

Worship & Special Events

SEPTEMBER

7 @ 10:30 a.m. "Gathering Sunday", Junior Church activities with our new Child & Youth Minister, service followed by BBQ chicken lunch on the lawn.

14 @ 10:30 a.m. Holy Baptism

3 p.m. - Windermere String Quartet Concert

21 @ 10:30 a.m. Holy Baptism

28 @ 10:30 a.m. "Back to Church Sunday" - Bring a friend! 4 p.m. - Choral Evensong with Clem Carelse and the Choir of St. Peter's Erindale followed by Peach Tea and talk "Vaughan Williams"



OCTOBER

5 @ 10:30 a.m. - Family Service for St. Francis - No real animals this year, but children will be encouraged to bring photos or stuffed animals for blessing during the service.

12 @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. - Thanksgiving Day Services and Homecoming for those who were confirmed by David Burrows at St. Olave's (invitations to follow). No Junior Church classes.

19 @ 10:30 a.m. - Blessing of the Harvest

25 (Saturday) - TBC Prayer Book Symposium

26 @ 10:30 a.m. - Guest Speaker: Margaret Norrie McCain (see article on page 2)

NOVEMBER

2 @ 4 p.m. - Choral Evensong followed by Pumpkin Tea and "City Flutes in Autumn"

9 @ 10:30 a.m. - Remembrance Day Service Special Guests: Guide and Scouting Units

15 (Saturday) - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas Craft Show and Coffee House

23 @ 10:30 a.m. - Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. George Sumner Wycliffe College

30 @ 4 p.m. - Choral Evensong followed by Christmas Tea and "Christmas Lights" - A Child's Christmas in Wales

Please note our regular weekly services:

Every Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion in the Chapel
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study

1st & 3rd Sundays of Month

10 a.m. - Prayers in the Chapel
10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion with Anointing

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Month

10:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Every Wednesday

10 a.m. - Bible Study



The Olave Branch



Reaching out to St. Olave's Anglican Church community

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Introducing our new Child & Youth Minister!

As many of you know, St. Olave's received an Our Faith Our Hope grant to hire a part-time Child & Youth Minister. Our selection committee is thrilled to welcome Laura Oxley to St. Olave's.

Laura first came to our attention when she approached us to use our south lawn for her drop-in children's garden program, Kids In Gardens. When she came to meet our Junior Church families on June 8 and we heard her interest in ministry, we invited her to apply for the position.

Laura is a fourth year International Development student at York University. She is passionate about food, alternative food systems, families and Jesus!

She has also been working in Bloor West Village as a nanny for the past three years.

This and her work with Kids In Gardens has given Laura a unique connection to the community and a real care for the people who live here.

Laura is incredibly excited to bring her creativity and vision to the Junior Church program while working to make St. Olave's a hub for the Bloor West community. She believes Junior Church is about inspiring a love for Jesus in kids, by sharing the gospel through fun, engaging and creative programming. That said, she also believes Junior Church is not just about kids, but about families and the community at large. It's about cultivating an environment where families find Jesus in community.

Laura is excited to get to know you and your kiddos, so come introduce yourselves at our September 7 community picnic!



(Another fun fact: Laura is from Texas!)

Group Meetings

Saturday, September 6 - 9 a.m. Lay Readers and Servers Breakfast & Training Session

Tuesday, September 9 - 10 a.m. ACW Planning Meeting

Sunday, September 14 - noon Worship Committee meeting

Tuesday, September 16 - 2 p.m. Mary & Martha Group

Wednesday, September 17 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Craft Sale Committee Meeting (off-site)

Tuesday, September 16 Advisory Board Reports Due

Tuesday, September 23 - 7:30 p.m. Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 21 - 2 p.m. Mary & Martha Group

Tuesday, November 18 - 2 p.m. Mary & Martha Group

Tuesday, November 18 Advisory Board Reports Due

Tuesday, November 25 - 7:30 p.m. Advisory Board Meeting

GATHERING SUNDAY VS BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY:

What's the difference?

By Jim Shapland
Chair, Growth Committee

After much brainstorming, the Growth Committee has decided to "rebrand" our annual return to church Sunday as our first ever "Gathering Sunday."

Our focus for the day will be to reinvigorate our entire parish membership after the typical summer "low" months. Our Junior Church children will be welcomed with a puppet presentation and an introduction to our new Child & Youth Minister, Laura Oxley (see above). They will also be busy with games and activities. The choir will be back in full swing and we join Director of Music John Stephenson in welcoming a new soprano section lead.

We have invited both our South Sudanese and Ethiopian tenant congregations to join with us for the day in order to embrace our entire church family. The day will conclude with our annual parish picnic on the lawns and we will again be providing the fully catered rotisserie chicken lunch. The lunch will provide a terrific opportunity for everyone to meet Laura.

Then, on Sunday, September 28, we will - for the first time - be joining with the entire Diocese of Toronto for "Back to Church Sunday". That day we plan to extend our outreach to the broader community and we will promote a concerted "bring a friend" campaign. Watch your September bulletins for custom invitations for your friends and neighbours! So mark your calendars and see you in September!

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Guest speaker series continues

By Jim Shapland
Chair, Growth Committee

In May and June, we were privileged to welcome two distinguished guest speakers to our pulpit – Dr. Todd Townshend, Dean of Theology at Huron College, University of Western Ontario and MPP Reverend Cheri DiNovo, fresh from her re-election victory. Both delivered memorable addresses.



We will be continuing our guest speaker program in the fall and can now announce a couple of engagements. Sunday, October 26, we will welcome the distinguished humanitarian

(and dedicated Anglican), Margaret Norrie McCain. A recipient of the Order of Canada and last year's inaugural Order of the Diocese of Toronto Award, Margaret's passion is early childhood education and her groundbreaking work with the late Dr. Fraser Mustard was the basis for Ontario Early Years Centres. Her address will focus on "how to create a child-centred world, which in fact would create a peaceful world." For more information about her work, visit the Margaret and Wallace McCain Foundation website at www.mwmc-cain.ca.

Then, on Sunday, November 23, Dr. George Sumner, Principal of Wycliffe College, returns for what has become an annual visit. On this day we intend to invite recipients of our Wigmore Bursary to join us for the service so we can honour them and show them some St. O's hospitality.

We have one or two other speakers under consideration and should be able to publish the full roster of fall dates shortly.



Long overdue improvements and repairs now underway

A Word from the Wardens
Janice Douglas, Rector's Warden
David Hutcheon, People's Warden
Annis Tebbutt, Deputy Warden

Welcome back to church. Gathering Sunday is September 7 and we look forward to seeing you all.

Come and welcome Laura Oxley our new Child and Youth Minister. She has already been working with us as our "green thumb" leader over the summer with Kids in Gardens. Please join us for a barbeque on the church lawn after the 10:30 a.m. service.

For those who stayed in Toronto this summer, you know it was one of the wettest summers on record preceded by the coldest and iciest winter in decades. Then the unwanted but expected happened – there was a rapid deterioration and loss of many roof tiles and our church leaked. (Note to Editor: Warden Hutcheon went to England and had weeks of glorious sunshine throughout July and August!)

Your Wardens considered our options:

- patch the roof and walls
- repair half a roof
- buy more buckets
- provide everyone with umbrellas
- fly to England!

After hearing the well researched advice of our property chair Sheila Tait and Sexton Dave Webb, we decided to take the plunge and purchase a steel roof.

This we were assured will last us much longer than a fibreglass shingle roof. With extreme weather becoming more unpredictable each year, this seemed like a prudent choice. By the time you read this message we expect Keating Roofing Contractors Ltd. to have the roof installation well underway. Incidentally, Keating installed our previous roof some 20 years ago and they have strong ties to the Bloor West and Swansea community. They have also promised to fix the brickwork and the eavestroughs which had been on our to-do list.

This was no small decision as it will

cost us in the region of \$78,000. And we have already committed to fixing the fiord we call a car park, for everyone's safety.

Fortuitously, we received a generous bequest from Barbara Balmer, for which we are truly thankful. The remainder has been placed into our Capital Fund for future unexpected events.

As for the aforementioned fiord, we discovered the cost of installing a drain in the parking lot and attaching it to the city sewer was going to cost us more than \$30,000, in addition to the cost of building a safer car park. So we decided to adopt plan 'B' (again through the well researched advice of Sheila and Dave) and investigate building a catch basin. To this end we employed V. A. Wood and Associates Limited as consulting geotechnical engineers to explore the soil and water infiltration rate. Our engineer Jose Medeiros is reviewing this report with a view to going ahead with construction this fall. Thanks to parishioner and former Warden Grant Milligan for the contact. As part of this improvement we plan to make the car park and south west entrance to the Church more wheelchair accessible. Later this month Sheila Tait and Reverend Canon Ruth Smith will be convening a committee: St. Olave's Equal Access Team, or SEAT, to explore ways to make the church more physically accessible to all.

You will also notice upgrades to the kitchen cabinets. The laminate has been peeling off so Sheila Tait sought quotes to replace the laminate – \$8,000 to \$12,000! Through ingenuity and know-how Sexton Dave Webb has been saving us a lot of money by restoring them, and they look as good as new.

What would a Wardens' message be without an appeal? Though we have capital funding in place to take on these large projects, it is imperative that we work to replace those funds. We ask you to give generously as we expand our activities for the benefit of all and; for those considering bequests please consider your church family. So welcome back and come again next Sunday! We look forward to seeing you.



Junior Church at the movies! From left to right, back row: Craig Douglas, David Burrows, Janice Douglas, Gabbie Douglas, Aden Shapland, Abigail McCormick, Emily Mundinger, Cynthia Nsubuga, Miles Nomdarkhon, Jim Shapland; front row, Brandon Nsubuga, Isaiah Smith, Seth Nomdarkhon, Miranda Branyiczky, Sarah Mundinger, Joshua Smith, Gabby Orth, Carol Drummond, Bradley Nsubuga.



Our year finished off on a high note last June, with a trip to the Humber Cinema to see *How to Train Your Dragon II*. We loved having our grilled cheese sandwich picnic and taking a stroll down Bloor Street.

Of course the most exciting news to come out of the Junior Church department is our new Child & Youth Minister. Laura Oxley will be our head teacher, working with parent and youth volunteers to deliver the Whole People of God curriculum to our Junior Church students.

Laura will be approaching parents in the coming weeks to engage them as occasional volunteers (we're aiming for once or twice a year). It's a new model that we hope will serve two purposes: to better integrate our parents in the material, and to spread the volunteering commitment.

Happy Birthday church!



For Pentecost this year, the Junior Church students baked a cake for every month of the year and invited parishioners to nosh on a slice from their birth month. Our summer babies, Jesse Dickson (left) and Andrew McGovern proudly served their July cake. Below left, Christmas eve baby Christal McGovern represents December. Top right, Miranda Branyiczky and Abby McCormick helped Liesl Kuebler-Powell with her June cake; Right, October babies Sarah Mundinger and Joshua Smith get creative.

