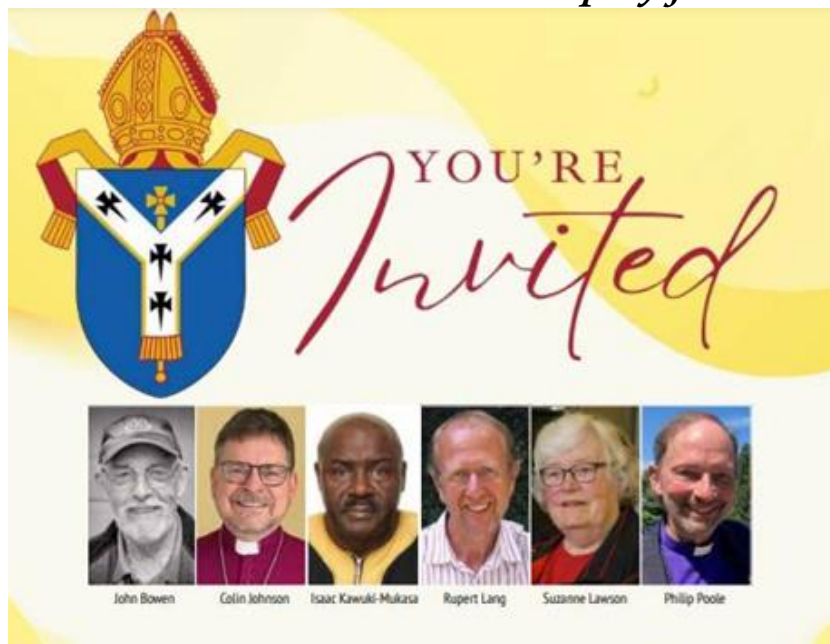


## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, December 10, 2023

- \***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets at 9:00am & 11:00am services.
- \***Coffee Hour:** Following 9:00am & 11:00am services.
- \***Messiah ticket sales & Cathedral Ornaments:** After 9:00am, 11:00am & 4:30pm services.
- \***Find your Christmas Offering Envelope** with this leaflet.
- \***Tree in the city: Ornaments** in support of St. James Cathedral **Drop-In.**

### *Let us pray for the Church...*



Each Sunday at the Cathedral we pray for the Church and the world; we remember those in need, we pray for peace and for leaders of the nations; we pray for the sick and those who have died. We often include prayers of thanksgiving and moments of silence invite us to offer our own prayers.

Preparing and offering the Prayers of the People is an important liturgical leadership role for members of the congregation. It is greatly appreciated.

In our daily prayers for the mission of God's Church, we often include by name various ordained and lay leaders in the worldwide Anglican Communion. I am reminded of the significance of this practice every year when the Archbishop of Canterbury announces recipients of the *Lambeth Awards*.

The Awards, which recognize extraordinary contributions to the Anglican Church and wider society, have been given to scientists, musicians, academics, activists, peacemakers, doctors, and clergy. This week we are honouring five Canadian recipients of the *Lambeth Awards* made in 2021 and 2022. Four of the recipients are friends from the Diocese of Toronto and the fifth recipient serves in the Diocese of New West Minster. They will be honoured at a **Celebration of Advent Evensong at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Cobourg on December 10th at 430pm:** Archbishop Colin Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Philip Poole, Dr. John Bown; Canon Isaac Kawuki-Mukasa, Suzanne Lawson, and Rupert Lang.

Learn more about their outstanding contributions to the life and witness of the Anglican Church throughout the world here: <https://www.anglicannews.org/>

Deo Gratias! Beth Benson –Interim Associate Priest

## STAY UP TO DATE

### Today: Stephen Vail Preaching Program: New Voices in our Church



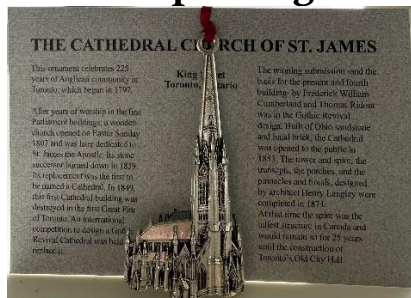
This Program was named in recognition of the former Dean's, The Very Rev. Stephen Vail, commitment and work with the Postulancy Committee of our Diocese and his capacity as a Preacher of the Liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ. The program provides Assistant Curates in their second year of ordained leadership an opportunity to preach at the Cathedral at its 9:00am and 11:00am liturgies. *The Inaugural preacher will be The Rev. Jillian Ruch, Assistant Curate, St. Bride's Church, Mississauga.*

## WE COUNT ON YOU

### Wednesday, December 13: Advent Conversation #3 on Zoom

Let us prepare to welcome Christmas on **Wednesday Evenings in Advent (Dec 13 & 20)**. Register for Zoom meetings: [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) or (416) 364-7865.

### A special gift for a Christmas tree: Pewter Cathedral Ornaments



By buying this ornament, you are helping us to continue our work of worship, ministry, and community outreach. Ornaments come with a ribbon and a Cathedral history card in a bag. Each ornament is \$25. **Get yours:** On Sundays, cheque, front desk (Monday-Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm), e-transfer: [bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca) (Add phone number/email. Specify "Ornaments" in the message).

### Friday, December 29: St. James Cathedral Photo Directory

How many people can you identify sitting around you in the pews on Sunday morning? We are creating a photo directory of our Cathedral family. Please send your **current photo** with your name to [wardens@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:wardens@stjamescathedral.ca) by **Friday, December 29**. Sending your photograph means you consent to it appearing on appropriate Cathedral platforms. Participation is optional, but we hope everyone will get involved. Thank you!

### Christmas Offering Envelope: Make a special end-of-year gift!

At this time of year, we are all so blessed in God's economy and have the joyous opportunity of sharing our blessings with others. Please pick up Christmas envelopes in the West aisle to make a special end-of-year gift, make an online gift, including an e-transfer to the Cathedral, or drop it off in the mailbox at the 65 Church St door. Let's support the Cathedral's financial health.

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# Christmas

AT ST. JAMES  
CATHEDRAL

Sunday, Dec. 24	Monday, Dec. 25	Monday, Jan. 1, 2024
<b>Christmas Eve:</b> <b>8:00am:</b> Said Eucharist <b>9:00am:</b> Sung Eucharist <b>11:00am:</b> Choral Eucharist* <b>4:00pm:</b> Festive Organ Recital* <b>4:30pm:</b> Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols* <b>7:30pm:</b> Choral Eucharist*	<b>Christmas Day:</b> <b>8:00am:</b> Said Eucharist <b>9:00am:</b> Sung Eucharist <b>11:00am:</b> Choral Eucharist*	<b>Bishop's Levee:</b> <b>12:15pm:</b> Said Eucharist <b>3:00pm:</b> Festive Music* <b>3:30pm:</b> Choral Evensong with the presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto*
*Services will also be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at <a href="https://youtube.com/anglicandioto">youtube.com/anglicandioto</a> .		

## This Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00pm: Blue Christmas Service

Some of our loved ones are now in God's nearer presence. Let us remember them together and share a moment of remembrance and hope. Light refreshments after the service.

## This Friday, December 15 at 7:30pm: Tickets for Messiah by G.F Handel



**\*Today:** After 9:00am, 11:00am & 4:30pm services.

**\*Eventbrite:** "Messiah by G. F. Handel St. James Cathedral".

**\*Front Desk:** Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm. **\*Cheque.**

**\*E-transfer:** [bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca) (Add phone number/email. Specify "Messiah" / "Ornaments" in the message).

## Fridays, December 22 & 29: Volunteer with the Drop-In

The **Drop-In** will be celebrating **Christmas on Dec. 22** and **New Year on Dec. 29**. 4-hour shifts will be available starting at 9:00am until around 4:30pm/5:30pm. **To volunteer** please, contact Kathy Biasi at (416) 364-7865, ext. \*222, or [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca)

## Christmas Food Drive

Please donate non-perishable food items in the red bin located in the Cathedral (King Street entrance). Donations will support food programs at St. Bart's Church in Regent Park.

## 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 Saturday in St. George's Chapel.

**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:** Organ recital on **December 12 at 1:00pm. Organist: Nathan Jeffery**

**WEDNESDAY:** The **Scripture Circle** gathers at **11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.**

**FRIDAY: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.** We welcome our guests in Snell Hall.

### **SUNDAY:**

**\*Children & Families:** Our **Sunday Children's Program** meets at both the **9:00am** and **11:00am** services.

**\*Coffee Hour:** Following the 9:00am and the 11:00am services.

**\*St. James Cemetery: Seasonal Wreath program + plots available.** For more information, please contact 416-964-9194 / [cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca) / [www.stjamescemetery.ca](http://www.stjamescemetery.ca)

### **Ways to Give**

Your financial support of the Cathedral is so important to our continuing ministries.

**\*Cheque** (65 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2E9).

**\*E-Transfer:** at [gifts@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:gifts@stjamescathedral.ca) If you require a tax receipt, please provide name and address in the message. Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$20 or more after year-end. If you have questions, please contact Serena Li at [sli@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:sli@stjamescathedral.ca)

**\*Online:** <http://stjamescathedral.ca/donate>

### **SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, December 17**

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Sung Eucharist

**11:00am:** Choral Eucharist

*(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at [youtube.com/tordio135](http://youtube.com/tordio135)).*

**4:30pm:** Choral Eucharist

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

**Readings for next Sunday, December 17:**

**The Third Sunday in Advent**

Is 61:1-4, 8-11

Ps 126

1 Th 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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