

ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
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## Announcements for February 2, 2020

### TODAY AT ST. OLAVE'S

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are the gift of Joan Shaw and Family, to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of her husband George.

**CANDLEMAS, Sunday, February 2** (or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, BCP p. 266) marks the end of the Christmas/Epiphany season. Christmas Day and The Presentation are the bookends to a forty-day celebration of the incarnation of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. St John's declaration on Christmas morning that the Light that "shineth in the darkness," has come into the world (BCP p. 106), is affirmed forty days later by Simeon's proclamation: "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, And to be the glory of thy people Israel (BCP p. 22). The service for this day includes the blessing of candles, which is why this feast day is also known as Candlemas. Candles are poignant symbols of Christ light that help us through the darkest days of the year. At St Olave's, we will be blessing the candles to be used by the church throughout the upcoming year. **Parishioners are also invited to have candles that they have brought from home blessed at this same time. On arrival, please place your candles on the table at the front of the Nave.** These candles can then be returned to your home and will burn as symbols of Christ's presence where you live.

**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, assisted by the members of the ACW Executive, for hosting this morning's coffee hour.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. OLAVE'S

**OUR ASSISTANT CURATE,** the Rev'd Alexandra Pohlod will be away from Monday February 3 until Monday February 10.

**CHAIR YOGA WITH DARLENE HEWITT:** For people of all ages with various levels of physical limitations. Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Ethel Brown Room. Durations: 1 hour. Cost: \$10 per class; 1-month trail \$30; 12-week package: \$90. For more information, contact Darlene at 416-357-3934.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on Wednesday for Bible Study in the Ethel Brown Room. We meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel follows at 11:15 am.

**PILGRIMS GROUP:** Tuesday February 5 at 2:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:** Wednesday February 5 at 7:00 p.m.

**MUSIC FOR ACCESSION EVENSONG AND BEETHOVEN AND THE VIENNESE SCHOOL:** Clement Carelse has just announced some of the music details for Choral Evensong on Sunday 9th February at 4 p.m. He will direct the **Schola** choir (previously known at *Schola Ecclesiam*), which is devoted to the authentic performance of Anglican church music. The ***Evensong Responses*** are by **Martin Neary** (b. 1940). The ***Magnificat*** and ***Nunc Dimittis*** are the settings in F by **Sir George Dyson** (1883-1964). The anthems are: ***Insanæ et vanæ curæ*** by **Haydn** (1732-1809); ***Laudate Dominum*** by **Mozart** (1756-91). Then stay after the service for our **Royal Festive Tea**, when Clement will present an illustrated feature on ***Beethoven and the Viennese School*** to mark the beginning of his 250th anniversary year. What we now call the ***First Viennese School*** of composers comprises Beethoven, Haydn, Mozart and Schubert. Clement will explore their musical influence on one another, with examples including the anthems at this Evensong. So join us at St. Olave's on **9th February** for another in our current season of special events, opening with Choral Evensong at four o'clock.

### SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday February 4	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Wednesday February 5	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Thursday February 6	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Friday February 7	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Sunday February 9	8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong <i>Septuagesima</i>

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOPS** will be held in the Ethel Brown Room on February 16 & March 1 following the 10:30 service as well as on Tuesday February 25 at 10 am. **Please note that attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory for everyone holding medium- or high-risk ministry positions.** If you currently hold one of these positions and you haven't already been contacted, or if you intend to sign up for a new position in the coming year, please contact the Assistant Curate, Alexandra Pohlod, at [curate@stolaves.ca](mailto:curate@stolaves.ca), or by telephone at 416-769-5686 ext. 3. We are grateful to you for the work you do and for your cooperation in following the diocesan requirements.

**ACW EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday February 18 at 10:30 a.m.

**MARY & MARTHA GROUP:** Tuesday February 18 at 1:30 p.m.

**ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING: Friday February 21.**

Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m. followed by light supper. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Annual Vestry Reports due by Tuesday February 11.**

**DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE VESTRY MOTION 2020**

On Friday, February 21 at 7 p.m. St. Olave's will hold its annual Vestry meeting. As always, we will put forward the Diocese of Toronto's Social Justice vestry motion. This year the motion is "Taking Action on Climate Change" and calls for federal action that will enable Canada to:

- meet the emissions reduction targets of the Paris Accord
- support a just transition to a low-carbon economy, particularly for workers employed in the oil and gas industries
- assist Indigenous and coastal communities and other vulnerable populations to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change on their local environments.

The motion also invites parishes to commit to increasing our own efforts to lower greenhouse gas emissions, in a way that is appropriate and achievable for us. In advance of the meeting, we invite you to learn more by visiting [www.toronto.anglican.ca/social-justice-vestry-motion/](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/social-justice-vestry-motion/). Leading up to vestry, we will be praying this Prayer for the Planet and invite you to pray:

*"O thou in whom we live and move and have our being, awaken us to thy presence that we may walk in thy world as thy children. Grant us reverence for all thy creation, that we may treat all living things with gentleness; Through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

**THINKING DAY SERVICE AND ANNUAL PANCAKE LUNCHEON:**

Sunday February 23 at 10:30 a.m. (Luncheon at 12:00 noon.)

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** February 26 – Service of Holy Communion including Imposition of Ashes at 11:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## **2020 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – COMING TO ST. OLAVES:**

**On Saturday, March 7, 2020, St. Olave's Church will be hosting a World Day of Prayer Service at 10:00 am**, followed by a reception downstairs in the Parish Hall. This ecumenical service offers prayers for women around the globe, with a focus in 2020 on the women of Zimbabwe. The invitation is out to everyone to join in the World Day of Prayer as we celebrate the theme: Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk. Women from neighbouring Christian churches will be participating in this event, to stand together in prayer and action. Follow on [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org). Rev'd Alexandra Pohlod will be participating and we will also be assisted by the ACW. We welcome new volunteers, to help with the service and with hospitality. For more information please contact Annis Tebbutt at 416-658-4913, or at: [annist@rogers.com](mailto:annist@rogers.com).

## **THANK YOU FROM ANGLICAN UNITED REFUGEE ALLIANCE:**

“Thank you so much for your Second Century Fund donation to AURA. We are a small organization with a big job to do, and if it were not for the support of parishes and caring community members, our work would not be possible. We want you to know that this donation makes a difference for us in 2020. Thank you! We wish you a very happy new year. The AURA Team”

*The Second Century Fund presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 to a guest speaker from AURA on Sunday, December 1, 2019.*

**THE MITTEN TREE – 2019:** As I'm sure you noticed, our Mitten Tree in the Narthex was completely loaded this year with a grand assortment of beautiful knitting and gifts: 8 pairs of mitts, 1 hat and sweater set, 4 tams, 1 baby set (hat and mitts), 2 sweaters, 4 scarves, 1 pair of gloves, 19 tuques, 11 pairs of socks. Everything has been delivered to **MOORELANDS KIDS**, a very important local organization working tirelessly with Toronto's poorer inner-city children to give them the opportunities to empower and transform their lives. This organization was born just over 100 years ago by the inspired leadership of an Anglican priest, Canon R. J. Moore, and originally known as the Downtown Churchworkers Association. Our Second Century Mission Fund is arranging for a speaker later this year to give us a more detailed look at the work they are going. They were delighted to receive your lovely knits as well as the monetary donation made by your Second Century Mission Fund in December. I sincerely thank you on behalf of our committee. Robert Ragsdale.

**ONLINE GIVING AT ST. OLAVE'S:** We have recently enrolled in a stewardship program called [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly) which manages online giving for more than 12,000 churches in North America. Go to [stolaves.ca/giveonline](http://stolaves.ca/giveonline) to make your gift to our general fund, our Second Century Mission Fund or our maintenance fund. **You do not need to sign in or create an account to make a donation.** You can also download the [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly) app for your phone and give-on-the-go. You will be prompted to set up an account for your first gift, but once you're set up, it's easy to make donations whenever or wherever you like!