

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, June 18, 2023

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

***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.

***Happy Father's Day:** We are grateful for the care, nurture, and love of our fathers - thank you! For some of us, this is a most difficult day because our fathers are no longer with us. May you find comfort in our worship today.

National Indigenous Day of Prayer



Today we join with all Canadians from coast to coast to coast to mark a special day of prayer honouring our indigenous siblings and friends. Our history, as the Anglican Church of Canada, is inextricably linked with Canada's First Peoples – through our long and shared history. It is a history marked by things both dark and light. Much of that history has come under close and appropriate scrutiny!

We have much for which to atone and ask forgiveness; much to celebrate and in which to rejoice.

During the lifetimes of many of us, we have seen massive change and significant improvement in our own awareness and commitments to reconciliation. There is much yet to be done, particularly for us in a large urban centre with a huge presence of indigenous folk.

We have just marked, earlier this month, the installation of a new Indigenous Archbishop – The Most Rev. Chris Harper and, at General Synod, later this month, we shall rejoice in new documents and governance structures for the national Indigenous Church, as we walk alongside Sacred Circles and the Council of Indigenous People. We are deeply enriched in our worship lives by indigenous images and hymnody, by rites of praying to the Four Directions, and by various ceremonies involving gifts – tobacco, sage, strawberries, and so much more.

As a cathedral community, with a ministry to this city, our entire diocese, the wider church, and our country, what a privilege it is for us to acknowledge the richness of our shared heritage and to celebrate that heritage together! I invite you to take a moment this week to offer thanks to God for the diversity of our Anglican Church and for the many gifts which Indigenous Anglicans bring to us. Remember our Indigenous House of Bishops, pray for Archbishop Harper and his staff, and pray for the gathering in Calgary that will bring us all together from our 30 dioceses across the country.

Peter Wall
Interim Dean and Priest-in-Charge

STAY UP TO DATE

Parish Selection Committee Update

The Parish Selection Committee has met with Bishop Asbil. He has given us a list of promising candidates to be interviewed for the position of Rector and Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. James. We will be interviewing candidates over the summer. As always, your prayers are very much appreciated as we move through this next step in the selection process.

Education for Ministry Program Graduation



This morning we celebrate the graduation of 3 members of St. James Parish from the 4-year Education for Ministry program: Susan Ida Boucaud, Carole Chabot, and Mary Hopperton. The graduation of their fellow student, Heather Robinson, was celebrated at her home parish of St. David's, Donlands Ave., earlier this month.

We congratulate them on the completion of their course and wish them every blessing in their work and baptismal ministries.

EfM: Registration for September 2023-2024 is now open!



Registration for the Education for Ministry program will open in July.

This program is open to all baptized Christians who are seeking to deepen their faith, dig deeper into the riches of their Christian tradition, and want to join with others in their journey.

Commitment is for one year at a time.

For more information, please see the Education for Ministry program page stjamescathedral.ca/ministries/education-for-ministry/ or contact Carol Kysela at mckysel@gmail.com

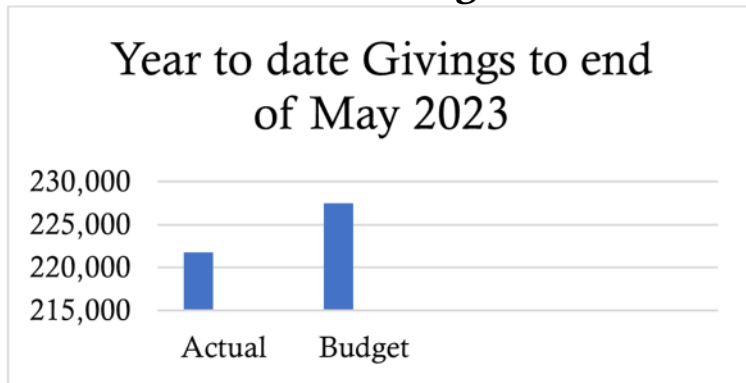
The York Group held its Annual General Meeting

Sincere appreciation was expressed to **outgoing Chair Jane Rowan** for her many years of dedicated service. All nominees for the new Executive Committee were acclaimed and graciously accepted their roles. *"As the new Chair, I am honoured to begin work with this wonderful team who bring their skills, enthusiasm, hearts, minds, and faith to the process of moving the York Group forward. It is an exciting, blessed time for all of us."* Marge Yearwood - The York Group Chair. **The new Executive is as follows:** Marge Yearwood, Chair; Sandra Mowat, Vice-Chair; Edith Reese, Secretary; Daisy Pittis, Treasurer; Sybil Wilkinson, Membership Coordinator; Yvonne Joseph, Member at Large; Barbara Hirst, Member at Large.

WE COUNT ON YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

Year to date Givings to end of May 2023



As you can see from the chart, as of the end of May 2023, we are tracking \$5,700 BELOW budget. This budget amount is what was approved at this year's Vestry meeting.

If you have fallen behind or been away, we would ask that you review your offerings and plan to catch up.

Our support is vital support for the Cathedral's mission of ministry and outreach. We are grateful for your continuing support. Thank you.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25: PRIDE SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 25 we will mark Pride Sunday. You are all invited to join me in marching in the Pride Parade that afternoon, and by celebrating the richness of the blessings of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. When I look back on my 70+ years, I am so grateful for all the ways in which I have been made a much better person for the opening up of windows and thrusting open of doors that have included all of God's children in this rich symphony. How glad I am that this congregation is so diverse and wonderful! – Happy Pride, everyone!! Peter Wall - Interim Dean and Priest-in-Charge

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

The group will gather on Bloor Street between Church and Jarvis (right in front of St. Paul's Bloor Street at 227 Bloor Street East) at **2:00pm**. Group number is **C30**. Please gather near the Proud Anglicans water tents on the steps of St. Paul's. There will also be a float (a TTC electric bus) for people who are unable to walk the parade route. Volunteers are also needed to staff the water tables! If you would like to join in the parade, or to help pour water, or to ride the bus, please email info@proudanglicans.ca for more details.

COMING TO ST. JAMES, JOIN US!

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. 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.

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 20 at 1:00pm. Choir: Bella Voce from Rochester, Minnesota.** Admission is free and donations are encouraged. It will also be live streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel: 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:

Pride Sunday: Please join us at Coffee Hour after the 9:00am and 11:00am services next Sunday, June 25 for cake in celebration of Pride Month!

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

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/

SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, June 25

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 (*also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*).

Readings for next Sunday,

June 25: The Fourth

Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

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