

**Stanley Baptiste** is a cradle Anglican who has been attending St. James for over 20 years. A member of Cathedral Council, Stanley is also a communion minister and was until recently a Sidesperson. He volunteers at the Friday drop-in. Through his involvement in Cathedral Council, Stanley has become familiar with the challenges and opportunities facing St. James and believes that he can contribute to making the right choices.

**Bill Benson** -- As a cradle Anglican, Bill has been a member of St James since the spring of 2020. During his time at the Cathedral, it has been his pleasure to act as a Sidesperson, lead a discussion group for the BST program and grilled more hamburgers than he cares to remember. Apart from life at St James, he is a member of the Diocesan Postulancy committee (15 years) and for over 20 years volunteered as a consultant for the Diocesan Congregational Development Department working in many parishes across the Diocese. In 2020, Bill was elected to the Board of Trustees of Wycliffe College and this spring, he became Chair of the Board. He retired from full time employment in the winter of 2021 after 45 years in Senior Sales and Marketing roles in the Consumer-Packaged Goods world.

**Marie Crosta** has been a dedicated member of the congregation since 2015, when she and her family first joined the church community. Her connection to the church deepened when her son was baptized here, marking the beginning of her active involvement in church life. Marie currently volunteers with the children's Sunday School program; she finds great joy in helping nurture the faith of the next generation. Professionally, Marie serves as the Director of Academic Planning and Student Affairs at Toronto Metropolitan University. Her career in post-secondary education reflects her passion for community development, thoughtful leadership, and student advocacy—values she also brings into her faith life. Over the past two years, Marie has served as an alternate Synod Representative. Through this experience, she has gained insight into the broader work of the church and now feels called to take a more active role in shaping its future. She is committed to representing the voice of her congregation with dedication and integrity and hopes to contribute meaningfully to the work of the Synod in building a stronger, more inclusive church community.

**Angela David** 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 in 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.

**Peter Dawes** has been an Anglican since childhood in Montreal where he attended Anglican schools. When he moved to Toronto in the late 60's, he became a parishioner at St. Paul's on Bloor Street. Peter has been a parishioner at St. James since 2008 when he met Sarah McKinnon. They were married at St. James the following year by the Reverend Canon David Brinton; both volunteer at the Sunday 9 a.m. Services as their time and travels permit. Peter's work experience

has been as a business journalist, CEO of Canadian Importers Association and more recently as an international trade consultant. He is the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire in Toronto, a volunteer position he has held since 1993. Peter was a Second Alternate Synod representative and Alternate at Synod last year. He volunteers as a Sides-person, Reader, Intercessor and Communion minister at St. James. He looks forward to the synergy and camaraderie of Synod gatherings which create a better understanding of the many different and similar issues which other parishes in our Diocese face. He believes that as intractable as some Anglican church problems may seem to us individually, if we are able to discuss them in good faith and humility before God, solutions can be found.

**David Gates** – Born in Montreal, David was 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 developed revenue generation resources for the Sunnybrook and 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. Previously he chaired the Stewardship Committee for two years, and most recently he served as Peoples Warden.

**Rob Haines** has been a member of the Cathedral Community and the Sunday Nine O'clock Service congregation for the past 44 years. He has served in both appointed and elected positions and has volunteered his time, talents, creative nature and leadership skills in many roles. He was involved as a fundraiser for the Cathedral Centre building campaign. Rob has served as a member and chair of the Advisory Board (precursor to our Cathedral Council), a Lay Member of Synod, a member of the Ministry Council, an Education Committee member, a Sidesperson, a Communion Minister and for the last 40 years the Coordinator of the Nine O'clock Stewards. As a Steward and a people person he recognized and acknowledged the talents of members of the congregation and asked them to share their gifts at the Service. Rob trained, scheduled and prepared written guidelines for those who served as Stewards (Sidespersons, Readers, Intercessors, Communion Assistants) and he recommended those who might be asked to serve as Communion Assistants to the Dean. Rob brings his creative insights on building and maintaining community involvement as well as offering a history and his respect for our past. As a Council Member he would serve with enthusiasm and work cooperatively in planning for the growth and future of the St. James Community.

**Robert Hart, ODT**, 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 (Reader, Intercessor, Communion Minister) during the tenures of Andrew Asbil, Stephen Vail, and Peter Wall. Most recently, Bob served as Assistant Deputy Warden.

**David Hedley** is standing for the position of Synod Representative at this Vestry meeting. He has served in this position for two years and is willing to serve for a third. David has been an active member of the Cathedral community for twelve years, following his conversion from a skeptical agnostic to a lively Christian faith. He served on the recent Parish Selection Committee tasked with the selection of our new Dean. Prior to his retirement in 2020, for more than 30 years he held joint positions as a physician and scientist at Princess Margaret Hospital, specializing in cancer biology and treatment. He brings a deep understanding of reductionist science and its application to incurable forms of cancer.

**Matt Jaeger** – Matt has never known a religious life outside the worldwide Anglican community. As a third-generation Episcopalian born in the US, Matt has been worshipping at the Cathedral Church of St. James for over 5 years. In his school age years, Matt was an acolyte. For the past 25 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 time permits for church and non-church charities, such as Second Harvest, 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 spouse Mac and their dogs. You can usually find him attending the 9 a.m. service.

**Christian Kingsmill** is a lifelong member of St. James Cathedral. It has been a constant part of Christian's life and that of his family for seven generations. Raised at the Cathedral, Christian and his wife, Marta, were married at St. James; both their children, Maitland and Hanna, were christened and confirmed at St. James. Professionally, Christian has worked in the Social Services sector for twenty-five 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. Christian can often be seen at the Cathedral on Siderspersons' duty and as a Reader at the 11 o'clock Eucharist. He is also a former member of the Parish Selection Committee and is an Assistant Deputy Warden.

**Carol Kysela** grew up in the States in the Episcopal and Unitarian Churches and has been at St. James for 15 years at the 9 o'clock service. She has served as Administrative mentor for the Education for Ministry Seminar, group leader on "Becoming the Story We Tell", the Cathedral Visioning Committee 2020-2022, the Parish Selection Committee, synod representative, and Cathedral Council. Her Sunday participation includes intercessor, communion minister, and choir member, as well as weekday morning prayer leader. She's a retired project manager for systems development. She and her husband, Ed, organize the annual Palm Sunday Hot Cross Bun Fund Raiser. She is a joyful believer in the ministry of the baptized. Her idea of heaven is hosting dinner parties and thinks world peace would be more achievable if everybody swam a few laps a day.

**Sterling Mancuso** was born into an Anglican Family and has been a regular at the 9 a.m. service at St. James since 2023. He has handled the elements at service and has volunteered at cathedral events. Sterling attended Trinity College in his undergrad where he was active in chapel life and participated in the annual Trinity Divinity Faculty service at St. James. Sterling is a lawyer practising criminal defence and civil litigation in Toronto. He recently finished a clerkship at the Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa and previously clerked at the Court of Appeals for Ontario in Toronto.

**Sarah McKinnon** is a cradle Anglican who has been a member of St. James since 2001. She attends the 9 a.m. service where she volunteers as a Steward (Sidesperson and Communion Minister). She has just completed a term as Deputy Rector's Warden. Formerly she served as a Deputy Warden (Rector's and People's) and a Warden (People's) at the time of the planning and construction of the Cathedral Centre. Sarah is mostly retired from a career in academe. She worked as an art history professor and curator at the University of Winnipeg for 25 years. She is also a former VP Academic at OCAD U, former VP and Dean at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts - Boston, and former Interim President at NSCAD University in Halifax.

**Paul Melville-Gray** grew up in Streetsville, where his faith was first nurtured at Trinity Anglican Church. Over the years, his spiritual journey has included time at All Saints' Kingsway and Metropolitan Community Church Toronto, before finding his home at St. James Cathedral, where he has been a member for the past three years. Paul and his partner, Bassel, are familiar faces at the 9:00 am service, where they serve faithfully as greeters and communion ministers. Professionally, Paul is the owner of a creative design and print company in Mississauga that specializes in branding, strategic solutions, and the delivery of effective marketing materials. His professional expertise often carries into his volunteer commitments, where he supports a variety of charitable organizations. He serves on the Board of the Women's College Hospital Foundation, contributing his skills and leadership to advance important causes in the community.

**Sandra Mowat** grew up in an Anglican family in St. John's, Newfoundland where she completed a Bachelor of Nursing degree. She has served the cathedral in a variety of ways; for the past 2 years as a member of the warden team, fulfilling the roles of Asst. Deputy and Deputy People's Warden. In the recent past she served on the former Outreach committee, on the Parish Selection Committee and at the Drop-in. She is currently a member of Executive Committee, Cathedral Council and Ministry Council, and also serves as sides person, reader and gardener. She has chaired the York Group Executive Committee for the past several years and is soon to become a Lay Pastoral Visitor. Leisure activities include golf, travel, art history and outdoor pursuits.

**Zidan Murshed** is a newish member of St. James, having embraced Anglicanism since his conversion at Easter 2025. He will bring a fresh perspective to synod, complementing those of parishioners of longer tenure. An enthusiastic participant in our young persons' group, Zidan has become active in other aspects of parish life, including as a server at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. With a background in Political Science and History from the University of Toronto, Zidan brings a global perspective to St. James' community. Zidan's journey has taken him across the

globe, he has lived briefly in the vibrant cities of New York, Nuremberg, and Chiang Mai. These experiences have enriched his understanding of diverse communities and strengthened his resolve to serve with compassion and unity. You'll most often find him at the 11 a.m. service and open to conversation. Zidan balances a newly found love of age-old church traditions with a desire for a vibrant, inclusive future. Zidan pledges to contribute to synod with faithfulness and carefully considered participation.

**Louis (usually 'Lou') Nettleton** is a cradle Anglican who attended St. Nicholas Birch Cliff Anglican Church in Toronto for many years, having been baptised and confirmed there and raising his family there. He has been a member of the Cathedral for the past 12 years but had regular connections with the Cathedral when his eldest son sang as a boy treble 35 years ago. For the past 18 months he has been a member of the Parish Council – an enriching experience and he looks forward to continuing his participation there. He is co-coordinator of the 11 o'clock and Evensong Sidesperson. Lou is a retired teacher and he and his wife are the parents of 5 grown sons, 3 grandchildren, and an adorable miniature schnauzer.

**Joan Peters** retired in 2016, after more than 20 years as the Director of National Corporate Donations and Employee Engagement at CIBC. She was introduced to St. James Cathedral in 2002 by her husband, George McNeillie, who has worshipped here since 1980. Joan and George were married at the Cathedral in 2007. Joan has volunteered for various roles and supported several projects since joining the Cathedral, including the Drop-In and the Refugee Committee. She was honoured to serve as Deputy People's Warden for three years followed by two years as the People's Warden from 2019 – 2024. Currently, Joan is a Sidesperson and serves at the Friday Drop-In for the vulnerable people in our community.

**Christoph Pike** was born in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics at Memorial University. On graduation in 2016, he moved to Toronto to pursue a law degree at the University of Toronto. During this time, Christoph experienced a renewal of faith and joined the congregation of St. James Cathedral. He has served as a leader of the Cathedral's Young Adults' group and as a coordinator of the Becoming the Story We Tell program. Christoph was also a member of the 2022-2023 Parish Selection Committee. Christoph was called to the Bar of Ontario in 2020, and then maintained a diverse litigation practice, first at Torkin Manes LLP and then at McCarthy Tétrault LLP. Christoph obtained a master's degree in law from the University of Oxford in 2024 and is currently pursuing a doctorate in law at the University of Toronto.

**Daisy Pittis** – Grace and Daisy moved from Christ Church Bolton to the Cathedral in the fall of 2008. Grace died in September 2018 and the digital sign on St. James's lawn is in memory of her life and years of service in many churches. At present Daisy is a lay pastoral visitor, the treasurer of the York Group, a reader and intercessor at the 11 a.m. service. When one is a member of a smaller church, the opportunities to serve are so much greater. For many years Daisy was the Synod Representative, and she really enjoyed being present when so many critical issues were discussed. She is happy to have her name stand for this office.

**Zanefar Ramoutar** has been a parishioner at St. James for several years. Her decision to worship at St. James is because of the wonderful welcome she received. Zanefar is eager to be a member of the Parish Council as it will offer her the chance to serve her faith community and find joy, purpose, and deeper faith through active involvement. Connecting with people and creating an inclusive sense of belonging for all is important to her. Zanefar is a frequent Sidesperson at the 11 o'clock service and Evensong and she finds this participation a wonderful experience. Zanefar has a busy working life but will do her best to fulfil her responsibilities as a member of Cathedral Council.

**Billie Anne Robinson** is a cradle Anglican who came to St. James after the Covid lockdown. She was very involved in church activities at Saint Leonard's where she served in every capacity from warden to website chief. At the University of Sheffield, she was acting Anglican chaplain while she pursued biblical studies. Her sole claim to fame at St. James is that she sat two pews behind the Prince and Princess of Wales in 1992, thanks to her mother's next-door neighbour, whose husband was very active at Saint James.

**Jane Rowan** loves being involved in activities in the church. Recently she brought her son to a concert at the Church; he loved it so much that he is now baptised and has become a server. She is so proud of him and appreciates everything the People and the Church have done for him. Jane was confirmed at the Cathedral in 2008, has been a member ever since, and attends the 11 Eucharist. She served as secretary and chair of the York Group for over 7 years, which she found to be a challenging and rich experience arranging speakers, lunches, and tours. She has served as President and Treasurer of the Board of Directors at Almise Housing Co-op. Currently she is Chair of the Windford Concorde Residents Group involving issues around local condo development, the Ontario line and TTC Riders. She has served on city committees concerned with Accessible Housing and is an active member in the Elder Abuse Network of Ontario. Jane retired at 66, closing her Property Management Company linked with services for co-operative housing. She has a certificate in property management and has provided bookkeeping for many organizations both nonprofit and commercial, including one in Saudi Arabia.