

# Announcements for March 2018

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## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 6 PM - ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Join us for a service of Evening Prayer, followed by a chili supper and at 7 p.m., the annual Vestry meeting. This important event celebrates our accomplishments for the year that is past and helps us plan for the future. This is your opportunity to learn more about St. Olave's revenue and expenses. This year we are also introducing a narrative budget which describes our ministries and all the work that goes into fulfilling our mission, to be a light of Christ in the community.

The Vestry is also the time when important lay leadership positions are appointed or elected. The Rector intends to reappoint both the current Rector's Warden Janice Douglas, and Deputy Rector's Warden Paul Scrivener. The current People's Warden Annis Tebbutt and Deputy People's Warden Sandra Franke have both indicated their willingness to continue in their current roles. If you are interested in learning more about parish leadership or being a Warden, please speak to the Rector.

## DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE VESTRY MOTION

Parishes across the Diocese are being asked to pass the following motion at their annual Vestry Meeting:

### **Vestry Motion for 2018: Affordable Housing**

All levels of government need to work together to build and sustain affordable housing. We, the vestry of [name of parish] in the Diocese of Toronto, urge the provincial government to:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to increase and maintain the available stock of affordable housing in Ontario.
2. Develop specific strategies to address the needs of communities and populations experiencing disproportionately high levels of inadequate housing, including members of Indigenous and racialized communities, newcomers to Canada, seniors, youth, survivors of domestic violence, and people living with mental illness or addictions.
3. Work with the federal government to maximize the impact of the National Housing Strategy on housing in Ontario.
4. Work with municipalities to ensure that emergency shelters are adequately funded to meet the needs of their communities.

Additional background information is available [here](#) or on the table in the Narthex.

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**LENTEN VEIL:** You may have noticed that the red curtain and cross behind the altar have been covered with a dark purple veil. The practice of the Lenten Veil is an ancient English practice that calls to mind the time between Adam's sin and the Passion of Christ, when humanity lost sight of God's face. As our eyes were veiled from the sight of God then, so we symbolically veil the beauty of our church during these penitential days of fasting and prayer. The small altar cross seen between the candles is the original altar cross of St Olave's church, dating back to the early 1900s. The veil will remain up throughout Lent until Wednesday of Holy Week. Then, during the Maundy Thursday liturgy, a black veil will be hoisted in its place to cover the cross until Saturday of Holy Week.

## **WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT AT 6:30 p.m.**

**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.** (6:30 p.m. - light supper; 7 p.m. – discussion;

8:30 p.m. – Compline.) This Lenten series is for people of the Etobicoke-Humber and Parkdale West Toronto Deaneries of York-Credit Valley. *Meeting Jesus* prayer journals will be provided.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 10 AM**

The annual **World Day of Prayer Service** for 2018 will take place at Morningside-High Park Presbyterian Church located at 4 Morningside Avenue. All are welcome to join together in this ecumenical service devoted to prayers for women touched by injustice around the world. As facilitated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, the focus in 2018 will be on Suriname. The service will be presented by women from several churches in the community, including St. Olave's. If you are interested in further information, please contact Annis Tebbutt at 416-658-4913 or by email at [annist@rogers.com](mailto:annist@rogers.com).

### **EASTER BAGS FOR SENIORS**

St. Olave's ACW will be collecting Easter Gift Bags for seniors March 11 or March 18. **Fill a bag for either a Woman or a Man – label the bag!**

**Easter treats:** Easter Card, Chocolate Easter Egg, Easter Bunny

**Food:** Cookies, Hot Chocolate, Tea, Coffee, Soup Packages, Cheese, Crackers, Candy, Jam

**Household items:** Dish Soap, Dish Cloth, Tea Towel, Mug

**Hygiene items and toiletries:** Hand Wipes, Soap, Tooth Brush Tooth Paste, Mouthwash, Facecloth, Hand Towel, Hair Brush, Comb, Shampoo

**Stationery:** Pens, Pencils, Small Notebook, Glue stick, Paper Clips, Envelopes, Post-it Notes, Ruler, Elastic Bands, Writing Pad

**Diversions:** Sudoku books, Magazine, Crossword Book, Adult Colouring Book, Colouring Pens

**Accessories:** Costume Jewellery, Light Scarf, Socks,

**First aid and safety items:** Sunscreen, Vaseline, Lip Balm, After Bite, Band Aids, Flashlight and Batteries

**Comes in handy:** Calendar, Extendable Back Scratcher, Freezer Bags, **Add your own ideas!**

### **CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS:**

The silver balls purchased to decorate the trees are ready to be picked up by those who purchased them. You will find your purchase(s) in a bag with your name on it at the back of the church. Please pick up your bag. Thank you.

St. Olave's ACW Executive

### **THANK YOU!**

The Rector would like to thank Muriel Casey for her very generous donation of twenty purificators.

Thank you to our greeters for February: Carol Ambler, Sarah Munding, Karen Bennedsen, Anesu Machoko, Rene Bruneau and members of the Scouts 101<sup>st</sup>, Caroline Audet, Jim Shapland and Jelana Duncan.

There are still lots of spots available for April and we will also need two greeters on Good Friday (March 30, 10:30 a.m.). 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](mailto:craig.janice@rogers.com).

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS – ANNUAL PANCAKE LUNCHEON, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11:**

A number have commented that it might have been one of the most enjoyable pancake lunches in many years. They might be right. Close to 100 diners served. Total costs of about \$230. Admission receipts at the door of \$455 and a surplus of \$225 directed to the St. Olave's treasury. We were particularly grateful to see so many of our male parishioners step forward and volunteer to help in various capacities with the event. We thank them all. And we also highly commend the Leaders and Scouts of the 101st Toronto for their great help in serving to the tables, clearing the tables and then completely breaking down the hall afterwards. Finally, we appreciated the strong support of our parishioners in turning out to make it such a success.

Sincerely, Craig Douglas and Jim Shapland  
Co-convenors

### **2018 COMMITMENT FORMS**

Thank you to everyone who has filled in their commitment forms. Please remember to prayerfully consider how much you plan to give in 2018 and fill out a commitment form to help us budget our givings. Commitment forms are available in the Narthex or can be downloaded or filled out online at [www.stolaves.ca/giving/for-the-love-of-st-olaves/](http://www.stolaves.ca/giving/for-the-love-of-st-olaves/)

### **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. You can also donate online at [stolaves.ca](http://stolaves.ca), where secure credit card payments are processed by Paypal.