

The Beacon



Gentle Reminder New Summer Eucharist Service Schedule

There is only one service.
It will be at 9:30 every Sunday. We will be rotating
between Said and Choral Services.



For the next few months, a variety of parishioners will be sharing their faith Stories. Why is faith important to them and why is the church important to them? Pat Davis starts us off for the month of August.

Why is my Faith Important?

It was through the church and through my parents' teachings that I learned to live by the scriptures and in particular the Golden Rule. Faith and my love of God taught me a way of life that has taken me through several challenges and hardships in my life and I have been able to come out the other side not unscathed but stronger and still standing. My faith and these life experiences/challenges have developed who I am as a Christian. My faith has brought me to calm and purpose at times when I was unsure and quite frankly feeling a sense of despair. When I did not think, I could talk to my family or friends because I did not think they would

understand, I could talk to God, and I knew he would always listen.

The most difficult time in my life has been the death of my son Ryan. But through it all, I knew God was with me and with Ryan too. During a counseling session, I was asked if I believed in God. I answered an emphatic, “Yes!” Then he asked if I blamed God for Ryan’s death to which I replied, “Absolutely not!” I knew God did not create the circumstances surrounding Ryan’s death, but I absolutely knew that the Trinity was there in full force to receive him.

My faith requires me to be my brother’s keeper and over the years I have tried to find different ways to assist those less fortunate but by doing so I have actually helped myself. My faith became stronger and my joy for helping others grew. However, as age overtakes me, I have had to find less strenuous ways of continuing this. I am still growing as a Christian and will until the day that I die, and I am very far from perfection but I believe that that is all God requires of us – to keep trying and moving forward on the path that he has set for us even though we have no idea what that may be. What a journey! We will see one day, I guess how close we came to the path he actually chose for us and how many detours we made.

How has the church strengthened my faith?

The church is very important to me in two ways. I defined church, as the community of church and the building of where “church” happens. The building has provided me with a calming familiarity since childhood since I am a cradle Anglican and have attended St James (later St James and St Brendan) since my birth with the exception of a few years during my first marriage.

However, no other Anglican church I attended ever felt like home. I expect it was the stained-glass windows, the layout of the building, the traditions, the familiar liturgies, and of course it should go without saying, the people, especially the ones our family has known since childhood.

But the most important thing to me is the involvement over the years in the church activities and the people with whom it connected me, from the early years of Sunday School, JA, Junior Choir to present years of Diocesan work, Office Administrator, and Layreader etc. As each new role was added, and the tasks and responsibilities broadened my knowledge and appreciation, my faith blossomed. My connection with the people of the parish and in the community expanded and was so varied and so my faith grew.

During the liturgy, which I love, the Prayers of the People are a blessing for me as they provide an opportunity for us to pray for each other and remember those in need of prayer as well as the world needs. So, we are never very far from each other in our hearts. That to me is huge. And faith grows.

The community of St J&B has provided me with a treasure trove of friends and acquaintances that are near and dear to my heart and have by their involvement in my life in immeasurable ways made it richer and more rewarding and I wouldn't change that experience for the world. Pat D.

St. J & B



Beyond worship, prayer, and service, one of the most spiritually rewarding aspects of church life is Christian fellowship, be it during the coffee/refreshment's hour after Sunday service, home / Bible studies, parish retreats, faith-based community events, special interest groups, ...

So ... what about a men's fellowship at St. J & B, perhaps a regular monthly gathering or intermittent casual events like breakfast, pizza & wings, a bowling/cards night, a craft brewery/wine tour, a guest speaker, BBQ @ Mariners Park, a community service or St. J & B maintenance/improvement project, ...?

Men aren't always open or at their best when sharing their faith, but there's a palpable comfort when Christian men gather in mutual support and fellowship. Should you be interested in exploring a St. J & B men's fellowship, please take a moment to express your interest to Rev. Jody and/or talk it over in the coming weeks - maybe during the refreshments gathering after Sunday services - with the St. J & B guys you know best (and those you'd like to get to know better).



Looking for Volunteers for the **Rectors' BBQ**. Someone to help with the kid's tables. Sunday, September 3rd, 2023 1-4 pm.

Looking for someone to help with the kid's games at the **Harvest Festival** Saturday, September 22, 2023.

Always looking for people interested in helping with the **living-streaming** at both services.

Coffee Hour: Volunteers are needed to help with the Coffee hour at both the 8:30 and 10:30 Services starting in the Fall. Three ways to help.

- 1) Just donate food. No need to help with set up or cleaning.
- 2) Be a part of a team that does the setup or cleaning. You are usually on at least once every 3-4 weeks. The more teams we have the fewer times you are on.
- 3) Be on a list of supplies to help out occasionally.

Friday Morning Coffee Market is looking for volunteers. If you can help out occasionally, please contact Beth Jeffery at 905-835-2291.



**Join us August 3rd
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
at The Guild Hall
72 Charlotte Street
for**

**RSVP Sandi Marr
519-616-0930
rsmarr@bell.net**

Food, Fabulous Food

Healthy Meals for
1 or 2 People
with Guest Speaker,
Debbie Grimes
Home Economist 

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- Bring a Friend
- Refreshments
- Door Prizes



*2nd Annual
Golf Tournament*

Friday, August 18, 2023
at
Whiskey Run Golf Course

Hosted by

St. James & St. Brendan Anglican Church

\$100

9 Hole Scramble, Cart & Dinner
Tee times begin at 2:00 p.m.

\$40

Dinner only

For Tickets call 905-834-3184



RECTOR'S
ANNUAL
BBQ

Sunday, September 3rd

All are invited

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MARINERS PARK

Corner of King & Charlotte Street

Bring your family!

1/2 & 1/2 DRAW, LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

\$12.00 - Pull Pork Combo

\$10.00 - Sausage Combo

\$8.00 - Hot Dog Combo



Thursday, October 19th, Friday, October 20th, and
Saturday, October 21st.

Theme:

Finishing well, Spirituality for the Second Half of Life

Led by Robynn and Lowell Bliss

We have space for 15 people.

\$244 per person

***The deadline to Register is Thursday, September 21st.
Please Contact Jody if money is an issue.***

**Saturday, October 28th, 2023, Fall Fiesta (Bazaar)
10 am to 3 pm**

Saturday, November 25th, Christmas House Tour

Thank You!

Thank you to Chris Summerhayes of the Art Guild for designing our new sign for Friday Morning Coffee in the Guild Hall and to Mary Lawson and the Makers' Market vendors for supporting our event. Sincerely, the Members of St. James and St. Brendan Outreach Program.



Church Chuckle



Sunday Morning in an Anglican Church



What does it mean to be an Anglican?

Every denomination has its history. Every denomination has its reasons why they do what they do.

To Love and Serve is a beautifully written book reminding us why we do what we do.

Starting Monday, September 11th running until Monday, October 30th there will be two sessions to study this book together.

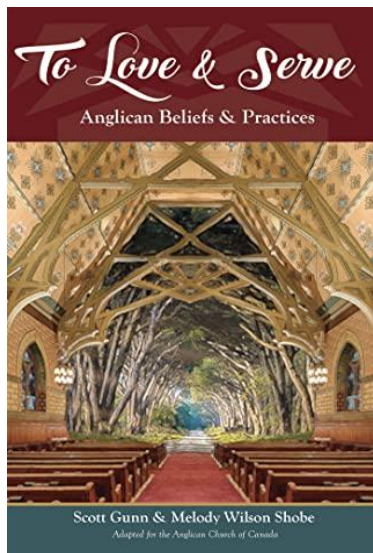
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

or

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Please let me know by August 18th if you would like to attend either one of the groups or if you would just like a copy of the book.

I wish to order only what we need. Thank you.



What does it mean to be Christian?

This Winter it would be wonderful if we as a Church community could run an Alpha Program. Inviting others from the community to explore what it means to be a Christian. However, we need to have leaders for this program. If you are interested in being a leader for this program, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.



The Knitting/Crocheting group will be taking a break until the Fall. See you again until Tuesday, September 26th, 2023



I have been asked by a few people if we are going to keep to one service come the Fall. It has been said that people are enjoying seeing so many people in the church and that they like seeing people they did not realize were members of this church, as they always went to a different service. So, what are your thoughts?

Email me at rectorstjamesandstbrendan@gmail.com

Or call me.

905-414-1860

Corporation and I would really like to hear your thoughts.

Personally, I am happy going back to an 8:30 and 10:30 service; however, I am also okay with keeping it at a 9:30 am service. Whatever works for everyone. Let us know.

Thank you.

**If you are unable to attend Service, nor do you not
have internet, please listen to the Gospel and the
Sermon on your Phone.**



Everyone is Welcome to All Our Services

Tuesday Morning Prayer

9:00 am.

Thursday Morning Healing Eucharist

10:00 am.

Bible Study

Every Thursday Morning

10:30 am.

Sunday Eucharist

8:30 am & 10:30 am. September to June

9:30 am July and August

Taize

Third Sunday of the Month

The next Service is on September 17th.

Followed by a Pizza and Wine in the Guild Hall

This will be the last Taize until the Fall.

Praise and Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of every month.

The next Service is September 24th, 2023.

At the Pub with God

Fourth Sunday of every month after the Praise and Worship

Service at the Belmont @ 5:15 pm.

September 24th, 2023

Service for Peace

The next Service is Wednesday, June 28th.

12:15 pm.

God Answers Prayers (G.A.P.)

Next Service: TBA

Places to Find Us:

<https://www.portcolborneanglican.org/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesandstbrendan/>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJamesandStBrendanAnglicanChurch>



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Warden: Kathy Kairies

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Vision Statement:

To Live as Christ Lived, Loving Everyone!

Mission Statement:

*To invite, welcome, educate and support people into the
Community of St. James and St. Brendan and into the
Life of Christ.*

