OUR CLERGY

Rector: Andrew Rampton
Assistant Curate: Irene Kariuki
Honorary Assistants: Jeff Potter, Brian Ruttan, Elizabeth Steeves, Peter Widdicombe

OTHER CHURCH OFFICERS

Choir Director and Organist: Paul Grimwood
Discovery Band Director: To Be Announced
Family Life Coordinator: Sarah Jones
Churchwardens: Aaron Jones, Leslie Muirhead, Sue Newbery, Sarah Wayland
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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
THE ROCK ON LOCKE

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WELCOME
to St. John the Evangelist

Whether you're a long-time neighbour, a visitor, or lost and looking for your way home, we're very happy to meet you and welcome you into our community!

We are ordinary people seeking to follow Jesus, to be welcoming and affirming of all people, and to create a place where all are free to explore deep questions. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will find one among us here.

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Other ways to support the church are to share your time and your talents. Some areas where you might like to get involved include:

- Being a greeter on Sunday mornings
- Reading one of the bible passages in our services
- Volunteering to help with the altar guild in taking care of the altar
- Joining the hospitality team to provide refreshments after services
- Helping with the technical needs for slides and mics in the services
- Becoming an assistant in Children's Church



UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

These will include many different kinds of events! Look out for information on:

- Book studies
- Children's Church special events
- Choir events
- Crafters' sales
- Hearts and Minds evenings
- Prayer workshops
- Seasonal events (church picnic, special meals, etc.)
- Seasonal services (Christmas, Epiphany, etc.)
- Short courses ... and much more!

MISSION TO SEAFARERS, PORT OF HAMILTON – offering a warm welcome, internet access, phone accessibility, hospitality, and emotional and spiritual support to all who work in Great Lakes and International Shipping while far from home.

MIGRANT FARMWORKERS PROJECT – a hospitality and pastoral care ministry that accompanies and empowers migrant farmworkers during their work season in the Niagara region.

ST. MATT'S (formerly St. Matthew's House) – a charitable, non-profit agency in downtown Hamilton that provides a children's daycare, a seniors support team, a Holiday Hope program, housing, and focused street outreach support for the Cathedral Café on James St. N.

To be put in touch with the St. John's representative for any of these projects, please contact the church office.

WE SUPPORT OUR CHURCH

We are called to share God's love and care for the world through our use of resources, whether they're financial or our gifts and talents. If St. John's becomes home for you, we hope you will want to contribute to the work here.

Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of the gifts entrusted to our care, and so it is part of our faithfulness.



TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that our parish is located on the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples in the Lower Chedoke watershed.

This land is covered by the Upper Canada Treaty of 1792 as well as the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt agreement, which committed the parties to the sharing of the resources of the Great Lakes Region. In hospitality, newcomers to this land have been invited to share in the spirit of that agreement.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

God calls us to help people become followers of Jesus, equipped for ministry in the church and in the world through **N**urture, **E**vangelism, **W**orship, and **S**ervice.

We understand our mission as a participation in God's own mission.

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OUR CORE VALUES

We are a community rooted in Christ and called to share God's love in Hamilton and beyond. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to:

1. Christ-Centred Faith

We seek to follow Jesus in worship, prayer, Scripture, and sacrament. Our life together is grounded in the Anglican tradition and shaped by a desire to grow ever more deeply into the likeness of Christ.

2. Radical Welcome

We believe every person is created in the image of God and beloved by Christ. We strive to be a community of generous hospitality, where people of every background, identity, and life story can belong, be affirmed, and share their gifts.

3. Growing Together

Faith is a journey best travelled in community. Through learning, fellowship, pastoral care, and service, we encourage one another in spiritual growth and equip each other for ministry in daily life.

4. Love in Action

Rooted in prayer and nourished by worship, we are sent into the world to serve. We seek the good of our neighbourhood and city through outreach, partnerships, justice, generosity, and compassion.



HÔPITAL ALBERT SCHWEITZER, HAITI – this charity's mission is to collaborate with the hospital to improve the healthcare and quality of life for the people of the Artinobite Valley. A number of St. John's parishioners have been on service projects to the hospital over many years.

INDWELL – a Christian charity that creates affordable housing communities to support people seeking health, wellness and belonging. From humble beginnings, Indwell has become a beacon of hope for the homeless across a wide area.

MICAH HOUSE – a Hamilton home for newly arrived refugee claimants, welcoming with God's love people seeking asylum from danger, terror, and persecution. Micah House provides safe shelter and assistance with settlement, and seeks to educates the community about immigration and systemic injustice.

CONCERTS – we are happy to welcome our neighbours for wonderful concerts, both classical and contemporary, in the church. We invite you to enjoy these great events.

SCOUTS – Scouts Canada is a youth organization providing programming with the mission to help develop well-rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world. St. John's has been the home base for the 147th troop of Scouts since 1944. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers all meet regularly in our space.

THE ART OF WELLNESS – Dawn Grant Artistry is now offering art classes four days a week at St. John's – creating a space for creativity, learning, and connection in our community.

To be connected to any of these groups or events, please contact the church office.

WE CONNECT WITH OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

At St. John's, we support a number of community outreach organizations in the Hamilton area and beyond. There are eight that we promote officially through prayer, financial givings, and practical support.

ALONGSIDE HOPE (previously the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) – the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief in Canada and around the world on a journey of positive change. Together, we are improving health, food security, and livelihoods where needs are greatest.

HAMILTON OUT OF THE COLD – not-for-profit, non-denominational, and volunteer-based, the mission of HOOTC is to provide hot, nutritious meals for those in need in the Hamilton community, served with dignity and compassion.

WHAT WE DO

WE WORSHIP

We worship God at several times during the week and in different ways, but it is the same God that we worship in each of these times.

ON SUNDAYS

8:00 a.m. A simple, quiet service held in the Chapel.
9:30 a.m. An informal service with the Discovery Band.
11:00 a.m. A choral service with the organ and church choir.

ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (October to June)

8:00 a.m. A simple, quiet, service held in the Chapel.
10:00 a.m. A service led mainly by the young people in the congregation, followed by church school for children and a teaching time for adults.

ON WEDNESDAYS

10:00 a.m. A simple, quiet service held in the Chapel.

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

Sunday Services are held at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Children are welcome at all our services!
Refreshments are served in the Crypt Café after all services.

QUESTIONS? If you have questions about Communion, Baptism, Weddings, Funerals, or other ceremonies of the church, please contact one of the clergy, who would be delighted to explore these or any other important questions with you.



WE MAKE MUSIC

The Church Choir sings traditional classical church music from the Renaissance to the present. They enrich our worship on Sunday mornings at the 11:00 a.m. service as well as on special occasions. The Choir practises once a week and welcomes new members.

The Discovery Band plays praise and worship music, using guitars, drums, and keyboard. New players and singers are welcome!

WE PRAY

At weekly services, we pray for those in our own church, for other churches in our neighbourhood, and for the world.

The Prayer Team offers confidential private prayer during Communion at Sunday morning services at the back of the church.

The Prayer Chain is a small group of people who pray regularly about specific prayer requests. The content of these requests is kept strictly confidential.

To request prayer, please contact the Rector or the church office.

crafts. People who enjoy the company of others while taking time to work on their own crafts are welcome to join any Wednesday.



THE DEATH CAFE – a missional outreach serving the Kirkendall neighbourhood, particularly those without a spiritual home, by providing space to explore issues of death, dying, and grief.

THE JESUS DECK – a deck of cards representing the four gospels through Bible verses and scenes from the Bible, presented at events like the Art Crawl to reach out to spiritual seekers and introduce them to Jesus.

ZUMBA FITNESS GROUP – a dance-based fitness program that combines music with aerobic exercise. Meets weekly in the St. John's Activity Centre gym.

WE PROVIDE SPACE FOR OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS

Groups from the community who meet in St. John's include:

AA GROUP – Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who come together to solve their drinking problem. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about their drinking. A group meets weekly at St. John's.

happens once a month on a Friday evening in the church's Crypt Café, beginning with a delicious potluck meal.

CHURCH LIBRARY – learning at St. John's is enhanced by a library of some 800 books, covering topics from the Bible and its background to Christianity and current social issues. The library is open to all and adjacent to the Crypt Café, so people often come and browse over coffee on a Sunday morning after the service. Contact the office for a look at our online catalogue.

SPECIAL EVENTS – during the year, we enjoy various book studies, short courses, and visits from guest speakers. For instance:

- **Preparing for Baptism:** If you're new to Christian faith or just learning about it, one way to do that is by exploring baptism, the ancient ritual by which people declare their intention to live as followers of Jesus.

- **Christian Basics:** A couple of times a year, our priest Andrew offers a short course to help people understand the basics of the Christian faith.

WE CONNECT WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Known as The Rock on Locke, St. John's has been part of the Kirkendall neighbourhood for over 130 years, standing at the corner of Locke Street and Charlton Avenue since 1891.

CLIMATE JUSTICE GROUP – we are founding members of the EcoLocke environmental advocacy group, representing a number of Locke St. churches. In 2022, St. John's partnered with an environmental group to create a Rain Garden in our front yard. We also sponsor various workshops on environmental issues for our community.

CRAFTERS – we gather for two hours every week on Wednesday afternoons at the church to work on knitting, crocheting or other

WE WELCOME KIDS, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Children are welcomed and valued members of our community. We love having children with us when we gather for worship, whether they join the weekly Children's Church for the middle part of the service or stay with caregivers. A play area at the back is always available for children's use.

Children's Church is offered during both the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services under the direction of our Family Life Coordinator.

9:30 a.m. service: Two age-geared classes are available: one for children up to 6 years old, and a second class for children 6 and older. We value the energy and leadership of preteens helping out in the preschool classroom!

11:00 a.m. service: All children are together.



Since we have an up-and-coming group of young teens, we will have activities running just for them in the near future!

Children love participating in special programs such as the annual nativity pageant and the parish picnic.

The Children's Choir invites children aged 5 years and older from church and community to join this dynamic program. The choir enriches children's lives in three core areas: musical skills, personal growth, and spiritual formation. It is free of charge and meets on Thursdays from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

WE LEARN AND GROW

As followers of Jesus, studying his life and trying to follow his example, we find there is much to discover! St. John's offers many resources to help us on this path.

STUDY GROUPS – one of the best ways to learn is to join a small group, where people can share their questions, insights, and concerns. You are welcome to check out any of these groups to see if it would be right for you:

- **Bibles and Bagels:** we are a women's group that meets in person every other Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. We use a study guide to facilitate study of the Bible and how it relates to our lives today. And yes, we do have bagels—and coffee!

- **The Good Book Club:** we are a women's group that meets online, from the comfort of our homes, every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. We study a Bible passage which is going to be read in the services the following day, and end by praying for one another's concerns.

- **Middle Ground:** we are a mixed group that usually meets on a Sunday evening every other week, either in members' homes or at the church, for food, fellowship, study, and prayer.



- **Saturday Stuff for Guys:** we are a group of men who meet every other Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Cafe. We study the Bible readings that will be used in the service the following Sunday.

- **Hearts and Minds:** we want to learn how to integrate our faith into our daily lives and our work; Hearts and Minds helps us do just that. We invite speakers who can share from the perspective of their work or their personal experience about how their faith informs and guides their lives. This is open to all, and usually