

MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
Announcements for November/ December 2024



INTEREST IN JOINING A MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who has recently agreed to take part in various ministries at the church: Chancel Guild, readers, chalice bearer, servers, greeters and live streamers. We could still use more volunteers in each of these groups – particularly chancel guild.

Each of these groups serves on a rotation basis and schedules are made up in 3-month segments. If you have recently joined one of these groups, or wish to do so, your name will appear on the *next* schedule so as not to disrupt the schedule already in place. Our schedule coordinator, Susan Finlay, will ensure that you are properly trained for your position ahead of time.

We ask parishioners who have taken part in ministries for a long time to carefully consider whether that ministry has become beyond their capabilities due to changes in physical health or availability. Perhaps you need to cut back a little or be an “emergency” contact only, or perhaps it’s time to resign your position. There is no shame in acknowledging that the work you used to do is now not possible. We would rather have parishioners step back than have someone hurt themselves or become frustrated because they’re finding it too difficult.

LAYETTE PROGRAM

Thank you to all who donated to the Layette Program, . Ethel Reid delivered 12 layettes to the Social Service Department of Trillium Health Partners. These are much appreciated by the new mothers that receive them. Thank you to Ethel Reid for all her work on this program. A special thank you to Jasmin Blackman for helping with the preparation of the Layettes.

CLOCKS FALL BACK

Unless you want to be an hour early for church this Sunday, please remember to change your clocks on Saturday November 2nd before retiring to bed. We “fall back” one hour for Daylight Savings Time.

REMEMBRANCE CENOTAPH SERVICE

Legion Branch #582 will be holding their annual Remembrance Day service at the Cemetery cenotaph on **Sunday November 10th at 10:30 am** to allow the greater involvement of Scouts, Guides and Cadets. All are welcome to attend.

There will be a procession from the Legion to the Cenotaph starting at 10:30am. Fr. Daniel will take part in the service and members of our municipal and provincial governments will also be attendance. The church service that day will be shorter so parishioners who wish may attend the cenotaph service starting just before 11am.

NAME BADGES

We are offering parishioners the opportunity to wear name tags to assist us in getting to know one another. **These are strictly optional.** There are two types being offered: a clip and a magnet back. We don't suggest a magnet if you have a pacemaker. Please sign up for one on the sheets available outside the office or in the Parish Hall. Once your badge is created, it will be left for you on the hall table outside the office for pick up. These are not to be left at the church but should taken home. Leave it in your car, purse or somewhere you will easily be able to retrieve it for use.

ADMINISTRATORS HOLIDAYS

Our Administrator, Lori Corbett, will be on holiday from Tuesday November 12 until Friday November 15th. She will back in the office on Monday November 18th. If you should call the office during this time, please leave a message and Fr. Daniel will get back to you at his earliest convenience. If you wish to come to the church, please call ahead to ensure someone is there to receive you as Fr. Daniel is not always in the office.

A DAY WITH FRANCIS OF ASSISI – RETREAT DAY

This retreat, postponed from early in October is being held at the church on **Saturday, November 23rd from 10a.m to 3 p.m.** The retreat is being led by spiritual director Wendy Passmore. There is no cost to the event, but donations are accepted. Please bring your own lunch. **To register for the event, please email wendy.passmore@sympatico.ca.**

ADVENT VESPERS

The church will be holding advent vespers on Wednesday evenings beginning **Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. through to December 18th.** We encourage you to join us for a meditative candlelight service of prayer and reflection as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Saviour. The theme this year will be *The Coming of Christ: Prophecy; Incarnation; Conversion and Return.* These services will also be livestreamed for those who cannot join us in person.

TORONTO STAR CHRISTMAS BOXES

As in previous years, St. John's will again be one of the distribution depots for the Toronto Star Christmas Boxes. Friday, November 29th will be the drop off and sorting day, Saturday, November 30th will be distribution day. All the remaining boxes will be picked up the following Monday. The Scouts and Medical Venturers who meet at St. John's have been providing these boxes to disadvantaged families for a number of years and we are happy to assist them in this important act of giving.

OPEN DOOR

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

The Open Door is attempting to serve numerous new Canadians. They are looking for seasonal clothing, especially winter accessories and coats. Many newly arrived people are unprepared for the reality of a Canadian winter. The Open Door serves men, women and children of all ages and sizes. The Open Door posts on their website items they immediately need. There is also a list of these items available in the church on the table outside the church office and posted in the Parish Hall.

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church will be held on Sunday, November 3rd at 11:30 a.m. with a theme of All Saints. On Sunday, December 1 at 11:30 – 1 p.m. the theme will be Advent. Invite friends or neighbours for a time of fun, fellowship and faith. A pizza lunch will be supplied. While the time is geared toward children **any parishioner is welcome to attend**, whatever your age. It is good for the children and their parents to get to know other members of our church and to feel part of a larger community beyond Sunday School.

MISSISSAUGA FOOD BANK

Each month, we collect donations for either the Open Door or the Mississauga Food Bank. Each month we alternate between them. **December is Mississauga Food Bank.**

The Mississauga Food Bank is looking for non-perishable food items. The items collected this month will be delivered earlier due to the Christmas holiday time. We would like to have donations no later than 22nd of December in order to have them delivered before Christmas.

CAROL SERVICE – DECEMBER 15TH, 4PM

Our usual "Lessons and Carols" is changing a bit this year. Instead of Sunday morning, we will be holding it at 4pm on Sunday, December 15th with guests from nearby church choirs and congregations joining our own for a beautiful evening service of lessons and carols. Following the service, we will hold a festive reception in the Parish Hall, with tea, coffee, cocoa and baked goods.

We will be putting out a sign-up sheet outside the office and in the Parish Hall for people who are able to donate baked goods (squares, cookies, cupcakes etc.) and who are willing to assist at the reception. Look for that mid-November.

DECEMBER 22, 2024 - 10:00 AM – CHURCH SCHOOL PAGEANT

An All-Ages Service will be held the Sunday before Christmas at 10am at which the Church School will present the Nativity story. Invite friends, family and neighbours for this heart-warming prelude to our celebration of Christmas.

DECEMBER 24, 2024 - 7:30 PM - FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

As we await the birth of Jesus, the church is hoping you and your family will join us for the Family Christmas Eve Service. Along with the blessing of the crèche and the Eucharist, we are hoping you will find peace and joy in being together with your families at this Christmas Eve Service. The same service will be offered at 10 p.m. without the children's focus.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S

MESSY CHURCH

Sunday, December 1, 2024 – Theme Advent – 11:30 – 1 p.m.

ADVENT SERVICES: *Takes place in Church*

Wednesday, November 27th, 2024 – Advent One - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4th, 2024 – Advent Two - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11th, 2024 – Advent Three - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18th, 2024 – Advent Four - 7:00 p.m.

PAGEANT SERVICE

Sunday, December 22nd, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. - Church

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

December 24 -7:30 p.m. – Candlelight Eucharist with Choir and Children's Program

December 24 -10:00 p.m. - Candlelight Eucharist with Choir

(only 7:30 is livestreamed)

December 25 - 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Soloist

(will not be livestreamed)

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS:

December 29th, 2024 – First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said service)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (with music)

Sunday School is offered at 10:00 a.m. services.

All are welcome at all services.

10am services are livestreamed on our website: www.stjohnsdixie.org. Recording of the services can be found on our Youtube channel under "Live" playlist.

CHURCH OFFICE – HOLIDAY CLOSURE

With the exception of Sunday Dec 28 and Sunday, Jan 5, the church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year. Voicemail will be check periodically during this time. Regular business hours resume Monday, January 6, 2025.

DONATING TO ST. JOHN'S DIXIE

There are many ways to ensure you can regularly contribute to the the ministry of the church. We accept e-transfers. Simply use the email address of church@stjohnsdixie.com There is no need for a password as we have automatic deposit. You can also donate through Canada Helps (www.canadahelps.org), but keep in mind that there is a small admin charge taken off your donation. Canada Helps is a good choice for those living outside of Canada. For those living in Canada, a better option is to use e-transfer or to sign up for our monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program.

Signing up with PAR means a monthly donation comes to the church automatically from your account. You don't have to remember to send it in and this helps the church enormously because it stabilizes finances by giving us a guaranteed income. You can easily change the donation amount at any time by contacting Lori in the church office prior to the date your donation comes out. If you are not on PAR, please consider this as a way of making your offering.

You can always mail in cheques to St. John's Anglican Church, 719 Dundas Street East, Mississauga, ON L4Y 2B5. Please do not send cash in the mail.

WEBSITE BULLETINS AND CALENDAR

Our website www.stjohnsdixie.org has all the bulletins and information that you need for services under **Sunday bulletins** and **Wednesday bulletins**. It includes the reading sheets and booklets for Wednesday services and the bulletins for the Sunday services in a format that is easy to print.

The **calendar page** lists all events for the upcoming month. It is updated on a regular basis, so you can always check the calendar of events for information. We have also added a feature of a separate page for the Sunday Funday Club news. Just click on the calendar and a drop-down bar will appear with children's ministry on it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE WARDENS

You may have noticed that the Churchwardens are all taking turns doing the weekly announcements and then that particular warden also is responsible to greet people with Fr. Daniel as they leave the church service. This is being done in an effort for all of you to get to know the individual wardens. Our current two Church Wardens are Edith Davis, People's Warden and Bobby Briones, Rector's Warden. The Deputy Wardens are Maggy Farnell, Deputy People's Warden and Melanie Powell, Deputy Rector's Warden. They are all approachable and knowledgeable individuals that have a great deal to share with the church and their community. Please feel free to approach any of them with questions or concerns your may have.

LINKS TO PROGRAMING ABOVE:

St. Johns Church website

www.stjohnsdixie.org

YouTube link

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

Online Coffee Hour Zoom Link: Zoom Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83962667012?pwd=UGljbnZ2WUIMaVlzNIRtU0Q5SmxxZz09>

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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