



Glebe-St. James United Church
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April 1, 2026

Prayer Circle for February: [Ruth Burnett-Cole](#)

You are welcome to contact the monthly Prayer Circle coordinator if you have any prayer requests. Prayer requests are confidential and are shared only with the Prayer Circle.

April 2nd 7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Rev Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole
April 3rd 10:30 am	Good Friday Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole
April 5th 10:30 am	Easter Sunday Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole

Roofing project update

With the generous support of members of the Glebe-St James community, we are making excellent progress towards lining up the funding for the roofing renovation work planned for this Summer. The 2026 contributions are still coming in – including much-appreciated support from Glebe Montessori School – and we also have solid pledges for 2027 and 2028. We are getting close!

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation or a pledge so far. And if you are still considering it, any and all support is most welcome and will make a difference.



If You Hear Nothing Else, Then Hear This:

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You can make a fool of yourself.
You can bet on the wrong thing,
lose it all, unravel people's trust.
You can laugh at a funeral,
curse in a church, say the wrong thing
at the wrong time, *every time*.
You can lose yourself in a bottle,
a relationship, a false sense of security.
You can uncover prejudice
and wrestle with the shame of it all.
You can withhold an apology,
blame it on someone else,
tell yourself it's not your fault.
You can trade in love
for a bag of coins.
And even then,
even still,
even now,
Jesus will love you enough to
wash your feet.
If you hear nothing else in the gospel,
Hear this.



Love & Love & Love Again

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If you back a cat into a corner
she'll arch her back,
show her teeth,
hiss in your direction.
If you back a human into a corner,
we'll raise our fists,
raise our voices,
throw words of hate in your direction.
But when we backed Jesus into a corner,
he said, *Forgive them, for they know not what they do.*
He turned and looked at Peter, love in his eyes.
He offered grace to the criminal hanging beside him.
When we backed Jesus into a corner,
he loved and loved and loved again.

In this war-torn world,
we could do the same.
We could ground the bomber planes,
empty the gun cartridges,
unclench our fists, soften our jaws.
They say it can't be done,
but don't believe them.
In this war-torn world, we could try—
love and love and love again.



Birdsong

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Every morning the sun rises,
majestic and steady.
She is greeted
in all her strength
with the joyous cacophony of birdsong.
I like to believe
this holy chorus
is the birds telling each other—
I'm here.
We made it through the night.
You're not alone.
What good, good news.
I think the resurrection is a bit like that.
God is here.
We made it through the night.
We are not alone.
What good, good news.

Palestine Solidarity at GSJ

If you missed the Palm Sunday service, you may wish to listen to Diana Ralph's sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9NH7uaibII>

Teresa introduces Diana at 44:17. We are planning to invite a Palestinian speaker for the service on April 26, followed by a lunch and learn with the speaker and Diana. Please bring your own lunch!

If you or someone you know finds these conversations really challenging, The Enemies Project helps "enemies" discover the human being in each other. Here is an episode entitled 'A Palestinian and a Zionist Jew' that may be helpful:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nDYApv2SD4>

Last but not least, **Focus on Palestine** is a group within First United Church, Ottawa, formed to take collective action for justice and peace for Palestinians. Their email updates go out at least monthly. They highlight faithful listening and action, especially within the United Church of Canada. For more information or to sign up for the email updates, please contact sandramary.ballantyne@gmail.com.

Regular activities at Glebe-St. James...

If you don't know the contact person, please e-mail Jennifer (admin@glebestjames.ca) and she will put you in touch. The Church office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:30 – 4:00 pm.

Monday Craft Group

The Monday Craft Group meets on Monday afternoon, 1 to 4 pm, at Judy Wolanski's. Contact: Judy Wolanski or Jennifer in the office.

Monday Meditation

Everyone is welcome to join us Monday evenings at 7:30 pm
Click on Monday Meditation above and join in.

The Check-Mates: Tuesday mornings

“Our chess group, the Check Mates are looking for new members. We welcome novices as well as experienced players. We meet every Tuesday, 10 – Noon, in the sanctuary. Just show up and enjoy the camaraderie!”

Contact phone number is 613-864-3435

Nattering Knitters

Feeling lonely, isolated, tired of winter....

Come out for some lively conversation, tea and snacks – and oh yes, some of us knit – on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30. Join us!

Queer Space – every other Tuesday

Join us for Queer Space - 6 pm on April 7th in the Lounge. Please feel free to drop by for a visit.

Women’s Intergenerational Group (WIG)

WIG meets on the third Sunday of each month following morning worship. We finish around 1:30 pm.

Labyrinth: Third Sunday of each month, 3 - 5 pm.

Come find your quiet centre. Contact: Judy Wolanski

Men & Friends

Wednesday April 22nd“Springfest”

Come for 5:30, dinner at 6:00pm.

Yes, we will be having our 2026 “Springfest”. Delightful. Yes, we will have conversations about many things. I may focus on the Montreal Canadiens if they are in the playoffs. All topics welcome.

All good and I will be adding a special ingredient to the chili, thank you Hans.

Kwe Kwe

(pronounced “kway”, meaning greetings in the Algonquin language)



Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg is the largest Algonquin First Nation in Canada by area (210 sq km) and population (over 2,300), situated at the confluence of the Désert and Gatineau Rivers in the Outaouais region, bordering the town of Maniwaki, Quebec. Established in 1851, this vibrant community focuses on preserving culture through education, traditional practices, and a dedicated cultural centre. The community is dedicated to preserving the Anishinabemowin language and culture and has its own educational system, including the Kitigan Zibi Kikinamadinan school, which offers comprehensive, culturally relevant learning and special education services. Glebe-St. James is honoured to have been invited to the Kitigan Zibi pow wows in recent years which has provided a glimpse into their vibrant culture and ceremonies. Additional information is available through their website: <https://kitiganzibi.ca/>

Volunteers needed...

We are always looking for volunteers to help out here at Glebe-St. James and in our community.

Great Glebe Garage Sale (GGGSale)

Saturday May 23rdlooking for volunteers!

On Saturday May 23th, 10 am through 2:00 pm, Glebe-St. James will once again participate in the GGGSale. Yes, we rent space (Jennifer) and our bathrooms are open for visitors and a \$\$\$\$ donation. This year we are planning on having two tables of stuff as well. Currently, most of the stuff sits at the ready in containers in the garage at 222 Powell.

Outreach will also be having a table.

Yes we are looking for volunteers to be involved on Saturday May 23rd. Please ponder, think YES, and then connect with Jennifer Reid or me (Dudleigh Coyle).

All good

Sunday mornings

- Doing the welcome and announcements
- Land Acknowledgement
- Scripture reader
- Usher
- Coffee Time:
 - Make coffee
 - Set up & clean up
 - Hosts
- Children's Church helpers

Outreach Programs

Are you looking for ways to contribute?

Do you have a free hour each week?

Ottawa Public Foods could use you!

We have a grocery delivery opening. Each week the Sunday morning contribution of non-perishables needs to be dropped off to OPF or CCFC. If you are interested in more details, speak to Susan Palmi or Karen Walker at coffee hour.

Carlington Community Connection (CCC)

CCC are currently seeing volunteers who are passionate about serving and engaging directly with neighbours at our drop-in. Your presence can make all the difference in someone's day – consider joining us.

CCC are also looking for a Treasurer

The treasurer, as a member of the Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the financial management and reporting of the organization's programs and activities.

See a full description of this important role here:

<https://mailchi.mp/carlingtonchaplaincy/treasurer-job-description>

For more information about our programs and volunteer opportunities contact Jeff Johnson:

programcoordinator@carlingtonchaplaincy.com

South-East Ottawa Cluster

The Brookfield Community Food Cupboard

When we initiated our Cluster of five churches in 2021, one of the groups formed recognized the need for addressing food insecurity in Southeast Ottawa. In partnership with Riverside United Church, Brookfield High School opened the Brookfield Community Food Cupboard.

The Food Cupboard (BCFC) serves the students and neighbours of the Brookfield High School. It was created to ease food insecurity in Brookfield and neighbouring schools found to be as high as 70 percent of students and their families in high schools, and 30 to 50 percent or more in Public School Board Elementary Schools. It has about 125 volunteers and provides donated and purchased non-perishable foods.

To enrich meals the Cupboard is increasingly receiving donations of perishables, like baked goods, fruits and vegetables, often in large quantities. Therein is the requirement for reliable refrigeration.

Please consider a [GoFundMe](#) donation toward the Brookfield Community Food Cupboard's purchase of two refrigeration appliances – about \$4,000.

United Church of Canada...



United Church of Canada e-Newsletters

<https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

Connect to E-essentials, Embracing the Spirit, God's Mission, Our Gifts, Intercultural Ministries News, Living into Right Relations, United Action for Justice ...

EOORC News has returned to a weekly distribution.

Click on the link above to read the Newsletter.

<https://eoorc.ca/news/>

Check out other Christian organizations and their opportunities

Churchx

<https://www.churchx.ca>

Healing Pathways

<https://healingpathway.ca/>

Ottawa School of Theology & Spirituality

<https://www.osts.ca/>

United Church of Canada Foundation

<https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca>

From Heartbreak to Hope: An Easter Message from the United Church of Canada

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqQEiGHRllw>

Kitchen Conversations with the Moderator

We hope you've been enjoying [Kitchen Conversations with the Moderator](#), our new Lenten video series exploring food, faith, and the power of invitation, hosted by the Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath.

Throughout Lent, our guests have been cooking up a storm in United Church kitchens, offering spirit-filled reflections on how breaking bread together connects us to something deeper than ourselves. We've been grateful so many of you have enjoyed these conversations, and encourage you to keep sharing them with your congregation and networks!

If you haven't had a chance to watch yet, all six episodes are now live on [YouTube](#).

Community...



**Stittsville
United Church**
**COMMUNITY PAINT
NIGHT**

6255 Fernbank Road
Stittsville

APRIL 6, 2026
Lower Hall
6-8 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
613-836-4962 or
office@stittsvilleunitedchurch.com
\$25 per person (all supplies included)
Instruction by local artist!
pop, pizza, salad available by \$10 donation
STEPHANIE BROWNESS



OTTAWA-VANIER COMMUNITY TALK ON ISRAEL-PALESTINE



Featuring a presentation
by **Dr. Peter Larson**,
Chair of the Ottawa Forum
on Israel-Palestine

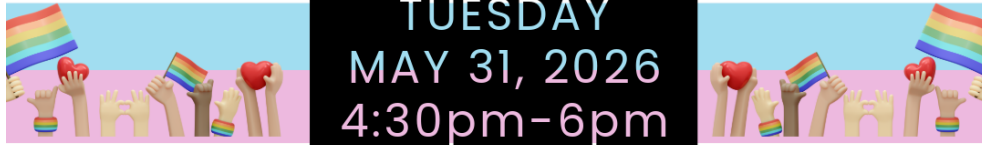
17 Thursday, April 16, 2026

6:30 PM

**Rockliffe Park Community Centre (380
Springfield Rd)**

You're invited to our annual

**Transgender Day of Visibility
Flag Raising Ceremony**



Flag Raising 5:30pm

Zen Zone

Youth Hub - Children's Play Space

Snacks & Light Refreshments

**33 Leacock Drive
Kanata**



Our Ministry Team...

Coordinating Minister: Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole, ex 24; Revtbc.gsj@gmail.com

Children's Church Leader: Kayla Cseh, ex 22; Childschurch.gsj@gmail.com

Minister of Music: Paul Grose, ex 25; min.music.gsj@gmail.com

Minister of Music Emeritus: Robert Palmai

Accounts: Lori Stinson, ex 23; accts.glebestjames@gmail.com

Church Administrator: Jennifer Reid, ex 21; admin@glebestjames.ca

Glebe-St James: April 5th– April 11th

Sunday			
	10:30 am	Worship: Easter Sunday	Sanctuary
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time	Fraser Hall
Monday	Easter Monday: School and Church office is closed		
	8 pm	Monday Meditation	Zoom
Tuesday			
	10 am	Chess	Sanctuary
	1:30 pm	Knitting	Lounge
	3:30 – 7 pm	GNAG: after school programming	Art Room, Lounge & Sanctuary
	6 – 7 pm	Queer Space	Lounge
	6:30 – 7:30 pm	Beavers	Fraser Hall
Wednesday			
	3:30 – 5:30 pm	GNAG: after school programming	Art Room & Lounge
	6 pm	Czech Community	Art Room
	7:30 pm	Worship Committee Zoom Call	
Thursday			
	3:30 – 6:15pm	GNAG: after school programming	Art Room & Lounge
	7 pm	Writing Group	Art Room
		GSJ choir	Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Venturers	Lounge
Friday			
	3:30 – 6:15pm	GNAG: after school programming	Art Room & Lounge
Saturday			
	9 am – 1 pm	Exercise with Cate (2 sessions)	Fraser Hall

If you are interested in any of the above events, please contact Jennifer (admin@glebestjames.ca) and she will provide you with contact info.