

ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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Announcements for March 15, 2020

T O D A Y A T S T . O L A V E ' 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 Sue Harris for hosting this morning's coffee hour.

OUTREACH AT ST OLAVE'S: All interested parishioners and guests are invited to join the Rev'd Alexandra Pohlod today, during coffee hour, in the Ethel Brown Room for an informal conversation about outreach opportunities at St. Olave's.

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed until Monday March 23.

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.

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

MARY & MARTHA GROUP: Tuesday March 17 at 1:30 p.m.

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.

THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS: ST. OLAVE'S 2020 LENTEN SERIES, continues on Wednesday, March 18. Join us for Evening Prayer at 6 p.m., followed by a light supper at 6:30 p.m. From 7 to 8 p.m., the Rev'd Robert Mitchell and the Rev'd Alexandra Pohlod explore traditional Anglican worship: Vestments and Clerical Wear (March 18); The History and Structure of Holy Communion (March 25); An Instructed Eucharist (April 1).

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday March 17	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer <i>St. Patrick, Missionary</i>
Wednesday March 18	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
Thursday March 19	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer <i>St. Joseph of Nazareth</i> <i>Thomas Ken, Bishop and Poet</i>
Friday March 20	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 12:00 noon ORA 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer <i>Cuthbert, Missionary and Bishop</i>
Sunday March 22	8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent – Mothering Sunday</i>

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LENTEN VEIL: The large dark purple cloth hanging behind the Altar is a Lenten Veil. The practice of the Lenten Veil is an ancient English practice that calls to mind the time between Adam's sin and the Passion of Christ, when humanity lost sight of God's face. As our eyes were veiled from the sight of God then, so we symbolically veil the beauty of our church during these penitential days of fasting and prayer.

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 is 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.

PRAYER READING GROUP: Friday March 27 Rev'd 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 reading, discussion, and Compline. 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

A LENTEN QUIET DAY WITH BISHOP ANDREW ASBIL AT ST. OLAVE'S! We are delighted that our Diocesan Bishop, Andrew, Asbil, will be leading a Lenten Quiet Day for St. Olave's on **Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** A Quiet Day is an opportunity to take a pause from the stresses and busyness of daily life, and focus inward on the spiritual life. There is no cost to attend, although donations for the provided lunch will be welcome. Please register by contacting Judy Beal at the church office, or online at www.stolaves.ca/quietday

ETOBICOKE CENTENNIAL CHOIR: "Offering" Saturday April 4 at 7:30 p.m. Humber Valley United Church, 76 Anglesey Blvd, Etobicoke. Be moved by ECC's offering of beautiful choral music reflecting on the eternal mysteries of life and death. \$30 (Children 12 and under free). For tickets, please contact **Dale Allen** at 416-769-9271.

EASTER LILIES: Easter is only 4 weeks away! If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, you may order one through the church office or by signing the sheet provided in the Narthex. The cost of \$10 per lily is payable to St. Olave's, and the lilies will be delivered and arranged on the Saturday before Easter by Caroline Audet. The names of those commemorated will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:

- April 5 **Palm Sunday** Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- April 6 Stations of the Cross* & said Holy Comm. at 7 p.m.
- April 7 Stations of the Cross & said Holy Comm. at 7 p.m.
- April 8 Stations of the Cross & said Holy Comm. at 7 p.m.
- April 9 **Maundy Thursday** Service** at 7 p.m. A one-hour watch will follow the service for any who wish to attend
- April 10 **Good Friday** Cross of Christ Service at 10:30 a.m.
- April 12 **Easter Day** Services at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

*Stations of the Cross is a 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;

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pre-selected 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

A watch will be kept for one hour for any who wish to remain in contemplative silence following the stripping of the altar. We keep watch on Maundy Thursday like the disciples who watched with Christ as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. People are free to stay for as much or as little of the hour as they wish.

ORGAN UPDATE: Our Keates church organ is in need of repairs. In 2013 the blower stopped working and was replaced. At that time an appeal to the congregation raised \$40,000 but only \$20,000 was spent on the new blowers and some other urgent repairs. The remaining \$20,000 was put into the Capital Fund. Over the past seven years the organ has undergone some repairs, but a plan to comprehensively address other recurring problems was not put in place until last year. Under the leadership of Don Weston, three quotes were obtained. The Wardens, Rector and Don determined that John Struve's quote was the best fit. Mr. Struve has been an organ technician for many years and maintains about 80-90 organs, including two other Keates organs. His total quote to address the immediate repairs is \$8,000 plus HST. There are other issues that will need to be addressed down the road, and we will contract with Mr. Struve to undertake them as our reserve funding allows. We remain grateful to our Director of Music, John Stephenson, for making the most of the instrument and continuing to provide beautiful music for our services.

Don Weston, People's Warden

ONLINE GIVING AT ST. OLAVE'S: We have enrolled in a stewardship program called tithe.ly which manages online giving for more than 12,000 churches in North America. Go to stolaves.ca/giveonline to make your gift to our general fund, our Second Century Mission Fund or our maintenance fund. **You do not need to sign in or create an account to make a donation.** You can also download the tithe.ly app for your phone and give-on-the-go. You will be prompted to set up an account for your first gift, but once you're set up, it's easy to make donations whenever or wherever you like!

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