

# ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, September 11, 2022

## 8:00am: Said Eucharist

The order of service is found in the leaflet provided.

The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel are on p. 237 in the Book of Common Prayer.

### A letter from Dean Stephen Vail



Dear Friends,

Over the past couple years, I have frequently wondered what the next published Cathedral history will say about my brief incumbency. It has been a challenging yet enriching time, complicated by an historic global pandemic that had ramifications across all societies and cultures.

We, at St. James Cathedral, have been through much together in these past three years. We have worked hard to stabilize the Cathedral finances, made it through the upheaval of the pandemic, moved to online worship without missing a beat, and secured major capital gifts such as a new organ console (still under construction) and a state-of-the-art sound system compatible with in-person and online worship.

On top of that, we have worked together to cast a set of priorities that I pray will see this community grow in strength and witness in the years ahead. You have been instrumental in these accomplishments, and I am grateful for your support and ministry.

Something else we experienced in these years was more goodbyes than any of us would have liked to see! Thankfully, the time has also included some amazing welcomes of new team members that are doing fabulous work.

Now it is my time to say goodbye. I will miss being with you but am excited about what God has in store for me in my native Nova Scotia. It will be wonderful to be back with my father and siblings. With my return, all the Vail children have left various parts of the country to retire in Yarmouth County. I didn't see that coming!

As I pursue a more quiet and simple life, please know that I will always carry fond memories of my time with the St. James Cathedral community and keep you in my prayers. Neil, Fiona and Thomas join with me in gratitude for our time together and your care for our family.

God bless you,

The Very Reverend Stephen Vail  
Rector of St. James Cathedral & Dean of Toronto

# WE COUNT ON YOU

## An Invitation to sing at St. James Cathedral in the Fall



Singing is an integral part of our worship and community at St. James. We are blessed to have three choral ensembles which sing each Sunday. If you would like to join one of our choirs or know of others who would like to, please contact Thomas Bell, Musical Director at [tbell@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:tbell@stjamescathedral.ca), who would be delighted to hear from you. All voices are welcome! Please, help us to spread the word with your friends and acquaintances.

- The St. James Singers: Practice Sundays at 8:15am for the service at 9:00am
- The Cathedral Choir: Practice Thursdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 10:00am
- The Evensong Choir: Practice Sundays at 3:15pm for Evensong at 4:30pm

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

### THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1  
10:30AM



In 1979, Pope John Paul II declared St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of ecology.

He would later write that Francis "invited all of creation – animals, plants, natural forces, even Brother Sun and Sister Moon – to give honour and praise to the Lord. The poor man of Assisi gives us striking witness that when we are at peace with God, we are better able to devote ourselves to building up that peace with all creation which is inseparable from peace among all peoples."

Please, join us -with your pet- on the West Lawn for a special family service.



## STAY UP TO DATE

### The Dean's last staff meeting



This week, Dean Stephen had his last meeting with the staff at St. James Cathedral. It was a special moment full of thanks and blessings for those who work daily, so that our cathedral continues to give light, blessings, and hope to our cathedral community, as we celebrate 225 years of the Anglican community in this city. Thank you, Dean, we wish you all the best!

### Refugee Committee Update



Over the past few months, the refugee committee has accepted generous donations of furniture and furnishings to support the new arrivals.

Donations exceeded the committee's expectations, and we now have a 2,000 square foot space filled with sofas, two-seater sofas, bookcases, tables, chairs, dressers, mattresses and box springs, lamps, artwork, and kitchen items.

In this edition, we highlight the stories of two refugee families who demonstrate that small acts of kindness matter. The refugee committee is grateful for the support and generosity of donors.

To read the full story, visit our News section on our website [stjamescathedral.ca](http://stjamescathedral.ca)

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

**Morning Prayer – online only\***

**Monday – Friday 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**

**Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm**

**Monday – Friday**

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.  
Please email [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) for the link. All are welcome!

## **TUESDAY: Organ Recital - Tuesday, September 13 at 1:00pm.**

Join us at St. James Cathedral to open the season with a 40-minute concert by Thomas Bell, our Music Director and Organist. All are welcome, no rsvp necessary. Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

## **WEDNESDAY: Scripture Circle at 11:00am**

You are invited to join the Scripture Circle each Wednesday at 11:00am as we gather to explore Mark's Gospel together.

We meet in the 2nd-floor office adjacent to the Board Room.

Please contact Canon Beth Benson for more information at [bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca)

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

## **SUNDAY: Wycliffe College Founders' Day Service - Sunday, September 18 at 11:00am**

After a two-year hiatus, due to the pandemic, we are pleased to welcome back faculty and students from Wycliffe College who will join us for the Founders' Day service. The guest preacher will be The Reverend Dr. Lissa Wray Beal, Professor of Old Testament.

## **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

**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 18:**

**Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1**

**Psalms 79:1-9**

**1 Timothy 2:1-7**

**Luke 16:1-13**