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# CATHEDRAL PROFILE

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The Cathedral Church of St. James  
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# WELCOME

For more than 200 years the Cathedral Church of St. James has been both a parish church and the spiritual centre within the Diocese of Toronto. St. James Cathedral is an energetic and diverse community of Christians in the heart of downtown Toronto; a beautiful towering beacon echoing God's grace to us. With its rich history of worship, music, education, and outreach to the community, St. James Cathedral serves to unify a thriving, varied and vibrant multicultural city.

The Cathedral welcomes guests, tourists and people who are in search of God each Sunday and throughout the week. Its peace provides a quiet contemplative space open to all in the heart of the busy city.

With a new Rector recently inducted (January 2016) the Cathedral Community has taken this opportunity to grow in faith, witness and outreach as a community of Anglicans, and the appointment of a new Vicar of St. James is expected to further develop that growth.

# MISSION

The Cathedral is a symbol of God's presence and love in the city. It has a three-fold mission:

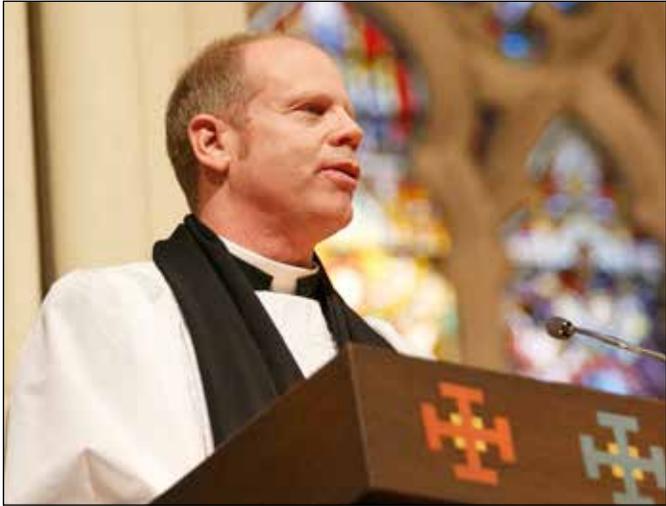
- to provide **a spiritual sanctuary** and a place of worship in the fullness of the liturgical tradition of the Anglican Church;
- to offer **a welcoming hospitality** to everyone, healing, hope, and opportunities to learn so that together we can build a community in a troubled world; and
- to provide, as **the seat of the Diocesan Bishop**, a focal point for his ministry in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.

The vision of the future of St. James Cathedral is one where a delicate balance is struck between upholding our traditions while embracing flexibility and change and to expand the participation of parishioners and newcomers.



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Daily Liturgy is at the heart of who we are at St. James, a cathedral that prides itself on being open and accessible every day of the year. Excellence in worship is at the core of our practice in the Anglican liturgical tradition, with Spoken, Sung and Choral Eucharists each Sunday morning, followed by Choral Evensong. Both the Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Alternative Services are used for daily Morning and Evening Prayer and the Eucharist.

As the seat of the Diocesan Bishop, the Cathedral Church of St. James hosts many diocesan liturgies including Ordinations, Chrism Mass, Confirmation, Christian Unity Service, and also the Archbishop's Levee and Electoral Synod. It serves as the location for major Civic occasions like State Funerals, Royal Visits, Barbados Independence Service, and for funerals for the homeless, a special Christmas service for those experiencing grief and loss and simple memorial services for the community. It is also the historic military chapel for the Royal Regiment of Canada and displays the memorial window of the Governor General's Horse Guards. Both organizations attend Remembrance Day services.



The Cathedral is also the home of a rapidly developing Mandarin Ministry, with fellowship, education and regular Sunday liturgies for Mandarin speakers from across the city.



ABOVE: DEAN ABSIL PREACHING; PROCESSION AT DEAN ASBIL'S INAUGURATION; STATE FUNERAL FOR JIM FLAHERTY (2014)

# MUSIC

Throughout its long history, music at St. James Cathedral has always been an integral part of the life, worship and ministry of the Cathedral and its continued excellence is important to the congregation. The Cathedral Director of Music is Robert Busiakiewicz, who reports to the Dean. A high calibre of human artistry and talent is vital in the life of St. James and the Diocese.

The Cathedral Choir is a fully professional group of 18-20 singers who provide mainly traditional English Cathedral repertoire during services. This choir sings on Sundays at the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist and at 4:30 p.m. Evensong, as well as at other Cathedral and diocesan services.

The Parish Choir sings each Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist and consists of a devoted group of volunteers together with four paid section leads from the Cathedral Choir.

In addition to playing an integral role in our liturgy, music at St. James also entertains congregants and non-congregants alike at our Cathedral Concert Series, monthly Cantatas and Tuesday and Sunday Recitals.

## THE BELLS OF OLD YORK

The St. James Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers ring North America's first full set of 12 change-ringing bells (the only one in Canada, and one of only two installations on the continent) before the 11:00 a.m. service on Sundays, beginning shortly after 10:00 a.m. The Bells of Old York can be heard ringing with the louvres of the bell chamber open on occasion.



ABOVE: THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR,  
THE GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS





ABOVE: TUESDAY DROP-IN;  
CANADA DAY COMMUNITY BBQ

The Cathedral Church of St. James is situated in the heart of the downtown core of the city, welcoming and serving those from every socioeconomic background, people who use the public park, and the downtown business community. Those with authority and those with no authority are all treated with dignity.

The active Outreach Ministry at the Cathedral works on behalf of those struggling with ill health, addiction, poverty and loneliness in our community. We support Anglican outreach to those overseas, at the national and diocesan level and in our own immediate downtown neighbourhood. We advocate for those in need and take action where we can. We are active in our support of FaithWorks and the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

At our Tuesday Drop-in we welcome around 200 guests each week. The Drop-in is open to all and is a safe and comfortable haven for those in need. A healthy meal is offered and clergy are always available. Registered Nurses provide foot care and general nursing care as needed. Vitamins and hygiene products are distributed. There is Bible Study and the Good Food Box is supplied at a subsidized rate.

Other outreach services include a major commitment to refugee resettlement, a well supported Christmas Food Drive and an active Amnesty International Action Circle.

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## PASTORAL CARE

Clergy and lay visitors attend to house and hospital-bound parishioners and pastoral counselling is available for those in need.

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## PARISH NURSING MINISTRY

St. James is fortunate in having the services of a part-time Parish Nurse. The role of the parish nurse is to work towards an intentional health and healing ministry in the church. This is achieved by connecting the healing resources of our faith and church with the professional knowledge and skills of a nurse. Started in 1998, this ministry is supported by the volunteer Health Council.

# FAITH FORMATION

The Cathedral is a gathering place for the wider community and deals with the pressing issues of the day. It serves as a model for exploration of new ideas for the diocese.

## ADULT EDUCATION

The annual Catechesis program prepares catechumens for baptism, confirmation, reception into the Anglican Communion or re-affirmation of faith at the Easter Vigil. A rich and full Adult Education program is offered, which includes Bible Study, the Education for Ministry Seminar Group, special events, guest speakers and Lenten and other seasonal programs.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

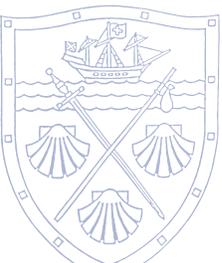
Sunday school is available from September to June for children aged six to twelve and currently twenty children are registered. First Communion classes are offered during Lent for children aged seven to nine. Confirmation classes as well as day-long Ash Wednesday programs for children are also available.

## REGENERATION

This group of young adults brings together people from varied backgrounds united in their search. Holding events including dinners, bible studies, movie nights and keynote speakers, it offers fellowship and a sense of belonging to many who are seeking a path to God.



ABOVE: ASH WEDNESDAY KIDS DISCOVERY DAY;  
"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S" SYMPOSIUM



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# ARCHIVES & MUSEUM



The Nancy Mallet Archives and Museum, named in honour of the current archivist, is supported by the work of a dedicated group of volunteers. Over the years they have hosted significant exhibitions both in the Cathedral and the Cathedral Centre which attract many attendees. Not only do these events highlight the Cathedral's place in Toronto history but they also support our mission by engaging parishioners and the wider community. The Cathedral is home to artifacts and records going back to the original church community at King and Church Streets as well as local history records of great value. Volunteers catalogue, maintain records, and assist with requests for research.



ABOVE: "CALLED TO SERVE" EXHIBIT;  
"CRECHES FROM AROUND THE WORLD" EXHIBIT

# GOVERNANCE

The responsibility for the oversight of the pastoral, educational and temporal concerns of the Cathedral Church of St. James is delegated to the Dean by the Bishop of Toronto.

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## VESTRY

Canon 14 sets out the rules for membership and formation of the Vestry.

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## DEAN

The Rector of the Cathedral and Dean of Toronto is appointed by the Bishop of Toronto as his representative and assumes the key leadership for all temporal, educational and liturgical concerns of the Cathedral.

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## CHURCHWARDENS

The Cathedral has two Churchwardens, (People's and Rector's) and two Deputy Churchwardens, (Deputy People's Warden and Deputy Rector's Warden). The Churchwardens together with the Dean are responsible for the leadership of the business affairs of the Congregation. The Corporation of the Cathedral Church of St. James is composed of the Dean, the People's Warden and the Rector's Warden.

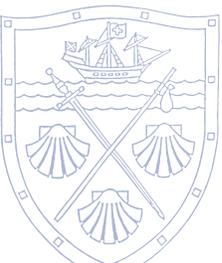
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## CATHEDRAL COUNCIL

The Cathedral Council is the main decision-making body responsible for policy, procedures, administrative oversight and communications. In addition to the Dean and the Wardens, membership consists of parishioners elected at the annual vestry meeting and those appointed by the Dean.

# CATHEDRAL STAFF

Under the direction of the Dean and Director of Operations and Finance, the Cathedral has approximately 45 full and part time employees, including clergy and laypeople.



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# DIOCESE OF TORONTO



ABOVE: ORDER OF THE DIOCESE RECIPIENTS POSE WITH THE BISHOPS AT THE NEW YEAR'S DAY ARCHBISHOP'S LEVEL

St. James Cathedral is at the centre of the most populous of the 29 dioceses in the Anglican Church of Canada. The Cathedral is the church where the Bishop's throne is located making it the spiritual centre of the diocese and a focal point for the civic life of Toronto. Liturgically, the Bishop is invited to and takes part in all of the major liturgies including Christmas and Holy Week and any other time he would like. He is involved in the life of the church administratively through the Dean and is kept fully abreast of important developments.

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, REGENT PARK

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Parish in Regent Park functions as a mission church of the Cathedral Church of St. James. The Dean is the Rector of St Bartholomew, and St James provides administrative support to the parish. For more information visit the St. Bart's website ([stbartstoronto.ca](http://stbartstoronto.ca)).

## ST. JAMES-THE-LESS

St. James Cemetery, located at Parliament and Wellesley Streets in the heart of Cabbagetown, is an old and well known cemetery on beautiful grounds that stretch down to the Rosedale Valley Ravine. The Chapel of St. James-the-Less is a historic landmark. The Cemetery operates a crematorium, one of only two in the downtown or midtown areas of the City. There are several staff employed at the cemetery and it is a very busy and important part of the operations of the Cathedral. For more information visit the Cemetery website ([stjamescemetery.ca](http://stjamescemetery.ca)).

# COMMUNITY

St. James Cathedral has been a landmark and a centrepiece of religious and cultural life in Toronto since a place of worship was first built in 1797. The existing Cathedral building, completed in 1858, has been maintained and improved, and the interaction with the City's population has evolved with the changing times.

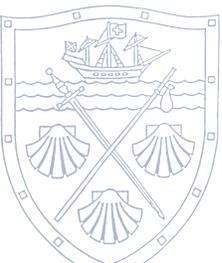
The re-imagining and creation of the Cathedral Centre, completed in 2012, provided a significant architectural representation of that relationship. It is a beautiful and welcoming space in a very prominent location that is heavily used by community and business groups, as well as the Cathedral community itself. Snell Hall, on the main floor of the Cathedral Centre, serves as the parish hall for parishioners. The Centre includes five residences and the Deanery. It holds religious, cultural and civic activities. Income generated from events held by business institutions support church ministries, particularly enabling the expansion of its outreach to the community. The open, bright space of the Cathedral Centre is envisaged as a Light for the City.

The Cathedral is located adjacent to St. James Park, a prominent and heavily used public downtown park. There is no physical delineation between the two properties and one appears to be a part of the other. That flow from one to the other is reflected in the flow of people that visit and worship in the Cathedral every day. They are from all walks of life and from every corner of the world.

For more information visit the Cathedral Centre website ([cathedralcentre.ca](http://cathedralcentre.ca)).



ABOVE: THE CATHEDRAL CENTRE AT NIGHT;  
ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN WELBY  
WITH THOMAS, CARDINAL COLLINS  
AT A RECEPTION IN THE DEANERY



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# THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY



The Cathedral maintains active relationships with the downtown business community. These relationships are carefully fostered by the Dean and clergy at the Cathedral, and by our archivist. The St. Lawrence Business Association is a well-known institution to the thousands of individuals who live and work in the immediate area.

ABOVE: THE CATHEDRAL EXTERIOR, VIEW FROM JARVIS AND ADELAIDE STREETS FACING WEST



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The Most Reverend Colin Johnson

### *Rector of the Cathedral Church of St. James and Dean of Toronto*

The Very Reverend Andrew Asbil

### *Sub-Dean & Vicar*

The Reverend Canon David Brinton OGS

### *Vicar of St. Bartholomew, Regent Park*

The Reverend Walter Hannam

### *Assistant Curate*

The Reverend Leigh Kern

### *Pastoral Associates*

The Reverend David Bousfield

The Reverend David Bryan Hoopes OHC

### *Dean Emeritus*

The Very Reverend Duncan Abraham

### *Honorary Assistants*

The Rev'd Canon Susan Bell

The Rev'd Pearce J. Carefoote

The Rev'd Canon Edmund Der

The Rev'd Orville R. Endicott

The Ven. Thomas M. Greene

The Rev'd Canon Elizabeth Kilbourn-Mackie

The Rev'd Canon Kate Merriman

The Rev'd William Watson

### *Verger*

Paul Seddon

### *Churchwardens*

Robert Hart, People's Warden

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Don Solomon, Rector's Warden

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