



The Olave Branch



Reaching out to **St. Olave's Anglican Church** community

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Join us for our 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday service where we welcome our special guests the Windermere String Quartet. Come back for their concert at 3 pm, Music She Wrote.

Special Vestry date set

The Diocese of Toronto has officially announced Reverend David Burrows' retirement and given us the go ahead to seek a new Rector. David's last Sunday service with us will be September 13, 2015. Your Wardens have begun the huge task of finding his replacement. To this end we will be holding a Special Vestry Meeting after the 10:30 am service at St. Olave's on **Sunday, April 26, 2015 at noon**. At this meeting we will seek to appoint the St. Olave's Parish Selection Committee and Chairperson.

The Parish Selection Committee's task will be to recommend to Bishop Philip Poole our choice for Rector. The decision to appoint a Rector rests with Bishop Poole.

The Parish Selection Committee is required to poll the congregation and write an accurate and objective profile of our parish. **A survey is enclosed with this newsletter for you to fill out.** This becomes a 'sales document' to potential applicants. The Selection Committee will meet with Bishop Poole who will be an active participant in our search. Parish Selection Committee Members are required to read and become familiar with the relative diocesan Canons, in

"I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion..."
(Philippians 1:6)

particular, Canon 10, and to be in compliance with them. We will be required to ensure the interview process is fair and objective and complies with all human rights issues. Committee members will be required to visit other churches to see potential candidates in action. They will then be required to interview all acceptable candidates before making a recommendation.

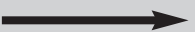
The Parish Selection Committee consists of the Churchwardens and such other members of the parish (not fewer than four or more than six) to be determined by the Churchwardens and to be elected by Vestry.

While the process must follow the pragmatic procedures set down in the Canon law, we are conscious that the task involves spiritual discernment. As a congregation we seek to listen to one another and to sense the Holy Spirit's direction for our Parish. Please begin the work of choosing a new Rector with your prayers.

—David Hutcheon



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Pray for those we love, as well as our enemies

Rector's Letter
The Reverend David Burrows

Dear Friends in Christ,
Here I am with my last Easter newsletter to you all! Who will write to you next year? Impossible for me to say but you can bet that my prayers for all of you will certainly continue and that my prayer will be that Almighty God will send you a Christ-loving pastor who will guide you in God's way.

This is the season of Lent, not a joyful time for Christians as we approach Good Friday and the crucifixion of our Lord, but joyful in the sense that we have "inside information" about the resurrection of our Lord. The disciples had been told about the resurrection of our Lord no less than THREE times while they were travelling down with Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. When Mary Magdalene went to tomb before dawn on the first day of the week, she expected to find Jesus' body, NOT the Resurrected Lord. But after Death comes Life. It's not the other way around as we normally think of it.

There's another angle on the Resurrection which we MUST consider. How many of our brothers and sisters in Christ have been murdered simply because they are Christians? The Copts in Egypt, the Assyrians and the Chaldeans in Iraq, the Christians in Syria! How many have THEY lost? The Christians in Maalula in Syria who speak Aramaic, the language of Jesus, would have been annihilated had it not been for their own courageous resistance and for the help of the Syrian army. So pray for them every day but also pray for their persecutors. Pray for the Islamic State and pray for the muslim militia, the Boko Haram in Nigeria that they will be saved and come to the light of Christ. We are not only to pray for those we love but even more for our enemies.

Your brother,
David



Arts alive at St. O's this spring!

By Annis Tebbutt
Chair, Arts Guild

Over Easter, on Saturday, April 4 and Sunday, April 5, the Arts Guild will facilitate an art exhibit, featuring the latest works of Sue Higgs. All are welcome to see her exhibit in the Ethel Brown Room, called, "Spring into Spring". Come and view Sue's original, inspirational and whimsical work (as illustrated above). You can meet the artist during Coffee Hour after the Easter service. Sue will also display her unique cards and all works are for sale, with special prices on Sue's earlier works.

The Arts Guild and Consort will present



poems, music and readings for "Best Things in Life" on Sunday, April 19, following the Evensong service and St. George's tea. We welcome special guest choir, Harmonica Hungarica. Find out the drama and comedy in things that may have a hidden price!

Coming to the AGO from April 11 to July 12 will be a special exhibit, "From the Forest to the Sea: Emily Carr". The Arts Guild will be arranging for free mini-tours so that parishioners may see nearly 100 stunning paintings, drawings and rarely seen sketches from this iconic Canadian artist. Details to follow soon!



Hurry up Easter!

A Word from the Wardens
David Hutcheon, Rector's Warden
Annis Tebbutt, People's Warden
Janice Douglas, Deputy Warden

For those of you who didn't attend our Annual Vestry meeting on February 27, please note our new titles (see above). Because Hutch and Janice started the same year (it took two Wardens to replace Jim Shapland...) we are both staying on for our third year. We feel that in this year of change with David retiring, some stability in the "front office" is a good idea.

As we all come out of hibernation and the numbers in the pews start to nudge higher, we hope you're all anticipating the good news of Easter. Start your Holy Week off right with our Palm Sunday service on March 29. We are delighted to welcome back the Windermere String Quartet, who will be performing Mozart's Ave Verum with our choir, as well as other repertoire. Then there's a Maundy Thursday service at 6 p.m., followed by a light supper and Seder. Good Friday's community service is

at Bloor West Baptist on South Kingsway. We're very excited that Laura Oxley has reinstated the Easter Saturday Family service. She's added her unique spin on the day, and presenting a creativity-filled afternoon of crafts, cooking, storytelling and music. Be sure to spread the word to friends and neighbours. Activities start at 3 p.m. Then Sunday, you have your choice of three services of Holy Communion at 7, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. All Easter weekend, check out Sue Higgs' wonderful art exhibit in the Ethel Brown Room (see story above).

We hope that you will find the opportunity to join us at one or all of our Easter services: there truly is something for everyone. Last fall we participated in Back to Church Sunday and encouraged everyone to invite someone to church. Why not try it again?

SAVE THE DATE!

The 80-voice strong Trelawny Male Choir is coming all the way from Cornwall, UK to perform at St. O's on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. Good thing we have a new roof!





New family event set for Easter Saturday!



By Laura Oxley
Child and Youth Minister

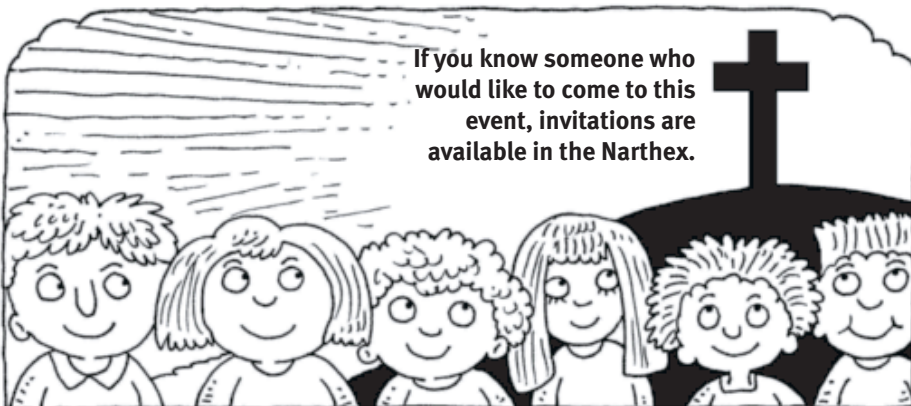
The Junior Church is excited for our Easter Saturday Event coming up April 4! From 3 - 5 p.m., we will be hosting a neighbourhood event specifically designed for kids

and their families to explore the meaning of Easter together. This event will be open to the community, and will function as a 'messy-church' style service for families to explore the meaning of Easter together through activities, art, music, cooking, and highly interactive learning.

The hope is to bring people into the church in a creative way, and it's also a great thing to bring friends and family to! Hope to see you there! Check out the St.Olave's website for more information, or email me at LauraRedsky@gmail.com.



The Junior Church and Youth Group and families gathered together for the Second Annual Family Skating party on Feb. 21 at Rennie Park. Altogether about 25 joined in the fun, then headed back to the church for pizza and The Lego Movie, which was, you guessed it, AWESOME!



Youth Group Update

The youth group has been busy this year as they continue to volunteer in many roles and activities both upstairs (serving, greeting, reading) and downstairs (nursery, junior church, pancake lunch). We've had a couple of sit-down pizza meetings and spent some time updating the youth group scrapbook with our 2014 pictures. Future plans include a snow tubing day in Barrie, a charity event (details to be determined) and a bible study or two. — Carol Ambler

Back to the garden

As the snow melts and plants and slowly coming back to life, consider this article submitted to The Branch from *Muriel Casey*, Chair of St. Olave's Altar Guild, and member and former President of the Swansea Horticultural Society.

A conversation between God and St. Francis, Patron Saint and Protector of animals and nature.

"Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there in Ontario? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistles and stuff that I started years ago. I had a perfect, no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grew in any type of soil, withstood drought and multiplied with abandon. The nectar from the long lasting blossoms attracted butterflies, honeybees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now, but all I see are these green rectangles."

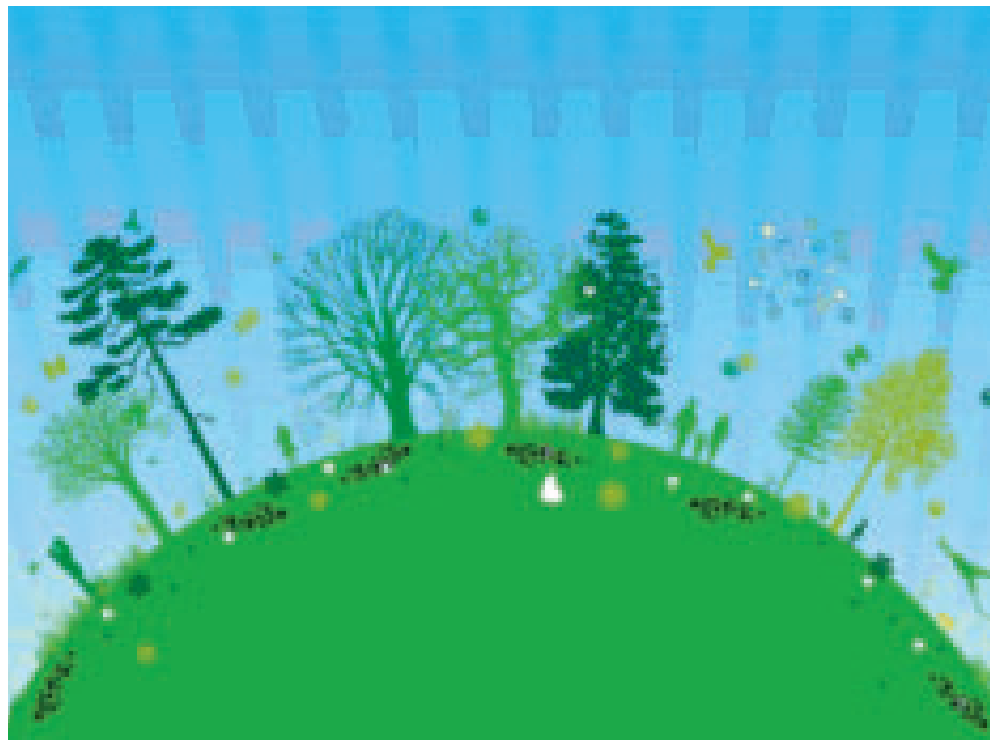
"It's the tribes that settled there, Lord, the Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great effort to kill them and replace them with grass."

"Grass? But it is boring. It is not colourful. It does not attract butterflies, birds and bees, only grubs and sodworms. It's temperamental with temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?"

"Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plants that crop up in the lawn."

"The spring rains and cool weather probably make the grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy."

"Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it, sometimes twice



a week."

"They cut it? Do they bale it like hay?"

"Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags."

"They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?"

"No Sir. It is just the opposite. They pay to throw it away."

"Now let me get this straight. They fertilize grass to make it grow and when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away."

"Yes, Sir."

"These suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work."

"You are not going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing fast, they drag out hoses and pay money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it."

"What nonsense. At least they kept some trees. That was a stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus as they rot, the leaves

compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life."

"You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and have them hauled away."

"No! What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in winter and keep the soil loose and moist?"

"After throwing away your leaves, they go out and buy something they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves."

"And where do they get this mulch?"

"They cut down trees and grind them up."

"Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. Saint Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?"

"Dumb and Dumber, Lord. It's a real stupid movie about ..."

"Never mind. I just think I heard the whole story."

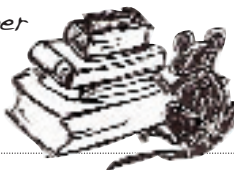


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Two books make an impression

The Library Corner

"Those who can read should!"



By Wendy Board
Guest Columnist

The Wardens accepted Bishop Poole's invitation to attend An Evening with Michael Harvey presenting *The Culture of Invitation* by sending Sister Mary Florence Liew and I to hear Mr. Harvey speak at Christ the King, Etobicoke on November 17, 2014. (So I guess, St Olave's has reached Benchmark 1, 'cos we acted on the invitation!)

Michael Harvey is a dynamic English layman. His book — *Unlocking the Growth* — is in the St Olave's library. It is currently signed out by our Growth Committee Chair, Jim Shapland, and is being scanned and plumbed for inspiration.

According to Mr. Harvey, invitation is God's work. Invite people — anyone, to come to St Olave's! What that person does with the invite is God's business. The invitee needs to keep heart and mind open to spirit and trust his/her generosity in asking.

Read the book, or just "open your lips"

and express the simple act of sharing and inviting. It's that easy.

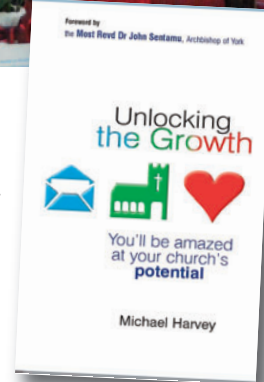
I asked Cathy Hutcheon (our Adult Library Cart Lady) to pick out 5 Books during the Christmas Craft Sale as casual reading for our Coffee House guests. I selected some children's books from the Junior Church Library Cart (it's in the Parish Hall, if you are looking for it). St Olave's further provided as outreach, free gifts of pencils and bookmarks with scripture, prayers and a mention of God. I also put a little Crèche Scene craft activity on each table for fun.

One of Cathy's choices was entitled *Sister Wendy on Prayer*. "How perfect for me!" I thought; and I had given Cathy no lead time on this project — it was a "day-of" request! Cathy is great at finding books to suit, try out her recommendations. In the last edition of The Olave Branch you may have noticed a photo of me in a chair with the book. I was setting the desired tone of casual enjoyment for the Coffee House, otherwise interpreted as expressing The Fruits of the Spirit: Peace & Joy.

I have taken two months to read this small book, in conjunction with another book on prayer. I have slowly nibbled and digested. I found the Sister Wendy Beckett (the author, a Catholic Nun, a REAL sister)



expressing what I have found for myself, and I felt an affinity for her spiritual reflections and experiences. The book is super, please read it. I am finally returning it to the Adult Library Cart.



Worship & Special Events



Group Meetings

Tuesday, April 19 - noon
Worship Committee

Tuesday, April 21 - 2 p.m.
Mary & Martha Group

Tuesday, April 21 - 7:30 p.m.
Advisory Board
(reports due April 14)

Tuesday, May 19 - 2 p.m.
Mary & Martha Group

Tuesday, June 16 - 2 p.m.
Mary & Martha Group

MARCH

29 - 10:30 a.m. - Service for Palm Sunday featuring special guests, Windermere String Quartet

3 p.m. - Windermere String Quartet concert

APRIL

2 - 6 p.m. - MAUNDY THURSDAY Holy Communion followed by Seder and Light Supper

3 - 10:30 a.m. - GOOD FRIDAY Community Service at Bloor West* Baptist Church (* previously known as Farmer Memorial)

4 - 3 p.m. - The Meaning of Easter Family Event

5 - EASTER DAY Services of Holy Communion
7 a.m. (outdoors weather per-

mitting), **8:30 & 10:30 a.m.** (Reception and Easter Egg Hunt to follow the 10:30 a.m. service.)

12 - 10:30 a.m. - Guest Speaker from Voice of the Martyrs

19 - 4 p.m. Festive Evensong followed by St. George's Tea and "*Best Things in Life*" featuring women's choir Harmonica Hungarica

26 - noon - Special Vestry Meeting (see cover story)

MAY

14 (Thursday) - 6 p.m. Evensong followed by Light Supper and Talk by Jeremy Burrows "*Learning About Orthodox Christianity*"

24 - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Day of Pentecost /Whitsunday

3 p.m. - Windermere String Quartet Concert

JUNE

7 - 10:30 a.m. Special Guest: Bishop Philip Poole and presentation of certificates to Junior Church and Youth Group students

4 p.m. - Choral Evensong followed by Strawberry Tea and Special Guest: Guitarist Doug Hibovski "*Classical Gas*"

14 - 10:30 a.m. - Junior Church final lesson and party

20 (Saturday) - TBC - ACW Community Yard Sale - Buy a table for \$20 and come out for the fun!

JULY

29 (Wednesday) - 6 p.m. Patronal Festival Evensong followed by BBQ



Taylor MEAGHAN Shapland – 1981-2015

By Jim and Nancy Shapland

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of our daughter, Meaghan, on Wednesday, March 11. A private service celebrating Meaghan's life was held at St. Olave's on March 16.

We would like to thank St. Olave's Anglican Church for its significant contribution to her early Christian nurturing. Meaghan was very fond of our church. She enjoyed a number of years in its remarkable Sunday School. She participated in several of the Nativity plays. She was confirmed by Archbishop Finlay. She had great summer times at the St. Michael's Youth Conference. At a young age, she joined the Senior Choir under the then direction of Kelly Galbraith. And twenty years ago, she acted in the memorable Arts Guild production of "Blithe Spirit."

We also want to acknowledge the efforts of our Rector, the Rev. David Burrows, who has been a faithful and unfailing source of support to Meaghan during all these years of his distinguished tenure at St. Olave's.

Meaghan's last few years have not been particularly happy ones, but she has left us with a truly wonderful legacy for which we are supremely grateful – her daughter Aden, the joy of our lives!

We appreciate your condolences and support. Perhaps we could also ask if you could find the time for a short prayer for the delivery of Meaghan's soul and a wish that she will finally find some solace with our God. Thank you.



Please note our regular weekly services:

Every Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion in the Chapel

9:15 a.m. - Bible Study

1st & 3rd Sundays of Month

10 a.m. - Prayers in the Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion with Anointing

2nd, 4th Sundays of Month

10:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

5th Sunday of the Month

10:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer with Litany

Every Wednesday

10 a.m. - Bible Study



Sally Merivale – 1915-2015

By Sister Mary Florence Liew

Heather Cosgrave, a dear friend of the late Sally H. Merivale, read out a summary of Sally's life at the Mary and Martha's group meeting in January. It was composed by Sally's son, Charles. I felt that others in St. Olave's Church who knew Sally might like to rejoice with them in the story of a very inspiring beautiful soul who had lived life to the full.

Sally was born in England in 1915. She lived through two World Wars. She worked as a secretary in various offices in the latter war and she also assisted in entertaining troops and directing civilians to safety during the bombing attacks as a neighbourhood volunteer. After the war she went and worked in Egypt and then, moved on to Kenya where she and her husband became farm managers. They enjoyed their new dream adventure in Africa like Meryl Streep's "Out of Africa." During the Mau Mau Independent movement she lost her husband and father of their infant son Charles in the remote Africa near Uganda. She moved back to London, England with her baby and lived with her widowed mother. She and her son and her mother immigrated to Canada within six months and joined Monica, her older sister and her brother-in-law who were then living in Montreal.

Sally entered her new Canadian adventure with great enthusiasm. It was with the Irish Trade Board that she travelled to Ireland and developed Irish exports to Montreal. She held fashion shows in Montreal. She had a busy schedule but she still found time for her sports like tennis, swimming, hockey and her social life by hosting Card Games and going to the theatre, and working in her garden. She became a seasoned global traveller who flew or sailed across the oceans and lands to Europe, Asia, North and South Americas, Africa, and the West Indies Islands. Sally rose to and met any challenges that came her way like public speaking by practising it in front of the mirror. She made presentation of "The Stock" and learned French in Montreal. When Ireland transferred the trade office to Toronto, Sally moved to Toronto and went to work with the Bank of Montreal which was in the First Canadian Tower. She worked there until she retired at 65.

She joined St. Olave's Church and she also joined the Mary and Martha group and contributed her time and labour to the church work and the church bazaars. She gave generously of herself by helping others and sharing what she had with those in need. After her retirement she volunteered herself to do the afternoons in the week in the clothing section in the Toronto General Hospital Gift Shop to raise funds for the hospital. She sorted out her purchases and priced them for the sale. In a changing world of technology from simple hand tools like dial phone to touch phone, pencil and paper to key board and computer, black and white television to complicated colour television, she learned to use them.

As Sally's health deteriorated, she kept up her spirit and news from her family and friends. She was living at Kensington Gardens Long Term Care in Toronto when she passed away on Christmas Day, 2014. May she rest in peace.

