

St. James' Anglican Church

Second Sunday of Advent Sunday December 7, 2025 8:30 am

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The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron
The Venerable Rob Lemon, Rector
The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon
The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon
The Reverend Allie McDougall, Vicar
The Reverend Diana Boland, Vicar
The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate
Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music

# December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 The Second Sunday of Advent

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	Lord's Prayer	•	p. 67			
	Collect for Purity		p. 67			
	Summary of the Law		p. 69			
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	Collect of the Day		•			
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	Epistle	Romans 15: 4-13				
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	Prayer of Humble Access					
	Agnus Dei		p. 84			
	Communion		_			
	We invite all Christians who are baptized in the					
	name of the Holy Trinity, regardless of					
	denomination	, to join with us in receiving th	<i>ie</i>			
	church's highest offering of praise to God, the Holy					
	Eucharist.					
	Lord's Prayer		p. 85			
	Prayer of Oblation		p. 85			
	Gloria		p. 86			
	Blessing					

Join us for the ~Outreach Lunch~ at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Hall All are welcome!

From now until the first week of January we are happy to offer **Sunday school** during our 10:30am service.

The children are welcome to come up during the "Children's Commissioning" after the Collect of the day.

If you come late, that's okay too! Please feel free to join in the Sunday School Room downstairs whenever you arrive. The children will then rejoin us for communion.

### **NOTICES FOR DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **Outreach Lunch Today!**

The menu will be hearty - pastas, casseroles, meatballs – good things to keep you warm. Our guest will be Kathy Vassilakos, Director of United Housing, who will tell us about their exciting local initiatives to alleviate the housing crisis. Free will donations will support United Housing's work. Everyone welcome, Lower Hall, right after the 10:30 service.

### A Special Vestry – Sunday December 14th

On December 14, following, the 10:30 service we will have a short special vestry meeting to confirm our plan to go ahead with replacing the south roof in 2026. We need to have a vestry motion to present to the Land and Property Committee, the Administration and Finance Committee of the Diocese and the Diocesan council for their approval.

#### Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who was involved in our recent Mistletoe Market! So many of you cooked, baked, sewed, knit, crafted, carried heavy items, set up tables & chairs, decorated, served in the cafe, sold in the market, packaged and priced, provided security, helped with advertising and put signs up around town. Many hands certainly make light work. I appreciate every one of you who contributed in your own unique way! Thank you to everyone who came out to support the market, we hope you enjoyed the experience. With gratitude, Robin Rutherford

#### Men's Breakfast Saturday December 13th

Please join us again for the next Men's Breakfast next Saturday.

- Coffee, tea and juice available at 8:15 am.
- Breakfast starts at 8:30 am.
- Come for the best breakfast in Stratford with even better fellowship!

Looking forward to seeing YOU there. Invite a friend, relative or stranger to join us! FUTURE dates- First breakfast of 2026 is January 17th

#### **Christmas Memorial Flower Dedications**

Parishioners wishing to contribute to the 2025 Christmas Memorial Flower Dedications may contact either:

- \*Susan Lebrun at Bermuda.david@outlook.com
- \*Kelly Strasler at office@stjamesstratford.ca
- \*There will also be a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex Please provide your dedication and amount you wish to contribute by December 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Community Meal - Friday December 12, 2025

Our next Community Meal will be Friday December 12th at 5:15 p.m. in the Lower Hall. All are welcome!

#### Food Bank Wish List

We have lots of pasta, but nothing to put on it. So our wishes right now are for:

- Pasta sauce
- Tomato sauce
- Canned tomatoes (whole, diced or crushed)

#### **Pastoral Visits**

If you would like a pastoral visit (either in person or by phone), please contact The Ven. Rob Lemon at: 519-271-3572 (ext,102), home phone 519-305-2338 or roblemon@stjamesstratford.ca. To contact Rev'd Tianna Gocan please call 226-791-0150 or tiannagocan@stjamesstratford.ca

#### Live Streaming our Sunday Services Update

Great news! Our A/V equipment has been replaced and installed. We will be back to livestreaming our services again beginning Sunday December 7th. Thanks to all for their patience during this time.

### <u>Upcoming Readings – Sunday December 14th</u>

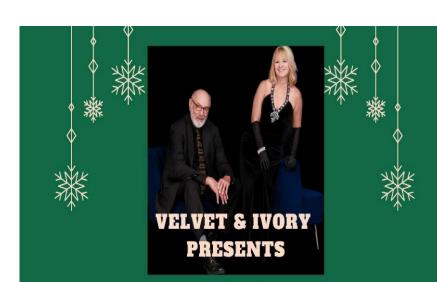
Isaiah 35: 1-10 Psalm 146: 4-9 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11 Chancel Team #1

Dec. 12 -

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec. 7 - *Outreach Lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Hall	Dec. 7 -	*Outreach	Lunch at	11:30 a.m.	in the	Lower Hall
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- Dec. 9 \*St. James Community Foodbank 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall \*Reconciliation Book Club at 7:00 p.m. in the Club
  - Room
- Dec. 10 \*Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service \*Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m. in the Nave \*English Conversation Café at 6:30 p.m. at the
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- Dec. 11 \*Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m. \*Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
  - \*Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club
  - Room
    \*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00
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    - \*Community Meal at 5:15 p.m. in the Lower Hall
- Dec. 13 \*Men's Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Lower Hall
  - \*Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- Dec. 14 \*Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
  - \*Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
  - \*A Special Vestry at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary





# CHRISTMAS MUSIC

BEVERLEY MARANGER, VOCALS TIM ELLIOTT, PIANO

AND CHRISTMAS READINGS BY SPECIAL GUEST



#### **JUDY MADDREN**

ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH
STRATFORD
IN THE ACOUSTICALLY
DELIGHTFUL
UPPER PARISH HALL



### THURS DEC 18 AT 7PM

FREE WILL OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF THE FOOD PROGRAMS OF ST JAMES





# **Advent & Christmas Services**

## The Third Sunday of Advent - December 14th, 2025

8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

### The Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21st, 2025

8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Lessons & Carols

#### Christmas Eve - December 24th, 2025

4:00 p.m. - Christmas Jazz Vespers 7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist 10:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

# Christmas Day - December 25th, 2025 10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion (BCP)

# First Sunday after Christmas - December 28th, 2025 8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

