

ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Announcements for April 29, 2018

TODAY AT ST. OLAVE'S

WE WELCOME INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST THROUGH BAPTISM

Sophie Pauline Ralphs, daughter of Timothy and Kimberley (Decker) Ralphs.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to our Summer Student, Robb Sykes.

Please see announcement on page 3 for more information.

COFFEE HOUR: Visitors and parishioners, please join us downstairs after the 10:30 a.m. service for fellowship and light refreshments. Thank you to Jim Shapland and Janice & Craig Douglas for hosting this morning's coffee hour.

WINDERMERE STRING QUARTET CONCERT at 3:00 p.m.

"Viva Vienna!" Alexander Rapoport – New Commission; Ludwig van Beethoven – Quartet in A minor Op. 132. Tickets available at the door.

THIS WEEK AT ST. OLAVE'S

TUESDAY MAY 1

- Advisory Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY MAY 2

- Bible Study at 10 a.m. followed by mid-week Eucharist at 11:15 a.m. We are currently studying Ephesians. All Welcome!
- Pilgrims Group at 2:00 p.m.
- **Language of the King James Bible: Wednesdays at 6 p.m.**
Evening Prayer for Eastertide at 6 p.m., followed by light supper at 6:30. From 7 to 8 p.m. the Rev. Dr. Schuyler Brown leads discussions of writings which explore the emotional power of the KJV's poetry and its heightened language.

May 2 *Hearing Through:* The poetics of the soul.

For more details, please see yellow handout available in the Narthex.

SUNDAY MAY 6 – ROGATION SUNDAY

- Service of Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m.
- Service of Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m.
Psalm 46; Numbers 24:1-19; Romans 6:1-14
- Service of Holy Communion and Litany at 10:30 a.m.
- Guest Preacher: The Revd Chris Harper
- "Mapping the Ground We Stand On" activity after service.

For more details please see announcement on page 2.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE TO ST. OLAVE'S CONGREGATION: CRA Scams

With tax filing season upon us, the Wardens have been made aware that many of the St. Olave's family have heard of, or have actually experienced scams, claiming to originate from the Canada Revenue Agency. On behalf of parishioners, their families and friends, we have printed a release issued by the CRA. The release clarifies that the CRA will never undertake the actions used in tax fraud schemes and provides contact information, should anyone experience or wish to report a tax scam. Copies of the release are available in the Narthex. The web address below can also be accessed for additional information. <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/security/protect-yourself-against-fraud.html>

GREETERS: Volunteers are needed to serve in this very important ministry of St. Olave's for the next three months. Please see the sign up sheet on the clipboard in the Narthex or speak with Janice Douglas if you are able to help out.

GIVING TO ST. OLAVE'S: The Wardens are pleased to report that Doug Hewitt is our new Envelope Secretary. If you would like a box of dated "duplex" envelopes, would like to register for Pre-Authorized Givings (PAG) through your bank or credit card, or would like to change your PAG donation amount, please contact him at 519-240-2769 or envelopesecretary@stolaves.ca. Thank you!

GUEST PREACHER FOR ROGATION SUNDAY: On May 6 we will be joined by the Rev'd Chris Harper, Indigenous Native Priest of the Diocese of Toronto. Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Chris is Plains Cree. A lifelong Anglican and the son of a residential school survivor, he studied at James Settee College in the Diocese of Saskatchewan, earning a Certificate of Indigenous Anglican Theology, before going to Wycliffe College. He was ordained a deacon at St. Thomas, Huron Street in Toronto in 2005 and priest at St. Alban's Cathedral in Prince Albert later that year. As Rogation Sunday centres on the blessings of the land, Chris will focus his sermons at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. on the wisdom of Indigenous cultures as it relates to the land. Following the service, Chris will stay and participate in a 90-minute workshop developed by The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund called Mapping the Ground We Stand On. Your homework is to know the approximate arrival year to Canada of one of your ancestors. Join us as we learn what it's like to walk onto a map!

FAITH AND FICTION: Thursday, May 10 (Ascension Day)

Ascension Communion at 6 p.m., followed by light supper at 6:40.

From 7 to 8 p.m., **David Brinton** discusses theological themes in contemporary fiction by many famous and lesser-known authors, including Muriel Spark, Flannery O'Connor and Marilynne Robinson. For more details, please see yellow handout available in the Narthex or visit our website at www.stolaves.ca.

HEADS UP from the ACW! If you or your group would like to rent a table at our Annual LAWN SALE, now is the time to take action! Still a bargain at \$20.00, and we are already getting requests from beyond the parish. It is *'first come, first served'*. Get in touch with ACW Treasurer Jean Lilley or any member of the ACW Executive, This year the big day is Saturday, June 16th, and we welcome any and all volunteers willing to give us a hand!

STUDENT PLACEMENT: The Rector is pleased to announce that we have a Wycliffe summer student in the parish. Robb Sykes is working on his Master of Divinity degree and hopes one day to be ordained as an Anglican priest. His internship with our parish is full-time for 12 weeks. Robb is a 2nd year Wycliffe student. He has completed a Masters of Theology and is presently in the Masters of Divinity program, discerning a call to ordained ministry. Robb grew up as the son of an Anglican minister (Rev. Dr. Barbara Sykes). Robb's first careers were in Management Consulting and Banking. He then owned several businesses in the audio, video industries, which he closed in 2014 to return to seminary. Robb's businesses facilitated and produced Christian events within the broader church community, including larger events at the Air Canada Center. Robb has also been very involved with various ministries throughout his life including Youth for Christ, World Vision, Athletes-in-Action, In-Christ-Alone Ministries and others. Robb's mission work experiences with St. Paul's-on-the-Hill Anglican Church in Pickering, connected him to the Church Missionary Society in England, and to Faith2Share (Oxford), a global network of Mission Organizations where he served as Chair of Board of Trustees for eight years. Robb has also remained actively involved in Prison Ministry at the Vanier Correctional Facility for ten years conducting services one Sunday a month. Robb begins today (Sunday April 29) and will conclude his ministry with us on Sunday August 12.

THY KINGDOM COME May 10-20: Join the global wave of prayer. Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray for eleven days – between Ascension and Pentecost – for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops’ of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. The hope is that people will

- commit to pray with God’s world-wide family, as a church, individually, or as a family;
- be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

Visit Thy Kingdom Come at www.thykingdomcome.global to learn how to take part; to read the blogs and stories; and to download some of the amazing and creative resources.

THE YORK-CREDIT VALLEY PARISH COACHING PROJECT

2018/2019 is a new initiative designed to help churches share the faith in their neighbourhoods. Bishop Jenny has identified 10 parishes of similar size but with diverse theological and liturgical expressions to participate in this program and St. Olave’s is one of them! The project aims to help us build and strengthen strategies in the following six categories: parish structures and culture, parish communications, community engagement, every member faith sharing, missional small groups, and ministry with children and youth. We had an introductory meeting for members of St. Olave’s interested in learning more on Saturday April 21. A follow-up meeting for these three groups – with members of the other parishes – will be held **Saturday, May 12 at St. Bride’s, Mississauga** (time to be confirmed). A team of assigned mentors will provide direction and leadership throughout the process. If you have any questions please contact the Rector at rector@stolaves.ca.

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