

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, August 28, 2022

### 8:00am: Said Eucharist

The order of service is found in the leaflet provided.

The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel are on p. 234 in the Book of Common Prayer.

### Sunday Coffee Hour:

Join us today after the 9:00am & 11:00am services! We will gather, connect, and be strengthened as a community of faith in Snell Hall at the Cathedral Centre.

### September 11: Dean Stephen Vail's final Sunday at St. James



Please join us for worship and for a reception for Dean Stephen following the 11:00am service in Snell Hall.

The reception will include a presentation, thanking Dean Stephen for his service to the Cathedral, and bidding him a fond farewell. All are welcome!

This is a gentle reminder that if you wish to support and express your appreciation by contributing to his farewell gift, here are the details:

You can make your gift\* on the Offering plate; please make sure the envelope or cheque specifies it is for the Farewell Gift or you can make your gift online at:

<https://stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online/tribute-memorial-offerings/>. Under Type of Tribute select "in honour of" or "in thanksgiving for" and enter Stephen Vail in the Name slot.

\*Please note that donations are non-receptable.

If you have any questions, please address them to [wardens@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:wardens@stjamescathedral.ca)

## UPCOMING IN THE FALL – SAVE THE DATES

**Tuesday, September 13: You are invited to our first organ recital!**



Music is an integral part of the life, worship, and ministry of the Cathedral. Our Anglican musical heritage continues to enrich our services and evolve in new and exciting ways.

We will open our organ recital season on **Tuesday, September 13** with a concert by Thomas Bell, our Music Director and Organist. **The concert begins at 1:00pm and lasts about 40 minutes.** Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

To stay up to date on our organ recitals, events, and news, please visit and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

### **October 1: International Day of Older Persons**

We are blessed to celebrate the International Day of Older Persons at St. James Cathedral. Please join us on Sunday, October 2 after the 11:00am service to celebrate this special day in the Snell Hall. We are grateful to the York Group for their generous donation towards this event. You can find more information about this day from the United Nations following this link: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/older-persons-day>

### **STAY UP TO DATE**

**Did you know? Blessing of the Animals - Saturday, October 1 at 10:30am**



Born into a prosperous family in the late twelfth century, Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone initially lived the life typical of a wealthy young man of his time. Experience of war, being a war prisoner, and illness, however, forced him to re-evaluate his life and start a spiritual journey that would lead to his becoming **St. Francis of Assisi**.

The key to many stories about his life is his love of the natural world, especially animals. To mark his feast day, it became a tradition for people to bring their pets and animals to be blessed. **Join us – with your pet – on Saturday, October 1 at 10:30am on the West Lawn for a special family service of Blessing of the Animals. All are welcome!**

## STAY UP TO DATE



### A letter from James Liu

To all of you, St. James' Cathedral members in Christ, I hope that this letter can express my most sincere and most ultimate gratitude.

It has been almost a month since the departure of my wife has brought a catastrophic strike to me and my family. However, it is in the midst of this valley of death that I see the ray of light from the Cathedral. You raised me up when I was about to collapse; you gave me the utmost help when I was helpless; your comfort re-ignited my life when I was completely without any strength.

Painted on the upper side of the stained glass of the east side of the altar table, is the teaching of Jesus. "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you gave me clothing, I was sick, and you took care of me, I was in prison, and you visited me." In my personal experience, I see another stained glass, recorded by your faithful love. And this paint is not made of beautiful ink but made of your beautiful lives, made of your authentic faith, which has become the light that shines in my twilight world and overcomes it. You gave a glass of water to me, the least and the weakest of members of my family. And I shall remember it as long as I live. I'm really grateful for it.

The Cathedral Church of St. James to me and to my family has some special significant meaning. It was not only a workplace but our home as we lived on site in the early years. Many of you have watched me grow gradually. And all the members of the Cathedral in Christ are like family members to me. And now, particularly now, I have felt the love from the Cathedral family. I really appreciate your help, your support, and your comforting words to me. Indeed, I'm grateful!

Let us continue praying for each other. May God sustain us, on this heavenly journey.

Thank you,

James Liu

# THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL: YOU ARE INVITED

**Morning Prayer – online only\***  
**Monday – Thursday at 8:30am**

Contact [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) to receive the Zoom link or view Morning Prayer via the **Cathedral YouTube channel**

\*Friday and Saturday: Pre-recorded Morning Prayers will be posted on the Cathedral YouTube channel.

**Holy Eucharist In-person**  
**Monday – Friday**  
**at 12:15pm**

Services take place in the Cathedral St. George's Chapel.

## MONDAY:

**Sermon Discussion Group on Zoom - Mondays at 10:00am**

Led by The Rev. Dr. David Danner.

This group will resume on **Monday, September 12**. Anyone interested in joining us, please email [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) for the link. All are welcome!

## FRIDAY:

\***Morning Prayer - 8:30am:** Watch it online through the Cathedral YouTube Channel.

\***Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm:** Our Cathedral opens its doors for guests to come in for a meal in Snell Hall.

## SATURDAY:

**Morning Prayer - 8:30am:** Watch it online through the Cathedral YouTube Channel.

## VISIT US:

The Cathedral is open Monday to Friday from 10:00am to 1:00pm. All are welcome!

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Sung Eucharist

*\*Please note: The St. James Singers will be on holiday over July and August. Musical leadership at 9:00am will be provided by a cantor during the summer.*

**11:00am:** Choral Eucharist

(Also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at [youtube.com/tordio135](https://youtube.com/tordio135))

**4:30pm:** Choral Evensong

**Readings for next Sunday, September 4:**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14: 25-33

## Vacation Period

\*The Vicar will be away from August 1-29.

\*Canon Beth Benson is on vacation from August 18-September 1.

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