

Hello St Hilary's Parishioners,

In this week's email you will find news, important announcements, and the bulletins for Sunday, November 17th, 2024. Please see attached - construction notice from Metrolinx.

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- **Guest Speaker – CEO at Food Banks Mississauga, Meghan Nicholls**

Meghan Nicholls will be speaking at the Sunday, November 17th, 10.30am service.

- **Statement on the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury**

BY [ARCHBISHOP ANNE GERMOND](#) ON NOVEMBER 12, 2024

We have seen the news that the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has resigned, having acknowledged personal and institutional responsibility in relation to “the long-maintained conspiracy of silence about the heinous abuses of John Smyth” that had been exposed by the Makin Review. Our hearts break for the children and young people who were abused by Smyth and further victimized by the lack of meaningful action on the part of the church.

In 2022, the Archbishop of Canterbury visited Canada to listen to residential school survivors and to issue apologies for the church's role in the abuses at residential schools. We mourn that today's news will add to the pain of survivors, and we hold them in our prayers.

The Anglican Church of Canada is committed to continuing the work needed to make the church a safe place for all, in keeping with our baptismal covenant to respect the dignity of every human being. We pray for the humility, courage and wisdom needed for this all-important work.

Archbishop Anne Germond
Acting Primate

Support is available for anyone who has been sexually abused. Resources for family and children are available through the [Canadian Centre for Child Protection](#). You can also access crisis lines and local support services through the [Ending Violence Association of Canada database](#) and through the [9-8-8 website](#).

The National Residential School Crisis Line provides support for former Indian Residential School students and their families, offering 24-hour emotional and crisis referral services at 1-866-925-4419. Additionally, the [Hope for Wellness Line](#) offers immediate, toll-free support and crisis support for all Indigenous peoples, 24/7, by phone or online.

- **Faithworks**

Faithworks is a charitable programme of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. They offer support to our ministry partners as they serve the needs of people who are Indigenous, homeless, hungry, at-risk women, children or youth, new Canadians or refugees, or struggling with HIV/AIDS. They help them build communities of compassion and hope and offer new life as followers of Jesus.

Faithworks helps feed, shelter, nurture and befriend over 36,000 people throughout our Dioceses and the world every year. Please consider helping Faithworks raise \$1.5 million this year.

Faithworks can be reached at: faithworks@toronto.anglican.ca or 647-578-9757

- **Sanctuary Course to Explore Mental Illness and the Church**

Where does mental illness come from, how is it diagnosed. The subject of mental illness challenges the church – it forces us to wrestle with our beliefs concerning human health and happiness. The Bible, in relationship to mental illness, can be taken out of context. It can be used to shame and silence people experiencing mental illness. Some Christians argue that mental illness is the result of demonic activity, others that it is purely biological in origin. In this course we will explore all these ideas. Please consider joining us on the following dates at 11am in the McCauley room to discuss:

November 13th, 20th, 27th, December 4th, 11th, 18th and January 8th.

- Hope and Surprise



Spend Advent with PWRDF!

Hope and Surprise: Reflections for the Season of Advent

PWRDF invites you to journey through Advent with the Very Reverend Ken Gray, former Dean and Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral in Kamloops, B.C. Ken brings his experience in environmental ministry and climate justice advocacy to this year's resource. His daily personal reflections on life and theology are also enhanced by favourite photos, lyrics and hymn texts. Subscribe using the form below.

Thursday, November 21, 1 p.m. ET

Learn more about the resource and to register please go to pwrdf.org/Advent2024.

Subscribe to the Advent resource

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- Handel's Messiah at St. James Cathedral Saturday, December 14th, 2024



Dear Friend of Music at St. James Cathedral,

We are thrilled to be presenting Handel's *Messiah* at St. James Cathedral this year.

From the opening notes of the overture to the final chords of the 'Amen' chorus, this masterpiece captures our hearts and imagination, and you are invited to share this experience with us on Saturday, December 14 at 7:30pm.

Handel wrote the *Messiah* in only 24 days, and its popularity has not waned since its first performance in 1742. We shall present a slightly abridged version concluding at 9:30pm.

Two wonderful choirs, our own Cathedral Choir and the Chapel Choir of Trinity College, are joined by four outstanding soloists and an orchestra. Last year's performance was sold out and we urge you to buy tickets in good time. You may also wish to become a Patron and enjoy a wine and cheese reception before the performance. There are several ways of purchasing tickets listed below.

Join us on Saturday, December 14 as we travel together from the warmth of the opening "Comfort Ye" through to the majestic "Hallelujah" Chorus and the triumphant "Amen."

It will be a journey to remember; we do hope that you will join us with your family and friends!

Thomas Bell, Conductor

Jane Fingler, Soprano

Marjorie Maltais, Mezzo-soprano

Jacob Abrahamse, Tenor

Dion Mazerolle, Baritone

Get your tickets today!

Early Bird: \$35 (Until November 15, 2024)

Regular: \$40 (From November 16, 2024)

Add-on: \$25 Wine & Cheese reception in Snell Hall from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Patron package: \$250 (2 tickets, reserved seating, Patron names in the program, Wine & Cheese reception included). A charitable tax receipt of \$120 will be issued at the beginning of 2025. To become a Patron, please contact bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca

There are many ways to get your tickets now:

[On Eventbrite here](#)

E-transfer to bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca (Please specify "Messiah 2024" and add your phone/email in the message).

Front Desk of the Cathedral Centre: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm

If you need help, please get in touch with the office:

(416)364-7865 or info@stjamescathedral.ca

Yours most sincerely,

Thomas Bell

Director of Music & Organist

St. James Cathedral

[Read more about our Messiah Concert 2024](#)

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- Letter from Bishop Andrew | Friday, November 8th, 2024



Dear Friends,

It was October of 1970. We were in the grips of the FLQ crisis in the province of Quebec. The War Measures Act was enacted. The sense of unease was widespread, even on the west island of Montreal. Being nine years old at the time, I did not fully comprehend what was happening, but the hushed tones between my parents at the dinner table indicated that they too were worried. Evacuation drills at our school were a regular occurrence. What made those days even more stressful was knowing that we were leaving. My father had answered the call to become the rector of St. George's Church in St. Catharines, Ontario. Up to that point, no one in our extended family had lived outside the province of Quebec. We were the first to uproot, 54 years ago this month.

Before we left, the Asbil clan gathered on the farm to bid us farewell. During the party, my Aunt Verna and Uncle Hank took my older brother and I aside to impart words of wisdom, consolation, encouragement and advice that they hoped would help us to remember. Look, they said, when you move to Ontario, you can go for the Boston Bruins, Chicago Blackhawks, Detroit Red Wings, New York Rangers or the Montreal Canadiens, but you can't go for the Toronto Maple Leafs. Do you understand? With those words indelibly marked on our psyche, we left home to make a new future with the comfort that comes with the colours bleu, blanc et rouge.

This weekend, our extended family on Mary's side will be gathering for a belated Thanksgiving dinner. The feast of turkey and all the trimmings will be consumed with waves of laughter, story-telling and contentment. With a gentle push away from the table, the last morsel of pie having been devoured, we will watch the puck drop at 7 p.m. I will be the lone fan rooting for the Habs in a room full of Leafs fans. No matter the outcome of the game... it's just a game, a good distraction after a difficult week.

We face so many crises at the moment that seem to worsen day after day in Gaza, Lebanon and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, between protesters outside a Hindu temple and Sikh gurdwara in Peel region. In the aftermath of the presidential election in the United States, many south of the border wonder what's happening to their country, what it means to wear red, white and blue. In the face of so much division and strife, it's tempting to settle for the placebo of distraction. What we long for is a word of encouragement, consolation and wisdom.

Jesus provides a good word in Matthew 5:14-16 that helps us to remember.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Remember your baptism. Remember your commitment to be light in the world. Remember.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

- **Season of Spiritual Renewal Online Workshops**



November 14th

Silence, Stillness, Simplicity: An Introduction to Leading Christian Meditation. 1 to 2pm

Julie Meakin

We will learn about and experience this way of contemplative prayer as taught by Fr. John Main, as well as how to lead and begin a Christian meditation group in one's parish. "Our aim in Christian prayer is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but the reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are." John Main, OSB – The Gethsemani Talks 1976. [Click here to register](#)

November 21st

Equipping Parents as Spiritual Nurturers. 1 to 2pm

Tiffany Robinson

A practical toolbox for growing as a family in the practices of the Christian life (prayer, worship, reading the Bible, service, and generosity). [Click here to register](#)

Advent for Everyone

An online teaching series with our bishops to which everyone in the Diocese is invited, Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Nov. 26

Bishop Andrew

[Register](#)

Dec. 3

Bishop Kevin

[Register](#)

Dec. 10

Bishop Riscylla

[Register](#)

Dec. 17

Bishop Andrew

[Register](#)

Come together on these Tuesday evenings in the McCauley room at 7.30pm where we will watch the series together and discuss.



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 Scan the QR codes to sign up or visit
[toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal](https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal)

For more information and to register please visit <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>

- **What We Heard on Sunday**

Remembrance Day

This is a moment to remember and honour those who lost their lives in the wars of the past and present. In this remembering we seek the thread of God's love. In war, we all suffer, those who fought, those who died, and those who remained at home and lost friends and family.

Our hope is always that there will be an end to war. And yet, over the past few years polarization around the world is growing and the pressure to pick a side is increasing. How do we connect God with warfare?

In Christ, we find a consistent message of love and peace. He challenges us to love our enemies – a challenge we find that is ongoing. Our gatherings on this day are about silence, about prayer and about remembering and about our desire to be formed as people who long to live in peace.

Jesus' response was not to build an army but to build a community. He calls individuals to come and follow him. It is not a call to arms and fighting, it is a call to building a community that brings peace and the kingdom of God ever close.

Let's thank God we live in a rich and peaceful place, untouched at the moment by war. Let us pray for a spirit of generosity and love. Let us pray for courage and wisdom to do the right things. And let us pray that tomorrow, and everyday thereafter we may always love, remember and never forget. Amen.

- **Good News from Around the World**

[Click here](#) to check out good news stories from around the world.

- **Reading The Bulletin on Your Smart Phone**

If you would like to read the bulletin on your Smart Phone, please follow these steps:

1. Go to sthilarys.com
2. Click on the menu icon
3. Click on Worship
4. Click on Worship Services
5. Scroll down to 'Download This Week's Bulletin'
6. Click on 'Click Here'
7. The bulletin will appear in PDF format for you to peruse.

OR

Open Weekly Email and then click on the bulletin attachment.

Viewing on your phone is beneficial as you can zoom in on text to make it larger and easier to read and it saves paper!

YouTube Link to Livestreaming

Please [click here](#) to view the livestreaming of this Sunday's 10.30am service.

- **Memorial Flowers & Aumbry Candle**

There are several open spots for the remainder of 2024 for Memorial Flowers and the Aumbry Candle.

Should you wish to kindly donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Molly on 416 253 6443 / mollymangalathu@gmail.com. Please include who the memorial is for, who the memorial is from, the short message that you would like to have in the bulletin and the date you would like it to appear in the bulletin. An example of a bulletin message is: 'To the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Jane Doe, Grandmother of Anne Doe, and Great-Grandmother of Mary Doe, from her family.' Please note there is a \$40 fee for this request.

To light the Aumbry Candle in memory of a loved one, please contact sthilaryscooksville@toronto.anglican.ca or 905 279 2304. A \$5 donation fee is requested.

- **Giving to St Hilary's**

If you would like to donate you can do so by:

- Sending an e-transfer to sthilaryscooksville@toronto.anglican.ca (please email us the password)
- Signing up to PAR (Pre-authorized Remittance). PAR is automatically withdrawn on a monthly basis and will go toward the area of your choosing

We thank you for any contribution you are able to make.

For more information on giving, please call the church office at 905-279-2304.

- **A Weekly Prayer Devotional**

Lord, we pray for our brothers and sisters here at St. Hilary's; for the church and people of Nigeria, for Janice, Dorothy, Sharla, Gloria, Ed, Roy, Philip, Yunnis, Vernon, Angela, Sheila, Richard, Nathan, Kathleen, Pearl, Len, Jane, Valentine, Nora.


- **Special Dates at St Hilary's**

Wednesdays	10am Bible Study 11am Morning Prayer
Thursdays	10am Food Cupboard
Sunday, November 17th	8:30am Said Service

	10:30am Service with Special Guest Speaker Meghan Nicholls, CEO of Food Bank Mississauga
Saturday, January 18th	Game's Day from 2-4pm

St. Hilary's

Hymn Sing



Saturday, November 16th, 2024

at

2:00 p.m.

**St. Hilary's Anglican Church
2055 Hurontario Street
Mississauga, ON L5A 2E6
One block north of the QEW**

We plan to sing your favourite hymns, and we encourage everyone to come out. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun, fellowship and faith at St. Hilary's Hymn Sing. All are welcomed.

Save the Date –

Come and Participate



Reception to follow

Cost \$10.00



Celebrate Christmas at St Hilary's

Tuesday, November 26th

7.30pm Advent Series with Bishop Andrew Livestreamed in McCauley Room

Sunday, December 1st

8.30am & 10.30am First Sunday in Advent

Tuesday, December 3rd

7.30pm Advent Series with Bishop Kevin Livestreamed in McCauley Room

Saturday, December 7th

4pm Turkey Supper

Sunday, December 8th

8.30 & 10.30am Second Sunday in Advent

Monday, December 9th

7pm Blue Christmas

A service for those who find Christmas a difficult time of year

Tuesday, December 10th

7.30pm Advent Series with Bishop Riscylla Livestreamed in McCauley Room

Sunday, December 15th

8.30am & 10.30am Third Sunday in Advent

Tuesday, December 17th

7.30pm Advent Series with Bishop Andrew Livestreamed in McCauley Room

Sunday, December 22nd

8.30am Fourth Sunday in Advent

10.30am Fourth Sunday in Advent & A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, December 24th

5pm Eucharist with Christmas Pageant

10pm, Christmas Eve Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Morning Eucharist

Sunday, December 29th

10.30am Blessing of the Nativity

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
St Hilary's Turkey Supper



SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH AT 4PM

\$25 per adult & \$10 per child under 12

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Thank you for reading. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!