

Our Heritage Is Our Future Campaign Statements

Annual statements for those who have donated or made a pledge to the *Our Heritage Is Our Future* campaign are currently being prepared and will be sent out in November.

Questions about your statement can be directed to Envelope Secretary, Kevin Blgrave, at envelopesecretary@stthomas.on.ca. Many thanks for your continued support of this important five-year campaign.

Annual Operating Fund Pledge Process

We invite and encourage all parishioners to make a pledge of their anticipated regular givings to Saint Thomas's in 2020. Pledge packages are at the back of the church and are due back by December 15. It is crucial to maintain a healthy outlook on operating funds so that we can plan effectively and provide the full ministry that God is calling us to carry out as a parish community. Please consider prayerfully what you can do to increase your current operating givings as stewards of St Thomas's Church.

~ Michael Rowland



THE MANDARIN MINISTRY AT SAINT THOMAS'S

We welcome you to the family of Saint Thomas's Church. Our Mandarin fellowship starts at 5:00 pm every Monday. We hope that the Chinese community can be a harbour of love for you, and a place where we can experience God's presence and grace together.

Contact person: Michael Liu.

衷心欢迎您来到圣多马堂。我们的中文团契每周一下午五点开始在教堂晚祷，接着一起晚餐和学习圣经。

盼望圣多马堂可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

TRINITY XXII

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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	TRINITY XXII A Reception for James Shire will follow the 11:00 am Mass (<i>please see article</i>)
Sat. Nov 23	Carl Benn Lecture - 3:30 pm (<i>please see article</i>)
Sun. Nov 24	THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT—REIGN OF CHRIST Pre-Christmas Sale following the 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists Evensong Prelude at 6:30 pm with Jennifer McCallum, soprano
Sun. Dec 1	ADVENT I Advent Carols - 7:00 pm
Sun. Dec 8	ADVENT II
Tues. Dec 10	The New Moms Group - 5:00 pm, Nursery The Society of Mary - 6:15-8:00 pm
Fri. Dec 13	The Ensemble Masques Concert - 5:00 pm

DESIGNATED PEWS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

Starting today, we are trying a new area for the Church School to use when they join us in the service. Please note that the last two pews in the far left area, facing the altar, will be designated for children of all ages, and their families.

TODAY - GUEST SPEAKER THE REV'D CANON ALYSON BARNETT-COWAN

The Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan is the immediate Past President of the Canadian Council of Churches, and an honorary assistant at St Martin in the Fields in Toronto. She served as Director for Unity Faith and Order for the Anglican Communion, and Ecumenical Officer of the Anglican Church of Canada. She is a former parishioner and field student of St Thomas's.



JAMES SHIRE TO BECOME A DEACON

Please join us for a drink of something sparkling on November 17 after the 11:00 am mass when we can wish James well.

James Shire will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on December 21 in his home Diocese of Hawaii. He will be serving as Deacon at St Thomas's while he continues his studies, and continues to serve as Co-ordinator of our Friday Food Ministry.



THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY is meeting this Friday, November 22 from 3:00 to 7:30 pm. We need volunteers to help shop, prepare, serve, and clean-up. The Friday Food Ministry serves those in need in Toronto and we serve between 70-100 guests, and any help is greatly appreciated.

Please contact James at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com if you are able to help, or have questions.



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.

Lecture 2—*Toronto Church Architecture, 1793-1893* Saturday, November 23, 2019 - 3:30 to 5:00 pm

In 1793, within days of the founding of a community that would become urban Toronto, people gathered for their first Sunday service. In this illustrated lecture, we will examine the diversities of Toronto church architecture through the Neoclassical visions of the Georgians and on to the Gothic Revival and eclectic tastes of the Victorians in the denominationally pluralistic city, from the time of its founding to the opening of today's St Thomas's Church a century later.

PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE - in the Parish Hall on November 24, following the 9:30 and 11:00 services

Please join us next Sunday for St Thomas's annual Pre Christmas sale! This highly anticipated event is a wonderful time for fellowship and shopping. We will have works of art priced to fit every budget, featuring artists from our parish. There will also be preserves from this season's fruit, as well as fresh baked goods to buy. Vendor tables will include: crafts, knitted items, jewellery, books, attic treasures and collectibles. Cash, debit and credit cards are accepted.

Contact Names: Barb Obrai or Michelle Mayers-Van Herk



EVENSONG PRELUDE—November 24, 2019

Evensong Preludes showcase the many talented musicians in our parish and extended parish family while offering a time of quiet reflection before the service.

Jennifer McCallum, soprano, and Matthew Whitfield, organ, will present a recital before Evensong next Sunday, featuring J.S. Bach's cantata, *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen!*, BWV 51.



THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS FORKS

The fork as a personal dining utensil was likely first invented in the Byzantine Empire over 1700 years ago, and since then has become one of the most ubiquitous table utensils in the world. However, the Friday Food Ministry is in need of the useful utensils as we often run out of forks in a meal service.

Any metal forks you could spare for the Friday Food Ministry would be deeply appreciated. Feel free to drop them at the parish office this next week, or bring them to church with you next Sunday. If you have further questions, please contact James at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com.

PARKING AT SAINT THOMAS'S

As we all know, parking at St Thomas's is limited. This has led to some people parking their vehicles on the area in front of the Church, between the sidewalk and the street. **These are not legal parking spaces, and we have had complaints** about this habit. If you want a paid parking space nearby, arrangements can be made. Please contact Marilyn Ramsingh.