



The *Olave Branch*

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

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Congratulations to our Child & Youth Minister Laura Oxley, who married Andrew Bennett in PEI on Saturday, August 15. Laura will return in January. To meet her "supply" teacher, see page 3.

Gather and bid farewell

By Jim Shapland
Chair, St. Olave's Growth Committee

Get ready for Sunday, September 13 when we bring THE REALLY BIG SHOW to St. Olave's. Our annual Gathering Sunday celebration will combine all the features of a traditional "Back to Church" day, including welcoming back our Junior Church children for all their Rally Sunday activities, as well as the choir.

But far more importantly, as most of you know by now, it will be the occasion on which we will honour and bid our fond farewell to the Rev. David Burrows as he conducts his final service and concludes his distinguished and remarkably successful ministry to St. Olave's.

You won't want to miss our parish picnic on the lawns following the service, with serving of the catered barbecued chicken lunch starting at about noon. Put very simply, **YOU GOTTA BE THERE** for this one – for David, for Penny, for their family and for St. Olave's. 


Meet the middle man

By Father Jeffry Kennedy
Future Interim Priest-in-Charge

I am very excited to have been appointed by Bishop Poole as Interim Priest In Charge of St. Olave's parish church.

When I first came to St. Olave's for the month of December last year, I was so impressed with the community's warm welcome and obvious vitality.

I have been happily retired since December 2013 after a very happy and active parish ministry as a rector and regional dean.

I had no plans to act as an IPIC anywhere; however, I had had such a pleasant time visiting St. Olave's that I happily agreed to return when asked. I look forward to offering leadership as we travel together on the next leg of St. Olave's journey. 



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David Burrows, right, at Ash Wednesday Discovery Day at St. James Cathedral, 2014, with Archbishop Johnson, left, Janice Douglas, middle, and members of St. Olave's Junior Church.

I leave you with my four loves

Rector's Letter The Reverend David Burrows

Dear friends in Christ,

This will be (sadly) my last pastoral letter to you. As you likely know already, as I am starting my twentieth year at St Olave's, I am also about to retire. Sunday, September 13 will be my last Sunday. My last day as your Rector will be Saturday, September 19 so that my last official act in this parish will be feeding the needy via Hunger Patrol which the people of St O's have so magnificently supported for two decades. It is strange to think that some of those whom we feed were not even born when we started this ministry. Which reminds me. Here are four ideas I'd like to leave behind:

1) Love the poor and needy.

Happily, Hunger Patrol will be carried on under the supervision of Dr. Christian Delia from our neighbour church Pius X. Volunteer soup makers and those who go out in the van on Saturday night are welcome to continue participating and contact info will be made available. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trial."

2) Love and respect the Holy Bible.

The Bible is the source book for our faith. It is historically reliable. You must read it daily. Not reading the Bible is like not eating. You will wither away and die spiritually. On the contrary, reading the Bible feeds you. Don't be put off by things you don't understand. Don't be put off by the hard parts. Google the Blue Letter Bible for an excellent resource.

3) Love the Book of Common Prayer.

Carry it with you in your purse, pocket or car. I used to carry it under my bulletproof vest when I did my police ride-alongs. The BCP came out in the year 1549 and has changed remarkably little in all these years. The BCP and the Bible could be published together in a book titled *Everything You Wanted To Know About Christianity But We're Afraid to Ask*. Read through the Catechism especially.

4) Love one another! As Saint Augustine said, "Love and then do what you will." I've been VERY lucky at St Olave's to have had a Parish where people actually get along. It's not perfect, but who is? Love one another!

Blessings,
Dave

Fall: the season of change

A Word from the Wardens

David Hutcheon, Rector's Warden
Annis Tebbutt, People's Warden
Janice Douglas, Deputy Warden

A recent front page article in the *Sunday Star* revealed the results of a study that said joining a church was one of the easiest ways to be happier. Don't we know it!

The Parish Selection Committee conducted meetings throughout June and July. Currently, the focus of the PSC is on completing the Parish Profile, a recruiting document describing all aspects of St. Olave's, to be provided to individuals interested in leading our parish. The PSC looks forward to submitting its Parish Profile to the Bishop early in the fall.

St. Olave's, with the Wardens and members of the Toronto Cornish Association and Growth Committee, have been facilitating a major concert event. The 80-plus members of the Trelawny Male Choir will be coming from Cornwall, England to perform in Toronto at our church, on Tuesday, September 8. At press time, we are told the concert is sold out, but if you're still interested, please contact the office in case there are any last minute cancellations.

Part of the set-up for this event has included removal of the front row of pews in our church. This permanent change will open up room in the front, allowing better access to and use of this area.

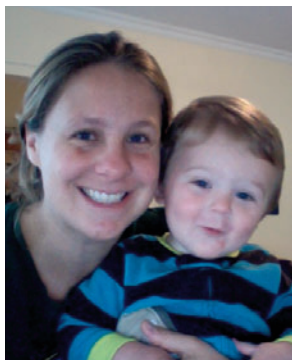
Difficult to miss have been the changes to St. Olave's parking lot! After meeting, testing and surveying, West York Paving started work on our parking lot on August 4, laying the asphalt on August 31. These plans will improve drainage, provide options for storage and improve accessibility to our church.

The Wardens wish all the very best for David, Penny and their family, as he retires in September. David, we will miss you and all that you have brought to St. Olave's. Be well in Barrie and think of us often!



We were pleased to welcome Bishop Philip Poole on June 7 to present the students with their certificates, and to play a casual game of volleyball, top right. Then on June 14, we finished our year with a surprise bridal shower for Laura, and a show from comic juggler Craig Douglas (below right). At right, children played Full Armour of God relay races at the Patronal Festival on July 28.

Meet our interim Child & Youth Minister



My name is Esther Kittle. I have been married for three years to my husband and best friend Dain. We have an adorable son Keenan who turned two in July. I am passionate about God and seeing children

develop an intimate relationship with Jesus. I worked with innercity children and youth for eight years at Children Now Network and it was an amazing experience. I love the outdoors, camping, canoeing, hiking and snowboarding. I am excited to get to know everyone at St. Olave's this fall and am thankful for this opportunity.



Don't wait until Lent to read Bishop Tutu's latest book

The Library Corner

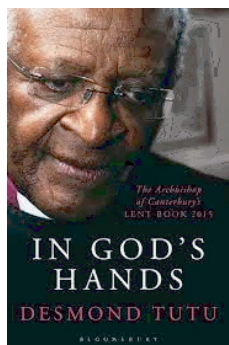
"Those who can read should!"



By Cathy Hutcheon
Church Librarian

In God's Hands by Desmond Tutu is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book recommendation for study across the Anglican Communion for 2015.

The well known hymn writer and poet George Herbert has been dubbed 'the Lenten poet'. Yet some of his finest work celebrates the Easter experience. By the time this review comes



to print Lent and Easter will have passed. However, it seems that these two seasons form a repetitive pattern in our lives. In a similar vein, Mother Julian of Norwich once wrote regarding the season of penance that is Lent, 'Life is penance enough'. I would recommend therefore that we don't wait until Lent to read the latest addition to the library. Tutu's life (and that of his champion Nelson Mandela) embodies the message of Lent, as well as the message of the season that **must** follow, Easter!

He describes a quality Africans call *ubuntu*. "We say a person is a person through other persons. A person with *ubuntu* is generous, magnanimous, hospitable, welcoming, affirming of others."

Tutu is credited with being a crucial figure in the overthrow of a regime of the utmost evil. The Archbishop's foreword claims, "More than that, he led the way forward into a society that was seeking reconciliation rather than revenge." Tutu's spirituality is winsome and persuasive.

You may have seen the recent article in the *Toronto Star* about Tutu's granddaughter speaking at a youth summit on aboriginal awareness in York Region. The headline was, *Forgiveness 'a journey not a destination'*. The teenager, speaking in response to the report about abuse in residential schools in Canada, told her listeners "Sometimes you have to wake up every day and forgive again."

There is much food for thought in *In God's Hands*. How can we cultivate this *ubuntu* in our own lives and world? There are sober warnings for those who have ears to hear. Penance. "I pray that we will come to our senses, and very quickly. This is the only planet home we have." Yet there is optimism. Tutu reassures us that, "God has not given up on God's dream." There is an aboriginal saying that God created humans because he loves stories. That story begins and ends in God's hands.



Worship & Special Events

SEPTEMBER

8 - 7 p.m.

Trelawny Male Choir
(doors open at 6 p.m.)

10 - 7:30 p.m.

Choir practice resumes

13 - 10:30 p.m.

Gathering Sunday and fond farewell to the Rev. David Burrows, followed by picnic on the lawn

20 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to our Interim PIC, Fr. Jeffry Kennedy

3 p.m. - Windermere String Quartet

27 - 4 p.m. - Choral Even-

song followed by Peach Tea, English Music and the Prayer Book. *Special Guests:* Clem Carelse & St. Peter's Erindale Choir

OCTOBER

4 - noon - **Blessing of the Animals.** Bring your

leashed or crated pet to the Parish Hall for a short service and blessing.

11 - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Services

17 - 2:30 p.m.

Prayer Book Society gathering featuring talk with Fr. Chris Dow from the Diocese of Saskatchewan, followed by 4 p.m. Evensong

18 - 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker: Diane Dupuy, founder of Famous People Players

Group Meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 8 - 10 a.m.

ACW Executive Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 15 - 2 p.m.

Mary & Martha Group

Tuesday, Oct. 20 - 2 p.m.

Mary & Martha Group

7:30 p.m.

Advisory Board Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 22 - noon

Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - 2 p.m.

Mary & Martha Group

NOVEMBER

1 - 4 p.m. - **Choral Even-**

song featuring the music of Fauré, followed by Pumpkin Tea and Talk: Plainsong and the Prayer Book. *Guests to be confirmed.*

8 - 10:30 a.m. - Service of Remembrance

14 - 10 - 4 p.m. - Annual Christmas Craft Show and Coffee House

15 - 3 p.m. - Windermere String Quartet

27 (Friday) - 6 p.m. Return to Famous People Players dinner theatre show. For information, contact Janice Douglas.

29 - 4 p.m. **Choral Even-song** followed by tea and Christmas Lights, drama and musical performances.

Please note our regular weekly services

Every Sunday

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

1st & 3rd Sundays

10 a.m. - Prayers
in the Chapel
10:30 a.m.- Holy
Communion with
Anointing

2nd, 4th Sundays

10:30 a.m. -
Morning Prayer

5th Sunday

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

Wednesdays

10 a.m.-
Bible Study
11:15 a.m. - Holy
Communion (re-
suming after Sept.
20)

