

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, September 14, 2025

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

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

### ***Worship Together: Every Sunday at 9:00am, 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, encouraging participation & 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.

**Questions, volunteering & more information:** [stjamescathedral.ca/worshiptogether/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/worshiptogether/)

### **This Saturday, Sept. 20 at 9:30am: Children's Choir Rehearsals begin!**



Sing with us! Join our Children's Community Choir, open to all children ages 6-16 and new members too. Weekly rehearsals begin this Sat., Sept. 20 from 9:30am to 10:30am. Free admission.

**RSVP:** [stjamescathedral.ca/communitychoir/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/communitychoir/)

### **Friday, Oct. 3 at 10:00am: Blessing of the Animals - St. James Cemetery**



Join us for the Blessing of the Animals at the Chapel of St. James-The-Less at St. James Cemetery for a celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and all creation. Bring your pets to receive a blessing as we give thanks for the special role animals play in our lives & in God's creation.

### **Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10:30am: Blessing of the Animals – St. James Cathedral**



The neighbourhood favourite is back! Join us on the Cathedral's West Lawn as we celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi by taking part in a special service for pets, their friends, and family. Demonstrations following the service: The Police Mounted Unit; Pet Valu; Sheila McNaughton (Certified First Aid Instructor for Equine, Canine & Feline care), and Keynote speaker: Jana Seymour, owner of *Who's Walking Who Dog Training* with 25+ years of training experience.

# FALL EVENTS, JOIN US!

- Sept 15 & 22 at 7:30pm: Baptism Preparation - Online
- 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/](https://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: Baptism Preparation - Library
- Sept 26 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night. Info + RSVP: [stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/](https://stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/)
- Sept 27 at 10:30am: Walk-a-thon. Donations: [stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025](https://stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025)
- Sept 28 at 9:00am: Holy Baptism
- Sept 28 at 12:30pm: Pre-Special Vestry Meeting - Lecture Room
- Sept 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Our Cathedral bells will be silent.
- Oct 1 at 6:00pm: Pre-Special Vestry Meeting (Online)\*.  
\*Please RSVP for the Zoom link: [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) or 416-364-7865
- Oct 4 at 10:00am: Community Playdate (Snell Hall). RSVP [stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/](https://stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/)
- Oct 4 at 10:30am: Blessing of the Animals in the WestLawn (or in the Cathedral if it rains)
- 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)  
Tickets: [stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025](https://stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025). David Briggs' CDs will be on sale (cash only).
- 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. Schedule: [stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch](https://stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch)

## 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. **Don't miss it. Get your tickets now!** [stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025](https://stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025) or Eventbrite.

## 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](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/creation-care)

## Oct. 26 – Nov 23 at 4:30pm: Evensong Sermon Series - *A Renewed Church*



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 join us on Sundays for a sermon series.

For more information about homilists & topics, please visit: [stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch](http://stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch)

## SPECIAL VESTRY 2025

### Sept. 21: Vestry List

The Vestry List will be available for viewing next Sunday, September 21, at the back of the church after service, or at the front desk from Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Those listed are eligible to vote at the Special Vestry this year.

Please email additions/modifications to Serena Li at [sli@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:sli@stjamescathedral.ca)

### 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 the 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](mailto: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 the 11:00am service. Light lunch will be served.

Visit [stjamescathedral.com/vestry2025](http://stjamescathedral.com/vestry2025)



## 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 the Asbury Theological Seminary Alumni Council, and will return on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

**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](mailto: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/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer/)



**Tuesday:** Organ Recitals at 1:00pm in the Cathedral. Free admission, donations welcome!

**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 21, 2025

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Worship Together

**11:00am:** 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

Psalms 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

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