ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Rector: The Rev'd Robert Mitchell

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Announcements for March 31, 2019

TODAY AT ST. OLAVE'S

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

WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE THANKS to Robert Ragsdale for once again providing the Simnel Cake for our celebration of Mothering Sunday.

READER WORKSHOP: At the invitation of the Worship Committee, Sally Armour Wotton will be leading a reader's workshop following the 10:30am service today. Sally teaches storytelling and story writing at Trinity College and has published several books and articles on the performing arts. The training session is for anyone who reads in church, including those who lead prayers and all servers, as well as anyone else who is interested in participating.

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. Duration: 1 hour. Cost: \$10 per class; 1 month trial \$30; 12 week package \$90. For more information, please see hand-out on the table in the Narthex or contact Darlene at 416-357-3934.

ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS: Due Tuesday April 2.

BIBLE STUDY: "Beginnings and Endings" Wednesday April 3 at 10:00 a.m. All welcome!

LENTEN STUDY: "The Prayer Book: Your Guide to Daily Living." Wednesday April 3. Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m. followed by light supper and study session. For more details, please see notice printed on next page.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING: Sunday April 7 following 10:30 a.m. service.

EASTER BAGS FOR SENIORS: St. Olave's ACW will be collecting Easter Gift Bags for seniors. For suggestions of what you might put in a bag, please see handout on the table in the Narthex. The bags will be collected on April 7.

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday April 2 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

(Henry Budd)

Wednesday April 3 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

11:15 a.m. Holy Communion 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

See Lenten Study notice printed below.

(Richard of Chichester, Bishop;

Reginald Heber, Bishop)

Friday April 5 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday April 7 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

(Fifth Sunday in Lent, Passion Sunday)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: The Rector is preaching a seven-week sermon series throughout Lent. The theme of the series is the <u>Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross</u>. The four Gospels record seven statements made by Jesus as he hung from the cross and the Rector is preaching on each of these "words" throughout Lent.

LENTEN STUDY 2019: Our Rector is leading a study throughout Lent called, "The Prayer Book: Your Guide to Daily Living." All are invited to come for Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m., followed by a light supper. The study session will begin around 7:00 p.m. and will conclude shortly after 8:00 p.m. Remaining sessions include: **April 3:** Cherishing Sanctified Beliefs: Knowing the Anglican Faith preserved in the BCP; **April 10**: Seeking Blessed Lives: Forming a personal Rule of Life as described by the BCP.

EVENSONG & PREPARATION AT ST. BART'S: The practice of communal preparation for Holy Communion was widespread in Anglican circles in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In recent years, St. Bart's, Regent Park has revived this neglected office after Saturday Evensong during Lent. If you love Gregorian Chant and wish to increase your devotion to Our Lord in the Sacrament of His Love, why not stop by 509 Dundas Street East, Saturdays at 5 p.m.? (Confession times posted before and after Evensong.)

YOUTH GROUP: Youth Group Meetings – following 10:30 a.m. service (**Apr** 7, May 5, 19, Jun 2, 16). **Movie nights** – Star Wars series – youth hosted but all ages welcome – beginning at 6:30pm (Apr 12, May 10, June 21).

PALM CROSSES: All members of the congregation are invited to join the Altar Guild on Friday April 12 at 2:00 p.m. to make crosses for Palm Sunday.

LILIES FOR EASTER: If you wish to donate a lily to decorate the Church at Easter, please put your name and telephone number on the Flower List located in the Narthex. **Palm Sunday (April 14) is the deadline** for the list. Lilies can be delivered to the Church the week commencing Monday April 15 – Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon; Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday afternoon when the office is open; or at service times.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:

April 14	Palm Sunday Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
April 15	Stations of the Cross* & said Holy Comm. at 7 p.m.
April 16	Stations of the Cross & said Holy Comm. at 7 p.m.
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April 18	Maundy Thursday Service** at 7 p.m.
April 19	Good Friday Cross of Christ Service at 10:30 a.m.
April 21	Easter Day Services at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., & 10:30 a.m.

^{*}Stations of the Cross is a very old practice that allows participants to walk the way of Jesus in his final moments. There are fourteen stations and participants move from one station to the next, stopping for prayer and meditation.

**The Maundy Thursday service is one of the most moving and beautiful of the entire church year. The service begins with white altar hangings to commemorate the institution of Holy Communion at the Last Supper; preselected parishioners come forward to have their feet symbolically washed in memory of Jesus washing the disciples' feet; after Communion, the altars are stripped bare and symbolically washed; the church is left in darkness in preparation for Good Friday. Make this service a part of your Holy Week observances.

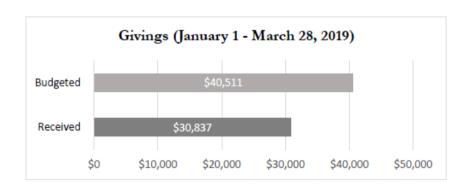
GUEST PREACHER: The Rev'd Dr. P.J. Carefoote will be preaching at our Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 18. Dr. Carefoote is a friend of the parish and has preached and spoken at a number of events. He also lives within the parish boundaries. P.J. is the Head of the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library (U of T). Join us for this special service that kicks-off the three most sacred days of the Christian year. The service starts at 7:00 p.m. (Note: P.J. will also join us on Easter Day at 10:30 a.m. when he will be the celebrant at Holy Communion.)

DONATING PRAYER BOOKS: Five new copies of the Book of Common Prayer are available to be donated to the parish. The cost of one BCP is \$20, including tax and shipping. Books can be donated in memory of a loved one, as thank offering, or simply as a gift to the church. If you would like to donate one or more prayer books, please speak to Judy or the Rector.

THANK YOU, ACW: The Rector and wardens would like to sincerely thank the women of the ACW for conducting a clean-up of the nave and choir areas on March 18 and 19. Volunteers cleaned-out the pew racks, sorted prayer books and hymn books, and cleaned the pews throughout the nave, chapel and choir area. We are extremely grateful for your volunteerism and initiative.

SPRING CLEANING? Please remember our ANNUAL **LAWN SALE** in June! We can use current books in good condition, quality tea cups, mugs, and china plates, etc., and other such 'treasures', and we love hand knitted items.

ACW TREASURE BOX: This box will be available in the Narthex each Sunday to receive your miscellaneous unwearable jewellery! Precious metal single earrings, broken necklaces, cuff links, and/or brooches plus any other donations of precious metal are welcomed. The box collection will be sold to support St. Olave's ACW ministries both in the parish and beyond. Please help us in this new venture.



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