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Our Services

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Morning Prayer
on 3rd and 5th Sundays
Bilingual Church School

Wednesday

- 12:15 p.m. Bread for the Body
Food for the Soul
Soup and Reflective Readings

Thursday

- 5:30 p.m. Christian Education
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Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

"With these joyous words Christians have greeted one another on Easter Day for nearly two thousand years. And every Easter the words proclaim anew the faith and hope of every Christian in the Good News of God's profound love of humanity."
(Women for Faith and Family 1999)

Whenever Christians greet one another with these exultant phrases, we affirm the unity of believers throughout all times and ages until Christ comes again in Glory. This is the Sunday of Sundays, the day of Resurrection of Christ, the center and foundation of our faith. "If Christ be not risen, your faith is vain."
(1 Cor. 15:14,17)

Easter is the pinnacle of all feasts of the Church year, which began with Advent. Every element of the festive celebration on Easter Day resounds with the great Alleluia, the triumphant word of praise for God. *Alleluia* (or *hallelujah*) is a Hebrew word adopted by the Christian Church. *Hallel* is the greatest expression of praise in Hebrew. Combined with *Jah*, the shortened form of the name of God, JHVH (meaning "I AM"), it becomes *Hallelujah*. *Alleluia* is a Latinized spelling.

From the time of the apostles the proclaiming of the *Alleluia* was a revered custom in ordinary life as well as in connection with the liturgy of the Church. Farmers and tradesmen sang it as they worked, and mothers taught their children to pronounce it before any other word. "In the Roman Empire the *Alleluia* became the favourite prayerful song of oarsmen and navigators." (Fr. Francis Weiser)

In Christian homes on Easter morning children and parents might greet one another with "*Alleluia*", then light a specially decorated Easter candle not unlike lighting the Paschal Candle in the church. This might be something you already do or an old custom that you might want to reclaim.

We know that every Sunday is a celebration of the Day of the Lord's Resurrection. Every celebration of the Eucharist commemorates all the Easter Mysteries, the Lord's Supper at which Christ instituted the Eucharist, the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and His Resurrection, the historic events on which Christianity is based. And each Sunday celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (fifty days after Easter) which established the church. Every Sunday then is a "little Easter".

As we proclaim these words of greeting let us remember that we are an Easter people, created to praise and glorify His name.

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Canon Linda



Holy Week and Easter Services

Relive the Birth of Christianity

The Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services are especially meaningful because they recall the founding acts of the Christian Church.



Maundy Thursday

During the Last Supper with his disciples...

Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet and to dry them with a towel. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand. Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' (John 13:1-11)

[Then] while they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.' (Mark 14:22-25)



Good Friday

To commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus, we will have a three part service from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. We invite you to join us for one hour or for the entire service.

We start with the **Liturgy of the Word** from the *Book of Alternative Services*, which includes prayers, psalms, hymns and a teaching.

We then continue with the **Stations of the Cross**. During the Stations, we will process around the Church singing hymns and stop at the 14 "stations" for prayers and short meditations that recall our Lord's last day on earth.

We end with **Meditation on Art**. We will view a series of paintings depicting the Good Friday journey of our Lord inviting us into a time of meditation and prayer.



Easter

The Easter Eucharist celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus and the ultimate triumph of life over death. It is the heart of all our celebrations during which we will renew our baptism vows, and rejoice with music and song as we proclaim our call to new life in Him.



Donations for Easter flowers and Easter music can be made through the Church office.

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Looking Forward

April – June 2009

Sunday Services are

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist or Morning Prayer, as indicated
Bilingual Church School

Holy Week

- April 5th **Palm Sunday**
Holy Communion, with Blessing of the Palms & Reading of the Passion
Preacher: The Rev'd Prof. Patricia G. Kirkpatrick
- April 9th **Maundy Thursday**
5:30 p.m. Stripping of the Altar and Foot washing
- April 10th **Good Friday**
12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word
1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
2:00 p.m. Meditation on Art

Sundays of Easter

- April 12th **Easter: The Resurrection of our Lord**
Sung Eucharist with Tympani
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Linda Borden Taylor
120th anniversary of the Installation of the Bells
- April 19th **Easter II**
Morning Prayer – Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Linda Borden Taylor
 *Amazing Grace presentation, with Dion Lewis*
- April 26th **Easter III**
Sung Eucharist – Preacher: Robert Camara
 *"One Size Fits All": Alternative worshipping Communities, with The Rev'd Nick Brotherhood*
- May 3rd **Easter IV**
Sung Eucharist – Preacher: The Ven. Peter D. Hannen
- May 10th **Easter V**
Sung Eucharist – Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Linda Borden Taylor
- May 17th **Easter VI**
Morning Prayer – Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Linda Borden Taylor
- May 24th **Easter VII**
Sung Eucharist – Preacher: The Ven. Peter D. Hannen
- May 31st **Day of Pentecost**
Sung Eucharist – Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Linda Borden Taylor
12:30 p.m. *New Members Potluck Dinner*
- June 7th **Trinity Sunday**
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. *No service at St. James the Apostle*
Diocesan Worship Service at Christ Church Cathedral
11:00 a.m. Brunch
1:00 p.m. Eucharist
- June 14th **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Sung Eucharist
- June 21st **3rd Sunday after Pentecost**
Morning Prayer

The Shoppe

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Closed in July and August

For information, contact Evelyn Rodriguez

Christian Education

Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m.

**Bread for the Body,
Food for the Soul**

Thursdays, April 16–May 21

**DOXA, a Three-Part
Course in Christian
Discipleship (part II)**

5:30 p.m. Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Teaching

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Fellowship

Friday April 24th, 6:30 p.m.

**Potluck Supper and
Presentation of the
Pilgrimage to Israel**

Saturday May 2nd, 10:00 a.m.

Spring Cleaning Day

Saturday-Sunday May 9th–10th

**The Samaritan Project
"Feeding the Hungry"**
with The Rev'd Jessica Bickford,
Diocesan Youth Coordinator

Saturday May 30th

Time Warp
*Diocesan Fun Day
at Christ Church Cathedral*

Sunday May 31st, 12:30 p.m.

Potluck Lunch

Wednesday June 17th, 7:00 p.m.

Scotch Tasting

Sunday Sept. 13th, 12:30 p.m.

Potluck Lunch

Advisory Board Meetings

Tuesday April 28th, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday May 19th, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday June 16th, 5:30 p.m.

Corporation Meetings

Thursday April 16th, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday May 14th, 10:30 a.m.

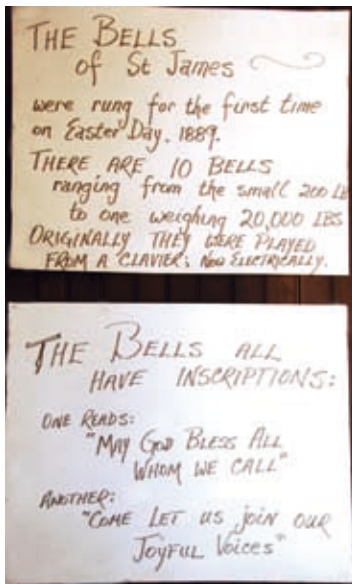
Thursday June 18th, 10:30 a.m.

120th Anniversary of the Bells of St. James the Apostle

by Harry R. Turton, Bell Ringer



One of the 10 bells we have in the belfry.



A copy of the inscriptions engraved on the bells.

Nested high above Sainte-Catherine Street stands the steeple of the Church of St. James the Apostle, which enhances the magnificence of its gothic architecture. It was built in 1863 and opened for divine service on Easter Sunday 1864. Within the steeple is the belfry, where you would not find bats, but ten bells which range in weight from 200 lb. to 20,000 lb., and bear



Our bell ringer Harry Turton has access to enough notes to play a few familiar hymns.

the inscriptions "May God bless all whom we call" and "Let us join our joyful voices."

The bells are played from an electric keyboard which sits in the Chancel. They range in scale from a middle C to a high D. They were made by the Meneely Company of Troy, U.S.A. and given by Mrs. Phillips, a faithful parishioner whose family was very supportive of the Church of St. James the Apostle. After being dedicated to the Glory of God, the bells were rung for the first time on Easter Day 1889, the year they were installed. And so, we celebrate the 120th anniversary this year.

Tradition tells us that Church bells were rung before Morning and Evening Prayers in order that the people might come to take part in the service, or at least lift up their hearts to God in the midst of their occupation. The bells, with their acoustical carrying power, symbolize the evangelizing voice of God.

May all of us, and the bells here at St. James, draw people to God's saving grace.

Our Garden Needs YOU

Our beautiful garden is maintained by a few faithful volunteers. But we need help to keep this green oasis in good shape.

We also need to organize a few "gardening days" to do major work.

If you think you can help, speak to **Joanna Bayles** at coffee hour or call us at **514-849-7577**.

P.S. Training is provided!



A Trip to the Holy Land through the eyes of Rachael Chapman

by Rachael Chapman

Three of our parishioners, Rachael Chapman, Canon Linda Borden Taylor and Martin Taylor went for two weeks in Israel last February.

As I relive every moment of every day, this trip of a lifetime was awesome, and something to behold and cherish. We first spent a day in Greece, visiting some notable sites like the Acropolis and the Parthenon. Though short, it was quite enjoyable.

As we proceeded to Israel for the rest of our trip, I looked forward to the daily tours. Religiously, we began our days with a short prayer service which made me feel safe, secure and deeply connected to God and the rest of the group. We were like one big happy family of faith aiming for the same goal and reliving the biblical story; only this time, it felt real.

With so many lasting memories, I will share a few and leave the rest to your imagination.

- In Tel Aviv-Jaffa, I strolled along the beach enjoying the fresh breeze from the Mediterranean Sea.
- I have great respect for the drivers of those mini cabs who confidently manoeuvred those narrow winding roads to take us safely to the top of Mount Tabor to visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration.

- The boat ride on the Sea of Galilee was refreshing and joyous, with lots of singing and dancing. This reminded me of Jesus walking on the water.
- We witnessed the renewal of wedding vows performed at Cana of Galilee church.
- In the Jordan River, most of us soaked our feet, while some immersed during the prayer service and renewal of Baptismal vows.
- In the old city of Jerusalem, we visited St. Anne's church, we entered through some of the gates of this walled city and we walked the fourteen stations of the cross where Jesus walked.
- During our visit to the Israel museum, we saw the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Dome above the Holocaust Center. My curiosity peaked when we visited the West Wall (also known as the Wailing Wall), where many people go to pray.
- In Bethlehem, we visited the Church of the Nativity from where the Christmas Eve service is broadcast live. Opposite is Manger Square, a place of gathering. It is worth mentioning that in Bethlehem, you have a clear and picturesque view of Jerusalem.

- The best part of the trip was the visit to the Dead Sea, where we floated or soaked as we wished. Then we covered our bodies with Dead Sea mineral mud.
- And I should not forget the famous ride organized by Mohammed and his camel Hameda to help support the tribal families.

At the end of all that, I felt rejuvenated. I therefore recommend this extraordinary trip to anyone.



Rachael Chapman riding her first camel.



The Menorah is one of the oldest symbols of the Jewish faith. This one depicts many of the Old Testament stories. It is in Jerusalem, across from the Knesset, the house of Parliament.



One of the highlights of this trip is to revisit the places where Jesus had gone. This renewal of wedding vows occurred in the Church at Cana where Jesus had turned the water into wine. You will see one of the couples renewing their vows are Canon Linda and Martin.

Members' Corner

by Michel Gagnon

In this new chronicle, we will highlight a few members of the parish and highlight mostly their life outside the Church.



Rachael Chapman: A Leader with a Good Heart

Our new Rector's Warden has been a member of this parish since 1983. She likes the 8:30 liturgy because she finds it more intimate, more reflective. She often reads Lessons and is a regular participant at Christian education programmes. She was born in Tobago, where almost all her family lives.

Outside the church, she runs a foster home for intellectually challenged people. On average, she houses five 40-65 years old persons. While the hospital takes care of their medical needs, she and her team has to prepare their meals, shop with them – or for them –, go with them to doctor's appointments, etc. She is not on duty all the time because she has a few workers. But still, it is a full, 24/7 time commitment. But she wasn't always doing that job. In fact, up to 10 years ago, she was a manager in the business world. She saw their down-sizing as the opportunity to do something else.

But how does one shift from the business world to running a foster home? First of all, she defines herself as a leader. Organizing or helping people to be organized suits her very much. So when a close friend suggested she apply to run a foster home, she took it as an interesting and challenging opportunity. Her qualities are well needed for the job; she is extremely patient, a very good listener, non-judgemental, very flexible, and tends to look positively on situations. When confronted with a new problem, she doesn't go with pre-conceived ideas, but she prefers to weigh pros and cons and to look at its feasibility. And when she decides to get involved in something, she gives it her 100%.

And as if church and work were not enough, she likes to read, especially non-fiction and books with historical over-tone. And she insists she does faithfully her devotions every morning.



Sophie Gagnon

For a change, let's go to one of our youngest parishioners. Since February 2008, Sophie has been one of the regular participants at our Church School. At school, this 9-year-old girl is good in all subjects, but prefers mathematics to French. And she excels in drama and arts.

Outside school, she enjoys drawing and painting, both alone and with her friends. And need I say that she likes computer games. She also enjoys more traditional activities like swimming, skating and in-line skating. And she adds that there is one thing she does *not* like: doing nothing!

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is St. James the Apostle's newsletter.

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We welcome your comments and contributions

Contributions

Please send them by e-mail at mgagnon@mgagnon.net or see us on Sunday at coffee hour.

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Members' Corner (continued)

Harry Turton: Making Joyful Sound for a Long Time

Harry is the guy one almost always sees in front of the church at the 11:00 a.m. service. But did you know that most of his professional life has been *behind* the scene?

Born in Barbados, he immigrated to Canada in 1967 and has been a member of this parish for more than 30 years. He was privileged to have been commissioned as Lay Reader by three Bishops: Reginald Hollis, Andrew Hutchison, and Barry Clarke. Although he comes from a large family, he is by himself in Montréal, so it would be fair to say that the Church is his extended family!

What is his background? He has worked for a long time in the radio industry. Amongst other things, he was a producer for sporting events (Alouettes and a few Expos games); when the team played outside of Montreal, he had to go a day early to organize and prepare the

events. He has also produced a few auto shows and has been sound engineer for jazz bands. After retiring from the radio industry some ten years ago, he worked three or four years with the Venezuelan Embassy and then for a large condominium.

He has also been a good sportsman and still enjoys swimming. Over the years, he has been involved as one of the leaders of a Boy Scouts troop. He likes classical and jazz music. And in his spare time, he likes to read, especially when it touches history and the more spiritual aspects of life. He is also fairly involved in the life of this Church and in activities of the Lay Reader's association.

What are his main assets? He describes himself as a man with patience, faith and who is generous of his time. And it is not surprising that our parish benefits from his organizational skills.



Circle of Life

We remember



Edwin Theophilus Walcott
July 16th, 1928 – February 21st, 2009

Born in Barbados, he emigrated to Canada and became a citizen of this country where he resided most of his lifetime.

We continue our prayerful support for Edwin's wife Phyllis and their children.

Parish Poster Project

The Parish history project is a challenge issued by the Diocese as part of the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Montreal. We have been asked to create a poster display that represents **our Church: past, present and future** and to submit it by May 2nd.

All of the projects will be displayed at the **2009 Conference Synod** and delegates will vote on each display. The winning entry will receive \$100 to be used as a donation in the winning community.

Deborah Hinton, Michael Hinton, Danica Meredith and Harry Turton are our poster display team. They have asked for your input.

Please answer each of the following two questions in 100 words or less:

1. What is your best memory of the Church of St. James the Apostle? And when did it happen?
2. What's your dream for the future of the Church of St. James the Apostle?

Put your first and last name and the date which you joined our community and drop off at the office or send by e-mail to Glenda at stjamestheapostle@bellnet.ca by April 14th.

Christian Education

Thursday Night Series in Christian Education



DOXA

Part II of a three part study in Christian Discipleship

This programme reflects the conviction that the glory of God is encountered in the ordinary experiences of life. DOXA focuses upon the Eucharist because it is the heart of our Sunday worship. It is not about teaching the liturgy so much as disclosing up to God's transforming grace.

The Liturgy of the Word

1. April 16th The Bible as Hearing Aid
2. April 23rd Bible Reading
3. April 30th Sharing the Word of the Lord

Baptism

The Liturgy of the Sacraments

4. May 7th Gaining Access
5. May 14th Travelling Together
6. May 21st Yes, Minister

Come and join us for Part II of this study!

If you have been to the first part, you know how interesting it is and you won't want to miss the second part. And if you haven't joined us yet, it is not too late to do so! And best of all, it is free!

For registration please contact St. James the Apostle Anglican Church
514-849-7577 or stjamestheapostle@bellnet.ca

Registration deadline : April 6th



A Study from our Primate
the Rt. Rev'd Fred Hiltz

Biblical Reflection

Read this Scripture from Mark 10, 46-52 (NRSV version)

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'

Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'

Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Source of reflection

Jesus and his disciples were walking on the road out of Jericho when the shouts of Bartimaeus interrupted their journey. We read that Jesus stood still and summoned Bartimaeus to come to him.

In what ways does our church need to "stand still" and stop what it is doing in order to hear and respond to the cries around us?

Mail in your thoughts or e-mail us at stjamestheapostle@bellnet.ca.