

Announcements for January 2018

STAY INFORMED ABOUT NEWS AND SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. OLAVE'S!

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 -- COFFEE HOUR

Visitors and parishioners, please join us downstairs following the 10:30 a.m. service for fellowship and light refreshments as we celebrate the 96th birthday of beloved parishioner, Janet Sayer. Thank you to Jim Shapland, Janice and Craig Douglas, for providing our coffee hour this morning.

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR EPIPHANY

Choral Evensong this afternoon at 4 p.m. Following the service, join us downstairs as Giles Bryant traces Anglican church music from its pre-Reformation monastic tradition, through the establishment of a Prayer Book repertoire in England, to the main forms current today in Canada's cathedrals and parish churches. His illustrated talk at the piano will focus on Tallis, Purcell, Maurice Greene, S.S. Wesley, Stanford, Howells and their distinguished parish contemporaries. Giles led the choir of men and boys (1979-99) at St. James Cathedral. He then served as music director at All Saints, Peterborough for almost as long. He has given many organ recitals across Canada and in England, France and Spain. Giles is a lifelong enthusiast for the *Book of Common Prayer* and its glorious music.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Junior Church Skating Party at Rennie Park 2-4 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Please join us downstairs after the 10:30 service for fellowship and light refreshments. Thank you to Susan Harris and Miranda Branyiczky, for providing our coffee hour this morning.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Archbishop Colin Johnson joins our annual Joint Service with our South Sudanese Congregation

Archbishop Colin Johnson recently announced that he will retire at the end of 2018, which means that this will almost certainly be his last visit to our parish in his capacity of Bishop of Toronto and Archbishop of Ontario. Archbishop Johnson has served our diocese for 40 years as a parish priest, Archdeacon of York, Bishop of Trent-Durham, and, since 2006, as our diocesan bishop. Our South Sudanese brothers and sisters will join us for the service and will be providing one of their famous meals afterwards. This is a very special honour for our parish and it promises to be a very special day.

UPCOMING EVENING SERVICES & EVENTS

February 2, 6 p.m. - Holy Communion for Candlemas and talk by Debbie Cowling

February 18, 4 p.m. - Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent with Clement Carelse and Schola Ecclesiam

(For more details please see the Special Events brochure on the table at the back of the church.)

FEBRUARY 11, NOON

ANNUAL PANCAKE LUNCHEON

This year it has been decided that we should return to "the way it was" some 15/20/25 years ago and let the men of our parish reclaim complete responsibility for the planning and serving for this event, one of the most longstanding and enjoyable of our many St. Olave's traditions. It could turn out to be a lot of retro fun and also serve as a splendid volunteering opportunity for our male parishioners. Based on our past experience, we will be needing some 20+ volunteers to fully pull it off. By this weekend, we will be emailing to you our "call for volunteers" to our men to staff the 7/8 various functions and we hope you will enthusiastically respond. **One other point of information.** As we did last year, we will again dispense with the selling of lunch tickets in advance. The admissions can just be payable at the door to the hall. And for the umpteenth consecutive year there will no price increases. Adults \$6, Children \$3 and a Family rate of \$15. Thank you in advance for your support.

Craig Douglas and Jim Shapland, Co-convenors

FEBRUARY 14, 7 PM

BISHOP JENNY ANDISON TO PREACH AND CELEBRATE ON ASH WEDNESDAY:

Kicking off her Lenten study at St Olave's, Bishop Jenny will be our guest preacher and celebrant. Begin Lent with this beautiful service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes.

FEBRUARY 16, 8 PM - CELEBRATING HEALEY WILLAN,

Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 477 Manning Avenue, Toronto, there will be a special concert to mark the 50th anniversary of the death (to the day) of Healey Willan's. Willan is known across Canada and internationally for his liturgical music, and the evening's concert will feature both choral and organ works, performed by the choirs of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Thomas's, Huron Street. Willan's sole surviving child, Mary Willan Mason, will be present and will speak. PWYC admission. For more information, please contact St. Mary Magdalene's church office at 416 533 4495.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT AT 6:30,

FEBRUARY 21 – MARCH 28

BISHOP JENNY ANDISON TO LEAD LENTEN STUDY AT ST. OLAVE'S! Have you ever wished to deepen your relationship with God? To experience a warm friendship with God? Maybe even fall in love with God – again – or for the very first time? Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John is a six-week Lenten journey published by the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Jenny Andison, area Bishop of York-Credit Valley, will be leading this Lenten study, based on St John's Gospel, at St Olave's. Join us and bring a friend as we move through Lent together: Wednesday evenings **February 21, 28 & March 7, 14, 21, 28.** (6:30PM - light supper; 7:00PM – study; 8:30pm – Compline.) This Lenten series is open to the people of the Etobicoke-Humber and Parkdale West Toronto Deaneries of York-Credit Valley. *Meeting Jesus* prayer journals will be provided. In order to assist with planning, you may register to indicate your intention to attend at the York-Credit Valley Area 'Events' [webpage](#). For more information, visit our website (www.stolaves.ca) or see the cards at the back of the church.

PRAYER LIST

The Prayer List will be refreshed every quarter (**January 1**, April 1, July 1, and October 1). Please submit your prayer requests by contacting the church office or by recording the name in the binder provided in the Narthex every Sunday. Please indicate if the prayer is for that Sunday only or an on-going request.

GREETERS

Thank you to our many Greeters who volunteered at the **nine** services during December: Deborah Mitchell, Bob Ragsdale, Caroline Mitchell, Annis Tebbutt, Jim Shapland, Katie Douglas, Gabbie Douglas, Janice Douglas, Bette Birmingham and Sarah Mundinger. Volunteers are still needed for Sunday morning and non-Sunday morning services. If you are interested in participating in this vital ministry at St. Olave's, please add your name to the sign up sheet on the clipboard in the Narthex, and let Janice Douglas know at craig.janice@rogers.com.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

For those who use envelopes for their weekly donation, please note that the new boxes of envelopes for 2018 are now available for pickup on the last pew at the rear of the church.

GIVING TO ST. OLAVE'S

If you would like to become a regular donor, consider signing up for pre-authorized giving (PAG) from your bank account. Forms are available on the table in the Narthex. If you prefer to donate by cash or cheque, please ask for a box of dated "duplex" envelopes from our envelope secretary, John Cannings (rjcngs@gmail.com or 416-484-4346). You can also donate online at stolaves.ca, where secure credit card payments are processed by Paypal.

THANK YOU FROM THE ACW EXECUTIVE

The executive of St. Olave's ACW would like to thank St. Olave's Parishioners for their support of our fundraising activities throughout 2017.

1. No Bake Bake Sale;
2. Lawn Sale;
3. November Arts & Crafts Sale;
4. Gift Basket Draw;
5. Christmas Tree Decorations Sale;
6. Coffee Hour baskets

These activities enabled us to raise almost \$3,500!

Thanks to your support we were able to continue our outreach donations, purchase Bibles for the confirmation candidates, purchase and install the red carpet for the Narthex, pay six months wages for a kitchen cleaning lady, update our first aid kits and provide other help with Church expenses. All this is very much appreciated! **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!** We wish you many Blessings throughout 2018. St. Olave's ACW Executive.

2018 CHURCH CALENDARS are available from Judy Beal in the Church Office. \$7 each. Cheque or cash – exact change appreciated. **(Only 2 left!)**

WHEN TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER

In the words of the Prayer of Saint Chrysostom (BCP p. 15), our prayers are especially effective when offered in community. The Rector would like to establish a pattern of saying Morning Prayer in the church from Tuesday to Friday, at 8:30 a.m., and is looking for volunteers to join him. Ideally, at least one other person would be present with him each of these four days. If you are interested in joining him for Morning Prayer one day a week, please speak directly to the Rector (rector@stolaves.ca). Preferably, you could commit to coming in once a week, every week, on the same day. The order for Morning Prayer (BCP pages 1-15) will be used, and prayers will be offered for the church, our community and world. The service would be finished by 9 a.m. Consider making this commitment a part of your spiritual practice.

UPDATE FROM ROMANIA

I am happy beyond words to have your help knowing what is happening in this period at our Day Centre for poor, marginalized children. Just before Christmas, Oana the gal in charge who is giving her heart and soul (they all are) to these most unfortunate children told me that ending the semester all the children in the grade 5 to 8 group passed their exams because of the help they are getting from us. Most of the younger children in grades 1 to 4 all have "good" to "very good" as their marks, and those who were 100% risk of being illiterate now know the alphabet and can put words into syllables. This is a success more than we could have hoped for! The children are on their way.

Another fantastic thing that happened was that Oana got the children to sing in the community carol sing evening at the village community centre.

Mrs. Codreanu who works with the older children has been preparing them well. The townspeople were very impressed by the children's talent, intelligence and courage and really applauded and encouraged them, seeing them in another way. So these children who were ignored and looked down upon are now seen differently. This is a huge joy for us! A higher estimation of themselves will lead to a belief that a life other than the hopeless one they were leading, is possible.

I'll be getting the latest about the babies in the hospital and the group homes we work in, but I just had to pass on this joy to you that we can do so much for these children that no one has cared about until now.

Kathy Langston

See www.hosannachildren.ca for more information.