



# The Olave Branch

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Advent 2018



Reaching out to **ST. OLAVE'S** community  
ANGELICAN CHURCH

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St. Olave's was proud to host the 101st Scouts at our annual Remembrance Day service again. Thanks to Scout parent Annabelle Doerksen for this photo (right) and the one on page 3!



## Use Advent as a time of daily prayer

*ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.*

(Collect for Advent Sunday, BCP p. 95)

### ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Our own Rev'd Rob has written a series of reflections for Advent on Women in the Bible, in association with PWRDF.

Go to [pwrdf.org/Advent2018](http://pwrdf.org/Advent2018) to get free daily reflections in your inbox each day of Advent.

### Rector's Letter

*The Rev'd Robert Mitchell*

**T**he Book of Common Prayer instructs us to repeat the Collect for Advent Sunday every day of the Advent season in our common worship and personal devotion. If you are unable to find time to add anything else to your spiritual practise during Advent, I would recommend doing at least this. Either first thing in the morning, or while riding the TTC to work, or before going to bed, simply read, and meditate upon, and pray this collect every day from December 2 until December 23.

The Collect identifies three specific moments in time:

1. the moment Jesus "came to visit us in great humility" (his birth);
2. the moment he will "come again ... to judge both the quick and the dead" (his

second coming);

3. the "time of this mortal life" (the moment in which we now live).

You see, our lives, as Christians, exist in-between two great bookends – the coming of Jesus as a baby and the coming of Jesus at the end of time. Everything that happens in the story of our lives is coloured and shaped by these two events.

We can endure all things, even the hardest and most painful, because Christ, in human flesh, endured worse before us, and because Christ will one day make all things right. We live, as the collect says, wearing an "armour of light," because we live in the season of Christ's light on earth; we live between his coming and his coming again.

May all of us, each day, put upon ourselves this heavenly armour, that we may "cast away the works of darkness" forever.  
Rob+







CHAD JEFFERY, SNAP'D BLOOR WEST



## Christmas Craft Show another success!

This year St. Olave's lower level was filled to capacity with artists, volunteers, friends and family. More than \$2,000 was raised for various projects. Clockwise from top left: ACW Leading Ladies, busy shoppers, Carolyn Franke, Karen Weston and Siobhan Carmichael on sandwich duty, Rev'd Rob and Caroline, Craig Douglas, Sandra Franke and Mark Michasiw, chorister Iris Jacobs and fellow artists.



KATHY BOSCI



# 'Tis the season – for thanks

## WARDEN'S WORDS

Janice Douglas, Annis Tebbutt,  
Sandra Franke, Paul Scrivener

It's been a busy fall season at St. Olave's! The Wardens thank the volunteers and special guests who contributed to the presentation of Choral Evensongs in September, October and November, as well as organizing the food and fellowship. A special shout out to Rev'd Rob for his unfailing leadership in these and all worship services.

In October we oversaw the renovation of the Rectory kitchen. We are pleased that it came in on budget and on time. Other improvements include a new fence, property survey and garage roof. The Wardens are committed to ensuring that maintenance and improvements to the Rectory are done on a timely basis with funds from the surplus of the sale of the old rectory.

Wardens' Vestry renovations have continued and we are thankful for the cooperation of the Altar Guild, South Sudanese and Di-

rector of Music as we sort out the most efficient way of storing items from multiple users. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel! We are also grateful to our sexton Dave Webb for building and levelling the cabinets, securing them to the walls, repairing and painting the walls and baseboards. Dave takes great care and pride in his work and we are lucky to have him. Thanks also to Don Weston who refinished the table, the altar gradine in the Chapel and painted the side table for us.

The Wardens are also pleased to be involved in the Stewardship initiative, For the Love of St. Olave's. It has continued to flourish, thanks to Don Weston and other members of the committee. Please note the letter and Christmas giving envelope enclosed with this issue of *The Olave Branch* and prayerfully consider the best way for you to support St. Olave's.

We pray that you and your family are healthy and happy and will find time to be with your St. Olave's family this season.





# Belonging to the body through action

By Brittany Hudson  
Child & Youth Minister

St. Olave's Junior Churchers have made huge contributions to our local parish, larger community and world since our relaunch in September. It all started on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The children were led by Annis Tebbutt, our very own in-house artist, to create a beautiful Thanksgiving Tree, using their traced hands as leaves and writing what they were thankful for. Many of the children had St. Olave's as their top five. The tree was a beautiful addition to the Thanksgiving season for the Parish Hall.

On October 14 the Junior Churchers took over the upstairs service by joining the choir, greeting, taking the offering and being readers. All of the children were overjoyed with the experience, especially all of the young ladies who sang with the choir that day. It was a beautiful day of worship for all.

Through both of these activities, the children were able to give to their local parish and come closer to understanding what it means to belong to the body of Christ. As a teacher, I was amazed to see how much each child grew through both experiences and how excited they were to be a part of




Brittany rocks the class with her ukulele!

something that brought them out of their comfort zone. Maybe that is why November 11 was such a beautiful experience (see photo above). On that day Junior Church was packed with children, regular attendees, Scouts and Cubs. Each child entered the parish hall that morning with a lot of energy. Some knew what we were going to do and others were unaware, but once I told them about the activity, each child became ecstatic. They were happy not just because we were going to colour on paper but because they were able to create cards for soldiers who were currently making a difference in


the world. The cards were extraordinary. Each one was personal, colourful and made with love and a heart of gratitude.

That spirit of giving is what happens every Sunday at St. Olave's Junior Church. The kids are not done yet though. We are still accepting new unwrapped toys for our annual Christmas Toy Drive and we're getting ready for our annual Nativity Play happening Sunday, December 9.

We do not do these things just for something to do, we do them because that's what belonging is all about – contributing to our community. 

## Youth Group loves games!

By Carol Ambler  
Youth Group Leader

Our parish youth have engaged in many fun activities this Fall, including Friday night movies featuring the Star Wars series, a very successful games night, and our regular Sunday after-church meetings. Members of the Youth Group also volunteered to serve the lunches and sell coffee and snacks at the recent Christmas Craft Show. We are looking forward to a continuation of movie nights, a youth reunion pot-luck dinner, and our annual Christmas party. 

**TOP LEFT: Miranda Branyiczky, Kevin Kuebler, Liesl Kuebler and Katie Douglas. BOTTOM LEFT: Claire Hewitt challenges Carol Ambler in a game of Scrabble, while Andrewes Sissons and Eric Hewitt look on.**

## Small steps can make a big impact

### Second Century Mission Fund

To paraphrase a recent radio interview and discussion (Michael Enright, CBC radio one), it was actions at community levels that led to a decrease in crime in the USA.


The point made was that smaller groups can create change, whereas the very largeness of governments can slow its pace.

When we think of Jesus we remember that he taught and ministered to people at local levels. We at St. Olave's also reach out to help others through small steps called "missions" which show our love and care for one another.

Thank you for your contributions to the Second Century Mission Fund this year. Second Century Fund donations

provide "hands-on" help to groups such as "Sleeping Children Around the World" which works at local levels. Also through our donations, the word of Jesus and a code of behaviour are taught and demonstrated by theology students throughout the world. Many students benefit from "the Versey Wigmore Student Bursary Fund" at Wycliffe College, another example of the fund's support. At Christmas, a time of celebration and hope, let us remember others by contributing to the mission work of St. Olave's.

Merry Christmas everyone!

The SCF Committee: Jean Lilley, Robert Ragsdale, Leslie Stafford, Carol Drummond, and our rector, The Rev'd Rob Mitchell. 

# Mark your calendar for these events

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## DECEMBER

### Sunday 2

**10:30 a.m.** | Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Peter Robinson, Wycliffe College, Sponsored by Second Century Mission Fund

**noon** | Youth Group

**4 p.m.** | Advent Sunday Choral Evensong followed by Christmas Tea and "Christmas Lights" (see right)

### Wednesday 5

**2 p.m.** | Pilgrims Group Bible Study

### Saturday 8

**9:30 a.m.** | Cast Breakfast and Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal

### Sunday 9

**10:30 a.m.** | Junior Church Nativity Play

### Sunday 16

**7:30 p.m.** | Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

### Monday 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

**4 p.m.** | Children's (Family) Service

**7:30 p.m.** | Candlelight Service of Holy Communion, Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Pearce Carefoote

### Tuesday 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

**10:30 a.m.** | Service of Holy Communion

## JANUARY

### Sunday 6

**4 p.m.** | Epiphany Choral Evensong followed by Epiphany Tea and "Giles Bryant: Victorian and Modern Music" (see right)

### Wednesday 9

**2 p.m.** | Pilgrims Group Bible Study

### Sunday 13

**3 p.m.** | Windermere String Quartet Concert

### Sunday 20

**10:30 a.m.** | Annual Joint Service with the South Sudanese Community Church, Special Guest the Rt. Rev'd Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto.



## FEBRUARY

**Friday 1 | 6 p.m.** | Eve of Candlemas Service of Holy Communion followed by Light Supper and "Women Interpreters of the Bible" with Dr. Marion Taylor (see right)

### Wednesday 6

**2 p.m.** | Pilgrims Group

### Sunday 10

**4 p.m.** | Queen's Accession Anniversary Choral Evensong with Schola Ecclesiam, followed by Royal Festive Tea and "Music of Handel" (see right)

### Sunday 24

**noon** | Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday after church!

## Meetings

Tues. 10 a.m. ACW Executive  
Dec. 11 1 p.m. Mary & Martha

Tues. 10 a.m. ACW Executive  
Jan. 15 2 p.m. Mary & Martha

Tues. Advisory Board Meeting  
Feb. 5 (TBC)

Tues. 10 a.m. ACW Executive  
Feb. 19 2 p.m. Mary & Martha

## Passages 2018

### BAPTISMS

Charles Thomas Reive  
January 28, 2018

Sophie Pauline Ralphs  
April 29, 2018

Logan John Siriunas Gallelo  
June 10, 2018

Janyla Sarai Smith-Taitt  
June 29, 2018

### WEDDINGS

Lian Novak & Darius Byrne  
April 29, 2018

Lori Samson & Wayne Fleming  
August 25, 2018

Amy Wong & Craig Macklin  
October 20, 2018

Sandra Smith &  
Raageen Kanjee  
November 24, 2018

### DEATHS

Joan Eades  
January 12, 2018

Lorraine Phillips  
August 19, 2018

Janet Sayer  
September 12, 2018

Vera Bridges  
September 20, 2018

Clark Sissons  
October 5, 2018

## Entertainment and education events

**Dec 2, 4 p.m. Choral Evensong for Advent Sunday and Christmas Lights.** Following the service join us Christmas Tea then at 5 p.m., St. Olave's Arts Guild presents live music from the steel-pan band Pan4Christ and light entertainment, including *Wenceslas* by Britain's Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and readings from the *Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis.

**January 6, 4 p.m. Choral Evensong for Epiphany and Giles Bryant: Victorian and Modern Music.** Following the service join us for Epiphany Tea then at 5, the renowned choirmaster Giles Bryant returns with an illustrated talk at the piano, covering late Victorian and modern influences on cathedrals and churches. He will focus on Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) and Herbert Howells (1892-1983), including their Evening Canticles, as well as John Ireland, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Benjamin Britten and John Rutter.

**Friday, Feb. 1, 6 p.m. Candlemas Communion and Women Interpreters of the Bible with Dr. Marion Taylor.** Following the service join us for a light supper then at 7, Dr. Marion Taylor (Professor of Old Testament at U of T's Wycliffe College) discusses the greatest adventure of her life: her recent research on the many brilliant women who interpreted the Bible.

**Feb. 10, 4 p.m. Choral Evensong for the Queen's Accession featuring Schola Ecclesiam and Music of Handel.** Following the service, join us for Royal Festive Tea during which the choir's director, Clement Carelse, marks the Queen's accession 67 years ago, by examining the life and music of George Frederick Handel (1685-1759), noted for Zadok the Priest and other Royal music.

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