

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, September 7, 2025

Regular services at 8:00am, 9:00am (*Worship Together*), 11:00am & 4:30pm.

Children & Families: Sunday school at 11:00am. Coffee Hour after 9:00am & 11:00am.

Today: Blessing of the Backpacks (9:00am/11:00am) & Anniversary of Accession (4:30pm).

Today at 12:30pm: Vestry Nominations Information Session in the Lecture Room.

9:00am Service *Worship Together*, Join Us!



Our 9:00am service *Worship Together* has been refreshed to more fully accommodate worshipers of all ages and abilities and to support congregational leadership in the service. In this spirit, you can expect: A physical space that brings the community closer to the altar promoting a feeling of connectedness; a liturgy that embraces the Anglican tradition promoting participation and comprehension for all; and opportunities to lead, for both those who can sign up in advance for roles and those who would like to choose a role when they arrive for the service.

Join us every Sunday at 9:00am! Info: stjamescathedral.ca/worshipitogether/

Season of Creation



The Season of Creation is an ecumenical movement by Christians around the world to observe the period between **September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for Creation)** and **October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)** as a time of particular attention to praying and caring for the earth. General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, at the recently held meeting adopted the **Feast of the Creator**, a celebration of God's original and ongoing acts of creation, to be held on September 1 or on another date within the Season of Creation. We will observe this Feast on Sunday, Oct. 5.

More info: www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/creation-care

Sept. 20 at 9:30am: Rehearsals Begin for Our Children's Choir



A huge thank you to all our campers who joined us for our Choir Camp!

We had such a fun time singing together, exploring new instruments, and sharing a wonderful recital for family and friends.

Let's keep the music going. **Join our Children's Community Choir**, open to all children ages 6-16 and new members too. Sing with us! **Weekly rehearsals** begin **Saturday, Sept. 20** at from 9:30am to 10:30am. **More info:** stjamescathedral.ca/communitychoir/

FALL EVENTS, JOIN US!

- Sep 7 at 12:30pm: Vestry Nominations Committee – Info Session - Lecture Room
 - Sept 9 at 1:00pm: Organ recitals resume on Tuesdays at 1:00pm at St. James Cathedral
 - Sept 9, 15 & 22 at 7:30pm: (Online) Baptism Preparation. RSVP for Zoom link*
 - Sep 10 at 7:30pm: Vestry Nominations Committee – Info Session - RSVP for Zoom link*
 - Sept 16 – Nov 11 (Tuesdays), 12:00pm-1:00pm: Dean's online course, *Everyday Witness*. Register: toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/
 - Sept 17 at 2:00pm: The York Group and The Rev. Matthew Waterman - Lecture Room
 - Sept 20 at 9:30am: Weekly Rehearsals Begin for Our Children's Community Choir
 - Sept 20 at 2:00pm: Season of Creation celebration at St. Paul, Midhurst (5 Noraline Ave)
 - Sept 21 at 11:00am: Annual Wycliffe College Founders' Day Service
 - Sept 21 at 1:00pm: (In-person) Baptism Preparation - Library
 - Sept 26 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night. Info + RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/
 - Sept 27 at 10:30am: Annual Walk-a-thon at Edward Gardens. Donations welcome!
 - Sept 28 at 9:00am: Holy Baptism
 - Sept 28 at 12:30pm: (In-person) Pre-Special Vestry Meeting - Lecture Room
 - Oct 1 at 6:00pm: (Online) Pre-Special Vestry Meeting. Please RSVP for Zoom link*
 - Oct 4 at 10:00am: Community Playdate (Snell Hall). RSVP stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/
 - Oct 4 at 10:30am: Blessing of the Animals in the WestLawn
 - Oct 5: The Cathedral observes the Feast of the Creator
 - Oct 5: Special Vestry Meeting after the 11:00am service in Snell Hall
 - Oct 25 at 7:30pm: Organist David Briggs in concert with *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925)
Get tickets on stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025 or Eventbrite
 - Oct 12-Nov 9: Sermon Series (mornings) on Stewardship: "*Abundant Grace, Faithful Response: Stewardship for God's Mission*"
 - Oct 26-Nov 23: Evensong Sermon Series. Guest preachers on the topic '*A Renewed Church*'
- *Sessions online – Please RSVP for Zoom link: info@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865

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



World-renowned organist David Briggs performs a live improvised score to the 1925 silent film *The Phantom of the Opera* on St. James Cathedral's 5,000-pipe organ. Enjoy the film on a large screen within the Cathedral's architecture and acoustics.

Tickets: stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025
or visit Eventbrite.

SPECIAL VESTRY 2025

Today at 12:30pm & Sept. 10 at 7:30pm: Information Sessions



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 are invited.

• **Info Sessions: *Today at 12:30pm** (In-person, Lecture Room)

***Sept 10, 7:30pm** (Online – Please RSVP for Zoom link:

info@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865)

• **Special Vestry Meeting:** Oct 5 after the 11:00am service.

For more information, please visit stjamescathedral/vestry2025

Sept 28 & Oct 1: Pre-Special Vestry Meetings (In-Person & Online)

Pre-Special Vestry Meetings are opportunities for those who wish to learn more about the 2026 budget and June 30, 2025 financial statements. There will be two Pre-Vestry Meetings:

In person: Sunday, September 28 at 12:30pm in the Lecture Room.

Online: Wednesday, October 1 at 6:00pm. (Please RSVP for Zoom link:

info@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865)

October 5: Special Vestry Meeting

Our next Special Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2025, in Snell Hall chaired by our Dean, the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. The meeting will follow after the 11:00am service. Light lunch will be served. Visit stjamescathedral/vestry2025

Evensong Sermon Series at 4:30pm: *A Renewed Church*. All are invited!

As the two-year *Season of Spiritual Renewal* in our Diocese nears its climax in Epiphany 2026, the Cathedral invites the rest of the Diocese to sermon series. Homilists & topics follow:

- Oct. 26 - The Ven. Cheryl Palmer - "What happens when we '*Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*'"
- Nov 2: The Rev. Canon Kristen Pitts - "*A Renewed Church: What happens when we 'Teach, Baptize, and Nurture New Believers'*"
- Nov. 9: The Ven. Steven Mackison – "What happens when we '*Respond to Human Need by Loving Service*'"
- Nov. 16: The Ven. Theodore Hunt - "What happens when we '*Seek to Transform Unjust Structures of Society*'"
- Nov. 23: The Rev. Canon Andrew Federle - "What happens when we '*Strive to Safeguard the Integrity of Creation and Sustain and Renew the Life of the Earth*'"

"In a renewed Church, proclaiming the Gospel is not about reclaiming lost cultural ground, but offering a living, liberating hope. Renewal means we do not just attract people, we seek to grow people. A renewed Church sees Christ in the hungry, the sick, and the stranger and cannot be silent in the face of injustice. Renewal includes the earth itself." (The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, Sub-Dean and Vicar)

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 presiding at the Annual Residential Meeting of Asbury Theological Seminary Alumni Council.

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.

Donation envelopes: If you want to renew your envelopes for 2026, please contact Serena Li at sli@stjamescathedral.ca or call (416)364-7865 Ext. 229.

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/



Tuesday: Organ Recital at 1:00pm. Organist: Jean-Paul Feo.

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 Services – September 14, 2025

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Worship Together

11:00am: Choral Eucharist (*live-streamed on the Cathedral channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*).

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

Readings for the

Holy Cross Day

Numbers 21:4b-9;

Psalms 98:1-6

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

John 3:13-17

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