#### THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS CARS AND DRIVERS

The first precursor to the car was a steam-powered vehicle made by Fr Ferdinand Verbiest in 1672. He was a Flemish Jesuit who served in the court of the Kangxi Emperor of China. This 65-cm-long vehicle was a toy for the emperor, but it was too small to carry anything besides its engine.

Today, cars are much larger and can carry people and cargo. The Friday Food Ministry is looking for people with cars to help us with the shopping for our meals. Every week we make a full meal from scratch which requires trips to the grocery store. Our homemade meals make our program standout and is a reason that our guests come back here week-after-week.

This is a great way to help with the Friday Food Ministry if you are unable to help prepare and serve the meal on Friday. We can reimburse you so there is no out-of-pocket expense.

If you are able to help, or have any additional question, please speak to James Shire after the service or email him at *fridayfoodministry@gmail.com*.



#### 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

Siobhán Dungan, St Thomas's Church School Coordinator

# JANUARY 19, 2020 EPIPHANY II

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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.

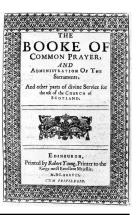
Please keep this leaflet as a reminder of upcoming events, or visit our website.

## **EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

TODAY	EPIPHANY II
	Rare Book Display - 12:30 pm (see article)
Thurs. Jan 23	Ancient Echoes at St John's Convent (see article)
Sat. Jan 25	Confluence Concert - 8:00 pm (see article)
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
Sat. Feb 15	<b>Altar Guild Training Session</b> - 10:30 am to 1:00 pm
Sun. Feb 16	SEXAGESIMA
Mon. Feb 17	Family Day - Office Closed
Sat. Feb 22	Pancake Supper - 6:00 to 8:00 pm

#### TODAY - RARE BOOK DISPLAY

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 today. The Book of Common Prayer for Scotland from 1637 will be among these treasures.



### **OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

Christine is away until Wednesday, January 29, but Fr Ipema will be in the office from 9:00 to noon while she is on vacation. Please send any Vestry Reports or other information as usual.

#### 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.

FR ANDREWS' INDUCTION AT ST JUDE'S—February 9, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Reverend Mark Andrews will be inducted as the twentieth Rector of St Jude's Anglican Church, 160 William Street in Oakville, on Sunday February 9 at 3:00 pm.

All are welcome to attend. The Right Reverend Susan Bell, Bishop of Niagara will officiate, and the Reverend Dr. Gary Thorne, Chaplain of Huron College will preach. The service will be followed by a reception with light refreshments in Victoria Hall.



### PRE-LENTEN PANCAKE SUPPER

Plans are underway to have a Parish Pancake Supper with Games suitable for all ages on Saturday, February 22 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 Blagrave 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 Blagrave, Envelope Secretary. Email: envelopesecretary@stthomas.on.ca

### FROM THE PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE:

As an important part of the parish consultation, the Parish Selection Committee (PSC) is in the final stages of preparing a parish survey. The survey will be distributed to members of the parish early in the week by email, or by mail if there is no email on record. Every member is requested to complete and return their survey so that the committee has as broad a view as possible of the opinions of the parish. The deadline for return of the survey is Sunday, February 2. Completing the survey by the deadline will help keep the selection process on track.

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.