

ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Announcements for May 6, 2018

T O D A Y A T S T . O L A V E ' S

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER,

the Rev'd Chris Harper, Indigenous Native Priest of the Diocese of Toronto. Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Chris is Plains Cree. A lifelong Anglican and the son of a residential school survivor, he studied at James Settee College in the Diocese of Saskatchewan, earning a Certificate of Indigenous Anglican Theology, before going to Wycliffe College. He was ordained a deacon at St. Thomas, Huron Street in Toronto in 2005 and priest at St. Alban's Cathedral in Prince Albert later that year. Following the service, Chris will stay and participate in a 90-minute workshop developed by The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund called Mapping the Ground We Stand On. Join us as we learn what it's like to walk onto a map! *(See announcement printed below.)*

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

MAPPING THE GROUND WE STAND ON: The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) has a 20-year history of development partnerships and programming with Indigenous communities in Canada. In its recent strategic plans PWRDF has named as one of its strategic directions "Deepen relationships with aboriginal peoples." As one effort toward that end PWRDF staff, together with staff of the Anglican Fund for Healing and Reconciliation, developed and piloted an interactive workshop called, "Mapping the Ground We Stand On." This resource offers Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants an opportunity to explore their historic and current place on the map of Canada and in relationship to one another. It also offers opportunity for learning and reflection on the concepts of Terra Nullius (Empty Land) and the Doctrine of Discovery as foundational to colonialism (of which the establishment of residential schools was one aspect) and juxtaposes those concepts with an exploration of Indigenous Traditional Knowledge. Following coffee hour this morning, everyone is invited to stay behind and participate in Mapping the Ground We Stand On.

THIS WEEK AT ST. OLAVE'S

MONDAY MAY 7

- ACW “Cleaning Day”

WEDNESDAY MAY 9

- Bible Study at 10 a.m. followed by mid-week Eucharist at 11:15 a.m.
We are currently studying Ephesians. All Welcome!

THURSDAY MAY 10 – ASCENSION DAY

- **FAITH AND FICTION: Thursday May 10 (Ascension Day)**
Ascension Communion at 6 p.m., followed by light supper at 6:40.
From 7 to 8 p.m., **David Brinton** discusses theological themes in contemporary fiction by many famous and lesser-known authors, including Muriel Spark, Flannery O’Connor and Marilynne Robinson. For more details, please see yellow handout available in the Narthex or visit our website at www.stolaves.ca.

FRIDAY MAY 11

- Youth Group Movie Night

SUNDAY MAY 13

- Service of Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m.
- Service of Morning Prayer at 10:30 a.m.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEADS UP from the ACW! If you or your group would like to rent a table at our Annual LAWN SALE, now is the time to take action! Still a bargain at \$20.00, and we are already getting requests from beyond the parish. It is *‘first come, first served’*. Get in touch with ACW Treasurer Jean Lilley or any member of the ACW Executive, This year the big day is Saturday, June 16th, and we welcome any and all volunteers willing to give us a hand!

Volunteers are Needed!

1. For the morning of the sale 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. for setting up the tables on the lawn.
2. To help during the day with security.
3. To help sell at the church table.
4. To take down the tables at the end of the sale 4:00 p.m.

A sign up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. Please help us to make this undertaking a success. Thank you! Your help is very much appreciated.

SUMMER PLACEMENT: The Rector is pleased to announce that we have a Wycliffe summer student in the parish. Robb Sykes is working on his Master of Divinity degree and hopes one day to be ordained as an Anglican priest. His internship with our parish is full-time for 12 weeks. Robb is a 2nd year Wycliffe student. He has completed a Masters of Theology and is presently in the Masters of Divinity program, discerning a call to ordained ministry. Robb grew up as the son of an Anglican minister (Rev. Dr. Barbara Sykes). Robb's first careers were in Management Consulting and Banking. He then owned several businesses in the audio, video industries, which he closed in 2014 to return to seminary. Robb's businesses facilitated and produced Christian events within the broader church community, including larger events at the Air Canada Center. Robb has also been very involved with various ministries throughout his life including Youth for Christ, World Vision, Athletes-in-Action, In-Christ-Alone Ministries and others. Robb's mission work experiences with St. Paul's-on-the-Hill Anglican Church in Pickering, connected him to the Church Missionary Society in England, and to Faith2Share (Oxford), a global network of Mission Organizations where he served as Chair of Board of Trustees for eight years. Robb has also remained actively involved in Prison Ministry at the Vanier Correctional Facility for ten years conducting services one Sunday a month. Robb began his placement last Sunday (April 29) and will conclude his ministry with us on Sunday August 12. **Robb may be contacted at: robb.sykes@mail.utoronto.ca or 416-801-7627**

THY KINGDOM COME May 10-20: Join the global wave of prayer. Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray for eleven days – between Ascension and Pentecost – for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. The hope is that people will

- commit to pray with God's world-wide family, as a church, individually, or as a family;
- be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

Visit Thy Kingdom Come at www.thykingdomcome.global to learn how to take part; to read the blogs and stories; and to download some of the amazing and creative resources.

ELECTION OF COADJUTOR BISHOP: Synod will convene on June 9 to elect a Coadjutor Bishop. The Coadjutor will automatically succeed Archbishop Colin Johnson as our Diocesan Bishop, when he retires at the end of the year. The current nominees include the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Andison, the Very Rev. Andrew Asbil, the Rev. Canon David Harrison, the Rt. Rev. Victoria Matthews, the Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, the Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw. *Continues ...*

More information can be found about the candidates and the election at <http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/about-the-diocese/corporate-information/synod/2018-electoral-synod/> Meet the Nominees Town Hall gatherings will be held to assist Anglicans in our Diocese, particularly members of Synod, to get to know the nominees. The following events are open to anyone interested: May 14, at St John the Baptist, Dixie, at 7 p.m., and May 17, at James Cathedral, at 7 p.m.

THE YORK-CREDIT VALLEY PARISH COACHING PROJECT

2018/2019 is a new initiative designed to help churches share the faith in their neighbourhoods. Bishop Jenny has identified 10 parishes of similar size but with diverse theological and liturgical expressions to participate in this program and St. Olave's is one of them! The project aims to help us build and strengthen strategies in the following six categories: parish structures and culture, parish communications, community engagement, every member faith sharing, missional small groups, and ministry with children and youth. We had an introductory meeting for members of St. Olave's interested in learning more on Saturday April 21. A follow-up meeting for these three groups – with members of the other parishes – will be held **Saturday, May 12 at St. Bride's, Mississauga**. A team of assigned mentors will provide direction and leadership throughout the process. If you have any questions please contact the Rector at rector@stolaves.ca.

ETOBICOKE CENTENNIAL CHOIR: Oh Canada!

Saturday June 2 at 7:30 p.m. Humber Valley United Church, 76 Anglesey Blvd. ECC proudly showcases diverse repertoire by talented composers and arrangers from our home and native land. Harpist Angela Schwarzkopf will accompany the choir in a performance of Toronto composer Srul Irving Glick's "Sing unto the Lord a New Song". Tickets \$25. Please contact **Dale Allen 416-769-9271**.

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ARE YOU A WHIZ IN THE KITCHEN? Then maybe you'd like to join our coffee hour team! Sundays after the 10:30 service we gather to socialize and have a coffee in the Ethel Brown Room (at the bottom of the parking lot stairs). Volunteers are required to make coffee, tea and put out some nibbles. Contact Jim Shapland for more information at jim.shapland@rogers.com

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