



The KEY AUGUST 2026

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Come and See what I Have Found

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few." -Matthew 9:37

Let us pray... May the eyes of our hearts be opened, that we may know the hope to which we have been called, the riches of God's glorious inheritance, and the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe.

I frequently open my sermons with this prayer from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Paul prays that the church there may learn to see—that the eyes of their hearts may be opened to the hope, riches, and power that are already theirs in Christ. He prays that we might recognize that God's gifts are not scarce but abundant, and that his grace is inexhaustible.

It is a fitting place to begin as we gather around today's gospel

Jesus says: "The harvest is plentiful..."

At first glance, the statement seems strange. He sees people of the towns and cities who are ill and afflicted, burdened, and directionless. Matthew records "When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Most of us, standing there, would probably have agreed. We would have seen scattered sheep. We would have seen wounded people, burdened by grief and uncertain where to turn. We would have seen a field in need of mending.

Jesus sees their hurt... and Jesus sees a harvest.

A plentiful harvest.

A field ready for gathering.

Perhaps that is one of the greatest challenges facing the Church. We become so attentive to the wounds that we fail to see what God is already growing among us. We count what is missing and overlook what God is bringing to life;

We worry there will not be enough: enough people, enough money, enough energy, enough faithfulness, enough fruitfulness, enough time. We become experts at seeing scarcity.



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Jesus invites us to look again.
The harvest is plentiful.

When I was a child, my family spent a great deal of time walking in the bush near Elliot Lake in northern Ontario. When blueberry season arrived, we would head out with buckets in hand. We would walk deep into the woods; eventually the trees opened into a scrubby clearing perched atop a bald outcropping of Precambrian shield.

There, surrounded by evergreens, a sea of blueberries stretched out before us. Everywhere you looked there were berries. You could sit down almost anywhere and pick for hours without exhausting what grew within arm's reach. The abundance felt inexhaustible.

And every so often a voice would ring out across the clearing. My father would call, "Come and see what I've found over here!" "You've gotta see this!!"

Without hesitation we would jump up and hurry across the rocks. And what had he discovered? Another stretch of bushes overflowing with fruit.

Looking back, it was a peculiar thing. We were not leaving scarcity in hopes of finding abundance. We were leaving abundance to discover even more abundance. And somehow we never grew tired of it. We would gather around and marvel together at what had been found, each new patch revealed how much still remained to be gathered.

Years later, I sometimes wonder whether this remembrance taught me something about the Kingdom of Heaven...The harvest is plentiful...

My grandparents emigrated from Ukraine, and like many immigrant families, we learned to make full use of what Canada freely offered. Free gifts became free gifts: the blueberries were beautiful gifts that travelled far beyond the blueberry patch. Buckets became boxes. Boxes became transport. Relatives in southern Ontario received shipments packed onto the Ontario Northlander, sent south by rail from North Bay. But it didn't stop there. The fruit of that labour spilled into the hands of our neighbours as well. We would bring baskets over to them, and neighbours would come by and share in the news of what had been discovered and gathered.

We would give, and we would receive in return. There was a kind of joyful refrain that hung in the air around our household. "the blueberries are in!"

The neighbours jumped into the harvest; and from their hands came an entire afterlife of blueberry confections —blueberry pies, blueberry jam, blueberry jelly, blueberry muffins, blueberry pancakes, blueberry crisps, blueberry cakes, blueberry tarts, blueberry syrup, blueberry smoothies, blueberries covered in chocolate, blueberries stirred into yogurt, blueberries by the handful, blueberries by the bowlful ...

And our Italian neighbours, seeing all of this abundance, decided that blueberries looked enough like tiny grapes that they might as well become wine—and so there was blueberry wine.

And even then, the presence of the harvest refused to be limited ... There were blueberry-stained fingers, blueberry-stained shirts, blueberry-stained tablecloths, blueberry-stained counters, blueberry-stained carpets, and my Baba's blueberry-stained dentures soaking in a glass of Polident by the bathroom sink.

The evidence of abundance lingered long after the picking was finished.

The harvest did not remain in the field.

It moved outward.

It gathered people.

It created relationships.

It generated stories.

It produced delight.

And perhaps this is what Jesus wants his disciples to see as they set out into the world the Kingdom of Heaven is not a small and fragile thing that must constantly be protected from running out. It overflows.

Grace spills upon grace and refuses to be depleted. What God gives, keeps finding its way into new hands, new homes, and new lives. The harvest becomes larger than any individual could possibly carry alone. It becomes a shared life. It becomes a feast.

Indeed! Every harvest eventually moves toward a table. What is gathered is meant to be shared. What is shared becomes communion. Grain becomes bread. Grapes become wine. And people who arrive from many different places become one body.

I suspect the abundance of the Kingdom of Heaven cannot be measured by how much we possess, but by how many we welcome into the feast. Whenever I hear Jesus speak of harvest, I find myself imagining a table at the end of all things, or maybe it's a table at the beginning of all things...?

Not a table reserved for a select few, but one stretching farther than the eye can see. A table long enough to gather every hand that ever touched the harvest.

My Baba is there. Her dentures are no longer stained purple, and she laughs to see that a few blueberry stains remain on the tablecloth as reminders of former worries. My Dedo, my grandfather is there too. For the first time in his life his brow is completely untroubled. He is no longer counting portions or wondering whether there will be enough. He simply smiles and reaches for another helping. My father is there, calling down the table with the same enthusiasm he once shouted across the blueberry patch: "Come and see what I've found over here!"

And everyone gets up to look. The blueberry pierogies have arrived; a gift from Mrs. Humeniuk, and she takes her place at the table. All The neighbours are there as well, passing dishes across the table and over heads. Franco and Nella raise their glasses of blueberry wine. Salute! My brother, predictably, is still eating more blueberries than he ever picked. Now we all are!

Every dish tells a story.

Here is the one who picked.



Here is the one who baked.
Here is the one who shared.
Here is the one who called out!
Here are the ones who came over!
No one sits at the edge of this feast wondering whether they belong.
And that is when the true nature of the harvest becomes clear.
It was never about the blueberries. It's about the people:
The berries brought them together.
The labour joined them together.
The sharing bound them together.
And the feast reveals what God was growing all along.
At the centre of the table sits Christ himself.
The grain has become bread.
The grapes have become wine.

The blueberries have become the communion of generosity and delight. And all those who laboured in the harvest discover that they themselves have become the harvested.

Now before we leave this vision, I think it might be useful to ask a few questions:

- Where is the harvest in your own life and where is the harvest happening in your church?
- Who first invited you to "come and see?"
- And who might God be calling you to gather into the joy of his abundance?

For the harvest is plentiful.
May God give us eyes to see it. Amen.

Preached on Sunday June 14th 2026 at Holy Trinity Church St. George, Ontario
Thereafter known, for reasons that will become obvious,
as "The Blueberry Sermon."
By Deacon Brent Krysa, Diocese of Huron, Anglican Church of Canada

Special Pastoral Notice

When Pastor Janaki is off, as happens more frequently now with the LAAMB pastoral charge being reduced to 70%, emergency pastoral care arrangements are made. Notice of those arrangements comes out in the weekly emails sent by Satomi from the parish office. This notice will be highlighted in yellow, in case you need emergency pastoral care while Pastor is off.

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don't get me in person, available at 519-588-7701



AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Year A

Short Forms Used

(G) Colour is Green/ (w) Service of the Word

(ST) Story Teller/(A) Assistant

10th Sunday After Pentecost, Aug 2, 2026 (G)

GENESIS 32:22-31/Psalm 17:1-7, 16

ROMANS 9:1-5/MATTHEW 14:13-21

9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Janaki)

10:00 St. Andrew's (Rev'd Paul /Bishop Lesley)

10:00 St. Edmund's (Bernie B & Rev'd Graham)

11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Carl/Rev'd Graham)

7:00 St. Margaret's (Rev'd Carl (ST)Pastor Janaki (A)

11th Sunday After Pentecost, Aug 9, 2026 (G)

GENESIS 37:1-4,12-28/Psalm 105:1-6,16-22

ROMANS 10:5-15/MATTHEW 14:22-33

9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Angela Y)(w)

10:00 St. Andrew's (Pastor Janaki

And Canon Karen K)

10:00 St. Edmund's (Rev Joanna Miller)

11:30 Christ Church (Angela Y)

7:00 St. Margaret's (Rev'd Mark Loyal (ST)Helen (A)

12th Sunday After Pentecost, Aug 16, 2026 (G)

GENESIS 45:1-15/PSALM 133

ROMANS 11:1-2A,29-32/MATTHEW 15:21-28

9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Maria KS) (w)

10:00 St. Andrew's (Helen W..) (w)

10:00 St. Edmund's (Pastor Janaki)

11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Mona/Rev'd Carl)

7:00 St. Margaret's (Charlotte (ST) Pastor
Janaki(A)

13th Sunday After Pentecost, Aug 23, 2026 (G)

EXODUS 1:8-2:10/PSALM 124

ROMANS 12:1-8/MATTHEW 16:13-20

9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Pastor Janaki.)

10:00 St. Andrew's (Canon Karen K.)

10:00 St. Edmund's (Rev'd Annie V.D.)

11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Carl/Rev'd Graham)

7:00 St. Margaret's (Rev'd Graham) (ST) Pastor
Janaki(A)

14th Sunday After Pentecost, Aug 30, 2026 (G)

EXODUS 3:1-15/PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45C

ROMANS 12:9-21/MATTHEW 16:21-28

9:30 St. Peter's & Trinity (Angela Y./Pastor Janaki)

10:00 St. Andrew's (Brian R.)

10:00 St. Edmund's, (Rev'd Annie VD.)

11:30 Christ Church (Angela Y/ Rev Carl)(w)

7:00 St. Margaret's (Nick B) (ST) Rev'd Jawn(A)

Sponsorship Opportunities

The KEY may be sponsored for \$60.00
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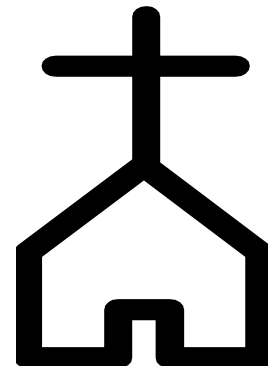
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LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN MINISTRIES OF THE BRUCE PENINSULA

Together in faith,
loving and serving God
by helping others.

We pledge to:

- be led by Holy Spirit
- embrace differences
- adapt to changing times



MISSION STATEMENT,
adopted by PPC, November 14, 2018



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST EVENTS

**ST. ANDREW'S Church & Community
Center, HOWDENVALE**

**Children Please Join us for
on the Beach**

Wednesday August 5th

1:00 pm

For A Scavenger Hunt



Wednesday August 12th

At 1:00 pm

Carnival Games on the Beach

(in event of rain at the church)



See You There!



This Issue of The Key

Has been sponsored by

Marjorie Zwicker

in loving memory of her husband Lawrence



I miss you still — the quiet keeps your name,
A soft refrain beneath the day's loud claims.
Your chair, your laugh, the light that used to fill
these rooms;

I trace the echoes, feel the chill.
Time moves on, but love remains;
my heart's own sweet pain:
I miss you still, and always will.

Marge

*"Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path."*



(Psalm 119:105)



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St. Edmund's Church

Building Community through the
'Summer in the Spirit Program'

August 5th

Spirit of the Forest

Sheryl Spencer leads a
gentle walk along a forest
path

Meet at 7:00 pm at
Parks Canada Visitors
Centre

(Park Fees have been Waived)

Enjoy a gentle 1 ½ hour walk



August 26th

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Classical Music on The Bruce

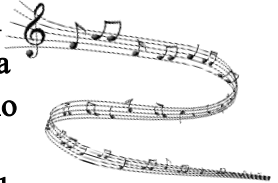
With

Sarah Pratt-Parsamian – violin

Shane Kim – violin

Caitlin Boyle – viola

Rachel Desoer – cello



Featuring the works of Beethoven,
Frank Horvat and Maurice Ravel

at

Tobermory United Church

Admission is free; donations are greatly appreciated

August 12th

4th Annual Brews & Hymns

Hymns we love to sing, in an unexpected setting

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of singing
Over a cup of tea or a beer



Tobermory Legion, 37 Legion Street

August 19th

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sacred Fire - at the Gap by St. Edmund's

**Fireside Conversation about
Things That Matter**

Introduced by Graham Bland



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Jo, Helen & Charlotte

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Reverend Carl on your Appointment



Reverend Carl Brown & Doctor Margaret Lightfoot

A shepherd's heart, a faithful guide,
With grace and wisdom by your side.
May your new path be bright and clear,
And bring God's love to all who hear.

Blessings from the Congregations of Laamb

Father Mark Curtis
St. Peter's/Trinity
Officiant – June 28th



**In celebration of Canada Day singing
a song he wrote**

"My Canada"

Father Mark has his own YouTube channel.
<http://www.youtube.com/@fathermarkcurtis1986>
You can also visit our website www.laamb.ca
under resources where you will find a curated
selection of several of his hymns.



*The secret Alice
is to surround yourself with people
who make your heart smile.
It is then,
And only then
You'll find wonderland*

Lewis Carroll



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SUNDAY HUMOUR



"Our mouths were filled with laughter"

Psalms 126:2



Definition of TOMORROW

One of the greatest labour
Saving devices of today!



Biblical Anagrams

July Answer:

Tomorrow is to be a day of rest

... Exodus 16:23b.

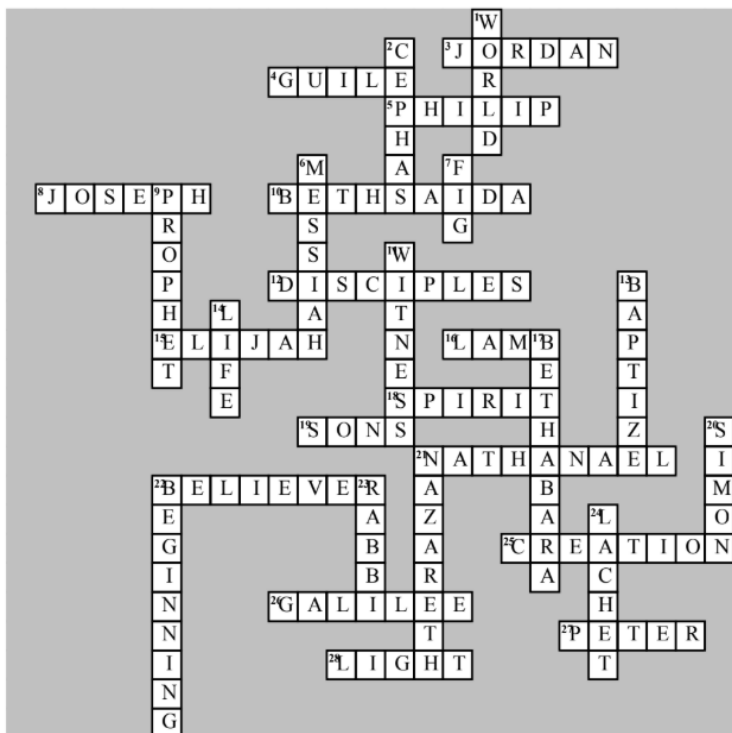


New Anagram for August

Advil devotee holding hotfoot

Hint starts with: ...D

Answer July Crossword Puzzle



August CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Joshua – Chapters 6 & 7



BiblePuzzles.org.uk

ACHAN
AMORITES
ARK OF THE COVENANT
CAMP
CITY
COMPASSED
CURSED
DEFEAT AT AI
DESTROYED
FIRE
GARMENT
GOLD

GREAT SHOUT
JERICHO
JOSHUA
JUDAH
KING
PRIESTS
PURIFY
RAHAB
RAMS' HORNS
SEIGE
SEVEN DAYS
SILVER

SON OF CARM
SPIES
STONES
THEFT
TREASURY OF THE LORD
TRIBES
TRUMPETS
VALLEY OF ACHOR
VESSELS
WALLS
ZABDI
ZARHITES

LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN CONGREGATIONS EVENTS CALENDAR – AUGUST– 2026

Pastor Janaki OFF Blue Shade on Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Lutheran & Anglican Ministries of the Bruce Peninsula Office 519-534-1604 Office Hours: Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.						1.
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9. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 10:00 St. Andrew's 10:00 St. Edmund's 11:30 Christ Church 7:00 St. Margaret's		11.	12. St. Andrew's 1:00 pm Kid's Carnaval St. Edmund's Hosting – Brews and Hymns From 7:00 pm at Tobermory Legion	13. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	14.	15.
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