

This Week in the Parish

Exploring our faith and serving the world God loves.

- Dec. 1: 10:30 am – Advent 1 – live streamed**
Dec. 1: 3:00 pm – Christmas Jubilee Concert
Dec. 2: 1:30 pm – Loving-Kindness Meditation
Dec. 3: 9:00 am – Coffee Morning Gospel conversation – via zoom
Dec. 3: 10:30 am – Hartford Worship Service
Dec. 3: 7:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting
Dec. 4: 12:00 pm – Playhouse Luncheon
Dec. 5: 11:00 am – Martha’s Drop-In Lunch - coffee at 11:15, lunch served at 11:45
Dec. 7: 7:00 pm – The Easter Enders – Ontario Small Halls Concert in the church
Dec. 8: 10:30 am – Advent 2 - 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

Lynn Levere is in the office Monday mornings 9:30 – noon.

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

Ruth Speer is in the office Friday mornings 9:30 - noon.

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 Dec. 5th 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, Jan. 25th, from 9 am - 11:00 am. There is no closet in December and clothing donations will be accepted after Jan. 6th. 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. A legal clinic is available on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 4 pm. Wednesdays there is Income Tax assistance from 9 to 4 pm. A drop-in lunch on Dec. 12th from 11:30-1pm. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays the Advocacy Centre is available to help people find support from various services in the community. See the December Calendar at the back of the church. ***Please contact House of Lazarus at 613-989-3830 for further information.***

Circle of Caring/Grief Support Group: Growing stronger together as we share our grief. The 2nd Thursday of each month at 12:30 pm at Martha’s House. The next one will be Dec. 12th, for more information, please contact Ann Barkley at: 613-543-3908, annbarkley2008@gmail.com.

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.

Loving-Kindness Meditation Session: Remaining dates are Monday, December 2 and December 16 at 1:30 pm in the church. Come and spend an hour of peace and calm as we meditate on love and kindness to ourselves and others. What to expect: a welcome and tranquil environment, guided meditation focusing on loving-kindness, techniques to cultivate compassion and inner peace. No prior experience needed. For more information contact: Jane Lee at janelesleylee@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.

Flowers at the Altar: If you would like to have flowers placed at the altar in memory of a loved one this Christmas, please contact the church office by December 15, call 613-543-3904 or email stjames072013@gmail.com.

Parish-Friendly Exchange of Christmas Decorations: Tables are setup in the Children's room in the basement. Take any items that suit your decorating needs. Free-will donations are gratefully appreciated.

Community Christmas Dinner 2024: Sign-up sheets for volunteers and food items required are at the back of the church. Registration for the dinner is between Dec. 1st and 20th for eat-in, take-out, or delivery within South Dundas. Please call the church office or email stjames072013@gmail.com.

Christmas Baskets – Collection: The collection for this year's Christmas exchange bags is ongoing. Please contact Wendy Lewis for the remaining items needed. By phone at 613-213-2121 or by email at wendymarie.lewis@hotmail.com.

A Christmas Jubilee: Sunday, December 1st at 3:00 pm there will be a concert in the church with the Orchestre Symphonique des Jeunes de la Monteregie under the direction of Georges-Etienne d'Entremont. Tickets will be available through the Tilted Steeple Coffee House and are in the church office. Admission is \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students.

Centre 105 3rd Annual Christmas Concert Fundraiser: Saturday, December 7, 2-4:30 pm at Trinity Church, 105 2nd St. West, Cornwall. A concert by the Centennial Choir and a reception will follow. Free will donations accepted.

Festival of Small Halls – The East Pointers: Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 pm – our next Festival of Small Halls concert – tickets available at <https://festivalofsmallhalls.frontgatetickets.com/>

Martha's Closet – 2025 Planning Meeting: Monday, December 9 at 9:30 am in the church. If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please speak to Wendy or send by email - wendymarie.lewis@hotmail.ca. If there are people you think might be interested in helping Martha's Closet (i.e. sorting, sewing, helping day of, etc.) please invite them to join us.

Seaway Valley Singers Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 15th at 3 pm at the Christian Reformed Church, Williamsburg. Tickets available from choir members and online at www.seawayvalleysingers.ca

2025 Anglican Church Calendar: The 2025 Church calendars are for sale at \$10.00 each.

Our new liturgical year begins in December with the three-fold season of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

Advent: *A time of preparation for the birth of Jesus.*

Advent 1: December 1 - 10:30 am - **Theme:** Hope *Saint Nicholas visits*

Advent 2: December 8 - 10:30 am - **Theme:** Joy

Advent 3: December 15 - 10:30 am - **Theme:** Peace *Memory Tree.*

Advent 4: December 22 - 10:30 am – **Theme:** Love

Christmas: *A time of celebration of the birth of Christ*

Christmas Eve: December 24 – 4:00 pm – **Family service with Eucharist**

7:30 pm – **Evening service with Eucharist**

Christmas Day: December 25 - 10:00 am at the Hartford

Christmas 1: December 29 – 10:30 am – A Service of Intentions*

*As the Magi brought gifts to the Christ child, so we are invited to offer up our spiritual intentions for the new year. For example, some may offer an intention to be more intentional in practicing things like patience, kindness, generosity, compassion, forgiveness, self-control and/or commitment to regular prayer and/or ministry.

Epiphany: *A time of making Christ known*

Epiphany: January 5 - 10:30 am - *The Magi arrive.*

Baptism of Jesus: - January 12 - 10:30 am - live streamed

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/>

The Community Food Share: Donations are always appreciated. 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 Lewi 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: If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, or if you would like to support this ministry, please contact: Judy Lapensée (613) 652-6278 or Joyce Millard (613) 652-2350.

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 a tax receipt for your regular donations to the parish it is helpful if you sign up for weekly donation envelopes or PAR (pre-authorised remittance). For more information, please contact Elizabeth Irwin (egmirwin@gmail.com, 613-543-3158)

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 or give them to Elizabeth Irwin.