



# PARISH BBQ *Sunday*



SUNDAY  
**JUNE 21**



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**12:00 NOON**



**GREAT  
FOOD**



**GOOD  
COMPANY**



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TOGETHER**

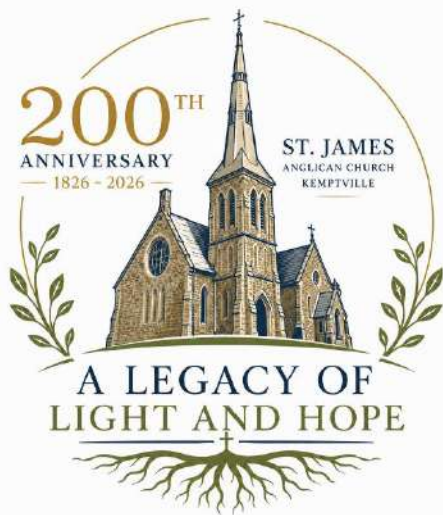
≡ *All are welcome!* ≡

**BRING YOUR FAMILY, INVITE A FRIEND,  
AND ENJOY A WONDERFUL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP.**



**ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
≡ **KEMPTVILLE** ≡





***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 19, 2026***

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***NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER***

**Sunday, June 21, HOLY EUCHARIST, 8AM & 10:30AM**

***Readings:* Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 19; Philippians 4:4-9; John 1:1-18**

***MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE, Wednesday, June 24, 10:30am***

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

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***FROM THE RECTOR:***

**On Our Liturgy and the Good Order of the Church**

Dear Parishioners,

During last Sunday's celebration, something occurred that caught my attention from a liturgical perspective. As our crucifer proceeded to the back of the church in preparation for the entrance procession, the entire congregation stood while he walked to his position. While this was undoubtedly well-intentioned, it does not correspond to the liturgical practice of the Anglican tradition and is not part of the guidelines followed by our parish.

As Rector of the Parish, I feel a responsibility to clarify that this action was not planned by me, was not discussed with me, and does not have my support. I make this clarification because several people have approached me in recent days expressing questions and concerns regarding certain practices and initiatives that have arisen without proper discernment and pastoral guidance.

I wish to reaffirm, with humility and respect, what was already shared at our Parish Advisory Council (PAC) meeting: any change or innovation related to the liturgical space and the public worship of the Church must be undertaken only with the guidance and approval of the Rector of the Parish. This is not a matter of personal preference, but of the responsibility entrusted to me by the Church to safeguard good order, discipline, and faithfulness to our Anglican tradition.

I must admit that situations such as this have been a source of concern and weariness. Therefore, I ask everyone, with affection and sincerity, to work together in a spirit of unity, mutual respect, and obedience to the liturgical norms we have received from our Diocese. My commitment remains the same as the one I publicly made in my vows of ordination and institution: to remain faithful to the doctrine, worship, and discipline of the Anglican Church of Canada, following the guidance of our Bishop William—neither more nor less than what the Church asks of us.

To those who have shown encouragement and support, I offer my heartfelt thanks. I also ask you to remain calm. Everything will be well. By God's grace, we will continue to walk together, serving Christ and strengthening the fellowship of our faith community.

Finally, I would like to share the following article explaining the meaning and appropriate times for sitting, standing, and kneeling during the Holy Eucharist in the Anglican tradition. These guidelines reflect the liturgical practice followed in our parish. If there are any questions regarding any aspect of our liturgy, or if anyone has ideas for new practices or innovations, I kindly ask that you speak with me before any such initiative is implemented.

### **Gestures in Anglican Worship: Sitting, Standing, and Kneeling**

In the Anglican tradition, bodily gestures during worship are not merely external actions but visible expressions of our faith and reverence before God. Sitting, standing, and kneeling help the congregation participate fully in the liturgy, engaging body, mind, and spirit in worship.

Sitting is generally a posture of listening and reflection. The congregation remains seated during readings, sermons, and other moments of instruction, demonstrating attentiveness to God's Word and a willingness to learn.

Standing is an expression of honor, joy, and respect. We typically stand for hymns, the proclamation of the Gospel, the recitation of the Creeds, and the principal prayers of the Church. By standing, we demonstrate our readiness to respond to God's call and our unity as the Body of Christ.

Kneeling is a traditional gesture of humility, penitence, and devotion. We often kneel during the Confession, the Prayers of the People, and during the celebration of Holy Communion. This posture symbolizes our dependence upon God's grace and our reverence in His presence.

Although practices may vary somewhat between parishes and dioceses, these gestures share the common purpose of enriching the worship experience. They remind us that we worship



God not only with our words, but with our whole being, offering Him our hearts, minds, and bodies.

"Glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:20)

Finally, following the guidance of our Diocesan Bishop, I strongly encourage those who were unable to participate in our Book Study to read *To Love and Serve*. This book provides an excellent introduction to the faith, history, and practice of the Anglican tradition and helps clarify many questions that may arise. It is a valuable resource for anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of the life, worship, and mission of the Anglican Church.

May God bless each one of you and our entire parish community, so that with love, humility, and faithfulness we may continue to serve Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Your Rector,

Fr. Rogério de Assis +

**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](mailto: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](mailto:grenvillenorthanglicans@gmail.com) or 613-371-9710.

### ***DID YOU KNOW ...***

**Open House at St. James is a new event!** We will open the church from 10am-12noon one Saturday per month to start. Fr. Rogério will need one volunteer to stay at the church with him and greet any visitors who stop in. The first open house date is Saturday, June 27.

***Looking for a volunteer to be a greeter! Please let Fr. Rogério know if you can spare 2 hours on Saturday, June 27.***

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

### ***FROM THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP:***

The Women's Fellowship meeting on June 27 will have a bring your brunch picnic at either Burritts Rapids or Curry Park. Meeting at St James at 10 am. The rainy day alternative will be at the church. Bring your own chair and weather suitable attire as well as a packed brunch.

### **LOST AND FOUND ...**

A yellow jacket was left after last Sunday's service and hence a yellow raincoat belonging to Vanessa was "lost". Can someone please return it to her?

### **FROM THE HOSPITALITY GROUP:**

This ministry needs two volunteers to start in September. You will be setting up coffee and tea and providing light snacks one Sunday per month. But more importantly, you will be giving the congregation a time for fellowship and a place for us to talk with visitors. Please contact Colleen Sampson if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

### **FROM THE TREASURER:**

If you are seeking reimbursement from St. James for any invoice, please submit along with the invoice who is paying for the invoice, who it is to be reimbursed to and note if you can accept e-transfers to a bank account or if you need a cheque. Receipts put in an envelope with no processing information will just be ignored until the appropriate information is provided.

- J. Graeme Arbuckle

### **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](mailto:treasurer@stjameskemptville.com). **Please note:** we will be taking a summer break for gift card sales, so no orders will be taken in July and August.

### **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 lawn chair. 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.

### **FROM THE NEW COMMANDMENTS MINISTRY:**

This ministry supports 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 Sea to Song: an evening with the Kemptville Male Choir***

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 7pm, at the Urbandale Art Centre

Tickets: \$25, free for children aged 12 and under, available at B&H Grocery Store  
*\$5 from every ticket sold will go directly to Victim Services of Leeds & Grenville*

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS:***

**Women's Fellowship Brunch Picnic**, Saturday, June 27. Meet at St. James at 10am.

**Open House at St. James**, Saturday, June 27, 10am – 12noon. (Volunteer needed!)

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

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