ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, August 6, 2023 *Summer Worship Schedule: Services at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 4:30pm. *Sunday Children's Program will continue at 10:00am. *Coffee Hour will follow the 10:00am service.

Happy Long Weekend and Summer updates

The first Sunday of August already. Where is the summer going? The older we get, the faster the years fly by, even if the days sometimes seem endless! Many of us are enjoying times of relaxation and vacation – some at cottages, some travelling to far-off places; some visiting families and friends, and others exploring exciting new places. We are so fortunate to live in a part of the world which provides us with almost limitless opportunities to drink in beauty and wonder. For still others, the heat of the summer brings discomfort and threats to one's health. It is so important, therefore, that we continue, here at St. James, to provide and support our Friday afternoon Drop-In program where some can come inside and cool off, to say nothing of receiving a great meal!

In the midst of the wonders of the summer, another wonder has arisen in our midst – our beautiful new organ console is here, is 'playing', and is magnificent! We are so grateful for this gift, and we look forward to marking that gift in prayer on August 13, and in our special Inaugural Recital, with special guest artist, Organist David Briggs, on September 22.

On this long weekend in Ontario, we particularly mark and celebrate our history and our heritage here in Ontario. We, here at St. James, have long been a significant part of that history and heritage – we have literally 'grown up' with Ontario, so it is most appropriate that we remember that this week as we pray.

So, let us continue to take notice of the wonders which surround us in the height of this beautiful summer – the richness of gardens blooming abundantly around us, the birds that sing us awake in the morning and delight us through the day, the glory of fresh fruits and vegetables which we can so easily grow and enjoy. For these and so many more, we are humbly grateful and pledge ourselves to respond in that same sense of generosity.

Have a wonderful summery week!!! Peter Wall - Interim Dean and Priest-in-Charge

STAY UP TO DATE

Emancipation Day at The Cathedral



On Sunday, July 30 we observed **Emancipation Sunday** in the cathedral.

Our guest speaker was **Dr. Christopher Stuart Taylor**, the Associate Vice-President of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism (EDI-R) at the University of Waterloo.

We were also happy to welcome **Officers of 51 Division**, our neighbourhood partners, who joined us for this important celebration.

Thank you all for joining us in celebrating this important day.

Here standing with the Vicar, The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, and Dr. Christopher Stuart Taylor are (from 1-r) Detective Janine Wideman, Detective Jeffrey Gough, Staff Sergeant Errol Watson, Superintendent Christopher Kirkpatrick, Detective Constable Alex Brooker, and Police Constable Crispin Barnes.

We continue to give water and spread hope & joy!



On June 21, The **Bargains Group** hosted the Water Project.

This Project gives free cases of bottled water to Drop-In and other charitable programs throughout the GTA.

This allows us to ensure the Drop-In guests and participants do not become dehydrated throughout the summer.

St. James Drop-In received 40 cases of water to distribute not only to the Drop-In but those in the park that are in need of a drink of water on those extremely hot days of summer. The bottles are light and portable and are easily carried around so when they need a refill it can be done without carrying a heavy container.

The Water Project has benefitted the Drop-In and the people in the park for the last 5 years. Thank you to **Bargains Group** for organizing this fantastic event that cares for some of the most vulnerable people in our neighbourhood.

COMING TO ST. JAMES, JOIN US!

Call for volunteers & Invitation: Summer Chill Party



St. James Cathedral is hosting *Summer Chill*, a multi-faith event and Summer Party for families and kids on **Sunday**, **August 27**, **2023 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm**.

There will be games, free food, cookie decorating, a foam party and you can visit Santa while he is on vacation. This party is to remind us that Winter Is Coming.

So, we will also be sharing the importance of winter respite for people experiencing homelessness this coming winter. Come out to enjoy the party and if you are interested in volunteering please contact Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at 416-364-7865 *222 or email at <u>kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca</u>

Inaugural Recital on the new organ console with Organist David Briggs Friday, September 22 at 7:30pm - Tickets available, buy now!





Tickets are \$25, join us with your family and friends! **Get your tickets in one of these ways:** *Search for "David Briggs Recital" on Eventbrite.ca *E-transfer to bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca (*Please specify "David Briggs Recital" in the message*). *At the Front Desk of the Cathedral Centre: Monday to Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. *By cheque, payable to St. James Cathedral (65 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2E9).

To receive information about upcoming musical events at the Cathedral, please send an email to <u>info@stjamescathedral.ca</u>

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Civic Holiday: The clergy and staff will be off for the Civic Holiday on Monday, August 7.

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am Tuesday to Saturday via the Cathedral YouTube channel Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm Tuesday to Friday in St. George's Chapel.

Dean away: Interim Dean Peter Wall is on holiday. He returns on August 10. **Vicar away:** Canon Stephen Fields will be on holiday from August 1-29.

VISIT US:

This week, the Cathedral is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00am–3:00pm. This week, the Cathedral Centre offices are open Tuesday-Friday from 9:00am–4:00pm.

TUESDAY:

Our Tuesday Organ Recitals are not taking place through July and August. We'll be back in September, each week, for the full year.

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Circle: We are taking a summer break and will resume on September 13 at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome!

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:

Our Sunday Children's Program continues at 10:00am. Coffee Hour follows the 10:00am service.

SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, August 13

8:00am: Said Eucharist 10:00am: 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, August 13 – The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45c Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

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