

## HONEY & LOCUST



St. John in the Wilderness Anglican Church,  
Bright's Grove

### Amanda Longmoore – Welcome as our Rector!

We are thrilled to announce that Bishop Townshend appoints the Reverend Amanda Longmoore as the rector of St. John in the Wilderness, Bright's Grove, effective August 1, 2021. Amanda has previously served in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI and the Diocese of New Brunswick. As you know she has been our interim priest for the past six months – we are blessed to welcome her to our parish in a permanent position now. Amanda will lead and serve as our rector/priest part time, 75% time, as she has done as an interim priest. Such a blessing. WELCOME as our rector, Amanda!!



Here is Amanda leading our outdoor service on July 18. The weather was fabulous and the sermon, company of our parishioners, and music such a blessing. Amanda joined our parish in February as an interim priest. She introduced herself to us in many ways, one being a “hello” in the [February 12, 2021 edition of Honey & Locust](#).



Welcome Amanda!

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*“You will never look into the eyes of someone God does not love”.*

*(We hear and embrace you, Amanda)*

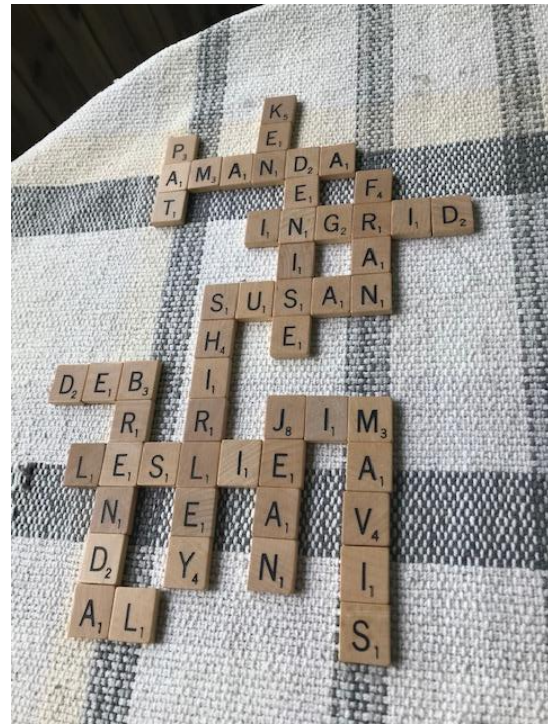
### Church Services

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Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> is the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - The Reverend Amanda Longmoore+ will preside over 8:00 am and 10:30 am in-church services. We are allowed to operate at 25% capacity (maintaining social distance and with masks etcetera). This translates to about 20 people in pews and 3 or 4 people in the sanctuary (presiding and providing music and song). Please monitor your e-mail as we will issue an email invitation to 8:00 am folks and we will use Evite via email as we have done previously to enable folks to let us know they will worship in church at 10:30 am and ensure we maintain a safe number of folks in church. We will also issue any updates to the August service schedule via email; the current schedule is attached as the last sheet of Honey & Locust.

The Iacobelli family was so filled with joy that they went home to their cottage and played "church scrabble" with our names



We worshiped and celebrated Holy Eucharist at an outdoor service on July 18<sup>th</sup> and had our first 10:30 am indoor service in months on July 25. Alleluia!



As Covid restrictions have relaxed, our ability to use our building is slowly increasing. During the week, we ask that you keep visits to the church to only essential trips. There should be 10 or fewer people in the building at any time, masks must be worn, and distancing maintained except with someone in your own household. We need to continue to sign in and use hand sanitizer when we enter.

## Hello from Retirement, 40 years of Teaching!

.... Dianne Funnell



When Deb asked me to do a write up for the Honey & Locust on my 40-year teaching career, I thought no problem as I have written thousands of reports during my career. But those reports were on children not me. I soon found out it is very different writing about yourself rather than how Sally is doing in class.

I first started my career at a school in Newmarket, Ontario in a kindergarten class. During that time the government decided to integrate special needs children into the regular classroom. I soon realized that was my passion and I started working with

special needs children. At that time the special needs children only came in the morning to school, and we would go out to the homes in the afternoon to provide support to the parents. Including going into nursing homes and setting up programs for the more severely and medically fragile children. I received a promotion and became head of the department and soon found that supervising my co workers and doing paperwork all day long was not for me. At that time, we started a family and I went back into a kindergarten class. Then came the big move to Calgary. To get my foot inside the door I worked as a lunchroom supervisor for awhile. I finally got a position once again in a kindergarten class. Then we moved to Ottawa. I was able to get a resource position working with special needs children once again. Then came our move to Sarnia. I worked in many different schools and many different grades including the adult learning centre where I found another passion of mine was working with behavioural children. I went to High Park School to work with special needs and behavioural children and stayed there till I retired in June.

I had many laughs and many tears throughout my career – I recall teaching a kindergarten student to tie his shoes and I told him to hold the tongue of his shoe and he proceeded to hold the tongue in his mouth. The next minute I am talking a grade 4 student down from standing on his desk because he believed he could fly. Then talking a grade 6 student down out of a tree. Then I am packing extra lunches along with my own to give to the children who

had no food for a lunch. Next, I am talking to children who had mental health problems and tried to harm themselves.

I went through many different changes in my career as well going from blackboards to white boards to smart boards to computers to iPads. The most enormous change was when Covid hit, and I had to learn to teach on-line. Can you really teach an old teacher new tricks? It was not easy but I persevered and with the help of my young co workers (who now all have grey hairs thanks to me). I taught online all through the first, second and third wave.

Then decided it was time to retire. Even though working in the teaching profession is the most rewarding and challenging profession there is and I will miss the children and co workers very much, it is time for me to open up a new chapter in my life!

.... Dianne Funnell

P.S. from Deb

Many folks may have seen Dianne's picture in Honey & Locust before as she regularly cooks for The Inn of the Good Shepherd some Saturdays when we serve.

Throughout Covid my heart and gratitude has gone out to teachers. Teaching our children during covid, to me, is one of the most meaningful yet stressful roles there is. Many teachers have kids of their own, some are in situations where they can teach, others are not in the position to be able to

parent and teach at the same time. Dianne, our community is very lucky that you were in a position that you were willing and able to teach. Thank you!

## Share Your Joy/Journey in the Honey & Locust

If you have a paragraph or two you would like to publish in Honey & Locust, perhaps a hello/profile of a parish member, an update for a church/community group you are part of, a favourite project or memory or prayer you would like to share, a family update ...whatever is on your mind that might be meaningful/ joyous for your congregation to hear...please craft the words and send them to [debwalker@cogeco.ca](mailto:debwalker@cogeco.ca)

## Wilderness Pollinator Garden



**Circle September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am on your calendar.**

That's the day **+The Right Reverend Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron** is coming to St. John in the Wilderness to lead the dedication and blessing of the Pollinator Garden behind the church. As you know the garden was installed last summer with financial support from the Anglican Foundation of Canada and the hard work, inspiration and love of a team led by Bob Halliday.

The date was moved from the end of May to September 18 due to the state of Covid.

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We selected a Saturday with +Bishop Todd so that youth and children would be able to join the ceremony. By this time, we also hope to be able to perhaps share some cake (hoping Covid has subsided by then).

Below, Doug Winch is pictured after breaking his rake while beautifying the beehive area. He is installing cardboard (old bicycle boxes) in an area around the garden, we will then place about six inches of mulch over this area...which was barren mainly except for weeds after trimming that spruce tree. This will keep the area freer from tripping hazards as people approach the beehives. The cardboard layer is the same technology Return the Landscape company used when building our pollinator garden.



From our pollinator garden earlier this week.



## Mark your Calendars – Honey & Craft Sale on Saturday, September 11

... Haley Walker & Doug Winch

Based on current COVID restrictions, St John's plans to hold a **Honey & Crafts Sidewalk Sale** at the church on **Saturday, September 11!**



*St John in the Wilderness  
Anglican Church Honey*

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Lovingly made by the busy church bees in Bright's Grove

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More details to follow – the bees will provide the honey, but we need you (the congregation!) to come up with the crafts. We know you've been busy during COVID – knitting, painting, woodworking, baking and more. Let's share our gifts with the community! If you have anything you'd like to contribute, or if you'd be interested in staffing the event, please email Haley Walker at [haleywalker91@gmail.com](mailto:haleywalker91@gmail.com).

### *Postscripts from Ma Deb*

Given this is the second year of not having the Triathlon, we are looking for different ways to raise money for outreach. I hope many of you enjoy the journey of this change. This one sure is sweet!

This past Friday (July 23) was the date for the spaghetti and meatball Triathlon dinner (in non-Covid years)...the Walkers and Machts had a meal of spaghetti and meatballs and toasted the parish and Triathlons to come.

## **A Poem from Joy**

Pauline Walsh came across a collection of poems written by her mum Joy Patterson and assembled by Joy's son as a gift to his mother many years ago. We are going to publish some of these in editions of Honey & Locust. Many of you likely remember Joy as a long-standing, kind, and active member of our parish.

## **Summer Days 1938**

.....Joy Patterson

Oh for the summer holidays  
Down by the sand and sea  
Weeks crammed full of sunny days  
To be spent by you and me

Bathing and splashing in the sea  
And then browning in the sun  
That's the life for you and me  
When the years work has been done

It takes a year to earn the money  
And a week to spend it all  
But we are lucky aren't we honey  
Our allowance isn't small

Down by the sea there's not care or worry  
No one to say "Now come along hurry"  
We eat lots of ices as we sit on the beach  
Then go out on motorboats six pence per each

So: oh for the summer holiday  
Down by the sand and sea  
With weeks crammed full of sunny days  
Is the song sung by you and me



## Lay Reader Janice Reflects



“I know, O Lord, that the way of human beings is not in their control, that mortals as they walk cannot direct their steps. Correct me, O Lord, but

in just measure; not in your anger, or you will bring me to nothing”.

~ Jeremiah 10:23-24, NRSV

My money. My stuff. My family. My friends. My time. My life. My way. It's all mine, right? Well... no! Why is it so easy to fall into this great illusion? I mean, I love Frank Sinatra singing "My Way" but have you ever noticed that one of the lines says "To say the things he truly feels and not the words of one who kneels."

Wait a minute! Just because you're kneeling it doesn't mean that you can't say what you're feeling! I think the one who kneels can and should truly say what they feel, especially if they are kneeling in prayer.

Anyway, life isn't just about living my way. How incredibly self-centered is that?! It isn't just about my way, unless my way is God's way for me. To be truly honest, I think it takes more courage and guts to live God's way than selfishly thinking it's all about me.

Let us pray:

God, this North American culture can be pretty self-centered. We easily fall into the trap of 'me' and 'my'. Correct me, God, as you see best. Put people in my life to remind me what's important. May my eyes and my heart be open to the truth that it isn't always just about me. Maybe old blue eyes has it right, though. I can sing "I did it my way" when I realize that my way is your way, that your way is my way. Amen.

“Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will come to know God because they know you.”

... Janice McAlpine

## Hazel – Never Stumped!

... Deb Walker

Hazel Millholland's place usually brings wonderful conversation as I deliver Honey & Locust. I love her flowers, which she has put much thought and effort into over the years. I was admiring her hydrangeas again when I noticed a garbage bag with bricks on top of it across the way, I asked...



“Hazel what is this about?”

It reminded me of recommendations from Ian Prail on weed control and Doug Winch on starting a new garden.

Well...During the week of her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday, Hazel bent down quickly, before I figured out I should offer some help perhaps, removed the bricks and pointed to a hardwood tree stump. She scratched her head and said...

“My daughter Carey Googled and found out to get rid of stumps we should try drilling holes in the stump and filling the holes with a saturated slurry of Epsom salt (and covering it all so the rain does not wash away the salt)”.



That stump was alive with bugs just eating away at it!

Hazel, thanks for another wonderful and informative conversation.

♥ HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HAZEL ♥

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## Yummy, and \$1,487 Raised For Outreach

We had two successful and delicious fundraisers on Saturday, July 17.

Eve Morgan and Peter Langille worked with **Alton Winery and Sitara to bring the parish a curbside meal**. Butter chicken, naan, wine...you get the jist. \$705 was raised for outreach.

*Thanks to everyone who passed along the menu and ordering instructions to friends outside our church...it all helps!*

I neglected to get a picture of Eve and Peter outside of Sitara when I picked up my marvelous meal; however, from the files...



*Thanks to Eve and Peter!*

Peter indicates they have thought about an even bigger curbside meal event in November with our parish and friends/ community.



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Haley Walker and Doug Winch harvested some of their hives (the church hives are not yet ready to harvest) and sold **honey and honeycomb** in a “bring your own container” sale/festive day at the Walker homestead. \$782 was raised.

10; she now teaches me new things in it)...Such Fun!



We also had a few hours of just plain fun. Showing kids the honeycomb and hives, chatting up folks on how they use their honey...I had no idea so many folk put honey in their coffee each morning. Cutting up the honeycomb and placing it in a jar or tray someone brought was magical each time it was done. For me...watching Haley open the honey bucket spout, fill a jar and then keep track of everything in Excel (I taught her how to use Excel when she was



## St. John in the Wilderness Mission and Vision

### Our Mission

To Love God and to share His love with others.

### Our Vision

To show a welcoming, visible sign of Christ in a growing community, and to strive to meet the spiritual needs of everyone in a facility which is accessible, safe, environmentally friendly, and addresses the space requirements of all.

Yours in Faith,

Deb Walker, Peter Langille, Janice McAlpine,  
and The Reverend Amanda Longmoore+  
Wardens, Lay Reader, and Interim Priest

*"You will never look into the eyes of  
someone God does not love."*

Postscript:

Nancy Mann has started up our women's small-group gatherings again. I popped by to help Doug Winch with the garden and was greeted by Amanda, Shalleen, Maggie and Charlene. St. John in the Wilderness Anglican Church, Bright's Grove on a summer day. Such blessings!



**St. John in the Wilderness, Brights Grove**

**Church Services**

(July 27, 2021 Update)

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Listen to the prompts to hear the sermon and readings from our services on the St. John in the Wilderness line.

Option 2 for Reverend Gord Simmons' silly joke of the week 😊

Date	Day of Church Calendar (And Officiant if Other than The Reverend Amanda Longmoore)	Time	Service	Location (See Notes 1 & 2)	Colour	Readings
August 1, 2021	10th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church (Email Invitation)	Green	2 Samuel 11: 26 - 12: 13a Psalm 51: 1 - 13
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist	In Church (reserve via Evite)		Ephesians 4: 1 - 16 John 6: 35, 41 - 51
August 8, 2021	11 Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church (Email Invitation)	Green	2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist	In Church (reserve via Evite)		Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2 John 6: 35, 41 - 51
August 15, 2021	St. Mary, Mother of Jesus	8:00 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church (Email Invitation)	White	Isaiah 7: 10 - 15 Psalm 132: 6 - 10, 13 - 14
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist	OUTDOOR Service (church lawn)		Galatians 4: 4 - 7 Luke 1: 46 - 55
August 22, 2021	13th Sunday after Pentecost (Lay Reader Sandra Fraser)	8:00 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church (Email Invitation)	Green	1 Kings 8: 22 - 30, 41 - 43 Psalm 84
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist	In Church (reserve via Evite)		Ephesians 6: 10 - 20 John 6: 56 - 69
August 29, 2021	14th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church (Email Invitation)	Green	Song of Solomon 2: 8 - 13 Psalm 45: 1 - 2, 7 - 10
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist	In Church (reserve via Evite)		James 1: 17 - 27 Mark 7: 1- 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23

Note (1) **In-Church Services**  
**8:00 am:** Deb Walker issues an email invitation on the Thursday or Friday to the regular parishioners who have attended the early service prior to/or during Covid (~19 folk at this stage), if you want an invitation contact Deb Walker.  
**10:30 am:** please reserve via the evite you receive 2 to 5 days prior to the service from Peter Langille; this is issued to the parish email list.  
**--Both Services:** We must maintain 2-meter social distances in church, wear masks and minimize conversation. In addition, we request that those joining us in worship and who are eligible be 14 days or more past their second Covid-19 vaccination.

Note (2) We try to save a video of the service and issue a saved and edited version of the service recording. It will issue within 1 to 3 days of the service with a link going out via the church's email. Audio recordings of the readings, psalm and sermon will be placed on the prayer telephone line on Monday or Tuesday

**Please check your e-mail regularly to see if there are changes – this is a fluid time given Covid.**

**Keep wearing those masks, washing your hands, maintain social distance, be kind, acknowledge Angst, and.....recognize Blessings;-)**  
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