

**ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**Rector: The Rev'd Robert Mitchell**  
**Assistant Curate: The Rev'd Alexandra Pohlod**  
**Director of Music: Mr. P. John H. Stephenson**  
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## **Announcements for November 24, 2019**

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

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are the gift of Robert Ragsdale, to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of his wife Elizabeth (Bette) Ragsdale. Books of Common Prayer will also be dedicated in memory of Mrs. Ragsdale this morning.

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

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Wardens' Vestry following coffee hour.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** We will be holding confirmation classes each Sunday after church (12:30-1:30 pm) until December 8th. If you or anyone you know would like to be confirmed during Bishop Jenny Andison's next visit to St. Olave's on January 19, 2020, please contact the Assistant Curate, Alexandra Pohlod, at [curate@stolaves.ca](mailto:curate@stolaves.ca) or by telephone at 416-769-5686 ext. 3

### **T H I S   W E E K   A T   S T .   O L A V E ' S**

**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday November 26 at 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on Wednesdays for Bible Study in the Ethel Brown Room. This fall, we are studying the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament, including Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. We meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel follows at 11:15 am.

**GUEST SPEAKER, DECEMBER 1:** The Second Century Mission Fund of St. Olave's (including Jean Lilley (chair), Bob Ragsdale, Leslie Stafford, Siobhan Carmichael, John Drake, Rev'd Alexandra and Rev'd Rob), are delighted to be welcoming a guest speaker on Sunday, December 1st, to tell our congregation about the work of AURA. The Anglican United Refugee Alliance is a Canadian charitable organization assisting in the sponsorship and resettlement of refugees. *Announcement continues on next page ...*

**Guest Speaker (Continued)** ... Their mission is to provide support and expertise to groups involved in refugee sponsorship and resettlement, including many churches in the GTA. Second Century has invited them to speak to us about their work, and will be giving the organization a donation. Marin Lehmann-Bender, their Sponsorship Director, will be at both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services to tell us about the work they do.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Sunday December 1** – Annis Tebbutt has recently provided some more details about this year's Christmas Lights event, with **St. Olave's Arts Guild** presenting light music and light entertainment. The afternoon will open with **Choral Evensong** for Advent Sunday at 4 p.m. with **Voices Chamber Choir**, followed by our annual Christmas Tea and shortly after 5 p.m., **Christmas Lights**. The entertainment includes some rare Christmas pieces by **Charles Dickens: *Nobody's Story*** and ***A Christmas Tree***. Plus ***What was Wrong with Tiny Tim?*** compiled by Annis Tebbutt; and a poem by Wendy MacLean: ***The Stars Point the Way***. The Christmas music includes several familiar sing-along carols with **Brittany Hudson** playing the ukulele. We always appreciate your assistance in getting the word out to the broader community. Please take as many of the mauve flyers as you need for family, friends and neighbours; as well as for bulletin boards and display shelves at your community or recreation centre, public library, street notice boards, etc.

### SERVICES THIS WEEK:

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| Tuesday November 26   | 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer<br>4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer   |
| Wednesday November 27 | 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer<br>11:15 a.m. Holy Communion<br>4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer  |
| Thursday November 28  | 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer<br>4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer   |
| Friday November 29    | 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer<br>12:00 noon ORA<br>4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer   |
| Sunday December 1     | 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion<br>10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer<br>10:30 a.m. Holy Communion<br>4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong<br><i>The First Sunday in Advent</i> |

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:** Parishioners are encouraged to donate altar flowers **throughout the year**. It can be a meaningful way to remember someone who has died or to give thanks to God for a special anniversary or blessing in your life. 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. **Sunday December 8 and Sunday December 29.**

**ADVENT QUIET DAY:** Saturday, November 30 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 151 Glenlake Ave, Toronto. Theme: The Coming of God. Speaker: Canon David Brinton OGS, currently General Secretary of The Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in the Americas. Cost: \$10 includes Lunch. Please RSVP to [cmmulkin@gmail.com](mailto:cmmulkin@gmail.com) so we are well prepared. Sponsored jointly by St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Holy Cross Priory, and St. John's West Toronto.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for the St. Olave's Christmas Outreach Dinner at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday December 7th. We are currently looking for people to host tables as well as volunteers to prepare turkeys and assist the table hosts. Help us offer a warm and welcoming Christmas dinner to people who might not otherwise have one. If you're interested in helping out, contact the Assistant Curate, Alexandra Pohlod, at [curate@stolaves.ca](mailto:curate@stolaves.ca), by telephone at 416-769-5686 ext. 3, or speak to her in person. For more info please visit our website at [stolaves.ca/communitymeal](http://stolaves.ca/communitymeal).

### **ETOBICOKE CENTENNIAL CHOIR: Sweet Rejoicing**

Saturday December 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Humber Valley United Church, 76 Anglesey Blvd, Etobicoke. Celebrate the season with Vivaldi's uplifting *Gloria*, accompanied by string quintet, oboe and trumpet. The Father John Redmond Concert Choir will add their youthful voices to the festivities – and it wouldn't be Christmas without a sing-along of traditional carols! Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for the festive Christmas Marketplace, offering baked goods and artisan crafts. Tickets \$30 (children 12 and under free). For tickets, please contact **Dale Allen at 416-769-9271.**

**HEALEY WILLAN SINGERS** present **Follow the Star** featuring music by Bob Chilcott and John Rutter plus others, including audience carol sing-along. Conductor: Ron Ka Ming Cheung. Accompanist: **John Stephenson**. Saturday December 7 at 8:00 p.m. here **at St. Olave's**. Tickets available at the door (cash only). Adults \$20, Students/Seniors \$15.

**JUNIOR CHURCH NATIVITY PLAY:** Sunday December 15 at 10:30 a.m.

**ACW EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday December 17 at 10:30 a.m.

**MARY & MARTHA GROUP:** Tuesday December 17 at 1:00 p.m.

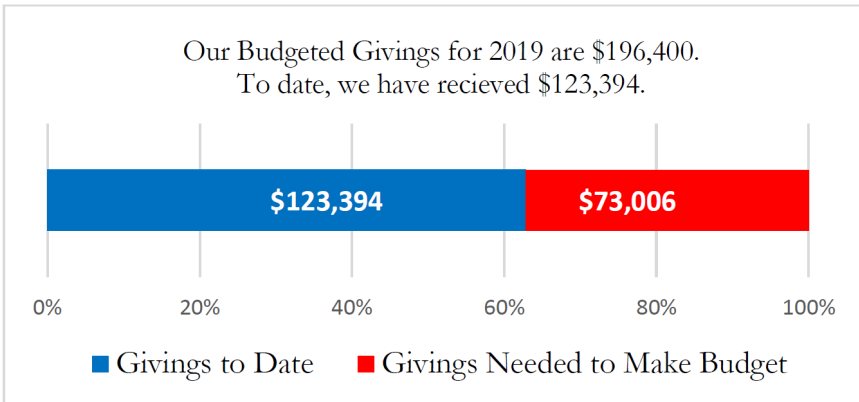
**FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS:** Sunday December 22 at 7:30 p.m. This traditional service of scripture readings, carols and Christmas anthems performed by our choir is a highlight of St. Olave's Advent season. Reception to follow.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Family service at 4:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion at 730 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Service of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

**2020 CHURCH CALENDARS** are available from Judy Beal in the Church Office. St. Olave's is featured as the church for the month of March!  
Cost: \$8.00 each. Cheque or cash – exact change appreciated.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:** The graph below compares the amount of givings budgeted for all of 2019 with the amount received to date. We typically receive a large percentage of our gifts in the last three months of the year, and we are hopeful that we can significantly close the gap before the end of December. These figures do not include additional substantial gifts received this year toward the cost of replacing the boiler (\$47,015) and toward the cost of the curacy (\$8000).



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