



**Events that are occurring  
In the church:**



First Thursday morning of each month: call Barb at 519-688-0961



**We are thrilled to invite you to some great concerts at our church this fall. All are on a Friday evening and start at 7 pm. These are free-will offering.**

September 21<sup>st</sup> – Stiff Family Bluegrass Gospel



October 12<sup>th</sup> – Eduard Klassen



Special Musical Guests – The Keynote Band

**From Rev. Larry Brown**

Sue and I have a seasonal campsite at Brant Conservation Area, a site we have had for 16 years. We have a beautiful garden, great neighbours and many visits from friends and family each year. The park is mostly quiet, well kept with many groomed walking trails and a huge swimming pool. It has been, mostly, a place of great blessing. As I write this, Labour Day has past, the pool is closed and soon will be drained and the garden is shifting into fall growth. We will see less of our neighbours, fewer family visits. We will soon start moving our belongings back home into the city.

Church activity will ramp up and our life together will return to "normal". The connection that binds both lifestyles together, camp and city is the loving presence of God. God speaks to our hearts in the still small voice of the breeze coming over the meadow from the river, the flicker and crackle from the campfire, the hugs and wave's hello and goodbye from friends and neighbours, the patter of rain on our porch tin roof. He speaks to us of the blessing of our comforts at home - our gardens there, our friends and neighbours there, visits from our family and the convenience and stimulation of city life.

There is a familiar rhythm to life that speaks about constant change and our adaptation to it that is also reflected in our life together in our church life. Life that is truly alive is not static. It changes not only from season to season but from year to year, from generation to generation, from age to age.

There have always been ups and downs in Christian experience - times when the Church, not just our parish or the whole of the Anglican Church but the entire expression of Christian life, has been strong and a powerful force in the world (sometimes for good and sometimes not so good). Likewise, there have been times when the strength of the Church has waned, seemed on the brink of fading right away.

Change is a given, no matter what our circumstance, but the love of God will always prevail. It will always be a force for good and a firm foundation for faith in whatever happens. As we covenant together to be a faithful Christian community for the coming church year, let us celebrate that foundation upon which all of our faithful ministry is based, God's love for each of us and all creation, revealed through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

**Blessings to You, Rev. Larry Brown, Priest**

November 16 – Lynn Valley Voices  
sing Old Gospel Favourites



December 7<sup>th</sup> – Christopher Norton  
Jazzy Christmas



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There is currently an URGENT NEED for blood donors. Please schedule an appointment if you're eligible to donate and/or share this information with your contacts.

Norwich Community Centre :  
Monday, September 17, 4:30pm to  
8:30pm

To schedule an individual appointment visit [blood.ca](http://blood.ca), download the giveblood app, or call 1-888-2-DONATE. Not sure if you're eligible? Check out - <https://blood.ca/en/blood/can-i-donate>



### Prayer Requests from St. John's

Please Pray and remember all who are affected by suicide – those struggling with depression; family members of those who have committed suicide; first responders and mental health specialists. Especially remember the suicide prevention workers from the national Anglican Church of Canada Indigenous Ministry office who works in First Nations communities.

We pray for the sick and those who are suffering, those in any special need Dorothy, Donna, Lee, Pat, Paul, Michael, Ken, Doreen, Jim, Gail, Tyler, Jamie, Cora, Jacob, and all that are in our hearts alone who need our prayers.



### Other Events in the Diocese Stewardship Workshops

**Joint Deaneries of Oxford / Brant / Norfolk, Saturday, November 17, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM, at St. James' Ingersoll.** Registration details to follow.

Contact person: The Rev. Meghan Nicholls - [rector@stjamesingersoll.com](mailto:rector@stjamesingersoll.com)

### Bishop Linda's visits to the area:

Sunday September 16 at 4 pm  
Simcoe Trinity Anglican Church



## WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper & complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

*I've gone for 30 years now & in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time & the preachers & priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.*

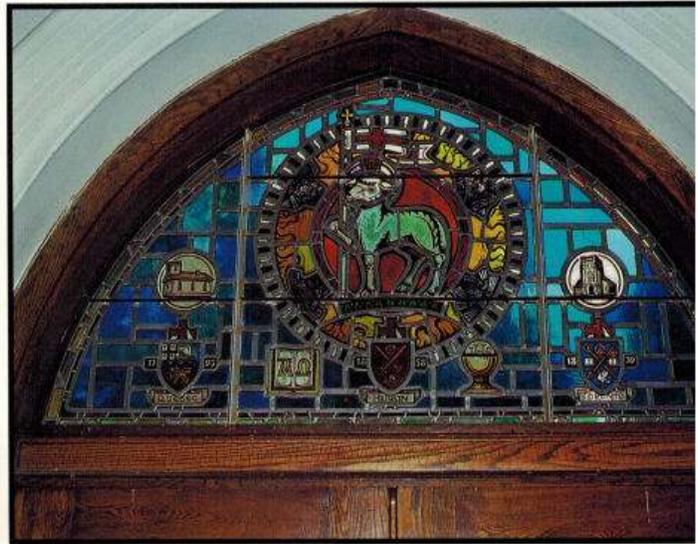
This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

*I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me & gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.*

*Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!*

*When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical & our spiritual nourishment! IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL! B. I. B. L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!*

## Stain Glass Window Feature



West Entrance Transom Window

The Glory of the Risen Christ: in memory of former members of St. John's donated by St. John's Parish Memorial.

This is present as the Lamb of the Resurrection holding the banner of Victory, centered upon a Golden Sun, the symbol of Our Lord's Divinity. Surrounding the Lamb are the symbols of the four Evangelists. The history of the Church is acknowledged in the two circular vignettes and the heraldry. A rendering of the first church, 1900 is depicted in the circle on the left. The present building is in the circle on the right. The tree coats of arms record the passage of time from St. John's beginnings to the present day. On the left are the arms of the Diocese of Quebec, the first of the three Dioceses St. John's has been in. The Dioceses of Toronto 839 was the second, and is on the right, while the present Dioceses; Huron 1858 is in the centre. A book with the first letters of Alpha and Omega and a symbol of the Holy Eucharist, the cup and host complete the design. The white rose of York alluding to Bishop Stewart's 1834 headquarters in York, later to be renamed Toronto, is in the left hand corner. The trillium of Ontario is in the opposite corner with the maple leaf of Canada at the peak.

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