

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, June 11, 2023

\***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

\***Today at 1:00pm in Snell Hall:** Gathering for current and future Servers!

\***Summer service hours:** For the ten Sundays from July 2 through September 3 (Labour Day weekend), we will have services at 8:00am, **10:00am**, and 4:30pm. We will return to both 9:00am and 11:00am services on September 10.

### Becoming The Story We Tell: How Does It Happen?



One of the promises of our baptismal covenant is that we will “*continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.*” That, of course, is an elegant summary of what we do every Sunday morning.

So why do we keep coming back, week after week, year after year?

Perhaps it is for inspiration. Maybe it’s because we enjoy the beauty of its ritual and music. Sometimes we come for consolation. And for some of us, it’s where our friends are.

But according to our prayer book, it’s because “*the celebration of the Eucharist is the work of the whole people of God.*” Being there is our calling and responsibility: to participate in communal dialogue with the Lord, and to be renewed in our communal identity as members of his ‘body’ through sharing together at his table. For Christ has called and chosen us to be a living sign of his promised renewal of all creation; so we celebrate together in anticipation of that day when ‘God’s will is done on earth, as it is in heaven.’

And yet it is easy to lose sight of what we are doing, Sunday by Sunday, for we are still recovering from a centuries-long distortion of what it means to be ‘Church’. The Church is more than ‘a pointy building with a priest inside’. We do not just ‘go to church’, for we *are* the Church. And we are called to *enact* this profound reality through ‘full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations, as is our right and duty by virtue of our baptism’ (to quote the Second Vatican Council). It is *through such communal participation* that we are *becoming the story we tell*. And our participation ought to reach its pinnacle in the Eucharist.

So what are the obstacles to such ‘full, conscious, and active participation’? Some of the obstacles lie in our inherited liturgical habits, but some lie in our own unconscious assumptions about what we think we are doing in the liturgy. It is these things that we need to work on as we seek to become the story we tell.

One way to begin is to participate in the ongoing series on Zoom beginning on **Wednesday, June 14 at 7:30pm:** “Anglicanism and Cathedrals: What Wondrous Gifts We Have to Offer!” (See page 3 for more information).

Canon John Hill, Coordinator of ‘Becoming the Story We Tell’

## STAY UP TO DATE

**Mark your calendar and save the date!**

**Friday, September 22 at 7:30pm: Inaugural Recital on the new organ console**



We are delighted that **Organist David Briggs** will play the inaugural recital on the new organ console.

David is regarded as one of the world's finest improvisors, with a very busy schedule on both sides of the Atlantic.

He has held appointments at Hereford, Truro, and Gloucester Cathedrals, and – we are happy to have this association – for a number of years as **Artist in Residence at St. James Cathedral.**

The new console will be installed in July, and already promises to be one of the most handsome and up-to-date consoles in the land!

We very much hope that you will join us as we celebrate the arrival of this beautiful new console, a generous gift which will enhance our musical life for many years to come.

### **Vaccine Mandate Lifted**

As we have learned more about and taken many appropriate steps, as a society and as a church, in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic, the Diocese has removed the vaccination requirement which has been in place for parish staff, leaders, and volunteers.

The following communication was sent to us recently: *'The Diocese remains strongly committed to ensuring the health and safety of its Personnel and visitors to our workplaces and parishes, and to following the guidelines issued by public health authorities. In light of current public health conditions, we are announcing that the Diocese is lifting the Vaccine Mandate. Personnel are no longer required to provide proof of vaccination to engage in ministry in our Diocese.'*

This is very good news; we continue to encourage all members of the Cathedral community to be as prudent and as careful as possible.

### **Road Closures**

Many of you who drive to church will be aware that summer road closures have begun. Your trip to church may be affected. For more information and to plan your route each Sunday, visit the City of Toronto website: [toronto.ca/services-payments/streets-parking-transportation/road-restrictions-closures/](https://toronto.ca/services-payments/streets-parking-transportation/road-restrictions-closures/)

## COMING TO ST. JAMES, JOIN US!

**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 7:30pm–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](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) **no later than June 12.** This special series of Zoom chats, featuring our talented staff, will continue in the fall.

**Thursday, June 15 at 2:00pm in Snell Hall: Dementia Prevention**

*Did you know that 40% of dementia cases are due to modifiable risk factors and that you can lower your risk with the choices you make on a daily basis?*

Presented by Dr. Andrea Wilkinson, University of Toronto.

This is a presentation from The York Group. All are invited!

**Sunday, June 25: Pride Parade**

**Proud Anglicans** will be part of the **Toronto Pride Parade** on Sunday, June 25.

The group will gather just west of the main doors of St. Paul's Bloor St at 227 Bloor Street East. Details about arrival time and group number will be posted on the Proud Anglicans Facebook page as soon as the information becomes available (usually a week to 10 days before the parade) but gathering time will likely be around 2:30pm. There will also be a float for people who are unable to walk the parade route.

For more information, email [info@proudanglicans.ca](mailto:info@proudanglicans.ca)

**Saturday, July 1: Volunteer with us at the St. James Drop-In Annual BBQ!**



The Drop-In will be celebrating Canada Day in our traditional way with a huge BBQ on the West lawn and will need many hands to make the work lighter for the day.

Shifts start in the kitchen at 9:30am and run until we have cleaned up at the end of the day. The event runs from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. There are positions available in the kitchen, in the BBQ pit, setting up, 2 areas we serve, and finally cleaning up.

If you are interested and would like more details, please contact Kathy Biasi at 416-364-7865 \*222 or [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca). Please leave a message and your call will be returned.

## 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 until June 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 13 at 1:00pm. Organist: Sarah Johnson. Admission is free and donations are encouraged. It will also be live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel: [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](https://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto).

**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.

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

**Next Sunday, June 18:** Join us for National Indigenous Day of Prayer.

### SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, June 18

**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, June 18:**

**National Indigenous Day of Prayer**

Isaiah 40:25-31

Psalm 19

Philippians 4:4-9

John 1:1-18

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