

St. James Cathedral Connections

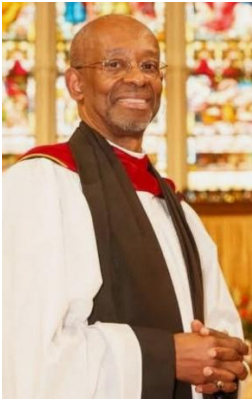
Sunday, May 31, 2026

Today's services: 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 4:30pm.

Farewell: Join us for coffee hour & cake (after 9:00am service) and reception (after 11:00am service), to celebrate and give thanks for Canon Stephen's ministry.

☀️ What's On ☀️

Message from The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields



My time at St. James Cathedral has been marked by deep gratitude, growth, and joy. Beginning ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic brought real challenges, requiring adaptability, resilience, and patience.

These experiences reinforced the importance of compassionate, grounded leadership and the strength of community. A central highlight has been nurturing a liturgical life rooted in Anglican tradition while open to creative and meaningful expressions, such as the Bob Marley Mass and TeneBrass. Alongside services marking key moments in the life of the Church and wider society, these have helped shape worship that is engaging and responsive.

Pastoral ministry has been a profound privilege, walking with members of the community through moments of joy, grief, and transition. I am especially thankful for the collaborative spirit of lay and ordained leaders, and for the growth of a more inclusive and participatory worshipping community. Expanded lay involvement, engaging our children, and the continuation of daily prayer online have all enriched our common life.

Looking ahead, there is much hope. Creative worship, strong outreach ministries, growing engagement with younger generations, and dedicated leadership all point to a vibrant future. At the same time, opportunities remain in deepening Christian formation, encouraging broader participation, strengthening stewardship, and caring for the Cathedral's historic building.

On a personal note, this season has deepened my vocation as a liturgist and my service to the wider Diocese. As Lucy and I conclude what has been a joyful and fulfilling ministry, we say a heartfelt "thank you" to Bishop Andrew Asbil, the Deans, Wardens, clergy, staff, volunteers, and the entire Cathedral community for your love and support.

June 4 at 1:00pm • Early Music at St. James – St. George's Chapel

Blockflöte, Bergamo and Bach. Toronto Baroque Players: Ryoko Hou, harpsichord, Samuel Rothermel, viola & Ivan Vutev, viola da gamba. Music by Telemann, Rameau, Marino, and Bach.

June 6 from 10:00am to 11:30am • Community Playdate

Enjoy coffee on us while the kids play together. Open to all. RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/playdate

June 9, 20, 23 & 28 • Cathedral Tours - *Discover the beauty inside*

Tours take place at 1:00pm on June 20 & 28, and at 2:00pm on June 9 & 23. No RSVP. 40-min.

☀ What's Next ☀

June 13 at 10:00am • Children's Community Choir Concert

Join us for a joyful Children's Community Choir concert and experience the beauty of young voices in harmony. Reception follows. Invite your family, friends and neighbours.

June 14 at 1:00pm • York Group Presentation & Lunch with Canon Geoffrey

Join us after the 11:00am coffee hour for *The Seasons of the Church Year* by The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Sangwine our Sub-Dean & Vicar Designate, followed by a light lunch.

RSVP: info@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865. All are warmly invited.

June 14 at 4:30pm • Jazz with Pride

Celebrate the Toronto Jazz Festival and Pride Month with *JAZZ with Pride*, a Jazz Vespers service featuring a local band *Kalabash* and the St. James Cathedral Choir. All are invited.

June 26 at 6:00pm • Family Fun Night – Theme: Beach Party

Families, children, and youth of all ages are invited to join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship! Dinner and light refreshments provided. RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight

☀ What's Needed ☀

July 1 • Canada Day Drop-In & Community BBQ – Call for Volunteers

The Drop-In needs helping hands in the kitchen, with setup, serving, and cleanup. Interested? Contact: Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at 416-3647865 Ext. 222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

This Week at St. James

Organ Recital: Tuesday 1:00pm. Organist: Michelle Chung. stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals

Scripture Circle: In-person on Wednesdays at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.

Drop-In: Fridays 1:30pm-3:30pm. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/community/dropin

Children's Choir: Rehearsals on Saturdays at 9:30am. Info: stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir

St. James Cathedral Sunday Services

8:00am Said Eucharist Simple Communion service in traditional language

9:00am Worship Together All-ages Communion service with music*

11:00am Choral Eucharist Sensory-rich service with the Cathedral Choir & Sunday School*

4:30pm Choral Evensong Meditative prayer service with the St. James Cathedral Choir

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in Snell Hall after the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

Next Sunday's Readings: June 7 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Weekdays at St. James

Morning Prayer (Online): Join us Monday–Friday at 8:30am live on Zoom or YouTube.

Saturday's prayer is available on YouTube. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer

Holy Eucharist: 12:15pm in St. George's Chapel, Monday-Saturday

St. James Cathedral: Open for prayer & tourism, 10:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Saturday

St. James Cathedral Centre: Open 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday

Weekly Newsletter: Sign up at stjamescathedral.ca. Confirm your email after registration