

Announcements – November 17, 2024

Welcome to today's worship service. We are grateful that you have joined us! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign the **Guest Book** in the Narthex, located at the back of the Sanctuary. An Usher would be pleased to offer you directions.

Highland Group welcomes young children into **the nursery**, outside the west doors of the Sanctuary.

Please join us following worship for **refreshments and fellowship** in New St. James Hall.

Women's Council has posted a list on the bulletin board in New St. James Hall where you can offer to help prepare, serve, and clean up for **coffee hours on Sunday mornings**. You will work with Karen Buchwald to help her get the refreshments ready before the start of the service.

An **Advent Study** will begin this Tuesday, November 19 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Parlour. We will use the book *Ponder These Things: Praying with Icons of the Virgin* by Rowan Williams. Please read the Forward of the book. Please contact Linda Robinson by phone (519.474.4986) or email (robinson516@sympatico.ca) if you have any questions.

We will be **receiving New Members** on November 24. If you are interested in officially becoming a Member of New St. James, please speak to Rev. David or Bruce Curtis (Clerk of Session), and add your name to the sign-up sheet that will be in New St. James Hall following the service.

White Gift Sunday – a poem!

On December the 8th let's bring a "white gift";

Its contents surely will give someone a lift.

Suggestions are juice, cranberry sauce and some dates,

Stuffing, fruit cups and, of course, chocolates!

They'll go to Ark Aid, to Rotholme and St. Paul's

To ensure a Merry Christmas for one and for all!

This year, to be environmentally friendly, gifts do not need to be in white plastic bags or wrapped in white paper.

The Salvation Army **Christmas Toy Drive**: your donation of a new, unopened, unwrapped gift will help provide a Merry Christmas to many children in our community. Big stuffed toys can be problematic so smaller stuffed toys are the best, a nonviolent toy that does not require batteries is preferable, and please do not wrap the toy. You will have until Tuesday, December 10 to drop off your toy in the large toy box near the entrance of the NSJ Hall. To find out more and to see their "Wish List" visit <https://londoncfs.ca/christmas-hamper-donations>

There are now several options for you to provide regular **financial support** to New St. James:

- For Offering Envelopes, please call the Church Office (519.434.1127)

- Cheques may be mailed to NSJ: 280 Oxford St. E., London, ON N6A 1V4

- Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) it is a convenient way to give—and the church benefits from your steady contributions. Contributions are automatically debited from your bank account on the 20th of each month. To sign up for PAR, call the Church Office or visit www.newstjames.ca/donate-2

- To make an offering through e-transfer, please email Judi Le Blanc (Office Administrator) at admin@newstjames.ca

Income Tax statements are issued by New St. James each year by the end of February.

Thank you for supporting the life and mission of New St. James!