

## St. James Cathedral

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Looking for someone who could co-ordinate our list of volunteers for the days that the "St. James" group works at the soup kitchen.

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# St. James Epistle

## The Dean's Corner

My apologies if you have a birthday coming up, but I have to confess that this month of November is my least favourite in the calendar! Both the weather and the shortening days leave me with a gloomy feeling. The bare trees emphasize that the season of growth and outdoor enjoyment is over, and we haven't yet reached the fun of winter festivities.

In many cultures this is a season of reflection on the boundaries between life and death. The Celts saw this dark month as a time when departed spirits came especially close – leading to our observance of Hallowe'en. Some modern cultures also place their focus this month on those who have died, from the Mexican Dia de los Muertos to the Canadian Remembrance Day.

The church has its own way of picking up this theme. We kick off November with the great festival of All Saints, thanking God for the lives of our Christian brothers and sisters who have helped to change the world and to pass on God's good news to us. Then we turn to the commemoration of All Souls, acknowledging the loss and grief that comes, even to people of faith, as we let go of loved ones; but also expressing our trust in God who receives them into his care.

By the end of the month, though, we start to look at a much bigger picture of what lies beyond this life. Another great festival, of the Reign of Christ, calls our attention to the fulfilment of God's purpose not just in our individual lives but in the whole of human soci-

ety. And then, at the very end of the month, the cycle of the year both ends and begins with Advent: a time to remember that God is the one who brings all our stories to their conclusion, but also the one who came into the human story to offer us a new beginning.

For us who are "still in our pilgrimage", the purpose of all this remembering is not to get lost in the past, but to make a difference today. Older ways of worship were much more explicit in telling us to "Remember how short our time is", and to use that knowledge to treasure the present moment. Right now is the only time we really have at our disposal. What are we going to do with it?

Blessings

Iain ✠

### Calendar notes....

- ☺ Evensong next Sunday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.
- ☺ November 15 is the final Sunday in our Stewardship program- "Counting Our Blessings, Living Our Thanks" the service will be followed by a special coffee hour.
- ☺ the Book Club, will be discussing My Sisters Keeper, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The next book the club will be reading is White Chocolate Moments, by Lori Wick.
- ☺ November 22 will be a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. We will give thanks for the work of PWRDF during our service, as well as with a potluck lunch after church. Full details of the anniversary can be seen at [www.pwrdf50.org](http://www.pwrdf50.org)
- ☺ The Annual St James Tea/Bake Sale & Silent Auction is Saturday, November 28 from 2 - 4 pm in the Lower Hall. Admission is \$5 per person for tea/coffee and a delicious piece of homemade pie. Janet McIntosh is in charge of the Silent Auction, if you have items, please let her know. Gloria Umbach & Sue Iftody will be contacting all families for donations of baking. PLEASE, no icings/fillings etc made from cream cheese or dairy products or items that require refrigeration as our Bake Sale Permit prohibits the sale of these.
- ☺ St James ACW Mitten Tree is at the back of the church . Donations of mitts, gloves, scarves, toques etc will be accepted for adornment of the tree until Dec 3 and then donated to a worthwhile organization. Items may be handmade or store bought in new or like-new condition.
- ☺ The next service of baptism is scheduled for December 6th. If you would like your child to be included, please contact Iain.
- ☺ Canon Fraser Lawton will be consecrated as our new bishop at 7pm on Saturday, January 2. We expect a large number of out-of-town visitors, including Fraser and Veronica's extended family. Anyone who is willing to offer billets for that evening, please contact the church office and indicate whether you can accommodate one person, a couple, or even more.

*Correction: last newsletter misprinted the name of Bishop Elect Fraser Lawton's youngest son- his name is Robert, not Robin as originally printed.*

### Ladies Nite—a great evening!

Thirty ladies attended the Saint James Speak-easy on October 24<sup>th</sup>. And, yes, the gossip is true, there was gambling involved (Dealer-Kathy Budd) and, yes, there was a bar (Bar Maid-Sue Packer). Ladies were dressed in their best 1920's outfits; (Photographer-Victoria Luke) there

was singing (music by Janice Walls) and dancing (Kathy Routhier). Oh! and we had so much good food (Kitchen Helper-Sheila Lougheed).

Special thanks go to: the ladies mentioned above, Peace Players for the use of their props, Dave Cameron

and Craig Melin for their help with props and decorations, to ALL the ladies who helped with clean up.

Ideas are being accepted for next year's event.

Thanks everyone!  
Sue Bowling

### Sutherland Nursing Home Services

Each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. a group of people lead by Iain, gather to hold a communion service for the residents of Sutherland Continuing Care. This is an important ministry in our community serving those who are unable to be with us at our regular Sunday services.

The core group of people that attend to give a hand is a small group, it would be nice if there were a few more people that could be called upon when the regulars are unable to attend. Talk to Iain if you are interested and able to join with this group of worshippers.

*Building committee is looking for historical pictures or other ideas to adorn the bare walls in the stairwell going to the lower*

### The Common Cup, the Peace and the 'flu' season

With flu season upon us, it's important that we be 'comfortable' in ourselves and 'safe' with one another. If you are or may be sick, or if you are anxious about infection, the best Anglican practice is to refrain from receiving the wine at communion.

The bread, by itself, is full participation in the sacrament of the body of Christ. Please do not "intinct" (dip) the bread in the wine.

For those who shake hands during the Peace and at other times, increased attention to hand hygiene is the

best practice - we are making hand sanitizers more widely available in the church and hall to assist with this. Please do not be offended if someone declines to shake your hand - they are most likely trying to protect you!