

The Beacon



Beloved, let us love one another because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

**Be Not Curious About God
By: Walt Whitman**

**And I say to mankind, Be not curious about God,
For I who am curious about each am not curious
about God, (No array of terms can say how much I
am at peace about God and about death.)**

**I hear and behold God in every object, yet understand
God not in the least, Nor do I understand who there
can be more wonderful than myself.**

**Why should I wish to see God better than this day?
I see something of God each hour of the twenty-four,
and each moment then, In the faces of men and
women I see God, and in my own face in the glass,
I find letters from God dropt in the street, and every
one is sign'd by God's name, And I leave them where
they are, for I know that wheresoe'er I go, Others will
punctually come for ever and ever.**

Walt Whitman, *Song of Myself*



St. James & St. Brendan Anglican Church
invites you to join us for

Afternoon High Tea & Art Show

Saturday, May 11, 2024
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tea will be served in The Guild Hall,
72 Charlotte St., Port Colborne
complete with Savory & Sweet Treats
and an endless pot of Tea

Tickets are \$40 per person
Call 905-834-3184 for tickets and
to reserve your table

A limited number of tickets will be available, so be sure to get yours early!

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The graphic features a stack of four teacups on the left. The top cup is white with a floral pattern and a small bird perched on its rim. The second cup is pink with a heart and the words "Wishaway" and "Happiness". The third cup is white with "DREAM" written on it. The bottom cup is white with "HOPE" written on it and a floral design. The entire invitation is framed by a decorative border with pink roses and white polka dots.

Tickets are now all sale. Come get yours before we sell out.

Learning Cafe @ The Guild Hall

72 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne
Thursday, April 4th 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LEGAL MATTERS & AGING

Guest Speaker.

Christopher Wilson,
Lawyer

~Bring a friend
~Door Prizes
~Refreshments

RSVP to Sandi Marr
Call or Text:
905-616-0930
email: rsmarr@bell.net

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Join us for our next Learning Cafe at the Guild Hall

72 CHARLOTTE STREET, PORT COLBORNE
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

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

Our Topic will be:
Tips For Decluttering As You Age
with Guest Speaker
Lori Hulett

RSVP Sandi Marr
call: 519-616-0930 or
email: smarr@bell.net

~ Refreshments
~ Door Prizes
~ Bring a Friend

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**Jericho House Youth Leadership
Justice & Spirituality Centre**



CARE for OUR COMMON HOME RETREAT

You are invited to participate in a Care for Our Common Home Retreat at Jericho House, June 21-23, 2024.

Organized in collaboration with Jericho House and the
Mouvement Laudato Si' Movement - Canada



The retreat's context is Laudato Si's Action Platform focus, "Ecological Economics", and offers a time for kindred spirits from multiple faiths and non-faith traditions to explore how to respond to ecological crises. The retreat is open to residential, and commuter participation, and includes opportunities for:

- small and large group discussions
- personal and group reflection
- community building
- contemplative practice
- action and advocacy networking
- storytelling

The focus of this retreat is drawn from the knowledge and experience of the participants: Laudato Si' Animators, municipal environmental planners, educators, faith inspired environmentalists, participants at United Nations conferences COP 28 and COP16, and others.

The retreat begins with dinner at 5:30 on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday. The participants' cost for residential participation (double occupancy probable) is \$270.00, and commuter \$240.00. Jericho House's grant enables the fee to be simply a "free will" offering.

For further information and to register, please contact either Br. Bill Carrothers, cjc or Sr. Jacquie Keefe, csfj at this email address, leadership@jerichohouse.org.

We look forward to you joining us.

Please RSVP by June 14, 2024.

"Contemplation is the keen awareness of the interdependence of all things under God." Thomas Merton, ocsa

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One:

Regarding private confession in the Anglican Church, there is a saying. "**All may, some should, none must**" but if you do, the *priest is bound by the seal of confession* and *can never repeat your confession*.

Two:

Did you also know that we are synodically governed and episcopally led? This means that decisions are taken democratically and at the same time Anglicans always look to their bishops for guidance and as a focus of unity.

Lastly Our beliefs as Anglicans:

Our mission statement: As a partner in the worldwide Anglican Communion and in the universal Church, we proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ in worship and action. We value our heritage of biblical faith, reason, liturgy, tradition, bishops and synods, and the rich variety of our life in community. We acknowledge that God is calling us to a greater diversity of membership, wider participation in ministry and leadership, better stewardship in God's creation, and a stronger resolve in challenging attitudes and structures that cause injustice. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to respond to this call-in love and service and so more fully live the life of Christ.

The Anglican Church of Canada does not define its doctrine in a single confession. Our beliefs are articulated in our liturgies, as well as in these selected statements:

- Anglican tradition affirms three historic creeds: the [Apostles' Creed](#), the [Nicene Creed](#), and the [Athanasian Creed](#).
- The [Solemn Declaration](#) (1893) united the Anglican Church of Canada as a national church and defined its relationship to the worldwide Anglican Communion.
- The [Lambeth Quadrilateral](#) (1888) defined the commonalities of churches in the Anglican Communion and has also served as a basis for ecumenical discussion.
- The [39 Articles of Religion](#) were a foundational document for the Church of England during the Reformation.
- Current work at General Synod is shaped by the [Five Marks of Mission](#), used widely throughout the Anglican Communion.



Planning Ahead

In June of 2026, we will be having a 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Community of St. James and St. Brendan. In preparation for this wonderful celebration, we are asking you to dig through all your photo boxes and find any photos you may have of all 3 communities.

St. James

St. Brendan

St. James and St. Brendan.

We will keep you posted when you have more information. Thank you for your help and cooperation for this great celebration!

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TOM YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT I GOT FRONT
ROW SEATING AGAIN OH MY GOODNESS RUN
UP HERE NOW I'LL SAVE IT WHILE I CAN

(Obviously, not an Anglican!



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If you are unable to attend Service, nor do you have internet, please listen to the Gospel and the Sermon on your Phone.





Rev. Jody will be on vacation for April 1st returning
Tuesday, April 16th.

The two weekends that she is away we will be having
Morning Prayer.

A Gentle Reminder

Especially when you come to any service.

We ask that you be fragrance-free.



A variety of people have allergies, and we wish for everyone to be able to enjoy the Service. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Everyone is Welcome to All Our Services

Tuesday Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m.

Thursday Morning Healing Eucharist

10:00 a.m.

Bible Study

Every Thursday Morning

10:30 a.m.

Sunday Eucharist

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. September to June

9:30 a.m. July and August

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Third Sunday of the Month

The next Service is April 21st, 2024.

Followed by a Pizza and Wine in the Guild Hall

Praise and Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of every month.

The next Service is on April 28th.

At the Pub with God

Fourth Sunday of every month after the Praise and Worship
Service at the Belmont @ 5:15 p.m.

April 28th, 2024

Service for Peace

The next Service is on Wednesday, April 24th, 2024.

12:15 p.m.

God Answers Prayers (G.A.P.)

Wednesday, April 17th, 2024

In the St. Brendan's Chapel

10:00 a.m.

Places to Find Us:

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

Facebook:

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

YouTube:

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

Instagram

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The Corporation

Warden: John Hogan

Warden: Kathy Kairies

Deputy Warden: Colin Dennis

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.*

