

One Thing

Bishop Susan Bell is inviting the people of our diocese to try out at least 'one thing' that will help us grow as disciples of Christ between now and our synod in November. Your 'one thing' may be a commitment to read a spiritually inspiring book, learn a new spiritual practice, attend a silent retreat, or launch a parish-wide program. Whatever you choose, the bishop hopes it will be a practice that is new for you, and something that is spiritually invigorating. Learn more at <https://niagaraanglican.ca/onething>.

In the Wider Community

Chalmers Community Services Centre Garage Sale on March 16, 9:00 am to 12 Noon at Centennial CVI, 289 College Ave. Guelph, ON. *Books *Collectibles *Household Items * Donations of quality household items, books, collectibles, and small furniture can be made at Centennial CVI, from March 11-15, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily. For donation information or to make an early donation please call 519-766-0874.

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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Diocese of Niagara * Anglican Church of Canada

Sunday March 10, 2019
Lent 1

Services on March 17, 2019

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:15 am Contemporary Family Eucharist
11:00 am Choral Eucharist

**Readings for March 17 - Genesis 15:1-8 * Philippians 3:17-4:1 *
Luke 13:31-35)**

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

Parish News & Announcements

2018 tax return receipts were mailed out on February 28. Please email Derryck at envelopes@stmattjam.org, or contact the church at 519-822-1061 or stmattjam@gmail.com with queries and Derryck will get back to you.

The daytime study group, Prophets of Hebrew Scripture, meets on March 14 at 11:00 am.

Prayer as Sacred Resistance group meets on March 20 at 10:30 am.

The evening study group will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm. 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

Trudy needs some help creating the setting for Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Specifically, making some stations around the church with “posters” of troubled parts of the world. People can work in teams after an initial meeting to prepare. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14 at 10:00 am upstairs in the nave.

Give it up for Lent Suggestion of the Week. When you go to a bulk barn take your own clean containers with you. Simply present them to the cashier before you fill them up. They will weigh and mark them. “Using Less plastic” calendars are available on the website at www.stmattjam.org. For those who do not have internet access, there are copies available at the back of the church or on the gray bulletin board beside the adopt-a-bill. Please help yourself.

Petition to the legislative assembly of Ontario. There is a petition on the gray bulletin board in the church hall that is looking for signatures. This petition is to protect the ecological and hydrological integrity of the Paris Galt Moraine. This moraine is important to the city of Guelph as we are the largest city in Canada to rely almost exclusively on ground water for drinking. This moraine is an essential water recharge area in the Grand River watershed Please consider signing this petition, and give up your signature for Lent.

We donated 104.6 pounds of food to CCSC in February. Thank you for your continued support of this important outreach ministry.

Bishop’s Company Dinner: The annual dinner will take place at the Michelangelo’s Event and Conference Centre, Hamilton on Monday, May 27 beginning at 6:00 pm. Guest speaker will be Archbishop Fred Hiltz, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Archbishop Fred is a friend of many in our diocese, having spent a great deal of time here throughout his primacy. His gentle and faithful witness, both within and beyond our beloved Church, reflects servant leadership at its best. The cost for dinner guests is \$75 per person. Please contact the office 519-822-1061 or stmattjam@gmail.com

Sunday, March 10 begins ‘Peanut Butter Week’ - For us Lent is a time to examine our lives in relationship to God, and a time to mourn our separation from God. Self-denial is one form of penance, often in the form of fasting. Doing good deeds or giving to the poor are for us, some some ways of showing a change of heart, a heart turned to God. One possible way of doing this is to regularly support the CCSC Food Drive during Lent. To that end, different items from the Food Donation Request List, and the special items of the month for The Apostles will be featured each Sunday and throughout the following week. The blue donation bin is in the parish hall.

Greening initiatives downstairs in the church hall - There are three new small recycling boxes. The black one is for your writing instruments, pens, pencils, markers and highlighters. There are also two small blue boxes. One is for your old batteries. The other is for any small electronic devices. The boxes for now are located below the Adopt-a-Bill board. As we approach Lent, the Environment Committee would like you to start to think about giving up something for Lent that has to do with reducing our waste. We are hoping each family could give up one or two things for Lent, such as saran wrap or single use plastic bags. Thank you for your support.

The blue desk in the library is looking for a new home (free of charge of course.) Interested?? Talk to Derryck Lowe, derrycka-thome@gmail.com, or 519-740-0186.

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 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.