

## The Beacon



*Share with the Lord's people who are in need.  
Practice hospitality. **Romans 12:13***



*For the next few months, various parishioners will share their faith Stories. Why is faith important, and why is the church important to them? For October, we thank Jennifer Main for sharing her faith.*

### **Why is my faith important?**

When a dear relative passed away in the hospital, our doctor was there with us and said he didn't know how anyone could deal with this without faith. Indeed, faith is the strong support that helps me navigate the ups and downs of life. I equate faith with trust. Whether days be good or troubles, I hold fast to ***Jeremiah 29:11***; ***“For I know that plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”***

### **How has the Church Strengthened my faith?**

The church offers ways to strengthen faith, but it requires a willingness to participate! As I look back at those long ago years, I can track the planning of seeds of faith, starting with climbing the stairs of the Guild Hall for Sunday School. Then there was the running after school to the Guild Hall dressed in my green skirt and tie as a member of the J.A. ( Junior Anglicans). There was V.B.S. (Vacation Bible School, where there were lots of

sugar cookies and Kool-Aid), Junior choir, and confirmation classes.

In more recent years, there was a mission trip to Haiti where I saw a lever of faith that humbled me, bible studies, and retreats. One of the most impactful moments came in the growth of faith on a retreat. God can reveal Himself in many different ways, and that day, as I sat quietly, God showed me very clearly that He is always there for me. It was an experience I will never forget. It is in prayer that I continue to fortify my faith. I know I can give God my troubles and Joys, and as the very true saying goes, *“God is Good, All the time, and All the time God is Good!”*

**By Jennifer Main.**



Thank you to everyone who helped with and came out to the Rector's Community B.B.Q. It was a great success. I look forward to hosting it again, next year. Jody



## Report on Our Organ

It is no secret that St J & B is a church with a heart for outreach in the city of Port Colborne. This is demonstrated in past and ongoing actions, whether through the purchase of the park property to “Bless the City”, or the ongoing “Food with Friends” program.

Yet, St. J & B is also a church that seeks to worship God in the beauty of holiness: the handsome building, liturgy, pipe organ, and gifted and dedicated choir all stand in testament to this. We are Anglicans, and this means we have a truly unique approach to worshipping God. We seek to love each other, and our God through a tradition that utilizes a wonderful blend of choral and hymn singing, all accompanied by a uniquely sacred instrument, the pipe organ. This instrument is uniquely capable of evoking grandeur, intimacy, power, prayer, and awe, and ideally helps to provide a setting where we can uniquely encounter God in the modern world, which is often hostile to beauty and sacred worship.

For many more than 65 years, the current pipe organ has done just this. It has served this congregation well and faithfully. We don’t know when the instrument was moved here from its former home (it was brought here as a used instrument), but in 1960, the church first sought

quotes to replace or rebuild the instrument. Again in 1970 efforts were made at replacement without success. At this time, a new console (keyboard, or central control) was added to the organ.

Since 1960 and 1970, when quotes were first sought to replace the old organ, two additional major issues have affected the organ's functionality; these center on the electronics, and damage to the Great Wind Chest. In 2004 the first of a series of persistent water leaks damaged the Great division; subsequent drying and cracking has permanently reduced the playability of the Great organ (the main body of an organ) by 30%. In 2004 and 2006 Blair Batty attempted unsuccessfully to repair this damage. In 2021 two separate technicians, Bruce Cross and Jim Dodington also explored the situation and found the Great Windchest unrepairable.

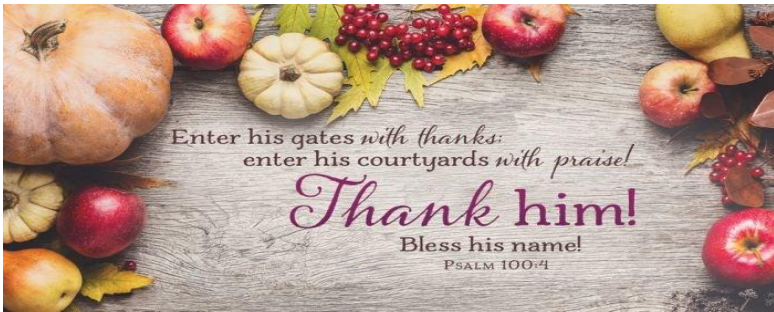
The second main problem with the organ is the heavily worn and aging electrical components that date back to 1971. Electronics are the central control that enables an organ to play. As we all know, electronics have a defined life expectancy. The organ service record book reports numerous instances of faults and repairing these repeatedly does not address the fact that many of the electrical components of the organ have already reached the end of their life.

I am most grateful to be able to play at St J & B, and to support the strong musical tradition that has been established here. At this time, it is my hope that the parish will consider that the time has come to consider replacing the current pipe organ. Perhaps considering

that the instrument has now faithfully lived out the full extent of its life would be both a commitment to our worship of Almighty God and allow for the possibility for outreach into the community. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this with anyone who would like to do so.

Respectfully,  
Catherine Willard,  
Choir Director

### *Special Thanksgiving Envelopes*



One would think after being here for three years I would be on top of things completely but unfortunately, that is not so. The Special Thanksgiving Envelopes should have gone out with the September Beacon, regrettably, they did not. Some of you will be getting them in your Beacon if they are delivered to you. Some will be getting this Sunday in the Bulletin. If you would like to make a special Thanksgiving donation there are a few ways that you can do it:

- ❖ e-transfer your donation to the Church using the email address [treasurerstjb@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerstjb@gmail.com) and mark it as your Thanksgiving donation.
- ❖ Call the office and we will get you a special Thanksgiving Envelope to you before Thanksgiving weekend.
- ❖ Use a regular envelope and mark it as your Thanksgiving donation.

However, if you wish to donate your generosity is always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Blessings,

Jody+





## **FOOD WITH FRIENDS SAFE FOOD HANDLING CERTIFICATION**

Training includes instruction, manual, exam, certification certificate, refreshments and door prizes. Certification is valid for 5 Years.

<b>Full Course:</b>	2 sessions, 7 hours total 6 hours teaching + 1 hour exam
<b>Refresher Course:</b>	3.5 hours total (for re-certification only) (2.5 hours teaching + 1 hour exam)
<b>Exam Only:</b>	1 hour exam

### **DATES**

<b>Full Course:</b>	Wed. Sept 6th 1 to 4:30 pm Thurs. Sept 7th 1 to 4:30 pm or Wed. Oct 11th 1 to 4:30 pm Thurs. Oct 12th 1 to 4:30 pm
<b>Refresher Course:</b>	Wed. Oct 4th 1 to 4:30 p.m

\*Note - there will be additional classes offered throughout the Fall/Winter

### **Classes to be held at The Guild Hall 72 Charlotte St, Port Colborne**

To register or ask questions contact:  
Sandi Marr, Program Coordinator  
519.616-0930 or email: [rsmarr@bell.net](mailto:rsmarr@bell.net)

Instructor: Kate Leonard, Public Health Inspector Niagara Region

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# Learning Cafe @ The Guild Hall

72 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Thursday, October 5th  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## *"Improving our Memory As We Age"*

**Guest Speaker: Lana Reid  
Recreational Therapist**



**RSVP to Sandi Marr**

**519-616-0930**

**email: [rsmarr@bell.net](mailto:rsmarr@bell.net)**

- ~ **Bring a Friend**
- ~ **Refreshments**
- ~ **Door Prizes**



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# LEARNING CAFE @ THE GUILD HALL

72 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Thursday, November 3rd

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## "What You Need to Know About Selling Your Home"

Guest Speaker:  
Nicki Lumsden  
Niagara Association  
of Realtors



- ~ Bring a Friend
- ~ Refreshments
- ~ Door Prizes

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Next Taizé Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm,  
followed by Wine and Pizza in the Guild Hall.



Praise and Worship Service starts up again on Sunday,  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at 4:00 pm  
Follow by *At the Pub with God* at the Belmont at 5:30 pm



Last call for anyone wishing to come on the retreat.

Please let me know ASAP.

We start at 4 pm on Thursday, October 19th,

Ending 1:00 pm. Saturday, October 21st.

Theme:

**Finishing well, Spirituality for the Second Half of Life**



Pre-order  
yours  
today!

# Tourtiere Meat Pies



*St. James & St. Brendan Anglican Church will be selling  
Tourtiere Meat Pies 9" for \$15 or 5" for \$8  
Pies must be pre-ordered by calling  
Nicole at 905-835-2675  
by October 10th for pick up at The Guild Hall  
October 28th from 10am to 3pm*

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# Fall Craft Show



**Saturday, October 28, 2023**

at

**The Guild Hall**

**72 Charlotte St., Port Colborne**

**10:00 am to 3:00 p.m.**

**Numerous  
Craft  
Vendors**



*We will be selling Tourtiere Meat Pies 9" for \$15 or 5" for \$8  
which must be pre-ordered by calling Nicole at 905-835-2675  
by October 10th for pick up the day of the Craft Sale*

**From The Guild Hall Kitchen:**

**10am to 11am - Coffee/Tea & English Muffin \$3**

**11:30am to 2:00 pm - Homemade Soup/Roll& Butter/Dessert/Beverage \$10**

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# Christmas House Tour



**Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**, Christmas House Tour  
*We are looking for new and great gifts for our Silent Auction. If you would like to donate something for our Silent Auction, please drop it off at the Parish by November 16<sup>th</sup>.*



We will be returning from our Summer Break. Next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Guild Hall.



*You are Invited.*

UKRAINIAN REFUGEE BENEFIT CONCERT  
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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandra, St. Catharines, ON.  
3 Lyman St, St. Catharines, ON L2R 5M8

**Tickets \$20.00 in advance at:**

<https://niagaratix.evnt.events/events/136952>

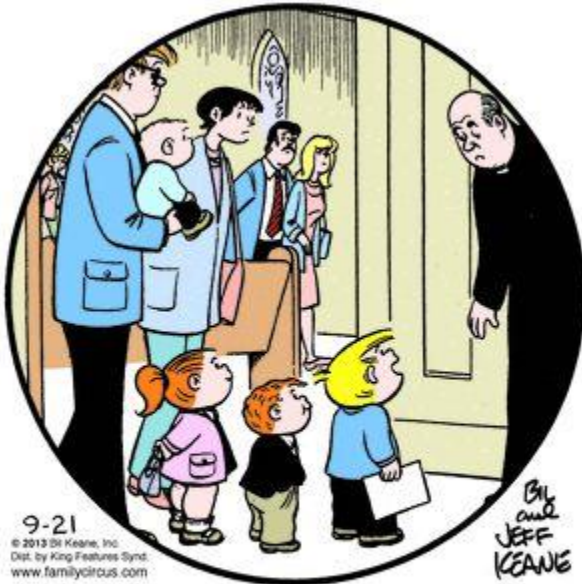
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**“The sermon was good, but I think you could’ve used a couple jokes to jazz it up a bit.”**



## *Happy Thanksgiving!*

***"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." - Psalm 136:1***

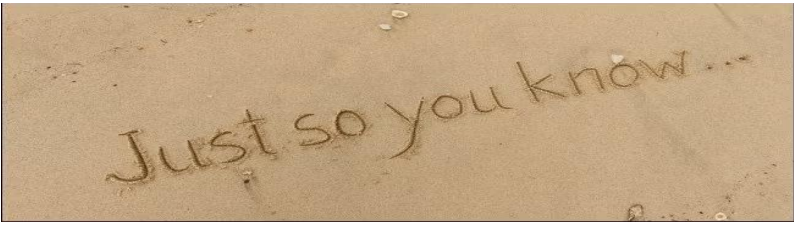
My Dear Siblings,

You and I are so blessed, and we have much to be thankful for! Yes, there are days when it seems that when we watch the news, it is just bad news after bad news. However, in the midst of all the bad, there is good. For God is in the middle of it all, and God is GOOD!

All good comes from our blessed Creator, no matter how big or small. Our world can be scary sometimes, but God has promised never to leave or forsake us. He said, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for each of you! You are among my many blessings. It is a joy and a privilege to be here with you. To walk with you and serve you. We may continue to work together to serve our community, each other, and our Lord.

Grace to you and peace from the Holy Blessed Trinity, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. ***Rev. Jody***



## Israel



Just so everyone is aware I am going on a Pilgrimage in November. I am going to Israel from November 2 to November 22. During my time away Rev. Jim Powell will be the Priest to call for Pastoral Emergencies. I will give you his number closer to the date.

For the Weekends of November 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a regular Eucharist Service with the Rev. Ian Chadwick presiding at both services. On November 19<sup>th</sup> it will be Morning Prayer with the Licensed Lay Reader presiding, I am not sure who will be preaching yet. I will keep you posted.

**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 a.m. July and August

### **Taize**

Third Sunday of the Month

The next Service is on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Followed by a Pizza and Wine in the Guild Hall

### **Praise and Worship Service**

Fourth Sunday of every month.

The next Service is October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

### **At the Pub with God**

Fourth Sunday of every month after the Praise and Worship

Service at the Belmont @ 5:15 pm.

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

### **Service for Peace**

The next Service is Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

12:15 pm.

### **God Answers Prayers (G.A.P.)**

Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

10:00 am

**Places to Find Us:**

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

**Facebook:**

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

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

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**Deputy Warden:** Brian Abbott

**Deputy Warden:** Jennifer Main



***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.*

