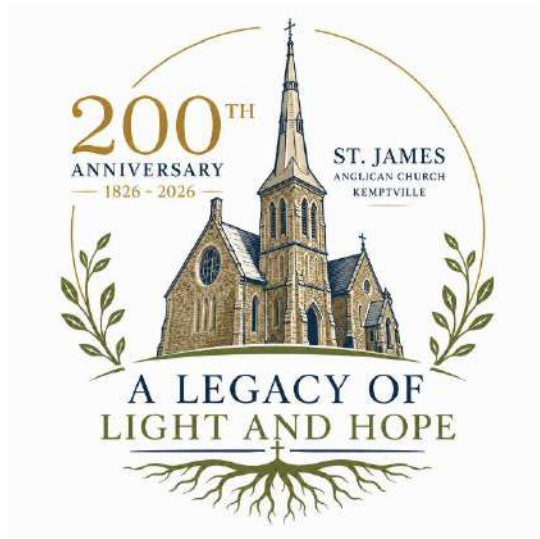




PRAYER FOR OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR:

O Lord God, the keeper of all our days,
We give you thanks and praise for all the ways
You have watched over and cared for St. James' parish.
May we continue to serve in your name;
Steadfastly proclaim your goodness;
And readily testify to all your blessings;
So all the world may come under your loving banner.
This we ask through Jesus Christ the Lord,
Who with the Holy Spirit is ever One God, world without end.
Amen.

St James News & Notes, Friday, June 12, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 14, HOLY EUCHARIST, 8AM & 10:30AM

Readings: Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1, 10-17; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE, Wednesday, June 10, 10:30am

LITANY OF RECONCILIATION, every Friday, 12noon at the Church Doors.

FROM THE RECTOR:

Clergy Day 2026

On Thursday, I had the opportunity to attend the Diocese of Ontario Clergy Day at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Picton. The gathering brought together clergy from across the diocese for a time of learning, reflection, and fellowship.

This year's seminar, "Christian Formation in a Secular Age—Reclaiming our Anglican Tradition," was led by the Rev. Canon Dr. Mike Michieilin. The presentation encouraged us to reflect on how our Anglican heritage continues to shape faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and strengthen the Church's mission in an increasingly secular society.

The day was a valuable opportunity for spiritual renewal, theological reflection, and connection with fellow clergy serving throughout the Diocese of Ontario. We give thanks for these opportunities to learn, grow, and support one another in ministry.

The Reverend Rogério de Assis, M.Ed.



Fr. Rogério is always available for pastoral visits, either in home or in hospital. He can be reached at revrogerio.assis@gmail.com, or (437) 299-5057.

Fr. Rogério will be taking his vacation during the month of July. He has invited The Rev. David Ward to be our visiting priest on the 4 Sundays of July, and Fr. Andrew Wilson will be our parish contact for pastoral emergencies during July. He can be contacted at Rev. Andrew Wilson grenvillenorthanglicans@gmail.com or 613-371-9710. Likewise, Fr. Andrew will be on vacation from June 8 to June 22, and Fr. Rogério will be the contact for emergency pastoral care for Fr. Andrew's parishes during this time.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE ...

Fr. Rogério and the Wardens are pleased to announce that we have a new Music Director! Wendy Earl will bring her musical skill and infectious enthusiasm to St. James starting this Sunday, June 14. She has been an organist/choir director for 40 years.

Wendy says:

- that we should bring our "outside" voices to church, as she expects to hear us all singing!
- that her worship music will be uplifting, joyful, thankful, and that we should go home humming the last hymn every Sunday.
- and that we can come and visit the organ, and her, anytime.

During the interim, while St. James has been without an organist, David Brent has been graciously sharing his gift of worship music with us. **Thank you, David, for leading our "joyful noise"!**

FROM THE TREASURER:

As reported to the PAC last week, up to and including the 31st of May 2026, donations have remained relatively consistent with previous years, our income to date being \$60,328.47. Our expenses however, have risen \$54,947.75 over this same period in 2025 to \$91,577.43. A significant element of that is the insurance for the building at just over \$13,000.00 per year, our second largest expense after the cost of priestly services. However, in 2027 it will be our third greatest expense after the cost of priestly services and the Director of Music. With income from all sources, our average deficit is \$5,960.16 per month and over the remainder of the year is more likely to reach close to \$8,000.00 per month. At the moment, our deficit for 2026 is projected at \$78,351.96. We have also used up all our locally available cash reserves and must now start to draw down on the capital in our investments funds in order to pay our bills.

This also means that our donor base has become unable to sustain St. James. In essence, there are only 44 donors who make regular donations via any available means with 60% of them contributing about 40% of reliable income and 40% contributing about 60% of reliable

income. This works out to an average donation of \$172.75 per donor/month. In order to balance the budget, using all the interest payments from our investments, we would need a donor base of 99 persons or households donating \$172.75 per month. To balance the budget without using our investment income, we would need 107 persons or households contributing \$172.75 per month. If income and expenses maintain the same relative levels, our capital in the consolidated investment fund of the Diocese will be exhausted in about 10 years, +/- 6 months.

DID YOU KNOW ...

We are working with a local company developing a new website. Hopefully it will be ready to launch at the end of August.

Summer services: during July and August we will have only one service on Sundays at 10am. The mid-week service on Wednesdays will be suspended for July and August, and recommence in September. Also, all nursing home services are suspended in July and August.

FROM THE ECCO COMMITTEE:

GIFT CARDS CAN BE PURCHASED WITH CASH, CHEQUE made out to St. James Anglican Church, or **E-TRANSFER** to treasurer@stjameskemptville.com

FROM THE NEW COMMANDMENTS MINISTRY:

Members of the men's group have come together to launch a new ministry called **New Commandments**, centered on putting Christ's words—"love one another"—into action. This ministry is dedicated to supporting members of our congregation who may be facing challenges due to illness, aging, or the loss of a spouse. Support may include household chores such as mowing and gardening, minor repairs, and—most importantly—being present to offer companionship, care, and encouragement.

Teams of men will visit care receivers' homes one Saturday morning each month for a few hours of service. *If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, please contact Fr. Rogerio. If you are interested in being part of this support team, please reach out to Bill Haldenby directly.*

FROM THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP:

The Women's Fellowship group will meet on the 4th Saturday of each month. Our next meeting will be June 27 at 10 am. All women in the parish are invited to attend and bring a friend!

SUMMER SERVICE ON JULY 19

On Sunday, July 19, our parish has been invited to join in an outdoor service and potluck lunch at Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids, 4419 Donelly Dr. The service will be held on the grass behind the church, and it starts at 10AM. Bring a lawnchair. The potluck lunch will follow the service. (In case of rain, the service will be held in the church.)

We will not have a service at St. James on July 19. Our visiting priest, David Ward, will be assisting Andrew at this service.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Parish Father's Day BBQ, Sunday, June 21, after the 10:30am service. Please sign up if you plan to attend so we can purchase the correct amount of food.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday, 9am – 1pm.
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