

## The Beacon



It was by God that all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through God and for God.  
***Colossians 1:16***



*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? For September we thank Tami for sharing her faith.*

### **Why is my faith important? How has the Church Strengthened my faith?**

I grew up learning a lot about Jesus. I went to church, Sunday School, mid-week kids club, and youth group. My parents were committed Christians and encouraged me to follow Jesus, too. So, I did, at least in part because it was important to my family. Over time, it became more important to me, too. John 6:67-69 says, “Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, ‘Are you also going to leave?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.’” These verses encapsulate why I am a Christian. Once, when I was in a deep depression, I thought of abandoning my faith altogether. I couldn’t sense God at all in any way. But as I reflected on where I had been and looked toward the future, I could not imagine life without God, even if at that moment I could not detect God’s presence. I still have doubts

sometimes. But like Peter, I ask, ‘where would I go?’ Life without God doesn’t make sense. I have been part of many kinds of churches over the years. I grew up in an Evangelical Mennonite church, attended Pentecostal and Baptist churches while living in the UK, and now I am here at the Anglican church. I consider this a privilege because I have experienced what it is like to worship God in many ways. In each church tradition, I see strengths and weaknesses, but mostly people do their best to pursue God in their lives.

Each church has helped me grow in my faith. My childhood church taught me the importance of studying and memorizing the Scriptures and inviting God into all parts of my life. The Baptist church taught me about sharing my faith boldly. At the Pentecostal church, I learned how to be freer in my worship and celebrate life with God. With the Anglicans, I have learned the importance of tradition and witnessed the beauty of liturgy. God is not confined to one church tradition but meets people where they are at.

**Tami Zacharias**



Studies have proven that people are more likely to come to church and continue coming when they have been personally invited.

On Sunday, September 24th, 2023, let's see how many people we can invite to experience the beauty of our community of faith.

# 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 someone to help with the kid's games at the **Harvest Festival** on 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.



**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

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Join us September 7th  
at  
The Guild Hall,  
72 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne  
10:30 am to 11:30 am

Guest Speaker, Ryan Torkos  
Owner/Director Armstrong Funeral Home  
speaking on

# End of Life Planning

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RSVP - Sandi Marr  
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- Bring a Friend
- Refreshments
- Door Prizes

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# FOOD WITH FRIENDS SAFE FOOD HANDLING CERTIFICATION

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

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

## DATES

Full Course:	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
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Refresher Course: 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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Taizé starts up again on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, followed by Wine and Pizza in the Guild Hall.



Praise and Worship Service starts up again on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.  
Follow by *At the Pub with God* at the Belmont at 5:30 pm



Thursday, October 19th, Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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

We have 8 spots left.

\$244 per person

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

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Fall Fiesta (Bazaar)**

**10 am to 3 pm**

**Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas House Tour**



# Parish Council

We will be returning from our Summer Break. Next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Guild Hall.

## *Church Chuckle*

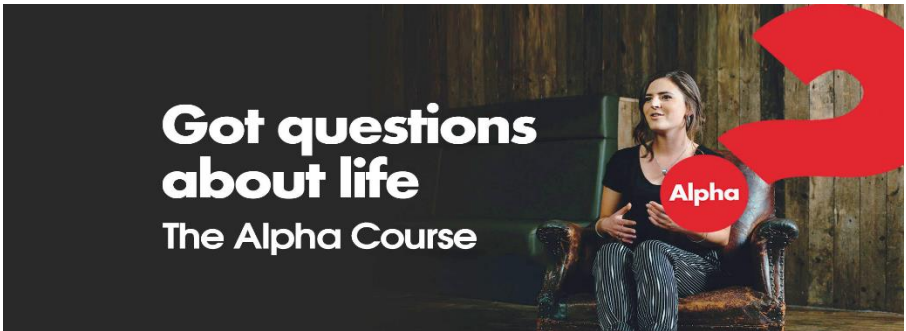


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**"The two places we know we're  
always welcome are church  
and Grandma's house."**

## ***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.



# MS BIKE

GEAR UP TO END MS

Thank you to everyone who helped to support Larry Peyton and John Hogan in this year's MS Bike Ride.



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

**Phoenix Artists Group School  
of Ideas Art Gallery**

Landscape Paintings and Sculpture

Linda Hankin Maracle and Doug Maracle

September 7 to October 12, 2023

**Opening reception:** Thursday, September 7, 2023

7 p.m.

at

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Colborne, Ontario L3K  
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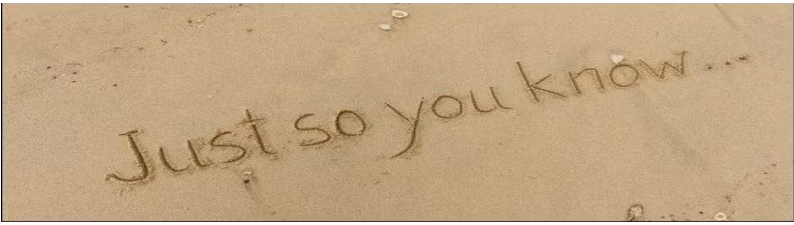
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**Director:** Linda Hankin Maracle

The gallery is open  
Wednesday to Sunday  
from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or  
by appointment.



## 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 September 17<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 September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **At the Pub with God**

Fourth Sunday of every month after the Praise and Worship

Service at the Belmont @ 5:15 pm.

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **Service for Peace**

The next Service is Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

12:15 pm.

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

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

10:00 am

**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

**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.*

