



Connections

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My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

John 10: 27

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PATRON SAINT OF SPAIN

On July 25, the church remembers St James the Apostle. He was actually thought to be the cousin of Jesus himself, and the brother of St Jude Thaddeus. He worked as a fisherman in Galilee with his brother John, his father Zebedee and his partner Simon. John and James were followers of John the Baptist and later, Jesus.



St. James' shield shows a scallop shell, a symbol of pilgrimage by sea, and the sword of martyrdom.

James' Galilean origin might explain the energy and the vehemence of character which earned for him and John the name of *Boanerges*, "sons of thunder" (Mark 3:17).

Galileans were reputed to be religious, hardy, industrious, brave, and the strongest defenders of the Jewish nation.

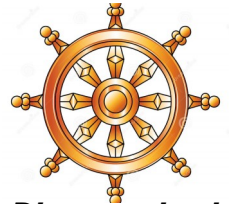
James, along with John, left their life as fishermen when Jesus called them to be "fishers of men". They followed Jesus as his disciples until he was crucified.

A few years after the crucifixion, James was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I for his vigorous spreading of the gospel.

Tradition says that his remains were transported by his followers to the Iberian Peninsula (today's Galicia in Spain). He is said to be buried in Santiago de Compostela.

Our neighbours are celebrating

July 16 - Dharma Day, also known as Asalha Puja, falls on the first full moon of the 8th lunar month and celebrates the day in which Buddha began teaching. It's a holiday celebrated by Buddhists all over the world. The word Dharma can be translated as meaning truth and is one of the terms used when describing a path to enlightenment. Buddha's first sermon was "Turning of the Wheel of the Dharma."



Dharma wheel

On this day, many Buddhists all over the world head to their temples to practice Dharma. They also tithe money to the monks and listen to sermons that tell them of the great beginning. Often, candles and incense are lit before or during the sermons.

MEMORABLE EVENTS IN JULY

July 16, 1937 The Nazis open Buchenwald concentration camp. *Almost 57,000 prisoners would die there by 1945.*

July 18, 64 Roman Emperor Nero blames Christians for a fire which destroys most of Rome. *This brings about the first great wave of persecution of the Church.*

July 22, 1620 A band of separatist Puritans from England emigrate to America. *They become known as the Pilgrims.*

July 24, 1725 John Newton is born. He is a slave ship master for ten years before accepting Christ and becoming an Anglican clergyman. *He is well known for composing the beloved hymn "Amazing Grace".*

July 27, 1516 Martin Luther preaches against indulgences. *It was his posting of his "Ninety-Five Theses" against these and other church abuses on the University of Wittenberg's chapel door that led to the Protestant Reformation.*

*How to stay cool
in July*

**Come to Christ Church
We're air-conditioned!**





Scripture readings for July 21: Amos 8: 1 to 12, Psalm 52; Colossians 1: 15 to 28; Luke 10: 38 to 42

Readings for July 28: 2 Kings 5: 1 to 15; Psalm 21: 1 to 7; Colossians 2: 6 to 15; Luke 11: 1 to 13

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS



"Forgiveness liberates the soul. It removes fear. That is why it is such a powerful weapon."

- Nelson Mandela

In 2009, the United Nations declared July 18 "Nelson Mandela International Day" in recognition of the South African leader's contributions to democracy, freedom, peace and human rights around the world.

The stories of his birth in South Africa on July 18, 1918, his education at the University of Witwatersrand where he studied law, his initial non-violent resistance work with the African National Congress, and his trial for treason in 1956 are legend. Acquitted at that trial, Mandela set up a military arm of ANC, not an easy choice but essential, if the apartheid regime in his country was ever to be overcome.

Mandela was arrested again in 1962 and sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Later, Mandela founded Umkhonto we Sizwe ("Spear of the Nation"), also known as MK, an armed wing of the ANC. He was tried again with fellow leaders of the ANC and MK for plotting to overthrow the government. Eight, including Mandela, were sentenced to life imprisonment. He was in prison under notoriously brutal conditions for 27 years and became the face of the antiapartheid movement within his country and internationally. Released in 1990, he participated in the ending of apartheid and in 1994 became the first black president of South Africa, forming a multi-ethnic government to oversee the country's transition. Nelson Mandela was more than an effective leader who brought about remarkable change. He was able to forgive those who tried to kill his spirit and he became a stronger, better person by doing so.

DISCOVERING MARY MAGDALENE

On July 22 the church celebrates one of the most misunderstood women in the Bible, Mary Magdalene. Mary was a very popular name for



women in her time and later, scholars often confused Mary, the follower of Jesus from the town of Magdala, with the unnamed woman who washed Jesus' feet with precious ointment and dried them with her hair.

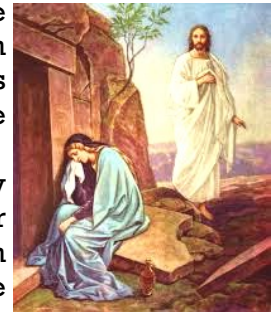
Mary Magdalene is mentioned in the lists of Jesus' female companions that appear in Mark, Matthew, and Luke. Some believe she may have been an important figure among the female disciples and a member of Jesus' inner circle. She is said to have travelled with him and the other disciples from the beginning of his ministry in Galilee and throughout the three years until his death and resurrection.

Mary was present at his crucifixion and was one of the women who went to the tomb to anoint his body with myrrh. It was to Mary that Jesus first revealed himself after he rose, simply saying her name.

Tradition suggests that Mary Magdalene helped pay for Jesus' ministry out of her own pocket. Nothing is said in the bible about their collecting donations from the people he preached to, so he and all his companions would have relied upon the generosity of strangers or their own private funds. It appears, then, that Mary Magdalene may have been an important source of financial support.

Hundreds of paintings, sculptures and stained glass windows have been created of Mary over the centuries, most depicting her as a penitent.

However, nowhere in the Bible is she called a prostitute, although the church persisted in this belief until 1679, when it was reversed. Her "seven demons" which Jesus healed were probably psychological or emotional problems, which in her time were not understood.



Your prayers are asked for

Viggy, Annet, Carol, Cathy, Barb, Dushy, Anne, Joan, Bill, Peter, John, Corinne, Myrna, Hannah, Diane and David, Anna and her family, Ken and his family



WHAT IS OUR OUTREACH DOING?

You will recall that at Vestry we passed a motion to enlarge our community outreach activities. With the opening of two new facilities close to Christ Church, we have found new opportunities to assist those in need in our community. Here are the places we support and what they need.

FAMILY RESIDENCE, 4222 KINGSTON ROAD



This is the current beneficiary of our Operation Backpack school supplies drive. They also serve as a management/distribution centre for other shelters in east Toronto, so these supplies are shared with them. They can also use toiletries and feminine hygiene products, since some of their clients are women with children fleeing domestic violence and thus arriving with nothing but what they are wearing.

SCARBOROUGH VILLAGE RESIDENCE, 3306 KINGSTON ROAD

Housed in the former Comfort motel, this shelter/transitional residence for men 55+ replaces two older facilities, and houses around 100 men, some with disabilities.

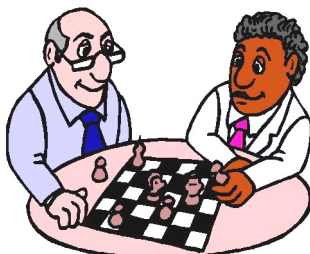


Their "wish list" includes books (including large print), chess and other board games, games suitable for outdoors, new underwear/socks/t-shirts/pants for emergencies, \$5 gift cards from Tim Hortons/McDonalds/Pizza Pizza etc. which can be used as prizes in Bingo and other games.



YOUTHLINK EMERGENCY SHELTER/ TRANSITIONAL RESIDENCE, 748 WARDEN AVENUE

In addition to emergency shelter, this place is a longer-term residence for men and women aged 16-24 who are finishing high school or college or participating in the YouthLink life-skills and other programs. They need high-school/college level school supplies including backpacks, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, books and games. As a pet-friendly residence, they can also use kitty litter, dog food and cat food.



**Christ Church presents
the biggest little yard sale
of the summer**



CDs



clothes

JULY 20 - 9 am to 1:30 pm

books



mugs



kitchen ware

... and much more!

Workshop for Youth

for young men and women 16 to 25 years old

Resume Writing

Job Search

Interviews

Sessions will cover:

- ✓ How to write an effective resume
- ✓ Research and apply for full and part time jobs
- ✓ Prepare for your job interview via all mediums: social media, telephone, in person
- ✓ Interactive interview role play
- ✓ Work place etiquette
- ✓ Questions and answers

A job developer from Gateway will lead the sessions

Thursday, July 18, 2019

2 pm to 5 pm

Christ Church Scarborough Village

155 Markham Road

(South of Eglinton Avenue East, on the East side)

Register via Email:

office@christchurchscarborough.com

Registration deadline:

Wednesday, July 17 at 12 pm



Event hosted by

Christ Church Scarborough Village