

ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
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## Announcements for February 9, 2020

### TODAY AT ST. OLAVE'S

**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME** to Betty Chandler, who will be our Organist on Sunday February 9 and 16, while John Stephenson is on vacation.

**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.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. OLAVE'S

**OUR ASSISTANT CURATE,** the Rev'd Alexandra Pohlod will return from vacation on Tuesday February 11.

**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. Durations: 1 hour. Cost: \$10 per class; 1-month trail \$30; 12-week package: \$90. For more information, contact Darlene at 416-357-3934.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on Wednesday for Bible Study in the Ethel Brown Room. We meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel follows at 11:15 am.

#### SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday February 11      8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer  
*Caedmon, Poet*

Wednesday February 12      8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
11:15 a.m. Holy Communion  
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Thursday February 13      8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Friday February 14            8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
   4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer  
   *Valentine, Bishop and Martyr*

Sunday February 16            8:30 a.m. Holy Communion  
   10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
   10:30 a.m. Holy Communion  
   *Sexagesima*

<b>PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>
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**THANKS TO OUR JANUARY GREETERS:** Don Weston, David Pickering, Jim Shapland, Sheila Tait, and David and Cathy Hutcheon. 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](mailto:craig.janice@rogers.com) for more information.

**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 February 16 (Family Day Weekend); and Sunday February 26 (Thinking Day).** Flowers are not used during Lent.

**SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOPS** will be held in the Ethel Brown Room on February 16 & March 1 following the 10:30 service as well as on Tuesday February 25 at 10 am. **Please note that attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory for everyone holding medium- or high-risk ministry positions.** If you currently hold one of these positions and you haven't already been contacted, or if you intend to sign up for a new position in the coming year, please contact the Assistant Curate, Alexandra Pohlod, at [curate@stolaves.ca](mailto:curate@stolaves.ca), or by telephone at 416-769-5686 ext. 3. We are grateful to you for the work you do and for your cooperation in following the diocesan requirements.

**ACW EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday February 18 at 10:30 a.m.

**MARY & MARTHA GROUP:** Tuesday February 18 at 1:30 p.m.

**ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING: Friday, February 21** (Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m. followed by a light supper; meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.) Join us for this important annual meeting of our parish when we will be discussing the ministry of the past year and planning for the upcoming one. The 2020 budget will be presented, and new officers will be appointed and elected. Three of our four Churchwardens will be stepping down this year. We are extremely grateful to Annis Tebbutt, Paul Scrivener, and Sandra Franke for their tireless and dedicated service to the church over the past number of years. Positions up for election include People's Warden, Deputy People's Warden, and two positions on Advisory Board. The current Corporation is discussing these vacant positions with prospective candidates. Suggestions are also welcome and may be forwarded to the Rector or Wardens. **For those who will be submitting committee reports, please note they are due by Tuesday, February 11.**

### **DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE VESTRY MOTION 2020**

On Friday, February 21 at 7 p.m. St. Olave's will hold its annual Vestry meeting. As always, we will put forward the Diocese of Toronto's Social Justice vestry motion. This year the motion is "Taking Action on Climate Change" and calls for federal action that will enable Canada to:

- meet the emissions reduction targets of the Paris Accord
- support a just transition to a low-carbon economy, particularly for workers employed in the oil and gas industries
- assist Indigenous and coastal communities and other vulnerable populations to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change on their local environments.

The motion also invites parishes to commit to increasing our own efforts to lower greenhouse gas emissions, in a way that is appropriate and achievable for us. In advance of the meeting, we invite you to learn more by visiting [www.toronto.anglican.ca/social-justice-vestry-motion/](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/social-justice-vestry-motion/). Leading up to vestry, we will be praying this Prayer for the Planet and invite you to pray:

*"O thou in whom we live and move and have our being, awaken us to thy presence that we may walk in thy world as thy children. Grant us reverence for all thy creation, that we may treat all living things with gentleness; Through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

**ANNUAL PANCAKE LUNCHEON: Sunday February 23, Parish Hall, 12:00 noon** We cordially invite you to join us for this annual highlight of our fellowship schedule at St. Olave's. It has been convened on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday for well over thirty years. We will again be joined by our Scouting and Guiding units following our **THINKING DAY SERVICE** and we will honour the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of "The 101st. Toronto" with cake for dessert. There is no need to purchase tickets in advance as we will merely accept admissions at the entrances to the parish hall. Our prices remain the same as the past several years. Adults \$6. Children \$3. And a Family rate of \$15 for parents with children. This one is truly a "don't miss"! You gotta eat here! Jim Shapland, Chair, St. Olave's Hospitality Committee.

**ASH WEDNESDAY (February 26)** marks the beginning of Lent. This moving service of Holy Communion includes the imposition of ashes. A short said service will be held at 11:15 a.m. in the chapel, and a sung service with choir will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please join us.

**HOW WILL YOU OBSERVE LENT THIS YEAR?** The Book of Common Prayer marks the forty days of Lent as "Days of Abstinence" (see BCP p. xiii). Abstaining or giving-up something for Lent in a powerful way of marking this season. Don't make it too easy (giving up boiled spinach?) and don't make it too hard. Find something that you will notice, that will challenge you, but that you think you can manage without until Easter. It should be uncomfortable, but not punishing! Lent is also a time to focus inward, to read scripture, to pray and to do good works. Think about how you will observe Lent this year and use this time to grow closer to our Lord.

**FROM PLAINSONG TO ANGLICAN CHANT: Sunday March 1**

Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent at 4 p.m. with the Healey Willan Singers, followed by light refreshments. At 5 p.m., historian and liturgist Dr. Jesse Billett of U of T explains and illustrates the gradual transition from the plainsong of Gregorian chant to the glorious Anglican styles of today.

**THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS: Beginning Wednesday March 4** Evening Prayer at 6 p.m., followed by light supper at 6:30. From 7 to 8 p.m., the Rev'd Robert Mitchell and the Rev'd Alexandra Pohlod explore the details of traditional Anglican worship: the structure of Prayer Book services, the items used in worship, the clothing worn by the clergy, and other features that make Anglican services so beautiful. First of five Wednesdays; continues to April 1st.

**2020 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – COMING TO ST. OLAVES:**

On Saturday, March 7, 2020, St. Olave's Church will be hosting a World Day of Prayer Service at 10:00 am, followed by a reception downstairs in the Parish Hall. This ecumenical service offers prayers for women around the globe, with a focus in 2020 on the women of Zimbabwe. The invitation is out to everyone to join in the World Day of Prayer as we celebrate the theme: Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk. Women from neighbouring Christian churches will be participating in this event, to stand together in prayer and action. Follow on [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org). Rev'd Alexandra Pohlod will be participating and we will also be assisted by the ACW. We welcome new volunteers, to help with the service and with hospitality. For more information please contact Annis Tebbutt at 416-658-4913, or at: [annist@rogers.com](mailto:annist@rogers.com).



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