



AN OCCASION FOR GRATITUDE



THE VERY REV'D
ANDREW ASBIL,
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Dear Friends,

A wise mentor once said to me, “A gift given to you does not belong to you, until you turn back and say... Thank you.”

From a very early age we are taught the importance of saying thank you for gifts that are given to us, to look the gift giver in the eye and to speak words of appreciation. From a very early age, I remember sitting down with a piece of paper to write to Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts a thank you letter for a toy, a sweater or a game given to me for a birthday or Christmas. I also remember how arduous it was to

do. How much work it was to sit down and write a letter because our parents said it was important to do. Almost everything our parents deemed important, when we were young, was taken with a grain of salt.

And yet with time, we discover how crucial it is to return and express to the giver, in a kind word, what the gift truly means. This internal shift often comes on the heels of an epiphany, when we see for the first time how dependent we are on family, friends, colleagues and sometimes perfect strangers to make it through each day. Often, it is only in hindsight that we realize the importance of another’s generosity that changed reality for us; a caring teacher who steered us in the right direction, a Girl Guide leader who showed encouragement, a parent coming through with the rent, a stranger giving up a seat on the subway. Day after day small and large acts of kindness bless us with mercy, clarity and confidence. And if we look even more closely, we might just see the presence of God behind those acts of kindness.

When we say, ‘Thank you’, we acknowledge our connection with and our appreciation for the giver of the gift. We express humility in the face of generosity. We show wonder and surprise in response to kindness. We are warmed by munificence. Harvest Thanksgiving is one moment in the year when we are beckoned to return and offer our gratitude for blessings in our lives.

Not very long ago, I travelled to Saskatoon to help lead a conference on stewardship. I moved through the opaque, sliding doors of ‘Arrivals’ to be

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THE SEASON IN REVIEW



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: INVICTUS GAMES MULTIFAITH CELEBRATION, SEPTEMBER 19; FR. DAVID BRINTON STANDS IN THE BRINTON VESTRY, NAMED IN HIS HONOUR ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, MAY 28; THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS SERVICE (3 IMAGES), SEPTEMBER 30; THE DIOCESAN GIRLS CHOIR SCHOOL AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL, AUGUST 20.

ALL PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON; EXCEPT TOP LEFT, INVICTUS GAMES TORONTO 2017.

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greeted by a small crowd of 20 or so people. Two teenagers were holding a banner inscribed with the word, 'Welcome'. In the middle of the group was a Syrian family, a father, mother and two young children. The father smiled from ear to ear, clutching hands of those around him as they called out... "Welcome to Canada". I am grateful for this land. Land that is teeming with life in the waters, on the earth and in the skies. Land that is the sacred territory of our indigenous people. I am grateful for peoples engaged in reconciliation and healing so that we build a future together. I am grateful for a country that continues to welcome the refugee when other borders close.

I am grateful for the gift of faith that helps us to see what is thinly veiled from sight, to see in family, friend and neighbour the shining presence of our God. And it is in the presence of God that we live and move and have our being: A presence that carries us through life from birth to death to life again. I am grateful for St. James Cathedral, a place of warmth and nourishment, vitality and peace for the rich and the poor, the lost and the found, the broken and the whole. Here in this place we return and give thanks to God for the gift of life that is yours and mine.

- *The Very Rev'd Andrew Asbil*

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a first edition of The Great Bible of Henry VIII printed in London in 1539, Foxe's Book of Martyrs 1570, two of Luther's caricatures from 1545, Lutheran hymn books and a Book of Common Prayer to which is added a translation of the Gospel according to St. Mark into Mohawk by Captain Joseph Brant.

The exhibit will be on view all day every day from 7:00am to 6:00pm, but for one week only—Wednesday, October 25 to Wednesday, November 1. All are welcome. Admission is free.

Three special services will occur while the exhibit is on view:

- Wednesday, October 25 at 6:00pm: Evensong from the 1549 Book of Common Prayer followed by light refreshments and lecture (*see events listing for details*).
- Sunday, October 29 at 2:00pm: A special Lutheran Service will be held in the Cathedral presided over by Pastor Christian Ceconi, Dean of the Central Toronto Ministry Area, and followed by a procession to First Evangelical Lutheran Church on Bond Street. Two silver chalices that Lutherans brought with them to Canada and have hidden away for years are being brought out and used for the occasion to celebrate the Full Communion of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.
- Wednesday, November 1 at 6:00pm: A special Service to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of Bishop Strachan. A series of presentations will follow in the Cathedral Centre (*see page 7 for details*).

For further information, please contact Nancy Mallett at 416-364-7865, ext. *233 or archives@stjamescathedral.ca.

**BACK TO
(SUNDAY) SCHOOL**

September is an exciting time of year. It is back to school season. September is a start of new programs. For many people, September marks the start of the regular rhythm of life after a summer filled with activity. For teachers, September can be a busy time of preparation, of organizing supplies, checking old supplies. For me this September is back to Sunday School.

I still love the beauty of a new notebook, pens, pencils, and blank paper, all of them full of possibility; likewise, they are a tangible reminder of the opportunities of the year ahead. The new experiences in Sunday School, new people to meet and work with, the possibilities of new programs or events. All these possibilities are a blank page filled with promise and opportunity.

However, as some writers know, a blank page can also be a fearful thing; new experiences can be filled with fear and worry. Just like most first days it can be scary to journey into these new places and experiences. It can be intimidating to be in a new situation. In these worries, I find comfort knowing that these paths have been journeyed before me.

As I have arrived here, I have heard from and about those who have worked with children here at St. James, both recently and further back. I have been invited to continue that story of working with kids and youth here at the Cathedral. In that journey into the new year it is a great joy to join into that bigger story and explore new possibilities and opportunities in the coming months and years. And that is an adventure that we get to take together.

- *Andrew Kuhl*

Andrew is the new Children and Youth Coordinator.

Sunday School during the 11:00am service has started for the 2017/2018 year and we are always glad to have new children join us! If you are wanting to connect about Family Programming, Children, or Youth, or even volunteering to help out, please send Andrew an email at akuhl@stjamescathedral.ca or connect with him in person on a Sunday Morning.



PASSING THE TORCH

July 6, 2017

The Rector and Churchwardens,
St. James Cathedral

Dear Dean Andrew, Bob and Don,

I write with deep gratitude for the celebrations surrounding my retirement at the end of May.

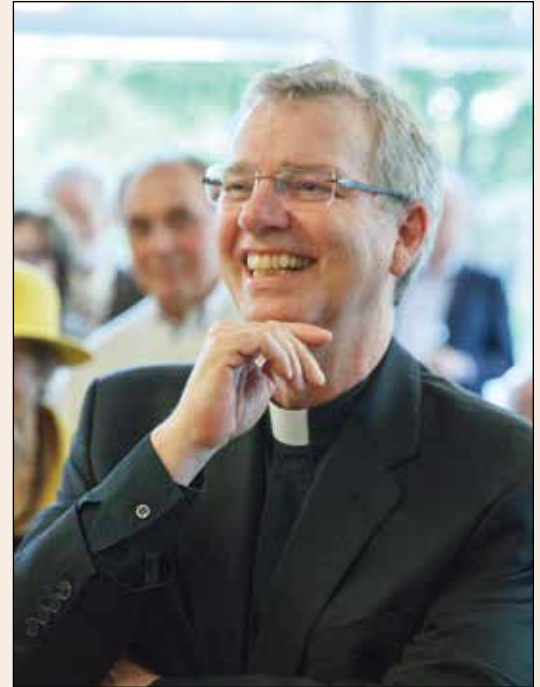
How much time and effort, love and care were put into the planning of the weekend, in every detail! The music, the photographs, the memory and picture books, the speeches, the food and drink, the flowers, the bell-ringing, the gifts - I was quite overwhelmed by all that was said and done, more than I can express.

In particular, I want to acknowledge the great honour you have done me by naming the Old Vestry after me. I am deeply moved that my ministry at St. James will be remembered in this way.

The purse collected from the Cathedral community quite bowled me over - I hope all who contributed will know how very thankful I am for their generosity.

But, above all, I want to thank you and your predecessors for the privilege of serving the Cathedral family, and the diocese, for all these years. I have received far more than I gave, my own faith strengthened by the faith of those I served, and that is the greatest gift of all.

Yours in Christ,

THIS PAGE: A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE REVEREND CANON DAVID BRINTON OGS, FORMER SUB-DEAN AND VICAR, WAS HELD IN SNELL HALL ON MAY 27. FR. DAVID HAS SERVED THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY FOR 17 YEARS. HE IS PICTURED RIGHT WITH HIS MOTHER MRS. HILARY BRINTON (IN RED).

OPPOSITE PAGE: A CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY SERVICE AND RECEPTION FOR THE REVEREND LOUISE PETERS, VICAR AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24. VICAR LOUISE BEGAN HER MINISTRY AT THE CATHEDRAL ON AUGUST 15. AT LEFT: THE ARCHBISHOP WITH THE VICAR AND HER HUSBAND, THE REVEREND BRUCE CHALMERS

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON.



THANK YOU: MORE THAN MANNERS



Now, do not get me wrong. Manners are important. Parents for whom good manners were paramount raised me. Ensuring that their children were raised to be courteous as befits those from the deep southern United States, we children were instilled with the expectation to not only say our “please and thank yous”, but taught that their expression was a form of deep regard for the other, and were never to be forgotten. I recall having to say thank you several times when I was not grateful at all. My parents thankfully, (which I know is now ironic), demanded gratitude to be expressed. And, thankfully, over time, saying thank you became a natural genuine heartfelt response that did not require prompting, or the always-effective silent, raised eyebrow stare from my mother. We learned, we were trained, we were required to say thank you. It was what well-mannered children did in civil society. And, I am grateful for this. Spiritual seeds were planted.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, which for those of us in Canada is a harvest related holiday connected to the abundance of what the earth provides and the bounty produced from the growing season, we sing hymns of plowing fields and scattering and harvest home, and we gather to share in feasting and family. But most importantly we pause to remember to say thank you: to give thanks.

Meister Eckhart, a 14th century mystic said: “If the only prayer you say in your entire life is thank you that would suffice.”

How might we come to this Thanksgiving Weekend and allow this secular feast to realign our daily spiritual prayer lives as followers of Jesus? How might giving thanks become a daily spiritual practice? What if I choose to live gratefully – from a heart posture of open thankfulness – today? How might receiving with open eyes and grateful hearts the abundance that God gives so lavishly, which awaits our notice and reception, change us, and our relationships, and offer healing to this broken world?

It is easy to live gratefully when the blessings are abundant, and beauty abounds. But true spiritual gratitude includes, as I was taught as a child, saying thank you for those things for which we are not particularly grateful, and which we consider not worthy of thanks. The Holy Spirit will do great mysterious work in us if we show our gratitude to the Source of All Things for all things. This means the good and the bad, the easy and the difficult.... saying thanks for ALL of IT – most especially for those things that do not look like gifts or blessings at all. When we practice such inclusive radical gratefulness we are in good company. We join St. Francis who thanked God for Brother Life and Sister Death. We walk and pray with the mystics like St. John of the Cross, for whom darkness was a blessing where God was eventually deeply found and for which he gave thanks.

May God teach us the way of deep radical gratitude that goes beyond manners and cheap thanks. May our prayer be Thank You: every day, for everything. May we trust this is enough.

Gratefully,

Your Vicar, Louise



UPCOMING DATES

OCT 8 **Harvest Thanksgiving**
LITURGIES AT 8:00, 9:00, 11:00AM, 4:30PM

OCT 11 **“Music and the Reformation”**
A Lecture with Robert Busiakiewicz
“500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION” SERIES
6:00pm Service in the Cathedral
6:30pm Light Supper in the Cathedral Centre
7:00pm Lecture in the Cathedral Centre

OCT 16 **Cathedral 101: Community & Connection**
6:00pm in the Cathedral
SESSIONS ON OCTOBER 23 & 30; RSVP BY
OCT 10 TO LSCAPILLATO@STJAMESCATHEDRAL.CA

OCT 18 **Healing Effects of Spirituality:**
A Conversation about Faith, Work & Life
6:00pm Service in the Cathedral
6:30pm Light Supper in the Cathedral Centre
7:00pm Panel Discussion with The Rev’d Chris Harper, The Rev’d David Opheim & Kate Uchendu

OCT 25 **“Relaunching Your Life With Meaning”:**
A Four-Week Retirement Workshop
with Heather Bennett and Murray MacAdam;
Pre-register by October 16.

“Flickering of the Flame: The Book in the Reformation” with The Rev’d PJ Carefoote
“500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION” SERIES
6:00pm 1549 BCP Service in the Cathedral
6:30pm Light Supper in the Cathedral Centre
7:00pm Lecture in the Cathedral Centre

▼ **“Martin Luther & His Legacy”: An Exhibit**
“500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION” SERIES
Oct 25-Nov 2: DETAILS BELOW

OCT 27 ▼ **Snell Lectures: “Beyond the Mustard Seed: God’s Incarnation & the Future of the Church”**
Oct 27-29: DETAILS BELOW

OCT 28 **Amnesty International Action Circle Meeting**
1:00pm in the Board Room
ALSO MEETING NOVEMBER 25

NOV 1 **All Saints at St. Bart’s, Regent Park**
6:15pm Procession & Solemn High Mass
(509 Dundas Street East)



OCT 25



OCT 27

A Special Exhibit is to open in the Cathedral on October 25 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Luther nailing his 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg—an act that had a profound effect on world history. “The Reformation: Martin Luther and his Legacy” will trace events leading up to it and demonstrate how art, music, caricatures and the invention of the printing press had a part to play in its dissemination across Europe. Broad in scope, it will take us from Germany to England, the Netherlands and eventually to Canada and this church. It will include suffering and wars fought, exile, martyrdom, movements of floods of refugees, iconoclasm and purgation, the Dutch Golden Age, and the growing communication and acts of reconciliation between Catholics, Protestants, and those of other faiths one is seeing today. Among items on display will be copies of Luther’s sermons for the Feast of St. John the Baptist and St. James in 1522, with translations,

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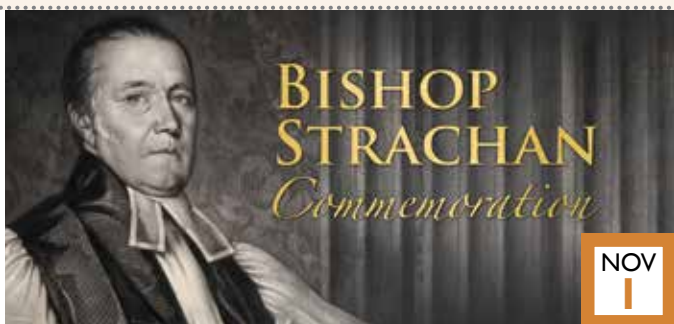
Snell Lectures | October 27-29: “Beyond the Mustard Seed: God’s Incarnation & The Future of the Church” with The Right Rev’d Dr. Stephen Andrews, Principal and Helliwell Professor of Biblical Interpretation, Wycliffe College; and The Rev’d Dr. Christopher Brittain, Dean of Divinity and Margaret E. Fleck Chair in Anglican Studies, Trinity College. Our speakers will reflect on recent ecclesial narratives that suggest that the church in our time is meant to be small, quiet and largely unnoticed.

- Friday, October 27 | 7:00pm Public Lecture (Cathedral Centre): The Rev’d Dr. Christopher Brittain
- Saturday, October 28 | 9:30am Public Lecture (Cathedral Centre): The Rt. Rev’d Dr. Stephen Andrews
- Sunday, October 29 | 9:00am Homilist: The Rt. Rev’d Dr. Stephen Andrews; 11:00am Homilist: The Rev’d Dr. Christopher Brittain; Q+A follows both services

- NOV 1** ▼ **Bishop Strachan Commemoration**
7:00pm: *DETAILS BELOW*
- NOV 2** **All Souls at St. Bart's, Regent Park**
6:15pm Solemn Requiem Mass
(509 Dundas Street East)
- NOV 4** **Annual Requiem for all the Faithful Departed**
11:00am at the Chapel of St. James-the-Less
(635 Parliament Street)
- NOV 7** **Bilingual Taizé Service (Mandarin/English)**
7:00pm in the Cathedral
- NOV 8** **"Nuclear Weapons & Christian Witness in an Anxious Age": A Lecture with The Rev'd Tyler Wigg-Stevenson**
6:00pm Service in the Cathedral
6:30pm Light Supper in the Cathedral Centre
7:00pm Lecture in the Cathedral Centre
- NOV 9** **York Group Speaker Meeting**
1:00pm in the Lecture Room
ALSO MEETING DECEMBER 14
- NOV 11** ▼ **Remembrance Day Service & Parade with The Royal Regiment of Canada**
10:30am: *DETAILS BELOW*

- NOV 14** **Truth & Reconciliation Lecture with Bishop Mark MacDonald: "On Reconciliation"**
6:00pm Service in the Cathedral
6:30pm Light Supper in the Cathedral Centre
7:00pm Lecture in the Cathedral Centre
- NOV 24** **Cities For Life: Against the Death Penalty 10th Anniversary**
WATCH FOR DETAILS
- DEC 3** **An Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols**
4:30pm in the Cathedral
- DEC 6** **The Message of the Wreath: An Advent Lecture Series**
WATCH FOR DETAILS
- DEC 10** **Amnesty International "Write for Rights"**
FOLLOWING 9:00 AND 11:00AM SERVICES
- DEC 12** **When Christmas is a Difficult Time: A Service of Prayer & Reflection**
6:00pm in the Cathedral

Further details about events and liturgies are available at stjamescathedral.ca



On November 1, the Cathedral will hold a special event to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of Bishop John Strachan on November 1, 1867. Strachan was an early rector of this church. He was the first Anglican bishop of Toronto, and a major figure in the history of Upper Canada. The commemoration will be held in Snell Hall, beginning at 7:00pm. Speakers will include Archbishop Colin Johnson, the Provost of Trinity College in the University of Toronto (the College was founded by Strachan), and a member of the congregation who will impersonate Strachan and reflect on his life. There will be an exhibit of Strachan material from the Cathedral archives and Trinity College. Refreshments will be served. In view of the seating capacity of Snell Hall, attendance will be limited. If you wish to attend the event, please let the Cathedral know by Tuesday, October 24 either online (stjamescathedral.ca) or by phone (416-364-7865, ext. *221).

Remembrance Day 2017: This year, the Royal Regiment of Canada's Remembrance Day service and parade will take place on Saturday November 11, beginning at 10:30am:

- Remembrance Day Mattins service in the Cathedral
- A short service of Commemoration at the Memorial Cross
- Remembrance and Commemoration of the Battle of Dieppe parade on King Street

Holy Baptism

APRIL 15

Jeremy Malcolm Andrews

Lisa Harrypersad

Dejun Li

Frederick Mugu Liu

Nic Oliverio

Mark Mustafa Shishakly

Hayley Hoyyip Szeto

Xiaopeng Tang

Elaine Xu

Han Yao

Zhuo Yu

Lin Zhu

Henry Hongde Tang

APRIL 23

Elijah Aston Crossfield

MAY 14

Georgia Poppy McNeillie

JUNE 11

Pitra Nnenna Eze

Suzanna Shruti Kiran Janjarapu

SEPTEMBER 16

Savannah Morenike Sholagbade

OCTOBER 1

Meredith Amelia Rose Alvarenga

Anthony Qi'en Bandiera

Mabel Birdie Johnston Binks

Grayson McKinley Ferguson

Savannah Tinashe Murape

Holy Matrimony

MAY 7

Jenny Sciacca & John Hopkins

MAY 13

Meghan Brown & Erin Wong
Charity Hombarume & Sydney Saimano

JUNE 17

Hayley Pettapiece-Phillips & Ryan Carey
Regan Stewart & Douglas Langmuir

JUNE 24

Tania Abou El Assal & Jeffrey Tervit

JULY 26

Zhuo Yu & Su Zhang

AUGUST 19

Renata Janiszewski & Colman Jones
Sarah Spear & Christopher Rhind

AUGUST 26

Barbara deCosta & Edward Mark

SEPTEMBER 16

Lauren Lester & Abayomi Adeoye

Rest eternal, grant unto them, O Lord

JANUARY 5

Isobel Fraser Patterson

FEBRUARY 3

Wayne Leslie Halse

MARCH 20

The Most Rev'd Terence Edward Finlay
Betty Margaret Hannah Kennedy

APRIL 6

Carmin Cynthia Tatham

APRIL 23

Margaret Ursula Harling

JUNE 29

Jennifer Elizabeth Merry

JULY 7

Pamela Margaret McConnell

JULY 9

Margaret Zwicker

JULY 19

Joan Elizabeth Hart

AUGUST 4

Russell Campbell

Patricia Mary-Beth Vince

AUGUST 11

Joan Sylvia Geurts

SEPTEMBER 4

Dr. Thomas Allen Patterson

SEPTEMBER 7

Blanche Searle