

Matt's Media

The Newsletter of St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Islington

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From the Pastor

Rev. Philip Stonhouse

Doesn't it often feel like the length of time between Christmas and Lent is very short? After basking in the hope and love of this newly born Christ child, we are suddenly faced with 40 days of struggle so that we might become something more. In parenting I now face a similar reality. It's like tightrope-walking between joy/elation and adjustment: while juggling and figuring out where my parenting must improve, I am learning that there is still more I must do for this joy and potential to become established.

This tension between a new hope and the need to change becomes more natural for me as I experience their convergence. New hope and life are great, but we must be open, ready, and reformed enough to receive them, let alone to live in this new reality. Just like the Israelites who escaped from slavery in Egypt, it doesn't matter whether God provides everything we need or brings us into a new land. If we continue to live the way we did before (in Egypt or without a baby) or even to desire the old ways, then we never really left – the new hope doesn't live in us yet.

God wants to help us live in this new life and love. That is the reason the Easter season lasts so long, followed by Pentecost, which stretches into months of regular time; God wants us to rest in hope, to live it out, and to know it throughout our days – not to have it end. We are not just Christmas people, where hope and life were born among us. We are meant to be Easter people, where we have died to the old life and been reborn into a life of hope intertwined with the very life of God.

That is why Lent is so important. For 40 days plus Sundays, we relive the 40 days of the flood that Noah and his family endured in the ark, we relive the 40 years in the desert which Israel spent on the way to the Promised Land, and we experience the 40 days during which Jesus was tempted in the desert. In each case, these 40 days/years mark a purification or preparation for the ministry and hope that follows. For Noah, he was meant to begin a whole new changed humanity; for Israel; they were meant to live in and create a land of bounty, not unlike the Garden; for Jesus, he would change people's hearts and so change humanity and the world forever.

What could these 40 days of Lent mean for you? What kind of life is God trying to lead you into?

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From the Pastor *(continued)*

What must die, or be put aside, so that this new hope might live in you? It is not an easy question, because it is about so much more than just fasting. God is trying to create a changed world, a changed humanity, and it starts with your heart.

Be thoughtful about this. Be prayerful and discern with God what the next step is in your journey. Be particular about what you do, because our faith is not just thoughts. Our faith is words and actions, too; it is lived out and it is meant to be a part of our whole being.

This Lent, our sermons will lead us through a series called “Escape for Your Life,” where we look closely at the first few chapters of Exodus when God, through Moses, leads Israel out of slavery in Egypt. This is a message not just about God’s saving work then, but also about his saving work now. It is meant to show us what he wants to save us from and bring us into. You might think you know the story, but there is so much more than what I heard in Sunday School (though we have some superb teachers).

Our short Lenten Bible Study will be about the next step: What Do We Escape Into? We will spend four weeks on the first half of the Beatitudes (in a study by John Stott). These short little phrases which Jesus speaks at the start of the Sermon on the Mount attempt to shape our hearts and minds to both be and experience God’s blessings.

I hope you will use both the Sermon series and the Bible Study in your journey towards a renewed life. May this be for each and every one of you a Holy Lent where you grow in your closeness with God, so that His resurrected hope may live in you.



Black History Month: Recommended Viewing

Self Made. Inspired by the life of Madam C.J. Walker

Aina R'Abel Forbes recommends watching this limited series on Netflix. It's the inspiring story of trailblazing African American entrepreneur Madam C.J. Walker who built a haircare empire that made her America's first female self-made millionaire. "It's really good and only four episodes. I just watched it and was amazed at how many things I learned or recalled."

Wardens' Report

Karen Lee, Stuart Watt, Marguerite Locke and Sharon Shao

As we enter this new year and the depths of winter, we trust that you and your family are keeping well and safe. We want to extend congratulations to Rev. Philip and Mary Anne on the birth of their son, Matteo James Stonhouse. Welcome, Matteo, to your St. Matthew's family!

Thanks to our staff and volunteers for their ongoing dedication to the many ministries of the parish. We thank Tyler Versluis for his continued leadership of our music ministry and in particular the concert, Songs for Our Lord and Lady, held on Sunday afternoon, January 22. We also acknowledge the dedication of all the volunteers who participate in providing the Club Matt, Messy Church and Youth programs. Thanks to Rev. Merv, Simon Wukasz and others for leading services following the birth of Matteo.

We are grateful to Rev. Philip, Rev. Merv, staff, and volunteers for our Advent and Christmas spiritual journey. The Christmas pageant was a tremendous success with more than 30 families participating! And many thanks to the Chancel Guild for so beautifully decorating the church,

Many thanks to our Tech Team who keep us connected online every Sunday as well as for many other services and events. There is always room for new members to join the team. Should you be interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer on the team, please contact Karen Lee via email: karen@leeco.ca

This year we are excited to be able to join with you in celebrating 75 Years of 'Sharing Jesus' Love' in our community and Central Etobicoke. We look forward to the many events being planned, especially the Church Photo Directory. Please contact Sharon Shao via the office to provide your photograph.

Our annual Vestry Meeting will be held on February 26 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We look forward to seeing you.

May you and your families find this Lenten Season to be a fruitful time of reflection leading to a Joyful Easter Time! Blessings!

Chancel Guild: Easter Flowers & Assistance

Mary Gleeson

Altar Flowers for Easter

As has been our custom, we plan to order flowers – lilies and hydrangeas for the Easter season. We much appreciate the congregational support given for this each year. Please watch the weekly newsletter for order dates and prices.



Help Required

Altar Assistance: Two of our members, Cliff LaRose and Richard Farrar, have had some medical issues but we hope to welcome them back soon to assist us with our duties. In the meantime, since our membership is small but faithful, we would welcome anyone else who feels they can assist us on a Saturday morning for a half hour or so, and also on Sundays after the services. Training is gratefully provided.

Flower Arranging: Sandra Wilson will be off to Australia for a month in the spring to visit relatives. We wish her safe travels, but we will miss her company and her expertise with flowers over the Easter season. Will you help? Come now! Learn from the best – before Sandra leaves.



‘Care and Share’ Campaign for our 75th Anniversary *Warden Team*

Are you looking for a special way to make your Lenten journey and beyond rather unique? The Clergy/Warden team have the answer.

Every day for 75 days, to celebrate St. Matthew's 75 years of ministry inside and outside our walls, we invite you to **drop a loonie or toonie into your special JAR** which will be distributed on Tuesday February 21 at the Pancake Supper, or Ash Wednesday, February 22. You can also pick up a jar from the round table in the Narthex/entrance to the church after February 22.

The challenge to each household is to make a daily contribution to your jar for **75 days**. On **Sunday May 7** we ask that the jars be returned. They will be blessed by Rev. Philip during our services.

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Holy⁺Week **SCHEDULE**


April 5 (Wednesday)	10:30 AM
April 6 (Maundy Thursday)	TBD (Dinner & Worship)
April 7 (Good Friday)	10:30 AM
April 9 (Easter Sunday)	6:30, 9:30 & 11 AM

What's Happening

Tues Feb 21	Pancake Supper & Shrove Tuesday Service: 6:15 p.m.	Gym & Sanctuary
Wed Feb 22	Ash Wednesday Worship: 10:30 a.m.	In person
	Ash Wednesday Worship: 7:00 p.m.	In person & online
Sat Feb 25	Messy Church: 4:00 p.m.	In person (Gym)
Sun Feb 26	Unity Worship: 10:30 a.m.	In person & online
	Vestry Meeting (following service)	
Wed Mar 1	BCP Worship: 10:30 a.m.	In person
Sat Mar 4	Men's Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.	Sunset Grill
	Contact dave.oakden@gmail.com	1510 Dundas St. (Miss.)
Sun Mar 5	All Ages Worship: 9:30 a.m.	In person & online
	BAS Worship: 11:00 a.m.	In person & online
🎵	Concert—Ashes: A Lenten Recital 2:00 p.m. (page 13)	In person & online
Tues Mar 7	Lenten Bible Studies begin (to March 28): 7:00 p.m.	In person & online
Wed Mar 8	BCP Worship: 10:30 a.m.	In person
Sun Mar 12	All Ages Worship: 9:30 a.m.	In person & online
	BAS Worship: 11:00 a.m.	In person & online
Wed Mar 15	BCP Worship: 10:30 a.m.	In person
Sun Mar 19	All Ages Worship: 9:30 a.m.	In person & online
	BCP Worship: 11:00 a.m.	In person & online
Wed Mar 22	BCP Worship: 10:30 a.m.	In person
✝	Stations of the Cross: 7:00-9:00 p.m. (page 19)	In person
Sat Mar 25	✝ Stations of the Cross: 4:00-6:00 p.m. (page 19)	In person
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Sun Mar 26	All Ages Worship: 9:30 a.m.	In person & online
	BAS Worship: 11:00 a.m.	In person & online
Wed Mar 29	BCP Worship: 10:30 a.m.	In person
Sat Apr 1	Men's Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.	Sunset Grill
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Sun Apr 2	Palm Sunday Unity Worship & breakfast: 10:30 a.m.	In person & online
Wed Apr 3	BCP Worship: 10:30 a.m.	In person
Thurs Apr 6	Maundy Thursday Worship & dinner: TBD	In person & online
Fri Apr 7	Good Friday Worship: 10:30 a.m.	In person & online
Sun Apr 7	Easter Sunday Worship: 6:30, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.	In person & online Sunrise service in person only

Welcoming Ministry / Pastoral Care... It takes all of US! *Deborah H.*

Do you wonder what the Welcoming Committee does? Here are highlights from our January meeting.

- Outreach Calls
 - Is there someone you haven't seen for a while? Are you not sure why they haven't been at church? Reach out and give them a call...it might just make their day. What is better than experiencing the work of God in a friend?
- Thank You!
 - Many calls and cards of appreciation were received from recipients of the Christmas Bags (FRIENDS for Friends) delivered from St. Matthew's.
 - Thanks to everyone who filled the Christmas gift bags for the homeless. The rice krispie Christmas trees, cards, chocolates, candy cane reindeer, a \$5 Tim's card, warm socks, glove, etc., were especially appreciated by those who attended the Winter Solstice Feast at Holy Trinity in conjunction with Toronto Urban Native Ministries (TUNM).
- Getting to Know You!
 - Just a reminder to introduce yourself every time you may be chatting with another parishioner. Some people are better with names than others, some names stick with us, some of us have moments of block... Saying your name may just be the conversation starter that is needed to break the ice or make someone new feel welcomed!
 - If you have a St. Matthew's name tag, please wear it. If you don't have one and would like one, please complete the order form. Order forms are on the next page and available at the Welcome table in the Narthex. Name tags are \$15 each with a magnetic fastener so it will not ruin any outfits. It will look like this: 
- Beyond Soup
 - The program has been well used and received. It will continue at this time and be reassessed again in the spring.
 - Recipient needs were Illness (7), Bereavement (2), Support (3).
 - If you know anyone in need, you may contact the Office or Deborah to pick up soup or entrees for you to share.
- Reaching Beyond Our Doors
 - For many years the Out of the Cold Program gave us the opportunity to support the needs of others outside our Parish. Now that we no longer provide this program, are there others in need of our support? What is God calling us to do next? Sometimes we just need to listen and pray that we will be guided.

Our next meeting will be March 21 at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. We meet in the afternoon because this works best for everyone currently. If you would like to join us but the time doesn't work, we are more than willing to adjust to accommodate. Please feel free to join us or send along comments, suggestions, or ideas. Your prayers (that our work is making a difference) are always welcome, too!

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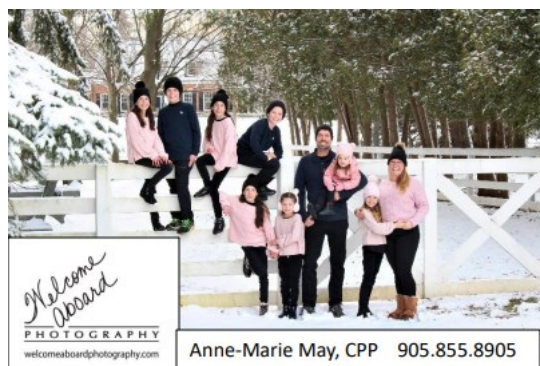
Help Wanted

Tech Team: We are currently asking for anyone who may be interested in learning and helping run the sound system and PowerPoint on Sundays. Both adults and youth are encouraged to join. We would be happy to train you even if you don't feel up to the task. It is a great way to get involved and youth can earn volunteer hours. We do have six members, but currently, due to a variety of reasons, only two are available. So, help of any kind would be appreciated.

Coffee Hour Hosts: Please take a turn to provide nibbles and milk/cream for coffee hour after the 11:00 and 10:30 Sunday worship services in the lounge. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge kitchen.

Chancel Guild: Speak to Mary Gleeson before or after church about assisting with laundry, setting up or tidying after communion. 416-239-9640

Flower Arranging: Learn from the best! Sandra Wilson arranges the Altar Flowers on Saturday morning but will be away for several weeks and would like to train you to fill in for her. 416-459-8493 (We don't use flowers during Lent - February 26 to March 26.)



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Messy Church

Linda Dickson

Friendship, smiles, laughter, worship, sharing a meal and, of course, MESSY! January's Messy Church was all the above as we explored our theme, "Sharing our Journey with Jesus."

Crafts included origami boats, map footprints, decorating foam squares to sit on, and footprint painting which was Messy but fun. We talked about what you might need if you were going on a journey. The event ended with a meal and a 'muffin boat rigged with a fruit mast' which was made by each child as a craft activity.

There is nothing better than seeing new faces who were brought by friends, and adults and children enjoying each other's company and fellowship.

Our next event will be held on February 25, 4:00-6:00 pm.

Look for information on the table in the Narthex for future dates.



Food Cupboard

Noel Martin

In the past few months, our food cupboard has been operating in a very limited way. We currently have few clients asking for food, but those that do come regularly, and we want to be able to help.

The Food Cupboard stocks small amounts of many items: soups, stews, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned meat, small cereal packs, canned vegetables and fruit, and Kraft Dinner. We don't need large amounts but like to have a stock of everything. We are currently well stocked with dry pasta, beans, soap, and toothbrushes.

Your donations of any amount are appreciated. If we have surplus or if stock will not be used before its Best Before Date, we are taking it to St. James United Church, which manages a large "Food Basket" operation. We will continue to collect your donations, and put them to the best use as we help provide for those struggling with food insecurity in our area.

Children and Youth Programs

Lianne Thompson & Rev. Philip Stonhouse

As we enter 2023, there are adventures to be had, journeys to be taken and Jesus' love to be explored and celebrated together. The following is a recap (with photos!) of some of the highlights of the children and youth programs through the end of 2022 and into a new year.

Pageant

What a joyous Christmas celebration we experienced on December 18. We were delighted that we had 30 children and youth participating in the pageant this year, all in person! In fact, we had so many participants that we got creative and had FIVE narrators, and TWO sets of Mary and Joseph.

What a joy it was to witness the Christmas story take shape before our eyes with the church fuller than we had seen in a couple of years. We are grateful to Reverend Philip for his spectacular and dramatic leadership, all the Moms and Dads who helped prepare their little ones, the Club Matt and Youth leaders for making it all happen, and especially the children and youth who brought the story to life!



Children and Youth Programs *(continued)*

Club Matt Program

Wrapping up the Advent / Christmas program, the children learned about the Wise People and their journey to the Christ child. That was the perfect introduction to our next segment in the Club Matt program – All About Jesus.



We will follow Jesus through his life, and hear about amazing moments that happened from the time he was a young boy through calling the disciples and performing miracles. This journey with Jesus will continue through the next few months, all the way to the glory of Easter.

St. Matt's Youth

Our youth Sunday morning program at the 9:30 service continues each week on all sorts of topics as we explore faith and what it means to each of us. Youth Friday night events occur on the first and third Fridays of each month. These events are a mix of fun activities and discussion on topics of what faith looks like today.

Have a peek at the last few events!

- *Advent celebration*

At the end of November, the group gathered and prepared for the Christmas season with games and making ornaments! The 30 ornaments were added to Christmas cheer gift packages delivered to St. Matthew's folks.

- *Rock-climbing*

We wrapped up 2022 with a climbing event at Boulderz Climbing Centre. Those who attended said we **MUST** do that one again!



Children and Youth Programs *(continued)*

- Cooking fun and service*

In January, the group worked in teams to learn how cook a Shepherd's Pie and a hearty Lentil Soup to support the Beyond Soup program at St. Matthew's which provides meals to those in need. We also learned all about vanilla from Aina R'Abel and baked a cake to share as a community together at the end of the evening.



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Introducing our Family and Discipleship Ministry Associate

Amanda Palias is joyful to become St. Matthew's Family and Discipleship Ministry Associate. She and her family have been attending the 9:30 service recently. Amanda is married to Guillaume, and they live in southwest Etobicoke with their two amazing girls, Amelie (8) and Evangeline (5), and their beloved bulldog "Rosie." Gui's mother, Anu, lives next door.

Amanda has over 20 years of ministry experience working with children and discipleship groups as well as on international missions' teams. She graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in political science in 2012 and subsequently worked at World Vision Canada and The Meeting House. She is a recent seminary graduate, earning a Master of Arts degree in Ministry, Leadership and Culture from Fresno Pacific University and has been using her gifts online through her website amandapalias.com, and on YouTube, TikTok and IG.



Introducing our Youth Ministry Associate

Hi, St. Matthew's! My name is Bryan Tran and I'm overjoyed at the opportunity to serve as the Youth Ministry Associate. I'm relatively new to the community but you may have seen me and my wife, Tatiana Saliba, serving at the 9:30 a.m. coffee hour, handing out fresh herbs and greens during the holidays, attending Bible Studies and courses, marvelling at the beautiful music during concerts, volunteering at the occasional Messy Church and, most recently, singing as part of the choir.

Now more than ever, the world needs youth who have strong foundations in faith, community, and compassionate understanding. It's truly an honour to facilitate and guide this process of spiritual formation and community building with our beloved youth. I am excited for the journey ahead and look forward to connecting with you more in the near future. Thanks be to God, for his Spirit that works through us, and who has called us all here together to grow his Kingdom.



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Being Open and Being Christlike

Tyler Versluis

In his book *The Church Impotent: The Feminization of Christianity*, polemicist Leon J. Podles argues (rather haphazardly) that the modern church has grown to largely appeal to the sensibilities, needs, and spiritual desires of women while ignoring the same from men. According to Podles, this manifests not only in the programs and services offered by churches and the clergy, but is also inherent in the music and liturgy itself.

There is some basis for what Podles is arguing. According to a Pew Research study on gender and religion, women are generally more religious than men, spanning across cultures, religions, and age-groups. 64% of American women say they pray daily, a large difference from American men at 47%. Podles writes that there is something about church that turns men away, and that this problem is not new. In the days of the early American colonies, a group of men lodged complaints against their local priest, claiming he was stealing away women from their community, and that he was a largely useless addition to the colony as he was unable to perform hard physical labour. In the 19th century, Friedrich Nietzsche argued that Christianity itself was largely anti-masculine as it stressed weakness, submission, and empathy. According to Podles, songs of devotion to Jesus, and consistent metaphors of the Church being the “bride of Christ” also seem to repel men, whether overtly or subliminally.

While I won’t claim to be a defendant of Podles’ or Nietzsche’s criticisms of modern Christianity, it is a good reminder that the Church is for all believers, regardless of gender, age, stature, or race. No doubt in the Anglican denomination we struggle with this reality, as our rootedness in “Englishness” and our elite position in Canadian history holds us back from welcoming people outside our quaint bubble. While polarized sides are much more eager to “one-up” each other rather than pursue a balanced view of reality, I am reminded more often that the Church seems to be the only truly universal organization left on Earth, and yes, the one I place the most hope in.

“The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it.” Terry Pratchett, author

I am also reminded that being universal and embracing “openness” does not necessarily mean wearing away our traditions or hiding the more daring truths that Christianity has to offer under the rug. Rather, openness is making sure that we are good disciples, and not building up structures, programs, and liturgies that seek to please a closed-off community, content to exist in a feedback loop of their own satisfaction. Surely Jesus Christ showed us how we are to do this. The only problem is our own lack of obedience.



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Christmas Season Synopsis

Kathie Oakden

We celebrated a beautiful Christmas Season.

- Our afternoon Advent Lessons and Carols Service was a highlight: familiar readings were interspersed with carols chosen and played by Tyler Versluis. Tyler's wife, Erika Sitko, soprano, along with Michelle Lorimer, voice and piano, were soloists. For some favourites, the congregation joined in with the choir.
- The Blue Christmas Service supported those whose memories carried the grief of bereavement.
- Gift bags filled with a \$5 Tim Horton's card, socks, gloves, hand warmers, etc., were personalized with cards, reindeer candy canes and Rice Krispie cookies made by Club Matt and Messy Church. These were delivered to Holy Trinity Church for the Toronto Urban Native Ministry Christmas Feast.
- Thanks to parishioners and friends (including the Jeff Healey Pickleball League) for donations of toys, books, and stuffed animals. More than 100 items were delivered to the Scott Mission on December 19.
- Gift Bags of Christmas baking, treats, and useful items were delivered to our Friends for Friends parishioners.
- Our Christmas Pageant and Dessert Potluck was a treasured experience for both children and adults involving families from Club Matt and Messy Church (see pages 8 and 9).
- Meaningful worship services with magnificent Advent and Christmas Music.

Thank you, everyone.



We're Collecting Again!

Over the years we have collected various items to support local charities. At the Welcome Ministry/Pastoral Care Team meeting, we were remembering items that we dropped into boxes at church! We have resumed collecting the following:

Stamps: Oxfam collects used postage stamps to raise funds for the *Stamp Out Poverty* program, with a focus on the needs of women and girls. Save foreign, Canadian, and commemorative stamps. Please save the entire envelope if there are clearly identifiable town/village postmarks or registered/special delivery postmarks.

Eyeglasses: The Lions Club of Canada will collect and donate eyewear free of charge to people in developing countries. They accept prescription and sunglasses.

Milk bags: The outer plastic bag from your three bags of milk can be made into sleeping mats! MILKBAGSunlimited collects the bags to weave mats, purses, shoes etc. The bags cannot disintegrate in landfills. They will become a mattress for people who have nothing but bare earth or cardboard to sleep on.

Pop can tabs: have long been collected by many people. A little research found it to be true...they can be turned into wheelchairs! March of Dimes Canada collects aluminum pop tabs year-round, and the recycling of these tabs generates revenue that benefit their Assistive Devices Program that helps buy, repair and maintain a wide variety of mobility or assistive equipment including wheelchairs.

For more information, here are the web sites:

[Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre - CLERC](#)

[Support Oxfam by Stamping Out Poverty | Oxfam Canada](#)

[Networks - Milk Bags \(milkbagsunlimited.ca\)](#)

[Pop Tabs | March of Dimes Canada](#)

You may drop off the items in the marked boxes outside the Office or drop them off at the Welcome table in the Narthex and we will ensure they get to the right place. If there are any other small items you would like us to collect, let Deborah Hurn know, and we will see if we can facilitate.

St. Matthew's Praise Band

On-line parishioners began asking: "Who is the soprano singing at the 9:30 service? Who is playing guitar?"

Meet Michelle Lorimer, voice and guitar, and her family: children, Sophia on keyboard (and occasionally organ), Josh on cello, and her husband, Paul, providing technical support for them and with them on our Zoom Tech Team. We are grateful for their arrival during COVID! (Michelle also provided an article in Matt's Media about reading the Psalms.)

With Tyler Versluis on piano, and recently Lauren Ward, who joined us through Messy Church, on violin, this is St. Matthew's Praise Band.

Songs for Our Lord and Lady

Songs For Our Lord and Lady, the third concert in our series in memory of Sally Martin, was performed on January 22.

Musical Moments at St. Matthew's Presents



SONGS FOR OUR LORD & LADY

Featuring:
Leanne Vida, Cynthia Smithers, voice
Erick Oliver Wawrzekiewicz, violin
Tyler Versluis, organ & piano



Leanne Vida



Cynthia Smithers



Erick Wawrzekiewicz



Tyler Versluis

Concert Programme

O Bone Jesu by Alessandro Grandi (1590-ca. 1630)

Three Latin Prayers (1978) by Giacinto Scelsi (1905-1988)

The Angelus (1893) Cécile Chaminade (1857-1944) by Text: Armand Silvestre (1837-1901) Text trans. Eugène Oudin (1858-1894)

Four Songs for Voice and Violin (1916-17) Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

O Domina Nostra (1982-85) Henryk Mikołaj Górecki (1933-2010), *Meditations on Our Lady of Jasna Góra*

Reception in the narthex followed.

Greetings St. Matt's family! *Cole, Amy, Ambrose, Isaac, Ephraim and August Hartin*

Editor's Note: Amy and Cole joined St. Matt's when Amy was hired for our Youth program. They married, Cole helped Amy, Cole earned his PhD at Wycliffe and served here, Ambrose & Isaac arrived. They went to New Brunswick. They are dearly missed.

The Hartins moved to Texas! This was the last place we'd thought we would ever go, but over the past few months it became clear that God was leading us here. I (Cole) accepted a position as an associate rector at [Christ Church Episcopal](#) in Tyler, Texas and we moved out here just after Christmas. The parish and community have been amazing, and we've been learning to adapt to Texan culture: Saying "y'all", eating tacos and barbecue, cheaper gas(!), and (only slightly) warmer weather.

Amy and the boys are doing great and have already met a bunch of friends. We miss everyone from St. Matt's, and even though we were in Saint John, NB, for almost five years, St. Matt's in many ways feels more like home to us. Keep in touch!

The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin (www.colehartin.com)



Parishioners Remembered

St. Matthew's has lost three long-time members in the past season. Bea Wright, Ann Wiensczyk (say Winchek) and Marjorie Williams. Due to COVID isolation and then their health issues, they were unable to attend services in the past few years.

Bea Wright sang alto in the choir for most of her life. She helped at Messy Church, loved music, art and crafts, and belonged to St. Anne's Group.

Ann Wiensczyk (recognizable by her Scots accent) served as Vestry Clerk, played badminton, played the piano at Eatonville Long Term Care for many years when St. Matthew's took the service there, and was involved in Scouting when her two sons were young.

Marj Williams (with her Caribbean accent) was always supportive of the work of her husband, Al, who served as Warden. Together, they were stalwarts of our Out of the Cold program, visiting with and loved by the guests.

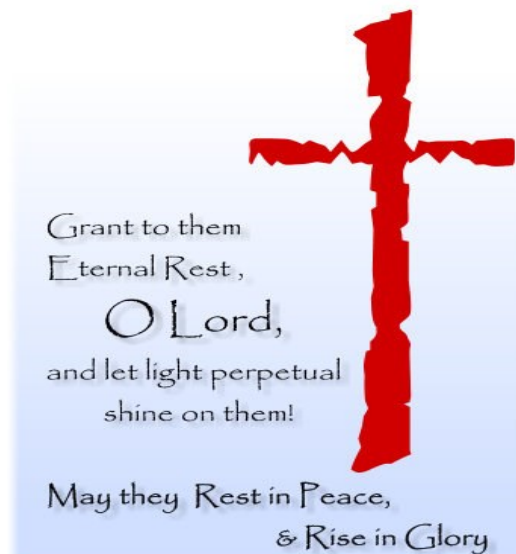
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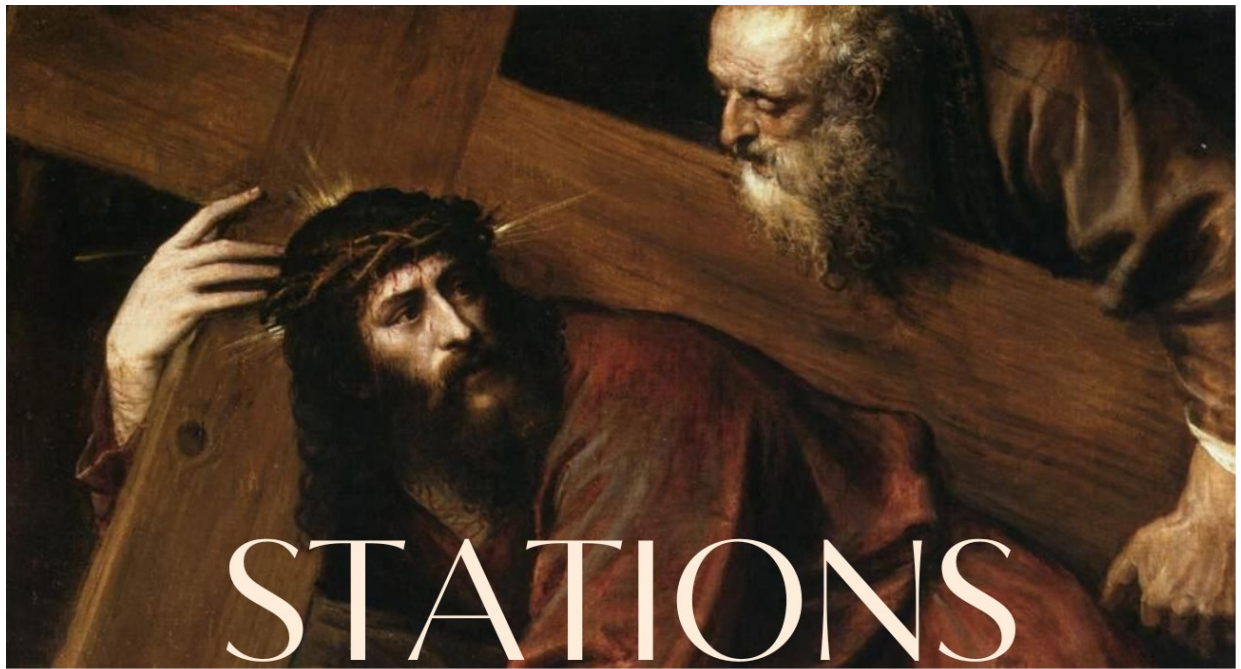
Deaths

Beatrice Wright
December 18, 2022

Anne Wiensczyk
January 2, 2023

Marjorie Williams
January 13, 2023





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March 22	7-9 PM	3962 Bloor Street West
March 25	4-6 PM	

Pastoral Care: Pastoral visits can be offered over the phone, by email or via Zoom. If you would like to arrange for home communion, please contact Rev. Philip or the office at 416-231-4014 or office@saintmatts.ca.

Partners in Prayer: Should you desire prayer for yourself or for another person, please make details known to Bob Holloway at 416-253-4909 or rholloway@sympatico.ca. If necessary, the request can be transmitted through the church office.

Cycle of Prayer: “Beloved, pray for us.” This is Paul’s way of asking the Thessalonians to pray for him (5:25) and it expresses the genuine need for believers to support one another through prayer. Each Sunday, we will be praying for individuals and families of St. Matthew’s in the Prayers of the People. Each week, a few names will be mentioned in our prayers and we will have the opportunity to support one another through prayer. Please take the time to remember these people during the week in your own prayers as well. If you do not wish to be included in our “Cycle of Prayer” please let the office know and we will be sure to keep your name off the list.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Prayer Shawls are provided to those who need the warmth and comfort of God and St. Matthew’s. If you would like a shawl for someone, please contact the office at 416-231-4014 or office@saintmatts.ca. If you are knitting shawls for this ministry, please contact the office to arrange to drop them off.

Join Us

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. BCP Service
(Posted on YouTube afterward)

Messy Church

Last Saturday of the month
Next Messy Church is February 25
4 p.m.

GIFT Groups

Contact the office for information



Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9:30 - 3:30

416-231-4014
office@saintmatts.ca

Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. Casual (in person & online)
11:00 a.m. Classic (in person & online)
12:10 p.m. Coffee Hour ((in person & online)
10:30 a.m. Unity Worship replaces
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on occasion.
Please check saintmatts.ca



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