

## **Judy Cardy**

“Good Morning, St. James” - Receptionist, Secretary, Office Assistant, Parish Administrator, and currently Parish Coordinator. These (separately and on occasion all at once) have been Judy’s ‘titles’ since she came to work at St. James in January of 1986. She truly enjoys her work and has seen many changes over the years. Judy is also a member of our Cemetery Board, Altar Guild, Rwanda Committee, Festival Executive Committee and is our Vestry Clerk/Council Secretary. She also serves as a Eucharistic Minister.

A life-long member of St. James, she and her husband Don have two adult children, Mike and Erin. Outside of office hours Judy enjoys reading, walking, golfing, and the hot-sunny climate anywhere in the south!



## **Brian Edwards**

Brian is fifty-four years of age. He has been a resident of Paris since 1983. He began his career in the Navy and upon his return home, was a security guard, then worked in a foundry. Throughout his working career he has also worked at Reid-Dominion, Mitten Vinyl and most recently, at Cami.

Brian has four children and four grandchildren. He has been married thirty years to his wife Brenda.

While not at work or at the church, you can find Brian reading, watching movies, or enjoying computer games.

Brian has been a Lay Reader for ten years and is now a candidate for Deacon. He has served at St. James’ as an Altar Server, Coordinator of Men’s Ministries, Warden and in 2011 Brenda and Brian will chair the annual festival committee.



## Phil Hoekstra

Shortly after we came to Canada my mother found my first job. It was to work as a gardener for fifteen cents an hour in the hot sun. About that time, I became motivated to try something a little less strenuous and set my sights on higher education. For much of my working life as a teacher, I had the luck of living in the little community of Tweed which houses the world's smallest jail and where the locals rightly think that they are close to the centre of the universe. While there, our family was drawn to the local Anglican church which was also called St. James. Mary, my wife, and I were wardens at that church and grew in our faith as time passed. Somewhere along the line, God had a little chat with me and suggested that I seriously consider listening to my priest and become a lay reader.

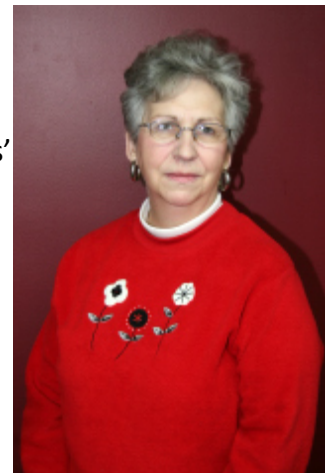


Both Mary and I are excited about our community of St. James, Paris. Since we moved here in Sept 2007, we have been involved with a variety of activities in the parish including the men and women groups. Of particular joy to me has been the friendships developed while selling Christmas trees or working in the kitchen or the other opportunities that St. James offers to meet wonderful people. I have continued in my ministry as a lay reader and Mary is a member of the congregational council. We love the great variety of services and events and music offered here and have grown in our new spiritual home. Over time we hope that we will evolve in our relationship with God, each other and the people of our community.

We are also the parents of two young men and their spouses and the proud Oma and Opa of Brayden, Madi and Ava. We love spending time with our grandchildren, enjoying our garden and time with the many friends we have made in Paris.

## Dawn McClelland

Born in Brantford and raised in Canning, Dawn has always considered Paris her hometown. Dawn and her husband Colin joined the St. James' family in 2001. Confirmed at St. James' in 2003 by Bishop Robert Bennett she led the way for her husband and daughter Jessica, who were confirmed in 2005. Dawn is the mother of three grown up children and proud grandmother of 6 grandchildren ranging in ages from 3 years to 24 years. Dawn has obtained her Certificate in Christian Studies from Renison Institute of Ministry in Waterloo. She is involved in outreach, women's ministry and lay ministry. Her outside interests involve her family, as well as the Grandmother's to Grandmothers Campaign in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the fight against HIV/AIDS. She is also a church liaison with the Living Hope Pregnancy Resource Centre. After 41 years as a professional legal administrative assistant Dawn retired in 2010 to concentrate on lay ministry at St. James. Her future goal is to be accepted into the diaconal formation process.



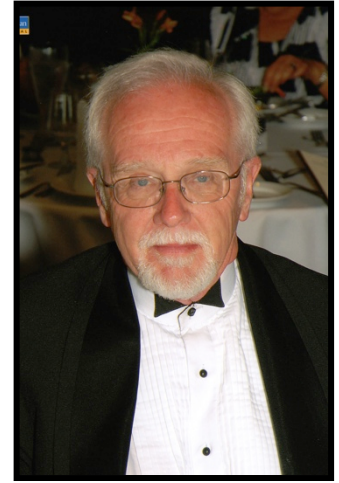
## **Jamie Smith**

Jamie is a life long resident of Cambridge, Ontario where he lives with his wife, Helen. He has found being involved in the church life of St. James, Paris an unexpected reward after retiring from a very successful career in education.

Jamie and his wife, Helen, find that their four grandchildren, Jordan, Steven, Scott and Lauren are a constant reminder of God's love and grace as they experience the joys of second-time-around parenting.

His interests are writing, photography and computing. He especially enjoys being with his family and meeting with his old friends and the new ones Helen and he have made in Paris. In recent years has also been able to renew a fresh his acquaintance with an old friend, his guitar.

He is in attendance at Renison College. He is thankful for the opportunity to know God better and better every day and serve him in his lay ministry at St. James Church.



## **Woody Sherman**

Born in Toronto, I came to St. James via the U.S. and Australia and, most recently, St Matthew's Anglican Church in Etobicoke (where I was actively involved for a number of years).

My youngest daughter Mardi and her family are firmly entrenched in Sydney, Australia, while my other daughter Melissa moved to Paris from Down Under in 2006. (Her children, Cale and Harper, can often be seen dancing in the pews before and after Sunday school.) I moved to Paris in 2007 and a few months later joined the St. James community.

I serve as a Eucharistic Minister, on the liturgical roster, and on the TGAF (Together God and Fun) team. I look forward each week to our lively Sunday night St. James Study Group, where within a warm and loving environment we explore many aspects of Christianity and other religions of today.

I am a member of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, which seeks to build solidarity, raise awareness and mobilize support in Canada for Africa's grandmothers who are bravely raising their orphaned grandchildren.

When not spending time with my grandchildren or the many special friends I have found here, I enjoy walking and the gym, watching as much tennis as possible, reading extensively and plotting ways to visit Australia.

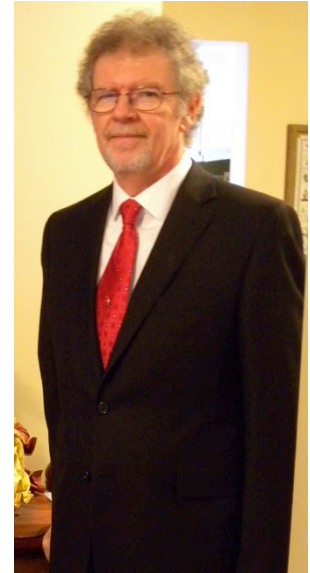


## **Don Downey**

Don and his wife Deborah have been members of St James since shortly after moving to Paris in 1974. Through the years he has participated in a variety of activities Church Council, Rectors Warden, Festival Fund Raising and the Building Committee Don is currently serving with the Lay Team. Don and Deborah currently enjoyed facilitating small group studies on published works of modern day contemporary Christian Leaders.

Don is a water treatment engineer employed by a US corporation as the Canadian Sales Manager. He has published several technical papers and chairs 2 International Committees dealing with water treatment methods. In his free time he enjoys family, golf, and walking his dog – Hector.

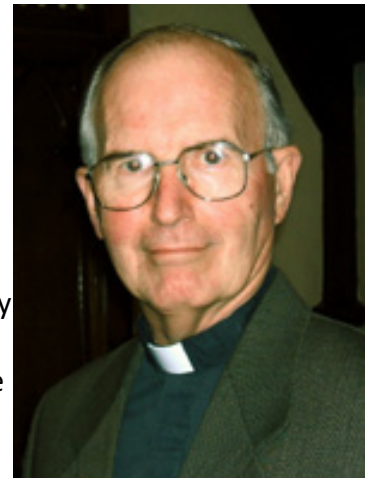
Don and Deborah have 3 children living in Atlanta GA, oldest son Nick and his wife Candi, and oldest daughter Emily, and 3 children here Vanessa in Paris and Pat and his wife Caitlin in Brantford.



## **Rev. Ron Pierce**

Life seems to regularly have new beginnings, and 2010/11 is providing another one for Willa and me. Having been part of a new team in ministry here (2006 to 2008) which had much hope and zeal in our Lord, Jesus Christ, I returned in the autumn of 2010 to a congregation settled and growing.

For the past two years I have been serving once more in ministry in the Methodist Church in Britain. These two years taught me the great value again in working together in prayer and in a growing small group ministry for a Church aware of and deeply part of the surrounding communities. Once again we have found here a warm welcome, openness to everyone who comes to St. James, and a very active and serving community of worshippers of our Lord.



## **Rev. Sandra Sinnicks**

Being one of the newest members of the flock is a role I have lived many times. It is a new role, however, being an Honourary Assistant.

At the beginning of my journey, I was a very young Christian in the parish of St. Paul's in Fort Erie where I learned to love the music of the church and to be a disciple of Jesus. My dream was to visit all the remote places in Western Canada as a missionary with Sunday School on Wheels.

Instead, at the age of 17, I went to Teachers' College. It seems, after that, I was always a new member of a congregation!



In St. Stephens, Niagara Falls as a member of A.Y.P.A., I learned to speak to the issues of youth in the church. In Christ Church, St. Catharines, I was privileged with a wonderful group to travel and learn what community in the church can mean. At St. John's in Niagara Falls, a new and exciting spiritual journey awaited me, as I walked this part of my journey as a member of Anglican Renewal Ministries. Learning the joy of Praise and prayer in community, and the power of the church's Healing ministry. It made the 80's a time of growth and fulfillment.

After picking up my call to ordained ministry, I spent 4 years in the company of some wonderful theologians through St. Michael's (Toronto School of Theology) and then on to Huron College where I earned an M.Div.

All I will ever know of big city life, I learned as Assistant Curate at St. Peter's-on-the Hill, in Mississauga. It was a varied and rich experience. Making an abrupt left turn, I came sailing into the village of Bayfield in 1994 as rector of Trinity, Bayfield and St. James, Middleton. It was here that I learned to appreciate the church in action in a rural area. What a contrast from Mississauga.

I accepted a call to Holy Trinity, Burford in 2000. In the midst of transition, a small one point parish taught me about the need for God's guidance and love, and thus I look forward to being part of "the flock".

May God Bless us every one.

**REV. DR. STEPHEN J. HENDRY (2006-PRESENT)**



**Rev. Dr. Stephen Hendry**

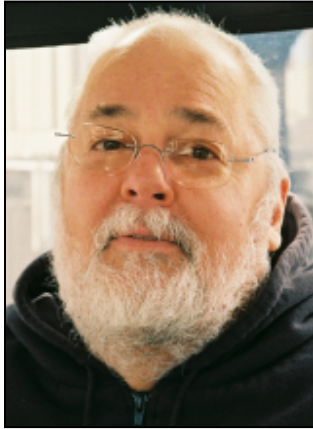
Rev. Stephen Hendry was ordained a Priest in 1993. He served as curate at Trinity Church, Cambridge for two years. He then served in the three point parish of Port Rowan, Port Burwell and St. Williams for three years. It was during this time that he was Regional Dean of Norfolk. During the late 1990s he served at Trinity Church, Burford. Most recently, he served in Harrow, Colchester and Malden at a cluster parish. Father Steve is the former chairman of the Deaconate Program at Canterbury College where he also was an instructor for Deacon and Lay Reader courses. He is the present Rector of St. James Church Paris, arriving in May 2006.

Father Steve is a graduate of the Pastors of Excellence Program at Ashland Seminary in Ohio and has completed his Doctorate of Ministry degree at the same Seminary. His thesis was "Transformational Leadership in the Future Church."

Father Steve has several hobbies which include golf, canoeing and reading.

He is blessed with his wife Joyce and four children who range in ages from sixteen to twenty.

## BRANTFORD JAIL LIAISON



Charles Baldwin is the St. James Liaison and Volunteer Chaplain at the Brantford Jail holding three services in the jail each month.

Charles' employment history and especially his volunteer history led to him to become a jail Chaplain. He has stated that earning his first salary in banking was an uninspiring experience; which was actually good because it led him to choose a vocational goal in life rather than a career progression. While in banking, he volunteered in hospital work under the guidance of the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (Sudbury, Ontario). It was during this early volunteer opportunity that he caught a sense of the meaning of becoming truly human and finding purpose in humane work.

After banking he entered the religious life within a Franciscan community and later, after crossing over into an Anglican evangelical society, he continued to feel the need to contribute towards the work of helping folks realize their own spiritual humanity.

After the professional experience of being in church ministry, he sought a leave-of-absence for a rigorous self-examination. Having participated in occasional substitution jail ministry on behalf of the Anglican Church in B.C., he 'temporarily' joined the Ministry of the Attorney General of British Columbia, Corrections Branch in 1968 for a lengthy stay doing case management, counselling, and administration. This was a happy and fulfilling experience including discovering the joy of marriage and raising two children.

In 2002, Charles' family left B.C. for Ontario to be closer to his wife's extended family.

## MUSIC MINISTRY



For around thirty years now the Director of Music, Scott Millward has trained and led many musical teams whose focus was very different although their unity came from serving the Lord. The Music Ministry at St. James involves a number of people. The ministry is made up of The Adult Choir, Shiyr, Cavatina, Junior Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, Liturgical Dance and BSB (Burwell Street Brass). Each is a separate group that functions either on their own, or in combination with other groups in the ministry.