

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, January 22, 2023

***8:00am - Said Eucharist:** The order of service is found in the leaflet. The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel are also provided.

***Coffee Hour:** Please join us today after the 9:00am and 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets every Sunday at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services. Email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

Happy Epiphany-tide!

The tree is at the curbside, the Advent wreath and the decorations have been put away and the turkey soup is (finally!) finished. But I have kept the fairy lights and candles on the mantle and most evenings we put a log on the fire. The light brings comfort and cheer into the early winter as the days slowly lengthen.

Light, the light of Christ, shines the way on our Epiphany path, too. We have heard the stories of Jesus' birth, his naming, his baptism and this week we hear the story of the beginning of his ministry in Galilee. Each story is a chapter in a bigger narrative. Each one tells us something about Jesus – and beckons us into a deeper relationship with him and one another.

Fresh from his time in the wilderness, Jesus launches his ministry amid danger and darkness, and death. He enters the fray proclaiming deliverance and light and life. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Matt.4:17). His call to three fishermen to follow him was just the beginning. His words and actions changed the lives of all those who followed Jesus in the first century – and they still do!

On January 8 we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany and at the 11:00am Choral Eucharist our choir sang this wonderful Christmas proclamation:

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart. (The Work of Christmas. Text H. Thurman; Setting T. Bell)

As we continue to reflect on these moments in our Lord's life I wonder if we might hear a fresh invitation to join in our Lord's ministry, *to make music in our hearts*. What might that look like for you?

The Rev. Canon Beth Benson
Interim Associate Priest

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Today, Sunday, January 22: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

Join Bishop Kevin Robertson and other leaders and participants from churches across the Greater Toronto Area for the annual service celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's service will take place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe Street - King Street West & Simcoe) **today January 22 at 4:00pm**. A reception will follow. This year's theme is "Do Good – Seek Justice," and the preacher will be The Reverend Dr. Robert Faris (Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada). For more information, contact The Reverend Canon Philip Hobson, Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, at phobson@stmartininthefields.ca

Sunday, January 29: Retirement Celebration for Emile Rhineland



A tradition and an icon here, our beloved Emile Rhineland is retiring on January 31.

Emile's gracious presence, always cheerful demeanor, and his amazing ability to think of all the many details that make St. James such a wonderful place, are both quite astounding and will be so sorely missed! **Please plan to join us after the 11:00am service next Sunday, January 29**, in Snell Hall, as we thank him and bid him a very fond adieu – not a goodbye, just a farewell until we meet again!

The **Bell Ringers** are planning a quarter peal on January 29 after the 11:00am service to honour Emile's retirement.

If you wish to make a donation* towards the farewell gift for Emile, here are the details: Make your gift on the offering plate; please make sure the envelope or cheque specifies it is for the Farewell Gift for Emile or 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 Emile Rhineland in the Name slot. *Please note that gift donations are non-receiptable.

Refugee Committee Update

Nearly 3 years ago, the Refugee Committee submitted an application to sponsor the Mesfini-Tesfai/ Hagos family. Yerusalem, Henok, Noah (age 10), and Avigail (age 3) arrive from Israel on January 25, 2023, after many years in exile and waiting to resettle in Canada.

Mulue (brother of Yerusalem) raised a significant amount to support the sponsorship of his sister and her family in addition to the financial and settlement support provided by the committee. They, along with another brother and sister who arrived in December, have waited many years to be reunited. The family fled Eritrea for Israel and Ethiopia.

STAY UP TO DATE

Bill Benson to Chair the 2023 Vestry Nominating Committee

St. James Cathedral's Annual Vestry meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 12, 2023. **The Nominating Committee, chaired by Bill Benson, is now receiving names for election** for the following positions: People's Warden, Deputy People's Warden, Cathedral Council Members-at-large (called "Advisory Board" Members by the Diocese), and Lay members of Synod.

All are one-year terms with opportunity for renewal for 3 years.

Nominations require a nominator, a seconder and the agreement of the nominees to let their names stand. Nominations should be sent to Bill Benson at billbenson0520@gmail.com for consideration by the committee.

If you would like more information about the nominating process for Vestry Elections, the work of the Wardens, Cathedral Council and Synod, or the specific skills and the commitment required for serving in these roles, you're invited to attend an **Information Session on Sunday, February 5, following the 11:00am service**. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Nominating Committee will produce a recommended slate for Vestry that is representative of the congregation, and considers the necessary experience and skills required. The process for choosing the slate will start by asking current eligible representatives if they are willing to stand for re-election. Next, all nominations from the congregation will be considered.

As always, the Vestry Chair will ask for nominations from the floor on the day of the Vestry meeting. All eligible nominations will be accepted.

Feel free to email Billbenson0520@gmail.com if you have questions in advance of the information meeting.

SAVE THE DATE: YOU ARE INVITED

Tuesday, February 21 at 5:30pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

After a two-year hiatus, the Pancake Supper is back! We are seeking volunteers to assist with our Pancake Supper taking place on **Tuesday, February 21 at 5:30pm**.

We are looking for individuals to help set-up, serve and/or clean-up anytime between 4:30pm - 8:30pm. Please send us an email at info@stjamescathedral.ca if you are interested in helping.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT THE CATHEDRAL: YOU ARE INVITED

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am

Monday to Friday via the
Cathedral YouTube channel

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Monday to Friday in the Cathedral
- St. George's Chapel.

VISIT US:

The Cathedral is open from 10:00am–3:00pm, Monday-Friday.

TUESDAY: Organ Recital on January 24

Organist: Imre Olah. The concert begins at 1:00pm and lasts about 40 minutes.
Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

WEDNESDAY: At 11:00am

Join the Scripture Circle in-person on the second floor of the Cathedral Centre.

We will pick up our look at Mark's Gospel at Chapter 11.

Contact Canon Beth Benson for more information at 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:

Watch Morning Prayer - 8:30am via the Cathedral YouTube Channel.

SUNDAY:

Coffee Hour: After the 9:00am & 11:00am services in Snell Hall at the Cathedral Centre.
Anglicans love to bake! So here is a challenge/opportunity/invitation from the Interim
Dean: Let's begin to have home-made baking at coffee hours!

Starting today, January 22, bring your favourite cookie or square. Be prepared to share the
recipe! A listing of ingredients will help those with dietary restrictions.

SUNDAY SERVICES – January 29, 2023

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

(also live-streamed on the Diocesan

YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135).

4:30pm: Choral Evensong

Readings for next Sunday, January 29 –

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany:

Micah 6: 1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Matthew 5: 1-12

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