

BIOGRAPHIES OF THOSE TO BE ELECTED 2024

PEOPLE'S WARDEN: DAVID GATES (Served 1 term)

David was born in Montreal and raised in Hamilton, Ontario. Before retirement, he taught at the University of Western Ontario; co-authored two grammar and writing texts; worked in various capacities at The Grand Theatre, London, Ontario; marketed the performing arts at Young People's Theatre and Harbourfront Centre in Toronto and, most recently, developed revenue generation resources for the Sunnybrook and the St. Michael's Hospital Foundations. He is a graduate of McMaster University and the University of Western Ontario, from which he holds a Ph.D. in English Literature. A lifelong Anglican, he attended the Church of St. Thomas in Hamilton and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Ontario, before joining the congregation of St. James. Currently, People's Warden, he chaired the Stewardship Committee for two years and is part of the Vision Implementation Team.

DEPUTY PEOPLE'S WARDEN: SANDRA MOWAT (Served 1 term)

Sandra grew up in an Anglican family in St. John's, NL, where she completed a Bachelor of Nursing degree. She has served the cathedral in a variety of ways over about 10 years – on the Outreach committee, at Drop-in, on Cathedral Council, as Sidesperson, Reader, Gardener and most recently as a member of the Parish Selection Committee and as Chair of the York Group. Sandra has served for the past year as Asst. Deputy People's Warden. Leisure pursuits include golf, travel, art history and outdoor activities.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY PEOPLE'S WARDEN: MARY HOPPERTON (New)

Mary was born in Ottawa, raised in Thornhill and has lived in Toronto throughout her adult life. A lifelong Anglican, Mary and her husband John became members of St James Cathedral in 2005. Their two boys were born in 2006 and 2010 and baptized at St James. The Cathedral has been a foundational part of the Hopperton family's life and faith. Mary has been involved in various ministries at St James over the years including the Sunday School Hiring Committee, the Implementation Team, Godly Play, Becoming the Story We Tell and a companion/sponsor for adult baptism. Her faith journey led her to the Education for Ministry program from which she graduated in June 2023 and then became an Education for Ministry Mentor with the St James EfM group in the fall of 2023. Mary stopped working when their first son was born and stayed home with the kids for 16 years. She has recently returned to the workforce as the administrator for a veterinary clinic.

CATHEDRAL COUNCIL – 5 MEMBERS

DENNY CREIGHTON (Served 2 terms)

A cradle Anglican, Denny began attending services at the Cathedral almost 40 years ago and became a regular parishioner in the late 1980s when both his children attended the Cathedral's church school. Denny has been a sidesman for the 8:00am service since 2015. In 2003, he joined the Board of Street to Trail, a charitable agency which helps the homeless and is supported by the Cathedral. He remains on the board to this day.

Denny was born in Montreal and still speaks passable French. After attending University of Toronto (BA, MBA), he returned to Montreal for two years but has made Toronto his home since 1983. He worked in financial services until his retirement in 2016 and has always found the Cathedral a welcome source of peace and consolation from life on Bay St. Denny and his wife Kris now split their time between Toronto and their home in Santa Fe where Denny attends St. Bede's Episcopal Church. While his marathon running and competitive paddling days are behind him, Denny remains active hiking with his dog and supporting various classical music and educational organizations.

MATT JAEGER (Served 1 term)

Matt has never known a religious life outside the worldwide Anglican community. As a third-generation cradle Episcopalian born and raised in the US, having attended multiple Episcopal churches in the Southern US, Matt has been worshipping at the Cathedral Church for about 3 years, after moving to Toronto. In his school age years, Matt was an acolyte. For the past 20 years, he has been mainly involved in the liturgical lay ministry of the church as a reader, intercessor and communion minister. While quite busy with work, he still volunteers as able for church and non-church charities, such as Toys for Tots, the Alpha Kappa Psi Foundation and the Drop-In program. In his "beyond church" life, Matt works in human resources for a global automation company, and shares his life with his partner Mac and their pack of dogs. You can usually find him attending the 9am service.

RICHARD HARRROP (Served 1 term)

I began my spiritual career as a church chorister at the Church of the Holy Saviour in Waterloo, Diocese of Huron in 1955. When my family moved to St Columba's Church in Waterloo about ten years later, I sang in the choir, became the Sunday school superintendent and ran a young peoples group (AYPA).

When I moved to Toronto on Low Sunday in 1968 I began singing at St Bart's, Regent Park. Whilst attending teachers college, I lived in a commune which was shared with Bruce Howe, an honorary assistant at St Barts and Director of Fred Victor Mission. I worked at Fred Victor for a summer in the shelter setting up a breakfast programme. (Bruce later became the Bishop of Huron.)

I continued singing but also lived in the church apartment at St Aidan's in the beach, where I ran a young peoples group. I have also spent some time singing at St John's Norway, St Thomas' Huron Street and Church of the Redeemer.

I began singing at St Jame's with Chris Dawes, followed by Michael Bloss and Robert Busiakiewicz.

With Michael Bloss, I was part of the St James's Singers when we did a three week singing tour of South Africa where we sang in performances as part of the Grahamstown Arts Festival as well as singing services in Bishop Tutu's Cathedral in Capetown.

At Redeemer, I was co-chair of the Catechesis Group.

At St James, I have served on the Education Committee with Judy Rois as well as on the Morning prayer roster under Canon David Brinton's leadership.

For the past several years, at St James, I have been involved in the Refugee Committee and for this past year I have served on the ministry council and the parish council.

I have in the past several months been helping at the Friday drop-in.

I have taught with the Toronto District School Board since 1972. I still love teaching after fifty two years though I now teach half days doing short term contracts.

SARAH RODRIGUES (served 1 term)

Sarah Rodrigues was born and raised on the west coast of India in a Roman Catholic community. Sarah is married to Jikku Jacob Mohan also of Indian origin and a Christian. Sarah and Jikku have a 4 year old daughter Sophia. Sarah and family started attending the services at The Cathedral in the summer of 2022.

Sarah has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and Masters in Public Administration. In 2005, after graduation, Sarah volunteered for 2 years in North India in an NGO run by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bareilly focusing on education of young adults and children from the slums. In 2007, Sarah joined the financial services industry and for the next 14 years focused on regulatory operations and compliance projects for an American Investment Bank. During this time Sarah and family relocated to the United States and lived there until 2021. Sarah moved to Toronto in September 2021 and is currently working for TD Securities.

STANELY BAPTISTE (New)

A pleasant good day to all active personnel of the The Cathedral Council. I'm thankful and humbled for being considered for appointment to the Council.

I have worshipped at The Cathedral for over thirty years since arriving in Canada fifty years ago. With sheer determination I would drive from Milton On to The Cathedral when not worshipping at Grace Anglican Church in Milton. On visits to my home country, I would worship at St. Paul's Anglican, Harris Promenade, San Fd'o. I also worship at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

Presently, at St James I am a sides person and a Communion Minister. Both assignments I was nominated for and accepted with thanks. I have also flipped burgers at the Canada Day events and assisted at the luncheon on Friday's for those in attendance.

I look forward to working with all active members and personnel at The Cathedral and be in truthful compliance with the requirements of the Aforementioned position.

Blessings to all.

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES (5 MEMBERS)

RUTH DAVIS (Served 2 terms)

Ruth has been an active member of the St. James Cathedral for well over a decade, from 2008. Before, Ruth had been a member of St. John's Cathedral Antigua, Diocese of the North Eastern Caribbean, and also St. John-the-Divine, NY where she sung in the Choir and was a Lay Reader. Presently, she worships at 11:00am Choral Eucharist. Ruth is currently a member of the Servers Guild, Communion Assistant and the Altar Guild. Over the past decade Ruth has enjoyed active participation at St. James in a voluntary capacity in the Archives and Museum, The Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser, Doors Open and former coordinator of the St. James Book Club. She is also a facilitator of the 10:30am Matins Sunday mornings.

Ruth was a former volunteer at the Harbourfront Centre and Board Member and leadership roles at the Antigua YWCA. She has enjoyed a career in Tourism and in Administrative positions Public and Financial organizations.

ROB HAINES (Served 2 terms)

Rob has attended the Cathedral since 1981 and has been the Coordinator for the Nine O'clock Stewards Ministry since its inception in 1985. Presently he continues to coordinate the Steward/Sidespersons and Steward Reader/Intercessors and serves as both a Sidesperson and a Communion Minister.

Rob has served as a member of: the Advisory Board (now referred to as the Cathedral Council), as the Stewards' representative on the Ministry Council, and as an elected lay delegate to Synod for the past two years. He has also been a member of the Education Committee, the Light for the City Campaign (fundraising for the building of the Cathedral Centre), and assisted at the Coronation Concert and Reception.

Rob would be honoured and find it a privilege to continue to serve as a Lay delegate to Synod for a third term in 2024.

IRENE BAILEY (Served 2 terms)

Irene Bailey was born and baptized into the Anglican Church in Penang, Malaysia in St. George's Anglican Church, where her Mother played the organ. She has attended Anglican church services in many parts of the world since then. On emigrating from the UK in 1975 she sang in the Choir of St. Lawrence Park United Church until 1981. She then attended Grace Church on the Hill until 1997, moved again and attended St. James Cathedral on occasion and St. John's Elora regularly until 2014.

Irene then moved to the St. Lawrence Market and has attended the Cathedral since then. She sang in the Parish choir for 3 years until the pandemic in March 2020. She also helped with the Hot Cross Bun making each year and supported community suppers and lectures. She is also a steward for the 9:00am service.

Irene was a teacher at Park School, Regent's Park, when she arrived in Canada having taught in England both primary and secondary age children after taking her degree in History and Education at Leeds University as an adult student. She entered the Women's Royal Air Force as the youngest female officer when she left school at 18 and left as a Flying Officer to get married.

Irene entered the financial planning and life insurance industry in 1978 after the Toronto Board downsized. She continues in that industry and founded her own company in 1991, Performance Index Inc, which continues today with her son in the business. During those years Irene has worked for justice for women. She joined the Women Executives and Entrepreneurs in 1978 when they first started and became chair of their Legal affairs committee. She left as Vice President in 1991.

Irene was one of 7 founding members of the Women Entrepreneurs of Canada in 1991 and that organization continues today. She was given the International Award for Women Who Make a Difference in 2004 and nominated for the Women who Make A Difference Award in the first year they were started in 1998. In addition, Irene was on the Board of the Legal Education and Action Fund for 2 years in the late 1980s and on the Foundation Board of LEAF for 2 years after that.

Irene was on the inaugural founding Committee of the Canadian Women's Foundation in 1991. She joined the Board of The Toronto Mendelssohn Choir in 1993 and chaired their 100th Anniversary committee through to 1995. They raised \$100,000 at the celebratory dinner. She became President in 1995 and remained as such until 2003 when she became Chair for 2 years. She continued to support the Choir.

Irene's interest in the disadvantaged and willingness to work for their benefit continues to this day as well as her support and interest in classical music, church music, jazz, opera and musicals. She would like to see the Anglican church revitalized and relevant in our society again and is willing to help towards this goal.

DAVID HEDLEY (Served 1 term)

David held joint positions as a staff physician and scientist at Princess Margaret Hospital for 30 years, until his retirement in 2020. He has spent a long career exploring the boundaries between basic science and human cancer. For most of that time he was agnostic, believing that reductionist science can ultimately explain our existence. About a dozen years ago he underwent a sudden conversion back to active Christianity during a church service, and after a lot of prompting by the Spirit ended up at St James for the 11:00am Palm Sunday service in 2010. He has been a regular at the 11:00am ever since, as well as a frequent attendee at Evensong, which he loves. As well as the scriptures, he reads extensively in the Christian literature, including many of the old classics as well as modern writers and thinkers. He now feels able to reconcile Christian faith with science, recognizing that science provides only approximations to truth, not absolute Truth, but when used well brings enormous benefit to humanity. David recently served on the Parish Selection Committee, tasked with the discernment of our new Rector and Dean.

ELIZABETH HARTMAN (Served 1 term)

The Anglican Church has always played an important part in her life. She grew up attending Anglican churches in the Diocese of Huron. Besides attending services with her family she took an active part in the many programs offered by the Church - Junior Choir, Junior Auxiliary, Camp At Home camps, Huron Church Camp as a camper and counsellor, Sunday school.

She moved to Toronto in 1966 and began a 35 year teaching position in the elementary panel with the North York Board of Education. During this time she and her family became members at St. John's York Mills.

She and her husband retired to Grand Bend in 2000. They became members of St. John's -by-the-Lake. During the ten years that she lived there she was an active participant in a variety of ministries - Sidesperson, Altar Guild, Deputy Warden, Vestry Clerk, Parish Council Secretary, as well as the various fund raisers such as Thanksgiving Dinner, Pancake Breakfast, Funeral Lunches. She was also very active in Lambton Shores, volunteering for many different community programs such as Caring Quilters of Lambton Shores for Victim' Services, Grand Bend and Area Chamber of Commerce, Horticultural Society.

Upon her return to Toronto in August 2010 Elizabeth began attending St. James Cathedral. During the past twelve years she has offered her services to various ministries - Christmas Food Drive, Health Council, Canada Day BBQ, Delegate and Alternate Delegate to Synod. Prior to March 2020, she completed 8 years volunteering with the Drop- In. She continues to serve as a Steward for the 9:00am service.

ALTERNATE SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

PETER DAWES

Peter Dawes has been a parishioner at St. James for the last 13 years. He is a regular 9:00am Sidesperson, Reader and Communion Assistant. Peter is an international trade consultant with an extensive background in both non-profit organizations and public corporations, serving as either President and CEO, Director or as a volunteer. He has been Honorary Consul of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire in Toronto for the last 32 years (a voluntary and unpaid appointment). Peter is married to Dr. Sarah M. McKinnon, a former Warden. The wedding took place at St. James.

MARIE CROSTA

Marie Crosta has been a member of the Cathedral community since 2015. Raised Roman Catholic, she and her husband made the decision to baptize their son in the church back in 2016, and to focus on instilling strong moral values in him. Having volunteered with occasional events in the past, Marie became a regular volunteer with the children's ministry Godly Play last year. A firm believer in giving back and serving the community, she has found this role very rewarding by watching the children learn the stories and lessons of the bulge through interactive play.

Marie moved to Toronto in 2007 to study radio and television at Toronto Metropolitan University. After a short stint working in the industry she found her way back to the university and is currently the Director of Academic Planning and Student Affairs for the creative programs within the school. Helping support new academic initiatives and student experiences, she finds most of her days are spent navigating and helping others succeed.

PAROCHIAL TRIBUNAL

EDWIN HAWKEN (Served 1 term)

Edwin (Ted) Hawken has been a member of the Cathedral for more than 45 years and has served in many different capacities including as a Churchwarden under Deans Abraham and Stoute. Ted is a retired bank executive & currently serves as a director of private, public and not for profit organisations.

MARY JANE TUTHILL (New)

I worked for three years at the Ontario Dept. of Labour working as a Secretary. I was in my early 20's at this time.

In my mid 20's I was hired at Imperial Oil Ltd. which was located on St. Clair Ave west. I did Secretarial work in the Medical Dept. and the Engineering Logistical Dept. for about 24 years and then retired from Imperial Oil.

I took about four years off doing odd jobs. Then I decided I wanted to get into Funeral Services. I worked for Turner & Porter Funeral Homes in Mississauga for 16 years. I really found this work very meaningful.

I have been a Parishioner at St. Jame's Anglican Cathedral Toronto for approximately 33 plus years.

The following was what I loved doing:

- Alter Server in every capacity
- Reader
- Member of Vestry
- Sidesperson
- Bible Studies for different Groups
- Washed and Ironed the Fine Linen
- Was one of the FIRST Women to be an Alter Server
- Helped with the "Gay and Lesbian Group Start-Up Group

This Church is like a second home to me and this place is where I met Margaret Perschy, my wife.

Thank you for this opportunity.

BIOGRAPHIES OF THOSE APPOINTED 2023

RECTOR'S WARDEN: KATE UCHENDU (Served 2 terms)

Kate is a small business owner; she operates a COBS Bread Bakery in Scarborough. Prior to becoming a small business owner, Kate worked as a Nurse Practitioner. She continues to be a medical member of the Consent & Capacity Board where she adjudicates on issues of mental health and health care consent. Kate was born and raised in Nigeria and relocated to Toronto in 2003. Prior to moving to Canada, she worked in banking and finance in Nigeria. Kate started over in Toronto by commencing a bachelor's degree in Nursing at the Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto in 2004. She completed a master's degree from the same program in 2011. She has worked in a variety of settings including public health (Toronto Public Health), community care (long term care outreach), and acute care (Toronto General Hospital). She has also instructed nursing students in the Faculty of Nursing at University of Toronto. Kate has been an active member of St. James Cathedral since 2012.

DEPUTY RECTOR'S WARDEN: SARAH MCKINNON (NEW)

Member of St. James since 2001

Attendee at 9am where I serve as a Steward (Sidesperson and Communion Assistant).

Former Deputy Warden (Rector's and People's) and Warden (People's).

Semi-retired from a career in academe -- I was an art history professor at the University of Winnipeg and am a former VP Academic at OCAD U, VP and Dean at School of the Museum of Fine Arts - Boston, and Interim President at NSCAD University, Halifax.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY RECTOR'S WARDEN: BOB HART (NEW)

Bob Hart has been a member of St. James since 1981, attending the 9:00 am service regularly and serving as a Steward since the formation of that group in 1985. Bob has been a member of the Light for the City Campaign, has served on the Cathedral Council for several years, as Deputy Rector's Warden, two years as Peoples' Warden and for three years as Rector's Warden. Until June 2013, Bob worked for the York Region District School Board in the capacity of teacher, Department Head, Vice-Principal and, for the final seven years as Principal. Bob was chair of the Cathedral Selection Committee after the retirement of Dean Douglas Stoute.

Since 2013 Bob has been a Diocesan volunteer serving as a mentor to Parish Selection Committees. As well, he participated in a number of Cathedral committees and served in a number of roles (Resdder, Intercessor, Communion Minister) during the tenures of Andrew Asbil, Stephen Vail and Peter Wall

CATHEDRAL COUNCIL (5 MEMBERS)

ANGELA DAVID (Served 1 term)

Angela has been a parishioner at St. James Cathedral for well over 30 years, mostly attending the 9:00am service where she serves as a steward and Communion Minister. She was previously a member of the Cathedral Council as well as the Deputy Peoples' Warden and was also actively involved with the Nomination Committee.

With a professional background in finance, she has been actively involved on operating committees at her daughter's pre-elementary, elementary and secondary Schools.

She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Tandia Financial Credit Union actively involved in "Merger/Amalgamation" Transition Committees.

COLLEEN CARDILLO (Served 1 term)

Colleen has been a member of St. James Cathedral for just over ten years. She currently serves as a member of Cathedral Council and volunteers for the team that does the weekly "Count". Previously, she served on the Outreach Committee, the Finance Committee, the Nominations Committee, and worked at the Drop In. Prior to moving to Toronto in 2013 and joining the cathedral, she lived in Washington D.C., where she worked for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and attended the historic St. John's Episcopal Church. Colleen was born into an Anglican family that attended St Paul's On-the-Hill Anglican Church in Pickering.

CAROL KYSELA (Served 1 term)

Carol has been a member of St. James Cathedral for 13 years and for 20 years before that at St. Thomas's Huron St. She spent much of her professional life as a project manager in development and maintenance of computer systems at a large financial institution in Toronto. For the last 20 years she has been a mentor for Education for Ministry groups at St. Thomas's, the Convent of the Sisters of St. John the Divine, and at SJC. Team and group work have been central to her interests as Chairs of the Affordable Art Affair fundraiser, the annual Hot Cross Bun fundraiser, and the education committee at SJC. Recently she has been a member of the Visioning Committee, the Parish Selection Committee, and the Becoming the Story We Tell program. She serves as reader, intercessor, and communion assistant at the 9 am Sunday Eucharist. She is a dual citizen of Canada and the US where she grew up, but identifies most strongly with Toronto urban living and membership in the big tent that is the St. James Cathedral Community.

CHRISTIAN KINGSMILL (NEW)

St. James Cathedral has been a constant part of Christian's life and that of his family for seven generations. Not only is he a cradle Cathedral member, Christian and his wife, Marta, were married at St. James and both their children, Maitland and Hanna, were christened and confirmed at the Cathedral.

Having worked in the developmental services sector for twenty years, Christian is currently the Director of Services for Montage Support Services. Montage falls under the Ministry of Children,

Community and Social Services. As a service provider to support people with complex medical needs, developmental disabilities and mental health challenges.

Prior to this, Christian managed one of the residential programs at the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf for 18 years. A Canadian Red Cross First Aid instructor and a Scouts Canada, Cub Scout leader, Christian has undertaken several charity events, including raising \$6,000 for the Ride to Conquer Cancer, by cycling between Toronto and Niagara Falls.

Christian can often be seen at the Cathedral on Siderspersons' duty and as a Reader. He is also a former member of the Parish Selection Committee and Assistant Deputy Warden.

LOUIS NETTLES (NEW)

Louis has been a regular member of the Cathedral community for the past ten years, although he attended often when his son sang with the Gentlemen and Boys of St. James Choir 35 years ago. He currently serves on a regular basis as a sidesperson at the 11 o'clock and the 4:30 service. Lou is a cradle Anglican, being raised at St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff where he also brought up his family. At St. Nicholas he was a member and chair of the Advisory Committee, a Deputy Warden, director of the junior choir and substitute organist. In his retirement from teaching, Lou is involved in the Beach Interfaith Outreach initiative, leading two teams who provide hot community lunches. Lou and his wife, Beverley, are parents of five adult sons and one fabulous miniature schnauzer.