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Olave Branch



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A vision for our future

Rector's Letter

By the Rev'd Rob Mitchell

I want to say again how thankful both Caroline and I are for the warm welcome offered by the parish since we arrived among you in July. The kind words, the helpful guidance and the wonderful Induction service have all contributed to a very special start to our ministry together. We are excited about moving into the new Rectory and look forward to inviting you all to a house blessing party in the fall.

To be a light

My desire is to see our church become an even better example of a Prayer Book parish within our diocese. As I said in my first letter to the congregation, Prayer Book spirituality is an orientation that defines the rhythm of our common life together and our very relationship with God. In this light, we have moved the altar back to its original position so that the priest now faces the same direction as the people during the Eucharist. We are also introducing some services which correspond to the Prayer Book calendar:

- All Souls' Day, November 2, for departed loved ones
- Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple), February 2, where we will bless the candles of the church and our homes as we remember the words of Simeon's Song ("... to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.")

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

This is one of our primary purposes as a Christian church, and I wish our parish to become known for liturgical excellence. To that end, we are having vestments made for the parish in each of the four liturgical



Fr. Rob and Caroline are officially welcomed by Bishop Poole at the July 28 Induction service. For more great pics, see page 3.

colours. These beautiful garments will enhance the worship of our parish for many years to come. There is a cost, of course, but the wardens and I have agreed that we must invest in the liturgy (for more on the cost, see notice on page 4).

The vestments are being handmade by Etobicoke-based Crownex in fabric that matches our current hangings. Each set includes:

- a *chasuble* (a large outer garment derived from the outer cloak worn in Roman times. Chasubles lend beauty and dignity to the service and have been a part of Christian worship nearly from the beginning).
- a *stole* (originally worn over the neck or shoulder, it was used by servants to clean dishes. At the beginning of early Eucharist celebrations, a servant would be at hand with a stole to wipe vessels. As such, it became an ornament distinctive of deacons, draped and carried over the left shoulder. Priests wear it over both shoulders, crossed in the centre. Bishops wear it hanging straight down to show the pectoral cross.)
- a *maniple* (originated as a handkerchief held in the left hand and used to wipe vessels and hands. Like the stole, it eventually became a more sophisticated item made of more precious material.)
- an *amice* (a white cotton cloth that covers

the neck and prevents damage to the chasuble while pulling over the head)

- an *apparel* (a small piece of material that adorns the back of the amice)

A time to build

As we move into September and another season of parish worship, education and study, there will be some things that change and some things that stay the same. I continue to ask for your patience with me as I learn new names and new customs. And I pray that you share some of my enthusiasm and excitement for the challenges and opportunities that stand before us.



Gathering Sunday September 11 – You Gotta Be Here!

At St. Olave's, we like to rev up right after Labour Day. At the 10:30 service our magnificent choir returns and Junior Church is back in session with "Rally Sunday" activities. Our S. Sudanese and Ethiopian friends have also been invited. After the service, it's a BBQ on the lawns. If you haven't yet met the Rev'd Rob Mitchell or Caroline, this is a great opportunity! – *Jim Shapland*, Chair, St. Olave's Growth Committee

Home again!

A Word from the Wardens

Annis Tebbutt, Rector's Warden

Janice Douglas, People's Warden

Paul Scrivener, Deputy Warden

The Wardens would like to join with all of the parish of St. Olave's in welcoming our new Incumbent, the Reverend Rob Mitchell and his wife, Caroline.

In turn, we bid a fond goodbye to Father Jeffry Kennedy, our Interim Priest in Charge. We are so thankful for his leadership, guidance, support and humour over the past months and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Readers of The Lamp may have noticed he is speaking at St. Thomas, Huron Street on Sept. 10 about his renewed interest in the Book of Common Prayer. We'd like to think his experience at St. O's had something to do with that!

We are pleased to announce the acquisition of a new Rectory! Our previous Rectory was sold on July 5, for \$1.69 million. With the proceeds, the new Rectory at 4 Willard Gardens was bought for \$1.32 million on August 15. The difference (after the fire system work is complete) will be invested in the Consolidated Trust Fund in the Diocese, to generate quarterly dividends to St. Olave's to be used



Our new Rectory at 4 Willard Gardens

as needed.

As mentioned, installation of the fire alarm system to comply with Toronto fire codes will be now done. You may recall a Special Vestry meeting after church in June to apply for funding of our Rectory surplus, and we were successful. We are also having installed a surveillance system to provide better protection for our church. The Rector's Office has also been renovated.

We'd like to thank the Parish Selection Committee for their hard work in finding Rob. The Wardens are also grateful for the help provided by our Property Chair Sheila Tait, our sexton Dave Webb and our secretary Judy Beal through these busy times.

Welcome back kids!

After a successful trip to Ripley's Aquarium in early June and a huge tie-dyeing party to celebrate the end of the school year, our Child and Youth Minister Laura Bennett has been busy leading two Garden to Table cooking workshops. Two more are planned in September and October (see back page for dates and our website for details). Laura was also able to join us for the Patronal Festival Induction Service, and led Ayelen and Liesl (with Miranda helping) in some exciting games during part of the service. We are also pleased to announce we are getting prepared to reboot the Nursery, so families with children under four will have that option again.



QEI's book reveals deep faith

The Library Corner

"Those who can read should!"



By Cathy Hutcheon
Church Librarian

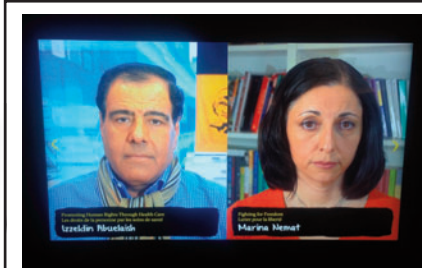
You will have read or heard on the news by now about the so-called Brexit decision. I see from Facebook posts that there is a move afoot for audience members at the Last Night of the Proms in London this year to wave European Union flags instead of the traditional union jacks. Fresh grievances have been opened up in Scotland's relationship with the rest of Britain. In addition there is economic uncertainty and societal upheaval as a result of migration and climate change. 'Men's hearts', to quote the Gospel of Luke, 'failing them for fear'.

In the midst of all of this uncertainly an extraordinary celebration has been happening.

Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest reigning monarch, has celebrated her ninetieth birthday.

Amidst the turmoil of the 21st century with its fickle promises, the Queen, for whom we pray every Sunday, demonstrates faithful service. Something of her story is told with both words and pictures in a recent acquisition to our library, *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves*.

As she is also Canada's queen you may remember that we celebrated in royal style with music and a scrumptious strawberry tea at St Olave's in June. While everyone loves a party, I have a sense that there is more to this than colour and pageantry. A diverse people are expressing gratitude for a stalwart human being who has taken her 1953 coronation vows seriously.



Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg shares something in common with St. O's

On a recent visit to this new museum which is already gaining an international reputation, our editor Janice Douglas was delighted to note that Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish and Marina Nemat were both featured in an exhibit of human rights activists. Both have spoken at St. Olave's, and you can check out copies of Nemat's *Prisoner of Tehran* and *After Tehran*, and Dr. Abuelaish's *I Shall Not Hate* in our library.



(left) Members of the Parish Selection Committee ask the Bishop to induct Rob; (above) Rob's father, Archdeacon Lawrence Mitchell, gives the homily; (right), Rob joins the procession through the church while everyone sings "I Bind Unto Myself Today". The procession stops at five places: the front door, the pulpit, the baptistry, the altar and the prayer desk.

A night to remember

It's hard to even find words to describe what took place at St. Olave's on the evening of July 28. Somehow "memorable" doesn't seem memorable enough. Let's just call it one for the ages. Perhaps it's best to let the beautiful photography of Attila Branyiczky tell the rest of the story, and end it with heartfelt congratulations to the following (in no particular order):

- Rev. Rob and Caroline (for obvious reasons)
- Archdeacon Mitchell
- Canon Philip Hobson
- Bishop Poole
- Our fabulous choir and the musical leadership of John Stephenson
- the Parish Selection Committee (for "getting it right")
- The Excelsior Jazz Band, with our own John Floyd on the keys, who entertained us during dinner
- All those who worked so hard on the dinner and the celebration afterwards
- and maybe lastly to St. Olave's itself, for being such a special place for all of us.

- Jim Shapland



(left) The congregation erupts into applause after the Bishop "introduces" St. Olave's sixth Rector. (above) Rob and Caroline respond. (below) The impressive collection of area clergy, lay ministers and choir assemble on the lawn after the service. Bishop Poole (centre back) is flanked by Mitchells father and son.



All in a day's work

On Saturday, June 18, David Hutcheon was pleased to receive, on behalf of St. O's, a beautiful plaque and certificate from the Toronto Cornish Association for hosting the Trelawny Male Choir from Cornwall, UK, this time last September. Both will be displayed prominently in the church soon. Marion Stephens, past President of the TCA, did the honours.



Meanwhile, out on the lawns...

As members of the Toronto Cornish Society watched a video of last year's concert, the ACW was out hustling their wares as they hosted a Community Yard Sale for the second year in a row. The intrepid organizers: (top row, left to right) Judy Sher, Bette Birmingham, Louise Rennie, Sheila Tait, (front row) Rev. Ruth Smith, Bernadette D'Arcy and Heather Rodriguez. (Unfortunately Jean Lilley had left before this historic photo was taken.)

VESTMENT INVESTMENT How you can get involved

As Fr. Rob wrote in his Rector's Letter on page 1, we have ordered four sets of liturgical vestments to be worn during Communion services throughout the year. The cost is \$8,000, but we believe it is a solid investment in our liturgy. You are invited to make a one-time donation to the cause. The vestments will be blessed as they are debuted in each liturgical season this year (the green one is first!). To donate, use the marked envelope found in this mailing or in the bulletins, or donate through our website. Please indicate if your donation is in the name of a loved one. Donors and memorial names will be acknowledged at a future date (or you may choose to remain anonymous). Your donation will be included in your year-end tax receipt.

—The Wardens

Worship & Special Events

Don't forget to pick up the announcement booklet published the first Sunday of each month to learn of more events as they are scheduled. Or call the office to get on our e-mail list.

SEPTEMBER

7 (Wednesday) - 10 a.m.
Bible Study; 11 a.m. Mid-week
Eucharist resumes

10 (Saturday) - 10:30 a.m.
Toronto Prayer Book Society
welcomes Fr. Jeff Kennedy for
his talk *The Prayer Book and
Me: An Unexpected Journey*.
St. Thomas, Huron Street
(just south of Bloor)
(MP at 9:30, HC at 10)

11 - 10:30 a.m. - Gathering
Sunday, Junior Church resumes
followed by BBQ/Picnic on the
Lawn (see notice on front page)

13 (Tuesday) - noon Cleri-
cus Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Kids in Gardens
Garden-to-Table workshop

25 - 4 p.m.
Choral Evensong with
St. Peter's Choir, Erindale
followed by Peach Tea and
The Music of Windsor Chapel*

OCTOBER

2 - 3 p.m. - Windermere
String Quartet concert

6 & 7 (Thursday and Friday)
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - ADDUS
Harvestfest

9 - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. -
Harvest Thanksgiving Services

11 (Tuesday) - 5:30 p.m.
Kids in Gardens Garden to
Table workshop

17 - 19 (Monday to Wednesday,
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
Morning Star Seminar

22 (Saturday) - 7 p.m. (TBC)
House Blessing at the Rectory

NOVEMBER

1 (Tuesday) - 6 p.m. - All
Saints' Day Service of Holy
Communion followed by light
supper and "Faith in the Public
Square" with guest speaker Dr.
Christian Elia*

2 (Wednesday) - 7 p.m.
All Souls' Day Service for the
Faithful Departed

6 - 10:30 a.m. - Remembrance
Day Service with Special
Guests: 155th Girl Guide Units
and 101st Toronto Scout
Groups

19 (Saturday) - 10 - 4 p.m.
Christmas Craft Show and
Coffee House

27 - 6 p.m.
Choral Evensong
for Advent I fol-
lowed by Christmas High Tea
and Christmas Lights*

**Note later
start time**

*For details, please see the Special
Events brochure enclosed with this
mailing or in the Narthex.

Group Meetings

Sun., Sept. 18 - noon
Worship Committee

Tues., Sept. 20 - 10 a.m.
ACW Executive
2 p.m. - Mary & Martha

Tues., Sept. 27 - 7:30 p.m.
Advisory Board

Tues., Oct. 11 - 10 a.m.
ACW Executive

Tues., Oct. 25 - 2 p.m.
Mary & Martha

Tues., Nov. 8 - 10 a.m.
ACW Executive

Tues., Nov. 15 - 2 p.m.
Mary & Martha

Save the date! Saturday, December 3

BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE

The Growth Committee has decided to plan another group trip for early Advent. Preliminary inquiries have revealed some attractive entertainment opportunities at this heritage destination, most likely in the late afternoon. As in the past, we will try to subsidize the cost for children and seniors. Watch for details ahead!