ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS Sunday, February 18, 2024 Celebrating Black History Month at St. James

***Today**: We welcome the Rev. Canon Anthony Jemmott as our guest preacher at the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

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

*Coffee Hour: Following 9:00am & 11:00am services.

*Visit us: This week, the Cathedral is open from 10:00am–3:00pm, Tuesday-Saturday.

STAY UP TO DATE IN FEBRUARY

(Last call) - Register today: Becoming the Story We Tell

Join a Small Group today for reflection through Lent and Eastertide. Small groups will begin the week of February 18. Registration forms and online registration are available. For more information talk to Canon John Hill during coffee hour or email <u>bst@stjamescathedral.ca</u>

Thursday, February 22 at 1:00pm: Early Music at St. James

Join us in the sumptuous acoustics of the St. George's Chapel to hear some of the leading performers of early music. Admission is, as always, free. Donations are welcome. **This Thursday's artist: Louise Hung, Virginal.** The next concert is on Thursday, April 25 at 1:00am. Artist: Lazzuli Baroque. Mark your calendar!

Sing with us. Choir Auditions are open!

The Choir of St. James Cathedral welcomes applications for both professional section leads and experienced amateur singers! Fluent sight-reading skills are necessary. The choir practices on Thursday evenings and sings for both the Choral Eucharist and Evensong on Sundays. Contact: Director of Music, Thomas Bell at <u>tbell@stjamescathedral.ca</u>

Sunday, February 25 at 11:00am: Special Coffee Hour - Black History Month

The theme for this year is *"Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate, a Future to Build"*. Join us on Sunday, Feb. 25 after the 11:00am service. There will be a musical presentation, a display of *"Black Excellence"* and samples of African and Caribbean finger foods.

Wednesday, February 28 at 2:00pm in the Lecture Room Preventing Chronic Disease - Not What You Think by Dr. David Mowat

Come and learn why the current approach to prevention - one person at a time - will not reduce the burden of chronic disease. This is an invitation from The York Group. No RSVP is required. We hope you will join us!

STAY UP TO DATE IN MARCH

March 1 & 2: 2024 World Day of Prayer – Holy Eucharist & Event

The Cathedral will be observing World Day of Prayer at the 12:15pm Eucharist on Friday, March 1st. We will have prayers for peace. All are warmly welcome to attend. The official 2024 World Day of Prayer Event will be hosted by First Evangelical Lutheran Church at 116 Bond Street, Toronto on Saturday, March 2nd at 2:00pm. All are welcome.

Sunday, March 17 at 1:00pm: York Group Annual General Meeting

All women parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the York Group in the Lecture Room. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP at the back of the Cathedral following services. We look forward to seeing you there!

March 19 at 2:00pm: Archives and the History of St. James Cathedral

Historians and archivists Nancy Mallett and Claire Wilton will be on Tuesday, March 19 at 2:00pm in the Lecture Room. Their presentation is entitled: *"Archives and the History of St. James Cathedral"*. No RSVP is required. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you for an interesting afternoon. This is an invitation from The York Group.

VESTRY 2024 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00pm: Pre-Vestry Meeting

A Pre-Vestry Meeting will be held online via Zoom **on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00pm.** The meeting is an opportunity to learn more about the 2024 budget and 2023 financial audit statements and also provides an opportunity for those who cannot attend the Vestry Meeting in person.

If you are a member of Vestry and would like to receive the link to attend the Pre-Vestry meeting, please email <u>communications@stjamescathedral.ca</u>

Sunday, March 10: There will be one joint service at 10:00am followed by Vestry

On Sunday, March 10, there will be we will have one main service at 10:00am and the Vestry meeting will follow after the service.

Vestry Meeting will be chaired by our Dean the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. A light lunch will be served.

Vestry List

Vestry List is available for viewing at the back of the church after service or at reception from 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday to Friday. Those listed are entitled to vote in the elections for the ensuing year. Additions or modifications can be made to the list.

Vestry Nominating Committee

St. James Cathedral's Annual Vestry meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 10th, 2024.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Bill Benson, is now receiving names for election for the following positions:

- People's Warden
- Deputy People's Warden
- Assistant Deputy People's Warden
- Cathedral Council
- Synod Representatives and Alternates

All are one-year terms with opportunity for renewal for 3 years.

Nominations require a nominator, a seconder, and the agreement of the nominees to let their names stand. Nominations should be sent to Bill Benson at <u>billbenson0520@gmail.com</u> for consideration by the committee (Bob Hart, Yvonne Joseph, Bill Benson).

The Nominating Committee will produce a recommended slate for Vestry that is representative of the congregation, and considers the necessary experience and skills required.

The process for choosing the slate will start by asking current eligible representatives if they are willing to stand for re-election. Next, all nominations from the congregation will be considered.

As always, the Vestry Chair will ask for nominations from the floor on the day of the Vestry meeting. All eligible nominations will be accepted.

Feel free to email billbenson0520@gmail.com if you have any further questions.

More information will come.

Stay tuned.

The Wardens

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30amHoly Eucharist at 12:15pmTuesday to Saturday via the Cathedral YouTube channelTuesday to Saturday in St. George's Chapel.

Family Day: The Cathedral & Cathedral Centre offices will be closed, and staff & clergy will be off tomorrow, Monday, February 19 for Family Day.

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

TUESDAY: Organ recital on **February 20 at 1:00pm. Organist: Eric Tyson (UK).** Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

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

THURSDAY: Early Music at St. James. Feb. 22 at 1:00pm. Artist: Louise Hung, Virginal.

FRIDAY: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm: We welcome our guests in Snell Hall for a nutritious meal.

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

St. James Cemetery: Plots, services, and products available. **Contact:** 416-964-9194 - <u>www.stjamescemetery.ca</u> - 635 Parliament Street, Toronto.

Sunday Services – February 25, 2024

8:00am: Said Eucharist
9:00am: Sung Eucharist (also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto).
11:00am: Choral Eucharist (also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/anglicandioto).
4:30pm: Choral Evensong (also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto).

Readings for February 25: Second Sunday in Lent Gen 17:1-7, 15-16 Ps 22:23-31 Rom 4:13-25 Mk 8:31-38

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