

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, June 4, 2023

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***Today:** The Refugee Committee will host the coffee hour after the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

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TRINITY SUNDAY



This week we come to Trinity Sunday, a day to mark and celebrate God's nature, *Trinitas*, three in one – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Every Sunday is Trinity Sunday and try as we do, it is all but impossible to describe the Trinity in words alone. Imagining and expressing the nature of God has been the work of painters, iconographers, musicians, dancers, and poets for centuries!

We are fortunate to have a spectacular example of that creativity in our Baptistry, on the east side of the Cathedral. Take some time to look at the Trinity Banner on the north wall of the Baptistry. Designed and executed by renowned Canadian painter Doris McCarthy in 1957, here is how the artist describes her banner: *The Trinity banner is an expression in picture language of the doctrine of the Trinity as found in the creeds. God the Father is symbolized by the figure in the gold jewelled crown. God the Son incarnate is shown in his own body on the cross. God the Holy Spirit is represented by the dove surrounded by Pentecostal tongues of fire. These Three in One are here imagined enthroned in heaven with the earth as a footstool.*

For me, it is an icon in appliqué inviting us to see into and beyond the image. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

June 4th also marks **Refugee Sunday** in our Diocese. It is an opportunity to become more aware of this global humanitarian crisis and learn how to be involved. The St James Cathedral Community Refugee Committee began as a response to the Syrian refugee crisis in 2015. This edition of Connections directs you to important updates and ways to respond. And let's listen for the leading of the Spirit as we pray, *Loving God, open our hearts and minds to see what you see, to love as you love, to give as you have given, so that your promised justice would become reality in our world. Amen.*

The Rev'd Canon Beth Benson

STAY UP TO DATE

Today, June 4, at 1:00pm: The York Group - Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the York Group takes place today in the Lecture Room of the Cathedral Centre. In preparation for the AGM, a Nominating Committee was formed to accept names to serve on the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee comprises Chris Hillyer (Chair), Colleen Cardillo, and Angela Carroll. The roles to be filled are as follows: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, and three Members-at-Large.

Today at 4:30pm: Celebration of Ordained Ministry



With joy and thanksgiving, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields invites you to join him in the celebration of his ordained ministry. 40 years - Priest (May 24, 1983) and 42 years - Deacon (May 31, 1981). Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Peter Fenty.

This service will also be live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel: [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](https://www.youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto).

More than 5000 people at Doors Open 2023! Thank you to all who joined us!



Wow! What a fantastic weekend! We had over 5000 people through our open doors here and at the cemetery. What a wonderful sign to the city and the world that we are here! People had tours, heard (and were, as always, intrigued) by the wonders of the organ, pulled ropes on bells in the tower, enjoyed a quiet moment or two, and were warmly, enthusiastically, and graciously welcomed to our 'home'. Thanks to our magnificent volunteers, guides, and friends, and particularly to Robert Gilbert, our 'Doors Open' coordinator!

Thank you as well to the Cathedral staff who worked tirelessly to ensure the Cathedral and Cemetery were ready to become a hive of activity and wonder.

The Diocese of Toronto has designated today, June 4, as Refugee Sunday.

We're pleased to bring you this update from the St. James and Community Refugee Committee and co-chairs of the committee Rebecca McTaggart and Patrick O'Leary:

- From today, June 4th, we will be launching a **fundraising campaign** where we will be looking to raise \$75,000 to support more refugee families come to Canada, including a family of 8 individuals who are closely connected to one of St. James' parishioners.

- We are excited to announce we will once again be holding a **walkathon** on Saturday, September 23rd as part of our fundraising campaign! We would love to see as many parishioners and community members join us! Stay tuned for more information!

- Finally, with the generous support of our donors, **we will be excited to welcome a young Aghan woman to Canada in the next few months.** Her application is at the final stage of being processed. This would not have been possible without the generous support of all of our donors and wider community! Thank you!

Consider making a donation (stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online/refugee-response/).

For more information, visit our website at

<https://stjamescathedral.ca/community/refugeeresponse/>

Wednesday, June 7 at 7:30pm: Lecture at St. Bart's Regent Park

The Pleasure Paradox: Lecture on Sacred Music by Robert Busiakiewicz at St. Bart's, Regent Park. Details are available at <https://stbartstoronto.ca/sacred-music-the-pleasure-paradox/>.

COMING UP AT ST. JAMES: ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday, June 11 at 1:00pm: Gathering for Servers, join us!

If you are currently involved in our Sunday worship services as a Server OR if you are interested in learning more about this wonderful ministry, mark your calendar. For more information, please contact Canon Beth Benson at bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca

Wednesday, June 14 at 7:30pm on Zoom

Anglicanism and Cathedrals: What Wondrous Gifts We Have to Offer!

Come and join the Interim Dean Peter Wall on Zoom on Wednesday, June 14 from 7:30–8:30pm as we begin a series together on our history, our identity, and our worship! To receive the Zoom link email info@stjamescathedral.ca **no later than June 12.**

This special series of Zoom chats, featuring our talented staff, will continue in the fall.

June 15 at 2:00pm: Dementia Prevention

Presented by Dr. Andrea Wilkinson, University of Toronto. To RSVP, please call (416) 364-7865 or send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca **by no later than tomorrow, June 5.**

This is an invitation from The York Group.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL: YOU ARE INVITED

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Monday to Saturday via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Monday to Friday in St. George's Chapel.

Interim Dean away: Dean Peter will be away from June 7-14.

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VISIT US: The Cathedral is open Monday-Friday from 10:00am–3:00pm.
The Cathedral Centre offices are open Monday-Friday from 9:00am–4:00pm.

TUESDAY: Organ Recital on Tuesday, June 6 at 1:00pm. Organist: Nathan Jeffery.
Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

WEDNESDAY: Scripture Circle continues at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.

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.

SUNDAY:

Coffee Hour: After the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

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SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, June 11

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, June 11:

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:1-12

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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