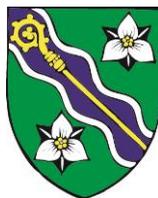


To learn more about arranging your Legacy Gift to St. James, please contact your Rector, Rev'd Ann Turner or the Diocese of Niagara's Legacy Giving Consultant:

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## Your Legacy Gift



## St. James Anglican Church

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Charitable Registration  
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## Our Parish

St. James Anglican Church has been located in Fergus for over 160 years. The parish was incorporated in 1852 and in 1858 the first church was located south of St. Patrick St. and west of Breadalbane St. The second church was erected in 1895 at the corner of Tower St. and St. Patrick St. By the mid-1940s, the building was inadequate for the prospect of growth.

Today's church, on Queen Street, traces back to primary record land sales by Chief Joseph Brant of The Six Nations. The land was eventually donated by Mrs. Ethel May Groves, widow of Dr. Abraham Groves. The church was designed by the late Rev'd C.J. Loat, Rector from 1944-1947 and opened July 23, 1948. Two additions followed. In 1981, a choir room, reception area, church office, washrooms and a new kitchen were added at the building's south end. A meeting room, accessible washroom on the main floor, and an elevator were added to the building's west end in 2003. In 2008, St. James received the generous gift of a beautiful Butterfly Garden overlooking the Grand River.

*"We are a loving, joyful,  
Christ-centred community,  
serving God  
by serving others."*

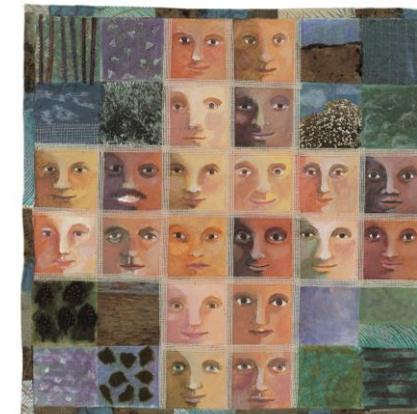
## Our Mission

Our facilities are used by Al-Anon groups, Girl Guides, and the Social Justice Group of Centre Wellington. We also host a weekly Ladies Community Lunch and a monthly Outreach Community Dinner.

St. James supports the Centre Wellington Food Bank, The Door Youth Centre, Groves Memorial Hospital, and Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis. Care for creation is important to our faith community and we provide a Community Garden with plots available to local residents.

International initiatives include the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, Swaziland Outreach, and World Vision.

St. James is an affirming church, exploring spiritual practice through Sunday services, music, the Oasis Program, creative Study Groups, a Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Vacation Bible School. We welcome all to share with us in seeking, questioning, discovering, and knowing God!



# Your Legacy Gift



St. James has flourished over time due to the committed support of its members. Parishioners have always given their time, energy, abilities, and financial resources to advance God's work, lift others' spirits, and benefit lives.

Leaving a Legacy Gift to St. James is a confirmation of the important role the parish has in your life and will help ensure our vital ministry continues.

Please consider the following ways to help support those we serve:

## Gift in your Will

A Will ensures your assets will be disbursed as intended when you die. Available bequest options include:

*Specific:* St. James will receive a stated sum, a percentage of your estate or property such as real estate, securities or other items.

*Contingent:* St. James will receive all or part of your estate after other named beneficiaries have died.

*Residual:* St. James will receive a portion of your estate once other bequests have been satisfied.

Whichever option you choose, your bequest will produce a tax credit that can be used to offset taxable income on your final tax return.



## Gift of Life Insurance

A gift of life insurance allows you to make a significant donation and avoid probate fees. If you already have a policy, you can name St. James as a beneficiary. Your estate will be issued a tax receipt for the entire amount. Alternatively, a portion of an existing policy can be designated to our parish.

Purchasing a new policy naming our parish as beneficiary will result in a tax receipt for the annual premiums you pay.

## Gift of Securities

A tax receipt will be issued for the full value of publicly traded securities you donate to St. James and capital gains will be avoided on your gift.



## Charitable Gift Annuity

This gift option generates an income for life for those who are 60 and older. A portion of the purchase is treated as a charitable gift and a tax receipt will be issued. Please contact Lisa Di Veto, Legacy Giving Consultant (see reverse) for your annuity income quote.



## RRSPs & RRIFs

Registered Retirement Savings Plans and Income Funds are included in your final tax return, with your estate paying tax on these amounts.

By making St. James the beneficiary of these funds, your estate will be issued a charitable tax receipt and will not be subject to probate fees.

# Response Form

Thank you for letting us know of your Legacy Gift to St. James. Please complete and return this form to:

Lisa Di Veto  
Legacy Giving Consultant  
Anglican Diocese of Niagara  
78 McBay Road, Brantford  
Ontario N3T 5L4

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have arranged a bequest for St. James in my Will. It is:

- An outright gift
- Percentage of my estate
- Gift of Life Insurance
- Gift of Securities
- Purchasing an Annuity
- Gift of RRSPs, RRIFs & TFSAs

The approximate value of my gift is: \$\_\_\_\_\_