

ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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Announcements for December 1, 2019

TODAY AT ST. OLAVE'S

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are the gift of the Rev'd Diana Spencer, to the Glory of God, and in celebration of the 30th anniversary of her Ordination into the Priesthood. (*Ordination – St. Andrew's Day, November 30; Celebrated First Communion – The First Sunday in Advent, December 1.*)

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER: Marin Lehmann-Bender, Sponsorship Director, The Anglican United Refugee Alliance (AURA). Please see Order of Service for more information.

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETING following the 10:30 a.m. service.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Today at 4:00 p.m. St. Olave's Arts Guild will be 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. OLAVE'S

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.

PILGRIMS GROUP: Wednesday December 4 at 2:00 p.m.

ST. OLAVE'S CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY MEAL will take place this Saturday, December 7. Thank you to everyone who has signed up! We have all the table hosts we need at this point, but more hands are always welcome. If you would like to be a part of the event, more help would be welcome on Thursday, December 5 (any time between 9 am and 4 pm), Friday, December 6 (9 am-4 pm) or on the day of the event itself (from 9 am for set-up, serving food from 12:30 pm, or cleaning up from 2 pm). Please also feel free just to drop by and say hello. The more the merrier!

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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday December 3 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday December 4 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion
 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Clement of Alexandria, Doctor

Thursday December 5 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Friday December 6 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
St. Nicolas, Bishop

Sunday December 8 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion and Holy Baptism
The Second Sunday in Advent

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST OLAVE'S JUNIOR CHURCH ANNUAL TOY DRIVE will be held between now and **December 8**. We are asking that members of the parish who wish to participate donate new, unwrapped toys that will be delivered to our local firehall and given to children in our city who might not otherwise receive gifts this Christmas. Please leave your gift on the pew in the parish hall to be collected.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: We will be purchasing our poinsettias from Westminster Classical Christian Academy (westminsterclassical.ca), located near the intersection of Dundas Street and Roncesvalles Avenue. WCCA seeks to provide students with a comprehensive and exemplary education through the Classical method's approach of an integrated and engaging curriculum that is applicable in all spheres of life and thought. The school is selling poinsettias as a fundraiser for bursaries, to enable students to attend their school who may not otherwise be able to afford tuition. The cost of each poinsettia is \$15. If you would like to donate one or more poinsettias, please make cheque (or cash) payable to St. Olave's, clearly marked "Poinsettia" **and** record your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. They will be delivered to the church and will be set-up in the Sanctuary and Chancel for Lessons and Carols and Christmas services. You are also welcome to purchase your own poinsettia and deliver it to the church prior to Dec 22.

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**.

VOICES CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT DECEMBER 14, 2019, 8 P.M.

This Sunday we are delighted to welcome Voices chamber choir to our Choral Evensong for Advent. Led by Ron Cheung and accompanied by our own John Stephenson, Voices is celebrating its 24th season. Parishioners have the opportunity to see Voices perform again on Saturday, December 14, 8 p.m., at St. Martin-in-the-Fields (Keele and Glenlake). The concert features Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, and other music for this most joyous time of the year. This perennial favourite for children's and women's choir has been arranged for mixed voice ensemble and harp. The additional male voices provide a new sonority and sensation to this masterwork by one of the great 20th century British composers. Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$15 students/seniors. For more information, please call 416-519-0528 or email voiceschamberchoir@yahoo.ca.

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.

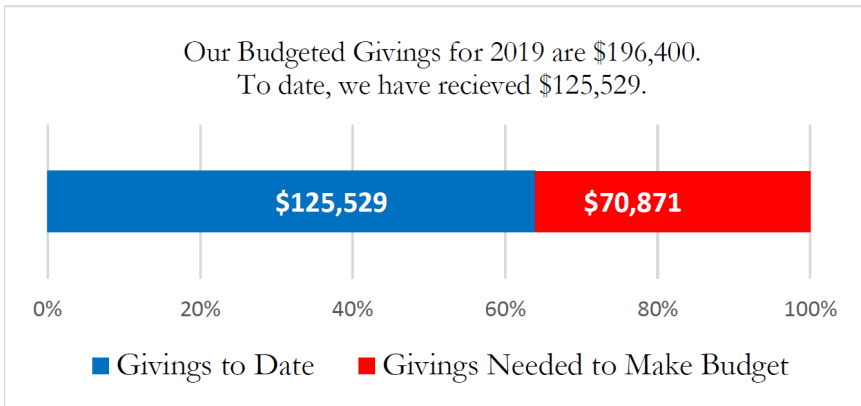
FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: Sunday December 22 at 7:30 p.m. This traditional service of scripture readings, carols and Christmas anthems performed by our choir is a highlight of St. Olave's Advent season. Reception to follow.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Family service at 4:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.

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

PRAYER READING GROUP: Friday December 27 The Assistant Curate, Alexandra, will be leading a monthly reading group with a focus on prayer. The group will meet in the Ethel Brown Room from 6:30 - 8 pm. For more information or to receive emails about the group, please contact Alexandra at curate@stolaves.ca or by telephone at 416-769-5686 ext. 3

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).



THANKS TO OUR NOVEMBER GREETERS: Caroline Audet, Craig Douglas, Armita Ebrahimnejad, Jim Shapland, Sheila Tait, and Don Weston. Greeters welcome people when they come to worship at St. Olave's. A friendly face can make a huge impression, especially on a first-time visitor. Besides greeting people when they arrive and handing out bulletins, greeters also take up the collection, assist people down the steps after communion and help the Wardens with the collection count. If you would like to be a greeter please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the clipboard in the Narthex at the Windermere entrance, or contact Janice Douglas at craig.janice@rogers.com for more information.