

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, June 25, 2023

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

**\*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.

### Summer is Here!



It is official – summer ‘happened’ this week. We all hope for a warm (but not too hot) and healthy summer with the right balance of rain and sun, manageable forest fire threats, and safe vacations and travelling!

**Next week, July 2, we begin our Summer Worship Schedule: 8:00am and 10:00am and Evensong at 4:30pm.**

The Vicar, Canon Benson, and I are all looking forward to gathering together with both the 9:00am and the 11:00am congregations for the Sundays in July and August.

Do plan on being with us, we will have a full choir at the 10:00am service, and coffee/lemonade hour will follow in the West Aisle and on the West Lawn.

I will be away for some of July and August at my cottage in McGregor Bay; I will be with you on July 23 (our Patronal Feast) and again on August 13.

Meanwhile, I will stay in touch with the office and with the staff. I know that the summer will be refreshing and restorative for us all!

Peter Wall - Interim Dean and Priest-in-Charge

### Today is Pride Sunday



You are all invited to join Interim Dean Peter Wall who will be marching with the Proud Anglicans group in the Pride Parade!

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. Join us in celebrating the richness of the blessings of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community!

## STAY UP TO DATE

### **General Synod/Assembly/National Convention**

The forty-third session of General Synod, hosted by the Diocese of Calgary, will meet this week in collaboration with our Full Communion partners, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's Special Convention, during **Assembly 2023**. Canon Stephen, our Vicar, is a delegate from the Diocese of Toronto and the Interim Dean is a member of the staff team for both General Synod and the Special Convention of the ELCIC.

General Synod, of course, this year is following a *quadrennium* (rather than the normal *triennium*) because of the delay in 2022 recognizing the restrictions of the pandemic. You are invited to remember *Assembly* in prayer, and for both churches as they carry out the business meetings, while joining together in worship and programme to mark over 20 years of our full communion partnership.

The full proceedings will be live-streamed and will be available online. Go to [www.anglican.ca](http://www.anglican.ca) or [www.elcic.ca](http://www.elcic.ca). There will be daily updates through [www.anglicanjournal.ca](http://www.anglicanjournal.ca). Please pray for safe travel and fulfilling days for all attending.

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### **Interim Associate Priest**

On the advice of the Interim Dean and the Wardens, **Bishop Andrew Asbil has reappointed The Rev'd Canon Beth Benson as the Interim Associate Priest at the Cathedral, effective June 1**. This is limited to a part-time appointment during this time of transition. Beth's ministry will continue to be focused on pastoral care, small group ministry and assisting the Vicar with liturgical planning and leadership. She will continue to preside and preach as part of our liturgical leadership team. We are so fortunate in having Beth's deep pastoral skills and cherished ministry among us! In addition to her ministry among us, Beth serves as a clergy coach in our Diocese and chairs a Board of Management in the Parkdale-West Toronto Deanery focused on reconfiguration of parishes for renewed ministry and mission. Beth is available for pastoral care by appointment Sunday-Wednesday. The best way to contact her (outside of coffee hour!) is [bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca) or 416-809-2103.

### **Honorary Assistant**

At the request of the Interim-Dean and the Vicar, **Bishop Andrew Asbil has appointed The Reverend Jo-Anne Billinger as an Honorary Assistant Priest of the Cathedral**. Recently retired from full-time parish ministry, Reverend Jo-Anne is one of our week-day presiders. We are pleased to welcome her to the Cathedral family!

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

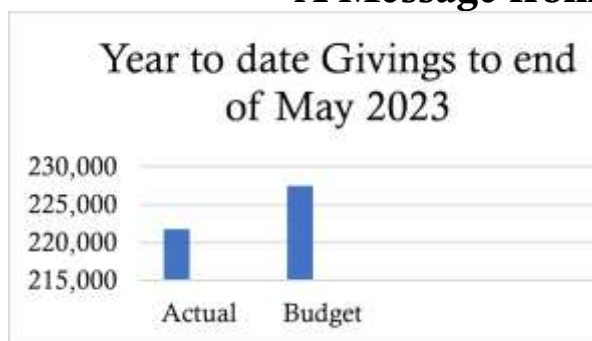
Registration for the Education for Ministry program will open in July. Commitment is for one year at a time. For more information, please visit [www.stjamescathedral.ca](http://www.stjamescathedral.ca) (Education for Ministry) or contact Carol Kysela at [mckysel@gmail.com](mailto:mckysel@gmail.com)

# WE COUNT ON YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## This Saturday, July 1: Volunteer with the Drop-In!

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. If you are interested, 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.

## A Message from the Stewardship Committee



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. Your support is vital for the Cathedral's mission of ministry and outreach. Thank you.

## 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 of St. James Cathedral & Dean of Toronto. We will be interviewing candidates over the summer. Therefore, we have moved into the phase of our work where we must count on the sensitivity of the parish to respect the confidentiality of the process. As always, your prayers are very much appreciated as we move through this next step in the selection process.

## Mark your calendar and join us: Friday, September 22 at 7:30pm



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**.

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.

Stay tuned for ticket information!

## 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.

**Dean and Vicar away:** Interim Dean Peter Wall and Vicar Stephen Fields will be away in Calgary for The Anglican Church of Canada's General Synod, as well as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) National Convention, from June 27 to July 2.

**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 27 at 1:00pm. Organist: Minne Veldman, from The Netherlands.** 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.

**SATURDAY:**



**July 1 - Happy Canada Day!**

Join us for the Drop-In's Annual Canada Day BBQ on the West Lawn from 12:30pm – 3:00pm.

All welcome!

**SUNDAY: 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.

**Road Closures:** Many of you who drive to church will be aware that summer road closures have begun. For more information, 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/)

### SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, July 2

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**10:00am:** Choral Eucharist *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at [youtube.com/tordio135](https://youtube.com/tordio135)).*

**4:30pm:** Choral Evensong *(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](https://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)).*

**Readings for next Sunday, July 2:**

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:**

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

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