

This Week in the Parish

Exploring our faith and serving the world God loves.

- Feb. 2: 10:30 am – Presentation of the Lord - *live streamed***
Feb. 4: 9:00 am – Coffee Morning Gospel conversation *via zoom*
Feb. 4: 10:30 am – Hartford Worship Service
Feb. 4: 7:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting
Feb. 6: 11:00 am – Martha’s Drop-in Lunch – *served at 11:45 am*
Feb. 9: 10:30 am – Epiphany 5 – *live streamed*

Mark’s regular office hours: **Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 to noon or by appointment.**
Cell #: **613-340-2837**, email: mark.s.lewis57@gmail.com

Ruth Speer is in the office **Monday & Friday** mornings 9:30 – noon.

Brenda Bradley is in the office **Wednesday** mornings 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

The office phone (613-543-3904) is checked Sunday to Friday mornings.

Serving the World God Loves

Martha’s Ministries

*Martha of Bethany was a friend of Jesus, known for her hospitality.
The Anglican Parish of South Dundas is known for its Martha’s Ministries.*

Martha’s Drop-in Lunch: Thursday Feb. 6th The doors open at 11:00 am, coffee served at 11:15 am.
Lunch is served at 11:45 am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. All are welcome.

Martha’s Closet: Saturday, Feb. 22nd, from 9 am - 11:00 am. For more information, please call the Parish Office: 613-543-3904.

Community Hub and Warming Centre at Martha’s House: Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4 pm.
Programs include a drop-in breakfast on Mondays, 8:30 - 11 am. Wednesday there is Income Tax assistance from 9 to 4 pm. A drop-in lunch on 2nd & 4th Thursday from 11:30-1pm. Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. the Advocacy Centre is available to help find support from various services in the community. See the February Calendar at the back of the church. *Contact House of Lazarus at 613-989-3830.*

Exploring our Faith

Weekly Coffee Morning Gospel Conversation: Tues. from 9-10 am. This is a facilitated discussion about the upcoming Gospel reading. For a Zoom invite, call Pat at 613-543-0403 or revpjmartin@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee Time: Join us ahead of the service for coffee, tea, cookies & conversation at the back of the church from 9:50 to 10:20 am.

Tilted Steeple House: The next Tilted Steeple Coffee House is February 28, 2025 at 7:30 pm at Allan Hall, Lakeshore Drive United Church. For further details: <https://www.steeplecoffeehouse.ca/>

Vestry: Vestry Sunday will be March 2, 2025. **Please have your reports into the office by February 5, 2025.** If you have questions or for further information, please speak to Mark.

What is Vestry?

- It is our annual general meeting when important decisions for our parish are discussed and voted on.

When is it?

- Sunday, March 2nd after church.
- There will be a potluck lunch!

Who can attend?

- Everyone is welcome / encouraged to attend.

Who Can Vote?

Members of this congregation who are:

- sixteen years of age or older
- regular communicants with this congregation
- those not eligible to vote in any other parish vestry
- those who support this congregation with a tax receiptable donation

Preparing for Lent: March 5th Ash Wednesday services at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Lenten Series: Finding Spirituality – stay tuned for further information, a Lenten series is being planned for Wednesdays at 1 pm in the church – March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9.

Music Workshop: Saturday, March 15 at the church from 10 am to 2 pm. Please come and join us for a workshop presented by Joshua Zentner-Barrett. Josh serves as Director of Music, Anglican Studies at Saint Paul University. The workshop will focus on Sing a New Creation, why song words matter, and music animation. All are welcome and lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the registration sheet at the back of the church.

132nd Cursillo Weekend – Men's: The next Cursillo weekend is being held at the Galilee Retreat Centre in Arnprior on April 4, 5 & 6, 2025. If you would like to know more about the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement, check out their website at www.oacm.ca or speak to Jack Barkley, our Cursillo Parish representative.

Celtic Rainbow Cabaret: Saturday, April 5th at 7 pm at the church. Further details to follow in the coming weeks.

Madagascar Tea: Sunday, June 8th from 2 to 5 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Morrisburg. Further details to follow in the coming weeks.

Community Connections

Centre 105 Drop-In Day Program is an outreach ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, located at Trinity Anglican Church in Cornwall, "Providing Breakfast - Creating Community." For more information go to www.Centre105.ca or phone 343-585-4360. <https://www.facebook.com/Centre105/>

Martha's Closet: The last Saturday of every month with the exceptions of July and December. We accept donations of family clothing (clean and gently worn). Items can be dropped off at the church, when the church office is open. **PLEASE NO BEDDING OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.** For emergency needs and information, call the church office at 613-543-3904 or by email at stjames072013@gmail.com.

The Community Food Share: To make a financial donation please call 613-543-0065, or mail to PO Box 563, Morrisburg, or contact: <https://www.communityfoodshare.ca/contact-us/>

Madagascar School Project: Our parish is a proud supporter of this project, developed by Kathy Lucking. Their Wish List is always available at www.madagascarschoolproject.com. You can donate on-line or send a cheque directly to Box 684, Cornwall, ON K6H 5T5.

Madagascar Orphanage: Donations to the Akany Famonjena orphanage or Akany Tafita center can be sent to Anglican Missions Service Committee, PO Box 1072, Sault Ste Marie ON P6A 5N7.

Pastoral Care: If you would like a pastoral care visit, or know of someone who would like a visit, please contact Mark or Ann Barkley at 613-543-3908.

Prayer Team: The parish has an **emergency prayer** chain process. Wendy Lewis is the coordinator of this vital ministry within our community. If you have a prayer request or questions about the process, please call Wendy Lewis at 613-213-2121.

Prayer Shawls: Thank you to everyone who has created prayer shawls, donated yarn, made monetary donations, notified us about prayer shawl recipients, delivered prayer shawls, admired the many beautiful shawls, and encouraged our efforts. Your support of this special ministry is most appreciated. Sincerely, Judy Lapensee and Joyce Millard

Greeting Cards: If you would like to suggest a card be sent from the church to members of our community for birthdays, anniversaries or get well wishes, please contact Lynn Levere at 613-662-9432.

No Scent Makes Sense: Several people are sensitive to scented products. Please help us make the church a safe space for everyone.

Coffee: We use Equator's *Freakin' Good Coffee* which is Fair-Trade.

Offering Envelopes: If you would like donation envelopes or to sign up for PAR (pre-authorized remittance), please contact Ruth Speer speerruth62@gmail.com, 613-652-2542

Jigsaw Lending Library: at the back of the church.

Save Your Stamps for Oxfam Canada: Every year, Oxfam raises tens of thousands of dollars by collecting stamps from individuals and companies, which are sorted and sold to collectors. They can be taken to the Canada Post outlet within the Shoppers Drug Mart at the Cornwall Square.