

MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Announcements for September/ October 2025



Special Vestry

We will be holding a special meeting of Vestry on **Sunday, September 14th** following the 10am service. We are seeking Vestry approval for plans to renovate the Parish Hall and for the budget (costs to be covered from Cemetery income). Our Cemetery Manager who is overseeing the project will be presenting architectural and financial details. This will be a fairly short meeting about only this issue. We ask that all who are able to attend plan to do so.

Outside Waterproofing of Church Walls

The work on the waterproofing of the outside walls of the church to prevent further water penetration has been completed. Excavated soil cannot be tamped down with machines out of concern of damaging the church's foundation, so we must let it settle naturally over the winter. New sod will be applied in the spring.



Inside Work in the basement

The work on the inside of the basement has also been started. This involved demolition of the old floor tiles and removal of all carpet. The floor was then leveled to accommodate new tiles that will be put in it's place. You will see an example of the new tile inside the back door (main entrance). The same tile will be used throughout the downstairs rooms and hallway with special water -sealant beneath to prevent moisture. The tile will be easier to clean and maintain than carpet, especially with a lot of foot traffic.

Significant mold was found in all the walls up to 3 feet above the floor. Affected sections were removed and new drywall was put in. The walls will be repainted and new, modern crown moulding placed in the large meeting room.

This will make our downstairs choir room, servers room and meeting room cleaner and healthier for all who use them.



Carillon and Bell Tower

After squirrels damaged the wiring of the electronic carillon, it was discovered that the supports for the 150 year old church bell had seriously deteriorated, making it possible for the bell to come crashing down.

Over the last two months, the bell tower itself has been cleaned out of debris, sealed against birds and animals getting in, new wiring for the carillon and new speakers installed, and new supports for the church bell built. As of Sunday, September 7th all the bells of St John's will be in use again – the church bell tolling on Sunday and the carillon playing hymns at 12pm and 6pm every day.

Sunday School – Sept 7

Our children's program resumes **Sunday September 7th at the 10:00 a.m.** under the leadership of our new Children's Minister, Sharon Thongom.

Sharon will be introducing a new curriculum that follows the scripture lessons being read and preached on in church, so that families will all be receiving lessons on similar themes on the same Sunday. The new curriculum involves lessons, crafts and video elements.

There will be a meeting for all families involved in the program to outline the program and discuss expectations. if you are involved or interested in assisting with the Children's Ministry, please attend the meeting on **Sunday, September 7 at approximately 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.**

Outreach Committee Meeting- Sept 21

The next meeting of our Outreach Committee will take place after church on **Sunday, Sept 21** in the Payton Room. We will be discussing plans for the Seniors Luncheon in October, our support of Indwell Housing Services, as well as possible collaboration with a new Immigration ministry that has begun at St. Philip's, Etobicoke.

Chancel Guild Meeting – Oct 5

A meeting of the Chancel Guild, originally scheduled for September 21, has been moved to **Sunday, Oct 5**, following the 10am service. All members of the chancel guild, or anyone interested in joining this ministry, is encouraged to attend. We will be discussing best practices and answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

Discipleship Program: The Way of Sabbath

Fr. Daniel will be starting a four-week study this fall, continuing "The Way" program begun last winter. This will focus on the practice of Sabbath. It will be held Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and will be offered as a hybrid program with the option of meeting in person at the church or online over zoom. This begins on **Thursday, September 11th and runs through to Thursday, October 2nd**. No registration needed but if you require the connection info for zoom, you will find it at the bottom of the newsletter or email Fr. Daniel– danielbrereton@gmail.com

Welcome Sunday- Sept 28

On **Sunday, September 28th** we will be celebrating Welcome Sunday with our annual potluck lunch following the 10am service. Please invite family and friends. There are sign-up sheets available in the lobby and in the parish hall to indicate what dishes you are able to contribute.



Senior's Luncheon: Oct 15

Our Outreach Committee is inaugurating a Senior's Luncheon to take place at St. John's four times a year, with a meal, a guest speaker and time for fellowship provided. As well as members of our own congregation, we will be inviting interested seniors from local retirement homes. Our first one will be held **Wednesday Oct 15th from 11am to 1pm**. There will be no Bible Study that day after the 10am service.

Those interested in attending, or who would like to volunteer to help with the set up and serving, please contact **Penny Oliver – 905-220-4576 / email penkibbles1@gmail.com**

Stewardship

Discretionary Funds

Many in our community face unemployment, lack of housing and poverty. People within our congregation and in the wider community regularly need assistance to feed, clothe and house themselves and their families. Donations to the Priest's Discretionary Fund are regularly needed and always appreciated: either cash or gift cards. Cards for places within walking distance of the church - Walmart, Dollarama, Shoppers Drug Mart, Rexall and No Frills - are especially appreciated

E-Transfer/ Canada Help

Please keep in mind that if you are in the local area a donation to us through e-transfer means that we receive all your donation. If you donate through Canada Help, they apply 4% of your donation to administration fees. When you donate by e-transfer you will receive from the church an acknowledgement of receipt of the transfer, and we will provide a tax receipt at the end of the year as well. We appreciate some people may not be comfortable with e-transfers, but we wanted you to be aware of the charge. We appreciate all donations however they are sent to us.

Donating to the church

To make it easier to ensure your offering is received, we now accept e-transfers. Use the email address of church@stjohnsdixie.com There is no need for a password as we have auto deposit.

You can also donate through Canada Helps, however be aware there is a 4% charge for administrative fees taken off your donation. (If you are local, the best way to contribute is directly through a cheque or an e-transfer.)” You can also mail in offerings to St. John's Anglican Church, 719 Dundas Street East, Mississauga, ON L4Y 2B5. Please do not send cash through the mail.

Link to Canada Helps page:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-john-the-baptist-anglican-church/>

Par Program

For the PAR (pre-authorized remittance) Program, there is a one – time sign up form available through email or picked up from the office. We deduct the amount you specify automatically from your bank account or credit card on the 20th of the month. The amount can be changed or cancelled at any point with just a phone call or email to the office. We ask that those on PAR consider their donation amount from time to time and whether they are able to increase it to help us meet costs. We are happy to assist you in setting up the account.

WORSHIP

Sermon Series

During the month of September and first week in October, Fr. Daniel will be preaching a series of sermons on the pillars of a “V.I.T.A.L.” church: *Visionary Leadership, Inspiring Worship, Teaching Disciples, Authentic Community, and Loving Outreach*. As we invest in the renovation of our church building, let us also consider what kind of rejuvenation we need as a church community.

Harvest Thanksgiving – Oct 12

A wonderful way to celebrate Thanksgiving with your family and loved ones is by worshipping together, giving thanks to God for all our blessings. Thanksgiving will be celebrated **Sunday October 12**, at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. We encourage parishioners to bring donations for the Food Bank – either fresh produce, gourds and pumpkins, canned or dry foods. This collection will then be delivered to the Mississauga Food Bank for distribution to those less fortunate. We are asking people to deliver food on the Sunday before October 5th or during the week. Please call to ensure that someone is in the office to receive it.

GIVING TO OUR NEIGHOURS

Open Door



Each month, we are collecting for either the Open Door or the Food Bank Mississauga. Each month we alternate between the two, **September is Open Door**.

The Open Door services clients who are women, men and children. The Open Door is currently look for winter coats of every size, warm mittens, gloves and boots. They also are in need of warm sweaters, sleeping bags, blankets, hoodies, pants and thermal wear like long johns. We can use all sizes and especially large, extra-large and above. All undamaged clothing items are accepted; t-shirts, pajamas and casual clothes, prom dresses, work clothes, belts, purses and footwear are also appreciated. They also accept children's books and personal hygiene items like deodorant, body wash, pads, baby and adult diapers.

Mississauga Food Bank



October will be **Mississauga Food Bank** collection.

This will be mostly for the Harvest Thanksgiving display and contribution to the food drive at the Mississauga Food Bank for the Thanksgiving preparations. We request starting October 4th through to October 10th donations can be dropped off at the church. We ask that you call the church office to ensure that someone is there to accept your donation of food and display items for the Thanksgiving Sunday display.

Please ensure you check all expiry dates on products as the Food bank can not accept expired products.

Church Office

The church office will also be closed for **Thanksgiving on Monday October 13th**, resuming regular business hours on Tuesday, October 14th. Voicemails will be monitored during this period of time in case of emergencies. If the inquiry is not an emergency, we will return your call at our earliest convenience.

Events to look forward to in November

November 2 – All Souls Requiem Service at the Cemetery Peace Chapel, 4:00 p.m.

November 11 – Remembrance Day service held by the Legion at the cemetery Cenotaph, 10:45 am

And a special service at 4pm on Sunday Nov 23rd, that will be announced in church, Sept 14th. Stay tuned...details to come!

LINKS TO ONLINE PROGRAMMING

St. Johns Church website

www.stjohnsdixie.org

Online Coffee Hour Zoom Link: Every other Sunday 11am

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83962667012?pwd=UGljbnZ2WUIMaVgzNlRtU0Q5SmxxZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 6266 7012 Passcode: 112233

Online Bible Study Zoom Link: Tuesday at 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82570649568>

Phone in: 1-780-666-0144

Meeting ID: 82570649568

Online Prayer Group – Thursday at 10 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86710167010>

Phone in: 1-587-328-1099

Meeting ID: 86710167010

Online “Way Group” – Thursday at 7 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84981800145>

Phone in: 1-647-374-4685

Meeting ID: 84981800145



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