

ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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Announcements for February 16, 2020

TODAY AT ST. OLAVE'S

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to Betty Chandler, who has returned to be our Organist, for the second of two Sundays, while John Stephenson is on vacation.

ANNUAL VESTRY REPORTS are available in the Narthex.

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

SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOP following coffee hour. Please see announcement on page 3 for more information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. OLAVE'S

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.

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

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

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.

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ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING: Friday, February 21 (Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m. followed by a light supper; meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.) Join us for this important annual meeting of our parish when we will be discussing the ministry of the past year and planning for the upcoming one. The 2020 budget will be presented, and new officers will be appointed and elected. Three of our four Churchwardens will be stepping down this year. We are extremely grateful to Annis Tebbutt, Paul Scrivener, and Sandra Franke for their tireless and dedicated service to the church over the past number of years. Positions up for election include People's Warden, Deputy People's Warden, and two positions on Advisory Board. The current Corporation is discussing these vacant positions with prospective candidates. Suggestions are also welcome and may be forwarded to the Rector or Wardens

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/. 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."

ANNUAL PANCAKE LUNCHEON: Sunday February 23, Parish Hall, 12:00 noon. We cordially invite you to join us for this annual highlight of our fellowship schedule at St. Olave's. It has been convened on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday for well over thirty years. We will again be joined by our Scouting and Guiding units following our **THINKING DAY SERVICE** and we will honour the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of "The 101st. Toronto" with cake for dessert. There is no need to purchase tickets in advance as we will merely accept admissions at the entrances to the parish hall. Our prices remain the same as the past several years. Adults \$6. Children \$3. And a Family rate of \$15 for parents with children. This one is truly a "don't miss"! You gotta eat here!

Jim Shapland, Chair, St. Olave's Hospitality Committee.

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday February 18	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Wednesday February 19	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Thursday February 20	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Friday February 21	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 12:00 noon ORA 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
Sunday February 23	8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer <i>Quinquagesima and Thinking Day</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, 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY (February 26) marks the beginning of Lent. This moving service of Holy Communion includes the imposition of ashes. A short said service will be held at 11:15 a.m. in the chapel, and a sung service with choir will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please join us.

HOW WILL YOU OBSERVE LENT THIS YEAR? The Book of Common Prayer marks the forty days of Lent as "Days of Abstinence" (see BCP p. xiii). Abstaining or giving-up something for Lent is a powerful way of marking this season. Don't make it too easy (giving up boiled spinach?) and don't make it too hard. Find something that you will notice, that will challenge you, but that you think you can manage without until Easter. It should be uncomfortable, but not punishing! Lent is also a time to focus inward, to read scripture, to pray and to do good works. Think about how you will observe Lent this year and use this time to grow closer to our Lord.

LENTEN EVENSONG AND MUSIC FROM PLAINSONG TO

ANGLICAN CHANT: **Dr. Jesse Billett** of the University of Toronto has just announced some more details about his upcoming feature on Sunday March 1 at 5, following **Choral Evensong** at 4 with **the Healey Willan Singers**. **From the Egyptian Deserts to the English Cathedrals: The Music of the Psalms in Christian History**. From the earliest times, and particularly from the 4th century onwards, the Biblical book of Psalms has enjoyed pride of place in Christian worship. The feature will begin with the psalmody of early Christian monks who, departing from the elaborate singing of solo lectors in urban churches, created a new and simple way of chanting the psalms that allowed them to recite the texts together. This simple system was the backbone of Western musical education throughout the Middle Ages, and it survived the tumults of the Protestant Reformation, being given new life by composers such as **Thomas Tallis** and **John Morley**. This tradition gave birth, not only to what would come to be known as **Anglican chant** (sung by choirs), but also to the popular **psalm tunes** that were the first popular hymns. So join us at St. Olave's on **March 1** for another in our current season of special events, opening with Choral Evensong at 4, followed by light refreshments and this fascinating music feature.

THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS: ST. OLAVE'S 2020 LENTEN SERIES, begins Wednesday, March 4. Join us for Evening Prayer at 6 p.m., followed by a light supper at 6:30 p.m. From 7 to 8 p.m., the Rev'd Robert Mitchell and the Rev'd Alexandra Pohlod explore traditional Anglican worship: The History and Structure of Morning and Evening Prayer (March 4); The Implements of Worship (March 11); Vestments and Clerical Wear (March 18); The History and Structure of Holy Communion (March 25); An Instructed Eucharist (April 1).

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. 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.

SAVE THE DATE! A LENTEN QUIET DAY WITH BISHOP ANDREW ASBIL: We are delighted that our Diocesan Bishop, Andrew Asbil, will be leading a Lenten Quiet Day for St. Olave's on **Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

A Quiet Day is an opportunity to take a pause from the stresses and busyness of daily life, and focus inward on the spiritual life. More information to follow in coming weeks, including how to register.