



Cathedral News

November 30, 2025

THIS SUNDAY:

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025 | 8am & 10:30am

The Rev. Canon Peter Case, *presider*
The Ven. Bob Hales, *preacher*

READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

NEXT SUNDAY:

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025 | 8am & 10:30am

The Very Rev. Douglas Michael, *presider*
Eric Friesen, *preacher*

READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19;
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Advent Lessons & Carols

THIS SUNDAY • 4:30PM

As we prepare for the birth of Christ at Christmas, we begin the Advent Season with this service travelling from darkness into light. The Cathedral Choir carries the light – and message – gradually into the Cathedral. Let the choral music, congregational hymns, and readings from Holy Scripture propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas. The Rev. Canon Dr. Gordon Maitland is the officiant.

Choral Evensong

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 7:00PM

Pause for prayer at the midpoint of the week with this intimate service of sung evening prayer led by the Cathedral Choir. Music includes William Byrd's *Versicles & Responses*, and Orlando Gibbons' *Short Service* and wonderful motet *This is the Record of John*.

Handel's Messiah

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 6:00PM

This beloved Christmas tradition returns to the Cathedral! Ottawa's Caelis Academy Ensemble and Montreal's Les Temps Perdus orchestra return under the direction of Matthew Larkin to present George Frideric Handel's famed oratorio, *Messiah*. Experience the concert that has captivated audiences worldwide for generations. A spectacular way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Tickets are available on our website: www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/christmas.

COMING UP!



About the Season of Advent

In the Christian liturgical calendar, blue is used during Advent because it symbolizes hope, expectation, and the dawning light of Christ's coming. In many Protestant traditions, blue emphasizes anticipation rather than penitence, distinguishing Advent from the more penitential tone of Lent. The deep blue of the season evokes the night sky before sunrise, pointing toward the approaching light of Christ's birth and His promised return.

The third Sunday of Advent, however, still uses pink (or rose) as a sign of joyful anticipation. Known as Gaudete Sunday — from the Latin for "rejoice" — it marks a shift toward a brighter, hope-filled joy as Christmas draws near. The pink candle on the Advent wreath symbolizes this moment of uplift within the season of waiting.

*The flowers on the high altar are given to the Glory of God
and with gratitude for family, good friends and wonderful pets from Jen & Tom Carey*

In 2005,

Who was the Prime Minister?

- Stephen Harper
- John Diefenbaker
- Paul Martin

In 2005,

Which of these launched?

- Youtube
- Fast-acting glue
- Laptop computers

In 2005,

Which well-known person died?

- Elvis Presley
- Pope Paul II
- Bridget Bardot

In 2005,

Who was our Bishop?

- Michael Bedford-Jones
- Peter Mason
- George Bruce

In 2005,

Which couple got married at the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea (Palm Beach, Florida)?

- Melania and Donald
- Megan and Harry
- Olive Oyl and Popeye

Do you know the answers? Join us on Sunday as Fr. Bob Hales answers these questions during the Sermon!

Advent Bible Study | Wednesdays at 1:15 - Study 2

Please join us in the library Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 1:15 for "Clash of Two Kingdoms - Study 2: Jesus came to overcome blindness." I look forward to seeing you. *Yours in Christ, Fr. Gerry*

Christmas Flower Donations

The Flower Guild welcomes donations towards our Christmas flowers and decorations, in memory of a loved one or as a thank-you offering. There is a donation form at the back of the Cathedral, at the table near the Johnson Street exit and just outside the Stuart Room entrance that can be filled out and left in the boxes provided. If possible, please have your money into the office by Wednesday, Dec. 17. Cheques should be made out to St. George's Cathedral, with "flowers" noted in the memo line. A digital copy of the form is attached with this newsletter and available under "News" on the Cathedral Website. Many thanks from the Flower Guild.

Mrs. Patmore's Pantry & Christmas Shop | Sunday, December 7

Mrs. Patmore's Pantry and Christmas Shop returns on December 7th after the 8am and 10:30am services. There will be lots of goodies! For the first time, there will be an order-ahead for frozen entrees that you pick up on the Sunday; Mac & Cheese, lamb or beef Shepherds Pie, Beef Stew, Tourtiere, Chicken Pot Pie, Lentil Soup. Call Mary Ann Steen (613-544-2436, 613-532-1921) or Doreen Whatley (613-876-8857) to reserve dishes.

Safe Church Workshop | January 17, 9:30am-12:30pm

The Ven. Jane Humphreys will facilitate a Safe Church Training workshop at the Cathedral this January. The workshop, mandated by the Diocesan Safe Church Policy, is for volunteers, clergy and staff who are involved in both medium and high risk ministries. Speak to Jane Kirkpatrick for more information.

Treasury Notes | End of November

This coming Sunday marks the beginning of Advent and the Christmas season. The next day is the beginning of December, and our thoughts begin to turn to decorating the tree and preparing for the Holidays. It is also time to reflect on the past year and what we have accomplished as a Parish. As Treasurer, I offer all of you my heartfelt congratulations for the fine effort we have made supporting the ministries of the Cathedral this year. The donors who offered to match donations have contributed the first half of the \$50,000 challenge!! We're just a bit short of the \$25,000, but I'm confident we'll meet the challenge by the end of December. Please remember St George's Cathedral this Christmas season. Warren Everett, Treasurer

Did you know? You can give to the Cathedral anytime online: www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/give.

Under the Dome Tea Room | Tuesday, Dec. 9 @ 10:30am

The *Under the Dome Tea Room* welcomes the Cathedral's own Geoff Hinch for an hour of Christmas music! Geoff is a wonderful pianist and vocalist. This promises to be a fun hour listening and maybe even a little singing! Join all the Tea Room 'regulars' and enjoy a festive morning of music, tea, and sweet treats! www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/tea.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We welcome names for prayer. Prayer requests can be offered by filling out a prayer notice located in the narthex. We review the Prayer List frequently. Should you prefer to keep a name on the list, or to add another name, please contact the office.

WE PRAY FOR: We pray for Jack, Kasia Gwynne-Timothy, The Alsaifi's family in Libya & Tunisia, James, Leigh Smith, Sarah MacDonnell, David Delahaye, Marilyn Light, Anne Juneau, Gill Cleghorn, Gregoire, Wendy Pierson, Lois & Ted Wells, Brian Kyle, Judith Challis, Marilyn & Family, Kim Irvine-Albano and family, Mike Bowen, Kim, Gwyneth Holtrop and family, Rebecca, Deacon Don Goodwin, Jim Stewart, David Cameron, The Ven. Michael Caswell, Bill McCready, and for the Middle East and Ukraine.

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Celebrate Christmas at the Cathedral

For a full schedule of services and events, visit
www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/christmas

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