



# The Church of Saint-Simon-the-Apostle

## Announcements

### October 2, 2016

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**Welcome to St Simon's:** 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:** The Church of the Province of West Africa;*

***Diocesan Cycle:** Diocesan Hospital Chaplains;*

*Colin, Archbishop. Patrick, Area Bishop.*

***Outreach and Advocacy Cycle:** St. Peter, Carlton Street, Toronto, its work on refugee resettlement, and ministry to the Fudger House nursing home; and for St. Philip, Etobicoke, its monthly community lunch, refugee sponsorship program, Christmas hamper program, and support of the Dorothy Ley hospice and the Weston Area Emergency Services food bank.*

***Parish Prayer Cycle,** Ted & Isabelle Robinson, Cynthia Roosevelt, Rhonwyn Rossi, Evelyn Rowe.*

Today we are celebrating the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, known also as Michaelmas. The actual day is September 29<sup>th</sup>, but as a principle feast of the Church it is appropriate to transfer it to the closest Sunday, a custom we follow today.

Here are a few thoughts about the teaching of the Church about this day -- The Collect sums up the meaning; angels are spirits in the service of God we are reminded in the Epistle to the Hebrews 1.14). Scripture tells us they differ in what they do – being ordained and constituted in a wonderful order; some worship him and we join in their worship, (“therefore with angels and archangels...”); others are messengers or guardian angels. The prayer of the collect is that God may appoint them our earthly helpers and protectors; and we ask this knowing that the angels always serve God perfectly in Heaven. On this we are reminded that we are to be attentive to the messengers of God in our lives and that each of us in Baptism is also called to be a holy and wholesome messenger to others.

At 10:30 am today I am at St Peter’s, Carelton Street to celebrate and preach, taking the place of their priest, Jeanette Lewis who is on holiday. Many thanks to Fr Christopher for being with us at St Simon’s. The final Sunday for St Peter’s at their historic location on Carleton Street is on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The first service of the amalgamated parish here is planned for Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints - Bishop Yu will preside and preach and the parish of San Lorenzo will also join us. As we look ahead with hope and anticipation there is a lot for us to do to plan for the first service and the welcome of new parishioners. Please continue to uphold in prayer our parish and the people of St Peter’s. May almighty God and his holy angels guide and protect us in the future ahead.

Geoffrey+

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

### Today: St. Michael and All Angels

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

### Wednesday, October 5

11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing –  
in the Chapel

### Sunday, October 9 – Harvest Thanksgiving

8:30 am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel celebrated from  
The *Book of Common Prayer* (in the chapel)

10:30 am Harvest Thanksgiving

**Last Tuesday of the Month:** Taizé Prayer Service at 6 pm

## COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**Harvest Thanksgiving:** Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

**ROTM fundraising concert:** Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

**Shelter Fundraiser:** Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

**First service of the amalgamated Parish:** Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
Bishop Yu will preside

**All Saints Festival:** Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

**Advisory Board:** Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

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### Announcement Submission Deadline

Wednesdays Noon

Please email [office@stsimons.ca](mailto:office@stsimons.ca) to submit announcements.

**Name Tags** are available in the lobby of the Church. Please wear yours, especially as we move towards amalgamation.

### 2017 Calendars for Sale

Church calendars will be ordered in mid-October. The calendar features photos of churches across Canada and is perfect for gift giving. To avoid disappointment, pre-order your calendar(s) by contacting the church office (416-923-8714, ext. 201) by Monday, October 17. A limited number of calendars will also be available on Sundays during the Fall. The cost is \$5.00 each.

### Altar Flowers

Please speak with Barbara Towe (905) 294-7588 or see her in the parish hall to confirm flower dedications through to June. There are many dates still available and your participation is very much appreciated. Each week parishioners are invited to place memorial/thanksgiving flowers on the altar. Many Thanks, Barbara.

## **Caribbean Night – Thank You**

Once again, the Caribbean Night celebration was seen as an enjoyable and happy experience. This would not have happened without the help and generosity of so many of our parishioners and friends. Many thanks to our Church Administrator who produced the posters and tickets and to Barbara and Duncan Towe who donated and arranged the beautiful flowers that represented the Caribbean islands so well. Thanks also to Denise Orioux who donated the red home-made wine, to Lorraine Griffiths who made the tasty coconut bread and to Loxley and Marie Adams for the ginger beer. The team of consistent members included May Lewis, Joy Quan-Lee, Ena Forde, Fen and Moveta Nanton, Laurie Sanderson, Cynthia Roosevelt and Bernard Isaac. We thank everyone who attended and supported this very worthwhile event.

*Marie and Winston*

## **Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> – Truth and Reconciliation**

A two-year lecture series hosted by Saint James Cathedral the next lecture is led by Pastor Evan Smith, Anishnaabe, Toronto Urban Native guides us through an interactive learning experience that provides an embodied exploration of the histories of Indigenous and European relationships. This exercise invites participants into the narratives of how colonial policies impacted Indigenous peoples and their land access over time. All are welcome. A light dinner will be served after the exercise. Admission is free, donations are accepted.

## **Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> – Reaching Out Through Music**

a programme to support the music education of children in the St James Town and Regent Park Communities is hosting a fundraising concert in the Church on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm followed by a reception in the parish hall. ROTM is looking for volunteers to assist this event, both the concert and reception. If you are able to help please speak with Spencer Higgins.

## **Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> – Shelter Fundraiser**

At 6:30 pm onwards in the Parish Hall. It will be a beer tasting evening with upscale food catered by Polansky's and Nickel Brook. It promises to be a fun evening with lots of Trivia forming part of the evening. Tickets are \$75 available by calling the office - reserve yours today.

## **Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> – All Saints Festival**

Our patronal festival that was scheduled for Oct 30<sup>th</sup> has now been re-scheduled to Nov 6<sup>th</sup> to celebrate The Feast of All Saints. It will follow traditional format, Choral Evensong at 4pm with dinner at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale 1<sup>st</sup> of October.