

## **MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

### **Announcements for January/ February 2025**



#### **Happy New Year**

The Wardens, Clergy and Staff of St. Johns want to wish everyone a Blessed, Happy New Year. As we start the New Year we have resumed regular programming. The following is a list of regular programming available to participate in:

- Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. An online zoom bible study is offered by Fr. Daniel. The link is located at the end of email.
- Wednesday at 10 a.m. a short eucharist is offer at the church with a small bible study following it. The service is livestreamed as well. This can be viewed on our website or on our Youtube channel (link at end of email).
- Thursday at 10 a.m. a prayer group is offered online zoom. The link can be found at the end of email.
- Sunday Services at 8:00 a.m. -an in –person service of Holy Communion according to the traditional rites of the Book of Common Prayer. There is generally no music at this service (although we do finish important feast days with a closing hymn).
- Sunday services at 10 a.m. This service is offered in-person and online and includes full choir. Children's programming is offered during this service. This service is livestreamed. See link at the end of the email.

#### **New Clergy**

We welcome the Reverend Dr. James (Jim) Leatch to St. John's as our Assistant Curate. Jim works full time as a teacher and chaplain at Royal St. George School in Toronto. He is a deacon discerning a call to priesthood. The Diocese has placed Jim with us for a "Sunday only" curacy, during which he will gain experience in preaching, leading worship and other aspects of congregational ministry. We welcome Jim and his wife Sandy into our community.



## **Stewardship**

St. John's has commenced with a six-week stewardship program designed to help members of the parish reflect on their commitment to the church in the offering of their time, skills and financial contributions. Beginning January 5<sup>th</sup> (Epiphany Sunday), when Fr. Daniel preached a sermon on "gifts" (see link at end of email if you missed it), this program will include witnessing from members of our parish on their own giving as well as information from the parish regarding our vision for St. John's, areas of growth in our ministry, specific needs in terms of budget and ministerial help, a narrative budget presented at Vestry (Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>) which should help people better understand how funds are used and where we wish to focus our resources; and guidance in assessing *what* and *how* to give to your church community. Watch for emails regarding Stewardship. All emailed material will also be available in hardcopy to pick up at the church.

## **New Program – The Way**

One of the core ministries of a church is the formation of disciples. Beginning Thursday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Daniel will be running a 9-week course called "The Way", based on the book "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. Using scripture, video presentations and discussion, participants will learn about and put into practice several key "disciplines" of Christian living that help us to be with Jesus, become like Jesus and do as Jesus did. Meetings will be held in person at the church Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm, Jan 30 – Mar 27 (and will be offered online as well). Recordings of each session will be available for members who have to miss a meeting.

All who are interested are asked to register with Fr. Daniel by speaking with him in person or sending an email to [danielbrereton@gmail.com](mailto:danielbrereton@gmail.com) no later than Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Donating to the church**

We have many options to help you make your contribution to the church. The best method is to use our Pre-authorized Remittance program (PAR). See below for information.

We do accept e-transfers. Simply email it to the address of [church@stjohnsdixie.com](mailto:church@stjohnsdixie.com) There is no need for a password as we have auto deposit. You can also donate through Canada Helps. There is a charge for administrative fees taken off your donation, so if you are within Canada, a direct e-transfer is preferred if possible as every cent then comes to St. John's.

To use Canada Helps, go to [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org) or you can use the QR code provided.



Canada Helps can be used to make a one-time donation or you can set up a regular monthly donation. This can also be used if you want to have your credit card charged. You can always mail in your offering at St. John's Anglican Church, 719 Dundas Street East, Mississauga, ON L4Y 2B5. Please do not send cash in the mail. Cheques only.

## **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.

## **Par Program**

The PAR (PreAuthorized Remittance) Program, allows you to make regular monthly contributions without interruption, even if you're not able to make it to church in person. PAR helps the church enormously because it provides guaranteed income each month that helps stabilize our finances over the course of the year, when attendance can fluctuate wildly for different reasons.

To begin the program, pick up a registration form from the Church Office, or ask that one be emailed to you. We deduct the amount you specify on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. The amount can be changed or cancelled at any point with just a phone call or email to the office. We are happy to assist you in setting this up. For more info, please contact Lori in the church office at [church@stjohnsdixie.com](mailto:church@stjohnsdixie.com) call 905-277-0462.

## **Vestry**

We will be holding our annual vestry meeting on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is the annual general meeting of the parish to discuss and pass our annual budget, appoint officers for various positions within the church and answer your questions regarding the ministry of the church. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

Vestry will follow an All-Ages Service at 10am (beginning around 11:30am) in the Parish Hall. We would like to have a Pot-Luck Buffet so people can enjoy lunch while we meet. Please add your name to the sign-up list (in the Parish Hall or on the table outside the office) if you can contribute to the Potluck.

## **New Memorial Flower Listing**

There are still spaces available for Memorial flowers for 2025. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, please contact the office to see if space is available for the date you wish. Memorial flowers are given in memory of deceased loved ones, or to give thanks for special blessings. Names of those being commemorated with the flowers are put into the bulletin each week and they are prayed for in the Prayers of the People. The cost for Memorial Flowers is \$50.00. We cannot guarantee specific types or colours of flowers. Flowers are typically left in the church to adorn the altar for the weekday services to follow.



## **Tax Receipts**

The tax receipts for the year 2024 will be available by the end of January. We will put them out of the table at the back of the church for pick up for a couple of weeks after which if not picked up they will be mailed. Please don't pick up someone else's if you have not been asked to do so by that person. We will ensure that all are sent out by the second week in February so if you have not received them by the end of February, please feel free to contact us. If you donate through Canada Helps, they will be supplying the tax receipt.



## ***SERVICE INFORMATION:***

January 19 at 10:00 a.m. we will be offering a Morning Prayer led by our Curate, Rev. Jim as Fr. Daniel will be involved with the children's Sunday school program.

February 23rd we will be holding an All-Ages Service at 10:00 a.m.

## ***PROGRAM INFORMATION:***

### **Open Door**

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

The Open Door services clients who are women, men and children. They are looking for hygiene products for all as well as winter clothing. They also supply their clients with paper and cleaning products such as diapers, adult and baby, paper towels and toilet paper.



### **Mississauga Food Bank**

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

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

The support that St. Johns has given to these two charities in 2024 has been enormous. Both organizations have express genuine gratitude for the support of our church to them.



### **Weightwatchers Program**

Weightwatchers have been meeting in our facility for just over a year. They met here on Tuesday mornings, Tuesday evenings, Wednesday mornings and Saturday mornings. They have not only used the facility, the groups are also participating in our donations to Open Door and the Mississauga Food Bank through different campaigns they have run. They are now offering to members of St. Johns six free memberships to 3 months of their Weightwatchers program. If you are interested, please contact the church office so that we can put you in touch with the appropriate people to get you started.



### **Mississauga Senior Program**

We also allow the Mississauga Service to Senior program to take place in our facility on Tuesdays and Thursday. This is a program to encourage seniors to participate in different activities offer through them. Such as exercise, memory enhancing, and dietary and senior safety. We have had a few of St. John's members join in their programs and have had encouraging feedback. If you are interested in seeing some of the programs offered, we ask that you check out the literature offered on the table outside the office. There is a nominal fee to join the group.

## **Church Office**

The church office will be closed for Family Day on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Regular office hours will resume on the Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Newsletter – Quarterly**

The Quarterly will be released by the end of February. Watch to see what Janice has for us this time with the newsletter that helps us to get to know each other. The newsletter brings life to our church community. If you missed previous issues they are located on our website under the title of news and announcements.

## **LINKS TO PROGRAMING ABOVE:**

### **St. Johns Church website**

[www.stjohnsdixie.org](http://www.stjohnsdixie.org)

### **Youtube channel link for Services (live and recorded)**

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.johnsdixieanglican>

**Online Coffee Hour Zoom Link:** Zoom Meeting at 11:30 a.m every second Sunday  
(Jan 12, 26, Feb 9, 23)

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

Meeting ID: 839 6266 7012  
Passcode: 112233

**Online Bible Study Zoom Link:** (Zoom Meeting only Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.)

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

**Online Prayer Group – Thursday at 10 a.m.**

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



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