sproat.

Not only are we adopting a bill, we are adopting a new name. What was Matt & Jimmy is now The Apostles Adopt A Bill. There is a new batch of bills on our board in the church hall. We hope you'll love the new bite size amounts. Please help us achieve our new intentions for 2019! Thanks to everyone who has adopted already, we are off to a great start!!!

There will be two study groups this season: Daytime group, which meets for a bag lunch on the second Thursday of the month at 11:00 am, will be exploring the prophets of Hebrew scripture and their relevance for today. The group begins on February 14. **The second group** will meet on Tuesday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm, starting on March 12. Although open to everyone, it is also a training session for people who would like to be licensed as lay readers. The sessions will be Liturgics (why do we do that in church); Hebrew Scriptures and their relevance for Christians in our era; Christian Bible as history or myth; Prayer as a response to baptism. For people to be licensed lay readers, there will be an interview with a friendly diocesan staff person.

Food Drive – our special items for the month are canned tomatoes or pasta sauce and, and peanut or soy butter. We do ask that people donate only items named in the announcements or from the Donation Request List available at www.stmattjam.org, on the Community Partners page. **CCSC also has a need for winter coats in good condition.** Please call 519-822-8778 or email community@chalmerscentre.ca to arrange a time to drop them off.

Prayer requests are to be sent to the office, stmattjam@gmail.com, 519-822-1061. Space will be made each Sunday for people to add extra prayers of their own.

Please make all cheques out to The Church of the Apostles. It will save us fees, headaches, and confusion.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather today is the land traditionally used by the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and Neutral People. Today we recognize the Mississaugas of the Credit as holding treaty rights on this territory. We also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge and philosophies of the Indigenous People with whom we share this land and these waters.

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