



St Clement's is a growing church where a diverse group of people are learning how to follow Jesus Christ

THE ANCHOR



INSIDE ST CLEMENT'S, APRIL 2-8, 2017



Women in Ministry

Women were among Jesus' earliest disciples.
 Women were the ones who lingered at Jesus' cross when others fled.
 Women were the first to see the resurrected Christ.

From the very beginnings of Christianity, women have been **central to the ministry of the Church** – globally and locally.

I am excited to announce that, through the month of May, we will be celebrating the **ministry, service, & fellowship** of women at St. Clement's Church. Among the highlights will be a **preaching series** devoted to the subject of Women in Ministry (May 14, 21, 28), culminating in a **parish-wide celebration** (May 28). See our Spring Card for more details & stay tuned....

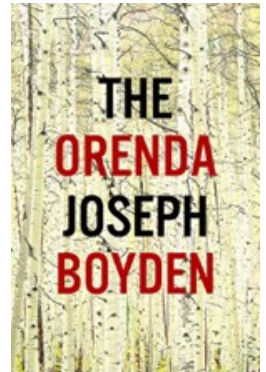
*Yours in Christ,
 Andrew*

THE RECONCILIATION JOURNEY: Let's Enter and Discover Together...

Wondering, "What does this have to do with me?", or how to get started learning? We have **exciting opportunities for you to Enter and Discover what reconciliation means to you.**

Sunday, April 2: Learn between services! Michael Etherington, Manager of Culture for the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, will join us between services in the Briar Hill Room. He will talk with us about the history and culture of our local indigenous communities, and the issues facing indigenous persons living in Toronto.

BOOK CLUB Friday, April 7 at 9:30am for an hour: Join us at the Church for a lively discussion of The Orenda, by Joseph Boyden. Room TBA. Interested? E-mail Nancy Hood at nancyhoodj@gmail.com.



Sunday, April 23 at 12:30 **And now that we have reconciled, do we have reconciliation?** Eglinton St. George's United Church. 35 Lytton Boulevard. Free Admission / Donations Welcome. Lunch will be provided from 11:45 - 12:30. For more information call 416-782-7478 or email jimwblack@gmail.com



YOUTH VIGIL

Our annual Youth Vigil is just three weeks away!

What: Youth All Nighter & Vigil

When: Thursday, April 13, 6pm until Friday, April 14, 8:30am.

Why: Each year, our Senior & Junior Youth Groups gather to spend the night together in an evening that combines the best of youth ministry – great teaching, times of prayer and lots of fun activities and games. **Permission forms** are available from Kaili! **Not to be missed!**

Music Notes from Daniel Webb



We are now beyond half-way in our **Haydn series**, which I opened nearly a month ago with the stormy Introduction and the elegantly lilting first sonata from *The seven last words of our Redeemer on the cross*. Kirk Vandezande took over for the second and third sonatas and showed a remarkable *pianissimo* in projecting the especially beautiful third movement: *Woman, behold your son*. This entrancing passage from that sonata has become **the defining sound of this Lent for me**; it captures a heartbroken feel through the constant side-stepping of the expected resolution to the suspension at the beginning of the second bar.



The intensity of the music's emotional impact – in spite of its simplicity and delicacy – has come as something of a surprise to me. I felt it while performing myself and I have experienced it as a listener, perhaps most strongly during Avila Lotoski's spacious and unhurried unfolding of the fourth sonata. It happened that Andrew, in his sermon, focussed on the line "And they drove him out" from John's account of Jesus giving sight to a blind man. At the 9am service, Avila herself delivered this reading and, immediately after the sermon, played Haydn's response to *My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?* This made for a remarkable marriage of **message and music** and I found it extraordinarily powerful.

This week, the baton passes to Irene Buttrey, who offers Sonata V: *I thirst*. I salute my three fellow Haydn seekers: you're bringing something very special to our Lenten observances and I'm sure I speak for the community in thanking you.

Giving Generously in Lent Food Programs



During this last week of targeted donations during Lent, we are raising money for the three food programs that we support.

The **Flemingdon Park Ministry**, an Anglican Ministry, works in Flemingdon Park, one of the poorest and most diverse areas in Toronto. It offers a number of different food programs including a **hot lunch** program Monday through Thursday, **food handlers' certification courses** for those looking for work in the food industry, and a **community garden program**. About 1,700 families use the **food bank** each month. A review of the organization as outlined in the Halo Report estimated that it would cost the municipality \$3.1 million dollars to run the programs that Flemingdon Park Ministry does with five staff members, volunteers and a budget of \$320,000. **St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church** in Regent Park offers a hot breakfast once a week and their food bank serves about 50 people per week.

Flemington Public School (no connection to Flemingdon Park Ministry), is a JK to grade 5 school located in Lawrence Heights near Lawrence Ave. and the Allen, and we support their breakfast and lunch programs. It is the third most needy of 400 schools on the Learning Opportunities Index at the TDSB.

April Food Drive for Flemingdon Park Food Bank

The Flemingdon Park Food Bank is always short of staples, particularly cooking oil, and rice. This is our 2nd annual Oil and Rice drive. Last year we contributed 140 kg of rice and 20 litres of cooking oil. Let's surpass this! Contributions can be dropped off in the bins at the St. Clements and Duplex entrances at any time. We will track the contributions throughout April and report back on the results.

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Young Adults

Save the Date: Young Adults Dinner & Discussion is back on Friday, April 7, 7pm at the church!

The Charge to Vestry

Part Five of Six

Prayer and Money

Before I conclude my Charge to Vestry, I wanted to say a word about money. Prayer and money are intimately related, for where we choose to spend our money (not to mention how we earn it!) can reveal profoundly what we believe about God. Our attitude toward money often parallels our attitude toward God.

In my younger days, I read a book about the missionary, Hudson Taylor, which deeply affected my life. Hudson Taylor said, "God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supply." That is, if we are determined to be about God's work, and are doing that work in the way God wants it done, we will lack for nothing. We will lack for nothing... not because God waves a magic wand, but because we start living the way those earliest Christians lived: we devote ourselves to prayer and we break bread together; we begin to sell our stuff and share with those who don't have enough; we go to church, sure, but we also meet up with one another in the neighbourhood, in our homes, at the pub, in the coffee shops, in the moms' group. That is, we become a part of one another's lives. And we care for one another and learn to bear one another's burdens. As we live in this way, awe will come upon the neighbourhood and the Lord will continue to add to our number.

All that to say: we are going to talk about money and stewardship this year. In so doing, we will be drawing closer to God and to one another.



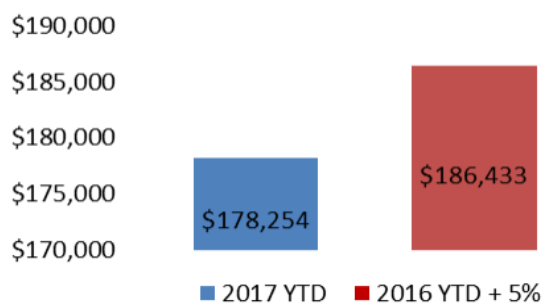
St Clement's Dashboard

At our Vestry Meeting in February our 2017 budget was approved. Treasurer Steve Murdoch outlined that in order to meet our ongoing operating and capital requirements our income **must exceed last years by 5%.**

In coming months as we prepare for a new rector it is important that we have financial stability and the best way to achieve this is with pledges. If you have not already done so, please take time today to **complete your 2017 pledge card**, if you're able to give by credit card or **Pre-Authorized giving** we encourage you to do that, these methods of support to the church are more consistent and we are better able to plan for our future together. PAG forms can be found on the welcome hub or by emailing elunder@stclements-church.org

If you have any questions please speak with one of your wardens or treasurer **Steve Murdoch.**

Unrestricted Donations



Listen to the Charge to Vestry: <https://goo.gl/Zc68rR>

themarriagecourse

theparentingchildrencourse

Registration open now! Courses run Tuesday evenings from May 2—30. Details and registration on our website at:

stclements-church.org/courses/

January & February 2016 – 2017 attendance comparison

- ⇒ Total January Attendance 2016 – 1663
- ⇒ Total January Attendance 2017 – 1401
- ⇒ Total February Attendance 2016 – 1347
- ⇒ Total February Attendance 2017 – 1188
- ⇒ January Baptism 2016 – 324
- ⇒ January Baptism 2017 – 358
- ⇒ Baden Powell 2016 – 392
- ⇒ Baden Powell 2017 – 362
- ⇒ Family Day 2016 – 301
- ⇒ Family Day 2017 – 302
- ⇒ Vestry 2016 – 321
- ⇒ Vestry 2017 – 268

This Week @ St Clement's

Monday, April 3

Community Bible Study 6pm

Tuesday, April 4

Staff Meeting 9:30am

Wednesday, April 5

Community Lunch 9am

Centering Prayer 1:30pm

Thursday, April 6

Weekday Eucharist 10am

Discussion Group 11am

Teen After School Drop In 3:30pm

Youth Choir Rehearsal 5pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Friday, April 7

Lenten Book Club Meeting 9am

Young Adult Dinner & Discussion 7pm

Saturday, April 8

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday

8am St Margaret's Chapel Said Eucharist

9am Contemporary Service

9am & 11am Children's Ministry

9am & 11am Nursery, in the Library

10am Youth Breakfast & Senior Youth Group

10am & 12pm Community Connection time

11am Sung Eucharist

11am Youth Ministry

12pm Celebrating the Brimo Family's first year

Looking ahead ...

Wednesday, April 12—Tenebrae service, 8pm

Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday service, 7pm

Friday, April 14—Good Friday service, 10am

Saturday, April 15—Easter Vigil service, 7pm

Sunday, April 16—Easter Day, 8am, 9am, and 11am services

Tuesday, May 2—Parenting & Marriage Courses

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Last week at the 8am liturgy more shawls were blessed to give to sick, shut-in, or grieving parishioners. Also to babies and young children who are baptized here at St Clement's Church. These shawls are made with love and prayer by members of the St Clement's community and are received with surprise and delight by the recipients and are well used by all reports!

With thanks and blessings to our wonderful knitters and crocheters:

Elizabeth Alberti, Val Allan, Jean Beatty, Jill Buckworth, Carol Coman, Gwenda Echard, Pam

Finlay, Zexia Hylton, Barbara Wilkes, and Maxine

Weekley. We are always in need of more knitters or crocheters and **gifts of yarn** so if anyone would like to be part of this wonderful ministry please contact Val Allan (416-488- 9058) or Deacon Anne Day (416-489-4824).



Pastoral Care

If someone you care about is sick or has died or if you would just like a pastoral visit, call the office at 416.483.6664. Outside of office hours, call 416.483.2920 to speak to the cleric on call.

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