

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, July 30, 2023

***Summer Worship Schedule:** Services at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 4:30pm.

*Our Sunday **Children’s Program** will continue at 10:00am.

*Our **Coffee Hour** will follow the 10:00am service.

***Choral Evensong**, one of our most treasured liturgies – each Sunday at 4:30pm, join us!

Emancipation Sunday



Canadians are not always aware that Black and Indigenous Peoples were once enslaved on this land. In 1628, Olivier LeJeune was recorded as the first enslaved African to live here. In May 1689, following complaints about labour shortages in New France (now Canada), Louis XIV of France permitted the colonists to enslave Pawnee Native Americans and Africans. This scourge on humanity continued for the next 200 years.

The legacy of slavery still haunts our landscape. In June 2020, Bishop Andrew Asbil wrote, *“Let’s be honest: racism and discrimination are in the Church, too. Sometimes we don’t see our bias. Sometimes we downplay how our systems and policies treat people differently based on the colour of skin, language, and culture..... We pledge to continue to wear the mantle of racial reconciliation and healing, to be leaders in this important ministry.”*

Our National Church has made a commitment to walk this path. I continue to call our church to issue an apology for the pain and grief meted out to her Black membership. Many have left the Anglican Church. Many have remained, but have opted to disengage from the system, so that they may engage with the God who truly loves them.

Surely an apology is not enough. It becomes meaningless when those who have been hurt have to ask for it. We should not have to ask for one. That notwithstanding, our church must put the necessary process in place to make it possible for our church to do the right thing. Without this overdue-apology, all future actions may be considered disingenuous.

In the words of Professor Kortright Davis of The Howard University School of Divinity, *“Black people are the only people whose claim to humanity has not been universally recognized”*. The evidence suggests that Black people may be emancipated but are still working towards freedom.

The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields - Sub-Dean and Vicar

STAY UP TO DATE

Today: Emancipation Sunday



Today, the Cathedral community is celebrating Emancipation Day. Our guest speaker is **Dr. Christopher Stuart Taylor**. He is the Associate Vice-President of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism (EDI-R) at the University of Waterloo. He is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of History. Dr. Taylor completed his PhD at Western University (Canada) in History and Migration & Ethnic Relations (MER).

His book, *Flying Fish in the Great White North: The Autonomous Migration of Black Barbadians*, is available from Fernwood Publishing. Formerly, he worked in the Ontario Public Service (OPS), beginning his career as a Policy Coordinator Intern in the Deputy Minister's Office at the Ministry of Labour.

He was the Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator in the Ministry of the Attorney General's Diversity, Inclusion & Accessibility Office; a Senior Policy Advisor at Ontario's Anti-Racism Directorate; and Manager of Social Justice & Change Cluster at the Ontario Correctional Services College. He is a proud founding member of the University of Waterloo's Black Faculty Collective (BFC). *"Emancipation: Its Legacy and Mandate"*.

Welcoming Claudia Habib



We are delighted to welcome Claudia Habib who has joined the Cathedral team as the Event Manager.

Claudia has lived and breathed events for 20 years. Her career in corporate events began in 2008 where she worked for a destination management company in the meetings and conventions sector, assisting groups large and small enjoy their time in Halifax. Her most recent role was the Venue Manager of the Cedar Event Centre in Halifax.

She is excited to bring her considerable experience in events to St. James Cathedral Centre and make Toronto her new home.

Welcome Claudia!

We celebrated our Patronal Festival on Sunday, July 23!



We were blessed to celebrate the feast of St. James, our patron saint at St. James Cathedral! Thank you to all who joined us to celebrate this special date in the life of our parish. Our Children's Ministry also celebrated this day with fun games for the little ones. We send a special shout-out to our staff, volunteers, and all the community members who helped make this possible.

COMING TO ST. JAMES, JOIN US!

Inaugural Recital with Organist David Briggs - Tickets available, buy now!

FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 22
7:30PM
TICKETS: \$25

WITH ORGANIST
DAVID BRIGGS

The poster features a photograph of organist David Briggs sitting at an organ console. The background is dark with some blurred lights.

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).

***Front Desk** of the
Cathedral Centre: Monday
to Thursday from 9:00am to
4:00pm.

***Cheque**, payable to St.
James Cathedral (65
Church Street, Toronto,
ON M5C 2E9).



Scan for tickets

For more information, send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca or call (416) 364-7865.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

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 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:

The Cathedral is open Monday-Saturday from 10:00am–3:00pm.

The Cathedral Centre offices are open Monday-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.

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/

SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, August 6

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 6:

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7, 16

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

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