

## **May 2017 Announcements**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study at 10 a.m. followed by Mid-Week Eucharist at 11 a.m.

**NURSERY** is available every Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. service in the Ethel Brown Room (room at the bottom of the south-west stairs).

**JUNIOR CHURCH:** May is here! And we have some great things coming up this month that I hope you'll choose to join us for!

First up, on Saturday, May 27, the Junior Church will be celebrating spring with a day of gardening and games on the church lawn! From 2-4 p.m., we will be planting tomatoes, beans, and peppers in the garden, playing some games, and enjoying the sun! Bring your gardening gloves (and maybe a hat!), and join us for an earthy afternoon!

Then, on Sunday, May 28 several of our St. Olave's youth will be getting confirmed! This is such an exciting milestone in their lives, and I would encourage you all to attend this special service, as well as the celebratory lunch that will follow. This special service will be 'family-style,' which means we will not be having a Junior Church lesson.

In addition, the Junior Church kids have been invited to sing a song with the choir for the May 28 service. We will spend some time learning the song during Junior Church on May 7, 14, and 21. If you'd like for your child to sing with the choir, please plan on attending church one of these days so they can learn the song! We will also send the music out so you can practice at home.

**Laura Bennett on the move** – Our Child & Youth Minister Laura Bennett has announced that she and her husband Andrew will be taking on a new position at a church in PEI, as of July. They will be co-pastors of youth, young adults, and small groups ministry at a downtown church in Charlottetown. Laura is sad to leave St. O's, but this opportunity is something they can't pass up, particularly in light of their recent addition to the family, and having the support of Andrew's parents in PEI. "We really feel like God is opening a door for us, so we're excited to walk through it!" she writes. "I want you all to know that I am so incredibly honoured to have had the opportunity to pour into your kids' lives and to see them grow in their relationship with God over the last few years. I'm so grateful to you all for the past few years of community and church 'family' at St. Olave's! It has been such a huge blessing to me!" Laura's last Sunday with us will be June 11, when the Junior Church students will receive their certificates, host a hotdog lunch on the lawn and have a floor hockey party! In the meantime, a selection committee

to find our next Child & Youth Minister is underway. For more information please contact the Rector.

### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

Classes to be held on Sunday May 7 and Sunday May 21 at 12:00 noon.

Examinations during 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday May 7 and Sunday May 21.

Rehearsal for Confirmation Service to be held on Saturday May 27 at 11 a.m.

**YOUTH COME FIRST SUNDAY:** First Sunday of every month, members of the Youth Group greet and read.

### **Youth Group Meetings:**

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Youth come first – youth to greet and take collection. Please note there will not be a youth group meeting on May 7

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Youth group after church – activity tbd – Confirmation class attendees will be welcome to join in for pizza after confirmation class.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Youth – end of year celebration – Tree Top Trekking and picnic at Heart Lake

**THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS:** Four-part Eastertide series continues on May 3, May 10, and May 17. **Rev. Dr. Schuyler Brown** will discuss *The Gospel of Thomas: The Hidden Sayings of Jesus*, a controversial and non-canonical text translated by Marvin W. Meyer, which provides insight into some early traditions of teaching about Jesus.

- **26 April:** The significance of this text for Biblical studies; its relation to the canonical gospels; what is a parable?
- **3 May:** The Coptic language; Christianity in early Egypt
- **10 May:** Reading scripture
- **17 May:** Gnosis: pro and con

A short **Evening Prayer** service at 6 p.m. will be followed by a light supper of sandwiches and desserts, all prepared by Addus; with the talk, readings and discussion beginning at 7.

“The Gospel of Thomas” (tr. Marvin Meyer) is available at Book City, 2354 Bloor St. W. (across the street from Turner and Porter). 416-961-4496

**GUEST SPEAKER** – Sunday May 7: Edith Sinclair has been a LOFT volunteer for over 10 years, mainly leading a weekly music group at John Gibson House. She has had the privilege of seeing the transformation that has occurred in many of the residents’ lives as a result of being part of the LOFT family and having a real home. Although she started her volunteer activities to enrich their

lives, they have also enriched hers tremendously, and over the years some of them have become her close friends. Edith is a human resources professional who, after working at the University of Toronto for many years, is now at Anishnawbe Health Toronto.

**GUEST MUSICIAN** – Sunday May 7: Jamie Thompson, Flute. Jamie will be performing in upcoming concerts to be held at St. Anne’s Anglican Church, 270 Gladstone Avenue, Toronto. Please check website for more details.

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**SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY WORKSHOP** – Sunday May 7, 12 noon. Those who signed up for this session were reminded by e-mail earlier this week.

**WELCOME BACK FATHER JEFF!** The Rector will be attending a Christian retreat workshop in Saskatoon from May 13 to May 20. In his absence, we are delighted that the Rev. Father Jeffrey Kennedy will be taking the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday May 14.

**MARY & MARTHA GROUP:** Tuesday May 16, 2 p.m.

**ACW EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Friday May 19, 10 a.m.

**SPECIAL VESTRY MAY 21 AFTER CHURCH:** Corporation has procured three quotes from HVAC companies to install ductless air conditioning in the Rectory and the Rector’s office. It is our intention to pay for this using funds from the surplus from the Rectory sale, which is in an investment account with the Diocese (Consolidated Trust Fund). (Current value is about \$209,000). We also have been strongly advised to add one more piece of monitoring equipment to the recently installed smoke alarm system. Costs are as follows:

- Two air conditioning units and installation (with Enercare) - \$10,000
- Smoke alarm monitor including installation - \$4,700

In accordance with Diocesan policy, we need to have a Special Vestry to ask the congregation permission to draw down some of the fund. Therefore we will be reading the following motion after the service that day:

**The Corporation of St. Olave’s moves that the Diocese transfers \$15,000 from our Consolidated Trust Fund to pay for installation of air conditioning units in the Rectory and the Rector’s office and additional fire safety monitoring equipment in the sanctuary.**

**ASCENSION DAY** – Thursday May 25 – **THE ANGLICAN-ORTHODOX DIALOGUE**. Ascension Day Communion at 6 p.m., followed by light supper. From 7 to 8 p.m., **Philip Hobson** reflects on the latest conference of the International Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue, in the fine historic town of Armagh in Northern Ireland. He is now marking 20 years as Rector of Toronto’s St. Martin-in-the-Fields.



**CONFIRMATION WITH BISHOP JENNY ANDISON: Sunday May 28 at 10:30am.**

We are delighted to be welcoming bishop Jenny to our parish for the first time since her appointment as the Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley. Born in England and having lived in Pakistan, India, Singapore, and Japan, Bishop Jenny holds an Hons. BA from Queen’s University (1994) and received her Master of Divinity from Wycliffe College, University of Toronto in 1997. She was ordained to the

priesthood in 1998 and has served in the Diocese of Toronto as Incumbent of St. Clement, Eglinton (2013-2016), the Archbishop’s Officer for Mission (2010-2013), and Associate Priest for Church Development, St. Paul Bloor Street (2006-2013). She has also served in parishes in the Diocese of London (UK), the Diocese of Tokyo, and the Diocese of Ontario. Bishop Jenny lives in Toronto with her husband and their three daughters.

Bishop Jenny will be confirming eight of our young parishioners, including Olivia Dickson, Abigail McCormick, Brandon Nsubuga, Jaiden Reive, Aden Shapland, Isaiah Smith, Kate Taylor and Lauren Taylor.

We are also happy that the South Sudanese Community Church will be joining us for the service. Lunch will follow in the parish hall. Mark your calendars – this is going to be a wonderful day!

**WINDERMERE STRING QUARTET CONCERT:** Sunday May 28, 3 p.m. Tickets available at the door. “*Romancing the Quartet*” – W.A. Mozart: Quartet K.80; William Rowson: *new commission*; Franz Schubert: Quartet in G C.887

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday May 30, 7 p.m.

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**ST. OLAVE'S WEBSITE:** We are delighted to announce that our new website has been launched. Please check it out at [www.stolaves.ca](http://www.stolaves.ca)!

**PRAYER LIST:** The Prayer List will be refreshed every quarter (January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1). Please submit your prayer requests by contacting the church office or by recording the name in the binder provided in the Narthex every Sunday. Please indicate if the prayer is for that Sunday only or an on-going request.

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** Parishioners are encouraged to donate altar flowers for a loved one **throughout the year**. It can be a meaningful way to remember someone who has passed away or to give thanks to God for a special person. A notice will be placed in the bulletin on that day. You may donate funds or purchase flowers yourself. Please contact the office to arrange a date, a minimum of two weeks in advance. Purchased flowers should be dropped off no later than Sunday morning by 9:30 am, or through mutually convenient arrangement.

**PAG OFFERING PLATE CARDS:** Cards are available in the Narthex for members of the congregation who have joined the Pre-Authorized Givings Program and wish to have something to place on the plate when the offering is being received. **Application Forms for the PAG (PAR) Program** are available in the pews as well as in the Narthex.

**PWRDF EAST AFRICAN APPEAL:** Since March 19 we have been supporting the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund appeal for East Africa. All offerings that indicated PWRDF on the envelope, plus \$100 from the Junior Church, total \$1,315. Thanks to everyone for their generosity. For more information about the continued need in South Sudan, Kenya and Somalia, visit [pwrdf.org](http://pwrdf.org).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE VESTRY MOTION - TRUTH & RECONCILIATION:** At Vestry, the social justice motion was to support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action. Vestry moved to acquire more information before voting, so we have added some reading materials to the library (on the mantle in the Ethel Brown Room) as well as book marks and leaflets to take home. Join us June 18 when our service will be centered around Aboriginal Day of Prayer.

## **A P R I L   E N D – N O T E S**

**WELCOME MINISTRY**

Thanks to our greeters for the month of April: Carol Ambler, Jim Shapland, Olivia Dickson, Brandon Nsubuga, Bette Birmingham, Craig Douglas, Caroline Audet, Paul Scrivener, John & Elizabeth Cannings, Tina Sweeney and Sally Lien. If you are interested in volunteering as a greeter please check the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for dates in May and June.

Thanks also to Carolyn Franke, Jim Shapland, members of the ACW, Craig Douglas, Rob Mitchell, Caroline Audet, Graydon McArthur and members of the Choir for hosting coffee hours in April. If you are interested in helping out with coffee hours please contact Jim Shapland.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**ART TOUR at ST. OLAVE's :** The ART TOUR Studio Tour is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we invite you to come to see a new unique art exhibit by Annis Tebbutt (art name Thompson) at St. Olave's! As part of the ART TOUR (formerly known as the Bloor West Art Tour) this exhibit will be located in the Narthex at the front of the church and can be seen from 6 pm to 9 pm on Friday, June 2nd and from 11 am to 5 pm on both Saturday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 4th. All are welcome and admission is free, as is admission for all the 30 sites in west end neighbourhoods of the ART TOUR. Visit the ART TOUR website at <http://www.arttourcollective.com/> for more details and map or contact Annis at [annist@rogers.com](mailto:annist@rogers.com).

### **LAWN SALE:**

St. Olave's ACW is organizing a Church/Neighbourhood Lawn Sale

When: Saturday June 17

Where: On the lawns of St. Olave's Church.

Cost: \$20.00 to rent a table.

How:

1. Do your Spring Cleaning and gather together things you no longer want and would like to sell.
2. Rent a table. Perhaps you would like to join with a neighbour or family member to do this.
3. On the day of the sale bring your goods and set them up on the rented table.
4. Have fun and sell, sell, sell!

Come and have a day of fun with friends and neighbours while you declutter and earn some money! For further info contact Judy in the Church office.