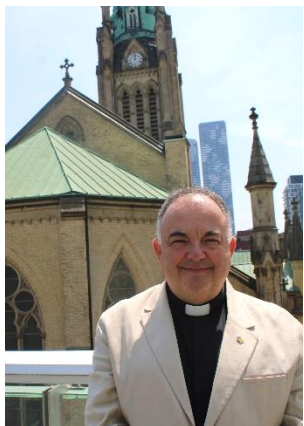


## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, August 17, 2025

**Summer Services:** Until September 1, services at 8:00am, **10:30am**, and 4:30pm.

**Sunday School:** At the 10:30am service. **Coffee Hour:** After the 10:30am service.

### Message from the Dean



Happy summer, everyone! I hope you will have some time to recharge and relax over these summer weeks. Jacqui and I are spending August in the UK, visiting family and friends, attending the Greenbelt arts festival, and squeezing in a few days in beautiful Paris before returning home to Toronto. When we do return to our regular Sunday services at 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 4:30pm on Sunday, September 7, we will be refreshing our 9:00am Eucharist with a new name, *Worship Together*, and an ethos of intergenerational participation. Following the Children's Community Choir Day Camp in late August, we will be launching the choir proper in September.

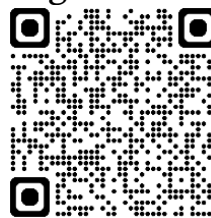
We have some great events coming up! Invite your friends, we look forward to seeing you:

- September 16: I will be running my online course *Everyday Witness*. Read more below: [www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/) or scan the QR codes for more information and to register.

Details here:



Register here:



- September 27: Annual Walk-a-thon at Edward Gardens in the morning
  - September 27: 2<sup>nd</sup> Trivia Night Fundraiser in the evening
  - October 4: Blessing of the Animals on the West Lawn
  - October 5: Special Vestry Meeting
  - October 25: Organist David Briggs in concert with *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925).  
Get your Early Bird tickets now on [stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025/) (until August 25)
  - Beginning October 26: Evensong guest preachers on the topic '*A Renewed Church*'
  - Monthly Family Fun Nights and Community Playdates continue through the Fall
- And then, of course, there is All Souls, All Saints, Remembrance Day, and Advent!

May this season of rest prepare us to receive the ongoing renewal offered to us by the Holy Spirit. This summer, let's take a pause to breathe so that, come Fall, we can be ready to play our parts, all of us, giving, praying, serving, and inviting, all for the sake of our city, which God loves and for which Jesus died.

Your friend, Dean Stephen Hance



## Nominations are open now!

All parishioners are welcome to join the list of those willing to serve in our parish's Vestry or our Diocesan Synod. Nominations (self or other) for elected or appointed positions of Wardenship, Cathedral Council, and Synod representation are invited; these offices have a 1-year term & have varying levels of commitment.

- **Info sessions: Sept 7, 12:30pm** (In-person, Lecture Room) & **Sept 10, 7:30pm** (Online – Please RSVP for Zoom link: [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) or 416-364-7865)
- **St James Special Vestry Meeting:** October 5, 2025.
- **Diocesan Synod pre-meeting** Oct 4/**Diocesan Synod** Nov 7-8.

For more info: Visit [stjamescathedral.com/vestry2025](http://stjamescathedral.com/vestry2025) or talk with a member of the Vestry Nomination Committee, Don Solomon, Louis Nettleton, or Carol Kysela at coffee hour.

## Saturday, September 6 at 10:00am: Free Community Playdate at St. James



Join us on the first Saturday of each month 10:00am-11:30am! Bring your family for a fun morning and enjoy coffee on us while the kids play, create, and connect with other local families. Bring a friend! Please register at [stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/)

## Sunday, September 7: 9:00am *Worship Together* service



As Dean Stephen recently shared, our 9:00am service has been refreshed to more fully accommodate worshipers of all ages and abilities and encourage every member to not only engage but also lead in the service if they so desire. If you would like a preview of *Worship Together*, join us for a 'dress rehearsal' on August 31, at 9:00am.

**Interested in volunteering?** Contact The Rev. Matthew Waterman at [mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca) All are welcome!

## Wednesday, September 17 at 2:00pm: Invitation from the York Group



Come and join the York Group on September 17, in the Lecture Room, as they host The Rev'd Matthew Waterman. He'll share how his faith has evolved and the meaningful role of lay pastoral visiting in his ministry. It promises to be an engaging afternoon! No RSVP.

## Thursday, September 18: Free rehearsals begin for our Children's Choir



We're inviting all children ages 6-16 who love music and singing to join our Children's Community Choir. Rehearsals are on **Thursdays beginning September 18, 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Cathedral Centre.** For more information, please contact: Cara Halpin, Children's Community Choir Director at [chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca)



## Friday, September 26 at 6:00pm: Free Family Fun Night at St. James



Join us from 6:00pm to 8:00pm as the Children's Ministry is offering a free, fun activity for the whole family with pizza and snacks. RSVP to Karyne Whalen ([kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca)). Come with friends, we look forward to welcoming you!

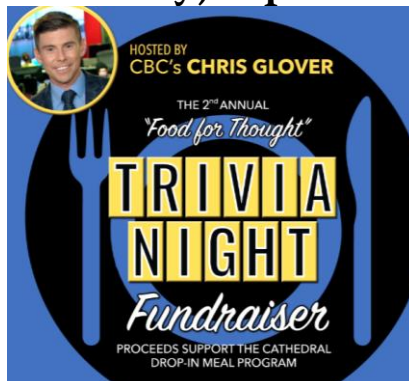
## Saturday, September 27 at 10:30am: Refugee Walk-a-thon 2025

### Mark your calendars! *Marjorie Rudder Walks for Refugees*



Marjorie Rudder will be leading the St. James and Community Refugee Committee in celebrating its 10th anniversary of sponsoring refugee resettlement with a fundraising walkathon at Edwards Gardens. Come with your sneakers and connect with the community. Invite your friends to help reach the \$15,000 fundraising goal. Join us as we walk and show your support by donating to this worthy cause! Follow the link to donate: [stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025](http://stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025)

## Saturday, September 27: 2<sup>nd</sup> Trivia Night is back supporting our Drop-In!



**Invitation:** Come and have a fun evening with friends, family, or colleagues! The Drop-In will have great prizes for the winners, a fantastic entertainment intermission, and a 50/50 draw. Delicious food and drinks will be available. It promises to be a memorable evening to support neighbours in need!

**Call for Volunteers:** Help us with set up, guest registration, serving, selling food, drinks, tickets, and clean-up.

**Feel like helping?** Contact Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at 416-364-7865 Ext. 222 or at [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca)

## Saturday, October 25 at 8:00pm: *Phantom of the Opera* with David Briggs



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8:00 pm



Experience a truly unforgettable evening as world-renowned organist David Briggs brings the 1925 silent film classic *The Phantom of the Opera* on St. James Cathedral's majestic 5,000-pipe organ. The film will be shown on a large projection screen, set against the stunning backdrop of the Cathedral's breathtaking architecture and soaring acoustics. RSVP now!

**Early Bird Tickets (until August 25) available here:** [stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025/)

## 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.

The Dean is away on summer vacation.

The Vicar is away on vacation until August 19.

**Visit us:** The Cathedral is open Monday-Saturday from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

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

**Online Morning Prayer:** Join our clergy and fellow members of the Cathedral from Monday to Friday for Morning Prayer in our **Zoom Chapel**.

To access, please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/MPatSJC> or scan the QR code. For more information, visit: [stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer/)



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

**Friday:** Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. We welcome our guests for a nutritious meal.

**Sunday: Sunday School:** At the 10:30am service. **Coffee Hour:** After the 10:30am service.

### Sunday Services – August 24, 2025

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**10:30am:** Choral Eucharist (*live-streamed on the Cathedral channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](https://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)*).

**4:30pm:** Choral Evensong (*live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](https://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)*).

**Readings for The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Jer 1:4-10

Ps 71:1-6

Heb 12:18-29

Lk 13:10-17

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