

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, April 20, 2025
Sunday School: At 9:00am & 11:00am. **Coffee Hour:** After 9:00am & 11:00am.
Today from 1:30pm-2:30pm: Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Invite the little ones!

Love has come again



Our first full winter in Toronto has been somewhat brutal. People told me that we had gotten away lightly last year. I now know they were right. For several weeks now, I have found myself tracking my weather app and peering out of the window, looking for signs of spring on the way. An Easter hymn summarises this longing well.

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Of course, the hymn writer is using winter turning to spring as a metaphor. The death and burial of Jesus was a kind of wintertime, short perhaps but agonising nevertheless. And then comes Easter morning.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead, the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Because of the resurrection of Jesus, the world is different. We are different. And even when our lives are wintry, we live in faith that one day they too will be different.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

May it be so for you this Easter time.

Dean Stephen Hance

Next Sunday, April 27:

We welcome the Rev. Kristen Pitts, our new Canon Missioner



We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Kristen Pitts to be our first Canon Missioner. Kristen has now moved to Toronto with her wife Beth and son Lev and will officially begin her ministry with us next Sunday, April 27, with an installation date to be announced in due course. Join us at Coffee Hour in Snell Hall after the 9:00am & 11:00am services next week to welcome Kristen & her family into the Cathedral community. All welcome!

Farewell to Denise Byard



We will say “au revoir” and bid farewell to Denise Byard, a final-year divinity student at Trinity College who has been with us for 7 months since October 2024 and has shared in our ministry at the cathedral. Join us at coffee hour on Sunday, April 27, after the 9:00am and the 11:00am services to offer best wishes and for a time of fellowship. Denise will begin her curacy placement in the Peterborough area at St. Luke, Peterborough & St. John, Ida, beginning August 2025.

We welcome members of the St. George’s Society

Members of the St. George’s Society will be in attendance at the 11:00am service. Join us!

Meeting to discuss Communion changes with the Dean



In Lent, we have been trialing a different way of distributing Holy Communion at our 11:00am Eucharist, aiming to ease congestion, speed up distribution, and improve security. On April 27, there will be a meeting after the 11:00am coffee hour in the Lecture Room to hear people's views on this so we can decide how to move forwards. Whether you like or dislike these changes, please come and share your perspective. Dean Stephen Hance

Diocesan Confirmation



Bishop Andrew Asbil will celebrate the Sacramental Rite of Holy Confirmation at 4:30pm. Several of the candidates have attended the Cathedral’s inaugural “Catechesis for Confirmation.” Come and share in this celebration.

May 4: Ordination of Deacons



Bishop Andrew will ordain four candidates to the Transitional Diaconate on Sunday, May 4, at 4:30pm. We invite your prayers for them. We congratulate Denise Byard, who has shared in our ministry at the cathedral in her student placement for the past seven months. Please join in the celebration.

Organ Recitals for May at 1:00pm. All are invited!



May 6: William Lupton (Huron University)

May 13: Joshua Duncan Lee (St. James Cathedral)

May 20: Ying Quan (St. Paul’s Bloor Street)

May 27: Derrick Meador (Louisiana)

Full schedule: stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals/



May 24: Wycliffe College Women's Breakfast

The York Group will host the Wycliffe College Women's Breakfast by live-stream in the Lecture Room at 9:00am. Dr. Marion Taylor, Professor of Old Testament and Graduate Director, will give a presentation about Ursula Weyda (c.1515-1564) in *"Our Feisty Foremothers Who Dared to Speak Out."* Read more at stjamescathedral.ca/community/york-group/

May 24 & 25: Doors Open weekend is back!



We are looking forward to having thousands of visitors to the Cathedral and St. James Cemetery. Volunteers from our community will play a vital role in making all who visit feel welcome. If you would like to help out this year, please email us at info@stjamescathedral.ca. The Cathedral will be open on May 24 from 10:00am to 5:00pm and on May 25 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The Cemetery will be open from 10:00am to 5:00pm on May 24 & 25.



June 15: Jazz Vespers: Jazz, Jesus, and Justice

As The Toronto Jazz Festival unfolds, Kalabash, a Jazz band, and the Choir of St. James will lead this special evening of Jazz music and prayer. It will be an evening when Scripture, secular readings, a brief reflection, and music will bring our concerns for peace and justice into sharp focus. Please make a special effort to attend. Join us at 4:30pm.

June 22: Snell Lecture at St. James



Join us as we celebrate National Indigenous Day of Prayer and National Indigenous History Month! This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with important themes and deepen our understanding of Indigenous history and spirituality. **Speaker:** The Most Rev. Chris Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of Sacred Circle. Eucharist, Reception, and Q&A with our Dean, Stephen Hance. Thanks to the Anglican Foundation of Canada for their support. More information to come.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Drop-In

Relief Volunteers: Fill in when regular volunteers are unavailable.

If you are interested or would like to get to know more about the possibilities, please contact Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager, at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca or (416)364-7865 Ext. 222

EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE - SPECIAL CALENDAR

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Tuesday to Saturday via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Tuesday to Saturday in St. George's Chapel.

Hours during Easter Week:

The Cathedral and the Cathedral Centre offices will be closed tomorrow, April 21.

For pastoral needs, please contact the Vicar at sfields@stjamescathedral.ca

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

The Cathedral Centre offices are open Tuesday-Friday from 9:00am–4:00pm.

Tuesday: Organ recital on April 22 at 1:00pm. Jacob Wiens (St. Paul's, Newmarket). Admission is free, and donations are welcome.

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 for a nutritious meal.

Sunday: 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: Pre-planning, plots, services. For more information, please contact: 416-964-9194, cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca or visit stjamescemetery.ca

Sunday Services – April 27, 2025

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist (*live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*).

11:00am: Choral Eucharist (*live-streamed on the Diocesan channel youtube.com/@anglicandioto and the Cathedral channel*).

4:30pm: Diocesan Confirmation (*live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*).

Readings for the

Second Sunday of Easter:

Acts 5.27-32

Psalms 150

Revelation 1.4-8

John 20.19-21

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