ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Rector: The Rev'd Robert Mitchell www.stolaves.ca 416-769-5686 Announcements for December 2, 2018

TODAY AT ST. OLAVE'S

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are the gift of Robert Ragsdale, to the Glory of God, and loving memory of his wife Bette.

GUEST SPEAKER: We extend a warm welcome to the Rev. Dr. Peter Robinson from Wycliffe. The Second Century Mission Fund will be presenting him with a cheque for the V.D. Wigmore Student Bursary Fund.

COFFEE HOUR: Visitors and parishioners, please join us downstairs after the 10:30 a.m. service for fellowship and light refreshments. Thank you to Lisa and Henry Jeens for hosting this morning's coffee hour.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING: Following 10:30 a.m. service.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS at St. Olave's - Sunday, December 2, 2018

Annis Tebbutt of St. Olave's Arts Guild has just announced some more details of this year's *Christmas Lights presentation*, with light music and light entertainment taking place this afternoon following our four o'clock Choral Evensong for Advent Sunday. **Come to hear:** "Twas the Day After Christmas, presented by Jack Suttaby, The Yorshire Messiah, as presented by Bill Wilson, Wenceslas, as presented by Patricia Mills and William Cowling, The Screwtape Letters, as presented by Iris Jacobs and Annis Tebbutt, and a comic reading from Craig Douglas! **Enjoy music by:** Olivia Chidley and Pan4Christ. So please join us this afternoon for **Choral Evensong** at 4, followed by our annual Christmas Tea with delicious cakes and assorted snacks, with *Christmas Lights* beginning just after 5 o'clock.

THIS WEEK AT ST. OLAVE'S

PRAY WITH US: Did you know that Morning Prayer is said in the church most weekdays (Tuesday - Friday) at 8:30 a.m.? This is a public service and anyone is welcome to attend. The service is said in the choir stalls and takes about 25-30 minutes. Check the bulletin each Sunday to confirm which days the service will be said that week.

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday December 5 at 10:00 a.m. This week, we will be continuing our study of Noah (Genesis 6-8). All welcome!

PILGRIM'S GROUP: Wednesday December 5 at 2:00 p.m.

JUNIOR CHURCH NATIVITY PLAY: Sunday December 9 at 10:30 a.m. Cast Breakfast and Dress Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. Saturday December 8.

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

| Tuesday, December 4 | 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Clement of Alexandria) |
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| Wednesday, December 5 | 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion |
| Thursday, December 6 | 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Nicholas of Myra) |
| Friday, December 7 Sunday, December 9 | 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer8:30am Holy Communion10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Nativity Play (Second Sunday in Advent) |

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANK YOU to Annis Tebbutt and all her many helpers, and the ACW, and all those who helped organize and contribute to the annual Christmas craft sale on Saturday November 17. It was a big success and we are extremely grateful for your hard work!

THANK YOU ALSO to Don Weston for refinishing the altar gradine in the chapel, the board room table in the vestry, and the small black table in the vestry. We are blessed at St. Olave's by generous volunteers who give of their time and talents to make our building beautiful.

THE COLOURFUL ACW COOKBOOKS – containing over 60 tried and true recipes from members of the Parish - are still on sale for the reasonable price of \$20. They make great Christmas gifts!

2019 CHURCH CALENDARS are available from Judy Beal in the Church Office. \$8 each. Cheque or cash – exact change appreciated. **Only 5 left!**

PREPARE FOR ADVENT WITH PWRDF'S "EMPOWERED &

EMPOWERING WOMEN": The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund invites you to journey through the days of Advent while learning about women of the Bible, from Eve to Mary. This year St. Olave's very own Rev'd Rob Mitchell has written the resource, which provides a daily scripture reading about a different woman of the Bible, a reflection on her story, a prayer and a connection to the work of PWRDF. Sign up at <u>pwrdf.org/Advent2018</u> to receive a free daily reflection in your email inbox and discover how the courageous and fascinating women of the Bible are not all that different from the strong and resilient women who live in PWRDF program areas around the world.

THE MITTEN TREE: As is our custom, the Mitten Tree has now been placed in the narthex as you enter the church and with your help we are hoping by Christmas to have it loaded with all sorts of mittens, scarves, hats, socks, gloves & whatever a young child needs to keep warm this winter. All these items are always badly needed by inner-city children, women's shelters, and children of new immigrants not yet familiar with cold Canadian winters. If you are a knitter—great! But if not, or you don't have the time required, newly purchased items are very acceptable as well. Let's get that tree covered quickly and make a lot of children warm and happy.

GREETINGS FROM KATHY LANGSTON! Copies of Kathy's Fall 2018 Newsletter are available in the Narthex.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS: After church Sundays: December 2, 16. For further information, contact Carol Ambler (cambler@sympatico.ca or 416-799-2318).

ACW EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday December 11 at 10:00 a.m.

MARY & MARTHA GROUP: Tuesday December 11 at 1:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE: Junior Church is collecting new unwrapped toys for the annual Christmas Toy Drive until Sunday December 16th. All donations can be left in a box marked "Toy Drive" in the Parish Hall. Thank you for helping make this Christmas a merry one for all the children in the city of Toronto.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: We hope to have the Church beautifully decorated with Poinsettias in time for the Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday December 16. If you wish to donate a poinsettia to decorate the Church at Christmas, please put your name and telephone number on the Flower List located in the Narthex. (Deadline for the list is Tuesday Dec 11.) Poinsettias may be delivered to the Church the week commencing Monday December 10 – Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon; or on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday afternoon when the office is open.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: Sunday December 16 at 7:30 p.m. Followed by reception.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Children's (Family) Service at 4:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker at the 7:30 p.m. service will be the Rev. Dr. Pearce Carefoote.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Service of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.