

FROM THE PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Thank you to all who took part in our Town Hall meeting yesterday. The lively discussions and comments will provide important input into the preparation of our Parish Profile. For those who were unable to attend, it is not too late participate in this phase of our consultation. Please submit your thoughts on the most important things we should be looking for in our next Rector using the confidential email address parishselection@stthomas.on.ca or deposit in the dropbox outside the parish office addressed to the PSC.

The next step in our preparation is to conduct a parish-wide survey. This will be distributed in the next few days, and you are requested to submit your response not later than Sunday February 2. We ask for your prayers for the parish in this time of transition, and for the members of the PSC - Alice, Andrew, Anna, Bob, Jessica, Lorne, Michael and Pat.

SAINT THOMAS'S CHURCH SCHOOL

Everyone is welcome to attend, visit, observe, and partake. We begin in the hall at 10:50 am.

What's on for the month of January? Here's an overview of our 6 Sections of Church School:

- #1 – **The Old Testament** – More stories from the Book of Genesis – Cain & Abel, Noah's Ark, The Tower of Babel
- #2 – **Jesus' Life** – "If I'd Been Born in Bethlehem"; Joseph, Mary, & Jesus flee to Egypt
- #3 – **The New Testament – Parables** – The Rich Fool, The Prodigal Son; **Miracles** – Jesus Heals the Blind, The Fishing Miracle; **Disciples** – The 12 Names.
- #4 – **Prayer and Song** – For a Grateful Heart, by Robert Cooper; "God Always Listens" by F. Willson
- #5 – **The Eucharist and Christian Calendar** – The Collect of the Day; the First Reading
- #6 – **St. Thomas's Church** – The Vestments – What the clergy and acolytes wear.

Bible Verse in Sign Language – "God said, 'I'll Be With You'" – Exodus 3:12

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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Nursery Care is available during the 11:00 am Service.

Church School is held during the 11:00 am Service. Please speak to Siobhán Dungan for more information.

Coffee Hour: After each of the 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists, there is a time for fellowship in the parish hall. Enjoy light refreshments while getting to know members of the congregation and learning more about St Thomas's.

Need Assistance? The sidespeople are pleased to offer assistance. Please speak to them if you need Communion brought to you, or would like a booklet to guide you through our Liturgy.

Please keep this leaflet as a reminder of upcoming events, or visit our website.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY	THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD Solemn Evensong with Epiphany Carols, Procession & Devotions - 7:00 pm
Sat. Jan 18	10:00 am Mass in St Agnes Chapel Carl Benn Lecture - 3:30 pm (<i>see article</i>)
Sun. Jan 19	EPIPHANY II Rare Book Display - 12:30 pm (<i>see article</i>)
Thurs. Jan 23	Ancient Echoes at St John's Convent (<i>see article</i>)
Sat. Jan 25	Confluence Concert - 8:00 pm (<i>see article</i>)
Sun. Jan 26	THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL Evensong Prelude at 6:30 pm
Sun. Feb 2	CANDLEMAS
Tues. Feb 4	Society of Mary - 6:15 to 8:30 pm
Sun. Feb 9	SEPTUAGESIMA

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES by Prof. Carl Benn

You are invited to attend a fascinating series of lectures by Ryerson history professor Carl Benn in support of the *Our Heritage Is Our Future* campaign to renew St Thomas's Anglican Church facilities.

Please e-mail Michael Rowland to register for any lectures. Admission is free. Attendees will be invited to make a freewill donation by cash, cheque or major credit card, if they so choose, in support of the campaign.

***The Arts and Crafts Movement* Saturday, January 18, 2020 - 3:30 to 5:00 pm**

St Thomas's Church is one of Canada's more important buildings constructed and decorated within the principles of the Arts and Crafts movement that originated in the 1800s under the inspiration of English designer and reformer William Morris and his associates. In this illustrated lecture, we will place St Thomas's in its broader cultural context through an exploration of Arts and Crafts domestic and public architecture and decorative arts in Great Britain, the United States, and Canada.



RARE BOOK DISPLAY - January 19

Fr Ipema will show some of the treasures of his library and provide commentary on them during the coffee hour following the 11:00 o'clock Solemn Eucharist on Sunday, January 19. The Book of Common Prayer for Scotland from 1637 will be among these treasures.

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Christine will be away from January 20 to 28, but Fr Ipema will be in the office from 9:00 to noon on those days. If there is something you need from Christine in particular, please contact her this week. Regular office hours will resume at 8:30 am on Wednesday, January 29.

ANCIENT ECHOES - Orthodox influences in Canadian choral music

Thursday, January 23, at 6:00 pm

St John's Convent—233 Cummer Avenue

Hosted by the Toronto Chapter of the Fellowship of St Alban & St Sergius and St John's Convent, this is an evening to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Orthodox service of the Great Blessing of Water will be sung at 6:00 pm, followed by a sandwich supper.

At 7:00 pm Stephanie Martin, composer and professor of music at York University, will explore characteristics of Orthodox music, and how that influence is heard in the compositions of 'the Dean of Canadian composers' Healey Willan, and in her own oeuvre of contemporary choral music.

Please RSVP by January 17 to the Convent at 416-226-2201, ext. 305, or guesthouse@ssjd.ca.



CONFLUENCE CONCERTS PRESENTS:

Hugo and Willie: Songs For the Soul - January 25 at 8:00 pm

An eclectic showcase of the gorgeous lieder of Hugo Wolf and the brilliant songs of the Canadian iconoclast Willie P. Bennett, with Giles Tomkins, Patricia O'Callaghan, Andrew Downing, Kathryn Tremills, Larry Beckwith, Joey Wright and Martin Julien. Pre-show chat at 7:15 pm and a post-show reception in the Parish Hall. Visit bemusednetwork.com for tickets.



PRE-LENTEN PANCAKE SUPPER

Plans are underway to have a Parish Pancake Supper with Games suitable for all ages on Saturday, February 22nd at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Rob and Anna Kennedy and Siobhán Dungan will be organizing this event.



YOUR GIVINGS ENVELOPES FOR 2020 are ready for pickup. The envelopes are in the parish hall, filed in alphabetical order. Please speak to Kevin Blaggrave if you have questions, or need to make changes to your givings pattern, or want to obtain a set of envelopes. There are many options you may explore. Weekly or monthly envelopes are self-explanatory. Also available are quarterly envelopes; several envelopes for occasional givers; we also have means to hold post-dated cheques, etc. Kevin Blaggrave, Envelope Secretary. Email: envelopesecretary@stthomas.on.ca