

## ANNUAL OPERATING FUND PLEDGE FORMS REMINDER AND DUE DATE CHANGE

Due to the recent postal service slow down, the annual Operating Fund pledge forms are now not due back until January 13<sup>th</sup>. If you can return your form earlier, please do so as it will help us process these more quickly. You can put the form and envelope in the collection plate, drop it off to the office, or mail it in. Thank you for supporting Saint Thomas's and the annual pledge process.



### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

*Be still and know that I am God*

Meditation Groups will start meeting again beginning:

- The Tuesday Group on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in St Agnes's Chapel below the Church, and
- The Wednesday Group on January 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the Fr Freeland Room at the rear of the Parish Hall

We will be using new material from Fr Laurence as the basis for our discussions after meditation.

Inquirers are always welcome to audit one or more sessions. No prior experience in meditation is necessary to join a group. Both sessions use the same focus and material each week. You are welcome to attend either, as your timetable permits.

For more information please contact Fr Brian Bartley.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING - February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place February 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a COMBINED Eucharist at 10:30 am, followed by a light lunch prepared by the Friars' Guild. The meeting will commence at 12:30 pm.

**Need to write a report for Vestry?** Beat the last-minute rush, and send it in to the office for processing! You'll be glad you did, and your fellow parishioners will be impressed when they read on our website about all of the work you have done at Saint Thomas's in the past year. You will also be the envy of anyone who may procrastinate on writing their own reports.

Please send your reports to Christine at [saintthomas@rogers.com](mailto:saintthomas@rogers.com).

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## THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

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### WELCOME TO ST THOMAS'S

**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 at:

[www.stthomas.on.ca](http://www.stthomas.on.ca).

### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY</b> 7:00 pm <b>EPIPHANY CAROLS</b>
Wed. Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Society of Mary</b> - 6:15 pm
Sun. Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b>
Sun. Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EPIPHANY II</b> 6:30 pm <b>Evensong Prelude</b> with Matthew Whitfield
Sat. Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Confluence Concert</b> - 7:00 pm
Sun. Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL</b>
Sat. Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Education Event with Gary Thorne</b> - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm <b>Cellovision Concert</b> - 7:00 pm ( <i>see article</i> )
Sun. Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>CANDLEMAS</b>
Wed. Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bishop's Pre-Lenten Teaching Series</b> - 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Sun. Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EPIPHANY V</b>
Wed. Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Society of Mary</b> - 6:15 pm ( <i>at St Mary Magdalene</i> ) <b>Bishop's Pre-Lenten Teaching Series</b> - 7:30 – 9:00 pm

## WELCOME TO MATTHEW WHITFIELD

Matthew Whitfield started his tenure as Saint Thomas's Music Director and Organist, on January 1, 2019.

Matthew received his musical training from York University, where he earned his BFA studying with Stephanie Martin, and the University of Toronto, where he received his MMus and worked with John Tuttle. While at the University of Toronto, Matthew performed in masterclasses with Canadian organists Ken Cowan and Isabelle Demers and won prizes in a number of National and Regional organ competitions.

As a conductor, Matthew has given performances of numerous large-scale choral and vocal works, including the York University production of Purcell's 'Dido and Aeneas' and J.S. Bach's 'Musical Offering.' Matthew enjoys exploring ensemble works from all eras, whether Renaissance polyphony or intricate modern works.

Also a writer, Matthew is Early Music columnist for The WholeNote Magazine and covers the Toronto pipe organ scene for both The WholeNote and the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

Before joining St Thomas's, Matthew was Organist & Director of Music at St John the Baptist Norway Anglican Church in Toronto. We welcome Matthew and his wife Jessika, who is also a musician, to the parish.



## EVENSONG PRELUDE - Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Evensong Preludes showcase the many talented musicians in our parish and extended parish family while offering a time of quiet reflection before the service. Thank you to all the artists for their volunteer musical offerings.

On Sunday, January 20, Matthew Whitfield will play Franz Liszt's 'Fantasia and Fugue on the Chorale "Ad Nos, Ad Salutarem Undam."'

**YOUR GIVINGS ENVELOPES FOR 2019** are now ready for pickup. The envelopes are in the parish hall, filed in alphabetical order. Please talk to Barb Obrai 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. Barbara Obrai, Envelope Secretary. Email: [stthomas.env.sec@gmail.com](mailto:stthomas.env.sec@gmail.com)

## EDUCATION EVENT - THE SACRAMENT OF MEMORY with Gary Thorne

Saturday, February 2, at 11:00 am



As a continuation of events to mark our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Rev'd Dr Gary Thorne will be joining us to deliver a lecture entitled 'The Sacrament of Memory.' All are welcome as we reflect together upon the significance of memory in Christian thought and Church practice.

The Rev'd Dr Gary Thorne is currently Chaplain at Huron University College in London, Ontario. Previously, he served as chaplain to both King's College and Dalhousie University for thirteen years.

Gary has a BA (Philosophy) from Acadia University and Aberdeen University, an M.A. (Philosophy) from Dalhousie University, an M.A. (Classics) from Dalhousie University, an M.Div. from the Atlantic School of Theology, and a Ph.D. (Theology) from Durham University.

He is retired with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel from the Canadian Armed Forces, having received several decorations as a result of his service, including a tour with the United Nations Observer Force in the Golan Heights. Revd Dr. Thorne is the recipient of three honorary doctorates, as well as the Queen Elizabeth Golden Jubilee Medal and the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal.



## CELLOVISION CONCERT - Saturday, February 2, at 7:00 pm

Cellovision's fifth anniversary concert will be held at St Thomas's. This cello octet was formed in 2014 by Alexander Smith, a bass in our 11:00 am choir. Our program includes cello arrangements of choral music by Philip Stopford and organ music by Louis Vierne that you will have heard here in services, as well as our usual eclectic mix ranging from traditional orchestral repertoire to progressive rock.

As this is our fifth anniversary, our feature piece will be the Haydn C Major cello concerto, with a different cellist taking the solo part for each movement.

Admission is by donation, with all proceeds going to St Thomas. Come help us celebrate five years of making music together!



## PRE-LENTEN BIBLE STUDY ON THE APOSTLES' CREED

On the evenings of February 6, 13, and 20, Bishop Jenny Andison will be facilitating a Bible study in the Parish Hall at St Thomas's. More details will be available later, but this series will be open to everyone.