



St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle Announcements December 4, 2016

Welcome to St Peter & St Simon: If you are a newcomer, visiting for the first time or a parishioner we are glad you are with us and look forward to meeting you after the liturgy.

Coffee hour takes place after the 10:30 am service - please join us; and if you would like more information about our parish life please speak with our priest or one of the greeters. You can also fill out the information form in the pew and give it to a sides-person, or put it on the offering plate.

We appreciate your givings and remind you that in order to receive a tax receipt your envelope number or name & address should accompany all donations. Also, please do not leave your valuables unattended.

Pastoral Care is available for the home-bound parishioners, those in hospital and for other spiritual needs. Please contact the office if you or someone you know who would like a visit from one of our Lay Pastoral Visitors or Father Geoffrey.

In your prayers this week, please remember . . .

Anglican Cycle: *Karnataka North - (South India)*

Diocesan Cycle: *Scarborough Deanery*

Colin, Archbishop. Patrick, Area Bishop.

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: *All Saints, King City, its provision of meals for residents of Crosslinks Housing, participation local community outreach, and support of the Pikangikum Water Project; and for All Saints, Kingsway, its Out of the Cold program, community garden, involvement in programs at All Saints, Sherbourne Street, support of the Gatehouse child abuse healing and prevention program, Stonegate Ecumenical Ministry, Watoto Schools in Uganda, and Habitat for Humanity.*

Parish Prayer Cycle: *Pat Arnold , Christopher Ashby, June K. Austin, Evelyn Baird*

Wardens Report

It is with regret that one of our shelter guests passed away peacefully in his sleep last week. All protocols were followed. At this time, we are unable to name the individual. He was a first time user of the shelter and we take solace in the fact that he died in a dignified way and this was noted by the first responders. There is an attempt by the police to find and notify the next of kin. No funeral arrangements are pending at this time. This is the fifth such occurrence in the last 15 years. The shelter has charitable status so if purchasing a back pack this year make your cheques out to St Simons Shelter or place monies in an envelope clearly marked shelter and we will ensure they receive it. Back packs are again \$25.

It was great to see, Sunday that all the construction has been completed along Bloor Street and all the cones removed. I noted that we are able to park on Bloor Street all day Sunday now and it is signed to that effect. The house was moved Saturday.

A Note from the Treasurer

Now that we are settling into our joint home, we are working on merging the administration, the banking and the tax filings. One thing we cannot merge just yet is tax receipts and charitable organizations. We have reached to the Canada Revenue Agency to advise them, and they have advised that they will approve a merged tax number as soon as they can for the Parish of St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle. That is unlikely before the new year.

For this reason, we ask that all parishioners now make their regular donations only to the 'Parish of St. Simon'. Envelopes for this purpose will be available from the envelope secretary in the narthex. That means parishioners from St. Peter will get two charitable receipts in January, one from St. Peter (for ten months) and one from St. Simon's (for two months). Then on January 1, 2017, for tax reasons, we will change for tax purposes to the Parish of St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle, with a single CRA charitable organization number at that time. You can therefore expect to receive tax receipts in the name of the legacy parishes for 2016, and from the combined parish for 2017. Please do reach out to the wardens, or to me, with any questions.

Johan van 't Hof

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today: Second Sunday of Advent

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

Wednesday, December 7: Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

11 am – Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing (in the Chapel)

Sunday, December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Holy Eucharist celebrated from

The *Book of Common Prayer* (in the chapel)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Matins)

Last Tuesday of the Month: Candlelight Evening Prayer Service 6pm

COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Advent Bible Study, Reading and Discussing the Birth narratives in Matthew and Luke. Followed by Compline: Tuesday,

December 6 & 13 7:30pm

Advent 3: Sunday, December 11th 8:30 & 10:30 am

Evensong 4 pm

Advent 4: Sunday, December 18th 8:30 & 10:30 am

Lessons & Carols 4 pm

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24th 10 pm

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25th 10:30 am

Refugee Sponsorship

Refugee Committee Update: Mohammed Al-Bayati, the newest member of our refugee “family”, has been with us now just over three months. He is settling well into life in Canada, taking English upgrading courses and has found some temporary work. He is currently applying for a more permanent job. His intention is to become self-sufficient as soon as possible. Now we are ready to move to the next phase of our refugee initiative. The committee has recommended that we direct our support towards Mohammed’s father, who has UN refugee status and is currently in Turkey waiting for an interview with Canadian officials. We are scheduled to meet with Ian McBride, Director of AURA, to explore how we can expedite the process so that Mohammed and his father can be re-united in Canada. Please pray for Mohammed, his father, and his mother and sister, who are still in Iraq. We will keep you informed as the process unfolds. Thank you to the many donors of both time and treasure in supporting Mohammed, and now his father. And we offer special thanks to the Krehm family for providing him with accommodation.

Readers

Readers for December 2016 have been assigned and notified. A full schedule to the end of February 2017 will be available shortly. Please feel free to contact Winston Isaac at 905-799-2759 or email w.isaac@sympatico.ca Thanks, Winston

Our Facebook & YouTube Page

You can find the video of the history of St Peter's Carlton along with the video of the final service on YouTube at the following link, or on St Peter & St Simon Facebook page.

2017 Calendars for Sale

A limited number of church calendars will be available on Sundays during the Fall. The cost is \$5.00 each.

Christmas Flower Donation

If you would like to make a donation towards flowers for Christmas please use the envelopes found on the table at the back of the church include the particular memorial and/or thanksgiving you would like acknowledged.

Wednesday, December 14th – Shelter Dinner

The shelter dinner is Wednesday, December 14th at 6 pm. We already have a good number of servers but would appreciate anyone who would sit with the shelter guests and enjoy your dinner with them.



**Advent and Christmas at
The Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle**

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A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols – Sunday December 18, 4pm

Join us after the service for a social gathering featuring mince tarts and mulled wine. We will also recognise the Reverend Jeanette Lewis for her ministry among us before she takes on her new ministry at St Barnabas, Chester.

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24, 10 pm

Procession and Choral Eucharist celebrated with San Lorenzo Ruiz

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25, 10:30am

Sung Eucharist with Carols

Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 1, 8.30 and 10.30 am

O Come, O Come Emmanuel